

Brandon Area Briefs

Risty to talk on Battle of Yorktown
Military History nights resume on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Valley Springs. BVHS teacher Jeremy Risty will give a presentation on “The Battle of Yorktown, the final battle of the Revolutionary War.” Refreshments and a discussion will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

Gov. Rhoden to highlight Sept. 29 On The Menu event
South Dakota Governor Larry Rhoden will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday, Sept. 28 On the Menu event at Tailgator’s Bar & Grill in Brandon. On the Menu begins at 11:45 a.m. To register, visit brandonvalley-chamber.com.

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Dear Motor Medics,

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Dawn in Memphis Missouri

Dear Dawn,

Don't lose confidence in your mechanical abilities. You are not missing something, the car is. It's missing power steering fluid and hoses because many vehicles are now switching to electric power steering. They eliminate the fluid pump and hoses and use an electric motor attached directly to the steering gear which provides electric assist. It can be a good thing as some of the cars will provide electric steering assist if the engine were to stall, helping with safety. The downside is that they can be very expensive to repair. Check with your local dealership if yours is causing you trouble. They did have a recall on some of them and if yours is one then you could save hundreds of dollars by making a phone call to find out if it's included.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

The tires on my 2014 Lincoln drop air pressure. I add air as often as every few days. I have had new tires installed and have made several return trips back to the tire store where they checked for leaks and did what they called resealed the bead whatever that is, but they still leak. They now tell me I'm on my own unless I want to buy a full set of new wheels because that is the source of my leakage. Are they for real? How do wheels leak?

Michael in Hastings Nebraska

Dear Michael,

This subject comes up a lot both on our radio show and in our shop. Tires can leak air for one of two reasons. The first is the tire itself has a puncture which in most cases can be found just by looking at the tire with the naked eye. Often there will be something stuck in the tread or sidewall. The second is something leaking from the wheel and valve stem assembly. In the case of having all four tires leak at the same time it's more likely in the wheels like your store says rather than punctures in the tires. When a car has leaking wheels, it can come from corrosion on the beads and even porosity in the aluminum causing leaks right through the wheel and yes replacement of the wheel is often the only fix. There are many stylish after-market options available.

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2. A \$25 certificate will be given to the contestant picking the most games correct each week and a \$10 certificate to the runner up. In case of a tie, the contestant closest to the total points scored for the tie-breaker game (Game #1) will be declared the winner.
3. A \$50 certificate will be paid to one winner with all the correct picks. In case of a tie, the tie-breaker will determine the winner by the flip of a coin.
4. Decisions of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of the Brandon Valley Trader/Journal.
5. All entrants must use the official blank listed on this page. Your winning selections must coordinate with the game number located in each advertisement. Just circle the winning team, drop it off at our office by 5pm Friday or have your entry postmarked by Friday of the same week of the ad.
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