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 Brandon Area Briefs

Chamber ribbon cutting at 212° this Friday
A Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting is set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at 212° The Boiling Point, 328 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon. The community is invited to attend.

Coffee with the Council on Saturday
Join two members of the Brandon City Council at Kingbird Coffee, 509 N. Spolitrock Blvd., from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

BVSD Early Childhood Developmental Screening
Brandon Valley School District will host its annual Early Childhood Development Screening from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at Brandon Elementary. Screenings are free for all children from birth to age 5 who live in the Brandon Valley School District. The South Dakota School for the Deaf will provide hearing screenings at this same time. To schedule an appointment, call (605) 582-3446 or visit brandonvalley.k12.us/special-services/

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are canned chicken, pizza sauce and crust, mustard and ketchup, pancake mix and syrup, cake/brownie mix, peanut butter, pudding snack packs, shampoo, body wash, bar soap and laundry detergent. To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may be dropped off at the BBAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.

BBQ fundraiser at VS Legion
The final BBQ fundraiser at the Valley Springs American Legion is Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Legion Hall. Serving is from 5-7 p.m. and a freewill offering will be taken.

Ladies Night Out Quarter Auction is Friday Night
Gather up your gal pals for a night of fun at the first ever Ladies Night Out Quarter Auc-

tion on Friday, Sept. 12 at Tailgators. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the auction fun begins at 6 p.m. The event is an endeavor of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. To learn more, visit brandonvalleychamber.com or call (605) 582-7400.

S.D. Beard Clash returns to Bottom's Up
The 10th annual South Dakota Beard Clash returns to Bottom's Up in Corson on Saturday, Sept. 13. Registration is from noon-2 p.m. and the competition begins at 2 p.m. Early bird registration is \$25 per competitor entry or \$30 after Sept. 1. Categories include: Full Beard under 4 inches (Business Class); Full beard 4-8 inches; Full Beard 8-12 inches; Full Beard 12-inches plus; Full beard styled 'stache; Goatee; Chops; Whaler; Mustache Natural; Mustache Styled; Mustache horseshoe; Craft beard realistic; Craft beard creative; Freestyle; Kids' Class – Build a Beard. Proceeds will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace – SD, Sioux Falls. Spectators are welcome and will cheer for the winning entries. To learn more, visit Facebook.com/FallsFacialHairFoundation or email fallsfacialhair@gmail.com.

Double D Saloon street dance is Sept. 13
It's time to dance on the street starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Double D Saloon, 325 S. Main Ave., Brandon. Music is by Lunatics Anonymous. There is a \$10 gate fee, food truck and outdoor cash bar. Must be 21 years of age and older. The street dance will also benefit the Brandon Valley Optimist Club.

Military History program begins 12th season Sept. 21
The 12th season of the Military History program begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. The topic and presenter are yet to be announced. The program, held at the Valley Springs American Legion Hall, is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Thank you, Darren in Lemmon SD.

Dear Darren,

Driving the truck primarily on the highway and assuming it's in perfect tune, you are not carrying extra weight, and you are using e85 ethanol fuel, it should be about right. With 70,000 miles on the truck, even though they claim it has been well taken care of it likely has not had much work done in the way of tuning. It's two years old, it just doesn't happen much. Without a fuel system cleaning you can lose a couple mpg and using e85 will take much more. Being flex fuel you can use a blend. If available, try 30% and check the mileage. That percentage has resulted in an increase for many of our customers with flex fuel vehicles over e85 or nothing.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I'm thinking of buying a Saturn Vue. It's got some miles but is a very nice vehicle. There's only one thing that's keeping me from it and that's because they're no longer in business. This holds true for other companies as well, but they were bigger. If I buy this thing and I need to have it worked on, will they be able to find parts for it? It's a great deal but not if I must park it because I can't fix it. What do you guys think?

Thank you, Todd in Yankton, SD.

Dear Todd,

Yes Saturn is gone but this vehicle shares many of the common drivetrain parts with other vehicles and the aftermarket makes many commonly used parts for popular vehicles, so you don't have to rely solely on the manufacturer. For most unique parts like body and interior that are still available you would purchase them through a GM store. Many companies that are still in business today have discontinued less popular parts to save money and they can be tricky to find. Popularity commonly drives what is available. We have found ourselves looking for parts on a three-year-old vehicle that is out of warranty and at times just could not come up with a new part. In most cases we were able to find a good used part as an option and get the customer going and save them some money as well.

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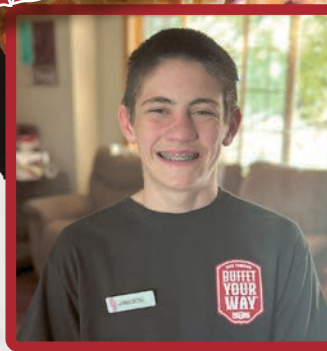
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A longtime Brandon business is closing its doors next month as owners prepare for their next chapter, retirement.

Brandon City Council approved nearly a \$45 million budget for 2026. Find out more about what the budget is planned to accomplish next year.

A Brandon neighborhood showed up at City Hall last week asking for the Council to reconsider removing trees from a drainage way.

The Lynx athletic teams were all in action last week, and the *Journal* brings you all the details from football, volleyball, boys and girls soccer, cross country, boys' golf, girls' tennis, cheer and dance and more.

A Brandon 11-year-old's run to be named *Sports Illustrated's* Athlete of the Year came to a close on Thursday. Find out what makes this BV Lynx sixth-grader a contender for the honor.

And of course, we've got photos from a full day of Pigskin Classic fun.

And there's a whole lot more. 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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10. Ungentlemanly chaps
14. Kind of eagle?
15. Black, to Blake
16. Gulf bordered by Somalia
17. Old saw
18. Entertainer turned politician
20. Pie topping
22. With an ____ the ground
23. Comedian DeLuise
24. Swiped a bar code
26. Athlete turned politician
31. Out-and-out
32. Audible votes
33. Status symbol, to some
36. Driving hazard
37. Fake knockouts
39. Stadium seating division
40. Certain shoe attachment
41. Poet Teasdale
42. Intuition
43. Actor turned politician
46. Like rain, but not wind
49. It may be down in the dumps
50. Intermission ender, maybe
51. Federal Reserve, e.g.?
56. Astronaut turned politician
59. Acquiesce
60. Cosmetic additive
61. Hockey's Lindros
62. "Crazy" singer
63. Memorable first
64. Scout recitation
65. "The Eve of St. Agnes" poet

Down

1. Sound of an angry exit
2. Yield, as property
3. Culture medium
4. Gospel's gift givers
5. Willow
6. Applicant's offering
7. Mitch Miller's instrument
8. Trinity member
9. Raggedy doll
10. Beach structure
11. Bejewel
12. Al ____ (pasta order)
13. Hairnet
19. Sentence units, often
21. Web address ending, perhaps
24. Eyelid woe
25. Sticks on the table
26. Fair-minded

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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27. Highest European volcano
28. Desist
29. Ply a needle
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