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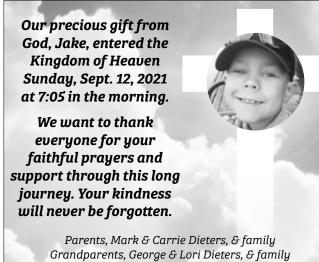




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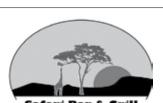




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1. The contest is open to anyone except employees the Brandon Valley Trader/Journal and their immediate families.

2. A \$20 certificate will be given to the contestant picking the most games correct each week and a \$5 certificate to the runner up. In case of a tie, the contestant closest to the total points scored for the tie-breaker game (Game #14) 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 on Fridays or have your entry postmarked by Friday of the same week of the ad. 6. The 11-week contest is from Aug. 24 thru Nov. 2, 2021.

7. Any questions? Please call (605)582-9999



Ask the Motor Medics

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics.

I live in an area where we have winter road conditions and see many cars that end up either spun out or in the ditch and some that rear end others. The question I pose to you is about stopping and handling. Recently I started paying close attention to the types of vehicles that were involved in these incidents and I noticed that almost all of them were noticeably older than the ones that had not been involved in the mishaps. Is there a connection between age and lack of control or is it just a coincidence?

Dale in Des Moines Iowa

Dear Dale,

There's a connection between age and control. Many things contribute to how a vehicle stops. When tires are new the tread is deeper, so they shed water and cut through snow better and maintain a firmer grip on the road. A tire that is older with half its tread will have a much greater stopping distance. Also, suspension plays a big part. Most people don't replace shocks and struts unless they are bouncy but before you feel the extra bounce, they will start to lose their ability to keep the tires in contact with the road as they once did. Many newer vehicles also have elaborated electronic stability control systems. The best way to be sure your car is performing at its best ability is to consult with your mechanic about your vehicles condition on a regular basis. Take care, The Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My questions about wipers on both the front and rear of my vehicle. I have a 2004 Chrysler Town and Country and the front wipers have stopped working three years in a row now in mid-winter requiring replacing the wiper motor each time and the rear wiper never seems to wipe the glass completely. The blade has been replaced at least three times and it only works for a few weeks before it starts wiping poorly in the center.

Jack in Windom Minnesota

Because of the time the wiper motor is failing I suspect it may be due to the load of ice on the blades. Winter is brutal on wiper systems. It is extremely

important that before you turn your wipers on you make sure that they are not stuck to the glass or bound by heavy snow. Clear the glass with a window scraper if necessary and lift the blades by hand to check them. It they are restrained in any way the motor will bear the load and may fail immediately. If you have a remote starter don't forget to turn off the wipers before you get out of the vehicle. Many people damage the system by forgetting them and when the vehicle starts so do the frozen wipers. As for the rear blade it may be the arm. The arm will lose tension as it ages and won't keep the blade in contact with the glass.

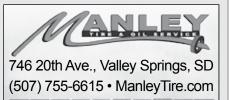
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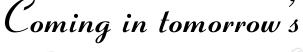
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Commercial childcare providers are feeling the crunch of the low unemployment rate in South Dakota. This week, Journal writer Tom Savage takes a look at the local childcare crisis.

Brandon Valley High crowned its 2021 Homecoming king and queen Monday night, and the Journal was there for the celebratory moment.

Valley Springs Commissioners gained a better understanding of law enforcement services provided by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department, and Journal editor Jill Meier brings you a recap of that discussion

The Journal also brings you reports from the most recent Brandon City Council and Brandon Valley Board of Education meetings

The city of Brandon recently unveiled a new recreational opportunity at McHardy Park - a Gaga Ball pit. The new amenity was made possible by a grant from the Brandon Community Foundation. This week, the *Journal* gives you all the details why kids – and adults – are going "gaga" for Gaga Ball!

BV's field goal kicker, Zach Brummels is putting points on the board for the Lynx, and the senior's dedication to the craft is highlighted this week.

Also, Lynx football is surely a family sport. Check out the cool story behind the multiple player-coach connections on this year's roster.

As always, we've got reports from all of your BV athletic programs, from volleyball to cross country to soccer, girls' tennis, boys' golf, cheer and dance and softball.

Plus, the Journal captured some of the end-of-summertime fun at the BV Optimists-hosted Hometown Day on Saturday.

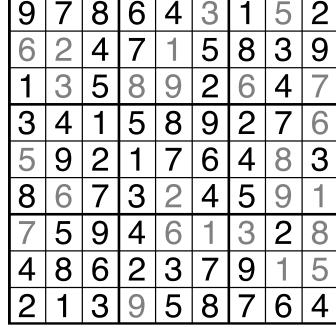
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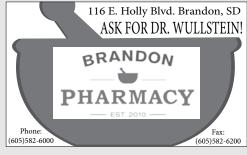


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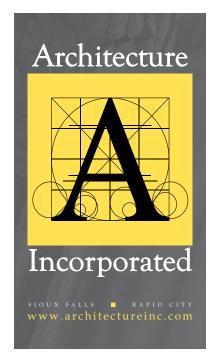
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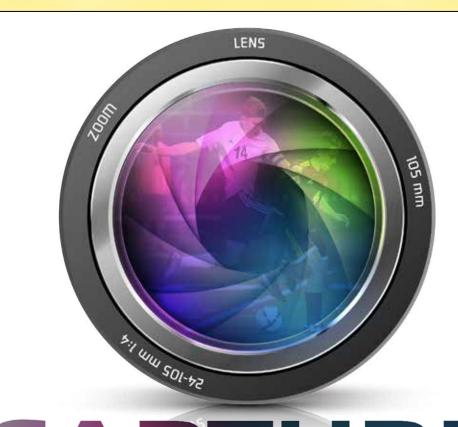
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