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Our local youth are always doing amazing things, and this week, we'll introduce you to a Ninja powerlifter and a gold medal figure skater. Plus, we'll bring you recaps from the amateur baseball teams – the Valley Dogs and the Brandon Be-lugas – along with BV Le-

gion baseball and Huset's Speedway.

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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Brandon Area Briefs

Apply now for a 2026 BCF grant
Applications for the Brandon Community Foundation’s Community Grant Program are now open. Nonprofit organizations that serve the Brandon community and has 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.

BV Football Moms’ Night is Monday
Moms of Brandon Valley football players (grades 9-12) are invited to a fun, informative night on Monday, July 27 to learn more about the game. Grade 9 camp is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and grades 10-12 is from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Moms are welcome to watch camp activities, but the action just for moms starts at 8:30 p.m. in the BVHS weight room (South Door 14 near the large storage containers). A brief meeting to learn about the program’s goals for the players, and then gear up to tackle (safely) your sons onto the pole vault pad. Moms will wear helmets and shoulder pads and have the opportunity to attempt a field goal kick. Coaches will also answer questions in small, position groups.

Brandon VFW begins ‘Chase the Ace’ fundraiser
Brandon Three Rivers VFW Post 4726 continues the “Chase the Ace” fundraiser. Tickets are sold from 5-7 p.m. every Thurs-

day, and at 7:20 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.

Cars and Coffee set for July 25
Brandon Cars and Coffee at Annie’s Coffee and Roastery, 721 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, is planned from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, July 25. Owners of classic, street rods, rat rods, hot rods or any cool ride are invited to mingle with neighbors while enjoying a favorite Saturday morning wake-up beverage. Participants are also reminded that parking lot burnouts are prohibited.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
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Margaret in Fargo North Dakota

Dear Margaret,

This is a common problem in many of the vans using a power sliding door system. They must make a connection between the door and the body, and many do it with a cable. The cable moves back and forth every time the door slides and with enough time it can be rubbed through or break one of the wires in the cable. If either of these things happen it can act just like yours is operating. Other issues like programming can be a factor and less expensive than a new cable so make sure that they give it a proper diagnosis and guarantee their work. A good thing to remember is the most expensive repair is not always the one you need. Make sure that the shop doing the repairs has had experience with the system used on your vehicle. If it is a cable, they are expensive to replace mostly due to the time involved for the labor which can take several hours of work.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I listen to Under the Hood Here is Salida Colorado and I drive a Chevy S10 with a manual transmission. Recently the transmission has become hard to put into reverse or first gear unless the engine is turned off. When I try to engage it the gears grind and if I force it I can get it to go eventually. Once it is in gear it seems to work ok. What can you tell me?

Kelly in Salida Colorado

Dear Kelly,

It sounds like the clutch is not completely disengaging. To smoothly engage without gear clash, the input shaft of the transmission needs to stop moving and this occurs when the clutch is pressed down. Many things can cause it to keep moving like a warped clutch disc or pressure plate or the pilot shaft dragging on the crankshaft, but the most common item is worn clutch hydraulics. The vehicle will need to be properly diagnosed to verify which component is the cause before repairs. The one thing to note is that if that if it is being operated in this condition it can cause damage to occur to the transmission very quickly and increase repair costs. The grinding can cause gear wear internally and if the clutch is dragging due to a hydraulic problem, then heat will be built up which can burn up clutch friction parts or cause warpage which will mean having to replace the clutch parts.

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15. Children's song refrain
16. Perry and Della's creator
17. Kind of rug
18. Bond film
20. Taco salad condiment
22. Country singer McGraw
23. LummoX
24. Possible result of a dye job
29. Comfy spots
30. David of "The Pink Panther"

34. Safety shoe feature
38. Cut into small cubes
39. Rugs
40. Removes the wrinkles from
43. Fairy tale fiend
44. Fast driver
45. Went a-courting
47. Poke fun at
48. Asset in an eloquent speech
54. Neighbor of Miss.
57. Belonging to Mrs. Kettle
58. Like Vikings
59. Dangerous snake
64. Sound from early arenas

65. At any time
66. Fashion magazine
67. Three wise men
68. Like Marilyn Monroe
69. Came to
70. Bygone blade

Down
1. Get a grip
2. Like the backwoods
3. "A Passage to India" heroine ____ Quested
4. You can get a rise out of it
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6. Popular cruise port
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10. Kind of Buddhism
11. Jason's ship
12. "Not guilty," for example
13. One who does the lord's work
19. Poker player's declaration
21. Bridal path
25. Post-it, e.g.
26. ET transports
27. West of Hollywood
28. No longer plagued by
31. Marlon in "The

Godfather"
32. Canyon comeback
33. Robin's home
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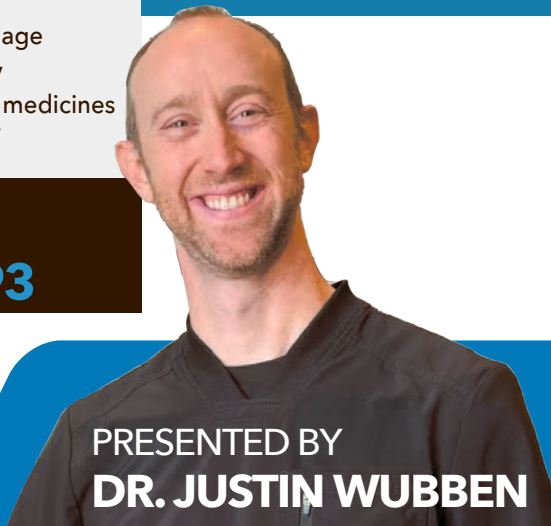
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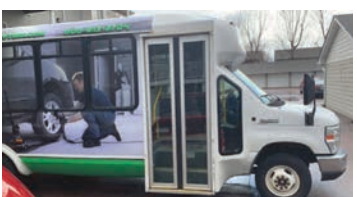
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