

Passage of IM 28 would ‘cripple’ city budget

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A new analysis of the Nov. 5 ballot measure aiming to eliminate state sales taxes on groceries projects state revenue losses ranging from \$134 million to \$646 million annually.

For the city of Brandon, potential lost revenue is \$565,000, which is enough to essentially “cripple” the city’s annual budget.

On July 30 in Pierre, the

Legislative Research Council presented the analysis to lawmakers on the state budget committee. Council employees provide research, analysis and administrative support to legislators.

Backers of the citizen-initiated ballot measure only aim to prohibit state sales taxes on groceries, but the measure references items sold for “human consumption.” The wide range of potential revenue losses depends on how “human consumption” is

interpreted.

“This is why words matter,” said Jeff Mehlhaff, the council’s chief fiscal analyst.

“Human consumption” needs to be better defined,” City Administrator Bryan Read said.

A narrow interpretation limits the measure’s impact to groceries. A broader interpretation includes many goods and services used by people, based on definitions and interpretations of “consume” and “consumption.”

Utilities, toiletries and car repairs are some examples cited by the council as goods and services technically “consumed” by humans.

The narrow definition would reduce state revenues by an estimated \$133.6 million. The broader interpretation would result in an estimated revenue loss of up to \$646.2 million. The state’s total annual budget is \$7.3 billion.

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Voters will decide in November whether to eliminate the sales tax on groceries. The city of Brandon stands to lose an estimated \$565,000 in revenue.

The agony of defeat



Photo courtesy of Jenn LaBrie

Brandon Valley’s Jackson Adams shows some frustration during an at-bat against Harrisburg Gold in the opening-round game of the 2024 South Dakota Legion Baseball Tournament in Brookings on Tuesday, June 30. For a report on the state Legion Baseball Tournament, see page 13.

Council takes first step to add second access to Aspen Park

Jill Meier
Journal editor

A long-time “community want” took a baby step forward Monday night, as the Brandon City Council gave unanimous approval to Resolution #24-24 East Ironwood Resolution of Necessity.

The approval is the starting point for a special assessment process, which would provide a second entrance/exit at Aspen Park.

For years, a second entrance/exit to the park has been a priority of both the city council and park advisory committee. It’s been cited as a public safety issue and would lessen long lines of traffic coming into and leaving the park. The construction of East Ironwood from Sioux Boulevard to Aspen Park is included in the city’s 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and because this is a new road and utilities, it’s the city’s intent to special assess approximately 20 percent of the construction cost to benefitted properties.

The total estimated cost of the extending East Ironwood is \$2,944,178, of which \$1,580,328 is considered to be non-assessable. That leaves \$1,296,731.69 to be assessed against the benefitted properties. The city would cover 80.6 percent (\$2,374,010) of the total estimated cost.

As explained by City Administrator Bryan Read, the Resolution of Necessity is the first step in the special as-

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Equipment failure leads city to declare water emergency

Jill Meier
Journal editor

A major equipment failure at the city of Brandon’s water treatment plant constituted a water emergency declaration over the weekend.

The city blasted the declaration via Facebook and through the citywide texting program, asking residents to conserve water by limiting loads of laundry and using the dishwasher. A ban on lawn watering was also enacted. The water remained safe for consumption, but residents were warned of possible low pressure and discoloration.

Rollie Hoeke, public works director, reported at Mon-

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Jimmy John’s on pace to open Aug. 13

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Jimmy John’s will open for business next week, and owner Houston Hartwig can’t wait to show customers how fast a sandwich can be placed in their hands.

That’s especially true for those who order from the drive thru.

“It actually takes longer to order a sandwich than it does for us to make it,” Hartwig said. “We’re excited about our drive thru in Brandon with its easy access. The drive thru is our king and it’s what we focus on the most.”

Jimmy John’s will open Tuesday, Aug. 13 in the Brandon 90 Plaza. It’s the fifth store for Hartwig, who also

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Houston Hartwig will open his fifth Jimmy John’s on Aug. 13 in Brandon. He’s excited to showcase the restaurant’s fast and easy service.

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Despite bad timing, county Home Rule should be considered

Recently, I sat through the Minnehaha County Commission discussion of a draft “Home-Rule charter” – and the public comment that went along with it.

This was a proposal of something that had been under discussion for 30 years and had even come up for a vote 20 years ago, but before going into the specifics of the latest incarnation of Home Rule, some background is necessary.

In 1889, the South Dakota legislature set up the methods whereby all counties would be formed. And this eventually applied to municipalities, as well.

And beyond that, legislators had the foresight to realize that at some time, the template they created for forming local governments might not work everywhere.

Except, to do something differently, it requires a majority vote of city/county electorates.

So, for a Home-Rule charter to be enacted, it is not done so by some whim of city or county commissioners; it is a mandate of the people.

If the voters in a particular government district don’t want it, their method of organization stays the way it was designed in 1889.

But even though general state rules call for certain elected positions, the people elected to many of those positions aren’t responsible to anyone.

Minnehaha County Commissioners have put rules in place about fulfilling specific duties on the commission or

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Dave Baumeister | Contributor



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In the end, we all just want the same thing

As you read this, I’m in South Korea.

Jerry Garcia wasn’t wrong: What a long, strange trip it’s been.

The flight to Seoul from the central United States is a tough one, especially on a 55-year-old body. Two decades ago, my job took me to Japan on four different occasions. That was on a mid-30s year-old body, and it was a tough flight then.

I knew going to South Korea and the 14-hour flight that ensued from Minneapolis to Seoul was going to be hard last week.

It was.

When I lived in Seattle several years ago, my job took me to New York a few times a year. That flight was five hours, and I dreaded it every time. Five hours on a domestic flight drove me crazy.

When I flew from Minneapolis to Seoul last week, I felt relieved when I saw we were nine hours into the trip with just five hours to go. And then it hit me: We still had the Seattle-to-New York leg yet to go. That

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was depressing, and painful.

Literally, painful.

My legs continued to seize up, my butt was as numb as an eager root canal patient’s mouth-in-waiting, and my patience was running thin.

But I was able to gut it out, and I eventually got off the plane and made my way through customs in Seoul. About two hours later, I crashed, and truly sank into my hotel bed in Seoul’s Gangnam district.

South Korea is 14 hours ahead of the United States’ Central Time Zone. Naturally, it takes a day or so to get your sea legs under you so you can function at a normal level during daylight hours.

But after I came out of my 24-hour slumber of indeed getting acclimated to the new time zone, I ventured out into Seoul. I didn’t notice this before when I visited Japan 20

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Come celebrate with us!

The excitement has been brewing here at the *Journal* office over the last few weeks. Friday, you see, was the start of our eighth year of publishing your local news source and shopper, the *Brandon Valley Journal* and the *Brandon Valley Trader*.

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weeks of the year, and you can read all about the place you call “home,” about the people you call “friend” and the events and topics that are important to you.

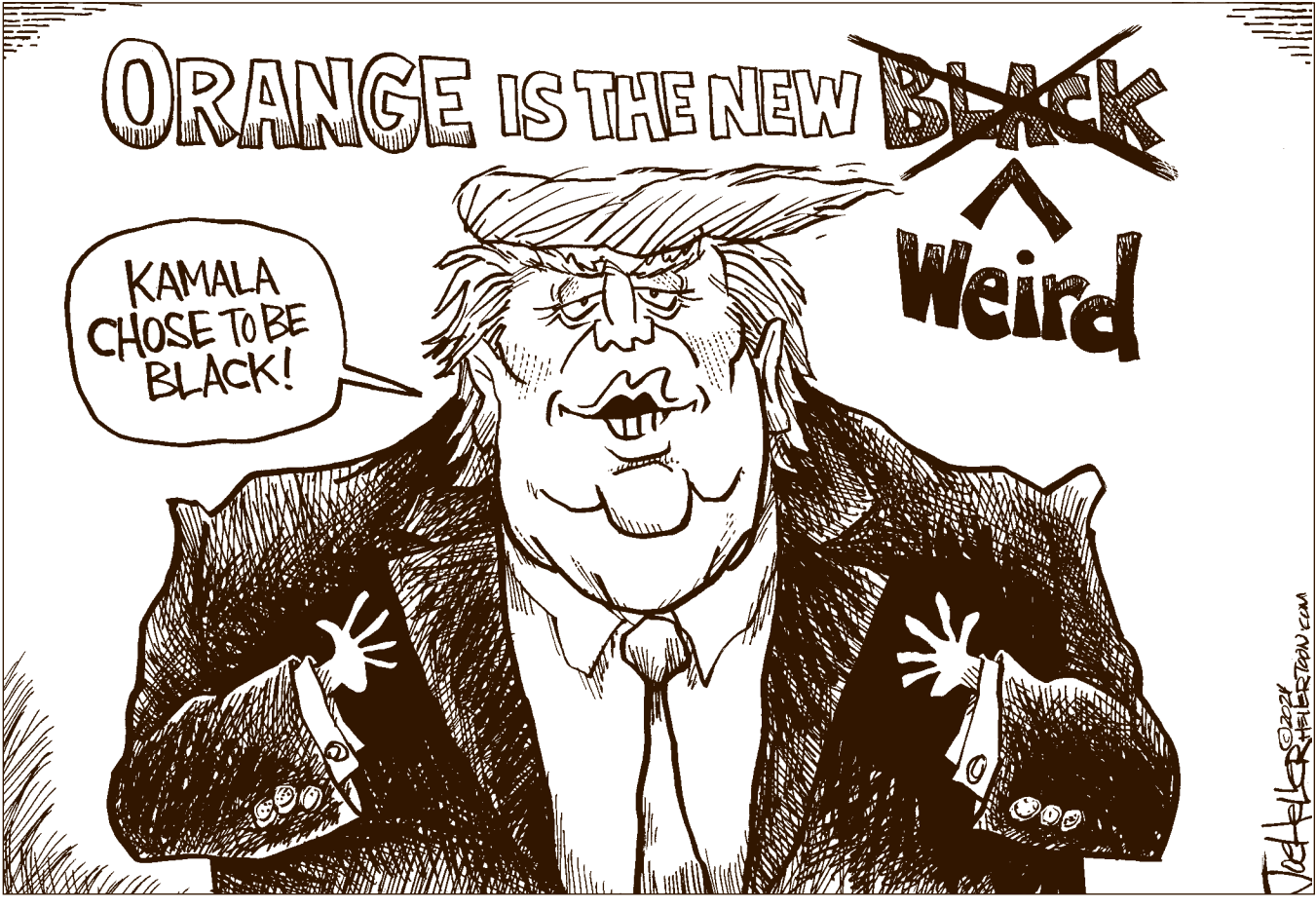
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And so, we’re celebrating this Thursday and Friday with new subscriber specials, deals for current

subscribers, and of course, birthday cake, because you can’t – or you shouldn’t – have a birthday party without cake.

Our gift to new subscribers who choose to have the *Journal* delivered in your mailbox each week, is free online access. To those who are already plucking us out of the mailbox each week, please stop by to enjoy some cake and conversation, trinkets and all can register for door prizes.

As we like to say this time of year, “You can have your cake and read it, too!”



Luschas: Do not comply with cashless event ticketing

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently the Sioux Falls Metro Area School Districts, including Brandon, Tea, Harrisburg and Sioux Falls, announced a Cashless Ticketing Policy. Anyone wanting to attend events like football games and band competitions will have to pay online with a credit card and scan a QR code from their smartphone at the gate. There are multiple reasons why we should not comply with this policy. First off, cashless ticketing reduces funding to schools via transaction fees that the

district pays. The policy also discriminates against students without smartphones / QR codes, low-income people who use cash as a budgeting tool to avoid high interest rates on credit cards, people with credit issues who don’t have a credit card, parents who don’t think smart phones are a healthy choice for their students, and elderly who don’t know how to use a smartphone/QR code. QR codes track our kids’ locations. I have to also scratch my head that the Gettysburg School district just voted on a device-free environment, while Brandon and surrounding school districts are requiring students to have smartphones to attend events.

It turns out that if you contact the school activities director to complain, you can pay with cash/check for activity passes and receive

an ‘anonymous’ QR code printout. It’s a pain but apparently, it’s possible. It is also my understanding that they will take cash at the event gate after they “lecture you about the benefits of having a smartphone and QR code.” I invite the community to join our family in not complying with cashless event ticketing by taking these actions.

Sincerely,
Susan Luschas
Brandon
(Editor’s note: See page 12 for related story)

So, it has been a week ...

Time flies by, not the minutes or hours sometimes, but always the weeks and this week is a special blur of time passing by.

The week has been spent learning how to deal with a replacement knee; what I can and cannot do from a walker; how long can I be upright before I feel exhausted and need to sit down with my leg up or my leg up with an ice pack to cool the knee down.

It’s been a time to learn about how difficult it is to

ask for help, but realizing you have to or some need is not going to be met. My wife and I totally agree that it is easier to assist someone else than to ask for help. Over the years we both have filled in as temporary care givers to each other and to other family and friends, so we have experience in both roles.

I had imagined what the recovery and rehab process would be like. I anticipated

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D.C. Schultz
Guest Columnist



the pain and adjustments that would be part of the day to day. And for the most part, my imagination was worse than reality. There has been pain, but not as severe as expected; some amount of discomfort and the inability to get comfortable in familiar positions while sitting or

lying in bed.

Keeping occupied without being physically able to move freely has been a challenge – all these things I could do if only I could lift this or move that. And then, the things you can do take so much longer to accomplish, whether you need help or doing things while using a walker or just getting from one room to another. A trip to the bathroom becomes a mission to be planned – what else can

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Let the Games begin

As we enter into the month of August, many of our local schools are preparing for the beginning of the Fall sports and music seasons. It is always an exciting time listening to the Brandon Valley band strike up the instruments, which seems to be all day long, as they strenuously prepare for another successful marching band season. We see the football players that

compete at the high school level as well as younger ages, getting their football equipment to start the seasons. The volleyball players and cross country runners are participating in camps and early morning runs prior to the July and August heat. I remember as a young boy

FROM THE PULPIT

Father Andrew Young
Risen Savior



year and receiving those football pads for tackle football. I’m probably dating myself, but we had to snap all the pads into the pants we received. I had no idea where the pads were supposed to be placed and

more than likely had them misplaced. What stands out most though is trying on the helmets. Once the coach found a helmet he thought fit, he slapped his hand (I think as hard as he could) on the top of the helmet, while it was on my head. I wondered and still do, was that necessary? It left me with a huge headache! That probably should have been

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Home-based fashion styling business gains P&Z approval

Jill Meier
Journal editor

A home-based fashion styling business gained unanimous approval of its conditional use request from Brandon's Planning & Zoning Commission on Aug. 1.

The approval, however, came after the applicants were peppered with a plethora of questions by P&Z Commissioners and a handful of conditions were identified.

Patricia and Frank Belanger, 420 E. Meadowlark Circle, relocated to Brandon from Boulder, Colo., last December. Along with the couple came their home-based business, Patricia B's Big Closet. The Belangers had lived in unincorporated area in Colorado, thus eliminating the need for a home business occupation permit there, hence why they didn't apply for the permit earlier. Following an event at the Belanger's in June held in cooperation with the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belangers were notified of the need to obtain a conditional use permit to continue operations.

Last week, the Belangers explained that their business is more of a service than a retail business. Frank described Patricia B's Big Closet as "makeovers for professional women who come in here and get a full wardrobe change."

"It's a service that we offer to women," Patricia added. "We have intentions of closing down. We came here to retire," noting their intent is to liquidate their entire inventory.

Frank estimated their inventory of high-end fashions and one-on-one style consulting business would continue for a year or two.

"I'm putting a wardrobe together for women. It's one-on-one, it's not multiple people at our house," Patricia answered when asked what



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Patricia Belanger (left) hosted a women's makeover event in June. Patricia B's Big Closet received approval from Planning & Zoning last week for a conditional use permit to operate the home-based business.

goods and services are provided. "I'm educating women on how to look beautiful. It's a service. ... Sometimes we find a lot of things, and sometimes we don't find a lot. ... It's really about women's empowerment."

Individual styling sessions last from two to four hours, Frank informed.

The Belangers do not charge clients an hourly fee for Patricia's styling advice. Frank said that would be difficult to do.

"We do it on a per item basis. It's a service but the way we charge is based on what they get. We just thought that was the more fair way of doing it," he said.

"It's kind of the way we run the company. It's based on spiritual law. We believe that our greatest currency is to impact others and the world around us, which is why we

don't charge a fee. This is really of importance to us, just so we can be of service to others, and that has always been our philosophy," Patricia said.

Two neighbors addressed the P&Z regarding the Belanger's conditional use application.

After receiving notification of the hearing, neighbors Gene and Pat Hammond, 417 Meadowlark Circle, personally met with the Belangers.

"We just walked across the street and asked our neighbors about it," Pat said.

They learned the Belangers would not be hosting any further "large-scale" events at their home, which essentially would eliminate any issues with parking.

"We had a question about if this is an individual thing, and yes, it is an individual thing," Pat said. "So,

it's not a bother to us. Speaking for my husband – which is not a new thing for me – after visiting with our neighbors, we understand what they want to do ... We have no objection to this at all."

Paul Runia, 408 Meadowlark Circle, questioned the timeframe in which the Belangers plan to cease business operations.

P&Z Commissioner Michael Toates suggested a few conditions be attached to the permit, such as only allowing clients to park in their driveway, to not block the sidewalk and to conduct all business prior to 6 p.m. "That way it doesn't interfere with other people when they get home," he said.

Commissioner Brian Heidbrink concurred.

"The board has struggled with some past requests that we've denied for retail," Heidbrink explained. "I know you're providing a service and not charging for the service. You're making income based on the sale of products, (but) it's kind of a fine line between service and retail," Heidbrink said. "The difficulty we've had with retail is the volume of people in a residential neighborhood. I understand your concept is different than retail – more service-oriented. Would you be comfortable with us putting a condition on the number of people we put at a time?"

Frank answered it's very rare that Patricia would be working with more than one client at a time.

"It's focused on that individual ... If there's somebody else there, it becomes distracting. So, if you wanted to put a restriction on that it's only one at a time, we would be good with that," he said.

Toates made the motion to approve with the previously-mentioned conditions.

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TALK of the TOWN

Living Springs to give away sweet corn

Free sweet corn will be given away starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 at Living Springs Church, 901 S. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon.

Audition virtually Aug. 14 for 'American Idol'

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Aug. 9 golf benefit for Chris Terveer

A 4-person golf scramble benefit and silent auction for Chris Terveer is set for 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Brandon. Cost is \$200 per team and includes cart and meal.

To register a team, text Scott Carroll at (605) 310-6800.

Donations can be made at First National Bank, payable to Benefit for Chris Terveer or Venmo @Chris-Terveer-Fund.

Current needs at Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are bottled juice, microwave popcorn, envelopes of muffin mixes, small boxes of PopTarts, Manwich, Hamburger Helper, small cans of beef stew, box mix of Jello and pudding, granola bars, Kleenex.

The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

B&G Milkyway stores competing for Avalanche title

B&G Milkyway stores in Brandon, Sioux Falls, Tea and Harrisburg are competing in the brand's first Avalanche Battle. The Battle runs through Aug. 31. Flavor entries are: Brandon, Cinnamon Pretzel; Tea, Churro; Harrisburg, Frosted Animal Cookie; Sioux Falls stores – 12th Street, Hot Tamale; 41st Street, Chocolate Chip Pancake; 69th & Louise, Caramel Corn Crase; Harmon Park, Blueberry Muffin; Sycamore Avenue, Salted Nut Roll; 69th & Cliff, Mr. Beast Peanut Butter Feastables.

Customers will vote for their favorite through a Facebook poll. The winning location will be announced Sept. 1 and will receive a "champion" sign to display at their store.

August sobriety checkpoints

The South Dakota Highway Patrol will conduct sobriety checkpoints in 14 different counties during the month of August. The checkpoints are planned for the counties of Beadle, Brown, Codington, Fall River, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, Lyman, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn, and Yankton.

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they get thrown off, but other elected officials don't have any such restrictions.

The State's Attorney doesn't have to be an attorney.

And the auditor, treasurer and register of deeds don't even have to show up at work.

If they can get people to elect them, they get paid no matter what they do or don't do.

So once that person is elected, there is no accountability. And whoever is an incumbent, buys a lot of billboards and (in South Dakota) runs as a Republican, is most likely going to get re-elected.

This is where Home Rule could play a part.

Commissioner Joe Kippley did bring a draft Home-Rule proposal that called for the combination of the auditor, treasurer and register of deeds into one appointed position, but that was just a draft propos-

al, and many changes could (and should) be made to it before it ever gets to the voters.

But putting aside who might lose a job, the proposal of Home Rule in Minnehaha County is a good one.

The city of Sioux Falls, which is most of Minnehaha County has used Home Rule since it was voted for in 1994.

Currently, Minnehaha County is home to over 200,000 people.

The county with the next largest population – Pennington – has just over half the people as Minnehaha at 117,000.

The smallest county – Jones County – has around 800 people.

Does it make sense that all of the counties in our state should have to follow the same format.

That's like saying Walmart must use the same business plan as Ma and Pa's Consignment Shop in Trail City.

Instead of people packing a meeting to tell everyone why a certain elected official is the greatest thing since sliced bread, they should have been saying, "Let's look at this proposal to see how it can be drafted so no one is going to lose her job in the next five months."

The charter can just as easily be written to take affect when the terms of the current auditor and register of deeds end. It isn't nice to take a person's job away from them unexpectedly. However, every elected official should admit the possibility that they won't be employed after the next election.

If people are really worried about elected officials being responsible to the voters, they get much more accountability with the county commissioners, as their make-up can completely change every two years, as opposed to four.

But again, if Home Rule were to

be adopted, it would be decided by the voters, and not by who can yell the loudest in a meeting room.

When I spoke with Commission chairman Dean Karsky about this issue, he said the reason it was being brought up now was not because of any one person, but because we are coming up to a general election that should draw a huge voter turnout.

And while that makes very good sense, I think there does need to be more than 100 days for the proposal to be fleshed out before voters would be able to make an informed decision on it.

So yes, I think the proposal of Home Rule for Minnehaha County is good, but no, I don't think rushing it through would be a good idea.

And although it seems most commissioners agree with me, this issue should not be forgotten.

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Thursday, Aug. 1
Donna Hansen, 92, Sioux Falls
Lorraine Johnson, 76, Sioux Falls
Agnes Kampshoff, 102, Epiphany
Dean Mann, 92, Sioux Falls

Saturday, Aug. 3
Vera Ferrell, 92, Castle Pine, Colo.
Arlene Lange, 86, Sioux Falls
Natalie Stroschein, 95, Canton

Sunday, Aug. 4
Thomas “Tom” Hansen, 88, Dell Rapids

Monday, Aug. 5
Rileen Crolius, 98, Sioux Falls
Delores Reurink, 91, Sioux Falls
Darlene Wastell, 85, Beresford

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be accomplished along the way or on the way back. The physical therapy rehab session scheduled for three times a week have been a challenge. To move the joint further each time, to be able to put more weight on the affected leg, balance, and trust you won’t hurt yourself – or even worse – fall. So far, all is well. Bandages off, wound healing, still a bit swollen. I have a ways to go with getting full movement, but I’m doing more for myself each day and know how fortunate I continue to be in this very significant episode of life.

TUESDAY, JULY 30
• Check security in 300 block S. Heritage Road, at all parks.
• Forgery reported in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., under investigation.
• Embezzlement reported in 800 block of E. Redwood Blvd., under investigation.
• Assist Highway Patrol with accidents on I-90.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with an accident, occurred in county.
• Lift assist in 1000 block of N. Sioux Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
• Disorderly subject reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.
• Two-vehicle accident in 100 block of E. Annabelle St.
• Fraud reported in 700 block of S. Seventh Ave., advised.
• Check well-being of subject at W. Park St. and S. Locust Ave., checked OK.
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• Assist Sheriff’s office with an assault/weapons violation, occurred in county.
• Alarms in 100 block of E. Holly Blvd., checked OK.
• Family dispute in 100 block of W. Chicory Dr., ad-

Nancy Ann Hansen, 83

Nancy Ann Hansen, 83, died unexpectedly, Tuesday, July 9, 2024 in Sioux Falls. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024 at St. John’s American Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Visitation, with family present, will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at Anderson Funeral Home in Canton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the St. John American Lutheran Choir, Project Car, or REACH Literacy.

Nancy was born on Nov. 15, 1940 in Canton, S.D., to Harry and Genev (Rude) Skaien. She grew up in Canton, graduating from Canton High School in 1958. She later earned a degree from Dakota State University. Nancy married Michael Hansen in 1961 in Canton. Geoff, Geni, Genetta and Gretchen were born to this union. The couple made their home in Sioux Falls and later moved to Brandon. In addition to raising her family, Nancy was a former third-grade teacher, reporter for the *Brandon Valley Reporter*, director of the Girl Scouts, and director of the Sioux Falls Area Literacy Council (now known as REACH Literacy). In her spare time, Nancy

enjoyed sewing, drawing, calligraphy, playing piano, and helping her community. She cherished time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. In addition, she was a member of Toastmasters and Project Car, served on the Brandon City Council from 1977-1981, and was the 2011 recipient of the Larry Oppold Memorial Award. She also volunteered at the Sioux Falls Police Department and at Family Readiness for SDANG.

Nancy will be remembered as a kind-hearted soul who believed the best in people, often arrived fashionably late, was famous for her orange Jello and potato salad, and always had a Cool Whip container ready for leftovers.

Grateful for sharing her life are her children, Geoff (Nicola) Hansen, Geni Domagala, Genetta (Ted) Wehrspann, and Gretchen Hansen; grandchildren, Logan (JJ), Dalton, Emma, Charlee, Tim, and Pat; great-grandchildren, Kayson, and one due soon; sister, Mary Pedersen; sister-in-law, Sharon Skaien; cats, Winky and Mittens; and many extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, David Skaien; and brother-in-law, Wally Waldroup. For online condolences, visit andersonandsons.com.

OBITUARIES

Bernice Christopherson, 97

Bernice Louise Christopherson passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at the Bethany Meadows Home in Brandon.

Visitation for Bernice will be held at the Heartland Funeral Home, Brandon, from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at the Split Rock Lutheran Church, rural Brandon. Interment will follow at the Split Rock Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Brandon.

Bernice Louise Fiskey was born Nov. 26, 1926, on a farm near Bridgewater, S.D. Bernice was the oldest of four children born to William Fiskey and Minnie (Jensen) Fiskey. Bernice and her family spent the majority of her childhood in the Bridgewater area and later moved to a farm near Salem, S.D. Bernice graduated from Salem High School in May 1944, and then attended Sioux Valley School of Nursing/Sanford Health, graduating in 1947. Bernice married Dennis Christopherson on Feb. 28, 1960. Dennis and Bernice spent the majority of their married life at their home in Corson, S.D. Bernice continued to live in Corson after the death of Dennis in 1996, until moving to Bethany Meadows in July 2016.

As a loving wife, Bernice continued in her nursing profession until her retirement, after 45 years of employment at Sioux

Lorraine M. Johnson, 76

Lorraine Marie Johnson, 76, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Jasper, Minn., died Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024 at Hartquist Funeral Home in Pipestone, Minn. Interment was in the Ihlen (Minn.) Cemetery. Lorraine is survived by her children,

Valley/Sanford Hospital. Bernice lived an active life and taught by example. Among Bernice’s numerous achievements and involvement throughout her life, she was supervisor/administrator of the Luverne Community Hospital, supervisor at Sioux Valley/Sanford Hospital, 1984 Nurse of the Year/Sioux Valley School of Nursing Alumni Association, 2012 Nurse of the Year/Sanford Health, Friends of Parkinson Foundation and Parkinson Committee, National Parkinson’s Foundation, volunteered at Split Rock Lutheran Church, Luther Manor Board member, Nursing Alumni Association, Split Rock Lutheran Church Council, Senior Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Alumni Association of Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing.

Bernice is survived by her sister, Jean Fiske; and special friend, Yvonne Kelling, Mankato, Minn.; cousins, Pam King, Holt, Mo.; Jane Schumacher, Bismark, N.D.; special friends, Joe and Louise Sandoval, Alison Lane, Joe “Joey” Sandoval, Sharla Jensen, Deb Weir, Steve Farley, Donna Skalland, Norma Chesshir, and many other friends and acquaintances.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Christopherson; her parents; brother, Ralph Fiskey; sister, Delores Schoppert; and mother-/father in-law, Ruth and Dewey Christopherson.

For online condolences, visit heartlandfunerals.com.

Kevin (Heidi) Sunderland of Hurley, Paula Lingen of Jasper, Minn., David Sunderland of Montrose, , Mary (Mike) Eliason of Canton, and Danielle Meier of Sioux Falls; siblings, Terry Hanisch of Brandon, Bob (Robyn) Hanisch of Sioux Falls; life partner, Dennis Viland of Jasper, Minn.; 22 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and goddaughter, Melissa Newman.

For online condolences, visit hartquistfuneral.com.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY SHERIFF’S LOG

Editor’s note: The log reports are for the *Brandon Valley Journal* coverage area, which includes the communities of Brandon, Valley Springs, Corson, Rowena, Renner and Garretson. For the complete log, visit minnehahacounty.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 30
• Hit-and-run, Kim Circle, Brandon, case report and photos taken.
• Weapons violation, Broadway Ave., Valley Springs, supplemental report taken.
• Check well-being, Dows St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Assault, Valley Dr., Valley Springs.
• Accident, E. Annabelle St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Disorderly phone calls, Wood St., Valley Springs, case report taken.
• Accident, Hwy. 42, Brandon,

state accident report taken.
• Accident, I-90 and I-90 ramp, Brandon, necessary action taken.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
• Disorderly phone calls, Fourth St., Garretson.
• Public assist, 256th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Public assist 478th Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Traffic control, 254th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Reckless driver, E. Hemlock Blvd., Brandon, necessary action taken.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1
• Burglary alarm, Main Ave., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Check well-being, Fourth St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Check well-being, Fourth St., Garretson, necessary action taken.

• Assault, 466th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Check well-being, 262nd St., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
• Family dispute, 258th St., Renner, supplemental report taken.
• Lockout, S. Locust Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Disorderly subjects, Hwy. 11, Brandon, necessary action taken.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2
• Injury accident, 484th Ave., Valley Springs, state accident report taken.
• Animal abuse, 258th St., Brandon, necessary action taken.
• Stalled vehicle, 254th St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Reckless driver, Co. Rd. 122, Garretson, necessary action taken.
• Accident, I-90 and I-90 ramp, **continued on page 21**

vised.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
• CHINS in 300 block of S. Fourth Ave., cited for curfew violation, turned over to parent.
• Public assist in. 1600 block of W. Holly Blvd.
• Check well-being of subjects in 100 block of S. Sioux Blvd., 700 block of E. Magnolia Dr., checked OK.
• Two-vehicle accident in 700 block of E. Redwood Blvd.
• Check well-being of juvenile in 200 block of S. Fourth Ave., advised.
• Disorderly subjects in 900 block of S. Aspen Park road, 200 block of S. Fourth Ave., advised.
• Medical emergency in 700 block of S. Lakota Ave., turned over to MED-Star.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1
• Traffic hazard at N. Pasque Flower Trail and E. Prairie Sage St.
• Suspicious vehicle in 900 block of S. Aspen Park Road, advised.
• Medical emergencies in 700 block of E. Holly Blvd., 1100 block of E. Holly Blvd., 2100 block of E. Sylvan Circle, 300 block of S. Fourth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
• Assist Brandon Fire Department with an odor investigation in 100 block of N. Spli-

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trock Blvd.
• Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Timothy Scott Brookes, 55, arrested for possession of stolen property in 100 block of N. Heritage Road.
• Fraud reported in 700 block of E. Pine St., advised.
• Found property reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Assist Sheriff’s office with checking the well-being of subject, occurred in county.
• Check the well-being of subject in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Check well-being of subject in 200 block of S. Heritage Road, unable to locate.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2
• Abandoned vehicle in 100 block of S. Teton Dr., advised.
• Medical emergencies in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., 1600 block of W. Burton Dr., 1900 block of N. Walnut Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
• Parking violation in 100 block of N. Needles Dr., advised.
• Assist Brandon Fire Department with a smoke investigation in 800 block of N. Copper Avenue.
• Assist Highway Patrol with injury accident on I-90.

• Public assists in 1600 block of E. Cedar St., 300 block of W. Evergreen Dr.
• Disorderly subject reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.
• Open line in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• Check well-being of subject at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Chestnut Blvd., checked OK.
• Assist Brandon Fire Department with a gas leak in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3
• Report of a suspicious vehicle in 500 block of W. Holly Blvd., gone on arrival.
• Check security at all parks.

• Medical emergencies in 100 block of S. Robin Dr., 1600 block of S. Locust Ave., at E. Birch St. and E. Ash Pl., 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., 3200 block of E. Augustana Pl., turned over to MED-Star.
• Public assist in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Criminal entry of motor vehicle reported in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl.
• Theft reported in 1200 block of E. Keystone Pl.
• Check well-being of subject in 100 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
• 911 hang-up in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked

OK.
SUNDAY, AUG. 4
• Public assists in 1300 block of E. Keystone Dr., 300 block of S. Main Ave., 300 block of W. River Oak St.
• Check well-being of subjects in 100 block of N. Heritage Road, I-90 and MM 405, checked OK.
• Alarm in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK, unfounded.
• Check security in 500 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Runaway reported in 200 block of N. Needles Dr.
• Parking violation in 700 block of S. McHardy Road, advised.
• Parking violation in 900 block of S. Aspen Park Road, towed.
• Medical emergency in 1600 block of E. Keystone Dr., turned over to MED-Star.
• Suspicious activity in 200 block of W. Chicory Dr., checked OK.

MONDAY, AUG. 5
• Suspicious subject at E. Holly Blvd. and S. Main Ave., checked OK.
• Suspicious vehicles in 900 block of S. Aspen Park Road.
• Hit-and-run reported in 1000 block of N. Seventh Ave., advised.
• Assist Brandon Fire Department with alarms in 300 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.,

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from July 26-Aug. 2, 2024, on record in the County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded.

- 1516 W. Autumn Circle, Brandon, from Brandon Bluffs, LLC to Steven Tschetter and Amanda Tschetter, \$75,000.
- 1525 W. Burton Dr., Brandon, from Brandon Bluffs, LLC to Smart Homes, LLC, \$50,000.
- 400 N. Oak Ridge Road, Brandon, from Francis M. Keller to Kent Skron Dahl and Sara Marroquin \$880,000.
- 313 Main Ave., Garretson, from Kevin Weber and Kelsey Weber to Miranda Messenbrink, \$256,000.
- 407 Box Elder St., Valley Springs, from Walter John Damgaard Estate, Gena Damgaard, personal representative, to Darren Nett, \$15,000.
- 1109 E. Lark St., Brandon, from W. Barron and Jill S. Barron to Adam Ebberts and Linh Ebberts, \$432,000.

100 block of S. Sandstone Ave.
• Lift assist in 300 block of E. Tabor Court, turned over to MED-Star.
• Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave., 2800 block of E. Sunflower Circle.
• Motorist assist in 900 block of W. Holly Blvd.
• Theft reported in 900 block of E. Maywood St., advised.
• Check well-being of subject in 1000 block of N. Granite Circle, advised.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS
• Cat bite reported in 1000 block of E. Lark St.
• Stray cat in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Cows out in 1300 block of W. Creekside Dr.
• Dog bite reported in 1200 block of S. Parkview Blvd.
• Found dog in 100 block of N. Needles Dr.
• Stray dogs in 700 block of S. Seventh Ave.
• Stray cat in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd.
• Lost dog reported in 500 block of S. Country Club Ave.
• Leash law violation in 300 block of W. Evergreen Dr.
• Stray dog in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
• Stray kitten in 2100 block of E. Sylvan Circle.
• Barking dog in 100 block of W. Evergreen Dr.

Brandon contractor teams up with BVHS students to teach industry trade, build cabins

Jennifer Harms
Contributing writer

In a first of its kind program, local contractor, Jarrod Smart, Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park, and the Brandon Valley School District are teaming up to teach local students carpentry skills.

As a local contractor since 1995, Jarrod Smart of Jarrod Smart Construction knows a well-trained and skilled construction worker is not easy to find in a field that is constantly growing. According to the Associated General Contractors of America, South Dakota has expanded the construction workforce by 10.4 percent over the past year.

“I’ve been in business since leaving high school in 1995 and while I loved all math and science classes in high school, but I found greater pleasure in working with my hands and being able to say I built that,” Smart said.

Finding a way to get construction tools in the hands of students again is important to Smart.

“I called up the school and spoke with (Superintendent) Dr. (Jarod) Larson at Brandon Valley High School. I have no more teaching experience than helping teach at my local Sunday School, but I know that students want to learn more about career options that don’t include sitting at a desk all day and that don’t involve a post-secondary education. This program will help in all those ways” he said.

Dr. Larson was open to the idea of Smart helping immediately.

“I was thankful the school was as open to the idea as they were. It would have been really easy for them to say no, but Dr. Larson told me Brandon Valley is very

passionate about taking school outside of the walls and this just proves that they mean that,” Smart said.

Together, Smart and Dr. Larson made conditions on which students can enroll in the class.

“We wanted kids that we knew were interested and there are eight to 10 kids who have already taken Woodshop I and Woodshop II, which would be perfect to show how to build something more,” he said.

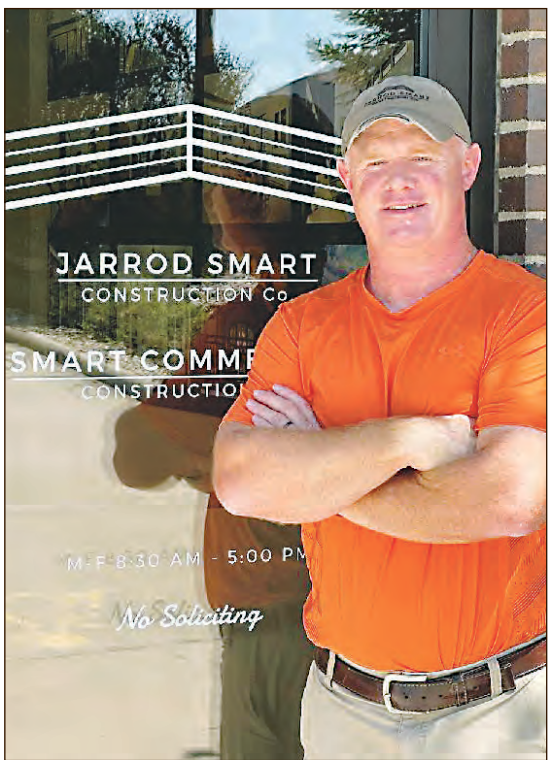
Through connections, Smart brought Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park into the mix.

“They are in the process of replacing the cabins at the park and gave us an opportunity to build them through the school as a community project,” Smart said.

The park will cover the cost of all of the materials for the new cabins and Smart will teach students how to construct a building that will be used for years to come.

“I really believe in this idea and what these kids can get done, we are hoping to complete two this year, but I think it is possible to try to get three done if we have the time,” Smart said.

The cabins themselves do not have plumbing,



Submitted photo
Jarrod Smart stepped up to offer his expertise in the building trades industry and will help teach Brandon Valley High School students.

but there is electricity and air conditioning in each of them. “This opens up another great opportunity for a local electrician to come in, teach these students the same way I am and show them what it is like to work in a field with their hands and to be fulfilled in the work they have accomplished each day,” he said.

For every cabin that is completed, Yogi Bear will in turn donate \$1,200 to the Brandon Community Foundation.

“Yogi Bear will also be donating tool belts with tools for the students to use all year while building these cabins, and something you only get through community connections like this is Yogi Bear will also be donating those belts to the students at the end of the year so they have the tools and the knowledge to get them started if they choose a career in the construction industry,” Smart said.



Jarrod Smart Construction Co. will work with Brandon Valley High School students enrolled in construction trades building cabins for Yogi Bear Jellystone Park near Brandon.

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warned this could set a precedence.

Toates disagreed.

“I think there’s enough service here from what they’re providing. It’s not as much retail, but I certainly understand your argument,” he said.

Thiele responded, “When the public finds out the decision, over coffee people tend to make their decisions known pretty well, so I wanted to make sure we address this in the meeting.”

In other business, the P&Z:

- By a 5-0 vote, approved a home occupation permit for Brittany Russell, 120 W. River Oak Court. Russell plans to care for six children, starting at age one. The property meets the fencing requirement.
- Approved minutes from their July 18 meeting, with the following change to rulings going forward: Including in the minutes why conditional use permit applications are denied and identify hardships when variance applications are denied.
- Reviewed building permit numbers through the end of July: 28 new single-family home permits have been taken out. At this same time in 2023, Brandon had allowed nine permits for single-family homes. For the entire year, only 20 single-family home permits were granted.
- Adjourned until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. As always, these meetings are open to the public and time is reserved for public comment.

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years ago, but it was abundantly clear this time when I was in South Korea: In the end, we all just want the same thing.

Perhaps it’s 20 more birthdays under my belt that has made me a little more wise. This time around in southeast Asia, I saw more in common with the people I was in proximity with.

My first day in Seoul, I took an Uber to my first stop. The gentleman who picked me up from the front of the hotel knew ZERO English. I know ZERO Korean. But, I showed him my phone of where I needed to go. He smiled, opened the door, and I got into the back seat.

The trip was about 45 minutes. The driver had a Korean radio station playing, understandably. I didn’t understand a word they said. It was just noise, people talking. But at the end of every 60-second conversation, I recognized something: Laughter. Laughter was something familiar to me, and even though I didn’t know what they were saying, the laughter did indeed make me smile.

The following day, I went to the swimming pool at my hotel. Again, I had no idea what people were saying. But, I sat there next to the water, watching, observing, and having a cocktail, which, I’ve

found, is something else many of us have in common.

I zeroed in on a young Asian couple with their two children in a kiddie pool. The dad was with his son, probably about 10 years old. He was showing him different ways to hold his breath, to slap a Boogie Board just the right way to make a big splash.

The mother was with her daughter, probably three or four years of age. She held her child in the pool, showing her different ways to manipulate the water and learn to swim.

When the couple was finished, it looked very similar to an American tradition. The dad picked up

the Boogie Boards, the goggles, the sun screen and the pool toys. The mother wrapped her two children in oversized towels, and wiped the snot out of the little boy’s nose to his displeasure.

It occurred to me that even though I was 6,000 miles away from Brandon, the same ritual occurs almost daily at the pool in Aspen Park. Moms and dads, taking care of their children.

In the end, we all want the same thing. No doubt that young couple in Seoul wants to take care of their children, as do I. They want to provide for their family, as do I. They want to protect their family, as do I.

Nothing can change that. Politics, border lines, social opinions and global viewpoints will never change the ingrained nature of human beings, no matter what they look like or sound like. We all just want the same thing.

Ironically, as I got onto the elevator after visiting the pool, a song was playing as I made my way back up to my room. It was by the BoDeans, and the irony will never be lost on me.

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Everybody wants to love how they wanna love
Everybody wants to be closer to free

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Siouxland Libraries expands hours with access key

Jennifer Harms

Contributing writer

Henry Ward Beecher once said “A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life” and staff at Siouxland Libraries are embracing changes to provide library resources to all by extending hours through expanded access key cards.

Siouxland Libraries operates 13 branches across the region including one Bookmobile covering Sioux Falls, Baltic, Brandon, Garretson, and Valley Springs. “Having all the locations helps us connect with the community to make a positive impact on people’s lives through the access of information and resources,” said Rural East Branch Librarian, Sharon Hall.

Currently, the Brandon location is open each day from Monday through Saturday while other locations in the network are only open during certain times

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- Sharon Hall
Rural East Branch Librarian

on various days. Staff want resources to be available to all patrons and looked across the pond to find a solution.

“We were inspired by the successful programs in Europe and the UK and saw an opportunity to grow library access in our rural communities by launching an expanded access key card,” Hall said.

This is not the first location to test out the expanded access model. “We launched expanded access at our Hartford branch as a pilot program in 2019 and a year later we expanded the services to Crooks. We are excited to add the services to our Baltic, Colton, Garretson, and Humboldt locations,” she said.

Expanded access key cards can be obtained at any Siouxland Library location during regular business hours and will allow patrons access to the library during specific hours.

“The card will allow you to swipe into any branch with expanded access from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily,” Hall said.

With 475 customers using the services already, expanded access key cars provide flexible library access to accommodate various schedules.

“Customers can use their expanded access to check out materials, pick up holds, use computers, printers, free Wi-Fi, and enjoy the

expanded access to monitor activities in the library if a problem arises.

“To get an expanded access key card, you must have a current library account in good standing, be 18 years or older, sign a policy form, complete an orientation provided by the librarian, and sign an expanded access agreement Hall said. All youth entering the library for extended access must be accompanied and supervised by an enrolled adult. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The entire library has been transformed into a self-service experience.

“Our library has automated lights and locks for security while customers visit, the lights will activate upon



coming well-library spaces,” she said.

Maintaining safety and cleanliness is a priority of the Siouxland Libraries and cameras have been installed in the libraries with

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my clue that football was not my sport.

Not only do these local activities begin with the start of the school year, but we are also very engaged this year in the 2024 Olympics. Although for some of us the opening ceremony was disappointing, it shouldn’t dampen what the Olympic Games truly desire to bring to our country and to the world community. It is the unity and the celebration of incredible athletes who sacrifice so much for what is often their one shot to compete in the Olympic Games. I really find a couple of things fascinating about the Olympics. The first being that in most situations, at the end of the race or competition, the far majority of the athletes win or lose with tremendous grace by congratulating the winners who are on Cloud 9 and consoling the losers. Making it to the Olympic Games is a great feat, but it is still a competition. Everyone desires that gold medal, but not everyone can be victorious. The grace of the winners and losers, well at least what they show on TV anyway, is something that brings out that unity among the competitors. I loved watching the men’s gymnastics team win the bronze medal. They were so excited that they got third place – it seemed as if they got the gold!

The other aspect of the 2024 Olympics and a bedrock of these games over the years is the world unity. In the Bible, Jesus speaks of the importance of unity among all peoples in the Gospel of John 17:21 where He prays: “that they may all be one.”

As we watch the Olympics you see Christians congratulating or cheering for Muslims – Italians and Iranians. You see athletes from Communist nations high-fiving athletes from Democracies – Russians and Americans. You see athletes from nations standing respectfully as the national anthem is played for a nation their country is currently at war with. In this moment, unity prevails. I didn’t watch the mixed doubles table tennis competition. I’m sure it was not even televised, but the news ran a story of the three teams that made the podium – China (gold), North Korea (silver) and South Korea (bronze). China has been a tremendous ally to North Korea, which technically is still at war with South Korea. These six competitors stood shoulder to shoulder as they received their medals. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the North and South Korean athletes stood together for a selfie. Where does this ever happen? At the Olympic Games. Jesus prays “that we may all be one” not simply every four years at the Summer Olympic Games but in the ways we live in our local community and compete on our own sport fields and auditoriums. Unity always wins!



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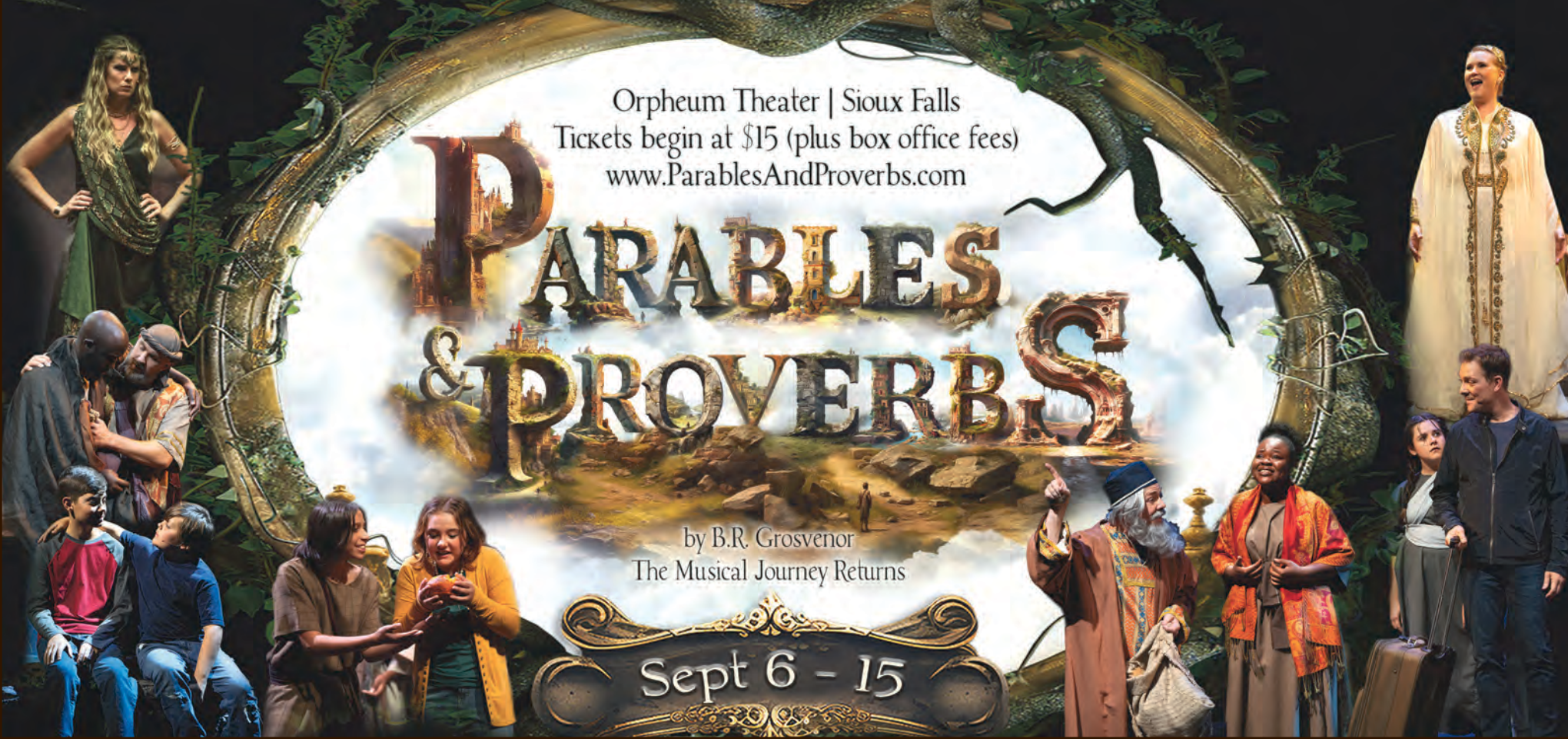
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Hubers to lead beginning band camp next week

Staff report

Del Hubers, the instrumental director at Brandon Valley Intermediate School, will once again lead a three-day camp for beginning band members. With more than 175 incoming student-musicians, Hubers encourages all to participate. Beginning band camp is set for Aug 12-14. Sections of the band will rehearse in three locations in three timeslots:

BVIS Band Room: 9-9:55 a.m., clarinets; 10-10:50 a.m., saxophones; 11-11:50 a.m., trombones

BVIS Chorus Room: 9-9:50 a.m., flutes; 10-10:50 a.m., trumpets; 11-11:50 a.m., French horns

BVIS Commons: 9-9:50

a.m., percussion; 10-10:50 a.m., baritone; 11-11:50 a.m., tubas.

Hubers said there is no registration or fee to attend the camp, but students will need to have their band instruments and books for the camp.

Flutes, clarinets, saxes, trumpets and trombones can be rented/purchased from Popplers Music or Schmitt Music, both of which are located in Sioux Falls. Taylor Music in Aberdeen also carries these instruments, and renting an instrument is highly recommended for the beginners. Hubers warns parents of purchasing instruments online, as the craftsmanship and quality of the discounted brands can be questionable.

Students selected to play the tuba, baritone or French horn will receive the instrument at band camp. Percussionists will need to rent/purchase a bell kit.

All beginning band students will need to purchase the following music books: Tradition of Excellence Book 1 and the First Performance Book.

Percussionists will also need to purchase The Performing Percussionist – Book 1.

Other supplies that will need to be purchased are: Clarinets/Saxes: Reeds (Vandoren 2 or 2 1/2 is recommended); Brass: Valve oil; and Percussionists: Vic Firth SD1 General Snare Drum sticks.

Concert is finale to Summer Band Camp



Jill Meier/BV Journal

THE LYNX WAY

Schweitzer named to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Dean's List

Taylor Schweitzer, of Garretson, achieved Dean's List Honors for the summer 2024 semester at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana.

Welch is University of Wyoming graduate

Trayton Thomas Welch, of Brandon, was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wyoming following the spring 2024 semester.

Local students selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

Two students from Brandon – Julia Jacobson, a junior, and Mikayla Knouse, a senior, have been named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.



Brandon Valley Intermediate School band directors Del Hubers and Laura Schenk once again led Summer Band Camp for students in grades 5 and 6. Last week, the Lynx-student musicians performed a concert before family and friends. Each of the grade bands performed several numbers and combined one number. Pictured are, (top photo) Ava Steltz; (middle, left) Evan Turek (middle, right) Sophia Schaeffer; (at left) and Ella Heller, who played a solo for one of the sixth-grade band's numbers.

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‘Take what you need, leave what you can’

Valley Springs residents set up The Free Little Pantry

Jill Meier
Journal editor

“Take what you need, leave what you can.”

That’s the premise that a new community service – The Free Little Pantry – in Valley Springs is now operating under.

Stacey and Tom Pavlovic are the wife and husband behind The Little Free Pantry, which opened in late July. The Pantry is located in the northeast corner on grounds of the Valley Springs American Legion.

Prior to the Pavlovics taking the lead, Stacey said a church, a Boy Scout troop and even another resident of the community had expressed interest in setting up a “blessing box” in the community.

But when none of them came to fruition, the Pavlovics stepped up.

“I’m blessed that I make a very good living, so I want to pass that on,” Stacey said.

The Pavlovic’s hope is that those in need of a hand up will utilize it, and those who have the ability will help to keep it stocked.

“I’d really like to see everybody use it. I hope people don’t feel bad if they’re taking things out of there and other people see them. I want everyone to know they can take anything out of there, anything they need or



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Stacey and Tom Pavlovic purchased, set up and stocked The Free Little Pantry in Valley Springs.

want,” she said.

She’s even willing to take requests of needs.

“I put out there if anybody wants to request anything, they can private message me,” she said, noting that only requested non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items would be posted; not the names of those submitting



the request.

Just shy of a week since The Free Little Pantry was opened, Pavlovic said she had yet to see anyone utilizing the community pantry.

“I put a bunch of stuff in there last week and I noticed somebody put a couple other things in there,” she said.

Response on social media to The Free Little Pantry so far has been positive.

“Everybody thinks it’s great,” she said. “The only concern they’ve shared is vandalism.”

Pavlovic said the Pantry is secured well. It was placed in proximity to the American Legion’s surveillance cameras, which should help to deter any vandalism.

She’s also hoping that organizations or church congregations will “adopt” the Pantry for a month, essentially, helping to keep the shelves stocked. Any individual, organization or church interested in doing so should PM Pavlovic on The Free Little Pantry Facebook page.

This isn’t the first time Stacey has taken the lead on a community endeavor. After moving to Valley Springs in 2016, she’s organized the local craft fair and city rummage each year.

“I have a need to stay busy,” she said.

It was that need – and of course the desire to help others – that led them to not only purchase the pantry, build a floor, add shelving and stock the shelves with non-perishables and personal hygiene items.

The Pantry also shelves shampoo, conditioner, soap,

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The structure at 1001 N. Splitrock Blvd. in Brandon was taken down last week. An early-morning explosion on Dec. 14 was the cause of the building's demise. It previously housed Shangri-La, a medical marijuana cultivation center. A major chain coffee shop is said to be interested in the property.

OBITUARY

Dean Mann, 92



Dean Mann, 92, of Sioux Falls, died Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Ava's House in Sioux Falls, with his family by his side.

Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Hope Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Cliff Ave. Interment with military rites will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls.

Following his discharge from active duty, Dean

remained in the National Guard. In 1953, he received a direct \

Dean is survived by his daughter, ReNae (Greg) Hays, Brandon; granddaughter, Libbie Hays; sister, Judy (Les) Kizer, Longmont, Colo.; brother, David, Livermore, Calif.; brother-in-law, Derald Espeland, Sioux Falls; nieces, Linette (Randy) Dump, Luann (Brian) Hanson, Patricia (Andy) Welch, Jaime (Mike) Vance and nephew, Lane (Pam) Espeland; and his cat Harvey.

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toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet papers, women's sanitary products, body wash and even diapers. Stacey said donors should divide large packages of diapers, for example, into smaller parcels.

Pavlovic also shelves "freebies" of trial size items she requests from an online source.

"My intent was to give them to a women's shelter, a homeless shelter or if I saw someone on the street, to keep them in my car and give a bag of trial-sized items like soap, shampoo, Band-Aids," she said.

As one my expect, guidelines have been established for The Little Free Pantry.

For starters, only non-perishable and non-expired food items may be donated to the cause. Pavlovic said she's toying around with the idea of allowing donations of frozen foods during the winter months.

"I don't want anything to spoil," she said. "My big thing with mentioning that is my work, every year, gives us a frozen turkey, and I've always donated it to a church or found somebody on Facebook that needs it."

Second on the list of guidelines, is patrons should only take what is needed.

The Pavlovics ask that residents



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Non-perishables may be taken or donated at the Pantry.

do not use the Pantry as a disposal for items they want out of their own cupboards.

They also request that garbage is not left in or around the Pantry, and the tote inside the Pantry is for items that may attract insects.

Lastly, make sure the Pantry door is closed when leaving.

"The Legion has been gracious enough to let us put this on their property; please respect the space so we don't risk having to take it down," she said. "We're happy to do it, glad to do it, and hopefully people enjoy it and use it."

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Odenbrett competes for Miss Teen USA title

Staff report

Although Olivia Odenbrett was not crowned Miss Teen USA 2024, the incoming 2025 Brandon Valley High School senior had the experience of a lifetime.

She was one of 51 teens from across the United States – and the District of Columbia – who competed for the title last week in Los

Angeles, Calif.

Odenbrett earned the opportunity to vie for the national crown after being selected as Miss South Dakota Teen USA 2024 in June. She made the first cut when the competition was trimmed from 51 contestants to the Top 20, but was not selected into the Top 10.

Addie Carver, 17, of Mississippi was named Miss Teen USA 2024,

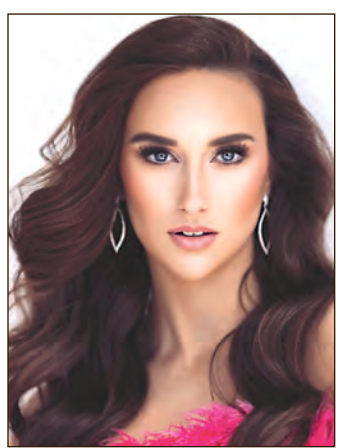
last week. Georgia's Ava Colindres and Arizona's Rachael McLaen were named first and second runners-up.

The Aug. 1 televised event, which aired on The CW network, was hosted by Rachel Lindsay of "The Bachelorette" and Justin Sylvester of E! News. It was staged at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles. On air, contestants took part

in evening gown and activewear rounds, the latter in 2016 replacing what had been the controversial swimsuit category.

The Miss Teen USA pageant program is open to applicants ages 14 to 19, and celebrates "beauty, brains and confidence," according to his official website.

She is the daughter of Rochelle and Luke Odenbrett of Brandon.



Olivia Odenbrett

LIBRARY ACCESS CARD

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entry and deactivate after a short period of inactivity. All we ask is that customers leave the library in the same way that they found it," she said.

Checking out a book can be done through a self-checkout machine as well.

"Customers can use the self-checkout machine at each branch. You can easily spot them by looking for our computer with a fun screen displaying 'Check Out Here' and you just need your Siouxland Libraries card and PIN to check out any materials," Hall said.

With more access to all the libraries in the Siouxland Libraries system, patrons are encouraged to visit each one to find ways to enjoy the library resources in and out of the building.

"Siouxland Libraries offers a variety of materials beyond books including movies, music, State Park passes, board games, and educational kits with checkout periods varying by item," Hall said.

JIMMY JOHN'S cont. from page 1

has stores in four Northwest Iowa communities: Sioux Center, Storm Lake, Orange City and Sheldon.

Fresh, quality and fast customer service are trademarks the Jimmy John's brand boasts. "From an operations standpoint, we're one of few brands that have everything fresh, from meats to vegetables. We spend six hours a day prepping to make 30-second sandwiches," he said.

As of Tuesday, Hartwig said the store was about 92 percent complete.

"We're doing the last bit of final touches," he said. "On Friday, Jimmy John's comes in and we'll be prepping food by Monday."

The Brandon store will open with 18 on the payroll. Hartwig said they tend to "hire slower" at the start by bringing in managers from other locations. They will be "weaned" from

the Brandon store as new hires are added.

The Brandon store's managerial staff are both relocating from Iowa to Brandon. Josh Westra has worked with Hartwig for about a year, and is the manager. The assistant manager is Tyler Harbeck.

"I can't wait (to open)," Hartwig said. "I think Brandon – for myself – is one of the cities that I'm less familiar with, but I'm so excited. We're going to push hard to welcome everybody and we're more than prepared. When we have

our grand opening, it's pretty simple: we are open 100 percent."

Jimmy John's offers catering and delivery.

"It's super convenient," he said of their delivery service. "If you're at home or at the ball park, we can bring it to you anywhere."

As for catering, Jimmy John's is known for its last-minute capabilities.

"We can handle anything in a short amount of time. We hire for attitude and train for skills." He encourages customers to

use the Jimmy John's app to order, noting special deal offerings. For the first month, an original sandwich, chips, drink and a cookie will be \$10.

The store will be open seven days a week 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Hartwig said hours will be extended if business warrants.

He extends an invitation to give Jimmy John's a try.

"Don't be bashful to come day one, two, three or four," he said. "We'll be ready. It's a fun week for us to show people how quick we can be and that our service is exceptional."

PASSAGE OF IM 28 WOULD CRIPPLE CITY BUDGET cont. from page 1

pose the ballot measure says that in addition to affecting state sales taxes, the measure would affect city sales taxes, due to a state law that says cities cannot tax anything the state doesn't tax. Yet the actual language of the measure says "municipalities may continue to impose such taxes."

When asked about that, Mehlhaff said, "I'm just leaving that where it is because it says municipalities may continue to impose such taxes."

Rep. Tony Venhuizen, R-Sioux Falls, said voter passage of the measure could precipitate the worst budget cuts since the 10 percent across-the-board reductions during the 2011 legislative session.

"If the people vote for this, they need to know that when we come during January, we are not going to be doing increases for anything," he said. "We're going to make significant budget cuts."

Retailers such as Walmart, Sam's Club and Dollar General, which classify a significant portion of their sales

as groceries and consumables, could see a substantial portion of their sales untaxed under the new measure, according to the analysis. It estimates that 59 to 81 percent of sales at those retailers could be affected.

The analysis says the Legislature would need to clarify the definition of "human consumption" to determine the measure's full fiscal impact, should the measure pass.

Rachael Neiman, CEO/president of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, said the organization is staging a local campaign, asking voters to not "ax the tax."

"I'm extremely concerned if it passes," said Neiman. "Right now, we are in search of more retail in Brandon. That is how Brandon is going to continue to grow and thrive – through sales tax revenue. In order to grow our sales tax, we need retailers. Right now, one of our biggest retailers is groceries. Without that revenue source, it would be crippling to our municipality. If that revenue source

goes away, it's very concerning."

Proponent says LR recommended language

Rick Weiland runs Dakotans for Health, the group behind the ballot measure. He said the measure initially said "anything sold for eating or drinking by humans," but was changed to "anything sold for human consumption" because the Legislative Research Council recommended it.

A 2022 letter to Weiland from the council suggested the initial wording was "overly vague, inviting various interpretations in determining its meaning." The council recommended using terms like ingestion, chewing or consumed.

"These terms seem to be more precise than 'eating and drinking,' as they may better capture the various elements of food and beverage consumption," the council wrote to Weiland.

Following this advice, Weiland said, his team revised the language to "anything sold for human consump-

tion, except alcoholic beverages and prepared food."

Attorney General Marty Jackley has since stated that "human consumption" is not defined by state law, and its common definition encompasses more than just food and drinks.

Weiland's attorney sought clarification from Jackley in a February 2023 letter and email, but said he received no response.

Mehlhaff told budget committee members that the language used in the final draft is not the council's recommendation, pointing to another line in the 2022 letter that offered a possible rewrite: "The retail sale of any food or food ingredient for any purpose is exempt from any tax imposed by law."

Mehlhaff said if the measure passes, lawmakers could attempt to amend or repeal it before its effective date on July 1, 2025.



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Last call at On The Rocks is Aug. 23

Jill Meier
Journal editor

An entertainment venue that opened in Valley Springs three years ago is closing its doors on Aug. 23.

Over the past three years, On The Rocks has brought a variety of “nightlife” to the community, and has been a community player by supporting the Valley Springs volunteer fire department and partnering with Automania organizers the last few years.

The announcement was made on the venue’s Facebook page last week. The post cited “rising costs in the industry” as the reason for ceasing operations.

“With inflation and cost of all the goods going up

so high, my markups would have to be just that much more than Brandon’s,” said owner Rob Pragulske. “It’s getting to the point where it’s getting a little out of control,”

Pragulske added that On the Rocks has fulfilled all of its contracts, including the lease, and that all suppliers are paid.

“It just so happened that our lease was done on the 31st (of July), so this kind of made sense. All the numbers are adding up to be going backwards soon, and we didn’t want to go backwards,” he said.

Pragulske and his son, Jonathon, expanded their On the Rocks brand from Harrisburg to Valley Springs in 2021. The father-son partnership provid-

ed a bar, grill, casino and C-store all under one roof in the 14,000 square-foot building. The venue’s closure eliminates one of two locations live music can be enjoyed in Valley Springs.

Pragulske said his phone has been blowing up since the announcement was made over the weekend.

“Everybody’s confused because it was one of those last-minute decisions that my son and I said, ‘It’s just time to (sic) or get off the pot.’ He just had a kid and doesn’t really want to do anything with the bar district anymore, and I can kind go do what I want to do,” he said.

Pragulske said he’s been putting in 70 hours a week, working the breakfast, lunch and dinner crowds,

along with the C-Store, casino and bar.

“Being at the bar from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. just isn’t my style right now,” he said.

Until business closing, the post encourages patrons to “stop down and see what’s popping” in an effort to empty the shelves of stock.

Starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, free jungle juice and \$2 cans of beer – while supplies last – will close out the bar and restaurant’s three-year run.

“It’s basically one night,” Pragulske said. “We’ll have a jungle juice mixture of all the hard stuff, and then we’re going to do \$2 cans and use up the inventory, hopefully get it all gone that Friday night,” Pragulske said.

Along with drink spe-



cials, Pragulske is bringing in live music all night, “with what I would call all of our ‘single acts,’ kind of like the Automania acts.”

Pragulske said he plans to split time between Havasu, Ariz. and Lennox.

“I want to retire, that was kind of the goal, but I don’t know if my brain and body will let me not work,” he said. “I’m going to take a vacation and I’m going to see how I do, but I’ll probably need something to do to keep me going.”

Pragulske isn’t severing all ties with the Valley Springs community. He hopes to remain involved with Automania.

“Thanks for the camaraderie,” Pragulske says to his patrons. “Maybe we’ll pick this up and try it again. I don’t know, but there’s plenty of options out there.”



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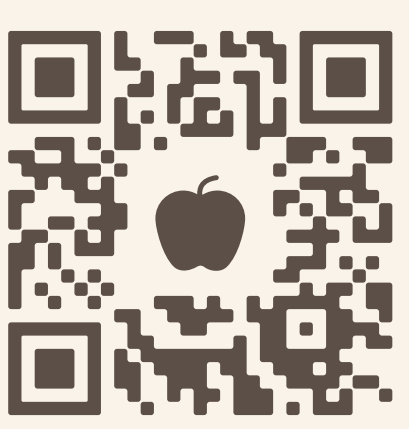
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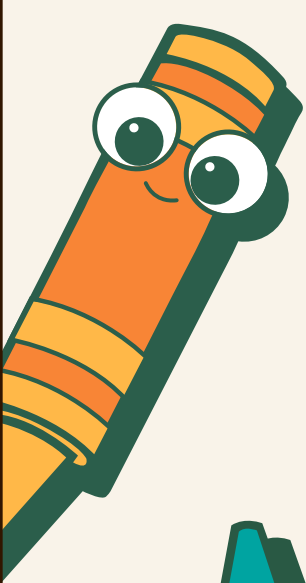
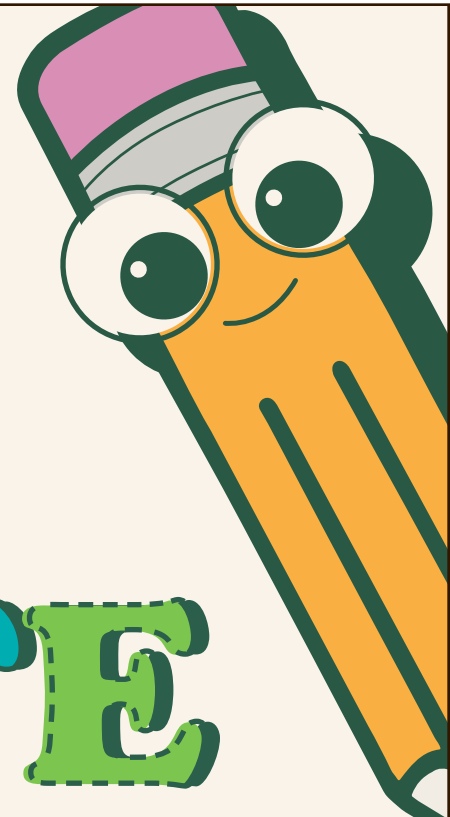
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Brandon Valley transitioning to digital ticketing this school year

Jill Meier
Journal editor

If you're planning to attend Brandon Valley Lynx athletic and fine arts events this season, here's a tip: Purchase your ticket online before you go.

That's because Brandon Valley is going to a digital ticketing system this year.

The transition to a digital ticketing platform is part of the district's commitment to enhancing convenience, safety and efficiency for event fans.

Bill Freking, activities director for Brandon Valley, said the move to digital ticketing is being made by all of the metro area school districts, which includes Sioux Falls, Harrisburg, Tea Area and Brandon Valley.

"Eventually, it will take place throughout the 'AA' schools," Freking said.

Digital ticketing is not new. The South Dakota High School Activities Association implemented the online ticketing process for state tournaments several years ago.

"We're going to try to be as 'cashless' as we possibly can (at the ticket booths)," Freking said. "We will still have the credit card readers there. This is something fans and patrons have been asking for. Hopefully, it will be a smooth process."

Tickets for all district events can be purchased online at brandonvalley.k12.sd.us or the Bound mobile app, which can be downloaded on smartphones.

Once purchased, tickets can be securely stored on a smartphone or printed for convenience. Additionally, card readers will be available at the gate, making the gameday experience smoother and more convenient. The change to a 100-percent cash-free box office leads to faster service and shorter

wait times for fans.

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"As long as it's not a tournament, they should be able to use that pass," Freking said.

Those who do not have access to digital devices should contact Freking, whose office is at the high school.

"We're going to try to be as accommodating as we possibly can to make sure the fan experience is better than before," Freking said.

For "big games," digital ticketing is expected to decrease wait time in lines.

Patrons who are 62 years old and above may still receive the free adult-senior passes to events, and Freking said those that are not "tech-savvy" should contact his office.

The new digital ticketing system will be tested Aug. 16 and 20 when the Lynx boys and girls soccer teams play host to Huron and Sioux Falls O'Gorman, respectively.

"We have a couple of soccer games where we may need to work some bugs out. There may be some issues, and like anything new, we ask people to be patient," Freking said.

Activity passes can be purchased prior to Lynx Power Day on Aug. 14, that day or online after that day.

"Some people have already purchased passes and have paper passes until we get the log-in in there done," Freking said.

Synchronized siblings



The Christopherson siblings – Micah, 10, and Ella, 8 – cooled off on a hot Thursday afternoon last week at the Brandon Community Pool. They also had some fun by taking synchronized leaps off the diving boards.

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Legion baseball season ends at state tournament

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

A Legion baseball championship continues to elude Brandon Valley Post 131. Their season came to an end last week after being eliminated in the Class A state tournament in Brookings. Post 131 hasn't won a Legion title since claiming the B championship in 1996.

Although they fell short this season, Post 131 seems poised to be a contender next year after this year's young squad gave a valiant effort at the state tournament.

Brandon Valley lost their opener to unbeaten Harrisburg 2-0 on Tuesday before rebounding and defeating Sioux Falls East 4-1 on Wednesday. Their season came to an end in the double-elimination tournament after a 3-0 loss to Brookings on Thursday.

Despite being eliminated, Post 131 pitching was strong in the state tournament, but the Brandon Valley bats never came into play at the right time. Over the three days, Brandon Valley pitchers limited opposing batters to a .143 batting average. But offensively, Brandon Valley batted just .173.

"We just didn't get the timely hits, and other teams did," Brandon Valley head coach Jeremy VanHeel said. "Offensively, our bats just weren't there."

Post 131 finishes the year at 21-21, again, another positive sign for such a youthful team. It clearly is something to build on for next

season.

"I think our record didn't truly tell how talented we were," VanHeel said. "We had some ups and downs and some growing pains. Baseball is tough. If it was easy, anybody could do it, but not everybody does because it's a grind. We showed we have the talent to play with a lot of teams and we have the talent to beat a lot of teams. I don't think there was a single team in the state tournament that wanted to see us."

Game 1

Harrisburg 2, Brandon Valley 0 - Brandon Valley had to face



Photo courtesy of Jenn LaBrie

Brandon Valley's Aiden Zerr takes a swing against Harrisburg Gold in the opening round game of the South Dakota Legion Baseball Tournament in Brookings on Tuesday, June 30.

Harrisburg pitcher Eli Kokenge, one of the state's top pitchers in the opening game of the tournament.

But Post 131 was able to crank out five hits against the Tigers led by Jackson Adams' 2-for-

3 effort. Carter LaBrie matched Kokenge's effort on the mound for Brandon Valley. LaBrie went the distance, scattering six hits with two strikeouts and zero walks.

Game 2

Brandon Valley 4, Sioux Falls East 1 - Brandon Valley nearly

gave this opening round loser's bracket game away after leading 1-0 throughout most of the game. Post 131 led 1-0 going into the bottom of the sixth before East scored on a passed ball. In the bottom of the seventh tied 1-1, a grounder to first baseman Max Peters was bobbled with an East runner on second and two outs.

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The Brandon Valley Post 131 dugout looks on during their opening round game in the South Dakota Legion Baseball Tournament in Brookings against Harrisburg Gold in Brandon on Tuesday, June 30.



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Sports

Valley Rats amateur baseball season ends in regionals

Tom A. Savage

Contributing writer

The amateur baseball season came to an end on Saturday for the Valley Rats after a 7-1 loss to the Sioux Falls Squirrels in the losers bracket of the Class A East/South District Tournament in Renner.

The loss ends the Rats at 4-8 overall, an obviously shortened season as the team underwent a new roster and new manager in 2024. Jaxon Haase took over for Josh Mulder, who managed the team since its inception in 2014. The Rats were formed that season after the Brandon Merchants bolted in 2012 to form the Sioux Falls Brewers, the defending Class A champions.

The Rats last qualified for the state tournament in 2020. That team resembled nothing like this year's Rats roster, one that Haase built with young, former Brandon Valley High School and Post 131 Legion players.

Although a 12-game schedule is indeed a short one, and a 4-8 record obviously falls short of preseason goals, the Rats did show signs of chemistry as the season progressed. Valley won their final two regular season games, a streak last matched by the Rats in the first two games of 2023.

However, like it is in many leagues around the state, finding adequate lineups for each game was a



A Sioux Falls Squirrel runner (above) is safe as he steals second base, thanks to an errant throw. Valley Rats catcher Dawson Mork (below) and pitcher Daniel Buteyn break for a quick talk on the mound.

struggle for Valley. They managed just nine or 10 players for several of their 12 games this season. Haase said not once did his desired starting nine make it to the same game to fill a full roster.

"It's the same story for the whole year," Haase said. "We just didn't have those core guys there, ever. It was on and off."

Case in point was Joe Lund, who batted .440 this season for the Rats. He

played in Valley's opening game in the regional tournament but was unable to play Games 2 and 3 due to personal obligations that took him out of town.

This year's regional tournament was a five-team format. The Rats, seeded No. 5, opened on Thursday against the fourth-seeded Squirrels. Valley went with 2023 Brandon Valley grad Daniel Buteyn on the mound who last time out got the win over Renner in

the regular season finale on July 24 by striking out 20 of the 36 batters he faced.

But his impressive performance over Renner didn't carry over to the regional tournament as the Squirrels got to him early in a 10-0, seven-inning shortened game. Buteyn lasted just 2.1 innings where he gave up seven hits, six earned runs while striking out three.

The Rats rebounded on Friday, however, and defeated the Mitchell Aces in the opening round of the loser's bracket with a 10-0 win in seven innings. And this one was another impressive outing from a 2023 Brandon Valley grad as Tate Ivers went the distance, striking out six while giving up just three hits.

"He had a lot of command," Haase said of Ivers. "He had good control and good pitch sequences."

The Rats had 12 hits in the win over Mitchell led by Dawson Mork's 3-for-4 effort. Nate Meyers and Jackson Adams each had 2 RBI in the win. Valley also pounded out four home runs in the win, one each from Emmott Nathan, Adams, Meyers and Nick Hokenstad.

The win over Mitchell advanced the Rats to Saturday, but that's where the season ended with a 7-1 loss, again to the Squirrels. The Rats put Brandon Valley senior Carter LaBrie on

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BV Lynx athletic teams welcome new head coaches, new roles for upcoming seasons

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Believe it or not, summer is over – at least in the eyes of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Practice has already begun for some of the fall sports, and the first soccer games are scheduled for Aug. 16.

With athletics now getting underway, the Brandon Valley School District has hired four new head varsity coaches, along with a role change at the varsity level.

Hannah Guenther
Football Sideline Cheer
Hannah Guenther graduated from Augustana in 2023 and begins her second year this fall as a kindergarten teacher at Inspiration Elementary. The Watertown native cheered at both Watertown High School and Augustana.

Last year Guenther was a volunteer assistant coach during the winter athletic season for basketball at Brandon Valley. This fall, she takes over as the head sideline cheer coach for football.

The 24-year-old said she was in dance at Water-



Hannah Guenther

town from a young age before starting cheer in high school. She cheered for Watertown football and was also in competitive dance.

Pat Knopf - Boys & Girls Club Bowling
Pat Knopf takes over for Jill Reindl as the boys and girls bowling coach this season. The Dell Rapids native spent the last three years as Brandon Valley's assistant coach.

This will be the 36-year-old's first season as a head coach of any program, but he said he's not feeling any pressure despite the boys' team claiming the state title last season.

"Because I think we're going to win it again," he said. "We lost six seniors



Pat Knopf

on the boy's side, but we've got a lot of good, young talent coming up."

The Lynx boys also won state in 2009-10.

The Brandon Valley girls have two state championships in the club sport's 22-year history in South Dakota, in 2003-04 and 2011-12. Knopf said he thinks there's a chance for a third this season.

"It's possible," he said. "We only have three seniors, so it's a younger group. But there's a very good possibility they could win it this year."

Tom Meester
Boys Wrestling

Tom Meester has served as Brandon Valley's assistant varsity wrestling coach



Tom Meester

since 2020. With head coach Derek Outland assuming the head coaching position for the girls wrestling program for the upcoming season, Meester has now taken over the boys program.

Meester came to Brandon Valley in 2018 as the Middle School wrestling coach where he served in that role for two years before moving into an assistant on varsity.

The Rock Rapids, Iowa native said he's fully aware of the success at Brandon Valley in recent years on the wrestling mat. The Lynx won three straight Class A state titles from 2021-23. Last year, Brandon Valley had six wrestlers place in the state tournament; three of them graduated in May.

"The guys are aware



Derek Outland

of the amount of talent we've graduated," he said. "They're all putting in the time (this summer). Everyone wants to be good, but they know there's some serious work that we have to put in."

The 41-year-old is a Physical Education teacher at Brandon Valley Middle School. He wrestled collegiately at Augustana before serving as an assistant with the Vikings before coming to Brandon Valley.

Derek Outland
Girls Wrestling

Derek Outland begins his 23rd season with Brandon Valley's wrestling program this season. But this winter, he'll become the first girls-only varsity coach for



Aric Spader

the Lynx.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned girls wrestling in 2020. Since then, Brandon Valley has had a handful of girls compete on the varsity level. Outland said he'd like to continue to build the program.

"I was really excited about building something new," he said of taking on the new role. "Starting a program from the ground level and building that program up, that's an opportunity I'm looking forward to."

As the boys' coach, Outland led the Lynx to three straight state titles from 2021-23.

The Rapid City native

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Random Facebook post unites two BV grads for music video

Tom A. Savage
Contributing writer

Facebook has had its issues in recent years, but there's little argument about the power the social media platform has at bringing people together. A perfect example, and an incredibly random one at that, is the connection between Scott Bullis and Seattle Koepp.

Bullis is a 1987 Brandon Valley graduate living in Colorado Springs. He's a car enthusiast and restored a Hudson Hornet, which is painted similar to the one in the movie, *Cars*. He's shown the car at various shows throughout Colorado and also competes with it in various endurance rallies. He raced the car last summer in a competition that raced across the country called The Great Race.

Koepp is a budding indie pop singer living in Denver. She recently posted on Facebook that she was looking for anyone in the area with an antique car that she could feature in an upcoming music video.

Bullis' wife, Cindy, was scanning Facebook recently and saw Koepp's request. She responded and told Koepp that her husband had such a car that might work perfectly for the music video.

Through correspondence on Facebook, the irony came crashing through the computer screen.

Koepp is a 2017 Brandon Valley graduate. Exactly 30 years apart, the two Lynx grads who'd never met were now collaborating on a music video.

"There was no connection at all," Bullis said. "It was incredibly random."

Koepp is known professionally as Seattle Kay. While at Brandon Valley, she performed in choir and was in most theatrical plays. She was also in Oral Interpretation.

But things have certainly taken off for her since her time in Brandon. Her song, *MindGames*, was released on July 23. The music video featuring Bullis' car dropped on July 29. Her first album dropped on Aug. 6.

Koepp and Bullis connected on July 16 for the video, a quick turnaround for its release a month later. The video was shot all around the Denver suburbs, including shots outside the Coors Brewing Company plant in Golden.

"It was nuts when I met him," Koepp said of her first encounter with Bullis. "I was like, 'No way. You went to the same school?' I never meet anyone from Brandon out here. It's crazy, it's really cool."

Although things are fast-tracking for Koepp in the music industry, she said it's been the plan since she was a child. She said her grandfather sang to her when she was a baby and that ever since she could talk, she was talking about doing music.



Submitted photos
Seattle Koepp, known professionally as Seattle Kay (left), stands next to Scott Bullis in front of the antique car used in a music video.



Brandon Valley grad Seattle Koepp, known professionally as Seattle Kay, poses with a car owned by Scott Bullis for the *MindGames* music video.

"I have drawings from kindergarten of tour buses," she said. "I've been posting videos online since I was in Middle School."

She and a newly hired manager are also planning a tour later this year, and that includes a stop in Sioux Falls. A date venue has not been announced.

Perhaps the music video will continue to build her career. The fact that it was aided by a fellow Brandon Valley grad 30 years her senior brings it full circle.

"I've had experience posting on Facebook groups. I found my drummer and my bass guitarist there," she said. "It's a really cool way to bring people together."

MindGames can be viewed on YouTube and is available to download on all social media platforms.

Summit League announces Championship dates for 2024-25

Staff report

Summit League officials have revealed the 2024-25 championship schedules. Fifteen of those champion-

ships will take place on a variety of the League's campuses, while the men's and women's basketball tournaments will return to the Denny Sanford PREMIER

Center in Sioux Falls and the men's and women's golf championships will be played in Mesa, Ariz. The championship slate will begin in Vermillion,

as the University of South Dakota is slated to host the cross country races on Nov. 2. Omaha will bring the league's championship schedule to a close

on May 21-24 by hosting the baseball championship on Tal Anderson Field at Maverick Park. The remainder of the fall championship schedule

includes women's soccer, which will consist of six teams and be played over the course of two weeks for the fourth time in

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wrestled at Stevens High School before competing at Augustana in Sioux Falls. He teaches geography and world history at Brandon Valley High School.

Aric Spader – Girls Soccer

Aric Spader takes over the girls' soccer program from Lexi Frantzen who served in

the role for three seasons. Spader comes to Brandon Valley after serving as a head coach for the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club in Sioux Falls for 12 years. He was also an assistant coach with the Augustana women's soccer program for seven years, Sioux Falls Roosevelt's girls' team for a season when the sport was

sanctioned by the SDHSAA. He started as an assistant for the boys and girls teams at Sioux Falls Washington. After graduating from Washington, the now 33-year-old played collegiately at Mount Marty in Yankton before a knee injury ended his career. He later received his undergraduate degree from South Dakota

State and a Master's degree from Augustana. Spader will have to get up to speed in a hurry with the Lynx. Practice began on Monday and he'll have nine practice sessions with his team before they open Aug. 16 against Huron.

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Sports

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But Peters recovered and picked up the loose ball. He fired home to Adams, who tagged the runner that was on second base out to send the game into extra innings. From there, Brandon Valley scored three times in the top of the ninth to secure the win.

“That would have been the game winner,” VanHeel said of the game-saving throw from Peters to Adams for the tag at home plate. “When the ball was hit and Max bobbled it, it was like, ‘No, that’s now how our season is going to end.’ And then it was ‘We’re not done, let’s go!’ It was a momentum swing. We were so jacked and put up three runs in the ninth because we were like, ‘Yea, we got this.’”

Brookings 3, Brandon Valley 0 - Ryland Carroll pitched six innings and limited Brookings to just two hits. Bryton Stroh pitched the final inning without giving up a hit. But those two hits were enough for Brookings to advance and eliminate Brandon Valley, who again struggled at the plate. Brandon Valley had just three hits, one each from Chase Leary, Stroh and Peters.

“We kept getting guys on and just missed that one hit,” VanHeel said. “A lot of that comes down to just some of our guys being young and trying to play the moment. We may have made the game bigger than it was and put more pressure on ourselves rather than just play.”

Manager Jaxon Haase was the third pitcher to take the mound against the Sioux Falls Squirrels in Thursday’s opening game of the amateur baseball league’s regional tournament.

Jill Meier/BV Journal



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the mound. LaBrie pitched Tuesday in the state Legion tournament for Post 131 where he threw 59 pitches and had an impressive outing where he went the distance, scattering six hits with two strikeouts and zero walks.

After Post 131 was eliminated in Brookings on Friday, LaBrie turned his focus to the Rats in Renner on Saturday. However, he got dinged in the bottom of the first when the Squirrels touched him up for three earned runs on two hits.

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League history. The No. 3 and No. 4 seeds will be hosting the quarterfinal matchups on Saturday, Nov. 2 or Sunday, Nov.3. The following week those match winners will face the top two seeds in semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 7. The 2024 championship match is slated for Sunday, Nov. 10. The men’s soccer championship will feature the top two teams in the standings in a single match played on Nov. 16 and hosted by the No.1 seed, while the volleyball championship is being hosted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City for the first time from Nov. 24-26 at the Swinney Recreation Center in Kansas City, Mo. The swimming and diving championships head to Iowa

City and will be the first championship of 2025 as those will be held Feb. 19-22 on the campus of the University of Iowa. Both track and field championships are taking place in South Dakota this year, starting off with the indoor event Feb. 28-March 1 in Brookings at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex. The outdoor track and field championships will be hosted in Vermillion at the Lillibridge Track Complex May 15-17. The men’s and women’s basketball championships return to their familiar home at the PREMIER Center for the 10th time. The 2025 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships will feature all nine members and will cover

five days on the calendar, starting March 5 and culminating with the respective title games on Sunday, March 9. The men’s and women’s tennis championships will be heading back to Denver where the Pioneers will host competition April 18-19 at the Denver Tennis Park. The men’s and women’s golf championships are heading to Arizona where those will be played at the Longbow Golf Course. The women’s event is slated for April 20-22, while the men will follow on April 27-29. South Dakota State will host the softball championship for the fourth straight season at Jackrabbit Softball Stadium May 7-10.



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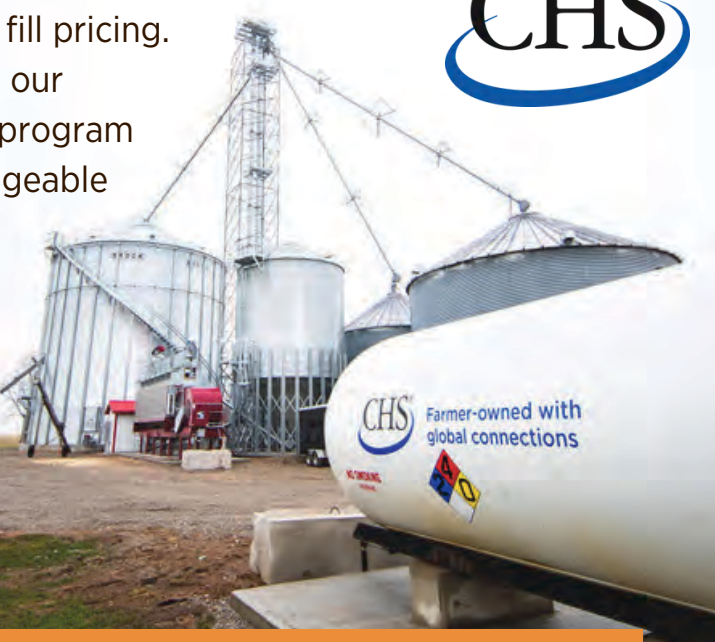
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Sports

RaceSaver series showing tremendous growth at Huset's

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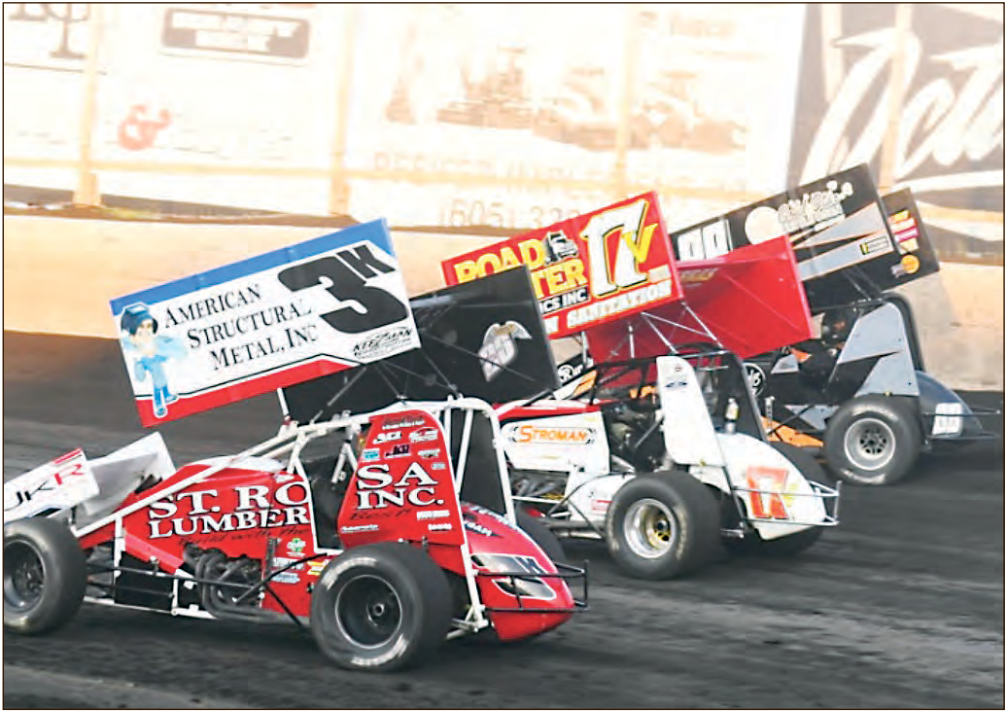
The International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) launched a cost-saving sprint car racing series years ago called the RaceSaver class.

Uniform rules are used at every RaceSaver sprint car race from coast-to-coast with cost-saving measures in place. Competitors use a displacement 305 cubic-inch racing engine rather than an Outlaw sprint car, which uses 410 cubic inches. Anyone watching each week at Huset's can see that the RaceSaver sprint cars are considerably slower than the showcase 410 class.

But although the RaceSaver sprint cars run a second off the pace per lap than the 410s, it's still sprint car racing, and the class is growing in numbers. The weekly program at Huset's is a testament to that.

"I think people are finally starting to realize it's an affordable class," said Huset's General Manager Doug Johnson. "You're seeing a lot of these younger guys jumping out of the 305 into a 410 that want to continue their career. I think it's a great feeder class for kids coming out of go-karts and micros."

This year at Huset's, there have been



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65 different competitors in the RaceSaver series. That's a dramatic increase over the 40 that competed at Huset's in 2020 when Tod Quiring purchased the race track and

reopened it after it sat idle for three years.

The cost to run in the RaceSaver series is clearly a reason the class has continued to grow. Harrisburg's Dusty Ballenger won

the season-opener in the RaceSaver class this season, but he has also won twice at the speedway during his career in a 410.

"It's all cost," Ballenger said. "That's why they call it the RaceSaver class, because it's halfway economical. The price of motors and tires and parts is just out of hand (in the 410 class)."

The cost is obviously lower, and the speeds reflect it. A 410 sprint car cranks out around 950 horsepower, the same as modern-day IndyCar. A RaceSaver sprint car has anywhere from 420-500 horsepower, and it's noticeable, both from the grandstands and as a driver in the racecar.

"You can definitely feel the difference, for sure," the 42-year-old Ballenger said. "I always tell people that on a big track, I can read Facebook going down the straightaway."

Matt Juhl is currently ninth in the 410 championship point standings at Huset's. He's a former champion in the 360 class, obviously a step between the 305s and 410s. Huset's no longer races a 360 class, but when they did and Juhl made the switch to the bigger motor, he said the horsepower difference was obvious.

"You can get into trouble in a 410 quick-

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14U BV Blitz Red – Members of the state runner-up team are, from left, row one: Loghan Fiege, Ellie Van Leur, Emorie Bartmann, Jacey Meyers, Anna Bergan, Kallie Veld, Avery Eliason; row two: Head Coach Shawn Bergan, Abby Paulson, Ganiyah Daniel, Aniston Murray, Kortney Kriech, Assistant Coaches Ron Daniel and Mitch Meyers.



BV Blitz 10U Red – Members of the state runner-up Brandon Valley Blitz 10U Red team are, from left, row one: Frankie Dieren, Evie Pudwill, Kinley Callahan, Rylie Skibsted, Larkin Vis; row two: Sawyer Waybright, Tegan Merron, Kinsley Roeman, Bayen Kirschner, Piper Melby, Finley Keith and Beckett McInerney. Not pictured are Head Coach Andrea Pudwill and Assistant Coach Nikki Roeman.

Trio of BV Blitz teams nab state runner-up honors

BV Blitz 11U Red – State runner-up honors were won by Brandon Valley’s 11U Red team. Members of the team include, from left, row one: Brylee Garry, Maddyn McGuire, Sophie Gunvaldson, Ainsley LaBue, Amelia Snortland, Chandler Christensen, Addy Stofferahn; row two: Assistant Coach Cameron Ditlevson, Skya White, Camari Walker, Ali Ditlevson and Head Coach Corey Christensen.

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SHERIFF’S LOG cont. from page 4

Brandon, trailed.

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- Suspicious subject, Pont Meadow Ct., Renner, case report taken, lodged in jail, arrested.
- Reckless driver, I-90 and I-90 ramp, Brandon, unable to locate.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

- Hit-and-run, 478th Ave., Brandon.
- Disorderly subjects, 256th St., Garretson, arrested, lodged in jail, case report taken.
- Disorderly subjects, Fifth St., Garretson, necessary action taken.
- Fall, Broadway Ave., Valley Springs, necessary action taken.
- Reckless driver, 258th St., Brandon, unable to locate.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

- Juvenile delinquency, Cliff Ave., Valley Springs, juvenile arrest and case reports taken, citation issued.
- Suspicious subject, 482nd Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.

MONDAY, AUG. 5

- Reckless driver, E. Custer Parkway, Brandon.
- Traffic hazard, 257th St., Renner, necessary action taken.
- Accident, 482nd Ave. and I-90, Brandon, state accident report taken.
- Suspicious subject, N. Quartz Ave., Brandon, necessary action taken.
- Animal problem, Second St., Garretson, necessary action taken.

SDSU, NDSU Extensions to host book club about purposeful retirement

BROOKINGS – South Dakota State University Extension is partnering with North Dakota State University Extension to host a virtual book club about making the most of retirement.

The Purposeful Retirement Online Book Club will meet via Zoom every other Wednesday for six sessions. Sessions are at 10 a.m. CDT, starting on Sept. 11.

Participants will discuss “Purposeful Retirement: How to Bring Happiness and Meaning to Your Retirement” by Hyrum W. Smith. Leacey Brown, SDSU Extension

Gerontology Field Specialist, and Jane Strommen, NDSU Extension Gerontology Specialist, will host.

It is free to participate. Participants will need a copy of the book. Registration is required by Sept. 10. To register, visit the SDSU Extension Events page and search “purposeful”.

“This book club allows attendees to reflect on what matters most and how their retirement can reflect their goals and values,” said Brown. “We have had attendees of all ages participate in the club – it’s amazing how we all learn from each other as

we read and discuss the book.”

During each session, Brown and Strommen will facilitate a group discussion and ask questions to encourage attendees to think about retirement in new and exciting ways. The group discussion will encourage attendees to explore their personal attitudes and beliefs about retirement, learn how purpose enhances health and wellness, identify strategies to integrate purpose into retirement planning, and explore goals and priorities for retirement.

To learn more, contact Leacey Brown at SDSU Extension.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY cont. from page 1

assessment process. Notices were sent to all of the affected property owners, which included the proposed assessment and an invitation to object or support the project before the city council.

The Resolution of Necessity will next be published in the city’s legal newspaper of record, the *Brandon Valley Journal*, followed by a 20-day waiting period. Property owners that object to the special assessment have the right to file a petition. The petition would require signatures from 55 percent of the impacted property owners. If a petition is filed, the process is halted until the council considers if the resolution assessment becomes effective, Read said.

Plans and specs are next, and both were completed three to four years ago, which essentially would push the project ahead to the bidding process.

According to city ordinance, any special assessment project must be bid before mid-April to allow the council to hear any objections to the special assessment roll. If objections are voiced, the project is once again put on hold. Including the city, there are eight impacted property owners.

Read said the assessment roll hearing is held prior to the project commencing. Once the bids are in, special assessments are calculated, notices are sent to the impacted property owners with the exact amount of

the special assessment, and a public hearing is scheduled on the special assessment roll. At that point, the council has the power to amend it, approve it or reject it. If approved, special assessments would then be filed in the county collection with property taxes. Read reminded that the assessments could not be more than the increase in property value.

The council heard from four of the adjacent property owners at Monday’s public hearing. Two of the four shared their objections to the project.

Jerome Stark and Russell Drexler both cited an increase in taxes and traffic.

“I do not want this road to go through for a couple reasons,” Stark said. “The taxes would go up, and I don’t care for that to go up. The reason I bought my acreage is for the peace and quiet, and with the road going through, I will not have any peace and quiet year-round because of the IceCats and the baseball that’s going to be taking place.”

Drexler suggested the second entrance/exit should connect to Highway 11 or Maple Street.

He was told the Department of Transportation would not allow that.

Developer Justin Oakland, who supports a second access road, asked the council to be “fair” in the assessment process. Oakland pointed out that his development is

adjacent to the park land, but is not directly connected to the proposed road.

Read said there are several assessment methods that can be utilized.

“The area to be assessed was determined by the design engineer. There’s a variety of methods as to how these can be assessed, so we tried to find the one that was the most beneficial to the other property owners,” Read said. “The sewer and water assessments are on per foot. The service lines are per item for per service. The street improvements are assessed on an area basis. So, the design engineers look at areas we assess, not the linear footage of the affected property.”

Alderwoman Barb Fish said the council doesn’t take implementing a special assessment “lightly.”

“We were very sensitive to how this impacts our residents, so just trying to figure out the best way to get access into that park. I was there once when the sirens went off and the tornado was coming and we could not get people out (fast enough),” she said.

Alderman Colin Steen said he saw firsthand the need for a second entrance/exit this summer.

“I’m really sensitive about putting a lot of this on the property owners, but at the same time, spending virtually my whole summer down there with baseball, it’s bru-

tal down there. We’ve got to figure out a way to somehow to get another access in and out of there. We have such a beautiful Aspen Park, an area down there that when we’re holding these huge events, the state tournaments that we host at times, it’s kind of embarrassing the amount of backed up traffic, as kids are trying to get dropped off for their games. We have kids that are on our team, and we’re supposed to be there at a certain time, and they’re late because there was a line all the way to up to Aspen trying to get into the park. God forbid something drastic happened,” Steen said. “I think we need to keep this discussion going with being sensitive to the affected property owners around there, but I guess I don’t want to kick the can down the road too far. We know how important this was to us as we went through the CIP meetings that we went through, so I’d like to see something going but if we need to delay this, I’m open for talking about concerns that some of the residents have.”

On that, Steen made the motion to approve Resolution #24-24, which was unanimously approved.

“Understanding that it’s not a done deal, it does create opportunity for work, discussion or examination of it,” he said.

EMERGENCY WATER DECLARATION cont. from page 1

day’s city council meeting that the emergency declaration was due to equipment failure. Three high services pumps were submerged in three feet of water, Hoeke said. The high service pumps are located in the lowest level of the water treatment plant and the sump pump failed.

“All of the years that I’ve worked for the city and that thing’s been here, we’ve never had that kind of water there,” Hoeke said.

The first of three high service pumps went back online at 6:30 a.m. Monday. By 3 p.m., Hoeke

said the second pump was online. Parts to repair the third pump were located late Monday and were shipped Tuesday morning from Chicago.

“The restrictions that we have now can probably come off starting tomorrow (Tuesday),” Hoeke said.

City Administrator Bryan Read said staff is investigating how the failure occurred.

“We know what happened, but now we’re investigating how we requested information from the contractors to all of the individu-

als that were on site on Friday,” Read said. “We’d like to talk to them. We’ll start with staff to get their information as to what occurred, and then we’ll make some decisions after that.”

Once the water emergency declaration was posted online, misinformation began to swirl on social media.

“The issue was never sources,” Read said. “The issue was we had equipment failure at the treatment plan, which I believe we posted. So, when the rumors came that the wells are going dry couldn’t

be any further from the truth. We have very good producing wells. We actually have four wells that produce water for us. We did switch to well No. 3 because it goes directly into the system, it doesn’t come into the water treatment plant. With the high service pumps down, well three becomes our fallback safety issue. ... The bottleneck was the three high service pumps became inundated with water and the failure of the sump pump. As we all know, electric motors do not do well in water. They fail.”

Anyone with questions should contact City Hall, Read encouraged. “We will give them the information. As of now, the misinformation, which is critical for those folks that don’t like our city or our water system, how do you combat that? I don’t know. They are lies, just out and out lies.”

Alderman Dave Kull asked how low the supply of water in the towers reached. Hoeke said the Central tower (on Holly Boulevard) dropped to 5.2 feet. The Redwood tower never went below 23 feet.



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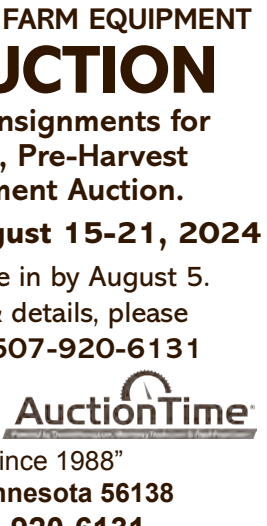
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Band directors offer plan to keep live auditions for All-State Band

Dana Hess
For the S.D. NewsMedia Association

PIERRE — The state’s high school band directors have offered a plan that they hope will allow for live auditions for students trying out for All-State Band. The plan was approved at the Aug. 1 meeting of the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors.

In the past, the association has used the state airplane to fly judges to audition sites across the state over two weekends in January. On the third weekend judges were driven to the audition site.

Over the past two years, winter weather has played havoc with that schedule. Two years ago, after two weekends of live auditions, bad weather forced the cancellation of the third weekend and those students had to submit taped auditions. This year bad weather canceled the first weekend, forcing all students to record their auditions.

The plan offered by band directors calls for grounding the state plane and driving judges to auditions. Auditions

would get started on a Wednesday in January in Huron, move to Sioux Falls for auditions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and finish with auditions on Monday in Rapid City.

“I feel like we made some progress,” said Kimberly Carda, band director at Roncalli High School in Aberdeen. During the meeting, board members heard from six band directors, two parents of band students and one student band member.

Wendy Thorson, the band director at Northwestern, said students need the experience of auditioning live before a judge.

“You’re not going to get that in a video audition,” Thorson said. “The majority of band directors and ADs (activities directors) want the live auditions”

In case of inclement weather, the auditions could be rescheduled over the next two weeks. The plan calls for a decision to be made on the Tuesday before auditions start to determine if the weather will be good enough to travel across the state.

At the board’s June meeting, SDHSA Assistant Executive Director

Brooks Bowman, who oversees fine arts for the association, offered the board two options that both included taping students’ auditions.

Bowman said his main concern was keeping students safe in winter weather. He also noted that holding the auditions over three weekends gave some students one or two more weeks to practice for their auditions. It was clear at Thursday’s meeting that he was not a fan of the band directors’ proposal.

“I really struggle with this,” Bowman said, when asked to offer his opinion of the plan. “It doesn’t fix everything.”

Bowman and others in the SDHSAA office have taken heat over the past two years over the need to go to taped auditions. The band directors’ support for the new plan, with the bad weather contingency, would have to be passed along to the parents of band students, Bowman said. “That would have to be a priority of the band directors.”

The SDHSAA board unanimously approved the new audition plan during its Aug. 1 meeting.

Nominations sought for statewide business awards

PIERRE — The South Dakota Retailers Association is now accepting nominations for the Retailer of the Year, Restaurant of the Year, and Community Service awards during the Association’s statewide Business Conference and Awards Reception in Pierre.

“We believe in South Dakota businesses,” said Executive Director Nathan Sanderson. “These awards are our way of giving back and recognizing those who make our state a great place to live, work, and raise a

family.” This year, the Retailers Association is again looking to South Dakotans to help identify businesses deserving of recognition. Consider the little shop on Main Street, the corner grocery store, or the go-to Saturday night restaurant for inspiration.

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DANR warns: When in doubt, stay out

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) reminds the public to remain vigilant when recreating on lakes around the state as harmful algal blooms (HAB) can develop rapidly and without notice during the warm summer months.

“HABs can be harmful to people, pets, and livestock so remember, WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT,” said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts.

HABs typically occur during warm summer months (July, August, September) in nutrient enriched lakes and ponds, although they can occur

earlier or later in the year depending on the conditions. In South Dakota, HABs are usually produced by blue-green algae, a primitive photosynthetic alga also known as cyanobacteria. Blue-green algae produce toxins that can be harmful to people (especially children), pets, and livestock. Be cautious when recreating during the warm summer months and refrain from letting your pets drink lake water.

DANR and its partners collect toxin samples at lakes throughout the state and sample results are posted to an interactive web map found at:

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The map shows toxin concentration levels at specific times and locations. The results should not be used to determine if waters are safe to use at any given time.

To learn more on HABs, visit DANR’s website at <https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/WatershedProtection/HAB.aspx>.

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MINNEHAHA COUNTY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE TAX DEED AND NOTICE THAT RIGHT OF REDEMPTION WILL EXPIRE AND TAX DEED ISSUE.

TO: The unknown personal representatives, Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Anne M Pearson, Deceased; Dean A Pearson, Deceased; & Donna E Pearson, Deceased, the owners of record of the hereinafter described real property, and in whose name the property is taxed, Kristi L Hansen, personal representative of Anne M Pearson, deceased; Any Person in Possession of the Real Property; and to any other interested person pursuant to SDCL Ch. 10-25

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080780

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 1 in Block 1 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80780 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

was sold to Minnehaha County for taxes then due and delinquent for the year 2013 at tax sale, on December 15th, 2014 by the Treasurer of Minnehaha County, South Dakota for the sum of the unpaid real property taxes assessed against the property for the year 2013 plus penalty, interest and costs. That Minnehaha County, South Dakota, is now the lawful owner and holder of tax sale certificate No.13-00059.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080781

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 2 in Block 1 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80781 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080782

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 3 in Block 1 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80782 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080783

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 4 in Block 1 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80783 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

was sold to Minnehaha County for taxes then due and delinquent for the year 2013 at tax sale, on December 15th, 2014 by the Treasurer of Minnehaha County, South Dakota for the sum of the unpaid real property taxes assessed against the property for the year 2013 plus penalty, interest and costs. That Minnehaha County, South Dakota, is now the lawful owner and holder of tax sale certificate No.13-00062.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080784

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 1 in Block 2 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80784 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

was sold to Minnehaha County for taxes then due and delinquent for the year 2013 at tax sale, on December

15th, 2014 by the Treasurer of Minnehaha County, South Dakota for the sum of the unpaid real property taxes assessed against the property for the year 2013 plus penalty, interest and costs. That Minnehaha County, South Dakota, is now the lawful owner and holder of tax sale certificate No.13-00063.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property situated in the County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota, to wit:

Parcel # 080785

LEGAL ADDRESS: Lot 2 in Block 2 of Pearson's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 25, Township 101 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: You can locate Parcel 80785 on the County's GIS map system at <https://gis.minnehahacounty.org/minnemaviewer/>

was sold to Minnehaha County for taxes then due and delinquent for the year 2013 at tax sale, on December 15th, 2014 by the Treasurer of Minnehaha County, South Dakota for the sum of the unpaid real property taxes assessed against the property for the year 2013 plus penalty, interest and costs. That Minnehaha County, South Dakota, is now the lawful owner and holder of tax sale certificate No.13-00064.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, That the right of redemption of said real property from said tax sale will expire sixty days from the date of the completed service of this notice as provided by law, and that unless redemption is made from said tax sale at the Office of the Minnehaha County Treasurer prior to the expiration of such time, a tax deed will be made and issued by the Minnehaha County Treasurer to Minnehaha County.

The said tax then due and delinquent with interest and costs accrued and in addition thereto, the cost of service of this notice by personal service or publication, attorney's fees and cost of affidavit, costs of record search, together with such interest as may accrue after this date, which must be paid in order to redeem.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2023

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
Owner of tax sale certificate
Kris Swanson, Treasurer
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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Aug. 7, 2024

CITY OF BRANDON

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Brandon City Council, on the 19th day of August, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brandon Council Chambers, 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota;

This hearing will be conducted to consider an appeal of the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission dated July 18, 2024, as it pertains to the denial of a Home Occupation Permit to allow for the operation of an in-home business of operating a high-end women's consignment shoppe out of basement of home.

The legal description and property address is:

Brandon Park 2nd Addition Lot 23 Block 5 (504 N. Teton Drive)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any interested person or their attorney or representative may appear and be heard.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2024
Bryan Read, City Administrator
Published one time at the approximate cost of \$7.68.

Aug. 7, 2024

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in a special meeting session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024 at the Council Chambers at 308 S Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota. Present were Barb Fish, Bruce Johnson, David Kull, Kevin Lawrence, Randy Marso and Mayor Harry Buck. Others present were: City Administrator, Bryan H. Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; City Engineer, Tami Jansma; Public Works Director, Rolli Hoeke; Police Chief, Jamie Stefel; Golf Course Manager, Andrew Bauer and Development Director, Patrick Andrews. Absent: Colin Steen.

Alderwoman Fish moved and Alderman Kull seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION
Discussion was held on the 2025 budget as presented to the council. No formal action was taken.

At 5:01 p.m., hearing no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Christina Smith, Municipal Finance Officer; Harry Buck, Mayor

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Aug. 7, 2024

MINUTES

The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session

at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2024 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Commissioners Megan Bassett, Brian Heidbrink, Brookes Noem, Alica Thiele and Michael Toates. Also present were Alderwoman Barb Fish, Building Official Paul Clarke, City Engineer Tami Jansma and Development Director Patrick Andrews. Absent: Commissioner Rob Schoeneman, Mayor Harry Buck and City Administrator Bryan Read.

Commissioner Noem moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Toates moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to approve the consent calendar which contained the following item: a plat of Lot 7 Block 4 Twin Rivers Crossing Addition. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Bassett seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Re-Zone Application for 2500-2506 E. Augusta Street (legally described as Lot 1 Block 6 Sunrise Estates Addition). Eric, Douglas Street Investments, 7317 E. Twin Pines Court, Sioux Falls, was present for discussion. Eric is requesting a PD-Planned Development for this property, which will allow slightly reduced rear yard setbacks on the three north units. Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Toates seconded to make recommendation of approval to City Council, as presented. Motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. having no further business, Chairperson Fish adjourned the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Fish called the Board of Adjustment meeting in order.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Commissioners Megan Bassett, Brian Heidbrink, Brookes Noem, Alica Thiele and Michael Toates. Also present were Alderwoman Barb Fish, Building Official Paul Clarke, City Engineer Tami Jansma and Development Director Patrick Andrews. Absent: Commissioner Rob Schoeneman, Mayor Harry Buck and City Administrator Bryan Read.

Commissioner Toates moved Commissioner Bassett seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Variance Application for 520 N. Sunday Drive. Applicants Casey & Lindsey Swenson, 520 N. Sunday Drive, were present for discussion. Lindsey explained that they are wanting to construct a detached garage off the alley, with an additional driveway measuring 20' wide. Their current driveway is 28'. There is an electrical transformer that inhibits their ability to add onto the current attached garage. Eric Lenz, 512 N. Sunday Drive, was present for discussion. Eric is in support of this detached garage and has no problems with it. Commissioner Noem moved Commissioner Heidbrink seconded to approve the variance application with the condition that the driveway of the detached garage be no wider than 12' at the property line and the hardship being the location of the electrical transformer and the alley not being a street frontage. Motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m. having no further business, Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Toates seconded to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Labahn, Recording Clerk;
Patrick Andrews, Development Director

Published one time at the approximate cost of \$29.95.

Aug. 7, 2024

BRANDON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

1. Ditch Mowing & Spraying
Brandon Township has begun ditch mowing and will begin spraying weeds September 10 to October 15, 2024.

If you would like to request to not have the ditch sprayed adjacent to your property please contact a township supervisor Tom at 605-366-6735

2. Cleaning Out The Right Of Way

****FALL REMINDER**** It's the perfect time of the year to clear trees, shrubs, brush & other obstacles from the road right-of-way. Adjacent property owners are responsible for maintenance of the right-of-way outside of the roadway. Removal helps ensure that the right-of-way is clear for snow removal, water drainage, repair of utilities and more. We thank you for your help in this area!

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Aug. 7, 14, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Danitra Sade Carter in Change of Name to Denezen Tyrone Carter, CIV: 24-2825 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Danitra Sade Carter the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Danitra Sade Carter to Denezen Tyrone Carter. On the 27th day of August 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Power Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 11th day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 17, 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Donald Melvin Choate in Change of Name to Trey Marshall Choate, CIV: 24-2857 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Donald Melvin Choate III the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Donald Melvin Choate III to Trey Marshall Choate. On the 20th day of August 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Pekas Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 11th day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 17, 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Marie Ratliff in Change of Name to Marie A. Pagano, CIV: 24-3035 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Marie Ratliff the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Marie Ratliff to Marie A. Pagano. On the 3rd day of September 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Barnett Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 22nd day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Published four times at the approximate cost of \$35.90.

July 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Teresa Grace Ljovshin in Change of Name to Rosemary Geraldine Bennet, CIV: 24-2870 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Teresa Grace Ljovshin the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Teresa Grace Ljovshin to Rosemary Geraldine Bennet. On the 27th day of August 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Power Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 12th day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Published four times at the approximate cost of \$36.99.

July 24, 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regard-

ing Nancy Deniece Garcia in Change of Name to Nancy Deniece Tryon, CIV: 24-3088 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Nancy Deniece Garcia the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Nancy Deniece Garcia to Nancy Deniece Tryon. On the 10th day of September 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Pekas Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 23rd day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Zane Allen Whitehead in Change of Name to Willow River Neuberger, CIV: 24-2894 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Zane Allen Whitehead the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Zane Allen Whitehead to Willow River Neuberger. On the 3rd day of September 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Barnett Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 16th day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Sam Dumi in Change of Name to Sandip Dumi Rai, CIV: 24-2212 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Sam Dumi the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Sam Dumi to Sandip Dumi Rai. On the 10th day of September 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Pekas Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 23rd day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
SS: COUNTY OF Minnehaha
IN CIRCUIT COURT
2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition regarding Joey Ramae Paterson in Change of Name to Jo Ramae Newman, CIV: 24-3138 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Joey Ramae Paterson the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Joey Ramae Paterson to Jo Ramae Newman. On the 3rd day of September 2024 at the hour of 11:00am said Verified Petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Barnett Presiding, at the Court Room in the Minnehaha County Courthouse, City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Any may come and appear at the time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested. Dated this 26th day of July 2024 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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July 31 & Aug. 7, 14, 21, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
SS.)

COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)
IN CIRCUIT COURT)
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)
IN RE:)
Estate of Antonio W. Ramos,)
Decedent)
CASE NO: 49PRO23-000313)
Notice to Creditors)
Estate of Antonio W Ramos Deceased. Notice is given that on 03/11/2024 , Brian Radzik, whose address is PO Box 623 Immokalee, FL 34143-0623 was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Antonio W. Ramos. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative. Brian Radzik, PO Box 623 Immokalee, FL 34143-0623; Minnehaha County Clerk of Court, 425 N Dakota Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2470, Henry K Evans, Evans Law, PC, 123 S. Main Ave, Suite 206, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6430, Phone: 605-367-9755.

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July 24, 31, & Aug. 7, 14, 2024

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
: SS)
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)
IN CIRCUIT COURT)
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)
NYARIAY KANG, Plaintiff,)
vs.)
GATMACH NYUOT, Defendant.)
49DIV24-000282)
ORDER RE: NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The above-entitled action came before this Court on the 29th day of July, 2024, the Honorable Judge John R. Pekas, on Plaintiffs Pro Se Motion for Publication:

The Court having granted the Motion to Serve Defendant by publication pursuant to SDCL 15-9-7, 15-9-8, and 15-9-17:

The Court being in all things fully advised, and good cause appearing, now therefore:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Notice of Hearing by Service by Publication is authorized upon Mr. Gatmach Nyuot, Defendant, by publication of the Notice Hearing in a daily/weekly legal newspaper printed in Minnehaha County, South Dakota, one each week for four consecutive weeks.

SO ORDERED.
DATED this 29 day of July 2024.
BY THE COURT

Honorable John Pekas Circuit Court Judge
Clerk Circuit Court Judge
Attest: Angelia M. Gries

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Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
: SS)
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)
IN CIRCUIT COURT)
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)
Courtney Moody, SD EX REL,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Matthew Starkenburg, Defendant.)
49REC17-388)
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came before the Court on July 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Defendant Matthew Starkenburg's Motion for Publication as to Motion and Affidavit for Order to Show Cause concerning parenting time. Mr. Starkenburg appeared in person and represented himself.

Plaintiff Courtney Moody did not appear. The Court, having considered the pleadings on file and the testimony of Mr. Starkenburg finds as follows:

Mr. Starkenburg has made reasonable efforts to provide personal service to Ms. Moody, including by attempting to have her served by the Sheriff's office on multiple occasions. The Court therefore finds good cause exists to permit Mr. Starkenburg to serve subsequent pleadings in this case by publication and that Ms. Moody is most likely still residing in Minnehaha County evidenced by her recent surreptitious return of property to Mr. Starkenburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant may cause a Notice of Hearing in this matter to be served by publication upon Ms. Moody by publication with a paper of record in Minnehaha County per SDCL 15-8-17 and mailing a copy to Ms. Moody's last known address per SDCL 15-8-19.

Dated this 24th day of July 2024.
BY THE COURT:

Hon. Douglas P. Barnett, Circuit Court Judge

ATTEST: Angelia M. Gries, Clerk of Courts

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