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Tail Waggin Tutors at
Brandon Library on Feb. 1
Tail Waggin' Tutors, a
program where children read aloud
to a certified therapy dog – in
this instance, Evie – is sched-
uled for Saturday, Feb. 1. Reg-
ister online (siouxlandlib.org)
to schedule a 15-minute ses-
sion. Tail Waggin' Tutors is
designed for kids ages K-5.

Benefit for Claire Ode is
Feb. 2
A benefit is planned from 2-6
p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at She-
nanigan's, 1903 S. Ellis Road,
Sioux Falls, on behalf of Claire
Ode. Tickets are \$20 and in-
cludes a walking taco bar and
keg beer. There will also be a
silent auction. Proceeds will
go toward Claire's travel ex-
penses, DIEP Flap surgery and
her recovery.

For donations, contact Kaitlin
Ode at kaitlin.gnadt@gmail.
com or call (605) 321-0617

Brandon Library Book Club
returns Feb. 6
A book club for adults is re-
turning to the Brandon Com-
munity Library from 10-11
a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6. Partic-
ipants will gather in the con-
ference room to discuss the
assigned book.
To learn more or reserve a
copy of the book, call the Bran-
don Community Library at
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Legislative Coffee set for
Feb. 8 at Bethany Meadows
Brandon Valley Area Chamber
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Meadows. District 2 Legislators, Senator Steve Kolbeck and Representatives John Sjaarda and Dave Kull, will update constituents on the 100th Legislative Session, which began Jan. 14.

The event is free and open to the public.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are pancake mix, syrup, boxes/envelopes of instant potatoes, small boxes of fruit snacks, Sidedishes (noodles and rice), ketchup, mustard, boxes of individual hot cocoa mix, instant oatmeal, Kleenex and paper towels.

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

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

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Wild Game Feed gears up for 2025 event

The plans are well in the works for the 40th Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed, which is Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Brandon VFW. The event offers a buffet of wild game feed entrees, raffles, live auction, a kid's spin wheel for prizes, and a whole lot more.

For donations of auction or raffle items and wild game (with exception of pheasants), contact Harry Buck at (605) 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at (605) 366-7842; Jill Meier at (605) 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at (605) 553-2786.

SD-Florida 71st picnic is March 1

The 71st annual South Dakota picnic in Florida is planned for Saturday, March 1, at Grace Lutheran Church, 745 S. Ingram Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at 1 p.m. Participants are asked to bring

casseroles, hot dishes, salads or desserts, along with plates and silverware for their family. Serving utensils, coffee, tea, lemonade and soda will be provided. No alcohol is allowed.

To learn more or RSVP, contact June Clark, (863) 646-1131 or june.jj01@gmail.com

Honoring Our Heroes Ball is March 8

Tickets are now on sale for the third annual Honoring Our Heroes Ball on Saturday, March 8 at the Brandon VFW. The formal event is a night of dinner and dancing for veterans, auxiliary members and a guest. Doors open at 5 p.m. for social time, and dinner is at 7. Tickets may be purchased at the VFW, via Facebook (vfwauxiliary4726) or Venmo @ Brandon-FFW.

To learn more, call (605) 759-1993.

40TH Annual Ed Polzine Cancer Fund

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The **Ed Polzine Cancer Fund** is a fund that supports children and families in the Brandon area who have been impacted by cancer or other life-altering events. The fund is named after Ed Polzine who lost his fight with cancer in 1999. Ed loved kids and he would be very happy to know that the mission behind the game feed continues to help these children and their families.

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku

5	4	1	7	6	9	2	8	3
7	2	3	8	1	5	4	9	6
6	9	8	2	3	4	1	5	7
1	6	4	3	7	8	5	2	9
8	3	5	9	2	1	6	7	4
9	7	2	4	5	6	3	1	8
2	8	6	5	9	3	7	4	1
3	5	9	1	4	7	8	6	2
4	1	7	6	8	2	9	3	5

Puzzle Solution © OnlineCrosswords.net

A	L	P	O		P	O	P	U	P		S	T	A	G
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Thank you, Mike in Canton South Dakota.

Dear Mike,

These manifolds are very common to fail and fail again. They have failed so often that we regularly see these manifolds out of stock, and we must wait to get ahold of them. Repeat failures are common and more so when the vehicle is used for towing or driven hard. Once they fail if left leaking the bolts will become increasingly harder to remove. It is very important to fix them as soon as possible and bolts that don't come out easily are not the mechanics fault.

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,

Hi guys, I'm having issues with my tail lamps. One side of my 2009 Chevy Tahoe has no brake, tail, or back up light while the other side has no taillight. I do have working license plate lights. I have checked all the fuses that I can find using my owner's manual and found no blown fuses. I tried using You-Tube and found no help. Do you have any ideas about how to fix these lights?

Thank you, Barry in Michigan.

Dear Barry,

Checking any electrical issue is a simple matter of do you have power at the light and good ground or not. If you don't, we start at the fuses and if they are good, we move to the light and work our way back until we find where the power has been lost. The most common issue on this model vehicle is either a broken wire in the taillight harness near the light or corrosion at the connector. The taillight harnesses are readily available at most parts stores and are fairly easy to install. If there is any signs of corrosion or burnt sockets they should be replaced. If the lights still don't work, then work your way back down the lighting harness towards the front. Usually when we are working on these, we find a wire that has been corroded where it was chaffed which caused a failure. We then splice the wire with a waterproof connector.

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 - Internet aggravation
 - Doe beau
 - Chick's chirp
 - Three-time batting champ Tony
 - Flaw, as in a theory
 - Receipts
 - Keep getting Mad?
 - Bootlicking
 - Government workers in Warsaw?
 - Yeoman's "Yes!"
 - Word with dance or drive
 - Lord of the fief
 - "Downtown" name
 - Reverse
 - Folk singer Joan
 - Circulatory problems
 - Train workers in Bangkok?
 - Chilling
 - Words with sit or step
 - Gambia's only neighbor
 - Classic operetta (with "The")
 - Arcade pioneer
 - "Dilbert" intern
 - More than damp
 - Working at a night club in Prague?
 - Get up
 - Actress Kelly of "Chaplin"
 - Billboard interests
 - Malt beverages
 - More ashen
 - Bread spread
 - Box component
 - Ream component
 - Needed a handkerchief

- Down**
- Inclined
 - 2004, e.g.
 - Sri Lanka export
 - Autobahn auto
 - "The Merchant of Venice" heroine
 - Fatty liquid
 - ___-nez
 - Eye part
 - Ratchet-wheel engager
 - Guaranteed winner
 - Lavatory fixture
 - Charge
 - Natural gusher
 - ___ at ease

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat within the same row, column or box. **Solution on page 2**

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| 22. Ritzy | 36. NASA thumbs-up | 47. '50s White House nickname |
| 23. LAPD advisory | 37. Later on | 49. Loose-limbed |
| 27. Israeli gun | 38. Avoid | 50. Rocky debris |
| 28. Word with bar or binary | 41. Tyke | 53. Rascals |
| 29. Giant of a Giant | 42. Native Israelis | 54. Noted mariner |
| 31. Curlicue | 43. Star in Paris | 55. Dog with a blue-black tongue |
| 32. Fond du ___ | 44. Seasickness | 59. One who finds it tough to pass the bar |
| 34. Rationale | 45. Actor Borgnine | |
| 35. Geneticist's concern | 46. "Amadeus" subject | |

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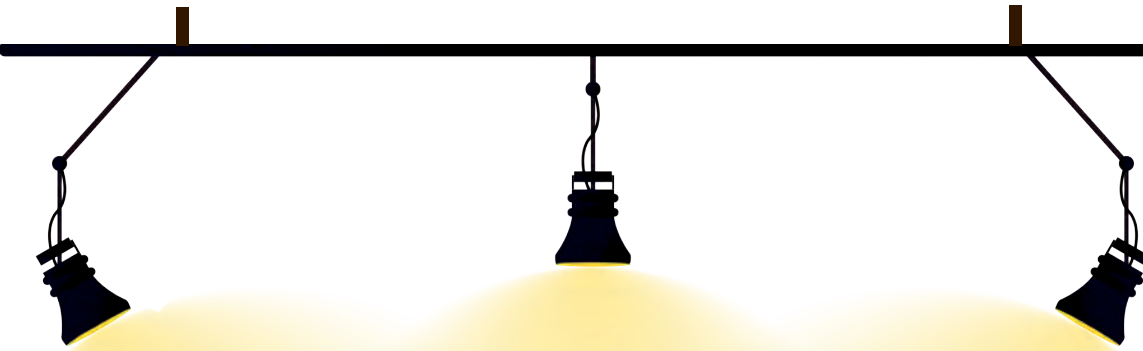


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