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To make appointments for 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.

MCAP to host live taping of Fear Falls broadcast

Tickets are now available for Fear Falls Mo-Stravaganza at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 the Corson Playhouse. Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Mighty Corson Art Players, this is a taping of the Fear Falls broadcasts in front of a live studio audience – you! As if that wasn't enough, a special recording of The Dave Holly Hour, where Dave interviews actor, director, podcast producer and Fear Falls founder, Mo Hurley.

Fear Falls is a monster story radio show combining the styles of the '40s radio plays with the spooky vibe of the '80s and '90s thrillers, sharing atmospheric stories of all the ghouls and crawling creatures lurking under the Midwest Moon.

For tickets, which are \$10 each, visit the MCAP Facebook page.

VS Legion BBQ fundraiser is Aug. 11

Valley Springs American Legion will be serving up

its BBQ fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. This month's BBQ is being held one week earlier than usual. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, barbeques, calico beans, chips, coleslaw, and drinks are on the menu.

Biz Bash is on tap for Aug. 26

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing Biz Bash from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 in the Splitrock Square parking lot outside the Chamber office. Kidpreneurs are also invited to sell their wares from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is free and open to the public.

To learn more, call the BVA-CC at (605) 582-7400 or visit brandonvalleychamber.com.

Brandon Farmers Market

The Brandon Farmers Market is open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday through October in the Lippert parking lot at 915 N. Splitrock Blvd. To learn more, check out the Brandon Farmers Market Facebook page for vendors and other weekly events.

Current lawn watering restrictions

The city of Brandon is in stage 1 (green) of lawn watering restrictions. The even/odd schedules allow users with even-numbered addresses to water on even-numbered calendar dates; users with odd-numbered address are allowed to water on odd-numbered calendar dates.

Water restriction stages and other updates are posted on the city website and Facebook pages.

Brandon Senior Citizens

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Wow! What a weekend, Brandon! A historical marker dedication. Fireworks. A 5K run/walk. Egg drop. Community worship service. The Amazing Race. Hometown Days fun. And a whole lot more ... We've got a boatload of photos to share with you in tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*, and of course, in our *Brandon Valley Journal* website photo gallery. Take a moment to peruse, and you may just spy yourself taking part in all of Brandon's 50th celebration!

Speaking of the celebration, we discovered that Brandon's first mayor – Wayne Hoffman – is alive and well. Editor Jill Meier sat down with the legendary Mayor Hoffman and his wife, Karen, to gain insight on Brandon's incorporation and leading this city in its infant stage.

Two more celebrities paid a visit to Brandon on Monday. First, SDSU football coach Jimmy Rogers was the featured speaker at the Chamber's monthly On the Menu luncheon, and Jim Belushi was here for Dakota Herb's grand opening celebration.

As always, we bring you the lowdown on Brandon Valley Legion and Valley Rats baseball teams, and the latest results from four days of racing at Huset's Speedway.

Also, we put the spotlight on the 10th year of Lynxville Tennis Camp.

And there's a whole lot more news, sports and features. So, if you find yourself asking, "I wonder what's going on ...?" It's 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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Dear Motor Medics,

I have a general question about air bag safety. I heard you talking on a recent episode of Under The Hood about the testing of air bags and how they were tested differently in America and Overseas markets. The difference was in America they are tested with the use of a seat belt and Overseas sometimes without. I have never had an airbag deployed in my vehicle and I don't look forward to ever having it occur, but I want to know what to expect if it does and what I can do to prevent injury. Personally, I would rather not have airbags in my cars, but it doesn't look like they are going away. What is your take on people who ride with their feet on the dash or a pet in their laps?

Janet in Pittsfield Illinois

Dear Janet,

Air bags are great inventions that have saved many lives but if misused can cause severe injury. Every car made has a guide for proper air bag use printed in the owner's manual and it needs to be followed. The proper distance between you and the airbag is crucial as well as seat belt use. Follow the guidelines in the manual and never place anything between you and the airbag. Anything placed in this zone will become a projectile, including a pet, and is extremely dangerous. As for feet on the dash, an inflating air bag can cause irreparable damage to them.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My car has been overheating and the shop I have been going to can't seem to find the cause. It only seems to overheat when I drive it and I can't seem to find a pattern with it that I can use to have the shop duplicate the problem. On occasion I will find the heater stops blowing hot air and at the same time the temp gauge increases into the red zone. If I pull over and let the engine idle for a while it will cool down and the heat will come back. It has also done this at idle before. They want to replace head gaskets, but they aren't sure if they are bad. Is there anything I can do to find out for sure before we tear it apart and possibly don't find anything wrong with it?

Mark in Springfield Missouri

Dear Mark,

You never want to guess with head gaskets as they are very expensive to replace but what you are describing is a failure symptom. When coolant flow is disrupted by a head gasket leak, it is the presence of exhaust gases in the coolant that is the cause. A simple test can be done to check for these gases and if any traces are found you know there is an issue with a gasket or something more severe. Once gases are detected a tear down is necessary to determine the exact cause, gasket, block, head, etc.

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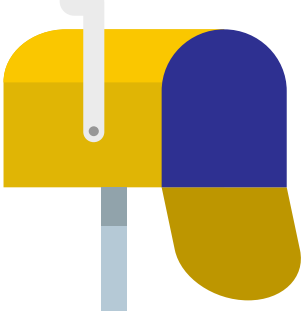
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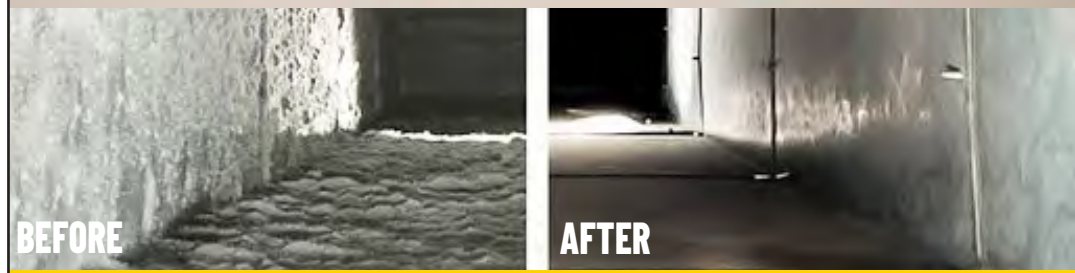
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