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What's old has become new again. And that very story will be told about the restored 1946 Chevrolet fire truck that will be on display tonight at the Brandon Fire Department's annual open house.

Call it a "spa day" at the Red Truck Alpaca Farm. Editor Jill Meier stopped by to capture the once-a-year shearing event and brings you the story in both words and photos.

A Brandon man is organizing a multi-week Church vs. Church Kickball Tournament this summer. Find out who's behind the organizing and how you and your church can get involved.

There will also be reports from the May 26 Brandon Valley Board of Education and Minnehaha County Commission meetings, and Monday's Brandon City Council meeting.

The Lynx track and field teams capped off their season at the three-day Class AA State Meet. We've got a variety of highlights from the meet in both words and photos.

Of course, there's plenty more Brandon Valley-related sports coming your way, too. From the ESD girls' golf championships to the Lady Lynx softball team punching their ticket to state to the track at Huset's Speedway and amateur baseball action.

So, grab a cup of coffee, find a comfy chair and settle in for a wealth of community news, sports and features that's all about you. And if you're that person who's constantly 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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every other weekend, weather permitting, into September.

BLC Community BBQ is June 3

Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E. Holly Blvd., is the place to be from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 for the BLC Community BBQ, a WELCA fundraiser.

Menu includes smoked BBQ pulled pork, walking taco and hot dog meals. Pulled pork may also be ordered by the pound, and Family Treats Ice Cream truck will be on site

5-8 p.m. Worship and Vacation Bible School begins at 6 p.m.

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

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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.

Pie & Ice Cream Social with the Historical Society

The Brandon Historical Society, in conjunction with the Minnehaha County Historical Society), will host a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the picnic shelter at Pioneer Park in Brandon on Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a short presentation on the history of Brandon. It is free and open to the public, with the BVHS Community Room as the alternate site in case of inclement weather.

Register for Deckert-Garrow Golf Scramble

Registration is open for the first annual Deckert-Garrow

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To learn more, contact Caden Deckert at (605) 595-2722 or Cathy Niklason at (605) 929-6565.

Big Cup Youth Golf Tourney set

Registration is open for the second annual Big Cup 2026 Youth Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Brandon. Cost is \$50 per player for the

four-person scramble, which is limited to 36 teams. Participants must be going into grades 2-7 to play.

Deadline to register is July 23. To register or learn more, email garrett@ambushllc.com or call Garrett Callahan at (605) 231-4848.

Proceeds from the event will be used as scholarships for less fortunate student-athletes and/or families struggling to participate in youth sports.

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Mike in Aberdeen, South Dakota

Dear Mike,

There's a connection between age and control. Many things contribute to how a vehicle stops. When tires are new the tread is deeper, so they shed water and cut through snow better and maintain a firmer grip on the road. A tire that is older with half its tread will have a much greater stopping distance. Also, suspension plays a big part. Most people don't replace shocks and struts unless they are bouncy but before you feel the extra bounce, they will start to lose their ability to keep the tires in contact with the road as they once did. Many newer vehicles also have elaborated electronic stability control systems. The best way to be sure your car is performing at its best ability is to consult with your mechanic about your vehicles condition on a regular basis.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My questions about wipers on both the front and rear of my vehicle. I have a 2004 Chrysler Town and Country and the front wipers have stopped working three years in a row now in mid-winter requiring replacing the wiper motor each time and the rear wiper never seems to wipe the glass completely. The blade has been replaced at least three times, and it only works for a few weeks before it starts wiping poorly in the center.

Janelle in Vandalia, Missouri

Dear Janelle,

Because of the time the wiper motor is failing I suspect it may be due to the load of ice on the blades. Winter is brutal on wiper systems. It is extremely important that before you turn your wipers on you make sure that they are not stuck to the glass or bound by heavy snow. Clear the glass with a window scraper if necessary and lift the blades by hand to check them, if they are restrained in any way the motor will bear the load and may fail immediately. If you have a remote starter don't forget to turn off the wipers before you get out of the vehicle. Many people damage the system by forgetting them and when the vehicle starts so do the frozen wipers. As for the rear blade, it may be the arm. The arm will lose tension as it ages and won't keep the blade in contact with the glass.

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14. Pro’s foe

15. Scary bacteria

16. Winter wear

17. “The Nanny” star Drescher

18. Terkel’s cufflinks?

20. Has a mental lapse

22. Hosp. areas

23. Exile; Napoleon

24. __ scaloppine

25. Busy co. on Valentine’s Day

28. Carnival attractions

30. Outback or Legacy

32. Eiffel Tower city

35. Signed debt

37. Pizzeria fixture

38. Sierra __: African republic

39. Lab maze runner

40. Apple centers

41. Awed

42. Movie extra, for short

43. Bikini atoll event, briefly

44. Sentra automaker

46. Actresses Thompson and Samms

48. NYC hrs.

49. Cleans the floor

51. At first, second or third

55. Sanyo competitor

56. Knock the socks off

57. Harlow’s Levis?

61. Pindar poems

62. La Scala solo

63. Actor Davis

64. Flooring piece

65. “The Simpsons” son

66. Hill of __: trifle

67. Advice from a bear

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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1. Faux pas

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3. Maker of Pong

4. Lardner’s jewelry?

5. One-upped

6. World Series mos.

7. Old coin of France

8. Any Elvis tune

9. Not suited for the part

10. Plays a part

11. Bud’s comedy partner

12. Bachelor’s place

13. Tie-game resolvers: Abbr.

19. “Star Trek” helmsman

21. Beethoven dedicatee

24. Features of some necklines

25. Quarterback Brett

26. Aspens and alders

27. Kirsten of “Spider-Man”

29. Hosiery shade

31. Randolph’s footwear?

32. Lindbergh’s transport

33. Sponsorship

34. Rule the __: dominate

36. Tabloid twosome

40. Gregorian intonation

42. Subtle scam

45. French friends

47. Tree-trunk growths

50. Bel __: Italian cheese

52. Actor Murphy who won a Medal of Honor

53. Fishhook fastener

54. Ford flop

55. Future MD’s course

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58. The Reagan years, say

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