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City and school board meetings resume in January
The Brandon City Council begins 2025 with their 4 p.m. briefing meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2, in preparation for their 6 p.m. regular city council meeting on Monday, Jan. 6.
The Valley Springs City Commission meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Valley Springs Legion Hall.
The Brandon Valley Board of Education meets for the first time in 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 in the BV High School Community Room.
As required, time for public comment is made available at each of these meetings.

Jan. 16 is soup supper at VS Legion
Valley Springs American Legion will host a soup supper beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The menu will feature chili, bean and ham and white chicken chili soups. A free will offering will be accepted.

Military History Night
Military History Night programming by the Valley Springs American Legion returns Sunday, Jan. 19. Programs, which are free and open to the public, start at 6:30 p.m. The January program topic is yet to be announced.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, fruit snacks (small boxes), pizza sauce and crust, microwave popcorn, Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste and bar soap.
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Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

Wild Game Feed gears up for 2025 event

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting

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donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2025 wild game feed and auction. The committee has received a generous donation of pheasants, so will not be accepting more pheasants at this time.

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku

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Dear Motor Medics,

Hi guys,

I have a 2011 Ford F-150 with a 5.4 engine. The engine started losing power over a few hundred miles and then started missing on one, then two, now four cylinders. I had all of the coils replaced with the spark plugs and that did absolutely no good. The truck has 180k miles on it and has no engine noise. I have it in a shop now and they tell me that the compression is low on the entire passenger side bank one. The truck does not burn oil. Before I have the engine replaced like they said, should I look for anything else? Is it common to have low compression on the 5.4 engine?

TThank you, Patty in Boise Idaho

Dear Patty,

We just don't see low compression on these engines. We see oil pressure issues internally which lead to low pressure at the phasers causing them to operate incorrectly. If they see low compression on a entire bank we would look at the exhaust back pressure. You may have a failed catalytic converter on that side. Even if it does not burn oil, we have seen these catalytic converters fail with a restriction that acts this way. The exhaust back-pressure can easily be tested through the front o2 sensor hole and if found to be very high you can leave it out during compression testing. If you are lucky and it is a plugged cat you may get away with replacement of it and be back on the road. It may also have caused major damage.

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,

What do you guys think about active fuel management. I have a Honda ridgeline with it and a GMC Sierra and A Cadillac Escalade. Two of my previous vehicles have had issues with the AFM. Both were GM vehicles. I had to replace the cam and lifters on one and the entire engine on the other. Is there anything that can be done to prevent the failure? I have heard that you can have the system deactivated and that will fix the problem. I change the engine oil when the change light comes on and drive mostly in the city which is about every 6k miles.

Thank you, Peter, in Sandusky Ohio.

Dear Peter,

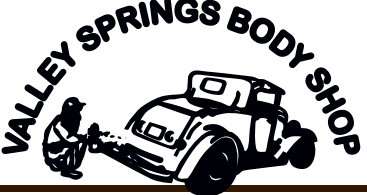
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- Across
1. Word with boy or tiger
6. Ethereal
10. Unsurpassed
14. Occupied
15. DeWitt Clinton's canal
16. Spot for Columbus
17. Staunch position taken by the networks?
20. Shoemaker's tool
21. Greek arrow-shooter
22. Asian peninsula
23. Ditch
25. Homer's dad
27. Some are personal
28. Groups of twenty
30. Black flies, e.g.
32. Astral flareup
33. Tipsy committee head?
37. Signs, to the superstitious
39. The whole nine yards
40. Painter de Toulouse-Lautrec
41. Graph of employment figures?
43. Shortly, to Hamlet
44. Plotter's line, perhaps
45. Brawny
47. Exec's degree, perhaps
50. Asian holiday
51. Merry-go-round figure, to a child
52. Suspect's explanation
54. Stereo
55. Oohs' partners
58. President's healthadvisors?
62. It might get pickled
63. Unwanted drip
64. West African capital
65. Church wing
66. Track circuits
67. On one's guard
- Down
1. Middle Eastern bread
2. Over again
3. Stops, as a speeder
4. Language suffix
5. Longfellow hero
6. Tortoise immortalizer

7. The eyes have it
8. Bravo or Grande
9. Hankering
10. Kansas pooch
11. Mitchell creation
12. Hungered
13. Orders to a jerk?
18. Funds for the golden yrs.
19. Charcoal drawing, e.g.
24. Irritable
25. It can be right
26. Scornful outburst
28. Everest topper
29. "Catch a Falling Star" crooner
30. Fish organs
31. Fleeces
33. Entrenched routine
34. Pain in the neck
35. Golfer's choice
36. Bathtub detritus
38. It might make your hair stand on end
42. Log splitter
45. Where you might rest easy
46. Crow-related, say
47. Poisonous snake
48. Four-letter-word eliminator
49. Helpers
51. Folks from the boonies
53. Mosquito's calling card
54. Junker of a car
56. German gentleman
57. Spend the night
59. Ailing
60. Teachers' org.
61. What a game may break

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