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Issues with those who ride e-bikes and e-scooters continue to rise with the late July temperatures. This week, Tom A. Savage talks with Police Chief Jamie Steffel about how both users of these electric modes of transportation and drivers can share the road in a safe in a respectful manner.

We continue our "Non-Profits in the News" series, putting the spotlight on the Brandon Development Foundation and how the organization has truly helped to "Build a Better Brandon."

Meet a Valley Springs man whose sideline business is all about clearing out the clutter in your home, garage and beyond.

Although Huset's called off

Sunday's races due to the extreme heat and humidity, you can read all about a Brandon teen who organized a charity soccer tournament to raise funds so other kids can play the game he loves so much. And, we've got highlights from the Valley Dogs amateur baseball week of action and BV Legion Post 131 baseball, as both teams begin their journeys through their respective post-season tournaments.

And if that's not enough to grab your attention, well then, we've got a special treat with our Women Mean Business special section, which puts the spotlight on some amazing women in the Journal's coverage area.

So, grab a cup of coffee, find a comfy chair and settle in for a wealth of community news, sports and features that's all about you. And if you're that person who's constantly asking, "I wonder what's going on ...," it's surely time to subscribe to the *Brandon Valley Journal*! Give us a call at (605) 582-9999 to subscribe today so you, too, can be in the know.

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Hometown Heroes Banner  
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The Ed Polzine Fund has extended the Hometown Heroes Banner Program to Valley Springs. These banners will be displayed on poles along Broadway Avenue.

Valley Springs American Legion Post 131 in cooperation with the Ed Polzine Fund have launched this program as a living tribute for the community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces. Clear photos must be provided. All photos will be returned. Digital photos are also welcomed. The cost of each banner is \$150 with the Ed Polzine Fund providing the banner brackets. Checks should be made payable to Ed Polzine Fund. The banners have a projected three-year lifespan. Friday, Aug. 21 is the deadline to submit applications.

Banner applications may be submitted to: Charles R. Doman Post 131, PO Box 189, Valley Springs, SD 57068 or emailed to ricksfsd@gmail.com, or brought to the BV Journal, 1404 E. Cedar Street, Brandon, mailed to PO Box 842, Brandon or emailed to editor@bvjournal.info.

For questions, call Rick at (605) 553-5990 or the BV Journal at (605) 582-9999.

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Applications for the Brandon Community Foundation's Community Grant Program are now open. Nonprofit organizations that serve the Brandon community and have a project that could use financial support will be considered for funding. Applications may be applied for online at brandoncf.org/grants through Friday, Aug. 28. Grants will be awarded at the BCF's annual Oak & Vine event in late October.

Brandon VFW 'Chase the Ace' fundraiser underway

Brandon Three Rivers VFW Post 4726 continues its "Chase

the Ace" fundraiser. Tickets are sold from 5-7 p.m. every Thursday, and at 7:30 p.m. one ticket is drawn to receive 10 percent of that night's ticket sales total and the chance to draw for the Ace of Diamonds. Forty percent of each night's ticket sales will go to the pot. Tickets are only sold on Thursdays and the person whose ticket is drawn must be present to win.

ReChurch collecting school supplies

ReChurch in Brandon has begun collecting donations of school supplies that will be given away to Brandon Valley students later this summer.

Their goal is to give 150 backpacks, filled with supplies, to local children.

Requested supplies are pencil boxes, markers, whiteboard eraser, erasers, Kleenex, bottles of glue colored pencils, wide-ruled notebooks, pens (red, back, blue), hand sanitizer, headphones, folders, watercolor paints, rulers, Clorox wipes.

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Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may be dropped off at the BAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.

VS Legion BBQ is Aug. 20

The Valley Springs American Legion will be serving up their next barbeque from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.

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Ben in Portland Maine

Dear Ben,

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Mark in Bennington Vermont

Dear Mark,

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19. Get the pot going

20. Cleopatra's snake

21. Made an outline in pencil

23. Alphabet run

25. Tennessee's NCAA women's basketball team (with "Vols")

26. Frankenstein creation

30. Increases molecular motion

31. Feeling of wonder

32. Phonograph inventor

34. British prep school

37. Abate, as rainfall

39. \_\_\_ and vigor

40. Sioux Nation unit

41. Prepare to run

42. Dennis, to Mr. Wilson

44. "... a borrower \_\_\_ a lender be"

45. Peacefully silent

47. Word in an Austin Powers film title

49. Reporters' informants

51. Anger

52. Electronic newsgroup system

53. Part of OOO

55. Carpentry tool

59. Word with Stamp or Riot

60. Work from home, in a way

63. Tub for chocolate

64. Eat away at

65. Milk carton data

66. Reference center?

67. Makes inquiries

68. Noisy inhalation

Down

1. The Dalai \_\_\_

2. Computer symbol

3. Mixed-breed dog

4. "Do unto \_\_\_..."

5. Neither fold nor raise

6. Film producer's failure

7. Poet's meadow

8. Like many pots

9. An Amati of violinmaking fame

10. Transmitting live video, in a way

11. Connected to a
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- computer network

12. "Toy Story" cowboy

14. Major broadcaster

17. Assessed

22. Change, as a hemline

24. Small progression

25. First name of 32- Across

26. Like a plug, but not a socket

27. Had payments due

28. Proper behavior on the Web
29. Some fasteners

33. Do the wrong thing

35. Orchestra instrument

36. Computer geek

38. Driver's change of direction

40. Lacrimal droplet

42. Companions of greeters

43. One of the Marx brothers

46. Refreshing beverage
- (Var.)

48. Kind of shepherd

49. Sophisticated

50. Coveted award

53. Kennedy and Koppel

54. Two can take this

56. Mercury or Saturn, e.g.

57. Ending for mob or gang

58. Nudnik

61. \_\_\_ Sabha (Indian legislature)

62. AMA members
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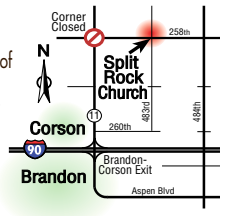
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