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Tuesday

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Legislative Coffee is
Saturday

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the first of two Legislative Coffees planned for during the 2024 Legislative Session. The event is from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday in the community room at Bethany Meadows. District 2 Senator Steve Kolbeck and Representatives John Sjaarda and Dave Kull will attend to update constituents on the early happenings in Pierre. There is also time reserved for questions.

First Military History
presentation of year is
Sunday

The Valley Springs American Legion will host its first Military History presentation at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. David Holiday will give a presentation on his experiences serving with U.S. Army Special Forces.

The event is free and open to the public.

BVSD Early Childhood
Screening is Jan. 27

Brandon Valley School District will conduct its annual Early Childhood Developmental Screening from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 at Brandon Elementary School.

Screenings are free for all children from birth to age 4 who live in the BVSD. South Dakota School for the Deaf will also be providing free hearing screenings at this time.

Kindergarten screening for any child who is eligible to attend this fall will be held Feb. 26-March 8. Parents/guardians should contact the office of the school their child will attend to schedule those appointments.

To register for early childhood screening, visit brandonvalleyk12.sd.us/spec_serv or call (605) 582-3446.

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BAFP executive director Linda Weber asks groups that conduct food drives to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.
Used eye glasses and hearing

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aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.
Brandon Burger Battle is on
There are two weeks remaining in the second annual Brandon Burger Battle. Organized by the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, the Battle continues now through Jan. 31. Participating restaurants and their burger entries

are: 2023 champion The Gruff Plates + Pours, Boom! Burger; Bottom’s Up, The Italian Job; Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort, Pub Style Burger; Kingbird Coffee’s “Everything But Acadian” Burger; 212 The Boiling Point, Jalapeno Wonton Burger; Tailgator’s Grille & Bar, Mac Smash; and CHUDS Pub & Grub, Slawsome CHUD.
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Friday, Feb. 2nd for new families.

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Thank you, Mike in Decorah Iowa.

Dear Mike,
I'm glad that you're thinking ahead. Too many people just assume the vehicle they have is ready just because it has a hitch on the back. The first place to start is to make sure what you are pulling can safely be towed without overloading your vehicle, once that it done a safety inspection is in order. All of the items that the vehicle needs to operate such as steering, brakes, cooling, etc. will now be done for two so if it can't handle itself how will it handle towing? Have the vehicle raised on a hoist to check the suspension and brakes, replace worn parts for safety. Check the tires and make sure they are properly inflated and not cracked. Also check their load rating. Check the condition of the hitch and light wiring and inspect your engine and transmission cooling systems. Dirt and debris should be rinsed away from the cores with low pressure water. If you do not have a transmission cooler ask your mechanic about one, it may save you from having a transmission replaced prematurely. Don't forget to check the trailer for safety as well. Be sure to ask your mechanic about further towing preparations.

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,
Last year I spent almost \$2500.00 on air conditioning repairs to my 2018 Dodge Caravan. They just said it had a complete failure and that's the way it is. They did not offer any maintenance advice. We usually keep our vehicles just until the warranty is about to expire then trade, but with a budget minded focus lately we have decided to keep our vehicles longer. That money covers several payments but we still feel it's cheaper in the long run to keep the vehicles a few more years. Is there anything we could have done to have possibly avoided this?

Thank you, Darrin in Nashville Tennessee.

Dear Darrin,
Many people have decided to keep their vehicles longer and we think this is a good idea to save money. To make sure you avoid unexpected repairs as much as possible, find a good mechanic you can trust and get on a regular maintenance schedule. In our own shop we see many vehicles fail that would not have if the driver would have done some simple low cost upkeep. In the case of air conditioning it is important to inspect the system for visible oil leaks and repair them before further use of the system. It is also important to service cabin air filters and have the condenser cleaned as needed. Any leaks in the system or overheating due to dirt can be catastrophic. These simple checks can help you avoid costly repairs.

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