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# Brandon Churches **Christmas Services**



New Year's Day Worship w/Holy Communion Saturday, January 1 • 5:30 pm

Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday, January 2 • 9:00 am



605-582-2396 705 Sioux Blvd, Brandon, SD blessedredeemer.com Pastor Daniel Deardoff, Sr

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship of the New Born King, Jesus Christ!



## RISEN SAVIOR Catholic Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** Friday, December 24 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS** Saturday, December 25 | 9:00am

301 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, SD 57005



The Word became flesh, and we have seen His glory. John 1:14

Christmas Eve Services All Are Welcome!

## Friday, December 24

**5:00 pm** Christmas Eve Worship Traditional Candlelight Service in our Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

**9:00 pm** Christmas Eve Worship Outdoor Service in our Pavilion

Spirit of Truth Lutheran Church 112 E Annabelle Street Brandon SE

Christmas Eve Worshi at Brandon Lutheran Church

5:00pm, 6:30pm & 10:30pm

600 E. Holly Blvd.

#### BeaverValley Lutheran Church

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UNDER THE STARS

Friday, December 24th 4PM

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### Merry Christmas to all

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#### **BVHA Ladies League is** Wednesday nights

Brandon Valley Hockey Association Ladies League invites all women to learn and play ice hockey from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the McHardy Park outdoor rink. The league is open to all levels of skaters/players.

To learn more, visit bvhaladies@gmail.com.

#### December needs at the BAFP

December needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are Spam, chocolate chips, cookies mixes, Banquet Complete Meals, sugar and brown sugar..

At this time, the BAFP has no need for canned vegetables (i.e., peas, corn, carrots, all varieties of beans) and soups, both cream and other varieties.

In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients must be vaccinated and wear a mask to shop the Pantry. If not vaccinated, clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers.

To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

**BAFP** executive director Linda Weber asks groups staging a food drive to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

#### **Ed Polzine Wild Game** Feed puts out call for donations

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2022 wild game feed and



#### staff in other engineering duties. NTIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDE:

· Maintain and update asset data and manage the City's

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- geographic information system (GIS) · Create and maintain maps and AutoCAD drawings, maps,
- exhibits and engineering plans · Work with construction companies, performing site visits on development sites and commercial sites, and observe
- multiple street maintenance projects around the city, · Prepare pay applications and change orders on variety of
- projects.
- Perform various project inspections
- · Perform a variety of office or administrative office tasks

#### **QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:**

- Education and Work Experience
  - Minimum two-year degree in GIS, geography,
  - construction, engineering technology or related field. · Strong communications skills in order to effectively interact with staff, professionals, contractors and general
  - public. · Technical skills to effectively use GIS equipment, personal computers, cell phones, radios, etc., including applicable software, e-mail and internet.
  - Valid driver's license with good driving record

#### SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of geographic information systems including Ersi ArcMap required. Must also possess the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers and the general public, follow routine verbal and written instructions, calculate figures and amounts, express ideas clearly, both verbally and in writing, work both independently and in a team environment.

Candidates should apply online at cityofbrandon.org/jobs



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Senior All Time (ages 60 & up)	\$800.00	\$680.00	24		
Young Adult All Time (ages 19-23)	\$350.00	\$297.50	10		
Young Professional All Time (ages 24-30)	\$650.00	\$552.50	19		
Adult Couple All Time	\$1,250.00	\$1,062.50	17/person		
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1/2 Cart Lease Week Day	\$625.00	\$531.25	25	
Couple Cart Lease All Time	\$1,000.00	\$850.00	20/person	
Youth Cart Lease (ages 16-18)	\$400.00	\$340.00	16	
Season Trail Fee	\$350.00	\$297.50	20	



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auction. To donate, contact one of the following committee members: Harry Buck at 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at 366-7842; Jill Meier at 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at 553-2786.

The wild game feed always held the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl – is Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Brandon VFW.

#### **BV** Journal closed Friday

The Brandon Valley Journal will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and will reopen for normal business hours on Monday, Dec. 27. The deadline for news and advertising is 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

The Journal staff wishes our readers a very Merry Christmas and thanks you for your continued support.





## Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

#### Dear Motor Medics,

I'm having trouble listening to your car radio show. It's not so much you guys but rather my car. If I listen at home or in my friend's car it's loud and clear but I just can't seem to get good reception on my vehicle radio. The truck has about 100k miles and is a 2011 Chevy. I started getting poor reception a few years ago and it has become worse. The FM reception is poor, and the AM is very poor. It has kind of a popping sound that changes speed of pops as the engine changes speed. Where would I begin to fix this problem myself?

Mike in Joplin Missouri

#### Dear Mike,

It could be many things that won't be too hard to fix if you have some basic mechanical skills. It could also be the entire radio but let's start with checking the cheaper stuff first. A radio is only as good as its antenna so start there. Check the mast and the mounting. The antenna should be tight where it mounts to the vehicle. Check the cable as well. The cable needs to have no corrosion at any connector joint from the antenna to the radio. If all looks good try a test antenna that is not mounted to the vehicle. If it fixes the problem, it is likely the antenna. If not, then it is time to have some diagnostics done at the local radio repair shop.

Take care, The Motor Medics

#### Dear Motor Medics,

I don't have any jumper cables in my car at this time and would like to start carrying some. You would think it would be a simple task, just going to the store and picking out a nice set but when I did, I got so confused that I had to write. They have big ones and small ones and ones that go in the lighter socket. They have jumper boxes you recharge. Where do I start? Can you help me with the different kinds and what might be better for me? I have not needed to jump my vehicle ever, but I park in a ramp at work and every week it seems like one of my friends needs a jump and I'm just a helping kind of person.

#### Sam in Euless Texas

#### Dear Sam,

There are a lot of choices yes, but what you choose will depend on person-

al preference and how you will be using any of the items that you mentioned. Heavy gauge jumper cables with large ends are good for jumping a car quickly and often. A rechargeable jump pack also works well for this. The difference is you need to get close with your vehicle to connect cables while the pack is self-contained. Very small gauge cables need more time to charge before cranking and the one for the lighter-to-lighter socket can take a very long time and not provide the needed cranking amperage you need.

Take care, The Motor Medics

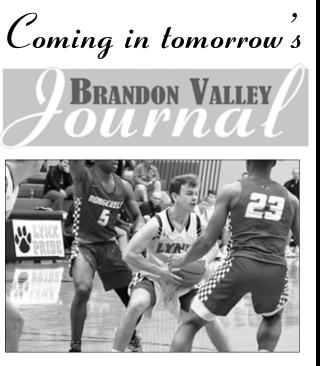
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If you're in the mood for some Christmas spirit, then this week's *Brandon Valley Journal* should not disappoint! We've put together a wide variety of Christmas stories and photos to mark this most wonderful holiday. We've got stories about a woman who won a Christmas cookie baking contest to the community Christmas tree programs that are making the season a brighter time for local children, families and veterans. The *Journal* camera also captured the "reason for the season", which was told in the Live Nativity put on by Spirit of the Truth, plus a whole lot more!

Five Brandon Valley student-athletes signed their National Letters of Intent on last week's Early Signing Day. Find out where our Lynx athletes are going to continue to play the game at the next level.

With On the Rocks Valley Springs now open for business, they've added a food venue that's grown from a single food truck into to multiple locations. Find out what led Fat Kid Philly's and their mouth-watering menu to Valley Springs' newest business.

Four BVHS students are tackling some of the toughest music as members of the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra, and another student created trinkets to raise funds for BV's band program.

A national firm has ranked Brandon as the No. 2 Best Place to Live in South Dakota. Learn more about what makes this community of 11,000-plus one of the state's most desirable communities to call home.

We also have reports from meetings of the Brandon City Council, Valley Springs City Commission, Brandon Valley Board of Education and Minnehaha County Commission.

And as always, we've got a recap of how the Lynx girls' and boys' basketball teams fared against both Sioux Falls Jefferson and Roosevelt last week, a wrapup of BV wrestling action and a rundown of how our BV Lynx bowlers have fared so far this season.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*"!

## WE ARE **HIRING**

The City of Garretson, an equal opportunity employer, is currently accepting applications for a full-time **Finance Officer**. Duties will include managing all City records, documents, and finances; provide financial and related direction and support to department staff, and assistance, information, and advice to the City Council. The Finance Officer has statutory responsibility as described in South Dakota Codified Law. Successful applicants must possess a BA or BS in Accounting, or one or more years of governmental accounting experience; experience with budgets, financial statements, and financial administration; previous management and supervisory experience is preferred. Must retain a valid driver's license and be insurable. Excellent benefit package.

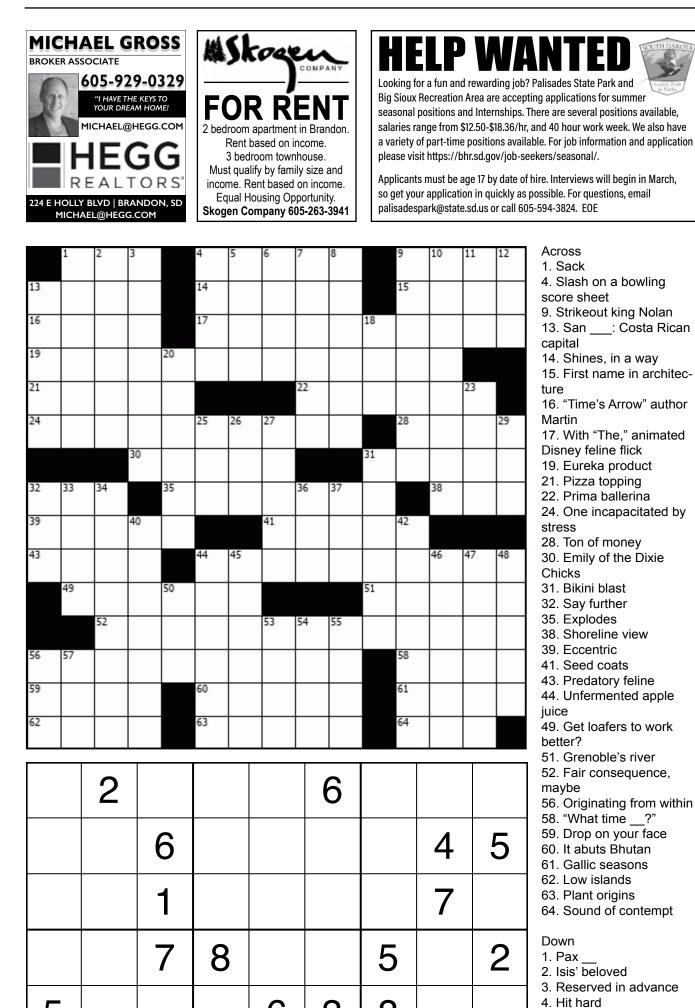
Salary is negotiable on experience and qualifications. Resumes will be accepted via email financeofficer@cityofgarretson.com or City of Garretson, PO Box 370, Garretson, SD 57030. The full-time position will remain open until filled. For more information contact Anna Uhl, Finance Officer, at 605-594-6721 or Greg Beaner, Mayor at thebeaners@alliancecom.net.





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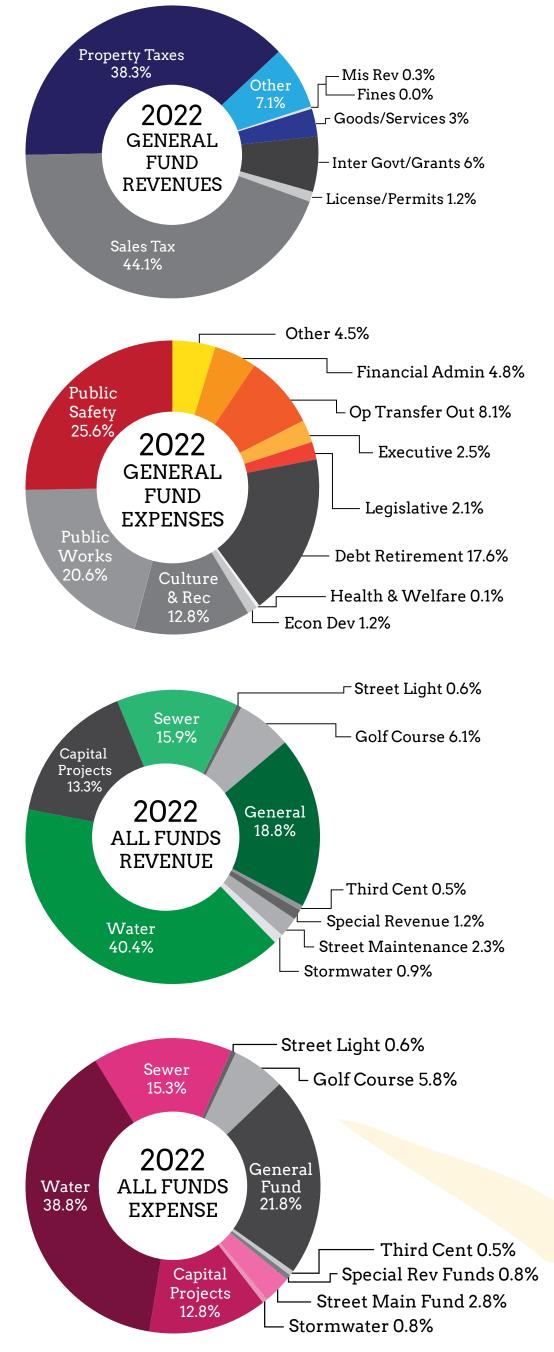
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#### **OVERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**

Cities use an accounting system called fund accounting. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding(revenue) and spending(expenses) for particular purposes. The City of Brandon maintains sixteen funds. Some of these funds include the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Street Maintenance Fund and the Street Light Fund. Below is an overview of some of the funds the city maintains. Visit https://cityofbrandon.org/finance for a detailed budget, audit and more.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Revenue for the general fund comes mostly from property and sales tax revenue. Departments included in this fund are general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation and more.

#### STREET MAINTENANCE FUND

Revenue for the street maintenance fund comes from an annual street maintenance fee on your property taxes. The 2022 assessment is \$2.50 per front footage of your lot. The revenue is used to maintain or repair public streets, like our annual Slurry Seal. A Slurry Seal is done each year in an area of town to extend the life of the road. Replacing curb and gutters, street patching and striping roads are other repairs done on streets to extend the life.

#### WATER FUND

Revenue for the water fund comes from water usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the water fund. The water revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. 2021 major capital projects included Water Tower, Water Treatment Plant Design, Water Meter Replacement Phase II and new water lines for Rushmore Phase I.

#### **SEWER FUND**

Revenue for the sewer fund comes from sewer usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the sewer fund. The sewer revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. The City has an agreement with the City of Sioux Falls to ship our waste to the Sioux Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is the largest operational cost the City of Brandon has for the sewer fund, coming in at over \$1.2 million dollars in 2021. Studies to compare options and cost have been done in the past, with this being the best option for the City. Those studies can be viewed at https://cityofbrandon.org/publicworks. A 2021 project included new sewer lines in the Rushmore Phase I area of town and Preliminary Design on Dual Forced Main.

#### STREET LIGHT FUND

Revenue for the street light fund comes from street light fee on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the street light fund. The street light revenue helps pay for crossing lights, street lights, all of the streets lights in residential areas and major roads throughout the City of Brandon. A 2021 project included adding lights in the Rushmore Phase I project to improve the lighting and safety of the area.

This is a brief overview of the City of Brandon finances. For a complete budget or audit report visit https://cityofbrandon.org/finance. City finances are very different from private business. Should you have any questions, you may reach out to City Finance Officer, Christina Smith at 605-582-9065.



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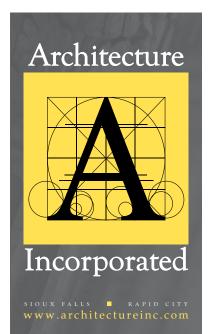
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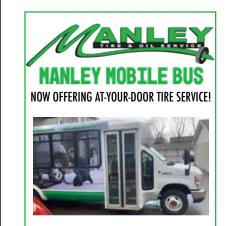




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