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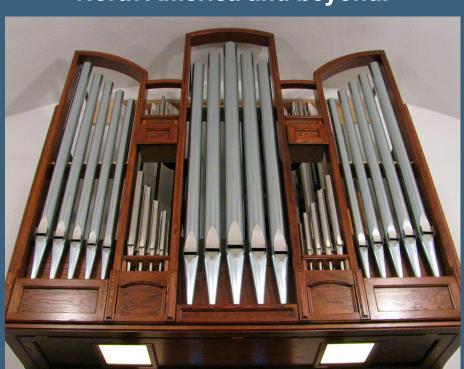


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Dan in Bennington Vermont

Dear Dan,

Trucks can't be like cars because there not cars. Most truck drivers are very courteous and with a little help from you they can be even better drivers. You have to remember that even the largest SUV, is a high-performance sports car when compared to a multi-ton truck. When you pull onto the interstate you can adjust your speed to stay clear of the trucks much faster than they can. Don't expect them to move quickly for you and never position yourself directly in front of a truck, if you stop quickly, they can't. If you feel you are being cut off often where are you driving? If you can't see their mirrors then the driver can't see you. Don't hog the passing lane going the speed limit either. They are slow uphill and fast down so share the road and leave the enforcement to the officers.

Take care, The Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics.

It's time to buy a new car, Fred has been a good van but it's time to give him a rest. Yes, I call my van Fred. We name all of

our vehicles because they always have personality. We drive a 2000 Chevy Astro van and we made it 245,000 miles. Not bad for all original major components. We do listen to your show and follow your maintenance advice

of course. We finally had the air conditioning fail and decided it is the end for Fred. We just want to know one thing. We always felt safe in Fred but never had a collision or factual evidence to back the safety up so how do we go about finding out how safe our new vehicle will be? Not sure if our new vehicle will be new or a couple years old yet.

Barbara in Mason City Iowa

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A Brandon family speaks out on a racist act against one of their teen-aged children. Find out why words do hurt and what they're doing to rise above it.

Writer Tom Savage brings you a report on the Brandon Valley School District's Five-Year Plan that was shared at the Feb. 14 school board meeting.

The filing period for seats on the Brandon City Council and Valley Springs City Commission closed at 5 p.m. Friday. Find out who wants to represent citizens in both communities.

Speaking of elections, Brandon's former chief of police Dave Kull is a candidate for the District 2 House of Representatives. Find out why Kull now wants to serve the public in Pierre.

The Lynx wrestlers showed why they've been atop the charts all season long at Friday's Region 2A tournament by qualifying for the finals in all 14 weight classes. Plus, we've got a report on the Oehme brothers – three in all - who each have a role in BV's success on the mats this season.

It was victories all around for the BV hoops teams, as the Lynx boys notched two wins and the Lady Lynx toppled Spearfish as they head into the final week of their regular season

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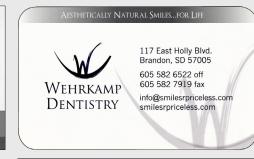


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Business analyst at First National Bank & local baker at Manda's Macron Obsession

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Brandon Area Brief

BVHS Variety Show is Thursday night

Brandon Valley High School Concert Choir will present a variety show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Performing Arts Center. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and activity passes will not be accepted. Proceeds from the event will go to the choir's upcoming trip to Florida.

BVBA Bingo Night

The Brandon Valley Baseball Association will host family bingo nights, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Tailgator's. Eleven games of bingo will be played, with the final game of blackout for a \$1,000 cash prize.

BVHS is host site of SD **Percussion Showcase**

Brandon Valley High School will host its first-ever indoor marching percussion show, the South Dakota Percussion Showcase, at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

Indoor percussion marries elements of music performance, marching and theater to create unique and stunning performances. The evening will feature several percussion ensembles and competing groups from South Dakota and Minnesota.

For the schedule, visit minnesotapercussionassociation. org/...93-mpa...

BVBA Pancake Breakfast at VS Legion is Feb. 27

Valley Springs American Legion will serve a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Post Home. Proceeds from the event will be used for upgrades to the baseball fields at Legion Community Park, which in turn, benefits the Brandon Valley Baseball Association and the youth they

The menu will include pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs and more.

Registration now open for kindergarten screening

The Brandon Valley School District is currently accepting registrations for the 2022-23 kindergarten screening process. Any family who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022 will be eligible to start kindergarten next fall.

Please call the school that your child will attend to register for screening. tudents must preregister to attend screening.

• Brandon Elementary – 582-6315 – screening March 9 & • Fred Assam Elementary - 582-1500 - screening Feb. 28 & March 1

- Inspiration Elementary -582-8590 – screening March
- Robert Bennis Elementary - 582-8010 - screening March 3 & 4
- · Valley Springs Elementary - 582-2948 - screening March 2

Nominations for BVHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame being accepted The Brandon Valley High

School Fine Arts Hall of Fame committee is now accepting nominations through Monday, March 7. Nominees must be eligible in at least one of the following three categories: 1.) Arts Contributor; 2.) Graduate; or 3.) Former Arts Educator.

One inductee will be selected to join the Hall of Fame by the Fine Arts Hall of Fame committee, and will be recognized, honored and awarded in May.

Further details and the nomination form are available on the BVHS website. Questions regarding the Fine Arts Hall of Fame can be directed to Activities Director Bill Freking by emailing bill.freking@k12.sd.us.

Apply now for Build Dakota Scholarships

Brandon Valley High School seniors are encouraged to apply now for the Build Dakota Scholarship. The scholarship program is for students looking at an eligible high need, two-year technical program. Students who apply must be accepted into one of the SD Technical Colleges and have completed their FAFSA.

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2022 tentative swimming lesson schedule now avail-

The city of Brandon's 2022 tentative swimming lesson scheduled can now be accessed online at cityofbrandon.org/pool at the bottom of the page. Due to new software, participants need to create an account before the signup date of lessons. The link to the software site is on the city pool page.

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BV Hall of Fame inductees announced

The 1974 Lynx football team, three individuals and the 3200m boys relay team will be inducted into the Brandon Valley Hall of Fame this year. The individuals are Scott Novak (Class of 1981), Kory Scholten (1999) and Jane Swenson (2008). Members of the 2010 record-setting relay are Ben Schultz, Blaze Kilian, Bobby Brockmueller and the late Billy Brockmueller, who coached by Troy Sturgeon and Tony Thoreson.

The Hall of Fame banquet is Saturday, March 26 at the Brandon Holiday Inn. It begins with a 6 p.m. social hour, dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Former Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized Feb. 25 at a Lynx basketball home double-header.

Tickets may be purchased at the Brandon Valley High School office.

BVHA Ladies League is Wednesday nights

Brandon Valley Hockey Association Ladies League invites all women to learn and play ice hockey from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the McHardy Park outdoor rink. The league is open to all levels of skaters/players. To learn more, visit bvhala-

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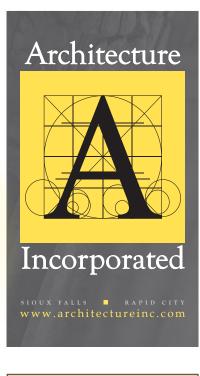
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