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Brandon Car Show

Join us on Thursday, July 31st!

Mark your calendars for a summer evening packed with fun! We're talking live music, a lineup of tasty food trucks, kettle corn, beer garden, vintage tractors, and a collection of classic cars. It's the ultimate July night out!

Join us Thursday, July 31st from 5:00–8:00 PM at Gardonville's headquarters. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Come hungry and ready for a good time!



Free Registration for Your Car or Tractor!

Spots available for 70-75 cars. Reserve a spot at: gctel.com/brandoncarshow or scan the QR Code



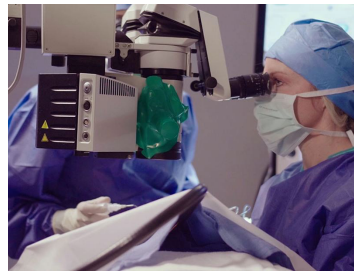
Business Spotlight

Vance Thompson Vision: World-Class Vision Care with Hometown Heart

Nestled in the heart of Alexandria the Vance Thompson Vision clinic combines cutting-edge eye-care with genuine small-town kindness. From the moment you walk in, the friendly team is ready to make your experience welcoming and reassuring.

The clinic's story is rooted in legacy. Dr. Ristvedt, a third-generation eye surgeon, follows in the footsteps of her grandfather, Dr. Lowell Gess, who began the Alexandria practice in the 1970's after returning from missionary work in Sierra Leone. Dr. Ristvedt joined her dad, Dr. Timothy Gess, in practice in 2012 and later partnered with Vance Thompson Vision in 2018.

At Vance Thompson Vision's core are Dr. Deborah Gess Ristvedt and Dr. Brent Kramer, both board-certified ophthalmologists who treat patients with the utmost respect



and compassion. They work closely with optometrists Mathew Walker and Jason Schmit, ensuring that every step of your care is collaborative and customized. This dedicated team along with their nursing and administrative staff are deeply

committed to delivering the best possible vision outcomes while making your experience a top priority every step of the way. After all, you only get one set of eyes and they deserve the very best.

Their 'Three-Legged Stool' model is what drives them to deliver exceptional patient outcomes by focusing on three core principles: invest in world-class technology, always do the right thing, and create a people-centered experience that is second to none.

But care extends beyond the walls of the clinic. Their team takes part in community service projects such as deep cleaning at Outreach Food Shelf and supporting Sharing Love and Hope by packing backpacks. Their commitment to serve locally is as strong as their devotion to vision care.

With advanced treatments from LASIK and cataract surgery to glaucoma and oculoplastics and a team that treats every patient like family, Vance Thompson Vision truly is your trusted destination for eye care.



2600 Jefferson St., Alexandria, MN

To get in touch with Vance Thompson Vision, call their office at (320) 762-2166 or visit their website vancethompsonvision.com/locations/alexandria

Gardonville Achievement Scholarship Winners

Gardonville is proud to recognize three outstanding high school seniors as recipients of the 2025 Gardonville Achievement Award: Jordan Buchholz and Taylor Dingwall, from Brandon-Evansville School and Riley Corle from Alexandria Area High School. Selected by a panel of mentors, they were not aware they were being considered for the award. Their selection reflects more than just academic success, it's a tribute to their exceptional work ethic and determination to achieve their goals. Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship to support their continued education.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jordan, Taylor, Riley and the entire graduating class of 2025!



Jordan Buchholz



Taylor Dingwall



Riley Corle

Ewaste & TV Recycling

August 18-22 & August 25-29

Recycling electronics isn't just a good idea, it's essential. Many devices contain harmful materials like mercury, lead, cadmium, and flame retardants that can seep into our soil and water if not properly disposed of.

But it's not all toxic. E-waste also holds valuable resources like aluminum, copper, gold, silver, and plastics, all of which can be recovered and reused. Recycling helps reduce the demand for raw materials and saves the energy it takes to create new products from scratch.

By recycling your old computers, monitors, and TVs, you're not only protecting the environment, you're also helping conserve precious resources and reduce our community's carbon footprint.

Drop off your unwanted electronics at our Brandon or Alexandria office, and we'll take care of the recycling for you!

**Due to staff limitations, we are not able to help unload your items.*



Free Items

keyboards, mice, phones, cell phones, computer speakers

Home Entertainment & Ewaste - \$5

computer towers and monitors, routers, fax machines, laptops, printers, tablets, DVD players, VCRs

TVs with screens 7"-27" - \$25

TVs with screens over 27" - \$35

Console/rear projection and oversized TVs - \$50

Minnesota Access to Communication Technology



Do you know of family members, friends or neighbors who have difficulty using their telephone? Do they have trouble hearing, speaking or have a physical disability that prevents them from using a standard telephone? The Minnesota Access to Communication Technology (MN ACT), formerly known as the Minnesota Telephone Equipment Distribution (TED) Program, can provide special telephone equipment at no charge to Minnesota residents of all ages.

The equipment includes amplified (corded and cordless) phones, speakerphones, captioned telephones, telephone ring signalers, deafblind equipment and other special equipment.

To learn more about this program scan the QR code, call 1-800-657-3663 or visit their website. Eligibility requirements do apply.

mn.gov/deaf-hard-of-hearing/communication-access

Office Closed

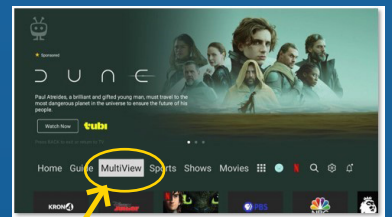
Our offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.



New Feature on Stream TV

We're excited to announce MultiView, a FREE feature now available to all Stream TV subscribers! With MultiView, you can watch up to four live channels simultaneously on one screen, perfect for sports enthusiasts, news followers, or families with diverse viewing preferences.

To get started, press the MultiView button on your main menu. The first time you use it, a brief hint page will guide you through the experience.



Help Us Find Them

Gardonville has not been able to reach the following people regarding their capital credit check. These checks have a void date of 7/10/2025, so customers will need to reach out to us ASAP. Please ask them to call our office at (320) 834-5151.

Mark & Jodi Abbott
American Tower Corp C/O
Bullseye Telecom
Amoco Pipeline Pump Stn
Amthor Assn
Jacklyn Amundson
Harvey Anderson
Jessica M Anderson
Luther Anderson
Robert Anderson
Roy H Anderson
Eugene & Paulette Bakke
Robert Barz
Lawrence Bautch
Frances Balcken
Badger Sanitary Service
Danyelle Bennett
Berg Custom Machine
Berg Custom Machine Inc
Charles Bergstrom
Daniel Berke
David Bjoralt
Renaë Bjoralt
Nathan & Adrian Boe
Corey Bohn
Josh & Sarah Bolton
Famous Don's
Justin Bous
Robert Bradley
Julie & Glenn Buchholz
Joseph Buhl
Lynnette Bullick
James & Kathy Burnevik
Candle Beesness
Camp Omaha Resort
Donna Carlson
James Cashman
Tony Connor
Stephen Conroy
John Conard
Robert A Creel
Davitia Inc
Ron Dolan
Dean Dee Dowdy
Le Moyne Dressen
Jelan Prod
Lloyd G Dropps
Chad & Sherry Drum
John Dvorak
Eagle Alterations & Craft
Ronald & Marie Fisher
Josh & Florell
Rick Gawthrop
Anna Greenquist/Homan
Greenworld Products Corp
Greenworld Products Inc
Amy Grussing

Kathryn Hager
Mike & Pam Halgrimson
William Hammar
Randy Hansen
Charles & Lisa Hanson
Douglas & Jane Hanson
Melvin Hanson
Meridel Hanson
George Harmon
Molly Heydt
C J Hirning
Marlene Hofferbar
Kim Hoppe
Clark & Linda Metcal Horn
Kathleen Hughes
Dick Jackson
Clara Helen Jacobson
Larry & Sherr Janiszkeski
Jph Jenniges
Ken Jensen
Jerome Johannessen
Dave Johnson
Frank Johnson
Justyn Johnson
Laurel J Johnson
Vernon C Johnson
Deborah Joyce
Richard Joyce
Ray R Kaste
Darci Kezar
Todd Kohnen
Robert & Marilyn Kukacka
Deanna Kutchera
Jay Kvanbek
Lake Country Communication
David & Carolyn Larson
Betty Larson
Ken Landgaard
Virgil Laughter
Mike Lenarz
Harold Libke
Dorothy Lindner
Wyck & Lori Linder
Craig Lindemyer
Robert Lindgren
John Lofquist
Art Lohman
Shannon Loiland
Diane Lynch
Kathleen A Maass
Sheri L Maki
Debra Mason
Angela Martinson
Ellsworth Maxwell
James & Kathleen Mclver
Minnie Trap
Rodney Moe

Marvin & Joann Moyer
Paul Mueller
Tom & Sheila Myhervold
Hazel Nelson
Paul Nelson
Tom L Nelson
Willbur A Nelson
Northern Waste Systems
Zachary Oliver
Alan Olson
Sally Olson
Duane Paulson
Tony & Marge Pekula
Shirley Pendzimaz
Benard Peterson
Richard D Peterson
Richard Peterson
Jim & Silvia Pridal
Charles Putnam
Rehab Works
Rhonda Reinarz
Frances Revering
Minnetta Rohloff
James Rosenow
Floyd Rossum
Dan Rubis
Rural Cellular Corp
Jay D Schroeder
Leroy Schuelke
Robert A & Pat Schultz
Senior Citizens of Brnd
Ronald Smith
Vernon M Smith
Southview Manor Coinless
Donna Sovick
Rhonda Spiker
Sharon & Jeremy Steen
Josh Stewart
Daniel & Gail Stoffers
Connie Stoner
Tri Co Water Conditioning
Stubby's Trucking
Harold Trusty
Verso Paper
Sherry Walker
Marvin Werman
William & Holly Wilken
Tim & Pam Wilson
Nancy Witter
Ron & Rhonda Wobig
Bette Wolf
Troy Ziesemer

Brain Buster

What is our new Stream TV feature called that allows you to watch four channels at one time?

Answer

Name - Please Print

May/June Brain Buster

If a farmer has 3 horses, 2 ducks,
1 pig, how many feet are on his
farm?

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Last month's winner is Lindsi Barnhart.
Stop in at either our Alexandria or Brandon
office to get your goody bag, Lindsi!

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