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VFW collecting donations for Loyalty Day Parade

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To donate or learn more, contact Mike Rollag at mikerollag@gmail.com or call the Brandon VFW at (605) 582-3411.

April needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

This month's needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are cookies, small jars of peanut butter, jelly, jam, Suddenly Salads, brownie and cake mixes, small bags of flour, shampoo and Kleenex.

To make appointments for 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 that conduct food drives 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.

Loyalty Day Parade planning meetings

The next scheduled planning meetings for Brandon's annual Loyalty Day Parade are set for 7 p.m. Wednesdays, April 12, 19 and 26. All meetings are held at the Brandon VFW.

VFW Auxiliary bake sale is April 14

Brandon's VFW Auxiliary bake sale begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 14 at the Post Home. This will be the last bake sale until fall.

Legion Soup Supper is April 14

The Valley Springs American Legion will host its monthly Soup Super Fundraiser on Friday, April 14. Serving is from 5-6:30 p.m.

The menu includes chili, bean and cheeseburger soups, cornbread muffins, chips, hot-dogs, drinks and condiments. A free will offering will be accepted, and proceeds will go to the floor project at the Legion Hall.

Family Bingo Night at VFW is April 15

The final family bingo night until next fall begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Brandon VFW. Hero Haven will be co-hosting the event, and bingo cards are 25 cents each.

BV Optimist Bingo set for April 15

Brandon Valley Optimist Club will host Bingo during two separate sessions: 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Tailgators Bar & Grill in Brandon. In addition to games of Bingo, there will be a 50/50 cash raffle.

April 16 is next Military History program

The April Military History program at the Charles R. Doman American Legion Post 131 in Valley Springs is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16. The topic is yet to be finalized. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

Valley Springs branch/leaf site open Tuesdays, Saturdays

Beginning the last half of April (weather permitting), Valley Springs residents may bring leaves, grass clippings and branches to the city brush site from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. The site is monitored and is available to city residents only. Proof of address is required.

Users are asked to place leaves and grass in the designated area (no bags) and tree limbs and branches should be placed on the brush pile. No trash or concrete is allowed by dumped at the site.

Valley Springs Pet Clinic is April 27

The annual Pet Clinic in Valley Springs is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at the City Maintenance building. Rabies and other shots will be available, in addition to city pet licenses. Rock Veterinary Clinic will administer the shots. City ordinance requires that every dog, cat and other animal be immunized against rabies and be annually registered for a city pet tag.

Brandon Food Pantry fundraiser is April 28

The Brandon Area Food Pantry's Fundraiser Dinner returns on Friday, April 28 at the Brandon Golf Course. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$270 for a table of six. To sponsor an entrée, side dish or dessert, the cost is \$270 and includes two tickets. Ticket sales close April 18.

To learn more, purchase tickets or be a sponsor, contact BFP executive director Linda Weber at (605) 582-7001.

Citywide rummages in Luverne are May 3-6

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Carry in Hills Minnesota

Dear Carry,
NO! That's the best way we can answer that last question. Never use an additive in a way not directed by the manufacturer of said product or you risk permanent damage. Additives have their place and if used as directed sometimes can fix a problem and save you a ton of money, but they are also some of the most abused products out there. With your extended oil changes, you probably clogged up some oil passages and using the cleaner helped restore them. Most of those cleaners are meant to be installed, then the engine oil changed within a few minutes of running. If that works then you may be able to repeat every 1000k miles for a few months and you may save the engine.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
Hey, what gives with the low tire pressure monitors? I am so sick of these things. It seems like every vehicle I drive has a low tire light on and even when I add the correct amount of air the light still stays on. How do these things work and how can I shut the light off permanently so that I don't have to worry about it.

Derik in Osage Beach Missouri

Dear Derik,
Yikes! It's never any fun having a light come on and taunt you like that. Check Engine lights, ABS lights and Low Tire lights are some of the most annoying things on a car, but they all are there for a reason. They either are trying to save your life or the car's life. In the case of a low tire light, it is the former. Low tire warning systems were made mandatory by the government for safety a while back due to so many accidents caused by tire failure from under inflation. The system uses pressure sensors mounted in the tire usually on the valve stem and they contain batteries and a transmitter to relay the pressure and tire temp to the vehicles computer where it determines if it is a safe pressure and either illuminates the warning lamp or not. The system can't be bypassed, and it would not be legal to do so. Get it diagnosed. Most shops can repair them at a reasonable price.

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Spring has finally sprung, and that leads to the *Journal's* spring sports preview. Find out more about the BV boys' tennis, girls' golf, track and field, softball and baseball programs in this special section. We'll also bring you photos from Blessed Redeemer Lutheran's "Journey to the Cross," Brandon Lutheran's "Living Last Supper" and the Easter egg hunt Saturday morning in Valley Springs. And there's a whole lot more. So, if you find yourself asking, "I wonder what's going on ...?" It's time to subscribe to the *Brandon Valley Journal*! Give us a call at 605-582-9999 to subscribe today so you, too, can be in the know.

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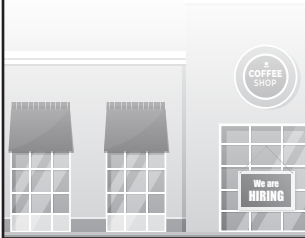


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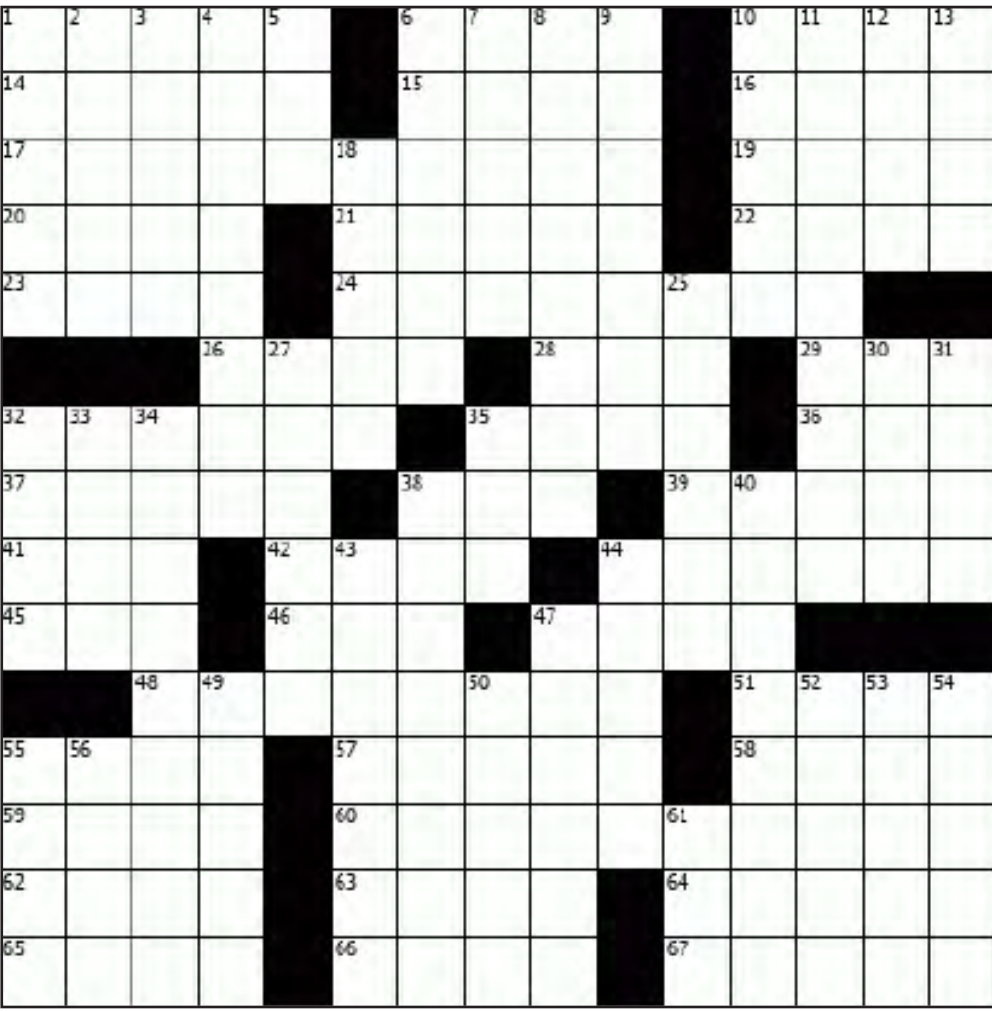


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| Across | 23. New Age composer John | 42. Counterfeit |
| 1. Ballroom beat | 24. Lose the booze | 44. Fair-___ boy |
| 6. Sitting on | 26. Psyche parts | 45. He talks turkey? |
| 10. "Ain't it the truth!" | 28. ___ pinch | 46. Put to the taste test |
| 14. Lumber jacket pattern | 29. Future falcon | 47. Barnyard bird |
| 15. Dream, in Paris | 32. "Get real!" | 48. Uninvited visitor |
| 16. Make a margin | 35. Giant screen format | 51. Cop calls (abbr.) |
| 17. Olympic leaper | 36. "Silent" prez, familiarly | 55. Spring from a board |
| 19. Norse capital | 37. Lopsided | 57. Pulitzer Prize category |
| 20. From scratch | 38. Compass pt. | 58. Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal |
| 21. Docking spots | 39. Andean animal | 59. Rocker Clapton |
| 22. Shoe seller Thom | 41. Sch. supporter | |

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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 4**

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| 60. Easter harbinger | 7. Cheyenne shelter | 34. Former Don Johnson TV series |
| 62. Ridicule | 8. Paycheck upper | 35. School of thought |
| 63. Suit to ___ | 9. Novel narrator | 38. Soak to the max |
| 64. Streep of "Silkwood" | 10. Bakery beckoner | 40. Dogpatch denizen |
| 65. Till fill | 11. Souped up auto | 43. Subsoil layer |
| 66. Untouchable leader | 12. Scat legend Fitzgerald | 44. Israeli dances |
| 67. Simple writing | 13. Glowing gas | 47. Lyons ladies |
| Down | 18. Muckraker Sinclair | 49. Noodle holders? |
| 1. Dropped tomato sound | 25. C.P.A.'s concern | 50. Valleys |
| 2. "Home ___" (1990 movie) | 27. Readied to race | 52. Pitcher Martinez |
| 3. Horse hairs | 30. Monopoly, e.g. | 53. Sounds like an ass |
| 4. Honcho | 31. Bag brand | 54. Panache |
| 5. Modifying wd. | 32. Kangaroo, for one (abbr.) | 55. Test driver's car |
| 6. War parties? | 33. Director Preminger | 56. Get out the wrinkles |
| | | 61. Strike caller? |



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"This year has been way above average for snowfall. We've seen 12-18 inches at a time," said Rollie Hoeke, Public Works Director for the city of Brandon. *"There's been a lot of overtime...when it snows,*

a lot of times we head out at 4 a.m. and stay out until 4 p.m. They do a lot of 12 hour days just plowing."

The city of Brandon has 85 lane miles that require large machinery, and also 63 cul de sacs that require smaller trucks that can operate within a tight turning radius. On average, each street requires three passes to clear the snow for safe travel.

Being a good neighbor on the road is not always easy while driving heavy machinery. Driving snow plows requires attention at all times to ensure the safety of all the drivers on the road, and can be stressful. *"The drivers are driving larger vehicles, so they are constantly on high alert looking out for other vehicles,"* Hoeke said. *"The drivers have been doing good, it's been a long winter. I tell the guys keep up the good work...it's always good to be appreciated."*

The city crew's responsibilities encompass all four seasons: repair of maintenance equipment, pot hole patching, repairing water mains, cleaning sewers, and more — all to keep Brandon growing strong.



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