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Dirt is moving on the 50-acre Brandon Plaza 90 property and this week, the *Journal* brings you an update on the forthcoming development.

On the heels of some high temperatures and little rainfall, Brandon's Water Conservation Committee set up shop at Sunshine Foods on Saturday morning to share water-saving measures and trinkets with the public.

We've got the details from last week's Valley Springs City Commission meeting, along with more from the June 7 Brandon City Council and June 14 Brandon Valley Board of Education meetings.

Two congregations in Brandon have gained new clergy in recent weeks, and this week, the *Journal* introduces you to the new faces in the pulpits.

A Pipestone, Minn., barber has been doing business in the Brandon Retail Center parking lot for a few months. Editor Jill Meier stepped inside the mobile barbershop to learn more about the barber and how business has been.

Brandon Fireworks begins its 10th year in business and has now added a brick and mortar location. Find out more what's in store for this "bang up" business.

The Mighty Corson Art Players conducted its summer camp for young thespians last week and the Corson Playhouse regained its original piano. Find out more about both in this week's *Journal*.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*"!



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Ben in Portland Maine

Dear Ben,

Welcome to the world of owning a car with a timing belt. When we give purchase advice we will tell buyers to take the cost of regular timing belt service into account when they purchase a car. It's a Must-do item that if let go will eventually break and in the case of an interference engine "which most are" will destroy the engine or severely damage it at the very least and that can cost thousands to repair. The timing belt takes the place of the timing chain and it times the movement of the valves and pistons so that the valves are closed when the pistons get to the top. If the valves are open then they will collide and parts will break. Timing belts are typically in the range of \$400.00 to well over \$1000.00 to do the job on some cars.

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Dear Motor Medics,

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Mark in Bennington Vermont

Dear Mark,

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Brandon Area Briefs

Grab & go summer lunch program

Brandon Valley School District's 2021 summer lunch program has been approved for June and July. The format will be "grab & go" every Tuesday (five breakfasts/lunches) from June 1-July 27. Lunches may be picked up at the following locations and times: Brandon Elementary, pick up from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Valley Springs Elementary, pick up 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Corner of East Renee and North Cory Place, pick up at 11 to 11:45 a.m.; and Granite Valley Park (6101 N. Gold Nugget Ave., Sioux Falls), pick up from 12:15 to 1 p.m. On-site service will be available for EL Summer School and Boys & Girls Club summer programs.

Farmer's Market open weekly in Brandon

The Farmer's Market in Brandon is open for the season on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot at 515 N. Splitrock Blvd. The event features local vendors, food trucks and live music every Saturday through October.

June needs at the BAFP

June needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are brown sugar, mustard, single-packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, instant mashed potatoes, cake mix, frosting, Knorr Sides (rice and noodles), Suddenly Salad. Due to recent large-scale donations, the BAFP has no need for canned vegetables (i.e., peas, corn, carrots, all varieties of beans) and soups, both cream and other varieties. In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers. To make appointments for either 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 staging a food drive 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. **Breakfast on the Farm is June 19**
The Ode family once

again invites the public to the Royalwood Dairy for Breakfast on the Farm. The event is planned from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19 at 48176 266th St., rural Brandon. Breakfast on the Farm offers a multitude of activities, including singing with Phil Baker at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., pancakes with Chris Cakes, a combine bouncy house, the opportunity to pet baby calves and meet the milking cows. Parking is located east of the farm and shuttles will be running from the parking area to the dairy.

BVHA stages Summer Meltdown BBQ & Raffle

Brandon Valley Hockey Association is "skating" into summer with the first annual BVHA Summer Meltdown BBQ and Raffle starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at McHardy Park. The event will feature a BBQ "Smoke Off" competition, bounce houses, beer garden, concessions, hockey swaps and shop, music and more. The BBQ Smoke Off and the \$10,000 cash prize raffle winners will be announced

at 6 p.m. Entry fee for the BBQ competition is \$40 with 25 percent of entry fees collected for the Best in BBQ grand prize. BBQ smoker entrants will be provided with ribs. Competitors will need to provide their own grill or smoker, sauces/rubs, and table to serve the voting public from. Cooking may begin as soon as 8 a.m. at McHardy Park.

To learn more about the BBQ competition, contact Cody Clites at (605) 553-4465 or email cody-clites195@gmail.com.

Jesse James Days on tap in Garretson

Garretson's longtime summer celebration, Jesse James Days, is set for June 18-20. Events on Friday include a golf tournament, car show, scavenger hunt, bean bag

tournament and a movie in the park, "The Goonies." Saturday's lineup includes a pancake feed, road race, parade highlighted by a fly-over, inflatables and more. The celebration winds up Sunday with a community church service, fishing derby and free kayak rentals.

To learn more, go to VisitGarretsonSD.com/jesse-jamesdays

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