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MAY 7

THRU SATURDAY

MAY 9

A list of addresses, items and individual sale times will be available at BrandonRummages.com on Monday, May 4th.

For those having a sale, registration is now open on the website. Registration is \$10 per sale. The last day to register is Friday, May 1st.





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It's finally here! Brandon's "Diamond Salute to America," and it all takes place this Sunday when the 60th annual Loyalty Day Parade steps off. We've got all the details for the day on this six-decades long spring tradition.

There are reports from both Monday's Brandon Valley Board of Education and last week's Minnehaha County Commission meetings, plus bonus reports from the South Dakota High School Activities Association Board meeting.

The *Journal* begins its series on the planned retirements of Brandon Valley School District staff. This week, we share Tony Kuck's story.

A Brandon man was named South Dakota's Eastern Chapter Engineer of the Year. Find out who

won the honor and why his peers are recognizing him.

Earth Day was recognized with a clean-up of the Splitrock Creek and McHardy Park by Friends of the Big Sioux on Saturday. And at the BVHS track that day, the Southeast Special Olympics Spring Games were taking place.

Plus, we've got the low-down on Lynx athletics and over 200 photos from BVHS's spring show, *SpongeBob, The Musical* that can be viewed on our website, brandonvalley-journal.com.

If you find yourself asking, "I wonder what's going on ...," it's surely 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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TEACHER of the Week
Caitlyn Miller - In a profession defined by dedication, Mrs. Caitlyn Miller stands out for consistently putting her students first. Known for her unwavering commitment, she goes beyond academics to truly under the individuals who walk through her classroom doors each day. By taking the time to learn about her students' interests, challenges, and strengths, she creates an environment where every student feels seen, valued, and supported.
Mrs. Miller continually reflects on her teaching practices and seeks new ways to improve her classroom. Whether through new strategies, thoughtful adjustments, or simply listening to her students' needs, she works tirelessly to ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed. She is always eager for feedback and pushes herself to be at her best.
The combination of compassion, consistency, and a growth mindset that makes her our Lynx Teacher of the Week. We are lucky to work with her!
- Dr. Nelson & Ms. Hoff, Brandon Valley Middle School



STUDENT of the Week
Ella Neth - Ella stands out as a student who consistently lifts others up while striving for her own success. She is always willing to help classmates, often putting others before herself, and shows kindness in even the smallest gestures—like greeting her teachers each day.
Academically, Ella is conscientious and responsible. She takes pride in her work, completes assignments on time, and puts in extra effort to reach her full potential. Her resilience allows her to push through challenges with determination.
Ella is also an inclusive and supportive friend. She makes a point to engage quieter classmates and ensure everyone feels part of the group. Her extensive volunteering with RAD, positive attitude, strong work ethic, and genuine care for others make her a valued member of BVMS. Thank you for being a Lynx Leader - Dr. Nelson & Ms. Hoff, Brandon Valley Middle School



What is your favorite school lunch?
Spaghetti

What grade are you in?
7th grade

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What do you want to be when you grow up?
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third Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Pizza Ranch.
We are always looking for new members. For more information call 605-366-2387.



Brandon Area Briefs

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are pickles, jams/jellies, flour, sugar, powdered sugar, brown sugar, seasonings and spices.
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.

Chamber's Cha-Ching Raffle wraps up Thursday

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce will wrap up their Cha-Ching Raffle with the grand prize drawing for \$5,000 in cash. The event is from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30 at Bottom's Up in Corson. There's still time to purchase raffle tickets, which are available at the Chamber office.

Friday is deadline to register for spring rummage sale

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

Brandon Farmers Market opens Saturday

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 is Sunday

The 60th annual Brandon Loyalty Day Parade 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 that 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.

Shredding event is May 9 in Brandon

Celebration United Methodist Church, 500 N. Pasque Flower Trail, Brandon, is hosting their annual document shredding event from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 9. There is a suggested donation of \$5-10 per box. Staples, paper clips and file folders do not need to be removed.

Camp Invention seeks HS leadership volunteers

Camp Invention at Inspiration Elementary is looking for high school leadership volunteers this summer from June 8-12. If interested, contact Teri Huska at Teri.Huska@kl2.sd.us.

BV student physical forms for sports, band now available

On April 1, Brandon Valley's new physical form (for the 2026-27 school year) was emailed to all students in grades 6-11 and their parents. The email and the physical form include Activity/BOUND registration instructions. Registration is now open for all 2026-2027 sports and high school marching band. The forms can be completed any time after the student has a new physical dated on or after April 1, which is required before practice. Follow the instructions on the physical form. As was the case this year, physicals must be uploaded as part of the BOUND registration process; paper, faxed and emailed physical forms will not be accepted.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I'm having trouble with my car overheating. When driven until the engine is fully warmed up the temperature gauge will move to the red line but then drops back to almost the cold mark and continues this cycle as long as I drive. This has been going on for several months and I also noticed that on one cool morning when I used my heater the temperature of the air coming from the vent changed from hot to cold when the gauge started to cycle. The funny thing was that the temp went cold when the gauge was hot and then warmed up again when the gauge moved towards cold. What could be going on with my car?

Beverly in Lincoln Nebraska

Dear Beverly,

The description you provided is very good and unfortunately the first thing that comes to mind is a head gasket failure. When a head gasket fails it can allow the heated combustion gases from the cylinder to pass into the cooling passages. When this happens the coolant no longer can cool the engine due to the disruption of the coolant flow and the gauge moves towards hot. At the same time the coolant flow to the heater is disrupted and the air from the vents will cool down. Checking for a head gasket failure is done by testing the air in the cooling system for combustion gases. If gas is present it indicates a failure in the system

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Ralph in McAlester Oklahoma

Dear Ralph,

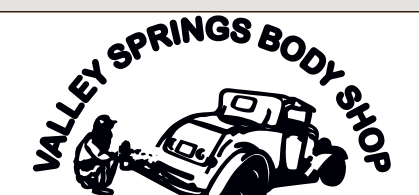
Good job on keeping your vehicle running. In addition to the, manufacturer recommended services you can ask your shop what they recommend. Often a fuel system cleaning can do wonders for an aging vehicle that is starting to lose fuel mileage due to the lost efficiency caused by a dirty fuel system. Also at this age brake fluid and power steering fluid will start to break down or become acidic which can wear parts prematurely. Changing these fluids often will extend the life of the systems and save you money on repairs over the long term. A good relationship with an experienced shop is the best way to find out what areas of your vehicle can benefit from a little added attention to maintenance.

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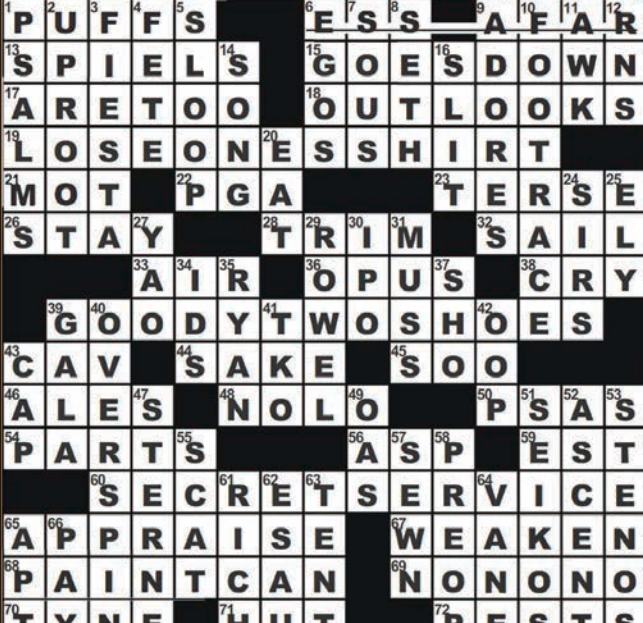


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1 PUFFS 14 GOES DOWN 16 A FEAR
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17 ARE TOO 18 OUTLOOKS
19 LOSE ONE SHIRT
21 MOT 22 PGA 23 TERSE
26 STAY 27 TRIM 32 SAIL
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6) Snaky shape

9) Way out there

13) Product demonstrators' pitches

15) Sinks

17) Playground rejoinder

18) Views of the future

19) Suffer a huge financial loss

21) Clever comment

22) Masters org.

23) Hardly long-winded

26) Hang in there

28) Remove, as fat

32) Spinnaker or spanker

33) Make public

36) Numbered work

38) Boo-hoo

39) Prudish sort

43) Cleveland hoopster, briefly

44) "For pity's_!"

45) _ Locks (Huron-Superior link)

46) Pub orders

48) Court plea, for short

50) Free TV ads, for short

54) Repair bill component

56) Nile slitherer

59) Guinness suffix

60) President's protectors

65) Judge, as a coin dealer

67) Loose oomph

68) Interior designer's container

69) Words that can precede the last words of 19-, 39- and 60-Across

70) Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"

71) Crude home

72) Flies, roaches and such

Down

1) Book after Job

2) Yank out of the ground

3) Big bash

4) Wine and dine

5) The John B of song, e.g.

6) They may be inflated

7) Old French coins

8) Green of "Austin Powers" movies

9) Really goes for

10) 1 OK or marathon

11) Parrot's word, in comics

12) TLC specialists

14) Karaoke selection

16) Open, as an envelope

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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 3**

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20) "Mangia!"

24) "Dear" addressees

25) English cathedral site

27) Former NBA star_ Ming

29) Spur wheel

30) Wall St. debut

31) Tousle, as hair

34) TSA requests

35) Actress Irene or Meg

37) "_ 'nuff!"

39) Big bash

40) It may be applied to a tennis ball

41) Bout stopper, briefly

42) "Alley _!"

43) Place for a tassell, maybe

4 7) "Tristram Shandy" author Laurence

49) Intercontinental gp. since 1948

51) Some Japanese watches

52) Trip to the summit

53) Dictaphone users, perhaps

55) Sing like Cab Calloway

57) Concluded, with "up"

58) Before surgery, informally

61) Loaded with butter, say

62) Hairy twin in Genesis

63) "M* A *S*H" quarters

64) Barn attachment

65) Quick to catch on

66) Shell out

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