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One of the unfortunate stories you'll read in this week's *Brandon Valley Journal* is the fire at First National Bank Stadium. Despite the setback, the Brandon Valley Baseball Association is determined to bring the grandstand and press box back to its glory, and make it even better.

We're also putting the spotlight on the new Burkman Valley Elementary School. Editor Jill Meier brings you inside and outside the new school that's just weeks away from welcoming its very first students.

And speaking of construction, yet another new housing development is on the horizon. Find out where the next rooftops will be going up and who's behind building another neighborhood.

Curious which drink rose to the top of this year's Brandon Beverage Battle? We know, and we're going to tell you.

Volunteers at Brandon Lutheran gathered four different days in recent weeks to keep a longtime tradition going at the church: Lefse. We've got the details on this Norwegian delicacy and what keeps them rolling out the potato patties.

The Valley Dogs punched their ticket to the State Amateur Class B tournament. We'll have a recap on how the first-year team fared in the post-season. Plus, two Brandon-based youth baseball and softball teams rose to the top of their respective leagues, and we're celebrating their success.

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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Carry in Hills Minnesota

Dear Carry,

NO! That's the best way we can answer that last question. Never use an additive in a way not directed by the manufacturer of said product or you risk permanent damage. Additives have their place and if used as directed sometimes can fix a problem and save you a ton of money, but they are also some of the most abused products out there. With your extended oil changes, you probably clogged up some oil passages and using the cleaner helped restore them. Most of those cleaners are meant to be installed, then the engine oil changed within a few minutes of running. If that works then you may be able to repeat every 1000k miles for a few months and you may save the engine.

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Hey, what gives with the low tire pressure monitors? I am so sick of these things. It seems like every vehicle I drive has a low tire light on and even when I add the correct amount of air the light still stays on. How do these things work and how can I shut the light off permanently so that I don't have to worry about it.

Derik in Osage Beach Missouri

Dear Derik,

Yikes! It's never any fun having a light come on and taunt you like that. Check Engine lights, ABS lights and Low Tire lights are some of the most annoying things on a car, but they are all there for a reason. They are either trying to save your life or the car's life. In the case of a low tire light, it is the former. Low tire warning systems were made mandatory by the government for safety a while back due to so many accidents caused by tire failure from under inflation. The system uses pressure sensors mounted in the tire usually on the valve stem and they contain batteries and a transmitter to relay the pressure and tire temp to the vehicles computer where it determines if it is a safe pressure and either illuminates the warning lamp or not. The system can't be bypassed, and it would not be legal to do so. Get it diagnosed. Most shops can repair them at a reasonable price.

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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.

Brandon Pool closing for season this Sunday

The Brandon Community Pool will close for the season on Sunday, Aug. 16.

Until then, daily open swim is from 1-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:50 p.m.

To learn more, call City Hall at (605) 582-6515 or email parksandrec@cityofbrandon.org. The phone number for the pool is (605) 582-7555.

Tickets on sale for Brandon Area Prayer Breakfast

Tickets for the 18th annual Brandon Area Prayer Breakfast are now on sale. The event begins at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21 at Brandon Valley High School.

A light breakfast will be served in the Commons, and the program begins at 7 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Guest speakers this year are Isaiah Neve, Ketty Paula and Kirk Strand.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$100 for event sponsor. To be a table sponsor, contact Paul VanDeBerg, (605) 413-9892, Laura Kuehl, (605) 360-9446, Nik Aamlid, (605) 780-9735 or Carla Gross, (605) 359-6430.

Lynx Power Day at BVHS is Aug. 19

Brandon Valley High School students are encouraged to take part in Lynx Power Day on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Students will receive their laptops, library passes, school IDs, library cards, purchase activity passes, have their school photo taken and more. The event is from noon to 5 p.m. and each grade is assigned a designated time: Noon-1 p.m. all seniors; 1-1:40 juniors A-K, 1:40-2:20 juniors L-Z; 2:20-3 p.m. sophomores A-K, 3-3:40 p.m. sophomores L-Z; 3:40-4:20 p.m. freshmen A-K, 4:20-5 p.m. freshmen L-Z.

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49. Wide-mouthed jug
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60. Fourth of July, for example
61. Theologies

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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19. White sounds
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25. Bay of Fundy
- attractions
26. Stomping place?
27. Daisy variety
28. Celluloids
29. Mockeries
30. Place to get down from

31. Bridge positions
33. Deep chasm
34. "Men in Black" menace
36. Sometimes it's hidden
37. Mr. Toscanini
42. Gave a wolfish look
43. Treeless plain
44. Symbol over a vowel
45. It might be broken during aerobics

46. Scholar of Islamic law
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