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Big Sioux Review is Saturday
The Brandon Valley Band Parents and the Marching Lynx will host the Big Sioux Review from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at the BVHS Stadium.

Stop by the Alpaca Farm this weekend
In celebration of National Alpaca Farm Days, the Red Truck Alpaca Farm, 26220 S. McHardy Road, Brandon, invites the public to visit the farm Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Sunday, noon-5pm. Meet and learn about raising alpacas, shop the alpaca store and enjoy family-friendly activities, like a bounce house. To learn more, visit redtruckalpaca.com.

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 BAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.
Ed Polzine raffle drawing, pulled pork supper is Oct. 9
The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed Fund will serve up a

pulled pork supper from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Brandon VFW. A freewill offering will be taken.
At 7 p.m., drawing for the “30 Guns in 30 Minutes” raffle will begin. Tickets (only 300) are \$100 each and may be purchased at the *Brandon Valley Journal*, Brandon VFW or from committee members.
Rake the Town on tap for Oct. 25
Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is once again leading the charge to “Rake the Town” on Friday, Oct. 25. Individuals, businesses and organizations that wish to volunteer should register online, <https://forms.gle/XrubDhMo9gRysa5CA>. Raking begins at 8 a.m. and continues through 5 p.m. Volunteers may take part for a few hours or the entire day.
Elderly and disabled residents in need of having their yard raked should email admin@brandonvalleychamber.com or call (605) 582-7400 to register. Donations of bottled water or pre-packaged snacks for the volunteers are also welcomed.

Ed Polzine seeks donations of wild game, fish
The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed Fund is accepting donations of wild game (deer, elk, pheasants, moose, etc.) and fish (preferably walleye) for the 40th annual Wild Game Feed on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026.
To donate, contact Harry Buck (605-366-0221), Stan Schoeneman (605-366-7842) or Jill Meier (605-321-8423).
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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,
I have a 2017 Chevy Cruise, and I've put over 190k miles on the car. During that time, I've had to replace three Turbo Chargers. One was under warranty and the other two I paid regular price for. After looking across the internet I have found many people who have had to replace them. Are these turbos no good or do I need to do other things with the car to make them last? I change the oil every 6k miles regularly.

Johnathan in Rochester MN.

Dear Johnathan,
Well, Three Turbos in 190k miles is not unheard of. We've seen cars with 200k with one turbo but not too many in our own shop. We do tend to see many more with early failures when the car is either driven hard such as on a long drive then shut off right away, so the turbo does not have time to cool down and when the oil is not changed often enough. 6k miles is a long time on one of these cars. We recommend around 4k miles to our customers, and they seem to have better luck. Small engines with high horsepower generate a lot of heat and the engine oil is the lifeblood of the engine. When the oil starts to break down it no longer protects itself and will start to burn on the turbo bearings. On another note, we don't see many of these engines last over 200k miles.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
I'm on my second rear wiring harness and side obstacle detection sensors on my 2016 Chevrolet Impala. The first set went out when the car was only three days out of warranty, but I only had 22k miles on the car. I really thought that was low mileage for something like this to fail. It cost me almost \$1500.00 to repair it. They told me both sensors in the rear bumper area had water and salt in them and that it damaged the sensor and the harness, so they had to replace them both. The second set only lasted another 10k miles and two years. Is there any way I can just have the system shut off, so I don't get the warning light, and why are they so cheap?

Mary Anne in Joplin MO.

Dear Mary Anne,
We work on these often in our shop. The Impala has two sensors located on the rear bumper cover and they have a weather resistant connector facing forward. Not a weatherproof connector. If we had designed it, we would have faced the connector towards the rear because the rear tires throw dirt and water directly into the connector causing the failure. The back side is usually almost clean. It is not a very good design in our opinion. As for shutting it off, it can't be done, not legally anyways. It is a factory safety system and disabling by a shop is not allowed.

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Angela Kennecke, founder of Emily's Hope, talked to students at Brandon Valley High School on Friday, and Tom A. Savage brings you a report from the thought-provoking event.

And as we always do, we have recaps from all of the Lynx athletic teams in action last week and the Marching Lynx, who competed Saturday at the Pursuit of Excellence in Marshall, Minn. Plus, we've got a preview report on Saturday's Big Sioux Review, BV's home marching band competition.

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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What is your favorite school lunch?
 Salad Bar

Why do you love teaching?
 I love teaching because it gives me the chance to make a difference in children's lives every day. I enjoy creating a learning environment where children can think independently, problem solve together, and discover something new each day. Watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and build a love of learning is truly rewarding.

How long have you been with the district?
 12 years in BVSD

What's your favorite past time?
 My favorite pastime is spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy doing creative projects such as cooking, decorating our home, and party planning, as well as taking classes to learn new things like making candles, balloon arches, and floral arranging. I also love to travel and explore new places—my husband and I especially enjoy taking road trips for our vacations!

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
 Some of my favorite memories in school were being part of the Marching Lynx + concert band at Brandon Valley, learning painting and calligraphy with Mrs. Jackson in art class, and taking calculus with Mr. Stensaas!

STUDENT of the Week

Kendal Knetsch (FAE 4th Grade) exhibits the Lynx Way every day by being a kind and caring friend to her classmates. She is responsible, always turning in her work on time and doing it with great effort and quality. Kendal shows respect to teachers, staff, and peers by listening carefully, following expectations, and using excellent manners. She is a fantastic role model who consistently makes safe choices for herself and those around her. All of these qualities make Kendal a true Lynx Leader and an active learner at Fred Assam Elementary! Go Lynx! - Mrs. Becky Munsch

What is your favorite school lunch?
 The school pepperoni pizza

What grade are you in?
 4th Grade with Mrs. Munsch

What is your favorite subject?
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23. Paper contents
25. Baseball’s Steve
26. Sophisticated
29. Fusillade
31. Surfacing gunk
32. Silenced
37. Turkish dignitaries
40. “Is that so!”
41. Hold another hearing
42. Silenced
45. Fabulize
46. Buttinsky
47. They don’t compare with oranges
50. Kostof and Agnew
53. Prepare the paint
54. Yuletide song
55. Conciliatory offering
57. Tropical lizard
61. Silenced
64. Take the bait
65. Lollygags
66. Natural emollient
67. Served up a winner
68. Elbow counterparts
69. Deflects from a course
- Down
1. It can be checked
2. Not in favor of
3. Cozenage
4. Capital of Montana
5. Radio plugs
6. Valentine favorite
7. Insider dirt
8. Before long
9. Slip or trip, e.g.

10. Print below the text
11. Month of showers
12. Walk like a crab
13. Easily irritated
18. The yoke’s on them
19. Written exemption
24. Allowing alcohol
25. Kind of shot
26. Colorado natives
27. Incline
28. Camembert relative
29. Dirty look
30. Grows wiser, e.g.
33. Eye cheesecake, e.g.
34. “ ___ have to do”
35. Canal of song
36. Isn’t a natural blonde
38. Looked into again, as a criminal case
39. Move down a Web site page
43. How-do-you-dos
44. Took a load off
48. Some intelligent animals
49. Square-up ahead of
- time
50. Diving gear
51. Hysterical mood
52. At pique’s peak?
53. Shopping frenzy
55. Oliver’s Laurel
56. Sludge
58. Popular soft drink
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62. It’s game
63. Man of Steel monogram

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2. A \$25 certificate will be given to the contestant picking the most games correct each week and a \$10 certificate to the runner up. In case of a tie, the contestant closest to the total points scored for the tie-breaker game (Game #1) will be declared the winner.
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4. Decisions of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of the Brandon Valley Trader/Journal.
5. All entrants must use the official blank listed on this page. Your winning selections must coordinate with the game number located in each advertisement. Just circle the winning team, drop it off at our office by 5pm Friday or have your entry postmarked by Friday of the same week of the ad.
6. The 11-week contest is from Sept. 9 thru Nov. 18, 2025.
7. Any questions? Please call (605)582-9999

The logo for Performance Press features a stylized 'P' icon on the left, composed of black and white geometric shapes. To its right, the word 'PERFORMANCE' is written in white, uppercase letters on a red rectangular background. Below this, the word 'PRESS' is written in large, bold, black, uppercase letters. Underneath the logo, the tagline 'SMALL TOWN PRINTER. BIG CITY EXPERTISE.' is displayed in a smaller, black, uppercase font. Below the tagline are three circular social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. At the bottom, the contact information 'BRANDON, SD • (605) 582 7070' and the website 'WWW.PERFORMANCEPRESSINC.COM' are listed in a black, uppercase font.

An advertisement for 'Born Again Spaces'. At the top, the text 'BORN AGAIN' is in red and 'SPACES' is in blue, both in a bold, sans-serif font. On either side of the word 'SPACES' is a black and white checkered racing flag. Below this, a black banner with a white border contains the text 'HIGH PERFORMANCE FLOORS' in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. The central image is a cartoon illustration of a man with grey hair, wearing a red vest over a white shirt and blue jeans. He is holding a grey bucket in his left hand and pouring a pile of grey gravel or small stones onto the floor with his right hand. He is standing in a room with blue walls and a white door in the background. There are three small, dark, bottle-like objects on a shelf above the door. Below the illustration, there is a thick red horizontal line. Underneath the line, the name 'SCOTT TRIPP' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the name, the phone number '605-759-7941' is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the email address 'scott@bornagainspaces.com' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A second thick red horizontal line is at the very bottom of the advertisement.

A graphic for 'Halloween Yard of the Month'. The top section has a background of pumpkins and orange and black stripes. The word 'HALLOWEEN' is in orange with black outlines and dripping paint effects. 'YARD' is in white with black outlines. Below this, 'of the' is in black script and 'Month' is in large orange letters. The bottom section is white with black text: 'For photo submissions email: brandonyardofthemonth@gmail.com or bring your photo into any of the participating sponsors! THIS MONTH'S DEADLINE IS OCT. 24TH.'

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