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Coming in tomorrow's Brandon Valley Journal



Writer Tom A. Savage brings you a report from Monday's Brandon City Council meeting, and editor Jill Meier has the details from last week's Valley Springs City Commission and Brandon Valley Board of Education meetings.

Just as the BVSD wraps up two major building projects, Burkman Valley Elementary and the additions at Brandon Valley Middle School, renovations to the decades-old locker rooms at the high school are under consideration.

Risen Savior has been preparing for the holidays for weeks. We've got the story on their 50-member cantata group that will be sharing the Christmas story through song at a variety of locations next month.

The *Journal* also stopped by three of our BV school Veterans Day programs, and brings you behind the scenes of this year's BVMS play, "Beauty and the Beast."

In this time of Thanksgiving, the high school Creative Minds, culinary arts and woodworking students teamed up on yet another successful Empty Bowls event, from which proceeds are directed to the Brandon Area Food Pantry, whose annual fundraising dinner is this Friday.

The Lady Lynx volleyball team punched their ticket to the AA State Tournament in Sioux Falls by defeating Sturgis in three straight sets. Plus, we've got the stories behind the collegiate signings of five BV baseball and four BV volleyball student-athletes, along with weekly updates from the club bowling and hockey programs.

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

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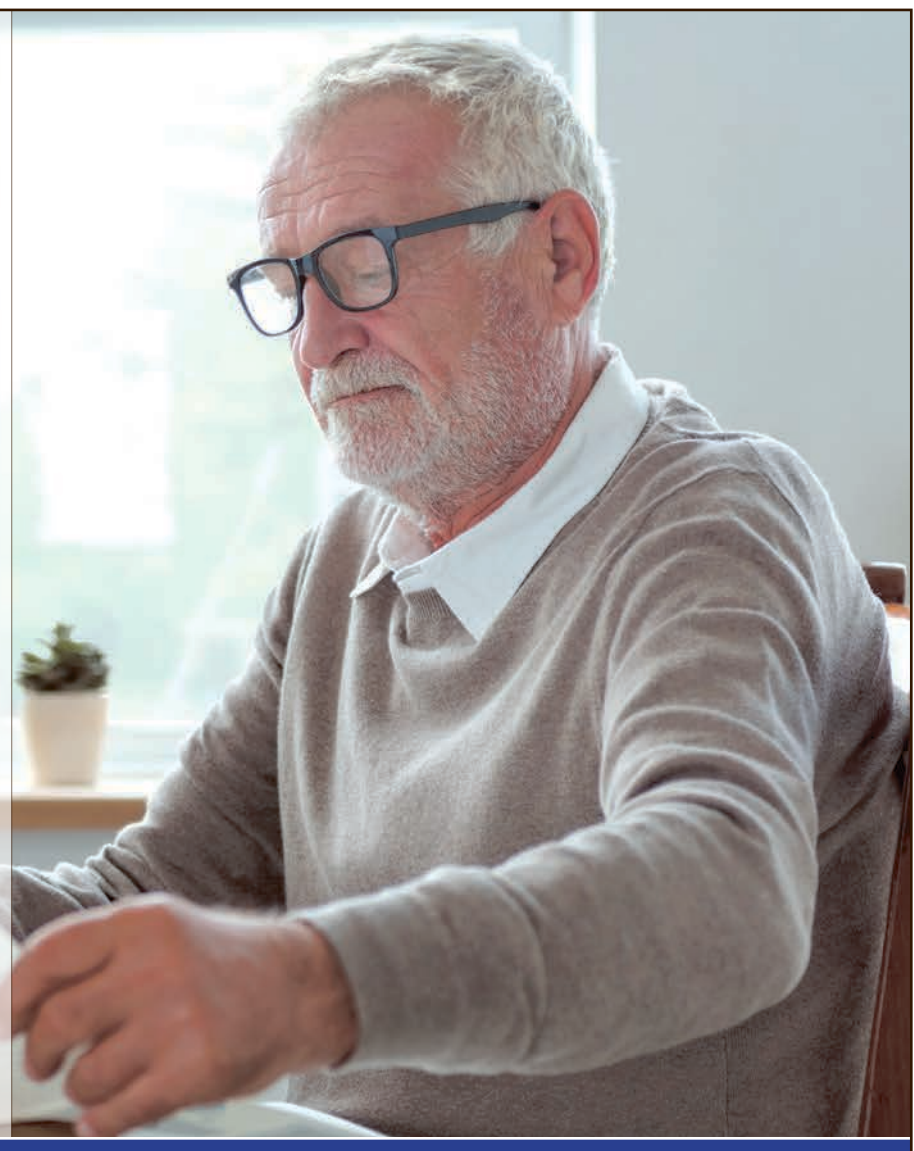
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Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are microwave popcorn, taco seasoning, bottles of juice, Rice-a-Roni, jelly/jam, BBQ sauce, canned carrots, vegetable and vegetable beef soups, deodorant, shampoo (only) and laundry detergent (56 ounces).

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 Parade of Lights is Nov. 28

The Brandon Parade of Lights steps off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The parade route line-up is in the Brandon Valley High School parking lot. The route heads west on Holly Boulevard to Main Avenue, where it turns south and wraps up at the VFW. Santa Claus will be at the VFW following the parade to greet children. Refreshments will also be served.

BVACC brings 'Marlene and Darlene Gossip and Giggles' to town Dec. 4

Start off your holiday season with a smile on your face on Friday, Dec. 4, at the "Marlene and Darlene Gossip and Giggles Holiday Show." Organized by the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, the dinner and show will be at Tailgator's Grill and Bar in Brandon.

Tickets are $65 each or $550 for a table of eight. Purchase tickets at the Chamber office, by calling (605) 582-7400 or on the BVACC website, brandonvalleychamber.com.

Al-Anon meetings in Brandon

Al-Anon meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E. Holly Blvd.

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku

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Thanks, Joanne in Madison Wisconsin

Dear Joanne,

Routine maintenance will save you money on repairs. Regular inspections should be performed on safety items at each oil change and addressed as needed. These inspections are done for free at most shops so check around to see if yours does not offer this service. Inspect brakes annually and completely check them right away if there is a change in pedal travel or if noise is heard when applying them accompanied by grinding. Damp mornings can cause rust on the braking surfaces resulting in noise. This should go away after a couple of pedal applications and should not be felt in the pedal.

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Thank you, Darren, in Port Saint Lucy

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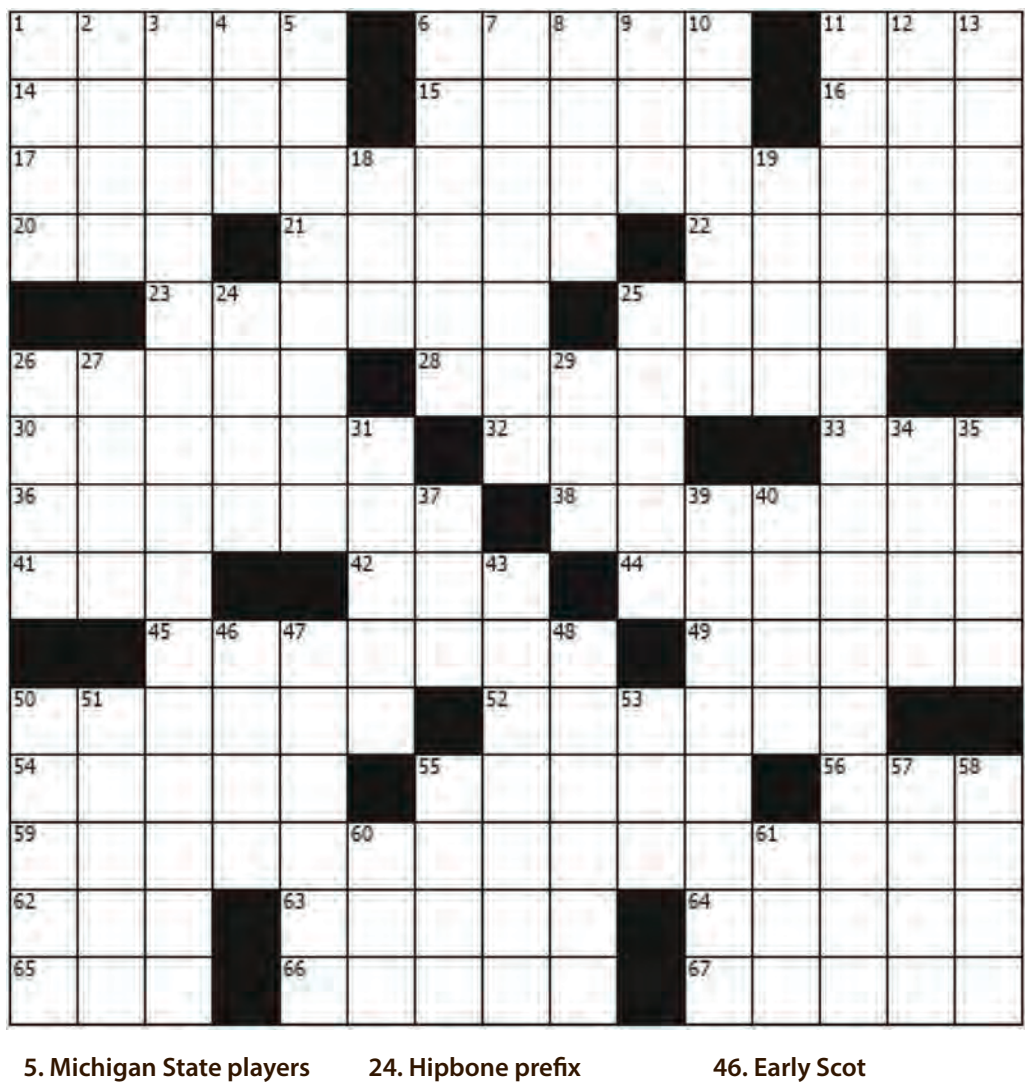
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1. "Ghostbusters" actor
6. Use a dashboard control
11. Pop
14. Hang down
15. Love in Limoges
16. Attorneys' org.
17. Swallows' return to San Juan Capistrano, e.g.
20. More than the occasional drinker
21. Long-limbed
22. Reliable
23. Batman?
25. With agility
26. Type of lily
28. Like some fishing
30. Meddler's activity
32. Place to be pampered
33. __-mo
36. Graffitist's aid
38. Unwanted guest, say
41. __ Paulo
42. '60s-'70s Rhodesian prime minister Smith
44. Surgical solution
45. Turned topsy-turvy
49. Buick model
50. In a relationship
52. Boston suburb
54. Sovereign decree
55. Middle name in mysteries
56. Frat characters
59. 1876 celebration, for one
62. Matador's motivator
63. Convert from abstract to concrete
64. __-car
65. "That's right"
66. Foot parts
67. Attack

Down

1. Vitamin guidelines, briefly
2. Pisa's river
3. Paying bills, checking bank statements, etc.
4. Payment pledge
5. Michigan State players
6. "Village of the __": 1995 film
7. Asylum seekers
8. Stick-in-the-mud
9. "Days of __ Lives"
10. Gets
11. Homework, e.g.
12. Tea-ready, as water
13. Fine companion?
18. Workout target, for short
19. Rushed
24. Hipbone prefix
25. Sends junk e-mail to
26. Masters of deduction?
27. Pi-r^2, for one
29. Gram lead-in
31. On the way out
34. Horne in jazz
35. Pitching coach Hershiser
37. Youth
39. Law firm principals
40. Muffin topper
43. Second chance
46. Early Scot
47. Joins
48. Laxness at LAX, maybe
50. Undercover cop, at times
51. Simpson of fashion
53. Erie Canal mule
55. Indigo source
57. "Do __ others ..."
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3. A $50 certificate will be paid to one winner with all the correct picks. In case of a tie, the tie-breaker will determine the winner by the flip of a coin.
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