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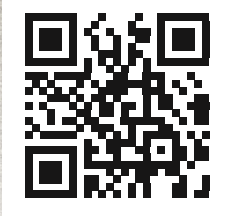


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 Brandon Area Briefs

Brandon Earth Day Big Sioux River Clean-up
Friends of the Big Sioux River in partnership with the city of Brandon has set the annual Earth Day River Clean-up event from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 25. Participants should meet at McHardy Park.
To learn more, visit fbssr.org/earthday.

Citywide spring rummage sale registration now open
The 2026 Brandon Citywide Spring Rummage Sales are set for Thursday-Saturday, May 7-9. Registration is open now at brandonrummages.com. Friday, May 1 is the deadline to register.
The complete list of sale addresses, items and individual sale times will be available online on Monday, May 4.

Brandon Food Pantry's April needs
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are Rice-a-Roni, pizza crust mixes, mustard, small boxes of fruit snacks, bottled Ranch dressing, bottled salad dressings and deodorant.
To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may be dropped off at the

BAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.

BVHS Senior Athletic, Fine Arts banquets
Brandon Valley High School 2026 senior athletes will be celebrated Monday, April 27 at the annual Senior Athletic Banquet, hosted by the BV Athletic Boosters. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the BVHS Commons.
The BV Fine Arts Boosters have scheduled their banquet for 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3. The event will also be held in the BVHS Commons.

Brandon Farmers Market opens May 2
The Brandon Farmers Market will open for the 2026 season on Saturday, May 2. The Market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays in the parking lot at 1200 E. Birch St.
Other notable dates this season are: Christmas in July, July 18; Apple Fest, Aug. 22; Pumpkin Palooza, Sept. 19; Pet Costume Contest, Oct. 24; and Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31.

60th Brandon Loyalty Day Parade on horizon
Plans are being finalized for the 60th annual Brandon Loyalty Day Parade, which steps off at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 3.
Following tradition, parade lineup begins at 11 a.m. in the Brandon Valley High School

parking lot. Entries are asked to use the south entrance to the parking lot. There is no entry fee, but donations of non-perishable items for the Brandon Area Food Pantry are requested.

The parade route begins at the high school and proceeds west on Holly Boulevard to Main Avenue, where it turns south and ends at the Brandon VFW.

Bike raffle tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m. A donation of a food/non-perishable item will also be donated to the Brandon Area Food Pantry is requested. Only one ticket per child, and the child and parent/guardian must be present to receive a ticket and choose a bike if ticket is drawn.

Individuals, organizations or business interested in donating to the parade may contact the VFW via Facebook or email vfw4726commander@gmail.com.

Camp Invention seeks HS leadership volunteers
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Grant in Minneapolis Minnesota

Dear Grant,

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Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I listen to your radio show often and wonder how you guys answer all those questions. Is it true that you don't use any kind of in-studio computers to reference during a show? My question is about recalls. I have been getting recall notices for my Windstar van for several years. At latest count I have five postcards with recalls on them about my van that say they are safety related but my vehicle is working just fine and I don't have time to take it in or want them to charge me for a bunch of other work they find. What happens if I don't go in? Is it necessary to have it checked?

Chris in Rock Valley Iowa

Dear Chris,

Yes, it's true that we don't use any kind of reference to answer questions on the show, and we don't always know everything. The one thing we don't need a reference guide to know is safety recalls are no joke. They don't spend millions of dollars on postcards for no reason. Your life and others can be at risk for some recalls. The check is free and if they suggest other paid work you have the right to just say no. If it's an important safety item that needs attention don't neglect it. When you get a recall in the mail follow the contact instructions and arrange to have it checked as soon as you can. Please stay safe.

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BRANDON VALLEY Journal



As the June 2 Primary Election nears, the *Brandon Valley Journal* and the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a forum on Saturday for District 2's Republican candidates. Editor Jill Meier brings you a recap of the candidates' views on the topics addressed. Also, visit the Chamber's Facebook page to view the complete forum, which was broadcast live from Sioux Valley Energy.

The Brandon City Council met Monday evening and reporter Tom A. Savage brings you the details from City Hall.

The Valley Springs City Commission met last week, and we've got a report from that meeting, and we'll introduce you to the community's new Finance Officer.

The Best Buddies Prom was captured in photographs on Friday and you're sure to delight in the smiles the annual event brings to the faces of the attendees.

Bethany Meadows/Home hosted their annual soup and chili cook-off, which benefits four area volunteer fire departments. Find out which fire department won the trophy this year.

As always, we'll bring you to the sidelines of Brandon Valley's spring sports in action last week, from baseball and softball, to boys' tennis, girls' golf and the track & field teams.

Plus, we've got profiles on a BVHS senior signing with Augustana College, and a 2025 BVHS grad that's making his mark on the mound for the Dakota State Trojans this season.

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FACES BEHIND The Lynx Way



TEACHER of the Week



Laurie Veld - Mrs. Laurie Veld is a Brandon Valley Intermediate School administrative assistant. Laurie continuously exemplifies the LYNX Way in the office. Each day, Mrs. Veld brings a positive and caring attitude that sets the tone for our entire building. She greets everyone with a smile and a willingness to help. She plays a vital role in the smooth and efficient operation of the school, ensuring that both the big picture and the smallest details are handled with excellence. Laurie is a servant leader to students, staff, and families—always willing to step in, support others, and go above and beyond to meet the needs of those around her. Her influence is felt in every corner of BVIS, helping to make it a better place for all. She consistently lifts others up and encourages a supportive, collaborative environment. Mrs. Veld truly exhibits the LYNX Way—demonstrating what it means to be respectful, an active learner, responsible, safe, and kind. She is one of a kind, and our school is better because of her dedication and heart. Congratulations Laurie, keep up the great work at the intermediate school! - **Nick Skibsted, Intermediate School Principal**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Pizza Crunchers

Why do you love teaching?
I'm the administrative assistant. My favorite part of the day is getting to meet all the students and families in our building. Also, I never have two days that are the same in the office which makes it a really great atmosphere to work in.

How long have you been with the district?
11 years

What's your favorite past time?
Shopping and spending time with my family.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
Family and consumer science. The teacher was what made the class most enjoyable.

STUDENT of the Week



Paislyn Kooi - Paislyn has been a superb example of the Lynx Way this year. She has done exemplary work in all her classes this year. Paislyn is the definition of a responsible student and active learner. She is always willing to take on any extra academic challenges and push herself to do more and be the best she can. Paislyn has also been one of the most respectful and kind students at the intermediate school. She is not only willing to help peers that struggle, but she does so in a way that helps them understand and make growth. Paislyn is always smiling and happy to be at school. Her teachers has sated that it has really been an honor to be part of Paislyn's academic journey here at Brandon Valley Intermediate School. - **Nick Skibsted, Intermediate School Principal**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken Alfredo

What grade are you in?
6th grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
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What do you want to be when you grow up?
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Residents should be advised that the change in water flow patterns resulting from hydrant flushing may stir up mineral deposits in home services.

During hydrant flushing, it is not uncommon for residents to periodically experience discolored water, pressure change, and/or an increased chlorine odor. Homeowners are advised to exercise care in their laundry operations and to check the water for clarity before use.

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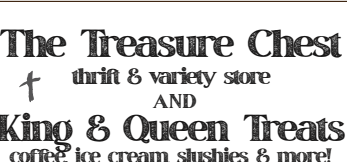
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- Result of a punch in the face, perhaps
 - Ticker tapes?
 - "6-pack" muscles
 - Procession
 - Literary sleuth Wolfe
 - "___ Clown" (Cole Porter tune)
 - Quote, part 1
 - Op or Pop follower
 - Approaches
 - Vocal quality
 - 1952 Winter Olympics site
 - Baby's second word?
 - Quote, part 2
 - Quartet minus one
 - Spotted
 - Obtain by flattery
 - Bar, legally
 - "Agnus ___"
 - Quote, part 3
 - "___ Como Va" (Tito Puente favorite)
 - It pours from pores
 - Star golfer from South Africa
 - Some necklines
 - "Lemme ___!"
 - Quote, part 4
 - Tabletop sculpture
 - Deli side
 - Attire
 - Shaping machine
 - "Silent" Coolidge, familiarly
 - Casino owner/speaker of quote
 - Lend a hand
 - Rice-shaped pasta
 - Short sock
 - Golf teacher
 - Exam for high-school jrs.
 - Medicine givers

- Down
- Stimulate the economy
 - "___ nice day!"
 - "___ you loud and clear"
 - Tell
 - Rival of Ben and Jerry's
 - Confederate soldier
 - Finish with
 - Macroeconomics pioneer John Maynard ___
 - Dolphins Hall of Fame QB Bob
 - "Mayday!" relative
 - Put to shame
 - Comedian called "the thief of bad gags"
 - Didn't use, as a news story
 - "Lawrence of Arabia" star Peter
 - Has title to
 - Like a piccolo's range
 - ___-weenie
 - Thelma of film fame
 - Superegos inhibit them
 - Just out
 - Contend (for)
 - Katrina's or Wilma's center
 - Single digit
 - Popeye's Olive
 - Footlike part
 - In an unpleasant mood
 - Entry fee for a poker hand
 - Declare bluntly
 - Builds a levee
 - Lawn-care tools
 - Piece of poetry
 - Tin Pan Alley org.
 - Special talent
 - Nick ___ (rival of 44-Across)
 - "Believe It ___"
 - Worth having
 - Blacksmith, at times, or a farrier
 - Portable shelters
 - Floor covering, in Britain
 - Dizzy's jazz
 - Ill-behaved

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13. Didn't use, as a news story

18. "Lawrence of Arabia" star Peter

22. Has title to

24. Like a piccolo's range

25. ___-weenie

27. Thelma of film fame

29. Superegos inhibit them

30. Just out

31. Contend (for)
32. Katrina's or Wilma's center

34. Single digit

35. Popeye's Olive

36. Footlike part

39. In an unpleasant mood

40. Entry fee for a poker hand

43. Declare bluntly

45. Builds a levee

47. Lawn-care tools

48. Piece of poetry
50. Tin Pan Alley org.

51. Special talent

52. Nick ___ (rival of 44-Across)

53. "Believe It ___"

55. Worth having

56. Blacksmith, at times, or a farrier

57. Portable shelters

60. Floor covering, in Britain

62. Dizzy's jazz

63. Ill-behaved



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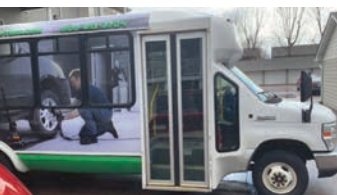


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