

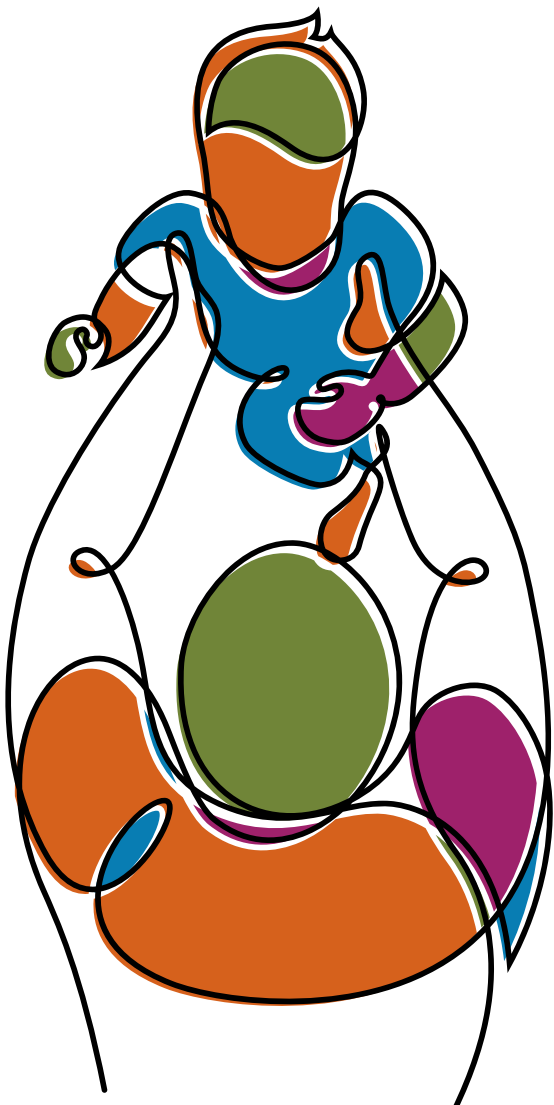
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Bethany Meadows Chili Cookoff is Saturday
Bethany Meadows chili cookoff is on tap for Saturday, March 23. There will be a variety of soups and chilis to taste test from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit local fire departments. To register or learn more, call (605) 582-8622.

Tickets on sale for BV Athletic Hall of Fame
Tickets for the 2024 Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, March 23 at the Brandon Golf Course. Tickets (\$25 per person) are available by calling the high school office at (605) 582-3211. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. and

the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

This year's inductees are Nick Bentele, Chase Douglas, Lindsey (Johnson) Block, Steve Thu, and the 1990 State Championship football team.

The event is sponsored by the BV Athletic Booster Club.

Free senior fitness classes
Circuit Fitness, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., Brandon, is offering free senior fitness 55-plus try-it classes from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Monday-Thursday, March 4-7. The low-impact classes are all about gaining strength, balance and agility.

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David in Manhattan Kansas.

Dear David,

You will have to make your own decision as you will be the one making the purchase, but we can hopefully help you a bit. All-wheel drive vehicles get around better in the snow than their Front-wheel drive counterparts, but if you are in an area that does not see much snow or ice and they plow it quickly, do you really need it? The fuel mileage will be a little lower, there will be slightly faster tire wear, and there are more parts to wear out. While the Front-wheel drive is not as nimble in snow, a lot of people give that up for the savings they gain in other areas.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I recently purchased an older Chevrolet Monte Carlo with about 130k miles on it equipped with the 3.1 engine. The car runs great, but when the engine is cold, I hear a very loud banging or tapping sound until the engine is thoroughly warmed up. The sound is not as pronounced when the temperature is warm outside although it is still there. I have consulted with a few people including GM techs who tell me that this engine is known for this cold start noise which is caused by piston slap and that this is considered normal. Is there something I should or could do to minimize this? Are any engine oil additives that would help this?

Thank you, Darrin in Brainerd Minnesota.

Dear Darrin,

What these technicians have been telling you is correct. These engines tend to make noise upon a cold start, the colder the engine the louder the noise. Some people fear they are going to fly apart because they are so loud. With age they tend to become worse, but we can't recall one that has come apart because of it. As a mechanic and current owner of a vehicle with this engine I've tried everything I can in the way of engine oil additives and haven't found any that make even the slightest difference in the way it sounds so I've learned to live with it as many people with these cars have had to do.

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I would personally like to thank everyone for all the meals, prayers, hugs, kind words, and cards that we have received. The generosity of the Brandon community and businesses has blown us away!! We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing community. Once again, THANK YOU!! We are so grateful for all the love and support.

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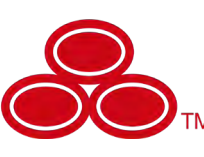
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