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FLUSHING NOTICE

The City of Valley Springs will be flushing water mains during the week of April 22nd

Homeowners are advised to exercise care in their laundry operations and to check the water for clarity before use.

Motorists also are advised to stay clear of the streams of water coming from the hydrants.

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Puzzle Solution Sudoku

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Citywide rummages in Luverne are May 1-4
The Luverne, Minn., spring citywide rummage sales are set for May 1-4. Beginning April 29, the list of sale days and hours will be available at www.LuverneChamber.com. To learn more, call (507) 283-4061.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are ketchup, pizza sauce, boxed Jello and puddings, brownie mixes, toothpaste and shampoo (not conditioner). 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 con-

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duct 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.

Garretson Citywide Rummages are April 25-27
Registrations are being taken for the Garretson Citywide Rummages on April 25-27. To register, visit rummages.garretsongazette.com.

Journal office closed afternoon of April 26
The *Brandon Valley Journal* office will be closing at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 26. Staff will be attending the South Dakota NewsMedia's convention in Huron.

For submissions or questions, call (605) 582-9999 or email editor@bvjournal.info.

Adopt-A-Highway Litter Clean-up
Volunteers are sought for the 2024 Adopt-A-Highway Litter Clean-Up along Holly Boule-

vard from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 27.

The event is an endeavor of the Brandon Conservation Committee. Litter will be picked up along Holly Boulevard from Sioux Boulevard to Six Mile Road.

Participants should meet in the Sioux Valley Energy parking lot. Safety vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided.

To complete the waiver form, visit waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5d938ad64c12e/web/

The event will also serve as a Geocaching CITO Event. All Geocachers will receive a trackable and a geocoin for participating.

To learn more, contact Brandon City Hall at (605) 582-6515.

Register for MCAP summer kids camp

Registrations for the Mighty Corson Art Players summer kids camp are now being accepted. The camp, set for June 10-14, will take place at the Corson Playhouse. Throughout the week, campers will rehearse an original story, "A Night in the Woods," written by local play-

wright H.E. Dunkle. This fairy-tale-esque story follows Amber, a young girl lost in the magical woods full of talking animals as an evil wizard schemes to trap her in the forest forever. Discover the secret of this enchanted realm as Amber and her new friends challenge Horace the Heartless and escape from his curse.

The camp culminates with a production of "A Night in the Woods" Saturday afternoon, June 15.

The camp is for kids in grades K-6. The fee is \$65 per child, and slots are available for up to 20 participants per session. Morning sessions are 9-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon sessions run from 1-3:30 p.m. Registration closes May 27.

To learn more, email info@mightycorson.com.

Al-Anon meetings in Brandon

Al-Anon meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E. Holly Blvd.

Ask the Motor Medics®
Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,
Hi guys, I drive a 2010 GMC van with a 5.3 engine. The van is a custom AWD 2500 with a snowplow on the front and I've just reached 150k miles. This van ran perfectly, and I have been careful on the maintenance of changing engine oil every 3k miles and servicing the transmission and the differentials and transfer case several times already. I know this vehicle very well and know for a fact that it has used no oil in the past so when it suddenly started using a quart a week I was concerned. It smokes from the exhaust also but only after I drive on the highway for several miles then shut it off and restart. A mechanic says I need an engine. What are your thoughts.

Lynn in Thayer Missouri .

Dear Lynn,
Without a hands-on check it would have us leaning towards a much cheaper repair. These engines are not known to be oil burners and have an inherent problem with the drivers side PCV valve cover. The cover clogs with oil sludge and will suddenly develop these symptoms. There is an updated cover available to fix this and a replacement engine should also get one before installation. In our own shop, if we found oil in the PCV hose we would replace the cover first and see if the issue goes away. Highway speeds cause extra oil to build up in the cover which can be sucked in.

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,
I have a 2018 Toyota Prius that we have driven for over 250k miles. I bought the car new and drove it for work making deliveries on the highway with an average of 100 miles a day. When it reached 250k we decided that we should replace it for reliability issues. We handed it down to our son to drive to high school and he had it for two months and it started knocking. Upon taking it to a shop they told us the engine needed to be replaced. It is full of clean oil and coolant and was working perfectly until the day before when the check engine light started flashing during a rainstorm. He stopped driving it immediately. The shop didn't bring it in, they just started it and said it was bad. What are your thoughts?

Thank you, Jeff in Oklahoma City.

Dear Jeff,
We have listened to cars before and declared them as having one kind of failure or another, but this is a car that can give a false impression to a mechanic. A flashing check engine light means stop immediately due to a engine misfire. If it occurs in the rain, we lean towards a coil issue caused by wear and water. When this happens on a Prius, they knock loudly at takeoff due to the stator in the electric drive. If it is quiet but missing down the road, we would check this first

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A retail business structure is getting a makeover, thanks to real estate partners Lee Schelling and TJ Barthman. Find out what's in store for the building at the corner of Splitrock and Redwood boulevards.

Brandon City Council and the Valley Springs City Commission both conducted meetings, and the *Journal* brings you the highlights from both entities.

Speaking of Valley Springs, voters there elected Rick Larsen as their next mayor. Read the story from Tuesday's municipal election.

It was a busy week of events at Brandon Valley High School, starting with the Dakota State University's Cyber Road Show that spent the day with the freshmen class, followed by Senior Give Back Day and of course, Saturday evening's rite of spring, the Junior-Senior Prom.

This week, the Mighty Corson Art Players begin their two-weekend run of the musical, [title of show], and writer Isabella Savage stopped by rehearsal last week to learn more about the show and the small in number cast and crew.

If sports is your bag, we've got the roundup of Brandon Valley Lynx reports from the softball and baseball fields to the tennis courts, the golf course and the track.

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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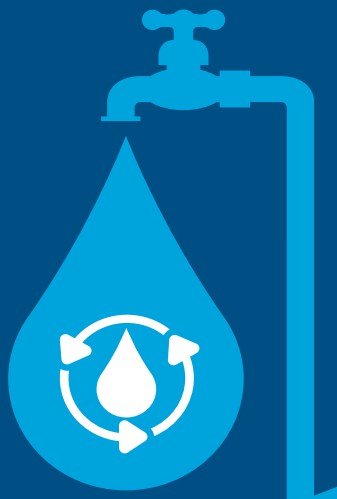
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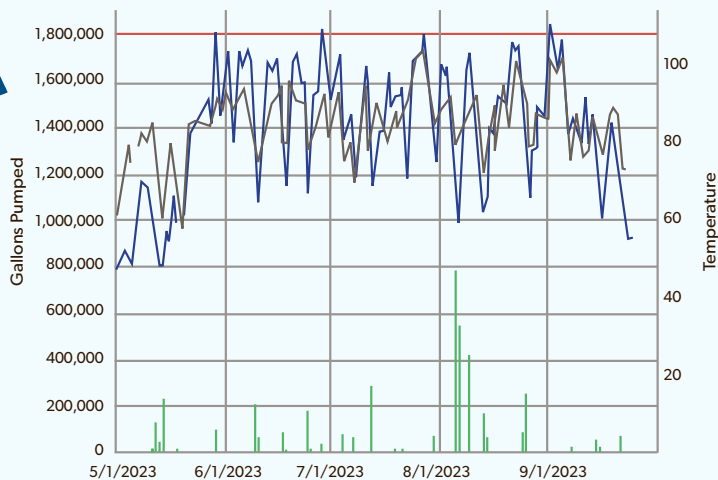
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**The effective date of the incentive program is January 1, 2019. To be eligible, purchases must be made after the effective date of the program. Applications must include a receipt for each item purchased. Scanned or photocopies of receipts may be attached with the application.*

Indoors

HIGH EFFICIENCY DISHWASHER: A rebate of up to \$125 toward the price of purchase and installation of each Energy Star® labeled dishwasher. <i>Customers may receive rebates for up to one (1) dishwasher per single-family dwelling unit, or five (5) dishwashers per multi-family dwelling unit.</i> <i>*The effective date of the High Efficiency Dishwasher rebate program is March 1, 2022. To be eligible, purchases must be made after the effective date of the program. Applications must include a receipt for each item purchased. Scanned or photocopies of receipts may be attached with the application.</i>		\$125 REBATE
HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET: A rebate of up to \$100 toward the price of purchase and installation of each bathroom toilet that uses 1.28 gallons of water per flush, or less. <i>Customers may receive rebates for up to three (3) toilets per dwelling unit.</i> <i>*The effective date of the High Efficiency Toilet rebate program is April 1, 2020. To be eligible, purchases must be made after the effective date of the program. Applications must include a receipt for each item purchased. Scanned or photocopies of receipts may be attached with the application.</i>		\$100 REBATE
ENERGY EFFICIENT WASHING MACHINE: A rebate of up to \$125 toward the price of purchase and installation of each Energy Star certified clothes washer. <i>Customers may receive rebates for up to one (1) washing machine per single-family dwelling unit, or five (5) washing machines per multi-family dwelling unit.</i> <i>*The effective date of the Energy Efficient Washing Machine rebate program is May 3, 2021. To be eligible, purchases must be made after the effective date of the program. Applications must include a receipt for each item purchased. Scanned or photocopies of receipts may be attached with the application.</i>		\$125 REBATE

We use a lot of water during summer months!



These Spikes in Usage = Lawn Watering Restrictions Needed

The City has implemented a Lawn Watering Program. Make sure to check the City's website for the current lawn watering stage before watering your lawn!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CONSERVE WATER?

- Take advantage of the rebate programs.
- Know and follow the Lawn Watering Restrictions.
- Monitor their water use by reading their water bills and understand the new water rate structure.
- Watch for upcoming events on Facebook and the City's website.
- Ask for a Water Smarter sign to place in their yard to show their support for Water Conservation.

Help Brandon save water by saving money! Apply for your rebate.

CURRENTLY IN STAGE 1 - GREEN ODD/EVEN BASED ON YOUR ADDRESS

Consumers having an even numbered address water their LAWNS/YARDS on even numbered calendar dates and consumers with odd numbered addresses water on odd numbered calendar dates.

NO LAWN WATERING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10AM - 6PM

Please only water your lawn once on your day. Please refrain from watering once in the morning and once at night on your day.

Violations of these regulations are subject to the following surcharges in any calendar year and will be added to the violator's utility bill:

First Offense: Written warning placed on the door

Second Offense: \$250 Surcharge

Third or more offenses: \$250 Surcharge, water shut-off for 48 hours and \$50 reconnection fee

"The City of Brandon will create an environment for its citizens to build a better life by using resources wisely, managing growth and providing quality services in a safe and professional manner."

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