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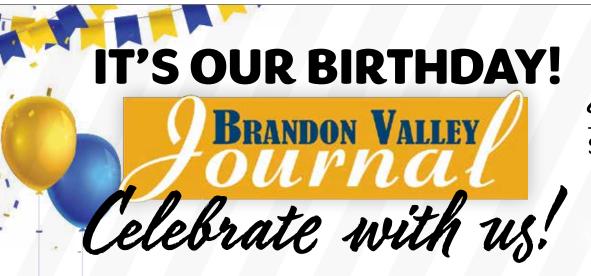
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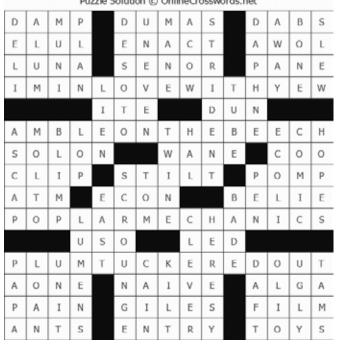


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Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2013 Toyota SUV I am going to drive across country and back and will accumulate about 8000 miles on the odometer by the time I return. This vehicle has 45k miles on it and has not had any problems as of yet and no repairs other than tires and oil changes. Is there anything that I should do before I make the trip to be sure I am as safe as possible?

Tracy in Hastings Nebraska

#### Dear Tracy,

Anytime you are going on an extended trip it is good to have your vehicle at its best. Many folks have disappointing trips because they failed to have a simple check done and they experience a preventable breakdown. When a vehicle is brought in for oil changes on a regular basis to your local mechanic they usually inspect for basic things like tire wear and pressure and anything out of the ordinary that could cause a failure like worn belts and hoses but not always. When preparing for a trip make sure to ask your mechanic specifically about a general check-over and tell them how far you will be traveling so they can look for things that may affect your journey. Failed tires, belts, hoses and batteries are the most common items that leave motorists stranded so be sure these are among the list of items checked before you go. Have a safe and fun trip and enjoy the ride Tracy.

Take care, The Motor Medics

#### Dear Motor Medics.

I am thinking about purchasing a new Jeep Grand Cherokee with the Diesel Engine but don't know much about it. I have heard you talk about them on your radio show Under The Hood and have not heard any negatives about them from your callers. I plan to drive about 40k miles a year and haul trailers in the 4500lb range about 30k of that as I haul a display for my company to trade shows. I want the comfort of a car and good mileage but also the load hauling capability. What are your thoughts?

Mike in Portland Maine

#### Dear Mike.

There's a number of new smaller Diesel Engines on the market that can be found in half-ton trucks and smaller SUVs meant to give better mileage when towing smaller loads where a larger more powerful diesel was not needed;

these new diesels are also very clean compared to the older larger ones which is good for the environment. You have a couple of key things in your question that are important factors on a vehicle for you. First, you say you will be towing a lot of miles which justifies more power and the added cost of the diesel option. Second for better fuel mileage the use of Diesels for towing long-haul should help with your economy. You ultimately have to decide when it comes to a purchase so always research and see what others are saying before you decide.

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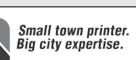


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# Coming in tomorrow's Brandon Valley



Brandon became a mecca for baseball when the 2021 State American Legion Baseball Tournament kicked off on Friday. The Journal brings you a recap of how BV Post 131 fared. And we've got photos – and plenty of them - from all four games on Friday. For a look at the tournament action, visit the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com.

A local painter offered up his goodwill to a local family and enlisted the help of the Brandon Valley football program to complete the job. Find out more what led to this kind deed.

Sales tax continues to exceed expectations in Brandon, and this week's Journal enlightens you on the rising numbers.

There's a new finance officer in Valley Springs, and this week, the *Journal* introduces to you Ginger Miller.

Brandon's Police Department is back to 14 officers strong. This week, meet the two newest officers who are now patrolling to keep our city and its residents safe.

Tom Savage's byline will now be showing up in the Journal on a weekly basis, and this week, he brings you the story of Shelby Selland's departure from the classroom and sidelines at Brandon Valley, and connects you to the local drivers who will be racing at the prestigious Knoxville Nationals.

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

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#### Across

- 1. Somewhat moist
- 5. "The Count of Monte
- Cristo" author 10. Pats on lightly
- 14. Hebrew month
- 15. Legalize
- 16. Over the hill? 17. Moon goddess
- 18. Man from Madrid
- 19. Window part
- 20. Arborist's avowal?
- 23. Suffix with social
- 24. Demand payment
- 25. Arborist's exercise?
- 34. Athenian statesman
- 35. Grow faint
- 36. Cote quote?
- 37. Beware of this type
- of joint
- 38. It helps you stand
- 40. Partner of circumstance
- 41. It's stuffed with
- green stuff
- 42. MBA's major, per-
- haps
- 43. Contradict
- 44. Arborist's favorite

#### magazine?

- 48. Wartime entertainmen-
- 49. Set the pace
- 50. Arborist at day's end?
- 59. Top-of-the-line
- 60. Ingenuous
- 61. Chlorophyllous plant
- 62. Bodily distress
- 63. "\_\_\_ Goat-Boy" (John
- Barth allegory)
- 64. A light covering
- 65. Aardvark snacks
- 66. A password may provide it
- 67. Kid stuff

#### Down

- 1. It may be kosher
- 2. Styptic substance
- 3. Pasteur portrayer
- 4. Diagram
- 5. Conquistador Hernando
- 6. Varied 7. Pride of lions?
- 8. "Don't have \_\_\_\_, man!"
- (Bart Simpson saying)
- 9. Clamorous
- 10. Apollo's love
- 11. On vacation 12. Something to pick?
- 13. A whole bunch
- 21. Property right
- 22. Cylinder
- 25. Musical association
- 26. Musical extreme
- 27. Overhead sight at a
- ballgame, perhaps 28. Truncate
- 29. Strong cord
- 30. Computer villain
- 31. Notorious bacillus
- 32. Word with strip or book
- 33. Expectations 38. Obtain by wheedling
- 39. Half a drum?
- 40. Kind of pal
- 42. Division in many
- leagues
- 43. Issued a command to
- 45. Light measures 46. Adroit
- 47. Joan of Arc's crime
- 50. One of the three bears
- 51. Advance
- 52. College credit
- 53. First son
- 54. Highlands garb
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- 56. Mishmash 57. Hardly handsome
- 58. Woolen caps

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**Sold Price** 

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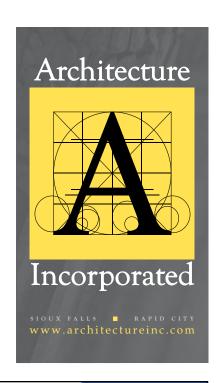
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