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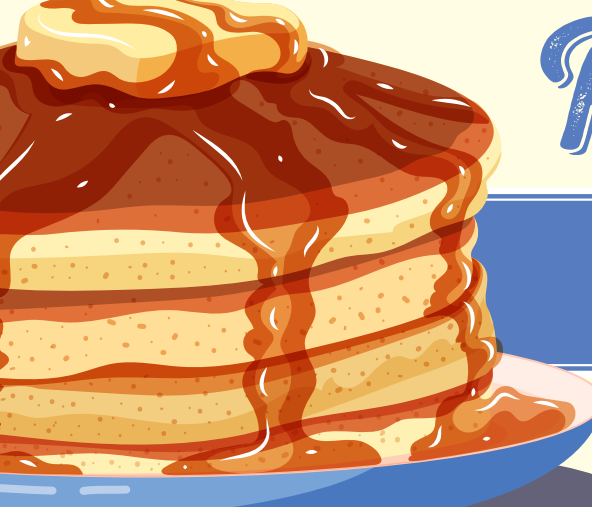
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Brandon Area Briefs

Model train exhibit coming to Brandon Library

Model trains will be chugging their way into the Brandon Community Library from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. The exhibit will have interactive features for children to try. No registration is required.

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.

City to sell surplus property via online auction

The city of Brandon of “cleaning out the closets”, so to speak, and will be selling surplus property via an online auction service, Purple Wave Auction (purplewave.com) on Tuesday, Oct. 14. All equipment will be sold as is.

To review the list of auction items, call (582-6515) or stop by City Hall, 304 S. Main Ave. or visit purplewave.com.

ReChurch organizes Oct. 19 ‘coat swap’

ReChurch, 113 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, is organizing their first Spread the Warmth Winter Coat Swap from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at the church.

At this event, coats, snow pants, hats and gloves may be swapped. Gear will also be

available for those who have nothing to swap.

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. 24. Individuals, businesses and organizations that wish to volunteer should register online, <https://forms.gle/Xrub-DhMo9gRysa5CA>. 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).

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday

It’s time to fall back! That’s right, we’ll gain an extra hour of sleep as we turn the clocks back one hour Saturday evening, Nov. 1.

This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Join a committee of the BV Chamber of Commerce

There are several committees for Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce members to join.

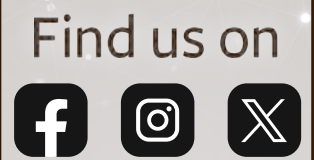
The monthly committee meeting begins with the marketing committee, which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. Special events meets the second Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m., and the career development committee meets at 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The member relations committee meets at 8 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, and issues management meets at 8 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

All meetings are held at the BVACC office at 306B S. Splitrock Blvd. (southside of Splitrock Square).

To learn more about the Chamber, to become a member or join a committee, call (605) 582-7400.

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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I’ve got button envy. I bought a 2010 Prius when it was new and I loved, well, still love my car but just not like I did after seeing a 2016 Prius. I bought my car because it was cool, lots of gadgets like a backup camera, HID headlights and a fancy radio and displays that I didn’t even know what the info on them meant. Now there are even more gadgets. When will it end and are these new features a safe gamble to buy with a new car or do you think they will just cause more things to break down and cost me money?

Tom in Spirit Lake Iowa.

Dear Tom,

We love those buttons too! The more the better for us but that’s not everyone’s opinion. The Prius is one that has been on the leading edge of new tech for many years and each year they add a bit more. The base car hasn’t changed much. The hybrid drive is still basically the same, but the creature comforts have come a long way. New tech design is strong these days and we don’t worry much about it failing more than long-term tested devices. We all must have the newest cell phone, and they change every few months and their failure rate isn’t off the charts. New tech seems to be the trend. We want it faster and we want it now. Enjoy the ride!

Take care, the Motor Medics

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Mark in Wyandot Michigan.

Dear Mark,

We have several of our listeners in this position. They went with a luxury car that was ten years old instead of a standard car that’s just a couple years old with a factory warranty. When you buy an older car the added miles and time take their toll, and you are bound to have more problems. To protect yourself as best as you can we strongly suggest you do at least two things in addition to the test drive. These two things are a title history check to find out if there are damage brands reported and a mechanical inspection done by a professional mechanic. These aren’t foolproof but do catch a lot of faults.

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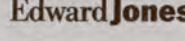
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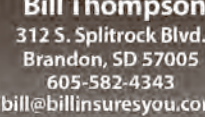
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With the hum of combines now being heard throughout the rural landscape, the fall harvest is fully underway. Tom A. Savage takes a look at this summer's ideal growing conditions that's responsible for reports of higher-than-usual bushels per acre, and the impact of tariffs.

In special session last week, the South Dakota Legislature approved the

plan to build a new \$650 million prison at new location in Sioux Falls. The *Journal* touched base with District 2 legislators on their thoughts behind their votes.

As the calendar turns to October, one notable week – National Fire Prevention Week – starts off the month. Learn more about the Brandon Fire Department that's staffed by volunteers.

A man named Brandon Huey rolled into town on Thursday in his quest to visit every community with the name of "Brandon," and editor Jill Meier just happened to meet up with him. Find out more what led him to his "A Town Named Brandon" tour.

The curtain is about to go up on the Mighty Corson Art Players' fall show, "*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.*" We've got the behind-the-scenes story about this famed show.

And of course, we've got reports from all of our Brandon Valley Lynx athletic teams in action last week and photos from Saturday evening's Big Sioux Review.

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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TEACHER of the Week



Mrs. Karen Kluin is the RBE Reading Specialist. She is found behind the scenes helping students. She is a wealth of knowledge on how students learn to read, and is always willing to share her gifts with teachers and families. Mrs. Kluin has served the students of the Brandon Community for many decades. She is a treasure that we are very fortunate to have as part of our team. - Principal Kristin Hofkamp

What is your favorite school lunch?

My favorite school lunch is grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup! It always hits the spot and makes the most wonderful comfort food!

Why do you love teaching?

I love teaching for so many reasons! I love teaching because it's rewarding, creative, inspiring, challenging, unpredictable, innovative, gratifying, engaging, motivating, and continuous learning all the time! I love watching my students learn and grow into successful readers! I love the friendships, camaraderie, and collaboration between fellow colleagues and teachers. I love the new beginning at the start of each school year and the promise and potential it holds for the upcoming year and all my students! I love being a small part of something much bigger and greater...that's the BV School District!

How long have you been with the district?

I am beginning my 35th year with the BV School District, but my 34th year of teaching. I took a one-year leave of absence in 2001 when I had my 2nd daughter Elisabeth. The years have flown so quickly. It seems like just yesterday I was beginning my first year teaching Kindergarten at Valley Springs Elementary!

What's your favorite past time?

I have many favorite past times, so it's difficult to name just one! I love to read, garden, ride bike, travel, collect books, walk or hike state parks, play piano, make floral arrangements to give away, make crafts in my studio, and spend time with both daughters and friends going to visit a flower farm or shopping at a Farmer's Market!

What was your favorite subject in school and why?

My favorite subject in elementary school was always reading and spelling. I loved participating in spelling contests and I loved listening to stories. I couldn't wait for the Bookmobile to visit our school. I thought the Bookmobile was fabulous and was like a magical little world when you stepped inside! All those books and stories to choose from! I knew it was going to be a great day if the Bookmobile was parked outside our school! When I was in high school my favorite subject was band and choir. I enjoyed learning how to play various musical instruments. I played trumpet in jazz and marching band and french horn in concert band. I loved performing in our school concerts, at jazz band contests, and marching in the Gypsy Day Parade every year!

STUDENT of the Week



Elliott Ditlevson is Student of the Week for RBE. Elliott embodies what it means to be a Lynx. He always goes out of his way to help others. He can be found holding the door open in the mornings, and walking younger students to their classrooms. He is respectful to all staff and students and is a positive light at RBE. - Principal Kristin Hofkamp

What is your favorite school lunch?

Street Tacos

What grade are you in?

4th Grade

What is your favorite subject?

Reading

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?

To be respectful and kind and care for others.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

MBA player or Engineer



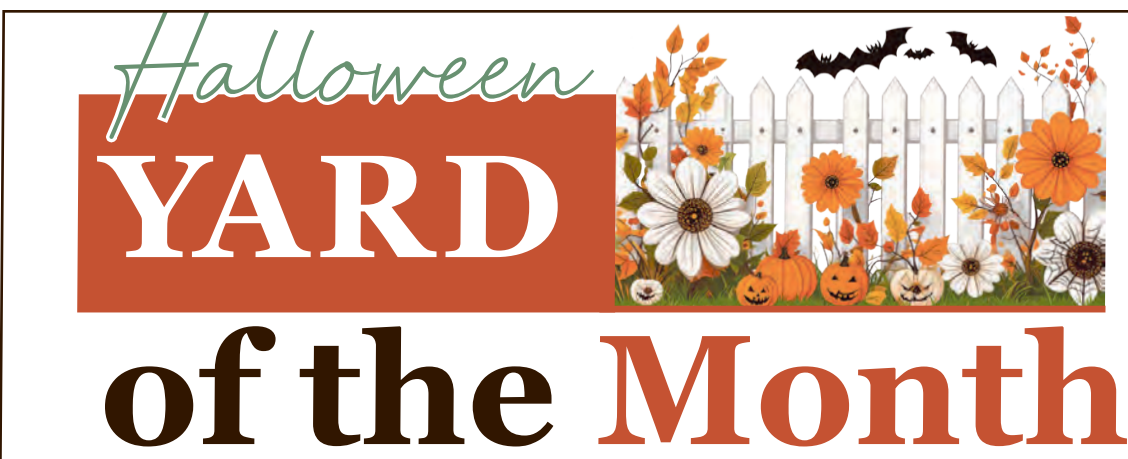
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39. "Drat!"

42. Clod-breaker

43. Enlivens (with "up")

45. Miss or lass

46. Former First Family of Egypt

48. Emulated a dog's tail

51. Western lilies

52. Tree knot

54. Label anew

56. Mobster's bodyguard, perhaps
59. Some Easter supplies

62. Beatle on a stool

63. Unwelcome word at a china shop?

64. Advantage

65. Fencing blades

66. In ___ of (replacing)

67. Hindu discipline

68. Name in politics

69. Threat ender

70. Motivators of the megeneration

Down

1. Bitsy beginning

2. Lorre role

3. Like a drain with no drain
4. Some may get cheaper fares

5. Get into hot water?

6. Word with welcome or all

7. What a catcher puts down

8. Dateless party

9. Coffee-flavored liqueur

10. Some orchestra members

11. Typeface imitative of handwriting

12. Much of Chile
13. Within reach

22. They have sought after holes

24. Honey drink

26. Like some decisions

27. Shakespearean option

29. Quarter back?

30. Back, once you go to

32. Kind of switch

35. Story with an absurd punch line

36. Oz visitor

37. Congressional meeting (Abbr.)
40. Stand-up delivery

41. It may be due

44. Cocky walk

47. Crack shot

49. Large merchant ship

50. They're found on rods

52. Beef

53. Frisco pro

55. Come as a consequence

56. "Star ___"

57. Function

58. Work hard

60. Waffles brand

61. Salty septet

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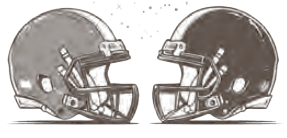
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