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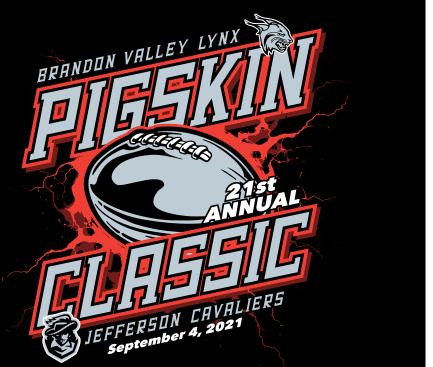
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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

#### Dear Motor Medics.

I have been looking at trucks to be used as both primary transportation and for pulling a camper in the summer. I have a half ton gas powered truck now that is used for about 20,000 miles per year but after upgrading my camper to a larger size this past summer, I don't feel it is safe to use as a pull truck any longer. I am a Ford guy and want to go with a diesel truck in a 3/4 or 1-ton model 4x4 but hear that most of the trucks in my price range are equipped with a 6.0 engine and that they have some inherent problems. What kind of things go wrong with the engine and what can be done to fix them? I may be willing to buy one and make the repairs. Thanks, Darrin in White Plains NY

#### Dear Darrin,

It is smart of you to think safety. You should never pull with a truck that is too small for the job or safety will be compromised. The issues we see with the 6.0 are usually the egr cooler and the engine oil cooler. There are some strong aftermarket parts available to update the engine and once done we have seen greatly improved strength and no repeat failures so far. There are some great deals to be had on the 6.0 and if you find one budget for the upgrades to help prevent major future breakdowns.

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Take care. The Motor Medics

#### Dear Motor Medics.

My car is dying. I have been told that it is unsafe to drive due to rust but on the outside, it looks fine. I have a 2000 Grand Prix and they have shown me major rust in the rocker panel area that is covered up by the plastic ground effects. The rocker is gone but it doesn't seem to be supporting anything. I want to drive the car for a few more years but they tell me the rust has severely compromised the structural integrity and the main support structure is weakening so it will be very unsafe in a collision. Are there any repairs that I can make to help get it by for a couple years until I'm ready for a new car?

#### Mark in Lincoln Nebraska

#### Dear Mark.

I own one of these cars and I am in your exact situation now. The rockers were a concern a few years ago and I suspect yours were too. I'm afraid our few years have passed and with structural safety compromised the safest thing for us is to replace the car. Once rust has become this bad the cost to repair it usually exceeds the economic value of the vehicle and replacement is a better choice. Daily driving may get us around but if a collision should occur our lives could be at risk, with rust there really is no temporary structural strengthening you can do to get by.

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The Journal takes a peek inside to see the expansive changes at Noah's Ark Preschool at Brandon Lutheran Church.

A Sioux Falls restaurant is expanding operations to Brandon next year. Find out the early details of the new eatery.

Speaking of new business, On the Rocks Valley Springs opened its doors in recent weeks, and Journal writer Tom Savage stopped by the combined C-store/restaurant/lounge/casino to check in on the new business.

Things got a little spicy on Saturday at Cherry Rock Farms' first ever Homemade Salsa Contest. Find out which of the 17 entries rose to the top and the organization who is benefitting from it all.

Students at Brandon Valley High have selected this year's homecoming king and queen candidates, and we've got a photo of the royalty and details of the celebratory week. Plus, the BV Optimist Club not only rescheduled the date for Hometown Day to this Saturday, but they're staging the community party at a new locale as well – Pioneer Park. Find out more about what's on tap for Saturday's celebration.

As always, we've got the lowdown on all of your Brandon Valley Lynx varsity sports and the Marching Lynx, who opened their 2021 season this past weekend in Minnesota.

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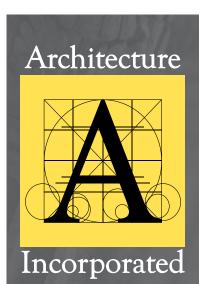
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