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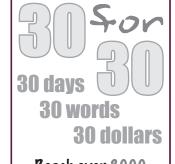
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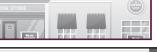
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Mavis in Toledo Ohio

Dear Mavis,

Hose rear lines for the a/c are prone to damage and always have been. The good news is that they usually only get damaged in one spot near the wheel well and often can be repaired. We have been able to save all but one with a splice kit. We lower the damaged section of the line then we splice it, replaced the accumulator, and evacuate and recharge the system. We have seen other shops do it too and prices usually range from \$250-\$500 which is a lot better than your \$1200 quote.

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Dear Motor Medics.

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the air bag parts yet. I only got as far as the battery. Nothing lights up on my dash but all my lighting works.

Can you help me?

Dear Brent,

modules. In our shop we go to one system at a time and check for power and ground and communication with a scanner to diagnose the system. You may have just blown some fuses ok links, but it could be much more.

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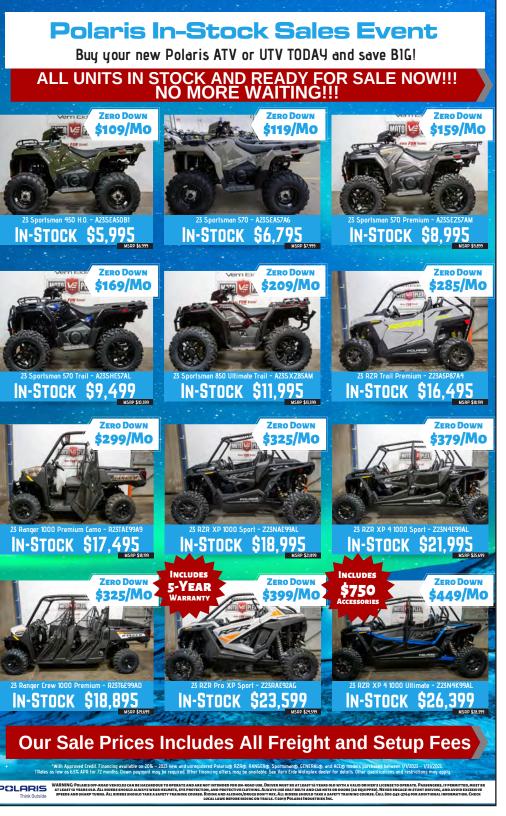
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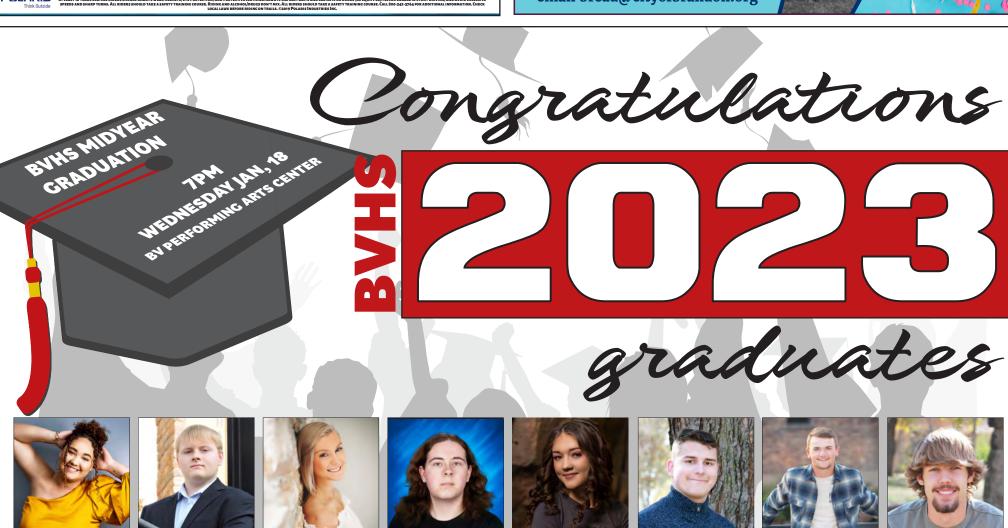
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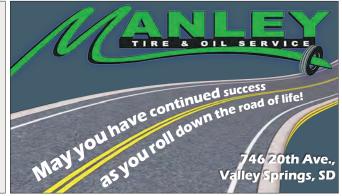


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State Farm will be working side by side with the BAFP to help raise awareness about food insecurity within the Brandon Valley School District. Linda Weber, executive director of the BAFP, coordinates efforts with local partners; such as local businesses, churches, and community organizations to meet the growing need.

"We don't give people a hand out. We give people a hand up," said Weber. "This is about local folks helping one another...We really try to keep it in the community. This is all about the Brandon Valley families serving their neighbors."

Weber and her team, comprised of her daughter, Amy, and her husband, Jim, have been working nearly 15 years to provide the Brandon Valley School district a helping hand during times of need. Apart from fighting hunger, they are fighting misconceptions about who the food pantry serves. We give a 'hand up' to families who are facing temporary hardships," said Weber. "We try to create a warm, welcoming environment where people feel safe from judgment about their current situation."

Weber said that she buys from local stores to meet the needs of the food pantry. January needs at the BAFP are: saltine crackers, small boxes of Pop Tarts, bottled juice, Manwich, Knorr Sides (rice, noodles), pizza sauce and mixes, hard taco shells, paper towels, and Kleenex. The food pantry is also accepting hearing aides for the Lion's Club. The BAFP is open from 4-6 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To learn more, call 582-7001.



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