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## Brandon Area Briefs

### March needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

This month's needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are jelly, jam, mustard, ketchup, brownie and cookie mixes, boxed Jello and pudding, dish detergent, Kleenex.

To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

### Storytime planned for Valley Springs Library

Family Storytime is scheduled to be held at the Valley Springs Branch Library at 10-10:25 a.m. Friday, March 31. Family Storytime is for children birth to 5 and their caregivers. To learn more, contact Jan, the storyteller, at 582-2390.

### Toddler, Preschool Storytime resumes at Brandon Library

Toddler Storytime and Preschool Storytime have returned to the Brandon Community Library. Toddler Storytime is held from 10-10:25 a.m. Tuesdays starting March 14 through May 4. This program is for 2-year-olds and their caregiver.

Preschool Storytime is held from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays starting March 15 through May 10. This program is for ages 3-5.

To learn more, call the Brandon Community Library at 605-582-2390.

### Soup Supper this Saturday in Valley Springs

The Valley Springs American Legion will be serving broccoli cheese and harvest soups and chili from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Legion Hall. Hot dogs, barbecues and dessert are also included, and a free will offering will be accepted.

Proceeds from this event will help fund a Valley Springs youth group to attend a camp in Colorado in July.

### Brandon Senior Citizens

The Brandon Senior Citizens meet at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the VFW for Bingo, cards socializing and coffee. All seniors are welcome.

### Al-Anon meetings in Brandon

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- 2) We are Taught**  
MARCH 22
- 3) We are Saved**  
MARCH 29
- 4) We are Sent**  
APRIL 6

**Ask the Motor Medics**  
*Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show*



Dear Motor Medics,  
What is your favorite car?

Michelle W in Elmira NY

Dear Michelle,  
We'd have to say there's more than one. We asked the staff of our Under The Hood radio show and with the answers we received we came up with this... It's Movie Cars! It's not always the actors we remember and love in the films as much as the cars that are in them. Think of all the cool rides over the years from way back cars like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, both the name of the car and the movie starring Dick Van Dyke to the newest of cars like the Charger of The Fast n' The Furious or more than a dozen others in the film. But the ones we agreed that we love the most are the ones with an extra special personality like KITT of Night Rider, the Bat Mobile, Wonder Bug, Scooby Doo's Mystery Machine or how about The Munster's Coach? There have been a ton of them over the years and there are surly more to come. Many were cars designed by the late great George Barris who was responsible for the design and building of many of them. It was hard to narrow them all down but after much argument over all our beloved movie cars it came down to one. The General Lee. That orange Charger that came into our homes with the Duke boys, Bo and Luke was the winner.

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Mark in Muskegon Michigan

Dear Mark,  
Upgrading to a heavier truck is a great idea to be sure you are properly matched for what you are pulling. A vehicle that is too small is just not safe to pull a large trailer. While a smaller truck may get it rolling eventually and be able to take you where you want to go it's also about stopping and a heavier truck is equipped with bigger brakes and a heavier suspension to handle the load. DEF is Diesel Exhaust Fluid. Its purpose is to reduce emissions from the tailpipe by injecting fluid into the exhaust for a more complete burn. The fluid must be used and if it runs out, you'll have trouble. The system will go into a reduced power mode, and you'll be going nowhere fast. Oil changes and filters will cost more but overall, the bigger towing capacity should keep you safer and be more efficient for the towing you will be doing over the summer.

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