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National Beer Day

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A list of addresses, items and individual sale times will be available at BrandonRummages.com on Monday, May 4th.



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Brandon Area Briefs

Citywide spring rummage sale registration now open
The 2026 Brandon Citywide Spring Rummage Sales are set for Thursday-Saturday, May 7-9. Registration is open now at brandonrummages.com. Friday, May 1 is the deadline to register.
The complete list of sale addresses, items and individual sale times will be available online on Monday, May 4.

BVHS spring musical tickets on sale
Tickets for Brandon Valley High's spring play, "The SpongeBob Musical" are now available for purchase online through BOUND at brandon-valleyk12.sd.us (click on the

BVHS link). The show will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25 and at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. No passes will be accepted.

Coffee with the Council
Stop by Kingbird Coffee from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, to talk with Brandon City Council reps about topics that are important to you.

Breakfast at Bethany this Friday
The next Breakfast at Bethany (3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon) is 9 a.m. Friday, April 10. A free will offering will be taken, and proceeds will go to the Bethany Foundation.

These breakfasts are served the second Friday of every month and are open to the public.

BV Invite, BVHS Prom on tap for April 11
It's going to be a busy Saturday at Brandon Valley High School on Saturday, April 11. The day begins with the Lynx Track & Field Invitational at 10 a.m. and wraps up with the Junior-Senior Prom grand march at 8 p.m., which is open to the public.

Chamber's Cha-Ching raffle drawings underway
The weekday prize drawings for the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce's Cha-Ching Raffle continues this week through April 30, topping out with the \$5,000 cash grand prize drawing.
Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more, call the BVACC at (605) 582-7400.

Bethany's annual Chili & Soup Cookoff is April 18
Bethany's annual Chili & Soup Cookoff is set for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 18. The cost is \$8 for adults or free will donation; kids under age 12 are free. All proceeds will benefit the Brandon, Valley Springs, Split Rock and Garretson volunteer fire departments.
Entries are sought from local businesses, organizations and individuals.
To learn more, contact Bethany Meadows at (605) 582-8622.

Bingo at the VFW Saturday, April 18
Family Bingo Night at the Brandon VFW is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Cards are just 25 cents each and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Brandon Area Food Pantry.

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David in Montrose, Colorado.

Dear David,
First and foremost don't panic. Think safety first, pull over and stop as fast as you can, as you witnessed vehicle fires spread extremely fast. Get the passengers out and move to safety. If there is smoke coming from a closed compartment do not open it. The fresh air can cause a fast flare up. The many different materials in a vehicle will emit gasses when burning that can quickly overcome you so even if all you see is smoke stay away from it. If you try to recover objects from the vehicle you could be harmed. Call the authorities and stay far away.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
I'm getting ready for a trip across country and would like to get the best mileage possible. I will be traveling about 6000 miles round trip so even one or two miles per gallon would make a noticeable difference in cost. Is there one thing I can do that will save me fuel that does not cost more than the fuel I will save by doing it? I have not done anything to my vehicle other than oil changes and air filter and I now have about 40,000 miles on the van. I used to get about 28mpg when new and now get about 24.

Melanie in Fisher, West Virginia.

Dear Melanie,
There are many things that could be contributing to your mpg loss but with only 40,000 miles you are probably in better shape than someone with many more. Spark plugs on newer vehicles usually will last more miles than you have before a major loss in mileage is noticed and you've had the air filter changed. Make sure the tires have proper pressure and if you have never had a professional fuel system cleaning having one done may gain a couple mpg in your case if all other tune up items are in good shape. As a vehicle builds up contaminants in the fuel system efficiency goes down and mileage suffers. A cleaning can restore the lost mpg and is affordable. Cleanings every one to two years is what's recommended.

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TEACHER of the Week



Tammy Osheim - School Counselor - Mrs. Osheim has been a member of the Brandon Valley staff for 32 years. She has spent the past twenty-three years at Robert Bennis Elementary, and nine years at Brandon Elementary prior. Mrs. Osheim offers counseling classes weekly for our students. Topics such as friendships, conflict resolution, and coping skills are just a few of the areas Mrs. Osheim provides support to our students. Mrs. Osheim also supports students individually as needs arise. She has been an integral part of supporting students at Robert Bennis Elementary for many years and encouraging them to be the best version of themselves.
- Kristin Hofkamp, Robert Bennis Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?

Nacho grande is my favorite school lunch meal. I'm always excited when it is on the menu. It's cheesy, messy and just really hits the spot.

Why do you love teaching?

I've always been driven by a desire to make a meaningful difference in children's lives. I first pursued a degree in agency counseling, but it wasn't until I began working in a school setting that I truly found my place. Being in the classroom has given me the incredible opportunity to connect with every student in the building on a weekly basis.

Watching students grow, gain confidence, and blossom over the years is deeply rewarding. Many of them I've known from kindergarten through fourth grade, allowing me to build strong, lasting relationships and truly understand who they are as learners and individuals. Having the chance to support them throughout their journey is one of the greatest privileges of my work.

How long have you been with the district?

I have been with the district for 32 years as a school counselor. I have spent much of my career at Robert Bennis, but I have also worked at Brandon Elementary and Valley Springs.

What's your favorite past time?

Animals have always been important to me. As a child, I dreamed of becoming a veterinarian or running an animal rescue. Eventually, I decided to keep animals as a hobby instead, and I've been fortunate to have horses, dogs, and cats throughout my entire life. I also enjoy creating dot art, which gives me a relaxing and creative outlet. My family is incredibly important to me as well, and they remain at the center of everything I do.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?

I've always loved to read. When I was a kid, I was obsessed with animal books, and honestly, that love of reading never went away. It's still one of my favorite things to do.

STUDENT of the Week



Sadie Aamlid - Sadie Aamlid is a wonderful example of a student who truly demonstrates the attributes of the LYNX WAY. She consistently shows kindness, respect, and responsibility in the classroom each day. Sadie works hard on her schoolwork and always does her best, while also encouraging and supporting her classmates. She treats others with care and is someone her peers can count on. Sadie's positive attitude and strong character make her a great role model for the classroom and a student we are very proud to call a Lynx!
- Kristin Hofkamp, Robert Bennis Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?

Walking Tacos

What grade are you in?

4th grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?

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What do you want to be when you grow up?

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