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### FRIDAY, JULY 9

6:00 p.m.: Supper at Legion Ballpark  
6:00 & 8:00 p.m.: Baseball game at Legion Ballpark  
After ballgame/dusk: Fireworks

### SATURDAY, JULY 10

10:00 a.m.: Kids games at Cassidy Park  
10:00 a.m.: Cake walk at Cassidy Park (tickets for sale), proceeds to VBS, cake donations welcome, bring to park that day (note - no food stands at churches this year)  
10:30 a.m.: Tractor pull at Cassidy Park with trophies for ages 4-13



11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Museum open  
1:00 & 3:00 p.m.: Baseball games at Legion Ballpark  
2:00 p.m.: Firemen's water fight on Main Street  
6:15 p.m.: Parade line-up begins at First Lutheran Church on Maple Street (no registration required, all entries welcome)  
7:00 p.m.: Parade begins (Route: from church go down Sunnyside to Jackson, Jackson to Southside, then back to Dunham)

### SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Pancake breakfast at Legion Hall sponsored by the Legion  
10:00 a.m.: Community Worship Service at Legion Ballpark. Bring your lawn chairs! In case of inclement weather or baseball games, service will be held at the Reformed Church.  
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Margaret in Fargo North Dakota

Dear Margaret,

This is a common problem in many of the vans using a power sliding door system. They have to make a connection between the door and the body and many do it with a cable. The cable moves back and forth every time the door slides and with enough time it can be rubbed through or break one of the wires in the cable. If either of these things happens it can act just like yours is operating. Other issues like programming can be a factor and less expensive than a new cable so make sure that they give it a proper diagnosis and guarantee their work. A good thing to remember is the most expensive repair is always the one you don't need. Make sure that the shop doing the repairs has had experience with the system used on your vehicle. If it is a cable they are expensive to replace mostly due to the time involved for the labor which can take several hours of work.

Take care, The Motor Medics

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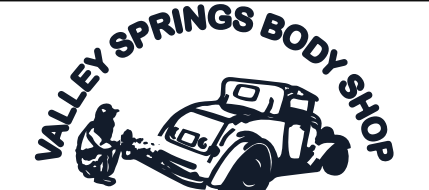
I listen to Under the Hood Here is Salida Colorado and I drive a Chevy S10 with a manual transmission. Recently the transmission has become hard to put into reverse and also first gear unless the engine is turned off. When I try to engage it the gears grind and if I force it I can get it to go eventually. Once it is in gear it seems to work ok. What can you tell me?

Kelly in Salida Colorado

Dear Kelly,

It sounds like the clutch is not completely disengaging. To smoothly engage without gear clash, the input shaft of the transmission needs to stop moving and this occurs when the clutch is pressed down. Many things can cause it to keep moving like a warped clutch disc or pressure plate or the pilot shaft dragging on the crankshaft but the most common item is worn clutch hydraulics. The vehicle will need to be properly diagnosed to verify which component is the cause before repairs. The one thing to note is that if that if it is being operated in this condition it can cause damage to occur to the transmission very quickly and increase repair costs. The grinding can cause gear wear internally and if the clutch is dragging due to a hydraulic problem then heat will be built up which can burn up clutch friction parts or cause warpage which will mean having to replace the clutch parts.

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A Brandon boy rang the bell outside the Sanford Castle, marking a milestone in his battle against stage 3 rhabdomyosarcoma cancer. *Journal* editor Jill Meier was there to capture the celebration.

Another local boy, Jack Blomgren, has taken on the 50 Yard Challenge. Find out what's driving this young man to mow 50 yards to meet the challenge goal.

A neighborhood of Brandon residents showed up at Thursday's Planning & Zoning meeting to learn more about a proposed 300-unit apartment complex and adjacent commercial buildings. Find out what's being planned for the possible westside development, Encore Park, as they presented their concept plans to the P&Z Commission.

We've got the lowdown on the upcoming Booster Days celebration in Valley Springs and a recap of the June 28 school board meeting.

BV Post 131 traded wins with both Pierre and Harrisburg last week and a BV Middle School hockey player is ranked No. 1 in his age division after competing in a 14U tournament in Provo, Utah.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*"!

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- Across
- 1. Hardly the gregarious type
  - 6. Bat eyelashes, perhaps
  - 11. Home of the Mustangs, initially
  - 14. Steps within a computer program
  - 16. Proof letters
  - 17. Kind of terrapin
  - 18. German link
  - 19. Andrews, in Md.
  - 20. \_\_\_\_-cone
  - 21. Raconteur's offering
  - 22. Plus additional things
  - 25. \_\_\_\_ of Good Feelings
  - 27. Kind of butterfly
  - 29. Weight charge
  - 32. Straw unit
  - 33. Concerning, in legalese
  - 34. Low-lying islands
  - 36. Fords
  - 39. Spelunker hangout
  - 40. Duck with soft down
  - 42. \_\_\_\_ fide (in bad faith)
  - 43. They can take you downhill quickly
  - 45. What a stitch in time saves
  - 46. "Members \_\_\_\_"
  - 47. Troubles or woes
  - 49. Perfumes
  - 51. Popular brand at the grocery store

- 54. Pollution-control gp.
  - 55. Rock producer Brian
  - 56. Does a hatchet job on?
  - 57. Shapely leg, in slang
  - 59. Paul Anka's "\_\_\_\_ Beso (That Kiss!)"
  - 61. "Are you a man \_\_\_\_ mouse?"
  - 62. Small but influential group
  - 67. Title for Arthur Conan Doyle
  - 68. Interrogation aid
  - 69. Make hay
  - 70. Wrapped up
  - 71. Abrasive files
- Down
- 1. It sends people on trips
  - 2. "Yes, monsieur!"
  - 3. Where Kings and Wizards play
  - 4. Writer Bombeck
  - 5. Like the Astrodome
  - 6. Letters with some flowers
  - 7. Ad-\_\_\_\_ (improvises)
  - 8. Cockamamie
  - 9. Touch up a beehive?
  - 10. Expression of disappointment
  - 11. Country hoedown
  - 12. Edison's park
  - 13. Fresh milk container?
  - 15. Remove shoring

- 21. Father of Ajax and Teucer
- 22. They usually have many extras
- 23. Describing pitch
- 24. Emulate a boomerang
- 26. Request from one not yet satisfied
- 28. Foot in the forest
- 30. Seasonal debris
- 31. Singer Gorme
- 35. Have a hunch
- 37. Comedienne DeGeneres
- 38. Authority to decide
- 41. Song title spelled out in its lyrics
- 44. Certain camera, initially
- 48. Make one's attendance official, in a way
- 50. Not as tough
- 51. Straub's "\_\_\_\_ Story"
- 52. Chilling, in a way
- 53. Switch-hit, Singapore-style?
- 58. Early Iranian
- 60. Fierce whale
- 62. Duct extension?
- 63. Bloodshot
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Brandon Area Briefs

**Parkview to perform outdoor concert**  
The public is invited to an outdoor concert by Parkview at 7:30 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**  
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.  
Text “Brandonpool” to 33222 for pool opening and closing dates, closures due to weather, etc.  
When registering, auto correct tends to add a space. Subscribers to this service will receive a return message saying, “Welcome to...”  
To register, type 33222 in the text message as the number and then type the “Keyword” above in the message line of the text, just the word not the quotations. Residents will need to subscribe to each one for notifications of all three, and may opt out at any time.

**Valley Springs’ Booster Days**  
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, 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 a contemporary Christian music concert at 7 p.m. Lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged for seating.

**July sobriety checkpoint list announced**  
South Dakota’s Department of Public Safety says 21 sobriety checkpoints will held throughout South Dakota during July.  
The monthly checkpoints, held at various times and locations, are designed to discourage people from drinking and then driving. The checkpoints are funded by the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety and conducted by the South Dakota Highway Patrol with the help of local law enforcement.  
July checkpoints are scheduled for 16 different counties. They are: Beadle, Bennett, Brookings, Butte, Charles Mix, Codington, Hughes, Jackson, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Spink, Union, Walworth and Yankton.  
Officials remind drivers not to drink and drive regardless of whether there is a checkpoint planned in their county. People who have been drinking are urged to designate a sober driver or take an alternate form of commercial or public transportation.

**Grab & go summer lunch program**  
Brandon Valley School District’s 2021 summer lunch is once again being offered. The format is “grab & go” every Tuesday (five breakfasts/lunches) through July 27. Lunches may be picked up at the following locations and times: Brandon Elementary, pick up from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Valley Springs Elementary, pick up 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Corner of East Renee and North Cory Place, pick up at 11 to 11:45 a.m.; and Granite Valley Park (6101 N. Gold Nugget Ave., Sioux Falls), pick up from 12:15 to 1 p.m.  
On-site service is available for EL Summer School and Boys & Girls Club summer programs.

**Farmer’s Market open weekly in Brandon**  
The Farmer’s Market in Brandon is open for the season in Brandon on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m. Thursdays in the parking lot at 515 N. Splitrock Blvd. The event features local vendors, food trucks and live music every Saturday through October.

**June needs at the BAFP**  
June needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are brown sugar, mustard, single-packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, instant mashed potatoes, cake mix, frosting, Knorr Sides (rice and noodles), Suddenly Salad.  
Due to recent large-scale donations, the BAFP has no need for canned vegetables (i.e., peas, corn, carrots, all varieties of beans) and soups, both cream and other varieties.

In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers. To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
BAFP executive director Linda Weber asks groups staging a food drive to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.  
Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

**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. Once inside, turn right and follow the positive and uplifting conversation.  
TOPS is for both men and women, and the group’s purpose is to encourage, motivate and support one another.

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

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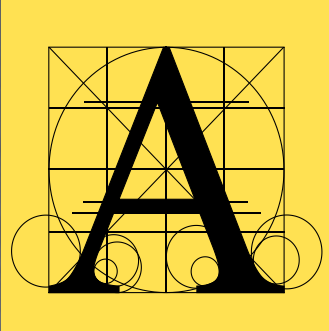
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## KEEP FATS, OILS & GREASE OUT OF YOUR DRAIN TO KEEP THINGS MOVING!

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) that go down the drains can cause clogs in your household pipes as well as in the sanitary sewers.



- Do NOT pour any cooking oils or grease into your kitchen sink or other drain lines.
- Pour all used cooking oils and grease into a small container so it can cool and harden.



- When the container is full, cap the container or cover tightly, place in a bag to prevent leakage and put in garbage container.
- Dry wipe all pots, pans and plates before washing in sink or dishwasher. Use paper towels and wipe grease and food contents into a garbage container.



- If you have a kitchen sink garbage grinder, use this as a little as possible since food particles and grease from the grinded material will still clog your pipes and affect the downstream sewer system.



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***Running hot water down the drain will prevent the pipe from clogging up.***

The ground surrounding the pipes keeps it cool, allowing the fat to cling to the walls of the pipe. These blockages can cause sewage to back up into your home or neighbor's home causing health hazards to the inhabitants.

## DO NOT FLUSH



Sanitary products  
Disposable diapers  
Liners  
Tampons  
Baby wipes  
Cotton balls & Q-tips

Contact lenses  
Facial tissues  
Paper towels  
Rags & shop towels  
Grease / kitchen fat  
Colostomy bags

Bandages  
Syringes, needles  
Medicine  
Kitty litter  
Dental floss  
Cigarette butts

***Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed.***