

## Brandon gym gains new owners, new name

Jill Meier  
Journal editor

Matt Beukelman is full of surprises. Take for instance, on the day that he and his wife, Margo, 26, exchanged their “I do’s,” he informed his bride that he’d just put in an offer on a building in Dell Rapids to expand their gym, Rapid Fitness.

That was in 2018. And now, the couple – who first met at the gym where Matt, 30, worked as a trainer – have brought their gym and its vast offerings to Brandon. They recently took ownership of Amplify Fitness, located at 712 S. Eighth Ave., and have already begun sprucing up the workout venue.

At their charter gym in Dell Rapids, they offer group classes, accelerations, personal training, nutrition counseling and exercise program design.

“We have a variety of clientele there, anybody from young middle schoolers that we encourage to go through a fitness orientation just to establish a healthy relationship with exercise and fitness to get the basic foundation, to high schoolers – athletes, non-athletes – then your gym pop(ulation) – anybody

that wants to live a little bit of a healthier lifestyle. We also have powerlifters and your silver sneakers crowd,” Margo informs.

Although the ink is barely dry on the purchase paperwork, the Beukelmans have rolled up their sleeves to spruce up and clean up their second gym location. They’re bringing a new color scheme – think blue and gold – adding new equipment and amenities, class offerings, and a full-time, on-site manager in Baltic native, Houston Wentzel. Wentzel was Beukelman’s first powerlifting athlete that he mentored, and Margo said when this opportunity arose, Wentzel expressed his desire to fill the role.

“Gyms get a lot of wear and tear and the equipment has had a lot of use,” Margo said. “And Houston will be here all of the time and will be doing some personal training, too.”

Rapid Fitness in Brandon, a 24/7 access gym, will be staffed daily from 3 to 6 p.m.

Along with the new color scheme and equipment, comes unlimited membership offerings. They are doing away with punch cards for tanning, sauna and classes and replacing it with the “unlimited membership”

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## Dance like no one’s watching ...



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Three-year-old Mirjam Lamb danced away to the music of The Hegg Brothers and Derek Hengeveld Saturday at the Beaver Valley Lutheran-hosted Midsummer Festival. For more photos see page X.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Courtney Graff used the self-checkout at Sunshine Foods in Brandon for the first time this week.

## Self-checkout comes to Sunshine

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Journal editor

The recent addition of four self-checkout stations at Sunshine Foods in Brandon has customers coming and going faster than ever.

And that is largely the reason behind the change, according to assistant manager Jesse Peterson.

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## City council OKs irrigation plans for Aspen ball fields

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Journal editor

Brandon Valley Softball Association and the Brandon Valley Booster Club are partnering to bring “greener pastures” – or in this case – greener outfields to fields B and C at Aspen Park. These two fields are heavily utilized during the fall high school varsity and junior varsity softball seasons.

At the June 21 Brandon City Council meeting, a memorandum of understanding was approved by a 5-0 council vote. Alderman

Jack Parliament, who was attending by phone, left the meeting prior to the vote.

The approval, however, didn’t come without discussion.

City administrator Bryan Read explained that the BVSA and BV Booster Club will cover the cost for the irrigation improvements, which includes constructing a well at Aspen Park. The well would keep them from tapping into the city water system.

“This agreement has nothing to do with the water source, other than they will

abide by our water restrictions in place if they hook up to the system,” Read said.

The agreement also states that the city retains ownership of the well, but the BYSA and Booster Club will be responsible for the operation and maintenance.

Read said they are now in the process of gaining water rights from the city and plan to start work on July 12.

Alderman Barb Fish questioned if the BVSA and BV Boosters are granted water rights, if that would

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# Journal Viewpoints

## JOURNAL EDITORIAL

### Celebrating the most American of freedoms

The 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence knew what they were getting into. As we celebrate the Fourth of July 245 years later with flags and fireworks, it's easy to forget that these patriots risked death to give a new nation life.

If you've never read the Declaration of Independence in its entirety, this is a good time to do that. More than two centuries later, it's still a good read. These rebels, who would be accused of treason by Great Britain, wrote the document in a reasoned manner, attempting to convey to the world that their cause was a just one.

At its most basic, it's a demand for a divorce, with one party explaining why this marriage can't be saved. What's fascinating, though, is how the list of complaints about the king of England not only cited justification for the break-up, but also telegraphed the principles the new nation would insist upon in establishing its own governance.

The entire document was a bold statement, speaking truth to power. As it established its own future, this new nation would have to find a way to guarantee free speech, particularly in regard to criticizing government.

The Declaration of Independence lists more than two dozen examples of why the king "was unfit to be the ruler of a free people." The new United States of America would need to create a check on those who abused their power. That would come from a free press.

Much of the Declaration is devoted to examples of the king ignoring the colonies' needs and maintaining a stranglehold on new legislation to address those needs. Clearly, the United States would have to guarantee petition and assembly.

Memorably, the Declaration states that all men are endowed by their "Creator" with certain "unalienable rights." This was an acknowledgement of a Higher Power without a specific reference to any religion. This new nation would go on to guarantee freedom of faith.

Freedom of speech, press, and religion. The rights of petition and assembly. To-

day, we see all five nestled together in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It took a war for independence and 17 years, but those aspirations became the cornerstone for a young and vibrant country.

Fast forward to the 21st century. A new survey of citizens around the globe by legal policy center Justitia has assessed how citizens in 33 countries feel about freedom of speech. It found that most citizens in most countries feel free speech is important and positive, but they waver when presented with scenarios in which free speech offends others or hampers society.

In order, Norway, Denmark, the U.S., and Sweden top the list: Citizens of these nations say they are steadfast in their support of free speech. At the bottom of the list: Tunisia, Kenya, Egypt, and Pakistan.

In a telling passage, Justitia quotes free-speech expert and Columbia University President Lee Bollinger as saying the U.S. is "the most speech-protective of any nation on earth, now or throughout history." The report also notes that a 2015 Pew research study determined that no nation in the world was more supportive of free speech and a free press than the U.S.

At our best — and not without lapses — we walk that talk.

In 1776, our founders published a Declaration of Independence, but also a declaration of intent. Those early Americans sought "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" by creating a nation founded on freedom. But those freedoms must never be taken for granted, and our collective vigilance is essential.

On the most American of holidays, let's be sure to celebrate the most American of freedoms.

*Ken Paulson is director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University. A First Amendment expert, Paulson has written and been quoted widely on issues related to free speech and a free press, freedom to assemble and to petition the government, and freedom of religion.*

## The empty page - revisited

As time was narrowing down to head to the press, I found myself with a blank spot on this very page — namely, the space reserved for my weekly column.

To keep the peace with the printer, I delved into the archives and found this column, which I wrote a few years back on a week when I was at a loss for words. I hope you enjoy it again!

Every once in a while, this of weekly newspaper editor is stumped for a column. I know, hard to believe since it seems I always have something to say.

But this, is one of those occasions where I'm at a loss for words. About 400 of them, to be almost exact.

Thankfully, this what-in-the-heck-am-I-going-to-write-about-this-week snafu only happens once in a blue moon. Did we have a blue moon, by chance?

### JILL'S JOURNAL

Jill Meier | Editor



When it does occur, I sometimes turn to a folder titled, "column fillers."

I looked this morning, but the folder was empty, out of stock, barren and depleted. Obviously, I've used the good ideas up, so it's time to restock the folder. If you have some random thoughts or ideas, send them my way. As I said, the folder is clean as a whistle.

Oftentimes, a trip to mom's house for the weekend will provide me with some food for thought — or in this case — a topic for a column. Mom's always a bit fearful that her name and some sort of predicament that she and I faced will be recorded in the next *Jill's*

*Journal* column space.

And she's right, because she often does.

Sometimes, a trip I've taken fills this space. Unfortunately, I haven't ventured too far from home yet and no plans with no immediate plans for a destination vacation until the snow flies, well I guess there's no stories to be told about the big fish that got away or the scenery that whipped by while traveling to Somewhere U.S.A.

I could write about back-to-school shopping trips I made growing up. Seems my list of needs was always a lot longer than mom and dad's pocketbook allowed for. I could write about how I'm looking forward to a football season of fans back in the stands and cheering on two of my favorite teams

— the Brandon Valley Lynx and the Minnesota Vikings. But those stories haven't ripened — just yet.

How about those Twins? The Minnesota Twins, that is. They're having an up and down season — and occasionally, I'm tuning in to see how Cruz and Kepler and the boys are producing. So, circle me, Bert!

When I sat down to write this week's installment of *Jill's Journal*, I faced an empty page and had no inkling of what I would even write about. As I wrap up this week's installment, I guess a column about nothing is still a column about something.

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With the Fourth of July on tap, please be safe everyone and enjoy the freedoms that we celebrate on this special day in America!



## God's Son is our solid rock

My younger brother Lowell met his future wife Dacia when they were both 13. They dated in high school and after graduation were married. Lowell built a small cabin for their first home. It was very cute, nestled in some woods up in a valley.

Over a year later, our family was gathered for dinner at our parents' home. It was a dark and rainy winter night, and it had rained hard all day. As we were eating, Lowell received a phone call regarding his house. A mud slide had pushed their cabin off its foundation. A large parking lot had filled with water, above the house. The hill collapsed, sending a wall of water right at their house. The cabin would have been in the creek except for a large tree stopping it. I called a friend to help who had a school bus he was converting. With two dozen friends, the place was emptied of their belongings in one hour.

### FROM THE PULPIT

Pastor Richard Gordon  
Living Springs Church



In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus shares about dealing with the power of water in "*Matthew 7:25(NLT) Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.*"

Of course, what this passage is talking about are the storms of life. We all get hit with challenges and situations where life can get out of control. We can barely hold on and trouble seems to keep growing and getting worse. At times, it almost appears that it will never end.

At those moments, knowing God, trusting Him, and putting all our faith in Him IS our solid rock. He is the

only One that can really give us sure footing in the right direction. When we admit that God is greater than any of our problems—when we admit we're not in control and only He is—it is then we find our secure foundation! Our future is set with Him for eternity.

God gave us His Word to know who He is. He offers salvation to us through Jesus Christ. God created us to have a personal relationship with Him. Like the cabin suddenly being taken off its foundations and sliding down the hill, so our lives can slide into eternity without Him if we ignore God's rescue plan. His Son is our solid foundation—embrace His love and look to Him—your solid rock!

*Matthew 7:24(NLT) "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.*

## New graduated driver license requirements take effect July 1

July 1, 2021 is an important date for drivers between the ages of 14 and 18 and their parents in South Dakota.

That is because a new state law takes effect that changes some requirements for South Dakota teenage driver licenses and permits. It is important that teen drivers and their parents understand the changes.

Specifically, the new law makes changes to the state's graduated driver licensing program for teenage drivers due to a law approved by the 2020 state legislature. Due to COVID-19, Gov. Kristi Noem suspended implementation of the new law through June 30, 2021. On July 1, 2021, the measure becomes law.

This new law changes some of the eligibility requirements for teenage driver instruction permits and opera-

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tor licenses, meaning that after July 1, no one size fits all for our teenage drivers.

If they have not done so already, it is important for young drivers and their families to closely review the new law and its provisions before July 1 to see how they will be impacted.

For further information, including the text of the new state law, please visit the Driver Licensing Program website at <https://dps.sd.gov/driver-licensing>. You can also contact the state Driver Licensing Program via email at [dpsdl@state.sd.us](mailto:dpsdl@state.sd.us) or by calling (605) 773-6883.

Sincerely,  
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Director of SD Driver Licensing Program

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that allows members to “come as often as you want,” Matt said.

Matt said they’re also striving to “create a safe place for young people to be.”

“High schoolers could be anywhere and you’re bringing them to the gym, so it’s really cool to see it be a priority for that younger demographic,” he said “Sure, I want them to work out to get better at sports in high school, but I also want them to have a really healthy relationship with exercise. So, when they graduate, I still see them continuing to exercise thereafter. Let us help you find something that you enjoy, because there’s just not one way to do this thing.”

Matt said the opportunity to expand Rapid Fitness to Brandon came unexpectedly. A friend had asked him to look at the business venture, but then decided to forgo it. Beukelman, however, remained intrigued.

“Our biggest thing is to find a need and fill it,” he said. “Before I went to Dells, there was not personal training like I do personal training there.”

They believe Brandon has a large enough population to support two commercial gyms.

“The population of the town says there’s room for more,” he said, “and in the end, we (Anytime Fitness) both have the same goal. I know we can come in here and have an immediate impact and get involved with the youth, like what we have done in Dell Rapids. Again, you want to create that safe space, and if I can influence somebody’s life 1 percent or push them positively 1 percent, the long-term repercussions of that are real profound. So, that’s kind of what I want to create in a sense for

anybody who walks through the door.”

Days after taking ownership, they put up a “Get to know us/ask us” box, encouraging members to tell them what they wanted.

“So, things like squat racks or bumper plates, chalk. It’s just trying to listen to the members of what they want, because really, it’s their club and we just happen to run it,” he said.

They’ve already received a wealth of requests, they say.

Updates inside the gym will continue for a month or so and the last thing they will add is a new exterior sign that will light up Highway 11.

“I don’t want the outside to say my name until the inside is my brand,” Matt said.

They also want their members to be as comfortable as possible.

“We don’t want people to shy away from asking a question. Matt ‘nerds out’ when somebody clicks the ‘Ask Matt’ button on the app (they have a Rapid Fitness app) with nutrition guides, fitness manuals and all that stuff. We want people to feel comfortable here and not feel intimidated,” Margo encouraged.

“We’re trying to remove as many barriers as possible to success. Whether you’re doing classes, cardio or free weights, anybody should be able to come and be successful to some degree is the idea,” adds Matt.

Matt initially set out to be an accountant, a career path that a placement test recognized he could excel in.

“But placement tests are only as accurate as you know yourself, and at that stage of life, I didn’t know myself at all,” he said. “I tested very well in all my placement scores for math and academ-



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Matt and Margo Beukelman have expanded their gym, Rapid Fitness, to Brandon. The couple recently took ownership of the former Amplify Fitness.

ics, so I was told banking and accounting, get away from people, lock yourself in a closet. My first semester, I don’t remember who the teacher was, but I had my earbuds in during class and after class he pulled me aside and said, ‘Matt, what are you doing? You could go very far in this career, you have a knack for this.’ I remember saying, ‘Well, what if I don’t want to go far in this career? I don’t remember how the rest of the conversation went, but I remember thinking, ‘What am I doing?’”

It was then he started to take himself more seriously from a professional standpoint.

“I was going through the motions in that phase of life, and that’s where I kicked it up and decided I don’t want to do anything that I don’t love, and that’s where I just went, ‘I’m all in.’”

He perfected his craft by attending the National Personal Trainer Institute in the Twin Cities, which is similar to a tech school for personal training.

“Hindsight, I didn’t know tons when I graduated. I

learned a lot, but it was like, ‘Hey, you’re equipped, get in the field,’ and that’s what I did. I went back to school several times for several different things, like posture restoration, nutrition, business management, and by the time I got to the end of all that continuing ed, I felt confident in what I do,” he said.

That education led him to a gym in Sioux Falls, where the owner was priming him to take ownership of the business.

“Three months in I knew I didn’t just want to train, I wanted to do more. I wanted a bigger platform to help and influence,” he said.

Two years later, he began to press the owner for financials. But the two couldn’t reach an agreement on the price.

“What I was willing to offer was not what he was looking for, so we didn’t come to a deal and that’s when I started looking elsewhere. Within three weeks, I had bought the Tryon Gym in Dell Rapids and that’s where we started,” he said.

Although the Dell Rapids gym was cash-flowing, he

knew it had the potential to do better.

“And now we offer a variety of services like tanning, the sauna, group classes, 24-hour gym, personal training, nutrition consulting, accelerations, and working with youth. That’s kind of what I want the Brandon location to be is to be able to accommodate for a really diverse clientele.”

The Beukelmans are working to bring in a variety of classes, including yoga, yoga fit, yoga sculpt, kettle ball, kettle ball sculpt, a barbell class and boot camp-style classes, to name a few.

Margo, who went to school to teach, did that – one year in Sioux Falls and three years in Dell Rapids – at the middle school level. She recently decided to “change it up” and be a personal trainer for pregnant and post-partum women.

“For the two years that I was pregnant, I was really frustrated about who do I listen to. Google says this. My girlfriend says this. My doctor says this, and so, I got certified in pregnant and post-partum,” she said

**TALK of the TOWN**

**Parkview to perform outdoor concert**

The public is invited to an outdoor concert by Parkview at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10 at Spirit of Truth Lutheran Church, 112 E. Annabelle St., Brandon. Parkview features local music artists, Autumn Driscoll and JT Larson. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

To learn more, visit [spiritoftruthsd.org](http://spiritoftruthsd.org).

**Communicate with the City of Brandon**

City of Brandon utilizes a text messaging service to keep the public in the know. To sign up for this service, text “Brandon” to 33222 for notification of snow alerts, water conservation alerts, water main breaks, street closures, etc.

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**Valley Springs’ Booster Days on tap**

Valley Springs’ annual Booster Days celebration is on tap for Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11. Events include a community picnic, fireworks, kids’ pedal pull, firemen’s water fights, parade and community church service.

**Community Concert & Food Truck Night**

Brandon Lutheran Church and Celebration United Methodist Church are teaming up for a Community Concert and Food Truck Night on Monday, July 19. Food trucks will be at Brandon Lutheran, 600 E. Holly Blvd., from 5-7:30 p.m. Spoke Folk, a high school bicycling ministry, will perform at contemporary Christian music concert at 7 p.m. Lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged for seating.

**P&Z Commission meets Thursday**

Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1 in the city council chambers. The agenda and packet may be viewed by visiting [cityofbrandon.org](http://cityofbrandon.org).

**TOPS open to all**

The Brandon chapter of TOPS, “Take Off Pounds Sensibly,” meets at 9 a.m. Mondays at Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E. Holly Blvd. Participants should park in the east parking lot and use the main entrance, far right door. TOPS is for both men and women

**South Dakota legislators tasked with regulating distribution of medical marijuana, beef production**

There are a couple of political issues dominating the news in the past week. One is medical marijuana and the other is beef production.

The Department of Health is doing what it must to comply with IM 26. That includes development of rules and regulations to administer the production, distribution and use of medical marijuana. At the same time tribal interests within the state are preparing their own facilities and processes to take part in the industry.

Law enforcement and the judiciary is also preparing their response to the advent of legalized medical marijuana. It is expected that South Dakota will experience the same challenges as the other states which have legalized the drug. That will include an increase in illegal marijuana possession and use as well as an increase in other illegal drugs. The public schools are also

preparing to cooperate with the legal use of this drug, and, at the same time, they too will need to be ready to respond to the presence of illegal marijuana and other drugs.

Monitoring of use in these institutions will create a new level of administration that was not anticipated by the voters and that will come at a cost. The likelihood is there will be a need for medically trained staff to oversee these in-school uses. That will be at the K-12 level as well as the universities and vocational schools. We can expect to see the need for specially trained staff to oversee the use of medical marijuana in jails and penitentiaries. Businesses can expect to see challenges to their employee policies if they do not accommodate medical use. The Americans with

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District 10 (R - Sioux Falls)



Disabilities Act will certainly be a subject of review and likely revision to accommodate this ever-increasing push for marijuana.

We can also expect to see the need for additional court appointed counsel to assist in Petitions for Habeas Corpus. That means there will be many who have prior convictions for marijuana use, possession and distribution who will seek modification of their sentences in light of this change in what society has deemed to be acceptable. After all, why would we hold someone’s past offenses against them if those same actions are no longer illegal? Taxpayers will be paying the majority of these legal fees.

So, we will now begin to

see the cascading effect and costs of IM 26. But the real cost will not become evident for several years. Then we will begin to see how the elementary students of today deal with these issues in their own life. As the saying goes, “What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.” think we have unwittingly sent the wrong message to our children.

On to a lighter but very important issue, beef production. The state has allocated a significant amount of time and a lot of money to agriculture issues over the past several years. Most of that is focused on crop production and care. We have also spent a lot of money on enhancing beef production. All of that has been beneficial to the farmers and ranchers, but the price of the commodities remains low when compared to the profits realized

by those companies which ‘process’ the commodities. That discussion has been ongoing for several years but is in the news over the past couple of weeks. Some of the federal grant money which has flooded into the state in response to the COVID-19 shutdowns has been sought by beef processors. The larger facilities were doing well without the C-19 money, but everyone saw the effect of food shortages and price spikes over the last year. Those price increases were not reflected in the earnings of those producing beef.

It is always tempting for ‘government’ to seize upon a real or perceived problem and try to create a ‘government-based solution’. However, low prices for producers is an ongoing problem that has limited the value of the cattle industry in South Dakota. Now is a good time to encourage producers to

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July 8, 2021	Ramkota Inn	Pierre	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 13, 2021	Americinn	Aberdeen	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 14, 2021	Ramada Airport	Sioux Falls	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 15, 2021	Ramkota Inn	Rapid City	7:00 PM (MDT)

Meetings will be in-person and virtual. For more information and how to participate virtually, please visit <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/planning/tentative-statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip>. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.

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Melvin Feuerstein, 85, Sioux Falls  
Spencer Friese, 52, Sioux Falls  
Teresa Gallagher, 62, Garretson  
Jesse Goebel, 37, Sioux Falls  
Sharon Hall, 81, Sioux Falls  
Virgil Munkvold, 73, Viborg  
Jim "Robbie" Robinson, 78, Yankton  
Roger Russell, 63, Luverne, Minn.  
Dorothy Sattler, 87, Lincoln, Neb.  
William Schroeder, 78, Plankinton  
Mark Selberg, 56, Sioux Falls  
Mark Sievers, 65, Sioux Falls  
Gerald "Jerry" VanderHam, 68, Platte,  
Thomas "Tom" Wellman, 72, Canton

### Thursday, June 24

Laura Brandt, 55, Sioux Falls  
Charles Evers, 79, Dell Rapids  
Donald Freese, 92, Hurley  
Jeanine Geraets, 91, Canton  
Joseph Hoffman, 61, Vermillion  
Lorraine Zimmerman, 96, Sioux Falls

### Friday, June 25

Ruby Aldrich, 94, Sioux Falls  
Rita Cain, 94, Larchwood, Iowa  
Iona (Vanderlinde) Flaskey, 95, Sioux Falls  
Cornelius "Cornie" Folkerts, 87, Inwood, Iowa  
Paul Johnson, 80, Sioux Falls  
Thomas "Whitey" Klein, 71, Dell Rapids  
David Rush, 65, Sioux Falls  
James Sandstede, 76, Luverne, Minn.  
Jean Schryver, 97, Sibley, Iowa  
Ruth VanMaanen, 92, Rock Valley, Iowa

### Saturday, June 26

Shirley Bittner, 91, Mitchell  
Elizabeth Christie, 96, Brookings  
Tim Fayhe, 44, Brandon  
Betty Carroll Hill, 80, Maringouin, La.  
Paul Johnson, 80, Sioux Falls  
Nona Marshall, 92, Brookings  
Jarold Smith, 88, Sioux Falls  
Lambert VanOlst, 89, Rock Rapids

### Sunday, June 27

Brian Fittje, 45, Toronto, Ontario  
Donna F. Gile, 89, Brandon  
LeeDel Howard, 81, Sioux Falls  
Roger Kielman, 83, Peoria, Ill.  
Willard Kirschenman, 89, Menno  
Erik Knott, 54, Sioux Falls  
Arthur "Art" Krier, 86, Dell Rapids  
Lisa Kuester, 60, Sioux Falls  
Gladys Laursen, 97, Sioux Falls  
James "Jim" Meert Jr., 82, Cummings, Ga.  
Delilaha "Dede" Moreno, 82, Brandon  
Barbara Bullis Emery Nelson, 79, New Hope, Minn.  
Glenn Nelson, 96, Canton  
Earl "Sherb" Sherburne, 75, Maplewood, Minn.  
Deloris Strang, 88, Sioux Falls  
Delores VanGelder, 90, Sioux Falls  
Dennis Whitney, 74, Sioux Falls  
Richard Wold, 73, Jordan, Minn.

### Monday, June 28

Ardys Erickson, 94, Sioux Falls  
Namati Hakan, 57, Sioux Falls  
Larry Hovdestad, 72, Sioux Falls  
Erik Knott, 54, Sioux Falls  
Mary Nieber, 84, Sioux Falls

### Tuesday, June 29

Catherine "Katie" Carlson, 77, Beresford  
Duane "Bud" Carr, 96, Flaudreau  
Jeff Cronk, 69, Sioux Falls  
Howard Hoyme, 97, Hills, Minn.

### Mark H. Sievers, 65



Mark H. Sievers, 65, of Sioux Falls, died Monday, June 21, 2021, following complications from surgery. Funeral services were held Monday, June 28, 2021, at Heartland Funeral Home, Brandon, with burial at Swedona Covenant Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Harriet and David Wehde, Brandon; brother, Ken (Cindy) Sievers, Casper, Wyo.; a very special Godmother, Vi Wehde; and many cousins, other relatives and friends.

For online condolences, visit [heartlandfunerals.com](http://heartlandfunerals.com).

### Donna F. Gile, 89



Donna Fern Gile, 89, of Brandon, died on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Private family services will be held at Split Rock Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her three children, Robert (Jana) Gile, Dedra (Rick) Patton and William (Lynette) Gile; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

For online condolences, visit [georgeboom.com](http://georgeboom.com).

### Delilaha 'Dede' Moreno, 82



Delilaha "Dede" Mae Moreno, 82, of Brandon, died Sunday, June 20, 2021, at her residence, Helping Hands Assisted Living in Brandon, following a brief battle with cancer.

Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at Helping Hands, 1000 Teakwood, Brandon.

For online condolences, visit [heartlandfunerals.com](http://heartlandfunerals.com)

### Johnson earns Bethel University Dean's List recognition

**Lucas Johnson**, of Brandon, has been named to the Bethel University Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2021 semester. A sophomore at Bethel University, he is the son of Chris and Tracy Johnson.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

### BVHS teams recognized for academic achievement

Initiated during the 1996-97 school year, the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that high school students learn in two distinct ways: inside the classroom and outside the classroom — on the stage and/or athletic field. This academic program creates a positive environment for school teams to have its members excel in the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic en-

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couragement from teammates.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award.

Winter and spring season teams from **Brandon Valley High School** to receive this recognition are: **All-State Band, All-State Jazz Band, boys' basketball cheerleaders, boys' basketball team, boys' tennis team, boys' track and field team, girls' basketball cheerleaders, girls' basketball team, girls' golf tea, girls' track and field team, one-act play, student council, visual arts team, wrestling team and yearbook staff.**

### Trio of area students named to NWC Dean's List

**Tess Erickson, Dustin Kemner and Ryan Sjaarda**, students at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, have earned a spot on the Academic Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 grad-

ed hours. This semester, 372 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 234 Collegiate Scholars, 78 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Erickson is a senior majoring in psychology and is the daughter of James and LeAnn Erickson of Brandon. Kemner is a senior majoring in actuarial science. He is the son of William and Sandra Kemner of Brandon. And Sjaarda is a junior majoring in actuarial science and is the son of John and Kaye Sjaarda of Valley Springs.

### Thompson is Roadman Scholar

Morningside University has named 238 students, including **Emily Thompson**, of Brandon, as Roadman Scholars in recognition of high academic distinction for the 2020-21 academic year. Roadman Scholars must be full-time students who have completed at least 45 credits of college work with a cumulative grade point average of 3.76 or above. The award is named in honor of Earl Roadman, who was president of Morningside from 1936 to 1956.

## OBITUARIES

### Iona (Vanderlinde) Flaskey, 95



Iona H. Vanderlinde Flaskey, 95, of Sioux Falls, died Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sioux Falls. Interment was in the Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Barb) Vanderlinde, Brandon, and Roger (Deb) Vanderlinde of Westmoreland, Kan.; daughter, Kathleen Haack of Sioux Falls; six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lavonne Utthe of Chester; brother, Harold (Ona) Ingalls of Lake Andes; sisters-in-law, Maxine Ingalls and Linda Dvorak, both of Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

For online condolences, visit [millerfh.com](http://millerfh.com).

### Sharon Hall, 81



Sharon Lee Hall, 81 of Sioux Falls, died Monday, June 21, 2021 at Sanford Hospice Foundation Cottage.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 25, 2021 at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Artesian.

She is survived by her son, Tim (Elaine) Hall, Sioux Falls, and daughter, Tami Hall of Arizona; grandsons, Riley Persing, Loveland, Colo., Tommy Hall of Brandon, Tony and Tucker Hall both of Sioux Falls; granddaughters, Mariah (Christian) Wolfgang, Harrisburg, and Emily Hall, Sioux Falls; great-granddaughter, Aspyn Wolfgang, and soon-to-be great-grandson; and sister, Judy (Bob) Anton of Mitchell.

For online condolences, visit [millerfh.com](http://millerfh.com).

### James "Jim" Grace, 68

James "Jim" Edward Grace, 68, of Valley Springs, died Monday, June 28, 2021, at the Sanford Foundations Cottage in Sioux Falls, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services are set for Friday, July 2, 2021, at Heartland Funeral Home in Brandon. The service time is yet to be determined.

Please refer to [heartlandfunerals.com](http://heartlandfunerals.com) for the full obituary and funeral details.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from June 18-25, 2021 on record in the Minnehaha County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded.

- 48192 Kim Circle, Brandon, from Daniel I. Warren Estate by Natasha Hite, personal representative, to Larry and Janet Agre, \$73,500.
- 712 S. Eighth Ave., Brandon, from Osterloo Real Estate LLC to That's What She Said LLC, \$765,000.
- 312 Main Ave., Garretson, from Jason and Stephanie Garza to Hudson J. VanDrunen, \$179,500.
- 516 S. Sunshine Ave., Brandon, from Bikash and Hari Basnet to Colby L. and Molly R. Peterson, \$450,000.
- 117 S. Main Ave., Brandon, from Brooks Maurer and Kathryn Dahl to Sarah and Ryan S. Morrison, \$272,000.
- 48044 256th St., Garretson, from Derek J. and Kelsey M. VanBeek to Travis C. and Tracey E. Myers, \$628,000.
- 108 S. Oak Ridge Road, Brandon, from Christopher and Mary Jo Burkman to Douglas and Pamela Hoogeven, \$470,000.
- 404 N. Morning Rain Ave., Brandon, from Jacob M. and Lindsey S. Quasney to Emmett and Kimberly McBride, \$384,500.
- 1417 S. Parkview Blvd., Brandon, from Ryan B. and Barbara J. Douma to Leigh A. and Todd C. Zirbel, \$581,000.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 22

- Motorist assists in 2000 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
- Check security at S. Main Ave. and E. Beechnut St., checked OK.
- Suspicious subject at Splitrock and E. Holly boulevards, checked OK.
- Cory Lasalle Tobacco, 30, arrested for DUI-2nd, no valid license, open container, speeding at W. Park St. and S. Locust Ave.
- Vandalism reported in 100 block of W. Alpine Circle, advised.
- Disorderly subject reported in 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., advised.
- Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave., 26000 block of 482nd Ave.
- Assist Lincoln County in 300 block of N. Tamarac Circle.
- Check well-being of subject at N. Maple Ave. and E. Pine St., returned to home.
- Tagged abandoned vehicle in 300 block of S. Fifth Ave.
- Parking violation in 300 block of S. Fifth Ave., advised.
- Parking violation in 1500 block of E. Cedar Circle, tagged.
- Assist Sioux Falls Police with locating a subject in 400 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., unable to locate.
- Check well-being of subject in 2000 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
- Report of loitering in 900 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
- Possible intoxicated driver at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Nicholas Ave., unable to locate.

## BRANDON POLICE REPORT

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

- Medical emergencies in 1100 block of E. Teakwood St. and 200 block of N. Fairway Dr., turned over to MED-Star.
- Suspicious subject in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle, advised juvenile on curfew, sent on way.
- Protection order violation in 700 block of N. Emerald Dr., advised.
- Public assists in 300 block of N. Tamarac Circle, 900 block of N. Joslyn Dr., 1300 block of S. Fernwood Ave.
- Found child in 400 block of N. Ninth Ave., returned to parent.
- Traffic hazard at I-90 and N. Splitrock Blvd., removed from roadway.
- Assist Sheriff's office with checking the well-being of subject, occurred in county.
- Two-vehicle accident in 100 block of E. Glenwood Dr., one driver cited for unsafe backing.
- Reports of a reckless driver in 400 block of W. Ironwood St., located and advised.
- Robin Rae Wanous-Williams, 50, arrested for DUI-1st, unsafe lane change at S. Sioux Blvd. and Park St.
- Family dispute in 500 block of E. Switch Grass Trail, advised.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 24

- Protection order violation reported in 700 block of N. Emerald Dr., advised.
- Public assists in 300 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., 300

- block of S. Main Ave., 25900 block of 482nd Ave.
- Check well-being of subjects in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd. and 1200 block of E. Holly Blvd.
- Fraud reported in 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., advised.
- Medical emergency in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
- Two-vehicle accident in 1600 block of E. Aspen Blvd.
- Reckless drivers reported at E. Glenwood Dr. and S. Nicholas Ave., advised.
- Family dispute in 100 block of N. Maple Ave., advised.
- Assist Sheriff's office with checking the well-being of subject, occurred in county.
- Runaway reported in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle, returned home, lodged at Arise.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 25

- One-vehicle accident in 600 block of E. Willow St.
- Public assists in 1000 block of E. Magnolia Dr., 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., 100 block of W. Chapelwood Dr., 300 block of S. Main Ave., 1000 block of E. Holly Blvd.
- Assist Sheriff's office with an alarm, occurred in county.
- Family dispute in 300 block of S. Fourth Ave., advised.
- Alarm in 100 block of S. Cardinal Dr., checked OK.
- Lost property reported in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle, advised.
- Leland Timothy Ames, 28, arrested for warrant service in

- 400 block of S. Main Ave.
- Medical emergency in 1800 block of S. Mulberry Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
- Reckless drivers reported in 1400 block of S. Fernwood Ave. and at S. Fernwood Ave. and W. Greenwood St., advised.
- Suspicious vehicle in 600 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26

- Check security in 300 block of S. Main Ave. and 100 block of W. Alpine Circle.
- Jordan Scott Heemstra, 24, arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia at E. Keystone Dr. and N. Splitrock Blvd.
- Public assist in 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
- Noise disturbance in 800 block of N. Emerald Dr., advised.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

- Matthew Aaron Yager, 30, arrested for DUI-1st, speeding, contributing to the delinquency at S. Fifth Ave. and S. Splitrock Blvd.
- Suspicious vehicle at E. Aspen and S. Splitrock boulevards, advised, sent on way.
- Disorderly subjects in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., advised.
- Public assists in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., 1300 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
- 911 hang-up in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
- Suspicious vehicle in 700 block of S. McHardy Road, advised.
- Check security in 800

- block of S. McHardy Road, checked OK.
- Fireworks reported at S. Lewis Dr. and E. Aspen Blvd.
- Motorist assist at I-90 and N. Splitrock Blvd.
- Suspicious activity in 500 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised, sent on way.

### MONDAY, JUNE 28

- Suspicious vehicle in 100 block of W. Holly Blvd., checked OK.
- Medical emergencies in 700 block of E. Redwood Blvd., 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., 1300 block of E. Keystone Dr., turned over to MED-Star.
- Public assist in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
- Assist Sheriff's office with an accident on I-90.
- Customer dispute reported at E. Birch St. and E. Liberty Circle, advised.
- Check well-being of subject in 1500 block of E. Redwood Blvd., unable to make contact.

### ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

- Stray dogs in 700 block of S. Eighth Ave.
- Dog bite reported in 1400 block of S. Lakota Ave.
- Lost dog reported in 2200 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
- Found dog in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
- Vicious dog in 1300 block of S. Parkview Blvd.
- Stray dog at S. Sioux Blvd. and S. Lakota Ave.
- Barking dog in 500 block of N. Needles Dr.
- Trapped raccoon in 1800 block of W. Ashton Trail.
- Lost dogs reported in 100 block of S. Fifth Ave.



# Fire safety takes center stage at county commission meeting

**Dave Baumeister**  
County correspondent

SIOUX FALLS – While the Minnehaha County Commission dealt with a wide variety of issues at their June 21, meeting, the main ones concerned fireworks and Renner-area developments.

Unlike past meetings, the new medical marijuana law didn't take up much time, but it was discussed once again.

This time, though, it was about something the county could deal with pending state action.

Commissioners voted 4-0 (Gerald Beninga was not present) to change its employee drug policy for most situations.

In the past, drug tests were done for employees that included marijuana use, but with the change in state law, commissioners adapted their drug policy on marijuana use. The change they made said that employees and perspective employees would not be adversely affected for marijuana use if they had a prescription for

it. As of July 1, Initiated Measure 26 goes into effect, allowing the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

However, according to new county guidelines, marijuana being present on an employee drug test will still have negative affects if the person is in a position relating to law enforcement, public safety or transportation.

## Fire safety

Emergency Management Director Jason Gearman was present, along with several other rural fire chiefs, to suggest implementing a countywide burn ban.

He said that while the National Weather Service has yet to flag Minnehaha County for such a ban, due to the amount of "green" still present in vegetation, he added that if dry conditions persist, that green could turn to brown very quickly.

And commissioners hit on this inaction from the NWS to not impose a burn ban at this time.

Robert Dykstra, president

of the Minnehaha County Firefighters Association, discussed how misleading "green conditions" could be.

He cited that rural fire departments had to answer several calls recently for grass fires, two of which were attributed to fireworks.

Dykstra said that because of the absence of subsoil moisture, a fire could spread even in a green area, and "when that happens (the green area) is not coming back."

Initially, all four commissioners present were against adopting a burn ban right now, because they were unsure it was needed, and they felt enacting a ban so close to Independence Day would be unenforceable.

But following Dykstra's comments on behalf of all the firefighters present, Commissioner Jeff Barth was more inclined to take the word of the "people on the ground."

"You talk about people giving up their free time and fun (in regard to a ban), but we are giving up our time and our fun, too, when there

is a fire," Dykstra said.

Barth made the motion to enact a burn ban, but it failed for lack of a second from another commissioner.

They did point out, however, that the issue was not dead, as they plan to be monitoring conditions closely over the next week.

While no meeting is scheduled for this week, one can be called if they feel a ban needs to be enacted.

In another fireworks related issue, representatives from Huset's Speedway in Brandon received the green light from commissioners to hold a fireworks display at their racetrack.

Commissioners were not worried about a professional display at the track.

## New developments

Commissioners voted unanimously to give approval to preliminary plans to the Peterson First Addition to be located 1.5 miles northeast of Renner along SD Highway 115 at the site of the former Peterson Mo-

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BV Journal file photo

Be safe this Fourth of July, when lighting fireworks.

# SD ranks No. 1 for most fireworks injuries

## Staff report

Fireworks are a staple of summer holidays like the Fourth of July, especially in the Midwest.

However, with fireworks come inevitable injuries and burns.

Allegiant Fire Protection, a fire protection service out of Illinois, performed a study using Google search trends for January through December 2020 regarding burn-related searches.

With searches like "burnt finger on sparkler" and "burnt hand firework," South Dakota ranked No. 1 with a 26 percent increase in

fireworks and burn-related searches. According to Allegiant, residents searched for burn-related items just over 2,600 times each month in 2020, but that number increased 26 percent to 3,306 in June, July and August.

Filling in the remaining top 10 spots were Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Wyoming, Minnesota, Kansas, Maine and New Hampshire, respectively.

Hawaii, Allegiant reported, sees the least amount of fireworks-related injuries with just a 5 percent increase in summer months.

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"It's just added convenience for the customers and to improve the flow of customers through the front end so they can get their groceries and get out in a timely manner," Peterson said.

On Monday, Courtney Graff popped in to the store to pick up a bag of pizza rolls, a requested from her kids for that day's lunch.

"I don't mind them as long as I don't have a ton of groceries," said Graff, who used Sunshine's self-checkout for the first time that day.

Now in the third week since being installed, Peterson said shoppers have fully embraced them.

"In the first two days that we installed these, we did more transactions through those self-checkouts than we did through our manned stations. The company that installed it, it's a local company, RDS in Sioux Falls, they also installed them in grocery store chains in West River, and in our two days, we did more transactions through them than they did in their first two months," he said.

The self-checkouts have also reduced the number of times staff, such as the nighttime stock boys, are called up to help check.



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New self-checkout stations were added at Sunshine.

"It greatly reduced that," he said. "Now they can stay back there and work, and it's way more efficient, but the biggest thing is convenience."

The self-checkouts haven't replaced workers.

"We didn't terminate anybody and no one lost their job because of them. I think that's a big misconception, especially for a regu-

lar grocery store like us. It's more to help with the flow of the customers," he said.

And as customers get acquainted with the new system, an attendant is assigned to oversee the self-checkout stations.

"All of our cashiers have to be trained on them," Peterson said. "Listening is the big que. It will say, 'Please wait for assistance,' because we can't always see the lights at the top, then we go over there and usually it's something where they didn't put it on the bagging scale and its flagging it, which is an anti-theft measure."

Liquor and tobacco sales are also handled the same as they are at a manned checkout, Peterson said.

"We have to go over there, clear it and check their ID to make sure everything is kosher on that, and that's why you need an attendant. If people are just coming through and buying a six-pack of beer, they want to get in and get out. If we obviously know they're old enough, we can clear it right there at our manager station," he said.

Attendants will also help customers bag their items, if needed.

"Usually, you won't want to go

through there if you have a \$300 grocery order, but some people do," he added.

For all the produce sold at the store, Peterson explained there is a search key and all produce is categorized by alphabetical order or by the most popular sold.

"Watermelons, bananas, apples and oranges will all be in the popular, and the grapes, because those are always bought. All you have to do is put it on the scale, and boom. It's super-easy," he said, adding that all produce has a four-digit code that can also be punched in to be weighed on the scale.

Customers of all ages have already gravitated to the self-checkouts, although the older generation, Peterson said, have been more apprehensive.

"But once they've used it the first time, they keep using it now. If you can use a regular cash register and hit enter, it's super easy, because they've programmed these pretty good where they are super user-friendly," he said.

The self-checkouts even remind shoppers to scan their Sunshine app.

The scanners, which are 2D, have the ability to screen the app

on people's cell phones

"Basically, you can scan anything that has a bar code. It doesn't matter what kind of surface it has, where the older ones (scanners) can't scan everything," he explained.

Since the self-checkouts went live, Peterson said they've noticed that pre-teens and early teens "love to use these things."

"The other day Chad (Padgett) noticed that the child was doing the groceries and she was slick at it. She was fast and he goes to the lady with her, 'Oh, you're training a future checker.' And she goes, 'Yeah, she absolutely loves checking out groceries.'"

Padgett learned that in two years she would be 15, old enough to be a cashier at Sunshine.

"Like I said, we definitely did not fire anyone or no one lost their job; we're actually hiring people, and the more people we can hire, the better. It's just really rare right now and it's hard to find help everywhere," Peterson said. "I would say 99 percent of the people love these things."

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go against the city's water permits.

Read assured that it would not impact the city's water permits.

"We have plenty of rights in the Big Sioux and we have three unused wells in Aspen Park now," he said.

Alderman Dana Clark asked if their plan for the well does not pan out and they tap into city water, what kind of water usage could be anticipated.

Read said each outfield measures about 25,000 square feet, estimating 31,000 gallons one day per week would meet the one-inch per week that's currently allowed.

Clark was also concerned about the city's water rights.

"Would it be prudent for us to put a section or a paragraph in here that addresses that or allows us to somehow trump them down the road if this becomes an issue? I see this as an agreement that's easily renewable, so I see this as something that just gets renewed, renewed, renewed. Maybe it would be good to be proactive on that now," she suggested.

Fish, however, said the memorandum of

understanding states that if they hook up to city water, they will have to adhere to the current restrictions.

"If they are able to do the well, it gives them some flexibility," she said, "but I think we're covered so that they could get started."

City attorney Lisa Marso echoed Fish.

"They are going to comply with our watering restrictions, so if the council ever wants to set a policy in a resolution, enact a motion that says no watering at the baseball and softball fields, that's your watering restriction. This is contemplating something broadly – odd/even, once a week – you could also later down the road say no watering the baseball, softball, soccer fields. It's your water to control," she said.

## Off-sale liquor license discussion

With the anticipated date of the U.S. Census numbers being released in the coming months, Read said it's anticipated the city will gain both an on-sale and an off-sale license. Currently, Brandon has two on-sale licenses available and no available off-sale

licenses.

"Things the city council needs to start thinking about are A., do we want to continue to charge just a renewal fee for an off-sale license, which is \$500? We have had four inquiries regarding an off-sale license, so how does the council want to handle the issuance of that license? First come, first serve? Auction it off with a minimum bid?" Read asked.

The city also possesses an off-sale license at the golf course, which is not needed since they possess an on-sale license that covers entire course.

"What do we want to do with that?" Read asked.

Marso said she'd like to research the topic before the council considers auctioning off the license, as it could be considered as "revenue producing, which could be considered taxation as opposed to licensing."

Read said no immediate decision was needed, and said the topic will likely be on the agenda for the council's second meeting in July.

"It would be nice to have some criteria if

we get four applications for two licenses," he said. "How are you going to judge which is in the best interest of the city, which will generate more sales tax for us. The state is very vague on their licensing requirements and only says if the person is in good standing or has a good reputation."

Under the city's current guidelines, the cost of an on-sale license is based on \$6 per capita.

"Do you want to set a different minimum?" he asked, and suggested they may want to establish a per capita cost for off-sale licenses, tossing out \$2 or \$3 per capita.

"In my opinion, the first come, first serve would be the last choice," Mayor Jim Heintz said. "I think you want to be fair to anyone that has interest. This is free enterprise."

While the city is limited on the number of on- and off-sale licenses, there is no limit on the number of beer and wine licenses they can issue.

The city council meets next at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 6.



# Well spoken BVHS oral interp phenom attains top 30 at nationals

Jill Meier  
Journal editor

Ellen Joseph had something to say. And she said it so well, that the 2022 Brandon Valley High School senior “talked” her way to top 30 finishes in two divisions of the National Speech and Debate Tournament earlier this month. Competing virtually in both poetry and Program of Interpretation (POI), Joseph accomplished something that few other high school students ever know. In poetry, from a field of about 480 competitors from across the United States, and the POI division, which saw about 300 entrants, Joseph garnered a top 30 ranking in both.

BVHS oral interp coach Gina Koehn described Joseph’s feat of reaching the quarterfinals in not just one, but two events, as “amazing.”

“While Ellen did not break into the semis, she accomplished something so spectacular this week,” Koehn said. Months ago, thousands of kids across America had an idea for a POI. They each researched dozens of pieces of

literature to find just the right poem, articles, scripts and book that would enable them to tell that particular story. They put in hundreds of hours of reading, analysis, cutting, rehearsing, re-cutting and rehearsing some more to get it just right. In the end, about 300 of them qualified to share that passion at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. Only 30 of them know what it’s like to be a quarterfinalist, and tonight 16 of them are feeling the disappointment in not moving to semifinals. Our Ellen is just one of those feeling that tonight. ... (but) to watch her become the incredible young woman she is might be more amazing.”

Joseph, however, has been there before. Under Coach Koehn’s guide, there has been four instances a BVHS student has achieved top 30 status, and Joseph has accounted for three of them. In 2020, she and Cal Shaykett reached top 30 in duo.

“This year was the most competitive ever,” Joseph said, adding there were about 100 more competitors than usual who qualified for nationals.

For poetry, Joseph and her competitors entered the competition via video. From the approximate 480 entries, from the sidelines, Joseph survived multiple rounds as the field was narrowed to 120, to 60 and finally, the top 30, “which was like crazy to me,” she said.

She took that same journey in POI, with the exception that she performed her piece, which was based on the scandal involving USA Gymnastics, each time she advanced in the competition.

“By the quarterfinals (top 30), everyone is so, so good,” Joseph said, “and it was very nerve-racking.”

While the national competition should have been held in St. Louis, all competitors performed their pieces for the judges utilizing Zoom technology. That, too, Joseph said, added to the pressure.

“With Zoom, you can see everybody’s reactions and all of the judges,” she



Submitted photo Ellen Joseph points to her assigned number after the top 30 qualifiers were announced virtually. Joseph competed in both poetry and POI of the national speech and debate tournament.

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## An Eagle Scout effort

# McDaniels constructs bat houses to benefit Brandon

Staff report

Eagle Scout candidate Miles McDaniels of Brandon Troop 212 finished his service project this week, completing all requirements to receive Scouting’s highest rank.

McDaniels’ service project was to design, build and install bat houses around McHardy Park. According to the Scout, bats are beneficial, as they have the ability to eat their own weight of mosquitoes nightly, thus lowering the spread of insect borne diseases like West Nile Virus. Providing bats a place to live also helps keep them from settling in people’s attics and eaves, he said.

The bat houses measure eight inches wide and 14 inches tall.

“Think of it as a shoebox but the bottom is not there,” McDaniels said, adding that chicken wire is placed inside the box, which gives the bats something to hang on to.

The Eagle rank in Scouting is the highest of the seven ranks that Scouts can earn.

In addition to the service project, the scout must achieve all six of the lower ranks through earning merit badges (13 Eagle required, and an additional eight of the Scout’s choosing), hold leadership positions in the Troop, participate in camping and civic



Submitted photo Miles McDaniels constructed multiple bat houses for his Eagle Scout project, and installed them last week in trees at McHardy Park.



activities and uphold the Scout Motto and Scout Law.

Scouting emphasizes citizenship, leadership, and responsibility in helping today’s youth become tomorrow’s leaders. McDaniels is a senior at Brandon Valley High School and plans to seek an engineering degree following high school.

McDaniels first introduced his Eagle Scout project to

Brandon’s Park Advisory Board in January. After explaining the benefits of the bat house project and receiving unanimous support from the park board, Jon Jacobson, park board chair said, “I think it’s a super-cool idea.”

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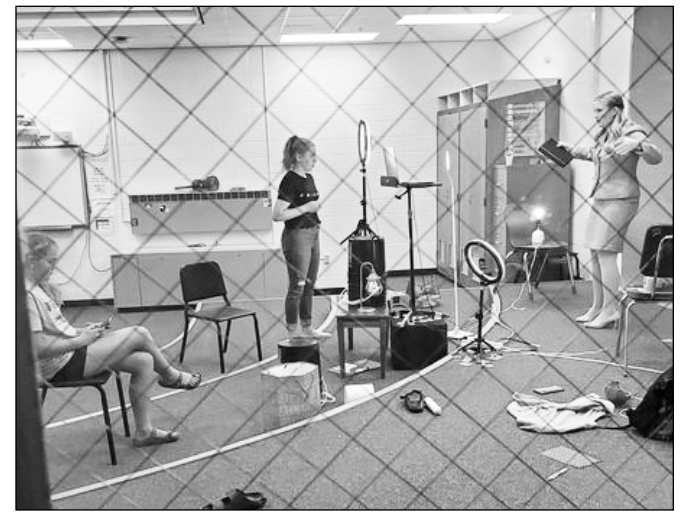




## BIKE RACK ART

The early morning sun created a picturesque shadow of the bike rack outside the fence of the Brandon Swimming Pool this week. The pool's new amenities have made it a popular place to be this summer.

Jill Meier/BV Journal



Submitted photo

Ellen Joseph competed virtually in both poetry and POI.

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said, witnessing one judge eat her lunch during her performance.

While technology made the nationals possible this year, it surely wasn't perfect.

"One of my rounds, the WiFi went out," she recalled. In another round, the AC kicked on and a forklift outside the room moving chairs could be heard.

But that didn't keep Joseph from advancing from one round to the next.

"I would've given anything to be in front of a crowd again," Joseph said. "But how fortunate I was just to be able to be in a classroom in front of a camera and people. I loved being in their presence and seeing their reactions."

As for nerves, Joseph says she's quick to overcome those moments after she begins.

"I'm nervous for the first two minutes and then it just feels so right," she said. "I love what I'm doing and I'm so happy about putting out a good message, especially the message of my piece this year."

Her POI entry, based on the 2016 USA Gymnastics scandal that charged team doctor Larry Nassar had sexually abused at least three gymnasts, including three-time Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas,

focuses on giving a voice to the voiceless.

"In the end, I talk about not caring about winning, but caring about speaking up," she informs.

Her poetry entry, which focuses on bringing awareness to mental health and alcoholism, was enhanced by her personal connection to the subject itself. Her father, she tells, is now six years sober.

"I always try to do a piece that means more to me," she said.

As Koehn noted, Joseph invested countless hours into research and preparing for the opportunity to compete at nationals. In this abnormal year of virtual competitions, including nationals, Joseph expressed her appreciation for Koehn and her teammates cheering her on through each round.

"The good part of this year is that I had my teammates by my side, which made this hard year very special, because they wouldn't have been there with me," she said. "And Ms. Koehn kept on encouraging me and she knew I was a winner even though I didn't move on (to the semifinals)."

## BV Optimist Oral Interp

This spring, Joseph was also crowned the local champion of the Brandon Valley Optimist Club's oral interp competition. She went on to take top honors at both the zone and district (South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Canada) levels and will compete next month at the national level.

The competition, originally scheduled to be held in St. Louis, Mo., will be done virtually over Zoom. A victory there would advance her to Worlds, where she would compete for \$22,000 in scholarship money.

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## FIREWORKS INJURIES cont. from page 5

Brandon Fireworks, says that using caution is key.

"Many of those injuries happen from sparklers which are one of the most common items that you can sell year-round," Cameron said. "So, that's kind of ironic, but sparklers burn at 2,000 degrees—the metal ones. Be careful when you're helping your kids with sparklers."

With larger firework products, Cameron suggests giving yourself enough space to activate them.

"As for the bigger products, follow the directions," Cameron urges. "Some of the biggest injuries come from utilizing them in the way that's not meant to be

used or combining them together to make things that they weren't intended to be. So, follow the directions and allow plenty of space. Especially if you're in town, it's a good idea to put a barrier of some kind around it—folding tables, maybe, in a square would be at least better than nothing in case something tips over or misfires. If you're more handy, you can build yourself a wooden 4x4 spot to do it."

Along with their firework-related injury study, Allegiant also conducted a study on which states spend the most on fireworks. While South Dakota did not claim No. 1 on this list, it

did make the top 10—ranking at No. 4 in the nation.

The top three rankings went to Missouri, Kansas and South Carolina, respectively.

South Dakota measured in at about \$6,429 spent per 1,000 residents, or \$6.25 per person. Between January 2020 and March 2021, the Mount Rushmore state totaled around \$5.5 million on the value of fireworks imported.

Allegiant reports that the fireworks industry is already a multi-billion-dollar industry and is poised to grow to \$2.8 billion by 2025. As a nation, the value of fireworks imported totaled over \$400 million

between January 2020 and March 2021.

Safety tips provided by Allegiant include:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks;
- Never use fireworks while under the influence;
- Only use fireworks away from people, houses and flammable material;
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person; and
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to extinguish fireworks that don't go off fully.

For more information, visit <https://allegiantfire.net/>.

A road district needs to be agreed on by the residents, and it allows for taxing specifically to develop and maintain roads in that area.

Commissioners will meet next at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 6 on the second floor of the Minnehaha County Administration Building at Sixth and Minnesota in Sioux Falls.

omment, which the county previously approved. Dirt roads currently exist in the former mobile home park, but the new development will require paved roads to be put in place there.

Also, in that general area, a current housing development received permission to start work developing a road district. This development is 1.5 miles north of Sioux Falls, also along Highway 115 (North Cliff).

## COUNTY COMMISSION cont. from page 5

bile Home Park.

Forty-two mobile home have been moved out to make way for 40 housing lots in the same area.

Commissioner Cindy Heiberger was quick to point out the benefits the county would see in property taxes on brick and mortar homes, as opposed to mobile homes.

This would be located just north of the Cedar Ridge Planned Develop-

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## Journey with the Journal



“Go West, young women!” OK, so Brandon Valley Journal editor Jill Meier (right) and Sharon Johansen may not exactly be “young”, but they did “go West” in late May to the Class AA state track and field meet in Sturgis. On they way there, they stopped at the famed Wall Drug for some “tourist time” and to take a “Journey with the Journal” photo. If you’re venturing out - near or far - remember to take your hometown paper along for the ride!

## Minnehaha Master Gardeners organize annual garden tour

Staff report

Looking for a bloom of summer inspiration?

The Minnehaha County Extension Master Gardeners’ annual garden tour is back this year with an exciting selection of gardens for you to visit. This year’s tour will provide the community the opportunity to experience the beauty of local gardens. The garden tour aims to showcase the botanical creations of accomplished Sioux Falls gardeners, an inspired group of students on Augustana’s campus, a couple of community gardens, and a local commercial garden. It brings the community together to celebrate creative local gardens.

The garden tour will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7. Those interested in attending can purchase tickets online at <http://www.minnehahamastergardeners.org/> Tickets are \$10 per person

and can also be purchased on the day of the tour at the eastside Lewis Drug, 26th St. and Sycamore.

Master Gardeners will be available at each of the garden locations to answer questions. In the case of inclement weather, the tour will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday July 8.

Minnehaha County Extension Master Gardeners work within the Sioux Falls region to broaden gardening knowledge and provide resources for community members. Certified Master Gardeners receive extensive education through South Dakota State University horticulture department, making us regional experts in plants, insects, garden diseases, and gardening techniques. Money raised from events is used for scholarships and to promote regional gardening and education. To learn more, visit [www.minnehahamastergardeners.org](http://www.minnehahamastergardeners.org).

## Summertime music outdoors



Beaver Valley Lutheran hosted their annual Midsummer Festival Saturday, that featured food trucks and the Hegg Brothers and Brandon native, Dr. Derek Hengeveld. Although rain dampened the event, folks stayed around for the good music and good company.

Jill Meier/BV Journal

## S.D. launches medical cannabis website

Staff report

The South Dakota Department of Health and the South Dakota Department of Education, launched [medcannabis.sd.gov](http://medcannabis.sd.gov), a website to answer questions and provide information about the upcoming medical cannabis program set to take effect on July 1, 2021.

“One of my jobs as governor is to make sure that the will of the people and all constitutional laws are enforced,” said Governor Kristi Noem. “I want South Dakota to have the best, most patient-focused

medical cannabis program in the country. I’ve heard from people who are hurting and are hopeful for relief. My team is 100 percent committed to starting this program as quickly and as responsibly as possible for South Dakota.”

Medical cannabis will be legal on July 1, after the voters of South Dakota passed Initiated Measure 26 in November 2020. The medical cannabis program is on schedule. The Departments of Health and Education are creating and will operate the new regulatory program to ensure the

safety of patients, students, and the public in this new industry.

“We are working hard to streamline the process to get medical cards out to people,” Noem said. “Other states have made mistakes that we do not want to repeat, so we have been careful in our approach.”

In conjunction with the website, Noem also launched a new public service announcement to tell the people of South Dakota where they can find more information about the medical cannabis program.

## PRT closes ‘21 season with ‘Little Shop of Horrors’

Staff report

Prairie Repertory Theatre closes its 50th season with next week’s showings of the award-winning musical, “Little Shop of Horrors,” by Howard Ashman. The productions will be in person at 7:30 p.m. June 30-July 2 and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. July 3 in the Oscar Larson Theatre in the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center. Starting for this show, attendees can purchase tickets 90 minutes prior to each performance at the box office.

Featuring show stopping numbers, an unforgettable company and a lot of energy and color, “Little Shop of Horrors” explores love, fame, big dreams and what it truly means to be successful. After discovering a plant from outer space, things suddenly take a turn for florist Seymour Krelborn. However, as pressure builds to care for the increasingly famous plant, things quickly get out of hand. Audiences will find themselves asking, do the ends justify the means?

“I’m excited to return and join this year’s company,” said Rebecca Bailey ’12, who now lives in Russell, Kentucky. “I invite everyone to come experience the magic and laughter that this show offers. It features songs that will get stuck in your head, characters that are full of heart and situations that will keep you laughing.”

The cast includes students Abby Turner (Miller), Braden Paulsen (Brandon), Bradley Herrmann (Sioux Falls), Brady Wright (Rock Rapids, Iowa), Makayla Overholt (Madison), Hanna Bricker (Belle

Fourche), Elizabeth Anne Stucker (Spirit Lake, Iowa), Jonathan Adderley (Nassau, Bahamas), Shannin Ashmore (Sioux City, Iowa), Rachel Board (Vass, N.C.), Isaiah Dietz (Brandon), David Kastner (Redfield), Noah Kutter (Sioux Falls), Klara McElroy (Cabot, Ark.), Tiffany Quinton (Sapulpa, Okla.), Jaron Sagmoe (Sioux Falls), Dakota Scott (Windom, Minn.), Abigail Solvie (Morris, Minn.) and Betsey Williams (Emporia, Kan.). The cast also includes accompanist Shawn Stemsrud (Stockholm). Also having roles are SDSU Professor and PRT Managing/Artistic Director J.D. Ackman and SDSU Professor and PRT Company Manager Billy Wilburn.

The crew includes students Anica Brokemeier (Lebanon, Ill.), Olivia Davis (Brookings), Abigayle Davis (Brookings), Mary Hendricks (Sioux Falls), Anna Herrmann (Flandreau), Taylor Hoffmeyer (Sioux Falls), Emma Kruger (Madison), Skyllar Shoening (Roseau, Minn.) and Katherine Telkamp (Britton). The crew also includes SDSU Professor and choreographer Melissa Hauschild-Mork, SDSU Professor Corey Shelsta and Kate Wismer (Britton). David Reynolds, director of the School of Performing Arts, will conduct the pit ensemble.

Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.sdstate.edu/prairie-repertory-theatre>, <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/sd-state/479> or by calling the box office at (605)695-6045 Monday-Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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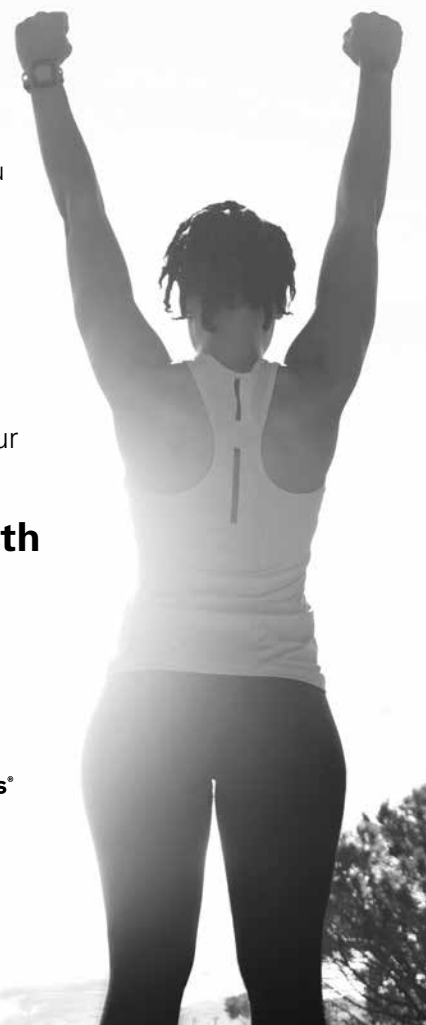
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## Kelling's strong bat aids BV's 24-1 road victory

Jill Meier  
Journal editor

Brandon Valley's mega victory over Mitchell Post 18 last week served largely as batting practice. Post 131 chiseled out 18 hits in the lopsided 24-1 victory, and Logan Kelling led the way with a 4-for-4 performance that resulted in five runs and 4 RBIs.

Kelling's big bat produced singles in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings.

In the opening frame, two walks, a sacrifice bunt, singles by Jaxon Haase and Matt Brown added up to three runs for the Lynx. In the bottom half of the first, Mitchell's lone run came via singles by Seth Muth and Schmidt.

BV repeated their three-run production in the second inning. Kelling led off with a single, which was accompanied by back-to-back errors by Post 18. A sacrifice fly ball by Joe Kolbeck scored Kelling. Haase and Brown both hit singles for the 6-1 score heading into the bottom of the second.

BV all but put the game out of reach in the fourth and fifth innings, where they tacked on six and 11 runs, respectively. The Post 131 onslaught was guided by Kelling, Lake

Terveer, Austin Reiter, Kolbeck, Brown and Nick Hokenstad, as they all drove in runs.

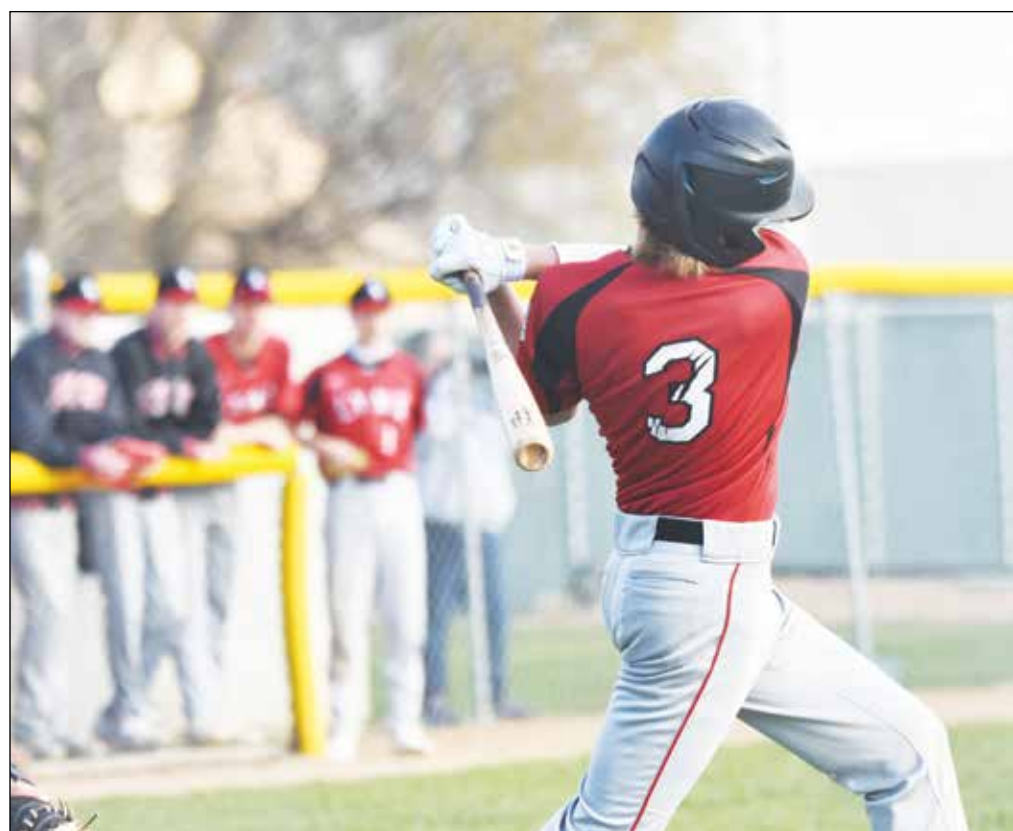
The Lynx tallied 18 hits in the victory, while Mitchell was limited to four hits, two of which came off the bat of Jonah Schmidt.

Brown pitched Post 131 to victory. The ace allowed just four hits and one run over five innings of work. He struck out three Mitchell batters.

Ty Neugebauer was charged with the loss. He surrendered 13 runs on nine hits over 3 2/3 innings.

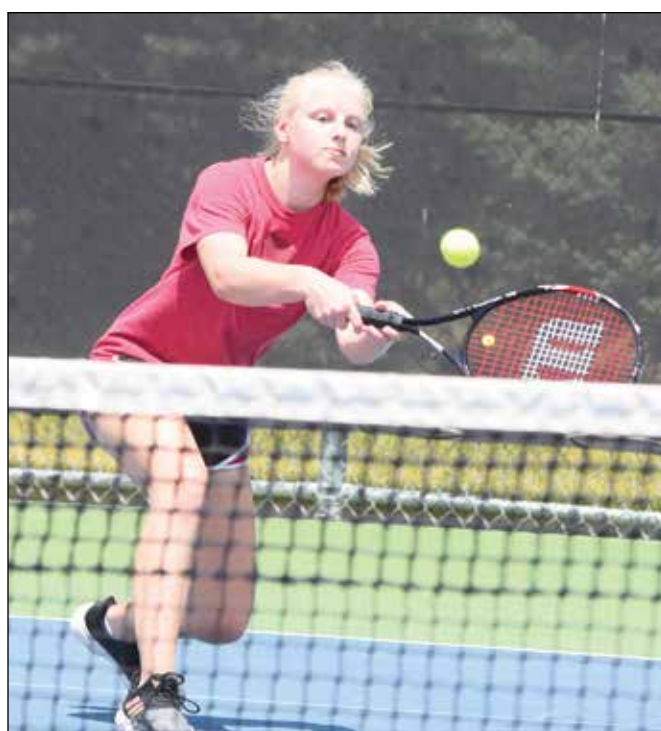
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**BV** - Lake Terveer 2-3, 4 runs, RBI; Jaxon Haase 3-4, 2 runs, 4 RBI; Matt Brown 2-4, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Nick Hokenstad 2-4, 2 runs, RBI; Tyler Schelske 2-5, 3 runs, RBI; Logan Kelling 4-4, 5 runs, 4 RBI. **Mitchell** - Brock Sparks 1-2, dbl. Seth Muth 1-2, run; Parker Bollinger 0-1 RBI. **Pitching: BV** - Matt Brown (WP) 7 IP, 4 hits, 1 run, 1 error, 3 SO, 3 walks. **Mitchell** - Ty Neugebauer (LP) 3.2 IP, 9 hits, 13 runs, 4 errors, 0 SO, 4 walks; Seth Muth 0.1 IP, 1 hit, 3 runs, 2 errors, 1 SO, 2 walks; #3 1 IP, 6 hits, 8 runs, 1 error, 0 SO, 2 walks.



Journal file photo  
Logan Kelling had the hot bat last week in Brandon Valley's 24-1 road win against Mitchell Post 18. Kelling went 4-for-4.

## What a 'raquet!' BTA's Jr. Open draws 90 competitors



Jill Meier/BV Journal  
(Top) Gavin Stone retruns a shot during singles play Monday in the Brandon Tennis Association-hosted Jr. Open. (Above) Emma Risty rushes the net. (At right) Aiden Zerr delivers a serve in his match against Isaac Fode (not pictured). The second session of Lynxville begins July 12 and registrations remain open online at brandontennisassociation.com. Adult leagues are also offered Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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# Sports

## Legion team goes 3-3 at CWS tournament

### Staff report

Brandon Valley improved their season record to 18-8 after going 3-3 at the multi-day CWS Tournament in Omaha.

Following Tuesday's home double header against Pierre Post 8, BV heads to face Harrisburg Post 45 tonight at 5 and 7 p.m. The team then takes four days off before hosting the Brookings Bandits on Monday, July 5 and Watertown Post 17 on July 6 at First National Bank Field. Both are double headers, slated for 5 and 7 p.m.

### BV 12, Russellville 16

There was plenty of action at the plate, as BV and Russellville combined to score 28 runs, with the 16-12 victory going to Russellville.

BV scored two runs in the first, fourth and sixth innings, and turned in a big six-run inning in the fifth. The bottom-of-the-first-inning runs were supplied by a Joe Kolbeck homer, which sailed over the left-field fence.

Russellville's seven-run second inning was fueled by two walks, four doubles, a single and a balk.

Post 131 tacked on two runs in the fourth. The scores came courtesy of singles by Jaxon Haase, Matt Brown and Nick Hokenstad to make it 11-4 heading into the top of the fifth. The Lynx bats were smoking hot in the bottom of the sixth. A Lake Terveer triple started off the six-run inning, and was followed by singles by Michael Chevalier, Kolbeck, Haase, Hokenstad and Tyler Schelske. Trailing 12-8, the Russellville pitcher was called for a balk, which sent Matt Brown across the plate. Schelske stole home to make it a 12-10 game before Russellville's pitching sat down the next two BV batters.

Russellville put up three more runs in the top of the sixth and the Lynx answered with two runs in the bottom half of the inning. Singles by Spicer and Hokenstad, walks by Kolbeck and Brown, and an Russellville error that put Schelske

on base resulted in the 15-21 score. Russellville added a run in the top of the seventh to close out the 16-12 victory.

BV charted 13 hits and Russellville had a dozen in the high-scoring affair.

Ray pitched Russellville to victory. The pitcher went 5 1/3 innings, allowing 12 runs on 11 hits and striking out three. Jones threw 1 2/3 innings in relief.

Noah Bertsch took the loss. The bulldog surrendered seven runs on three hits over 1 1/3innings, striking out one. Jack Krohnke, Ayden Spicer and Terveer also saw time on the hill.

**Russel. 170 313 1 - 16 12 2**  
**BV 200 262 0 - 12 13 2**

**Russellville** - Jones 2-5, HR, dbl., 2 runs, 3 RBI; Chambers 3-5, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Duddleston 1-3, dbl., 2 runs, 3 RBI; Tramel 2-5, dbl., run, RBI; Bunton 1-2, dbl., 3 runs, RBI. **BV** - Joe Kolbeck 2-3, HR, 3 runs, 2 RBI; Lake Terveer 1-4, trpl., 2 runs; Matt Brown 2-4, 2 runs, run; Jaxon Haase 2-5, 2 runs, RBI; Tyler Schelske 1-4, run, 2 RBI. **Pitching: Russellville** - Ray (WP) 5.1 IP, 11 hits, 12 runs, 11 errors, 3 SO, 4 walks, 1 HR; Stephenson 1 inning, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 errors, 0 SO, 1 walk; Jones 1.2 IP 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 errors, 2 SO, 1 walk. **BV** - Noah Bertsch (LP) 1.1 IP, 3 hits, 7 runs, 6 errors, 1 SO, 3 walks; Jack Krohnke 2 IP, 4 hits, 4 runs, 4 errors, 1 SO, 1 walk, 1 HR; Ayden Spicer 1.2 IP, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 error, 0 SO, 1 walk; Lake Terveer 2 IP, 4 hits, 4 runs, 0 errors, 4 SO, 1 walk.

### BV 8, Rapid City 2

The Lynx rebounded in their 8-2 victory over Rapid City Post 22, thanks in part to Brown, who drove in four runs, which came off a single in the fifth inning and a double in the sixth.

In the fourth, Hokenstad delivered a double, Dawson Skorczewski was walked, and Terveer nailed a home run hit to right field.

Post 22 answered with two runs in the bottom half of the inning, generating back-to-back doubles, a single and a batter hit by pitch for the 4-2 game.

BV tacked on two runs in the both the top of the fifth and sixth innings. The first came compliments of a walk, a double by Haase

and a single by Brown, which plated Kolbeck and Haase. The Lynx closed out the 8-2 victory with a single by Chevalier, walks by Kolbeck and Haase, and a double by Brown, scoring Chevalier and Kolbeck.

Caleb Zerr earned the win. The bulldog lasted 4 innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out one. Chevalier threw 2 innings in relief, recording the last six outs to earn the save.

Jake Goble was charged with the loss. The pitcher allowed eight hits and six runs over 5 innings, striking out six.

BV scattered 10 hits in the victory. Terveer, Hokenstad, Brown and Haase all had two hits. Goble led Rapid City Post 22 with two hits in his three at bats.

**BV 010 322 X - 8 10 0**  
**RC 000 200 X - 2 4 1**

**BV** - Lake Terveer 2-4, HR, run, 3 RBI; Matt Brown 2-2, dbl., run, 4 RBI; Jaxon Haase 2-3, dbl., run; Nick Hokenstad 2-3, dbl. **RC** - Jake Goble 2-3, dbl., run; Drew Scherbenske 1-3, dbl., run. **Pitching: BV** - Caleb Zerr (WP) 4 IP, 3 hits, 2 runs, 2 errors, 1 SO, 3 walks; Michael Chevalier 2 IP, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 errors, 2 SO, 1 walk. **RC** - Jake Goble (LP), 5 IP, 8 hits, 6 runs, 5 errors, 6 SO, 4 walks, 1 HR; Wilson Kieffer 1 IP, 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 errors, 0 SO, 2 walks.

### BV 5, Millard West 6

This game went unfinished, but after 3.5 innings, BV trailed Millard West by a single run.

In the condensed game, Kolbeck was off to a hot start in his 1-for-1 performance, which was a two-RBI home run.

Kelling went all three innings on the hill for BV. He gave up six runs on six hits, struck out two and walked two.

Ben David manned the hill for Millard. In his four innings, David gave up three hits, five runs, including Kolbeck's Homer. He struck out one BV batter and walked four.

**BV 102 2XX X - 5 3 1**  
**Millard 051 XXX X - 6 6 2**

**BV** - Joe Kolbeck 1-1, HR, run, 2 RBI; Lake Terveer 0-2, run, RBI; Austin Reiter

0-1, RBI; Ayden Spicer 0-2, run; Matt Brown 0-2, run. **Millard** - Peyton Mane 1-2, dbl.; Trevor Unger 2-2, dbl., 2 runs; Kaden Struck 2-2, dbl., run, 2 RBI; Brady Beau 0-2, run, 2 RBI. **Pitching: BV** - Logan Kelling 3 IP, 6 hits, 6 runs, 4 errors, 2 SO, 2 walks. **Millard** - Ben David 4 IP, 3 hits, 5 runs, 3 errors, 1 SO, 4 walks, 1 HR.

### BV 9, West Fargo 6

BV took the lead late in this one, plating four runs in the bottom of the sixth, to overcome West Fargo 9-6.

Knotted at 6-all, Kolbeck smacked a single to score a run. Terveer flew across home plate on a wild pitch and Schelske scored on a sacrifice fly by Haase en route to the 9-6 finish.

The base paths were crowded in this high-scoring game. Post 131 collected nine hits and West Fargo had nine.

Brandon Valley Post 131 opened up scoring in the first inning, when Haase singled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs. RBI singles by Skorczewski and Logan Kelling closed out the scoring before West Fargo implemented a double play to end the four-run inning.

Trey Sejnoha got the start on the hill for BV. The fireballer went 5 innings, allowing four runs on six hits and striking out two West Fargo batters.

Brayden J. led things off on the pitcher's mound for West Fargo. The bulldog surrendered eight runs on eight hits over 5 1/3 innings, striking out two. Lance O. threw 2/3 of an inning out of the bullpen.

**West Fargo 020 112 0 - 6 9 4**  
**BV 400 014 X - 9 9 1**

**West Fargo** - Lance O. 2-4, run; Alex U. 2-4, run; Casey C. 1-3, run, RBI. **BV** - Joe Kolbeck 2-3, dbl., 2 runs, RBI; Lake Terveer 1-3, run, RBI; Jaxon Haase 1-2, run, 3 RBI; Dawson Skorczewski 1-3, run, RBI. **Pitching: West Fargo** - Brayden J. 5.1 IP, 8 hits, 8 runs, 3 errors, 2 SO, 3 walks; Lance O. (LP) 0.2 IP, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 error, 0 SO, 1 walk. **BV** - Trey Sejnoha (WP) 5 IP, 6 hits, 3 errors, 2 SO, 3 walks; Nick Hokenstad 1 IP, 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 error, 0 SO, 1 walk; Joe Kolbeck 1 IP, 2 hits, 0 runs, 0 errors, 0 SO, 1 walk.

### BV 7, Creighton Prep 11

Creighton Prep Five Points Bank scored four runs in the second inning and five in the third, essentially sealing the 11-7 victory over the BV Post 131.

The Lynx opened with two runs in the first, getting singles from Terveer, Chevalier and doubles by both Haase and Brown.

CP registered their first four runs on a single by Kalen Piechota and an in-the-park home run by Ryan Bauer to take a 4-2 lead.

Creighton rallied for five runs in the bottom of the third, taking advantage of a couple of batters hit by pitch, singles from Brok Laney and a double by Bauer. After three innings, CP led 9-2.

BV registered two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth. The first came compliments of a single by Kolbeck, a trio of walks to lessen the gap, 9-4.

The Lynx bats heated up in the sixth, getting singles from Kolbeck, Spicer, Hokenstad and Skorczewski and a double by Haase. Heading into the bottom of the frame, BV trailed 11-7.

Robert O. pitched Creighton the win. He went 4 2/3 innings, allowing four runs on six hits and struck out seven BV batters. Laney threw 2 1/3 innings in relief.

Brown took the loss, surrendering nine runs on four hits over 2 1/3 inning. He struck out one.

Despite the deficit in the game score, BV smacked a dozen hits. Spicer, Chevalier, Haase and Kolbeck all had two hits to their credit.

Bauer went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Creighton.

**BV 200 023 0 - 7 12 0**  
**Creighton 045 020 X - 11 8 3**

**BV** - Matt Brown 1-4, dbl.; Jaxon Haase 2-3, 2 dbls., 2 runs, 3 RBI; Joe Kolbeck 2-5, 2 runs; Ayden Spicer 2-3, run, 2 RBI. **Creighton** - Parker M. 1-2, dbl., run; Ryan B. 2-3, dbl., HR, run, 6 RBI; Jack S. 1-2, trpl., run, RBI, Kalen P. 1-2, 3 runs, 2 RBI. **Pitching: BV** - Matt Brown 2.1 IP, 4 hits, 9 runs, 9 errors, 1 SO, 3 walks, 1 HR. Lake Terveer 3.2 IP, 4 hits, 2 runs, 2 errors, 2 SO, 4 walks. **Creighton** - Robert I, 4.2 IP, 6 hits, 4 runs, 4 errors, 7 SO, 4 walks; Brok L. 2.1 IP, 6 hits, 3 runs, 3 er-

rors, 2 SO, 2 walks.

### BV 8, Millard South 6

BV closed out the CWS Tourney Sunday on a winning note, defeating Millard South 52's 8-6, thanks to a six-run first inning.

Bats blistered in this one, as BV charted 12 hits and Millard South 52's tallied 14 in the high-scoring affair.

Post 131 got the scoring party started on a triple by Terveer, singles by Kolbeck, Brown, Skorczewski and Reiter. The Lynx also used three walks en route to the six-run tally.

Millard South put up one run in the bottom of the first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings, and threatened with two runs in the seventh.

Bertsch was credited with the win. The fireballer surrendered six runs on 13 hits over 6 1/3 innings. He struck out two Millard batters.

Krohnke threw 2/3 of an inning in relief, recording the final two outs to earn the save.

Easton T. was charged with the loss. In his 4 1/3 innings on the hill, he allowed five hits and two runs. He sat down five BV batters. Logan A. started the game for Millard. He lasted just 2/3 of an inning, allowing five hits and six runs.

Terveer, Kolbeck, Hokenstad and Brown all had two hits, while Millard was led by Matt, who went 4-for-4 at the plate.

**BV 601 100 0 - 8 12 0**  
**Millard 101 111 0 2 - 6 14 0**

**BV** - Lake Terveer 2-4, trpl., 2 runs; Michael Chevalier 1-4, 3 RBI; Nick Hokenstad 2-2 run, 2 RBI; Dawson Skorczewski 1-4, run, 2 RBI. **Millard** - Cam K. 3-4, dbl., 3 runs; Matt G. 4-4, dbl.; Jakob F. 1-3, run, 3 RBI. **Pitching: BV** - Noah Bertsch (WP) 6.1 IP, 13 hits, 6 runs, 6 errors, 2 SO, 2 walks; Jack Krohnke 0.2 IP, 1 hit, 0 runs, 0 errors, 0 SO, 0 walks. **Millard** - Logan A. 0.2 IP, 5 hits, 6 runs, 6 errors, 0 SO, 3 walks; Easton T. (LP) 4.1 IP, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1 error, 5 SO, 2 walks; Jakob C. 2 IP, 2 hits, 0 runs, -0 errors, 0 SO, 2 walks.

## Jim Fjerestad Memorial Golf Tournament benefits Brandon Community Foundation



Jill Meier/BV Journal

The seventh annual Jim Fjerestad Memorial Golf Tournament, with proceeds benefiting the Brandon Community Foundation, drew just shy of 30 teams last week. Originally organized by the Fjerestad family after Jim was post-humously selected as the first "Spirit of Brandon" award recipient, the tournament has continued to grow. This year, the BCF committee asked one of the grant recipients, the Brandon Valley Baseball Association to provide youth volunteers to help golfers with their clubs. Players from the 14U program - Ben Gonseth, Dylan Jahraus, Logan Brendsel, Taylor Melby, Landen Dulaney and Rylan Carroll stepped up to the call. (At left) Committee member Kim Thompson measures out a "wing span" of tickets for the 50/50 raffle, one of many fundraising activities.



# Sports

## Former NFL players among 15 to be inducted into South Dakota Hall of Fame

Staff report

SIOUX FALLS — Two former National Football League players and the all-time home run champion in South Dakota amateur baseball history headline a group of 15 new inductees into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

The banquet will be Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Tickets for the public event will be available beginning Monday, Aug. 16.

Doug Eggers graduated from Wagner High School and had an outstanding football career at South Dakota State University. He went on to spend five years with the Baltimore Colts. Darwin Robinson of Redfield was a record-setting football player and track and field athlete at Dakota State College, later signing with the Washington Redskins. Kevin Leighton of Madison hit more than 500 home runs in his long amateur baseball career, winning numerous state titles along the way.

Other inductees in the Class of 2021 include Sioux Falls residents Bruce Conley, Ronald Mitchell and Gary Reed; Duane Whalen and John Houska of Rapid City; Ken Ruml of Howard; Heather Sieler Goehner of Huron; Laverne Diede of Freeman; Randy Fletcher of Lennox; Jim Miner of Yankton; former Aberdeen standout Wally Johnson; and Steve Withorne (deceased).

Conley was a long-time sportswriter at the *Argus Leader*. Mitchell spent decades as a successful coach for deaf athletes, achieving national acclaim. Reed was a state champion high school coach and well-respected official who worked more than 50 state basketball tournaments. Whalen was a 40-year coach and athletic director who has

been an organizer and leader in West River and South Dakota sports for decades. Houska officiated 30 state wrestling tournaments and was a 50-year coach in numerous sports whose teams won 18 state titles.

Ruml is one of the most successful wrestling coaches the state has ever produced. Sieler was an outstanding all-around athlete at Huron High School before starring in basketball at SDSU. Diede was very instrumental in the early development of girls' sports in the state, especially track and field and cross country. Fletcher was an outstanding basketball player for Dakota Wesleyan.

Miner helped build Yankton High School into a football and track and field powerhouse and was known as a tireless recruiter who got many girls and boys involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Johnson was one of the best multi-sport athletes in the history of Aberdeen Central who played basketball and ran track at Northern State. Withorne, who died in 1999, was a multi-sport all-state performer at Rapid City Central who went on to play basketball at Dakota Wesleyan. Not only did he star on the court for DWU, Withorne joined the football team and eventually earned an NFL tryout.

With the 15 additions, the hall will have enshrined 321 women and men from every sport and corner of the state. The South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1968 by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. It is now managed by a group of volunteers from across that state.

There is a display honoring past Hall of Fame members and this year's inductees inside the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. The entire list of people enshrined can be found online at [sdshof.com](http://sdshof.com).

## How much should a person sweat when working out?

**Question:** Is sweating any indication of how hard I'm working out?

**Answer:** How much you sweat depends on the type of workout and training goal rather than how hard you're working out. For example, power lifters who train hard and lift heavy need ample rest in between sets and, typically, do not sweat as much as someone moving through an eight-station circuit with little to no rest in between each exercise. Both types of workouts are challenging, but the amount of sweat you produce will be very different.

Your environmental surroundings can also influence how much you'll sweat. Cooler temperatures or working out in an air-conditioned room will result in less sweating, while a warmer room, such

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as a hot yoga studio, will result in the opposite. Keep in mind that sweating is your body's way of cooling itself. Some people are simply more efficient at this than others, thus more sweat!

Instead of measuring your sweat to see if you're working hard enough, try using the 'talk test' (if you're working hard it should be tough to talk), a heart rate monitor (an indicator of how hard your heart is working) or measure your workload (wattage, mileage, Mets).

**Question:** Since retirement, I have more time on my hands and want to

devote a few days a week to working out. But, I've never worked out before. Can you give me some advice to help me get started so I do not injure myself?

**Answer:** One of the easiest ways to avoid injury when beginning a fitness program is to, first, get clearance from your physician. It's important, especially if you have been sedentary, to know what you can do based on your current health, age, and overall physical condition.

Next, once you find an activity that you enjoy, make sure to take time to warm up properly to help lubricate joints and slowly increase the demand on the heart and lungs for more intense exercise. If it's cardio you're doing, begin slowly

and then increase the speed. If it's a weight workout, lighter weight and smaller range of motion will be appropriate for the warm up. As well, you'll want to progress slowly with your exercise goals, as the risk of injury is higher when you do too much, too soon, too fast. Remember, fitness is a life long journey!

Lastly, stay hydrated. Proper hydration helps to regulate heart rate and core temperature, as well as replenish lost fluids from exercise.

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## SD Prairie Rose Community Fund awards grants, scholarships

Staff report

The South Dakota Prairie Rose Community Fund has been in existence since 2014 and has granted a total of \$316,400 in community enhancement grants/scholarships. Funding for the fund is provided by Prairie Rose Wind LLC owner of Prairie Rose Wind Farm and subsidiary of Enel Green Power North America.

"It is truly a joy for the Board to provide these funds to our communities for education, community enhancement and safety" said Board President Steven Munk.

### 2021 Community Grant Recipients are:

- Logan Township, \$1,416 for road grader maintenance tools and 55-gallon barrel cart
- Dell Rapids Public School, \$2,500 towards the installation of four basketball hoops at the middle school playground
- Dell Rapids Fire department, \$5,400 towards the purchase a flatbed box to hold firefighting equipment on the wildland fire truck
- Brandon Township, \$2,200 towards the purchase of a car trailer for the transportation of road signs, post sandbags and related signage supplies
- Brandon Valley Band Parents, \$2,000 towards the purchase of 100 deluxe music folders for the Concert Band

- Mighty Corson Art Players, \$1,400 to support the summer kids camp
- Edison Township, \$1,800 laptop, disc reader and printer
- Garretson Ambulance, \$1,500 for an oxygen bottle holder and Techimount for the Garretson Ambulance
- Garretson Fire Department, \$3,400 towards the purchase of three sets of safety bunker gear suits
- Garretson Public School, \$2,500 for a high definition recording and broadcasting system
- Garretson Childcare Corporation, \$3,500 for a shed to house outside activity toys and strollers
- Blue Dragon Foundation, \$3,000 towards the cost of relocating irrigation sprinkler heads and liming baselines at the Garretson Baseball Field
- Grow Garretson, \$4,000 towards building a shade shelter at Split Rock Park

### Scholarships:

The following individuals each reached a \$1,000 scholarship that will be used for the 2022 spring semester: Jake Schroeder, James Nussbaum, Mattea Fiegen, Brady Malsom, Evan Bly, Dominic Abraham, Kennedy Houghton, Rave Uhlich, all from Garretson School District

To learn more about the Prairie Rose Fund, visit [prairierosesd.com](http://prairierosesd.com)

## Tee time, anyone?



Muddy construction at the Brandon Golf Course has been a popular landing place for geese this spring and summer, as well as the ponds throughout the course.

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## BRANDON TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
 Notice of Meeting of July 13, 2021  
 Brandon Township, Minnehaha County, SD will meet at the Mighty Corson Art Players Building at 25993 482nd Ave, Brandon, SD 57005 on the 13th day of July, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing railroad crossing at 259th Street with SDDOT  
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## CITY OF BRANDON

**BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES**  
 The Brandon City Council met in a briefing session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Council Chambers at 308 S Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota. Present were Dana Clark, Vickie David, Tim Jorgenson, David Kull, Jack Parliament and Mayor Jim Heintz. Others present were: City Administrator, Bryan H Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; Public Works Director, Rollie Hoeke; Police Chief, Jamie Steffel; Fire Chief, Robert Dykstra and Golf Course Manager, Andrew Bauer. Absent: Barb Fish.  
 The Council discussed items on the agenda for the upcoming June 17, 2021 regular Council meeting. No formal action was taken.  
 At 6:31 p.m., hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
 Christina Smith  
 Municipal Finance Officer  
 Jim Heintz  
 Mayor  
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**MINUTES**  
 The Brandon City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on June 21, 2021 in the Council Chambers at 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota. Present were Dana Clark, Vickie David, Barb Fish, Tim Jorgenson, David Kull and Mayor Jim Heintz. Jack Parliament joined the meeting via conference call. Others present were: City Administrator, Bryan Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; City Attorney, Lisa Marso; City Engineer, Tami Jansma; Park Superintendent, Devin Coughlin; Golf Course Manager, Andrew Bauer and Public Works Director, Rollie Hoeke.  
 Alderwoman Fish moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to approve the agenda. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 briefing meeting and the minutes of the June 7, 2021 regular meeting. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
 Alderman Kull moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the following claims. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**VENDOR, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT;**  
 605 Heating & Cooling, LLC, Repairs, 173.47; AE2S, Professional Services, 66,770.61; AJ Spirit Wear, Supplies, 225.00; All Star Pro Golf, Inc., Supplies, 627.84; Alternative HR Development, Professional Services, 3,470.00; Ambush Apparel, Clothing, 609.04; Asphalt Surfacing Company, Improvements, 325,044.89; Beal Distributing, Inc., GC-Resale, 2,185.40; Blaine's Service, Repairs, 33.18; Boyce Law Firm, Professional Services, 3,476.50; Brandon Ace Hardware, Supplies, 1,490.04; Brandon Development Foundation, Cost Recovery Refund, 14,702.24; Brandon Lumber, Supplies, 1,532.85; Brandon Valley Media Group, Publications, 75.00; Builders Supply Company, Supplies, 15.00; BX Civil & Construction, Dust Control, 5,808.80; Cardmember Service, Supplies/Microsoft Fees, 4,038.87; Century Business Products, Supplies, 200.08; Cintas, Mat Service, 467.14; Coca-Cola/Chesterman, GC-Resale, 588.24; Coffee Cup, Fuel, 42.89; Construction Development Investment, Improvements, 3,750.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, Utilities, 90.40; Dakota Beverage, GC-Resale, 2,912.80; Dakota Data Shred, Supplies, 258.23; Dakota Supply Group, Repairs, 78.40; Diamond Vogel, Supplies, 190.80; Direct Technologies, LLC, Software, 841.12; DirecTV, Utilities, 41.79; EnviroMaster, Inc., Supplies, 70.00; FedEx, Supplies, 4.54; Ferguson Waterworks, Software, 550.00; Geotek Engineering, Professional Services, 1,418.50; H2ose It Carwash, Supplies, 300.00; Hawkins Water Treatment, Chemicals, 1,107.69; HDR Engineering Inc., Professional Services, 39,979.43; Holiday Inn, Ft. Pierre, Travel, 196.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, Clothing, 1,662.41; Jenny Brunick, Reimbursement, 25.56; Johnson Brothers Famous Brands, GC-Resale, 1,906.39; KB Sprinklers, Improvements, 810.21; Kory Shea, Refund, 40.00; Kyle Zigan, Reimbursement, 63.90; Lacey Rentals, Rental, 345.00; League of Minnesota Cities, Publications, 103.50; Manley Tire & Oil Service, Repairs, 27.13; Marv's Sanitary Service, Utilities, 848.90; MC & R Pools, Inc., Supplies, 32.88; MED-Star Paramedic Ambulance Inc., June Contribution, 4,166.67; Meyer Laboratory, Inc., Supplies, 1,109.09; Mid-American Energy, Utilities, 369.54; Myrl & Roy's Paving, Repairs, 1,395.51; Palisades Oil Co., Fuel, 2,737.66; Pepsi-Cola, GC-Resale, 270.03; Performance Press, Supplies, 198.00; Pfeifer's Implement Company, Inc., Equipment, 24,258.02; Phil Youngdale, Summer Rec Driver, 75.00; Preferred Printing, Supplies, 203.71; Productivity Plus, Supplies, 88.90; Recreation Supply Company, Supplies, 654.76; Reel Sharp,

Repairs, 95.00; Reiter Enterprises, Rental, 120.00; Republic National Distributing Company, GC-Resale, 2,027.60; Sam's Club, GC-Resale, 6,324.26; SD Department of Revenue, Fees, 11,555.89; SD One Call, Utilities, 300.16; Sioux Falls Networks, Software, 355.00; Sioux Falls Utilities, Utilities, 99,142.68; SiteOne Landscape Supply, Supplies, 438.62; Southern Glazer's of SD, GC-Resale, 274.93; Splittrock Landscaping & Nursery, Inc., Professional Services, 1,750.00; Staples Enterprises, Inc., Fuel, 51.00; Stitches by Ardis, Repairs, 20.00; Stockwell Engineers, Inc., Professional Services, 14,989.54; Sturdevant's Auto, Supplies, 530.46; Summit Companies, Rental, 36.00; Sunshine, Supplies, 306.78; Sysco Lincoln, GC-Resale, 2,448.53; Tara Scholten, Refund, 100.00; Tony Catering, GC-Resale, 2,541.70; Toro NSN, Service Agreement, 155.00; Trudy Papka, Reimbursement, 117.14; TSP, Inc., Improvements, 6,900.47; Turbes Plumbing & Heating, Refund, 51.00; Tyler Carda, Reimbursement, 8.63; Verizon Wireless, Utilities, 495.66; Vogel Motors, Repairs, 40.00; Xcel Energy, Utilities, 2,715.04; Zimco Supply Co., Supplies, 90.00; City Administration, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 3,490.84; Finance Office, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 4,381.11; Government Buildings, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 120.05; Engineer, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 2,721.08; Police, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 23,382.18; Building Inspections, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 3,389.39; Street Department, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 6,888.35; Recreation, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 189.09; Park Department, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 8,139.97; Pool, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 10,063.80; Economic Development, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 706.39; Water Department, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 8,003.57; Sewer Department, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 3,499.58; Golf Course Grounds, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 9,352.09; Golf Course Lounge, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 4,794.48; Golf Course Pro Shop, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 6,336.29; Golf Course Community Room, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 934.89; 941 Payroll Taxes, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 27,198.17; Accounts Management, Inc, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 75.00; SDRS Supplemental Retirement, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 750.00; TASC Flex Plan, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 976.87; Direct Pay Reimbursement, June 10, 2021 Payroll, 594.34;  
 Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the consent calendar which contained the following items: a plat of Tract 1 Brandon Golf Course Addition; a plat of Tract 2 Knochenmus Addition; a plat of Lots 1-8 inclusive Block 13 Stone Ridge Estates and a plat of Lot 13 Block 6 Tallgrass Addition. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**ORDINANCE #633**  
 A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider Ordinance #633. Alderwoman Fish moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to give first reading to Ordinance #633: **TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA PROVIDING THAT THE REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 531 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-ZONING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.** A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**ORDINANCE #630**  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to give second reading to Ordinance #630: **TITLE: A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES.** A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**ORDINANCE #631**  
 Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderwoman Fish seconded to give second reading to Ordinance #631: **TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SD, AMENDING THE BRANDON ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE REGULATION OF ACCESS AISLES ASSOCIATED WITH PARKING SPACES AND LOADING AREAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15-14-3, ADDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS, OFF-STREET PARKING.** A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**ORDINANCE #632**  
 Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to give second reading to Ordinance #632: **TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA PROVIDING THAT THE REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 531 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-ZONING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.** A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**AIR CONDITIONER BIDS**  
 The Golf Course Committee report was heard. Andrew Bauer, Golf Course Manager, was present for discussion. Alderman Clark moved Alderman Kull seconded to accept the bid from Prairie Sons for \$27,975.00 for the 20 ton unit, as they have a faster lead time. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parliament aye. Motion carried.  
**Bids, Amount;**  
 Prairie Sons, \$27,975.00; Tessiers, Inc., \$33,345.00; Brandon Plumbing, \$33,673.53; Baete-Forseth, \$51,188.83 (includes both 10 & 20 ton units); JB Mechanical, \$32,046.34;  
**GOLF COURSE SOFTBALL**  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the request from the Brandon Valley Softball Association to install irrigation on Fields B & C at Aspen Park at their expense. They would be required to follow all City watering restrictions, unless on their own well. Alderman Parliament dropped off the conference call. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull aye. Motion carried.  
**HIRE POOL STAFF**  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the hiring of Megan Erkonen as a lifeguard for the pool, at \$10.95 per hour, effective June 22, 2021. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull aye. Motion carried.  
**SAFETY TOWN UPDATE**  
 The Public Safety Committee report was heard. Alderman David gave an update on Safety Town that was held June 7-18, 2021. No action required.  
**MEDSTAR REPORT**  
 MedStar report was presented for January – May 2021. No action required.  
**BETHANY MEADOWS FIREWORKS REQUEST**  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman Fish seconded to approve the request, as presented, from Bethany Meadows to host a fireworks display for their residents on July 6, 2021. Motion carried.  
**2016 FORD EXPLORER BIDS**  
 Alderman Kull moved Alderman Kull seconded to approve the bid from Bay Ridge Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,656.00 for the 2016 Ford Explorer. Motion carried.  
**Bids, Amount;**  
 Yousef Dabbagh, \$3,765.00; Bay Ridge Motors, \$4,656.00; David Swier, \$3,751.00; Sue Winkel/Kyle Narum, \$3,512.00; Randal Rist, \$3,153.00;  
**RESOLUTION #12-21**  
 Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderman Kull seconded to approve Resolution #12-21 designating no parking on the east side of N. 7th Avenue from E. Birch Street to E. Ash Street. Motion carried.  
**RESOLUTION #12-21**  
**DESIGNATING THE EAST SIDE NORTH 7TH AVENUE FROM BIRCH STREET TO ASH STREET AS NO PARKING**  
 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Brandon, South Dakota, that parking is not allowed on the following described street:  
 The east side of North 7th Avenue from its intersection with East Birch Street to its intersection with East Ash Street  
 Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ of June, 2021.  
 Jim Heintz, Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Christina Smith, Finance Officer  
**HUSETS SPEEDWAY FIREWORKS REQUEST**  
 Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the request, as presented, from Huset's Speedway to discharge fireworks on June 22, 2021. Motion carried.  
**BLOCK PARTY REQUEST**  
 The Administration Committee report was heard. Alderwoman Fish moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the block party request from Sara Watters, 2416 E. Trevino Lane, for July 31, 2021 from 10:00am to 10:00pm. Motion carried.  
**RESIGNATION OF JIM STAZL**  
 Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to accept the resignation of Jim Starzl from the Planning & Zoning Commission, as presented. Motion carried.  
**OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE DISCUSSION**  
 Discussion held on the 2020 Census, and the anticipation that the City may gain one additional Off-Sale liquor license. Currently the City has no available licenses to issue. No action required at this time.  
**REQUEST FOR STREET DANCE**  
 Alderman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve the request, as presented, from Double D Saloon to host a street dance on September 11, 2021. Motion carried.  
**RUSHMORE PROJECT CHANGE ORDER**  
 The Streets Committee report was heard. Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderwoman Clark seconded to approve change order #1 to Asphalt Surfacing Company in the amount of (\$12,018.05) for the Rushmore area reconstruction phase 1 project. Motion carried.  
**RUSHMORE PROJECT PAY APPLICATION**  
 Alderman Kull moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve pay application #2 to Asphalt Surfacing Company in the amount of \$325,044.89 for the Rushmore area reconstruction phase 1 project. Motion carried.  
**DUST CONTROL ON REDWOOD BLVD & CHESTNUT BLVD**  
 Alderwoman Fish moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve the invoice from BX Civil & Construction in the amount of \$5,808.80 for dust control along Redwood Blvd. & Chestnut Blvd.. Motion carried.

**WATER TOWER PROJECT PAY APPLICATION**  
 Alderman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to approve pay application #2 to AB Contracting in the amount of \$417,963.60 for the water tower project. Motion carried.  
**WATER USAGE UPDATE**  
 Staff gave an update on current water usage. Currently on yellow designation, which allows lawn watering once per week.  
 At 7:22 p.m. Alderwoman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried. At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Jim Heintz declared the executive session ended.  
 At 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Alderwoman Clark seconded by Alderwoman David the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.  
 Melissa Labahn  
 Municipal Recording Clerk  
 Jim Heintz  
 Mayor  
 Published once at the approximate cost of \$144.29  
 June 30, 2021

**ORDINANCE NO. 630**  
 A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES.  
 WHEREAS, a local government may enact an ordinance not in conflict with SDCL Chapter 34-20G, governing the time, place, manner, and number of medical cannabis establishments in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance governing the time, place, and manner of a medical cannabis establishment that may operate in the locality. A local government may require a medical cannabis establishment to obtain a local license, zoning permit, or registration to operate, and may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, zoning permit, or registration.  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Brandon, SD ("Municipality"), makes a preliminary finding that the Municipality's current regulations and controls may not adequately address the unique needs and impacts of medical cannabis establishments as defined in SDCL 34-20G-1;  
 WHEREAS, medical cannabis state laws under SDCL 34-20G are effective July 1, 2021. The South Dakota Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 not later than October 29, 2021, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-72. During the time between July 1, 2021 and potentially as late as October 29, 2021, local units of government will not yet know standards for medical cannabis and will not be able to adequately assess the local zoning and licensing requirements necessary to approve local permits and to better ensure applicants have a more predictable permitting process and avoid stranded investments.  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality makes a preliminary finding that the Municipality needs further study of the relationship of medical cannabis establishments to the City of Brandon Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The public interest requires that the Municipality study, analyze, and evaluate the impacts of medical cannabis establishments and to fully explore the impacts of any proposed regulations regarding medical cannabis establishments;  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality makes a preliminary finding that it would be inappropriate for the Municipality to issue a local permit or license to a medical cannabis establishment prior to the South Dakota Department of Health's promulgation of regulations governing the same;  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality hereby exercises its authority under SDCL 11-4-3.1 and/or SDCL 9-19-13, to establish a temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of any local permits/licenses for medical cannabis establishments within the Municipality;  
 WHEREAS, a temporary ordinance will ensure that more comprehensive zoning ordinance and building permit changes, licensing permits, and any proposed amendments to the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan can be completely examined with adequate public input from citizens, business interests, and medical cannabis industry representatives;  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality finds that a temporary ordinance is reasonable to preserve the status quo and prevent significant investment pending the outcome of the above study and any proposed regulations emanating therefrom;  
 WHEREAS, the Municipality finds that the following ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA:  
 Section 1. Temporary Ordinance – Application for Local Permit/License  
 A medical cannabis establishment desiring to operate in the Municipality shall be required to apply for a permit and/or license from the Municipality. Applications for a local permit and/or license to operate a medical cannabis establishment, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-1, shall not be accepted until the South Dakota Department of Health has promulgated regulations as required by SDCL 34-20G-72. Any application received prior to such regulations being promulgated shall be denied.  
 Section 2. Immediate Effect.  
 This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 11-4-3.1 and SDCL 9-19-13.  
 Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Jim Heintz, Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Christina Smith, Finance Officer  
 1st Reading: June 7, 2021  
 2nd Reading and Adoption: June 21, 2021  
 Publication: June 30, 2021  
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 June 30, 2021

**ORDINANCE NO. 631**  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SD, AMENDING THE BRANDON ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE REGULATION OF ACCESS AISLES ASSOCIATED WITH PARKING SPACES AND LOADING AREAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15-14-3, ADDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS, OFF-STREET PARKING.  
 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRANDON, SD:  
 Section 1. That the numbering of every subchapter within Chapter 15-14-3(A) of the Brandon Zoning Ordinance is hereby sequentially renumbered beginning with Chapter 15-14-3(A)(4), as follows:  
 Current Subchapter  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(4)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(5)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(6)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(7)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(8)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(9)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(10)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(11)  
 Renumbered Subchapter  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(5)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(6)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(7)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(8)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(9)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(10)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(11)  
 Chapter 15-14-3(A)(12)  
 The purpose and intent of Section 1 of this Ordinance is to leave Chapter 15-14-3(A)(4) as a vacant placeholder for the adoption of Section 2 of this Ordinance. Subsequent Chapters shall be renumbered to accommodate this addition.  
 Section 2. That Chapter 15-14-3(A)(4) of the Brandon Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 4. Access aisles and maneuvering and drive areas primarily utilized by parking spaces shall comply with the applicable location and paving requirements as described in Chapters 15-14-3(A)(1)-(3) above.  
 Section 3. That Chapter 15-14-3(A)(5) of the Brandon Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 5. CB, GB and LI: Access aisles and maneuvering and drive areas primarily utilized by loading areas may be located within setbacks only by conditional use and shall be hard surfaced.  
 Section 4. That Chapter 15-14-3(A)(5) of the Brandon Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 6. HI: Access aisles and maneuvering and drive areas primarily utilized by loading areas are not required to be hard surfaced. They are allowed within the side and rear setbacks; however, they are allowed within the front yard setback only by conditional use permit.  
 Section 5. That Chapter 15-14-3(A)(6) of the Brandon Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 7. IN: Access aisles and maneuvering and drive areas primarily utilized by loading areas may be located within the setbacks and shall be hard surfaced.  
 Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.  
 Mayor  
 Finance Officer  
 Seal  
 First Reading:  
 Second Reading & Adoption:  
 Published:  
 Effective Date:  
 Published once at the approximate cost of \$29.47  
 June 30, 2021

**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
 The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in a special joint session with the Brandon City Council at 6:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.  
 Members present were Commissioners Brian Heidbrink, Brookes Noem, Chuck Parsons, Rob Schoeneman, Jim Starzl and Alicia Thiele.  
 A joint public hearing was held with the Brandon City Council regarding Ordinance No. 630 A Temporary Ordinance Regarding the Issuance of Local Medical Cannabis Establishment Permits and/or Licenses. No public comments were received. Mayor Heintz closed the public hearing.  
 Motion by Parsons, second by Schoeneman to approve a Do Pass recommendation to the Brandon City Council on Ordinance No. 630.  
 With no further business, the Planning and Zoning Commission was adjourned.  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Tim Jorgenson  
 Planning and Zoning Commission Chair  
 Bryan H. Read  
 City Administrator  
 Published once at the approximate cost of \$11.05  
 June 30, 2021

**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
 The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 3, 2021 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.  
 Roll call was taken. Members present were Commissioners Brian Heidbrink, Brookes Noem, Chuck Parsons and Alicia Thiele. Also present were Alderman Tim Jorgenson, Building Official Paul Clarke, City Administrator Bryan Read and City Engineer Tami Jansma. Absent were Commissioners Rob Schoeneman, Jim Starzl and Mayor Jim Heintz.  
 Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Parsons seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.  
 Commissioner Noem moved Commissioner Thiele seconded to approve the consent calendar which contained the following items: a plat of Corson Development Park Lots 4A & 5 Block 2; a plat of KB Investments Tract 1; a plat of Nelsons Addition Tract 9; a plat of Ode Farm Addition Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4; a plat of Tallgrass Addition Lot 1 Block 7 and a plat of Tallgrass Addition Lots 1 & 12 Block 6. Motion carried.  
 Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried.  
 Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to nominate Commissioner Alicia Thiele as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.  
 A Re-Zone Application was presented for Ode Farm Addition Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 (to be addressed as 1521 & 1605 W. Holly Blvd.). Applicant Paul Ode is requesting to re-zone to GB-General Business and R-2 Medium Density Residential. Access will be off W. Meadowbrook Trail. Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Thiele seconded to make recommendation of approval of the re-zone application to City Council. Motion carried.  
 A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider Ordinance #631 – Chapter 15-14-3. This ordinance makes changes to the off-street parking requirements. Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to make recommendation of approval to City Council. Motion carried.  
 Preliminary plans for Ode Farm Addition were presented. Commissioner Parsons moved Commissioner Noem seconded to approve the preliminary plans as presented. Motion carried.  
 Discussion was held on allowing wider driveways in a GB-General Business district. Current ordinance allows for up to 60' cumulative width per lot for driveway(s). Discussion held on allowing by conditional use or changing ordinance to accommodate wider driveway(s). Staff will present additional information at a future meeting.  
 Discussion held on allowing 0' setbacks in the R-3 High Density Residential District, similar to stripmall in the GB-General Business District. Staff will present additional information at a future meeting.  
 Building permits for May were presented - #20210159 - #20210229. No action required.  
 At 6:53 p.m., having no further business, Commissioner Noem moved Commissioner Thiele seconded to adjourn the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Motion carried.  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Melissa Labahn  
 Recording Clerk  
 Tami Jansma  
 City Engineer  
 Published once at the approximate cost of \$31.01  
 June 30, 2021

**ORDINANCE NO. 632**  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA PROVIDING THAT THE REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 531 AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BRANDON SOUTH DAKOTA BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-ZONING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.  
 WHEREAS, the Brandon Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on June 3, 2021 as required by law, and made a "do pass" recommendation to the City Council to re-zone property described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, of Ode Farm Addition.  
 WHEREAS, the Brandon City Council held a public hearing on June 7, 2021 as provided by law and approved the re-zoning of the property by giving a first reading to this ordinance on June 7, 2021 and a second reading of this ordinance on June 21, 2021.  
 THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA: That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Brandon, South Dakota, Ordinance Number 531, and the official zoning map of the City of Brandon, South Dakota be amended, to show a re-zoning of the following described property:  
 Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Ode Farm Addition from NRC - Natural Resources Conservation District to GB – General Business District  
 Lot 4 of Ode Farm Addition from NRC - Natural Resources Conservation District to R-4 Medium Residential District  
 Adopted this 21st day of June, 2021.  
 Jim Hienitz  
 Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Christina Smith  
 Municipal Finance Officer (SEAL)  
 First Reading: June 7, 2021  
 Second Reading: June 21, 2021  
 Published: June 30  
 Effective Date: July 21, 2021  
 Published once at the approximate cost of \$17.81  
 June 30, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BRANDON CITY COUNCIL**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Brandon City Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding Tax Incremental Financing District No. 6. Said hearing will be held at the Brandon City Council Chambers located at 308 Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota, on the 6th day of July, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The proposed Tax Incre-







# Trio of Moeller siblings keeping swimmers safe

Jill Meier  
Journal editor

Many people often consider their co-workers as family.

And that holds true for three lifeguards at the Brandon Swimming Pool, who are not only co-workers, but are siblings, too.

This season, Nick Moeller, 21, Courtney Moeller, 19, and Carmen Moeller, 16, are all on staff at the local pool. Nick, who also fills the role of assistant manager, is in his sixth year. Courtney is back for her third season, and Carmen – the youngest of the Moeller clan – is in her first year.

“I kind of always knew (I’d work here),” Carmen says. “It sounded like fun and I knew that I wanted to be a lifeguard someday.”

Nick, the eldest of the siblings, started at the pool seven years ago. This would have been his seventh season, but COVID, unfortunately, kept swimmers out of the water last year.

“I definitely started the trend and it’s just been a good reliable place to come back to; I’m attached to this place,” he said. “I’m planning to go into law enforcement and I think this job actually got me interested in that.”

As for Courtney, it was big brother Nick who lured her to the job.

“I would not have been interested in a job at the Brandon Pool if it was not for Nick. He just always seemed to have fun and worked hard and made money, and so I was like, ‘I’ll try it too,’” she said.

Rarely do the three Moeller siblings work the same shift, although it’s not uncommon to see two of them in the lifeguard chairs at the same time.

“This is the most time that we spend together,” Courtney informs. “We never spent this much time together, besides quarantine. Everyone is always off doing our own things, so this is

actually where we hang out the most.”

Although there’s fun to be had at the pool, the siblings know the seriousness of the job at hand.

“It’s definitely a job that can’t be taken lightly. You have to be serious about it,” Courtney said, “but our co-workers make it fun. We know how to work hard and play, too.”

“It’s fun, but there’s also big parts,” adds Carmen.

Along with watching over swimmers, the Moellers teach lessons, too.

Carmen said that aspect of the job allows her to get to know the kids on a more personal level.

“You’ll see them in swimming lessons and then you’ll see them later in the day, so you know their skill type and who they are because you do get to know them over two weeks,” she said.

Nick also enjoys the connections he’s made with kids, more specifically, the kids that show up every day.

“It’s kind of a service job and it kind of helps connect us with what we’re doing,” he said. “We get kids that come here every single day and they just start talking to us. They recognize us, they say our names now, and we say their names, so it’s a good way to connect in that way, as opposed to other service jobs who work with different people every day.”

After missing out on last season, Nick said he was surprised to see how some of the daily “swim rats” have grown up.

“Not working last year, all of the kids grew up so much in those two years and it’s insane seeing that,” he said.

“I think it’s just a good job for developing understanding skills, really important things that will eventually help me be a parent someday that I can develop here on this job.”

Courtney, who plans to be an elementary school teacher, said the job fits in that wheelchair.

“It’s really awesome to be able to work with the kids



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The Moeller siblings - Courtney, Nick and Carmen – are all lifeguarding at the Brandon Pool this season.

and get that extra experience,” she said.

While Nick doubles as assistant manager, Courtney serves as the head lifeguard this season. Both put in at least 40 hours each week, if not more.

“Some weeks are more than others, and when you do swimming lessons, you work from 9 in the morning until 9 at night, so it gets to be long days,” Courtney said.

It would be fair to say that the long hours sometimes have the lifeguards wishing for a “Baby Ruth” to appear in the pool.

“We kind of secretly pray for it sometimes, but we can’t officially say that we support that,” Nick said,

confirming through a hearty laugh that there have been no “Baby Ruth” sightings yet this season.

Besides the connections they make with the kids and the reward of the paycheck, another perk of the job is the summer tan.

“That’s a perk,” Carmen said.

“I’m still working on it,” adds a much fairer-skinned Courtney.

The new amenities at the pool this year has elevated the number of swimmers this year, and all three Moellers give the improvements a clear thumbs-up.

“It’s fun to see all of the new people coming every day,” Carmen said. “I’ve never known the pool when

it was loser, so all I’ve known is the go, go, go with the new slides.”

Nick, the “veteran” of the sibling lifeguards also acknowledges he’s seeing a lot of new faces at the pool this year.

“There’s been people that have come here and they don’t know that it’s new and they go, ‘Wow! This place is

nice.’ It really does make the place look a lot nicer and the slides are a lot of fun. I’ve been down them quite a few times myself,” he said. “This has just been a nice, consistent job for us to work in the summer, and even though I live in Brookings for most of the year, it’s not hard to come back every summer.”



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## Christopherson finds way to 'rise above' adversity

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Journal editor

**A**manda Christopherson is living proof that you can rise above the statistics.

The founder and CEO of boutique, a Brandon boutique business she started in the basement of her family's home, has overcome a wealth of obstacles in her 36 years of life, obstacles that could've taken her life a whole different direction.

Sexual abuse as a child.

A teen pregnancy.

An abusive relationship.

A miscarriage.

Her husband Dave's testicular cancer, which led to the Christopherson's adoption of Micah and Ella.

"I feel like a lot of things in my life happened for a reason," Christopherson says. "There's been a lot of hardships to get to the good stuff."

The "good stuff" she speaks of is the family she and her husband, Dave, have built since saying their "I do's" nearly 10 years ago. "I can't believe this is my life," she says, taking a moment to soak it all in. "I'll find myself complaining about something, like, 'Oh, the damn cat ripped up that pillow!' But one thing now that I'm good at is acknowledging that things could be a lot worse. And so, I think that's one positive, of all the things that have happened over the years, that's nothing. It will be fine."

A product of an affair – "My dad was really just a child support check and didn't want anything to do with me" – was the first of many hardships that life presented her. She also watched her mother go through a series of relationships – all of which were not healthy relationships – before she married her stepfather, who sexually abused Amanda from the age of 3 to 9.

"He was drunk every time he did it," she said. "I feel like that is why when I was a teenager I was looking for attention from guys,



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After years of devoting herself to her business, Amanda Christopherson is taking time for her family, including son, Micah.

and that's why I was a little promiscuous, I guess, with just getting pregnant early. I was looking for that acceptance. I didn't grow up in a situation that I knew what a relationship was supposed to be like because my mom and stepdad, who were fine, weren't 'lovey dovey.'"

Those two experiences combined led her to a sexual relationship with her then boyfriend, Zach, which resulted in pregnancy at 16 years old. She gave birth to her firstborn Caden at age 17, and for the first few years, all was well. At 19, she and Zach welcomed their second child, Jackson, and soon after, Zach turned 21.

"He decided that he really liked

to drink a lot, decided that he really didn't want to work anymore, decided he wanted to be abusive ... it was just eight years of absolute hell," she recalls.

The relationship became a violent one, and there were multiple times that either she – or the neighbors – were calling the police to report Zach's abusive behavior.

"You get to the point where you don't want to tell people that 'Zach beat me up again last night.' You're almost doing it to yourself and you don't want to call your mom and say, 'It happened again,' because you know better. You know you should get out of it, but it's so hard to get out of it, especially when they fill your head with 'Nobody's

going to want you. Who are you? Two kids. You're trash.' You get these things told to you and you start believing them and then stop looking for help from people because you know better. And I knew better. I knew that I needed to get out of it," she said.

After years of enduring harsh words and even harsher fists, Christopherson had finally reached her breaking point.

"It got to the point we were in our bedroom fighting and the kids were in the living room. I came out of the bedroom and the kids were sitting on the couch right next to each other crying, like they were terrified. Jackson was 5 and Caden was 7. I looked at them and I was just done, and I had been for a while, but it was just a question of 'How do you get out of it. How do you leave?' It was scary," she said. "I don't know how many times he told me that 'If I don't have you nobody will.' It was always when he was drinking and when he was sober, he was fine, and so I tried to hold out hope that maybe he would get better or want to change and you want to be good enough for them to want to change for."

Her escape from the abusive relationship was inspired by a part-time job opportunity she had at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport, which was one of two or three part-time jobs she had, as Zach refused to work.

"It was so bad," she said. "My kids would literally stare at the gas gauge and be terrified because they knew at age 6, 7 that we didn't have money. It was awful. There were times I didn't know how I was going to feed them. It was so, so bad."

But when the opportunity arose with American Airlines, which was coming to the airport, the company she worked for had the contract for and offered some of the staff the opportunity to go to Texas for six weeks to learn the American Airlines system.

"I thought this could be my out and I knew if I left and I was gone

that long, something would happen and he would be in jail by the time I got back," she recalls.

And "something" did happen."

On a drunken binge one evening, Zach drove his car off of the 12th Street exit (in Sioux Falls). "He hit the median, flipped the car and went to jail for his third, fourth DUI, I don't know, because you lose count after a while. But he went to jail and I knew it would be for a while," she said.

While working at the airport, Christopherson met Dave, a man whom she questioned over and over, as to why he could love her.

"For the longest time, I tried to push him away," she said.

Dave, however didn't give up. And during her six weeks in Texas, they grew closer despite the miles between them. After returning from her training, Christopherson and her boys moved in with Dave, yet she still feared Zach, especially so on their wedding day.

"Anything could happen when he was drinking," she said.

Their wedding, fortunately, went off without a hitch, "and the rest is history," she adds.

She often found herself thinking that her life with Dave "was just too good to be true."

"I tried to push him away a lot in the beginning. I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop, so sometimes I would initiate things or get crabby and kick him out, because literally, I did not know how to be happy because I hadn't been happy my whole life. I grew up scared of my stepdad, then Zach, and now I have this normal guy and I didn't know what to do," she said. "Then I accepted this was going to be my life now and it's OK. I had to choose to be happy."

Now, at 36, Christopherson is finally taking care of herself.

"I've been a mom since I was 16, so I didn't know how to take care of myself. I've always been taking care of something ... kids and animals ... there's so many things that depend on me. I love it

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# Mother-daughter franchise

## 3 Degrees enters 50 new Midwest locations

Jill Meier  
Journal editor

Eight years ago, when the mother-daughter team of Penny Paclik and Tiffany Hansen launched 3 Degrees, an infrared sauna studio, they knew they had a gem of a business in their hands.

Now the partnership is taking their business – the first of its kind to pioneer infrared light therapy in a dedicated studio concept – across the Midwest. Recently, they inked their very first area representative agreement to develop 50 locations in select territories across Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

The agreement has been signed with father and son duo Michael and Matt Weiss, who possess nearly 30 years of combined experience in franchising. Since 2007, they have owned and operated a handful of Massage Envy clinics in the Chicagoland area. As area representatives for 3 Degrees, they will spearhead the company's development efforts, as well as provide operational support to new franchisees, who will oversee their own day-to-day operations.

"We are extremely excited to have Michael and Matt spearhead our growth in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin," said 3 Degrees founder and CEO Penny Paclik. "We believe there is a strong opportunity for the brand to develop throughout the Midwest and are confident that with their experience in the franchise and health and wellness industries, they are the right people to drive our expansion in a region with so much potential."

Infrared therapy is an innovative light-based method to treat pain and inflammation in various parts of the body. Unlike hot rock or steam saunas, infrared saunas gently heat the body from within, instead of heating the air around you. This raises your core body temperature three degrees, providing a catalyst for detoxification and natural healing. What's more, infrared light contains only natural and safe electromagnetic heat waves like those from the sun, damaging ultraviolet rays are nowhere in sight.

"I think when we went into it, it was a great concept and once we got into it, we went, 'Oh, my gosh, everybody needs to have this,'" said Paclik, who boasts an extensive business portfolio. "There's a whole bunch of layers to what happened. One of the layers is that of all the things I've done from houses to apartments to land development to food, all those different franchises, all those things, this is a phenomenal business to run."

This business brought Paclik sheer joy, knowing firsthand its benefits.

"It morphed into 'Oh my gosh, look what we're doing for people. Look at how people are changing when they come here,'" she said. "Then it morphed into, 'You know what, people can get into this for a reasonable amount. They'd have a great job. It wouldn't be as hard to get into as food or all these other businesses that cost you a million dollars to put up.' Then it was, 'Gosh, we can provide an opportunity for people to open their own business.' And then it morphed into, 'We should franchise it,' and that's how we got here."

The road to this point, however, didn't come without hard work.

"It really takes hard work," Paclik said, "but it's been so fulfilling and it's so exciting."

And what makes it exciting is the mother and daughter have the opportunity to work alongside one another.

"She compliments everything that I don't have or if I'm afraid, she's not afraid, and if she's afraid, then I'm not afraid of it," Paclik shares.

"So, it's literally perfect," adds Hansen.

A growing number of health-focused celebrities – such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Lady Gaga, Jennifer Aniston, Taylor Swift and Zach Efron, among countless others – are using these saunas on a regular basis for various conditions. They're also featured every day on Instagram posts all over the world.

3 Degrees clients can enjoy the benefits of Infrared Light Therapy in the serenity, comfort and privacy of their own personal suite during a 40-minute sessions. And those benefits are endless, including detoxification, pain relief, reduction of muscle tension, relaxation, improved circulation,

might seem like a relatively new occurrence, they've been used for decades in hospitals and medical treatment centers. They've helped premature babies maintain their warmth and grow. They've also been successful at expediting healing for athletes rehabbing injuries

ment company from Denver, who guided them through the process.

"This is completely turnkey. The one thing I learned in franchising when I was doing it is that they get you in a franchise, you go in there and all of a sudden you have to learn all this stuff and you're on your own. But Tiffany really did all of this, where it is absolutely cut and dry. You can come in, buy a franchise and we have all the people who come in and do everything and you can focus on building sales, open the door and you're set to go," Paclik said. "Because of all the things we've done and the way we went into other franchises ... we've got this down and it's an absolutely phenomenal."

Eight years ago, when they stepped into the world of the infrared sauna studio, Paclik said the first three years were largely dedicated to educating people on the concept and its benefits.

"People thought of saunas as 'wet' and they thought of them as putting on hot rocks, but we don't do any of that. It's all infrared, it's all at a cellular level," she said.

Paclik, herself, used it to start on her weight loss journey.

"It's equivalent to running six miles, and at 60-some years old, I can't run six miles," she said. "But I do remember when I was young and I ran, when the endorphins hit you and how you felt when you got to a certain running stance and you got that second wind. You get that sitting in there, and so all of a sudden, you're coming two, three days a week and it's like you're exercising, but you're not and your mind is getting all that. And at a cellular level, you're getting rid of all of your toxins, and all of a sudden you look at everything differently."

"You're eating healthier. You want to work out. You're getting a good night's sleep, so your brain can function. It just kind of sets the tailspin," Hansen adds.

Paclik said they continually see people's life changing right before them.

"How many times have we watched people go in the sauna and come out and be completely different?" Paclik asks.

"All the time," Hansen answers.

Like the woman who lost her husband and was unable to find anything that restored her will to live.

"By the end of the summer, she got her convertible out and she was driving it. There are so many stories like that," Paclik said. "It does something completely different, and the reason I even went looking for it is because all of my friends had the same exact medicines. I was like, 'How can you all have the same medicines?' I watched people, including myself, struggle so much with weight and it governed their lives because they don't make the same decisions if they felt good about themselves. They beat themselves up in their own heads constantly to lose weight. But coming here, all of a sudden you start to feel good about yourself ... 'I'm kind. I'm generous. I am spiritual. I am whatever, and you just look at weight differently, and when you can make a difference in peoples' lives, it makes your work worthwhile,'" Paclik said.

To learn more about a 3 Degrees franchise, visit [www.threedegreesfranchising.com](http://www.threedegreesfranchising.com).



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The daughter-mother partnership of Tiffany Hansen (left) and Penny Paclik are expanding their 3 Degree franchise to 50 new locations in the Midwest.



Submitted photos  
(Above) This is the exterior of the Sycamore Avenue location in Sioux Falls. (At left, top) Chromotherapy is an alternative method that uses light in the form of color to adjust emotional or mental status.



(Above) A 3 degree sauna suite is completely private. (At right) Chromotherapy lighting helps to improve emotions and mental status.



weight loss, skin purification, boosting of the immune system and lowering of blood pressure. Other services 3 Degrees provides are whole body vibration, which by far is the most popular new addition to the passive exercise category, and Chromotherapy, an alternative medicine method that uses light in the form of color to adjust emotional or mental status.

While the signing of their initial area representative agreement is exciting in itself, Paclik and Hansen have interest from others, too.

"That's just one guy who has signed a contract. We've got others on the line that we're working with, both in regional development and individually," Paclik said.

"Next week, we have an individual coming in and a micro-franchise, where we have a business inside a business," Hansen said.

3 Degrees offers three different memberships: 12 sessions per month (\$119), eight sessions per month (\$89), and four sessions per month (\$59).

"Although the popularity of infrared saunas

and have assisted with speeding up the same repair in the elderly," Matt Weiss said. "Due to the growing awareness, demand and popularity of infrared therapy, we're excited about expanding the 3 Degrees concept across the Midwest and share this remarkable experience with all of our future franchisees and each and every one of their valued guests."

Including a franchise fee of \$49,000, the initial investment to open a 1,600 to 1,800 square-foot studio is \$242,675 to \$360,675. The franchise fee for a three-pack or a six-pack of studios is \$115,000 and \$150,000, respectively.

"It's exciting to think that somebody can own their own business and not go into it and be sleepless all night long, trying to figure it out and be worried about it. You're always going to do that, but they can go into this knowing it's easy to find employees and it doesn't take very long to train them," Paclik said.

To take 3 Degrees nationally, the mother-daughter team hired a franchise develop-



# 'Don't take no for an answer and work hard'

## Carda brings dream to reality with opening of Love That Look

Keeley Meier  
Staff writer

EB Carda has known what she's wanted for a long time. That's why opening her own business was a natural step for her.

Carda, who was born and raised in the Brandon Valley area, opened her own hair salon, Love That Look, in Brandon in 2013.

Initially, after graduating from Brandon Valley High School, Carda attended South Dakota State University with plans to study nursing or business. She soon realized this was not the path meant for her.

"I did hair up at SDSU, like, for free and for fun in the dorm rooms, and I fell in love with doing that," Carda said.

During high school, Carda worked as a receptionist at the since-closed Stylin' Bahr in Brandon under the ownership of Nancy Bahr. This was where she first learned to cut hair.

After her time at SDSU, Carda went on to Stewart School in Sioux Falls and came back to work under Bahr's guide for six years.

In 2013, Carda decided it was time to branch out on her own. Bahr, who had decided to step away from business ownership, followed Carda and has worked at Love That Look ever since.

"From the day I went to hair school, I was going to open my own salon," Carda said. "The day I walked into the building, I knew I was opening up my own business—actually, before that even, I was probably a senior in high school."

Carda's father, Dirk, also



Keeley Meier/BV Journal  
EB Carda stands in front of the door to her business, Love That Look. (Above) She's in her element with scissors in hand, cutting her clients hair, including Tucker Small.

owns his own construction company, where she says is where her drive comes from.

After celebrating eight years in business on June 10, Carda says that, in terms of business, not much has surprised her.

"I was anticipating everything," Carda said. "I was anticipating getting feedback from unhappy clients. I was anticipating getting awesome feedback from people. There wasn't really anything I was not prepared for. I went into it knowing that we're not going to be able to please everybody. We're going to do our best to please as many people as we can."

Carda employs eight stylists and four receptionists that help her when those rare surprises, like water heater breakdowns or power outages, occur.

She says that the best part of owning her own business is simply the accomplishment of owning one and getting to where she is now. This accomplishment, she says, comes from her straightforward personality.

"I will tell people like it is," Carda said. "People need to speak their own minds sometimes when it comes to having a business. If you don't like how something is run, you have the opportunity to change it yourself."

One of her eight stylists, Heather Clause, has been with Carda from the beginning of Love That Look.

"EB is a very strong woman," Clause said. "She's not going to take 'no' for an answer, and she's very bold. She knows how to get around things. She takes after her dad, and she means business. She wants what she wants."

Carda also attributes her success to the community of Brandon, which she says has always been supportive of her and her business.

"The community is great—family, friends, they're all awesome," Carda said. "All the surrounding businesses are awesome to

us. There has been not one complaint on our end."

Carda says Love That Look draws in many regular customers—from Brandon, Sioux Falls and surrounding areas.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without our amazing clients and our amazing community and the support we've gotten from all them," she said. "And, I want to thank my stylists for being so awesome."

Carda says that almost all of her free time is spent with her husband, Tyler, who is an officer for the Brandon Police Department, and their four children, Tate (10), Tyson (9), Trey (6) and Tessa (3).

She says the majority of their time as a family is spent at the kids' sporting events, camping or fishing. And, Carda says proudly, she loves to clean.

As for her entrepreneurial endeavor, Carda says she's excited for Love That Look to reach 10 years in business and looks forward to celebrating the milestone when that time comes. And, her advice for those looking to start their own businesses is to harness your work ethic.

"Don't stop until you get there," she said. "Go in with an open mind, don't take no for an answer and you have to work hard."

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getting into it and ordering cabinets, which are being delayed,” she said. “Sheetrock and lumber prices are higher, too.”

The tight housing market may also be a factor in finding homes to flip. “I don’t know if there’s a lot more people out there that like to do housing renovation, but they’re harder to come by and I seem to keep busy doing stuff around here. Outside of calving, I’m able to do stuff around here that I’ve wanted to do,” she said.

Knochenmus is most satisfied taking a home from ‘run down’ status to that of a refurbished gem.

“Taking a home – anybody’s home — I don’t want to say ‘run down,’ but probably has been neglected or they don’t have the time or the tools to fix up that home, and then the turnaround of doing a kitchen remodel. I’ve done a lot of gutting of kitchens and then putting in new cabinets, and I like the staging part afterwards, which I do everything myself,” she said.

One of Knochenmus’ most memorable homes she flipped dates back to 1909. She purchased the home from an elderly woman, who had lived there for 33 years, and no longer had the ability to upgrade the home. Located near Brandon Elementary on Second Avenue, Knochenmus said the homes exterior had been updated, including the concrete and a new garage.

“It was a nice-looking house, but when you walked in, it was 1909,” she said. “It had the original cabinets, the original carpet.”

Knochenmus gutted the home to “the bones.” “It was probably the most work I’ve done on a home, but it was a good move,” she said.

On occasion, Knochenmus enlists the help of her three adult daughters and their families.

“My youngest daughter, Kim, has helped a lot. She’s married and lives a mile down the road, and actually in a house I was going to buy to flip and it fell into what they wanted,” she said.

Another home she purchased to flip came with the contents from a lifetime. “They left everything,” she confirms. “Everything.”

She lists off dog tags from a grandparent, family photos and even a wedding dress among the treasures left behind.

A son-in-law was lucky to find \$200 worth of nickels, which she believes is “probably the biggest treasure we’ve found.”

“I always find can openers, and some are antique,” Knochenmus said. “I’ve found a few contractor’s levels and I actually gave one to one of the guys I work with because he collects them.”

Items of value that go unclaimed by her family, she’s sold online or at an estate sale.

“You just can’t believe the people who want this stuff,” she adds.

Knochenmus said she keeps up on trends by watching HGTV, perusing trade magazines and of course, the professionals in the industry.

“I’ve always had a knack for design or woodwork,” she said. “I don’t put granite or corian-type countertops in all of my homes, but I try to stick with the trends.”

She describes her design style as “country, rustic” and prefers to take down walls to make the home more spacious.

She’s also called on for design ideas, including a recent client who hired her to design their kitchen and bathroom remodel.

“I was on the other side, actually working for them, giving them my thoughts. They ended up gutting the whole kitchen and the bathroom. That was a different side, but it was still fun,” she said. “I love working with people, helping people, and like I said, everybody has a home. To somebody, it’s their treasure and some of the properties that I’ve bought, it isn’t that I go in because it’s a dump, it just needs updating. And it’s always an adventure.”

Her advice to those considering a career in the house flipping business is simple:

“It’s not easy work.”

“Do your research.”

“And get to know your contractors.”

“I think the biggest thing my husband will say is that when I do get a house, I go 125 percent,” she said. “But I like working for myself and bringing the beauty out of every home.”

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and I wouldn't change anything, but it's hard to remember that you need to take care of yourself," she said.

Earlier this year when Dave was deployed, she began counseling, which she said, has helped her to overcome the haunting memories of her past.

"Mental health is so important and I know I needed to deal with it. I'm working on it, but it's not easy."

Although a mother of two boys, Christopherson knew that she wanted Dave to have a child of "his own."

"I wanted to have a child with him, experience that with him, the pregnancy and the labor and all that stuff. So, it was hard to accept that that wasn't going to happen after miscarrying," she said. "I thought we'd be able to get pregnant again, but then he got cancer, and then it was the fertility treatments and the expense of that. We started looking into IVF, but there was no guarantee it was going to work, and if it did work we could end up with triplets, and did I really want to three more kids? I got to a point where mentally I had accepted it."

Then came the opportunity to adopt Micah and later his biological sister, Ella.

"I can't imagine life without them," Christopherson said. And that story, too, is just one of those 'it was meant to be things.' I don't think that God wanted me to suffer and us to suffer through all the fertility and the heartbreak of the loss, but I feel like the way Micah and Ella happened, that just doesn't happen, so, it definitely just feels like it was meant to be, they were meant to be with us."

The Christophersons have an open adoption with Micah and Ella's biological family, which she describes as "amazing."

Before the youngest members of the Christopherson clan joined the household, she was busy building a successful business, which she

cites as "a roller coaster."

"There's been times I've said, 'Oh, my God, what are we doing?' It grew really fast, which is a financial hit and the money wasn't there to help with the growth, and so then I'm borrowing money. But now it's gotten to a point where everything is

from the eight years she was with Zach.

"I don't remember my kids' first words and I can't close my eyes and picture them being little or have memories of going to the lake with them or remember a birthday party," she said. "I just remember all the bad stuff, and that really bothers me because I'll never get that time back and I feel like he robbed me of that time when they were little."

She also prays that Jackson and Caden do not feel slighted.

"I never want them to see me with Micah and Ella and think, 'We didn't get that.' I just keep telling myself that as they get older they will understand, and I can only hope that they understand. If

a young mom. I thought that was going to be my life. I thought that was going to be my family. And as a woman, I just feel like when you get into that situation, that's what you dream of as a little girl," she shared.

It wasn't until the pandemic hit last year that Christopherson began to balance a busy family with a successful career as a business owner.

"I think for a long time I didn't," she said. "It was before the pandemic hit, because I think that's when things calmed down. If I wasn't at work, I would be on my computer or on the phone."

She soon realized that she needed to "stop and smell the roses."

"I'd get these things from the kids for Mother's Day, like 'My

work.' So, I was like, 'OK, this is a problem now.' I went from chasing the success – and there are so many boutiques around that are just getting big, big, big – and is that what I wanted? I was chasing this proof that 'See, I can do it, too.' And I did do it, but I didn't know what was enough for me, and I got to the point where I was working all the time. I was always on Facebook, always doing something and I feel like it was causing relationship issues with Dave."

As the pandemic slowed down life as they knew it, Christopherson said she got out of the habit of being on her phone and letting her employees "do what I pay them to do" and no longer give "a full 125 percent" to the business.

"And I'm OK with that. I don't feel like my dream is to have 100 employees and a 100,000 square-foot warehouse. My dream is for things to just naturally grow with the business and for me to be able to pay my employees. I'm 100 percent content with where we're at right now and where it goes. I want to let it get there on its own without having to push for something. I don't want to be on my phone all of the time now. I want to be able to put my kids to bed at night, and maybe when I'm older and they don't need me as much, I'll get back into it a little harder. Right now, is perfect for me. I can spend time with my kids, I can take them to their staff and my employees are good with handling everything. Everything is absolutely perfect right now, it couldn't be any better."



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(Top left) Amanda Christopherson is pictured with her sons, Caden and Jackson. (Above) The Christopherson family: Caden, Amanda, Dave and Jackson; in front, Ella and Micah. (At right) Amanda enjoys selfie moments like this one with Ella, with all of her children.

great. I have the warehouse, the store, and the girls (her dedicated staff) literally told me a couple weeks ago before summer started that 'We know you're busy with the kids and we don't expect you to be working a lot this summer.' Every day, I'm running the kids around and I literally have them in everything, and sometimes I'm like, 'Do I have them in too much?' but I wouldn't change this for anything because I didn't get to do this with my other kids because I was working all the time," she said.

She knows now that she's blocked out many of her memories

they don't, I hope they know that they can come to me and ask me questions. I wasn't trying to choose Zach over them, I just wanted to keep my family together and I was

mom is happiest when she has her phone' or 'If my mom were to go on a vacation, it would be for

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# 'Jayne's Flipping Properties'

## Knochenmus trades in corporate career to be her own boss



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Jayne Knochenmus sits in her kitchen, which she remodeled. In 2014, the wife and mother of three grown daughters, traded in her business suits for a more casual attire, helping husband Scott on the farm during calving season, and flipping homes under her company name, Jayne's Flipping Properties.

**Jill Meier**  
Journal editor

Jayne Knochenmus is living an HGTV life. Although not documented by the famed TV channel cameras, Knochenmus is buying and flipping homes under her trademark company name, "Jayne's Flipping Properties."

"I don't really know how I came up with that," says Knochenmus, who in 2014 traded in her business suits for more casual work attire. When life necessitated she retire from a 17½-year career as the clinic director for Sanford Health to help her husband, Scott, during calving season, she plunged forward with what had to be done.

"It was hard, because it wasn't like I was unhappy," she said, "but you do what you've got to do."

The career change came after Scott's brother, Todd, a partner in the farming industry, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. With calving season on the horizon, Jayne knew her husband couldn't go it alone.

"I was really afraid of cattle," she admits, "although not I'm not now, so I quit my job to be on the farm."

Two years prior, Jayne purchased her first property to flip. As it turns out, her daughter Kaycee and her boyfriend were on the hunt for a home, and Jayne found one in Brandon that

needed some new life. "We ended up getting it," Jayne reflects. "When we walked in, I don't think Kaycee had the vision that I did. I mean, I can walk into any house and can see what can be changed, and that was the first real attempt at doing it."

Since that time, Knochenmus has flipped 17 homes, mostly in Brandon, although she's flipped homes in Harrisburg and Sioux Falls, too.

She's quick to admit that she never envisioned herself in the flipping business, although her stepfather, a

contractor by trade, introduced her to the world of woodworking.

"He taught me a lot of the ins and outs, and when I started in the flipping business, I could see him get just as excited when I'd buy a property. He was always willing to help, and being a contractor all of his life, it was nice to have," she said.

When Knochenmus secures a new property to flip, she sets a three-month max timeline on the project. She has no qualms when it comes to rolling up her sleeves and doing a lot of the muscle

work. "I have to rely on my contractors for what can be done and what can't be done," she said, "but I do like the demo and I like to take it from the beginning to the end."

Knochenmus has established a good working relationship with a small nucleus of contractors.

"I have a handful of contractors that are always willing to help sheetrock. They like working for me and it's nice that I can rely on them," she said.

Those relationships, she said, are key in keeping a project moving.

"Three months has always been my goal," she said. "Once I buy a house,

I want it back on the market in three months because I would hate to sit on a house for too long."

Her last project wrapped up in December, and sold soon after. She has yet to secure a property this year to flip.

"I've looked at a few but I think what worries me is

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