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As the Nov. 3 General Election draws near, the *Brandon Valley Journal* and Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce hosted one of two planned candidate forums last week. Find out what the candidates vying for a seat on the Brandon City Council had to say. Saturday's District 2 Legislative candidate forum was

called off. Find out what led to its cancellation. The Brandon Police will be adding new patrol technology to their arsenal. You're going to want to check out this week's *Journal* to learn more. A Brandon Valley first-grader received a special ride to school last week. Find out who was escorted to Robert Bennis

Elementary in a unique way. Curious how the city's first roundabout is coming along? Writer Tom A. Savage has the answers in his report.

The Lynx boys' golf and girls' tennis teams closed out their seasons at their respective state tournaments, both coming away with some headline-worthy finishes. And the BV boys' cross country team ran away with the ESD title on Saturday.

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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The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (Sioux Falls MPO), South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Cities of Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, and Sioux Falls, and BNSF and Ellis & Eastern Railroad companies, will host a public open house to share information about the Sioux Falls Railroad Corridor Analysis and Crossing Safety Study and gather public input.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 28 | 5:00-7:00 PM**

City of Sioux Falls - City Center 231 N Dakota Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57104

About the Study

The study team is conducting a comprehensive safety analysis of railroad grade crossings within the Sioux Falls MPO area. The analysis will identify crossings that may be candidates for closure, consolidation, or other safety improvements.

Rail transportation plays an important role in South Dakota's freight network, particularly in the Sioux Falls area. However, interactions between trains and vehicles can result in traffic delays, blocked intersections, and crashes, including crashes that result in serious injuries or fatalities. The study will help identify safety and operational issues at existing crossings and develop recommendations to improve safety, mobility, and traffic operations.

We Want to Hear From You

You are invited to attend the open house to learn more about the study, review the study findings and recommendations, and provide your feedback.

Your input will help inform the study recommendations and future consideration of railroad crossing safety improvements.

For more information you can visit the project website: <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/studies/special-studies/sioux-falls-railroad-corridor-analysis-and-crossing-safety-study/>

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the open house should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than two business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

For more information, contact Katrina Buckhard, SDDOT Planning Engineer, at 605-773-6641 or by email at Katrina.Burckhard@state.sd.us



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Brandon Area Briefs

Volunteers needed for Rake the Town event

Grab your rakes and gather your team! Rake the Town is set for Friday, Oct. 23, and the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help make this community event a success! Volunteer as a business, organization, school group, family, friends, or individually to help rake yards for elderly and disabled residents in the Brandon community. To register, visit <https://members.brandonvalleychamber.com/events/details/rake-the-town-2026-23328>. For questions, call the BVA-CC at (605) 582-7400.

Beck to present at next Military History Night

Kari Beck will give the Sunday, Oct. 18 presentation at the Valley Springs Military History Night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Her presentation will be on the 1st Minnesota Regiment at Gettysburg. The program is free and open to the public.

Pizza Battle is on

The Brandon Area Pizza Bat-

tle is on! Through the month of October, 10 Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce member businesses are competing for the title in 2026. This year's participants and their entries are A Homestead Brew (Loaded Mashed Potato), Annie's (Smoky Flat Mac), Bottom's Up (Popper's Revenge), CHUDS Pub & Grill (The Peachy Porker), Double D Saloon (The Double D Sweet Heat), Red Rock Bar & Grill (The Alohoa Chicken Pizza), Tailgator's Grill & Bar (Chicago Dog), The Gruff Plates + Pours (Harvest Heat), 212° The Boiling Point (Casie's Cherry Pit), and Pizza Ranch (Hot Honey Pepperoni).

BVHS Environmental Club hosting clothing/hygiene drive

The Environmental Club at Brandon Valley High School is hosting a clothing/hygiene drive to help those in need now through Friday, Oct. 23. Students should bring new and gently-used clothing and unused hygiene products to the office or classrooms 120 or 250. Ideas for donations are coats, sweatshirts, shoes, hats,

gloves, new socks, deodorant, toothpaste, floss, shampoo and conditioner.

Democratic candidate meet-and-greet at McHardy Park

Join Congressional candidate Nikki Gronli, gubernatorial candidate Dan Ahlers, and District 2 State House candidate Blake Rife for a meet-and-greet at McHardy Park from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19.

Walker to talk on role of civics, news in nation's history

As the U.S. celebrates its 250th anniversary, the Brandon Historical Society is hosting a presentation that looks at the role civics and the news played in the nation's history. That includes the separation of powers among the branches of government and that system of checks and balances; civic responsibilities; and how to find trusted sources of news and information.

Carson Walker, CEO of South Dakota News Watch, will lead this interactive presentation at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Performing Arts Center at Brandon Valley High School, 301 S. Splitrock Blvd. The program is free and open to the public.

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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,
I've been a longtime fan and have used your advice to keep my vehicles in top shape for many years. I try to follow all of the severe service intervals listed in my owner's manual as you suggest but I feel I may be overworking the severe service times listed. I tow a heavy trailer every weekend in the summer and several times in the winter as well. My tow vehicle is a 2100 Chevy Silverado 4x4 1500 with 190,000 and I'm concerned about the differential fluids. How often should they be changed with the added towing load?

Devin in Wray Colorado

Dear Devin,
Following the severe service intervals is a great place to start if you are concerned about longevity of vehicle components. There are some cases such as yours where we would recommend even more frequent changing of some fluids or at least checking their condition more often. The rear differential is going to be immersed in the water every time you back the vehicle in and because of this reason you need to check it more often for water intrusion which can damage the rear end. Front differentials don't get used as much under load when not in 4-wheel drive but can also be subject to moisture intrusion. When used in water such as your case we would recommend checking the condition of both the differentials at each oil change which should only take a couple minutes.

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Dear Motor Medics,
I have recently purchased my first all-wheel drive vehicle which is a 1999 Audi A6 Quattro. I have owned several 4x4 trucks but never an all-wheel drive car. My last vehicle was a Jeep that was all wheel drive and it still had a lever to change from low to high range. I can't seem to find any knob or lever or reference to one in the Audi. Do all-wheel drive cars have such things? Is there anything I need to do to make it operate? What about service? Is there something more I need to do being that it is all-wheel drive? I value your opinions which have greatly helped me! The past.

Tina in Dumas Texas

Dear Tina,
All-wheel drive cars have been around for quite some time and most have never had a choice of range selection. A few have them but in most cases such as yours the system is fully automatic and to operate it you simply need to drive the car as you normally would and when the system senses a slipping condition will engage both the front and rear driving wheels to gain traction. This is done either by means of electric clutches or viscous fluid couplings on most vehicles. The electric version uses sensors while the viscous version locks up by means of fluid in the clutches when a slip is sensed. As for maintenance, follow the severe service recommendations in the manual.

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21. Just manage, with “out”

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24. Two-wheelers

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26. Century plants

28. Varnish ingredient

29. With 41-Across, speaker of the put-down

32. Act properly
35. Big brute

36. Manager’s deg., perhaps

37. Small battery size

38. Portable computer’s place, perhaps

39. Nene’s hangout

41. See 29-Across

43. Orrin Hatch, for one (abbr.)

44. Catty?

45. Engine parts

47. Audiophiles’ purchases

48. Like a blue moon

52. Actor Vigoda

53. He rests in Red Square
54. Kal-___ (Alpo competitor)

55. Second half of the putdown

60. Get on one’s back?

61. Turnkey

62. Like an owl or an eagle

63. Sweet, and then some
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1. ___ Hopkins University

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7. Done over, as a movie shot

8. Skirts

9. Hyacinth holders

10. Egret’s cousin

11. East ender?

12. Pay determiner

13. Pouts

16. Hair remover brand

18. De Havilland of “Gone With The Wind”

23. Frank Burns’ rank (abbr.)

24. Disney deer

25. “Say ___!”

27. Waif
28. Commit to memory

29. Ebenezer’s outburst

30. Smog watchdog’s letters

31. Journalism, in general

32. Chief ingredient

33. Batman portrayer Kilmer

34. Prefix with gram or log

37. Feeling feverish

40. Two-time loser to DDE

41. Characterized

42. ___ Lingus (Irish carrier)
44. Subject to limitations

45. Haul, as garbage

46. Not skip ___ (remain calm)

47. Macho type

49. Cub leader

50. Speed demon

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56. Annex

57. Singles spinners

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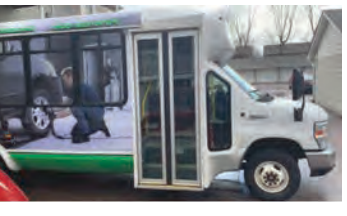
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