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Brandon Area Briefs

Turkey Supper & Indoor Marching Show is Thursday

The tradition continues! Great food, great music, and a great tradition come together as the Brandon Valley Band Parents present the 62nd Annual, Turkey Supper & Indoor Marching Show. All proceeds from this annual fundraiser benefit the Brandon Valley band program.

This year's Turkey Supper and Indoor Marching Show is Thursday, Nov. 5. Supper will be served from 4-8 p.m. in the BVHS Commons. The Marching Lynx, with special guests from the eighth-grade band, will perform in the BVHS Activity Center for only one show at 7 p.m.

Turkey and pork will be the main entrees, with potatoes and vegetables on the side. Prices for the Turkey Supper & Indoor Marching Band Show tickets are $20 for adults (18 and over), $15 for students and children (ages 3-19), and kids under 2 are free.

Brandon Senior Citizens

The Brandon Senior Citizens meet at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the VFW for Bingo, cards socializing and coffee. All seniors are welcome.

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Thank you, Lamont in Okoboji Iowa

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Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
Our two kids have just started to drive and we're a little worried. We took your advice about finding a used car and having it inspected before we purchased it and were able to negotiate repairs for some safety issues on one of them before we took possession, so we are ok with the cars. What we are worried about is that in addition to the car we supplied our children with new cell phones. We have lectured on the dangers of texting and driving more than once but with the large number of messages sent daily from their phones the temptation is too great. We have seen them texting as they drive away and pull in so we know it is happening. We don't want to take away the phones because we feel much safer when we can contact them, but we cannot allow them to use the phones while driving. Do you have any suggestions?

Thank you, Gene in Henderson Texas.

Dear Gene,
There is a device available that will disable the phone when their vehicles are in motion. It will shut off all functions like text, email, and calls but allow 911 to be dialed in an emergency. The device is simple to install at home and if disabled, it will send you an email alerting you of the disconnection even if it is reconnected. The device is called Cell Control, internet search for it.

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We'll also have a report from Monday's Brandon City Council meeting and recognize a 40-year employee of the city.

With Veterans Day coming up next week, the *Journal* puts the spotlight on a young veteran who continues to serve his community under a different title, and we'll fill you in on the Veterans Day programs that are planned for next week.

Brandon Valley's fall sports are down to football and volleyball. The Lynx football team opened the post-season playoffs with a dominating victory over Sioux Falls Roosevelt in the quarterfinals, and BV's volleyball team "popped" the Mitchell Kernels in three straight sets. We'll also have a number of ESD and Metro all-conference teams to announce.

And of course, there's always more on the pages of your hometown news source, the *Brandon Valley Journal*.

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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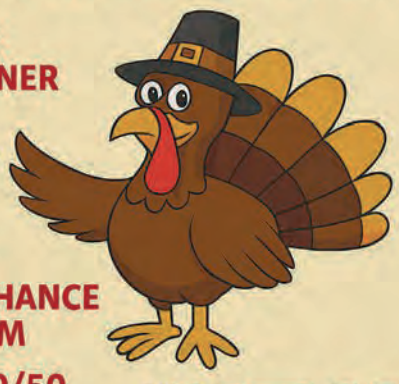
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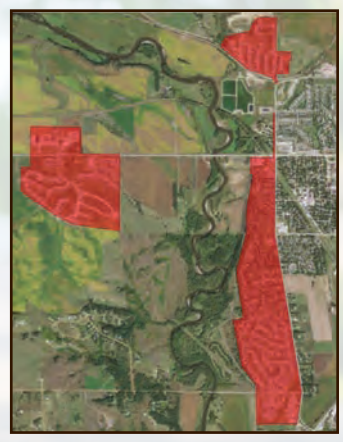
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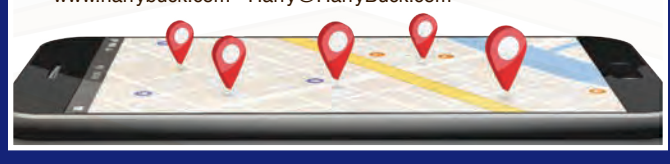
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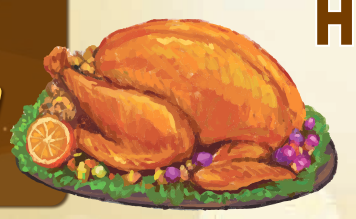
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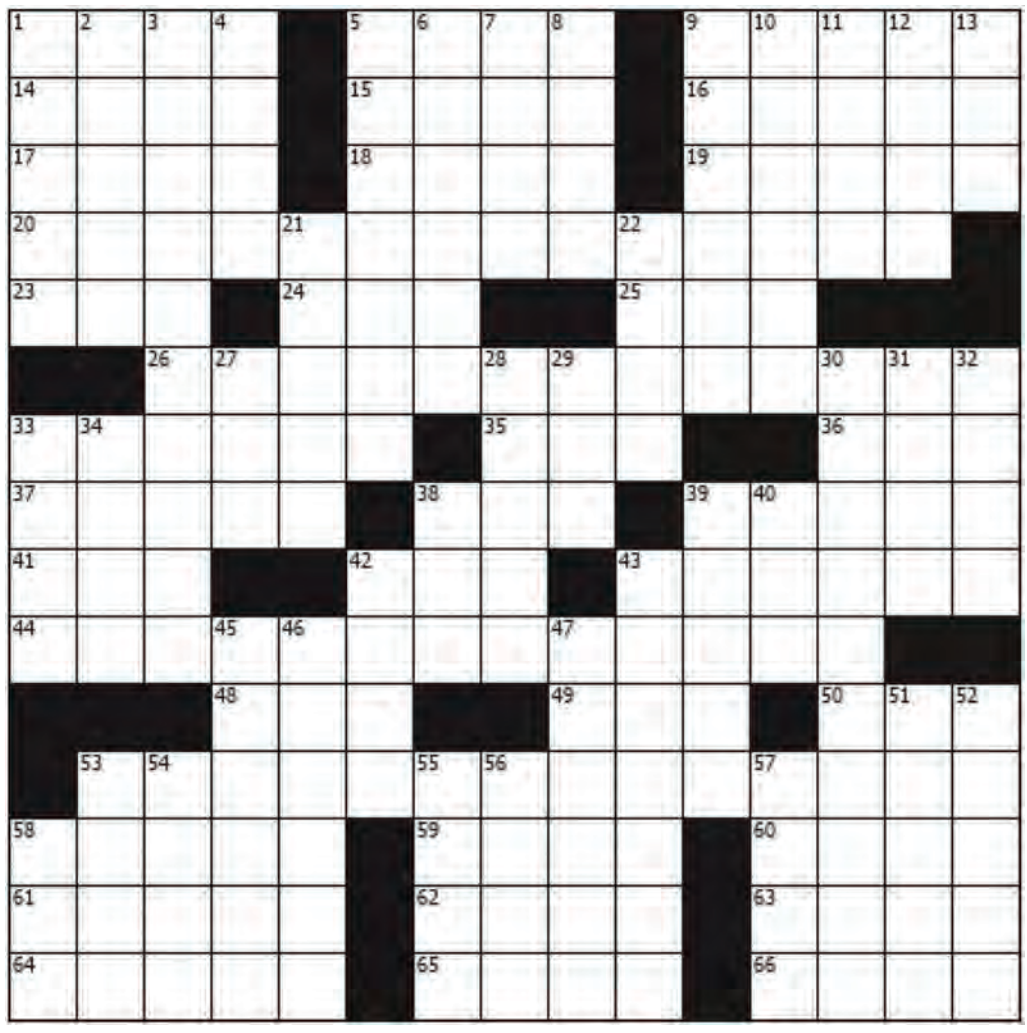
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7	8			3		4	5	
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Across

1. Book ID
5. Grocers stock them
9. Sideshow attractions
14. Fishing device
15. Alice's guest, in song
16. "The ___ near"
17. Huge name in films
18. Writer Hubbard
19. Site of a 16th C. council
20. Shortly, become a success?
23. Bao ___ (former Viet emperor)
24. Strike sticking point
25. Summer Games org.
26. Short New Testament event?
33. Maria of the Met
35. Kind of moron?
36. Murmur romantically
37. Bring shame to
38. That, in Tijuana
39. Severe
41. Murray Schisgal play
42. St. Martin, e.g.
43. Research site, Los ___
44. Prepare for an abbreviated attack?
48. Clumsy clod
49. Chicago-D.C. dir.
50. Japanese computer giant
53. Abbreviated John Denver hit
58. Word with code or colony
59. Five-time Wimbledon champ, 1976-80
60. Med or rad add-on
61. Pernod flavoring
62. Deity of Nefertiti
63. Carpenter's groove
64. Brief but meaningful
65. Lays down the lawn
66. Choice word

Down

1. Homeric epic
2. Diploma word, sometimes
3. Slovakia's capital
4. Following
5. Fragrant ointments
6. Southwestern gulch
7. Purloin
8. Sound unit
9. Go on a winning streak
10. Add to
11. Heaven on earth
12. Word with crab or cobra
13. Atl. crosser
21. First name in talk
22. Like Tim Cratchit
27. Trains over the st.
28. "Hey, long time ___"
29. Tic-tac-toe line
30. Universal
31. Marquand's Mr.
32. Sock parts
33. Serene
34. Border on
38. Seasonal aide
39. Sci-fi staple
40. Cleveland cager, for short
42. Up in the air
43. Gives out
45. What some drivers carry
46. "Annie Get Your Gun"heroine
47. Closed in on
51. "Holy smokes!"
52. Actress Sevigny
53. Italian painter Guido
54. "Put a lid ___!"
55. Many Wall St. types
56. Baum barker
57. Sweep under the rug
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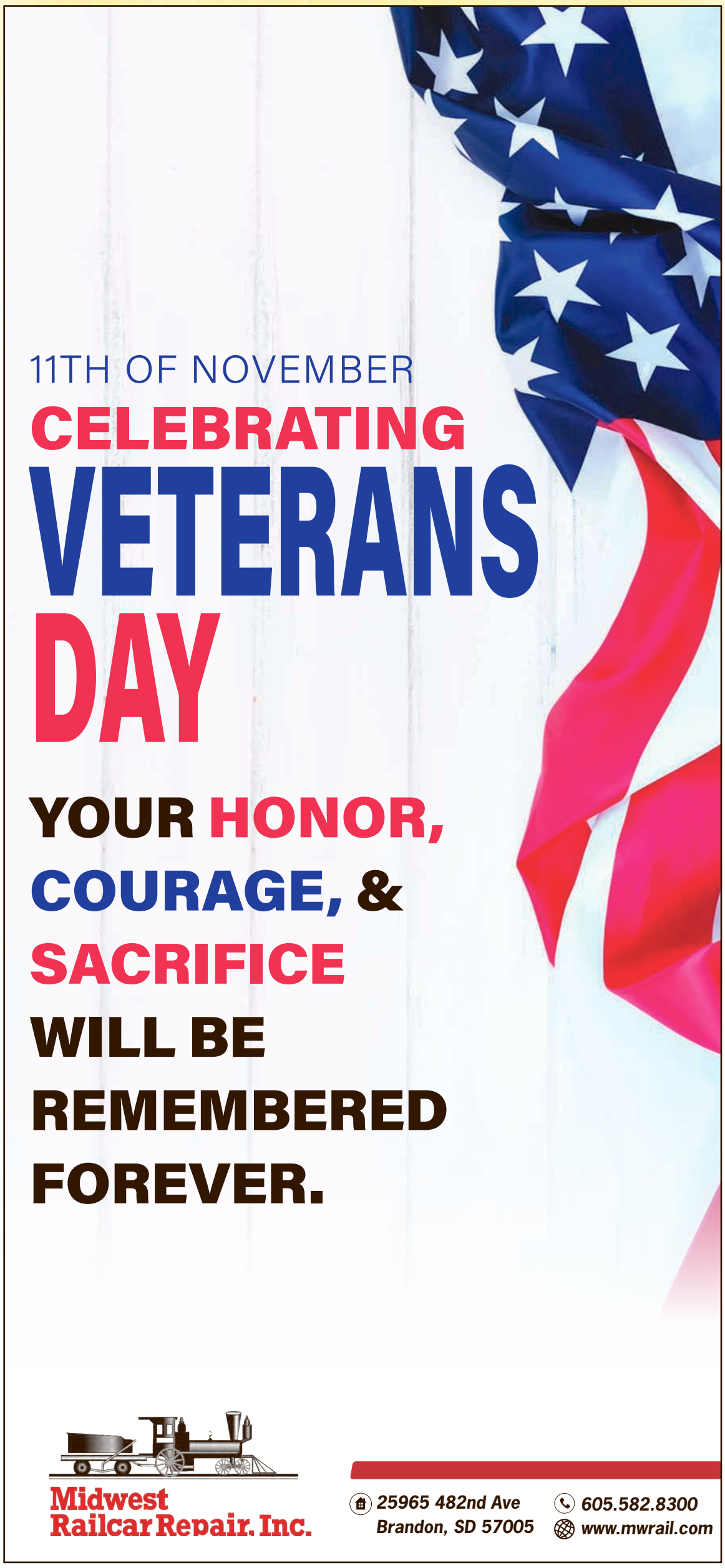
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