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It's been quite a week for the Brandon Valley volleyball team. The Lady Lynx took down the top two ranked teams in AA – Sioux Falls Lincoln and Harrisburg. The win over the Tigers was monumental, as it halted their 110-match win streak against South Dakota teams that dates back to September 2022.

And they weren't the only BV sports team to chalk up a "W" last week. The football team overcame the Tigers in the annual Great American Rivalry Series sponsored by the Army National Guard, the boys' and girls' soccer teams notched a win to solidify their No. 9 seedings heading into the playoffs, and BV boys' golf team won their first-ever Metro Conference win.

Governor Larry Rhoden was the featured speaker at this month's On The Menu, and writer Tom A. Savage

brings you a report from the event. Also, the Brandon City Council met Monday night and editor Jill Meier has the scoop from that meeting.

Madi Meyer is proving to be a natural born leader. Find out what led this Brandon teen to a national stage.

A longtime haunted house has relocated just south of Brandon this season. Find out who's behind Twisted Nightmare.

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

BVACC, *BV Journal* host two candidate forums this week

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and *Brandon Valley Journal* are once again teaming up on two candidate forums this week. The first is for candidates for Brandon's Ward 1 and 3 races. It is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Brandon City Council Chambers. The second is for District 2 candidates from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 at

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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.

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, sweat-shirts, shoes, hats, gloves, new socks, deodorant, toothpaste, floss, shampoo and conditioner.

Democratic candidate meet-and-greet at VFW

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3	7	6	1	4	9	5	8	2
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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I listen to your show faithfully and would like your advice concerning my 1991 Silverado with a 350 V8 and automatic transmission. My truck has been sort of hovering in one gear longer than normal and revving up very high before shifting into the next gear much harder than usual. Another issue is when I shift from neutral to drive it engages very hard. I checked the transmission fluid, and it was a little low but bright red and I'm wondering if anything else simple could be the problem. Also, one more symptom is that when I'm coasting my torque converter is slipping and feels as though I'm in neutral because the engine just revs and only feel a pull of the motor once my RPM's match my speed. I've learned a lot from your advice.

Dave in Canton Texas

Dear Dave,

I think I have an idea that you can do at home yourself. In older GM vehicles before days of electronic shift control there was a cable running from the throttle body down to the transmission. This cable was used to change the internal pressure of the transmission to improve performance and longevity. When under heavy throttle the transmission needs more pressure, so the clutches won't slip and under light throttle less pressure for a smooth shift. It sounds like your cable is out of adjustment. Follow the service manual procedures for adjustment and hopefully your problem will be solved.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

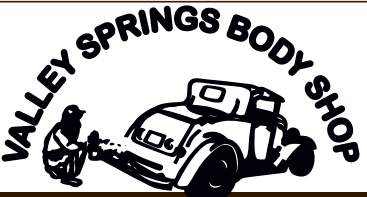
I have a question about my door chime. It's so loud it is about to drive me out of the car. It's a 2014 Chevrolet Impala. I have 90,000 miles on the car and as long as I remember it has been this loud. The chime seems to come from the driver's side door speaker. Is that where it comes from or is there a separate speaker in there for the chime. Is there a way to adjust the volume on the speaker like a radio or a way to disconnect it so I don't go crazy? Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Danielle in Manhattan Kansas

Dear Danielle,

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- Across
1. Participate in a certain child's game

5. Did 75, say

9. Changes direction abruptly

14. Universally known figure

15. Its body is primed

16. Insertion symbol

17. Tarzan

20. Though, poetically

21. Name used in exclamations

22. A Guinness world record adjective

23. Story of conflict, perhaps

25. Invitation notation
27. What little things mean?

30. Sawn at an angle

35. Churchill's "___ Country"

38. Advertising catchword

40. Bluto's dream girl

41. Handyman

44. Consumed with gusto

45. Maroon's locale

46. First name in the "Desperate Housewives" cast

47. Aretha's signature song

49. Telemarketer's aim

51. Not yet final, in law

53. Roll with the punches

57. American writer Plath

61. Cyber annoyance, to many
64. Parent's order

65. Mary Higgins Clark (with "The")

68. Throw angrily

69. Ethereal glow

70. Be revolting?

71. They're held for questioning

72. Heartfelt

73. Stalk by the river
- Down
1. Took a long walk

2. More gelid

3. Karan of fashion

4. Chang's twin

5. Sound partner

6. Gentle stroke

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8. She may be out for a buck

9. Rodin, for one

10. Word with "ho"

11. Impulse

12. Pickled delicacies

13. Editor's override

18. October's jewel

19. "Bed of Roses" band

24. Seller's profit margin

26. Is repulsive, in a way

28. Not at one's best

29. Geneticist's study
31. Filled with joy

32. Heckle

33. Lasting introduction?

34. He loved Lucy

35. Slightly cracked

36. It may be tempted

37. They cannot be returned

39. Upraised railroads

42. Vacancies

43. Hyson, for one

48. Venetian farewell

50. Item beside an easy chair
52. One of Seventeen?

54. Musical with a dog

55. Oater assemblage

56. Like some jackets

57. Room meas.

58. Kind of tide

59. Oahu wreaths

60. Let off steam

62. Untainted

63. Letters on a work order, perhaps

66. Pet rock, once

67. Get it wrong

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