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Brandon Area Briefs

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are microwave popcorn, pizza sauce, saltine crackers, hard taco shells, small boxes of fruit snacks, jelly/jam, Manwich, egg noodles, laundry detergent (56 ounces).

To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may be dropped off at the BAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.

Prayer Breakfast

Tickets for the 18th annual Brandon Area Prayer Breakfast are now on sale. The event begins at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21 at Brandon Valley High School.

A light breakfast will be served in the Commons, and the program begins at 7 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Guest speakers this year are Isaiah Neve, Ketty Paula and Kirk Strand.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$100 for event sponsor. To be a table sponsor, contact Paul VanDeBerg, (605) 413-9892, Laura Kuehl, (605) 360-9446, Nik Aamlid, 9605) 780-9735 or Carla Gross, (605) 359-6430.

BVACC to host Aug. 7 blood drive

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce will host a blood drive on Friday, Aug. 7. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit cbbllifeblood.org, select Donate Blood, then click on the Blood Drive Calendar to reserve a time.

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

Apply now for a 2026 BCF grant

Applications for the Brandon Community Foundation's Community Grant Program are now open. Nonprofit organizations that serve the Brandon community and have a project that could use financial support will be considered for funding.

Applications may be applied for online at brandoncf.org/grants through Friday, Aug. 28.

Grants will be awarded at the BCF's annual Oak & Vine event in late October.

VS Legion BBQ is Aug. 20

The Valley Springs American Legion will be serving up their next barbeque from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.

The menu includes grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, barbeques, calico beans, chips, coleslaw, fruit salad, soda, water and condiments. Proceeds will be directed to the Post remodeling fund.

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku

6	5	9	1	3	8	4	7	2
7	4	8	2	6	9	3	5	1
2	1	3	4	5	7	8	6	9
8	6	4	7	9	3	2	1	5
9	2	7	5	1	4	6	3	8
1	3	5	6	8	2	9	4	7
3	7	6	8	2	5	1	9	4
4	9	2	3	7	1	5	8	6
5	8	1	9	4	6	7	2	3

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Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2014 Ford F150 truck and I've lost the 4-wheel drive. The front end of the truck started to grind for a while before it finally stopped completely. The transfer case does seem to be working because the front driveshaft turns when in 4-wheel drive and does not when it is in 2-wheel drive. can you guys lead me in a direction of diagnosis that might help feel more secure in what I am told at the repair shop?

Bernard in Enid Oklahoma

Dear Bernard,

We make plenty repairs to the 4 wheel drive systems on these trucks. there is a common problem that starts with a grinding then ends up with a failure. The system uses vacuum to engage and disengage a locking mechanism on the front hubs. When in 2 wheel drive the vacuum is applied and the hubs release. The system uses a small vacuum hose to do this that is activated electrically. That hose has a common fault which causes it to be rubbed through and when it does the system only is half engaged. This is like trying to put a transmission into gear without using the clutch. Eventually the gear grinding eats the teeth off the hubs. To repair it the hubs and the actuators need to be replaced and the vacuum line needs to be repaired and protected to prevent future issues. This is just one possible cause of trouble.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

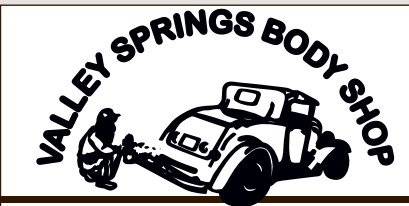
I've had an ongoing issue with my 2014 Chevrolet Impala. The check engine light has been coming on and I've had it scanned several times and I got a code which says I have a failed thermostat. So here is the problem. I replaced the thermostat myself then had my local auto parts store who read the code clear it and now less than a week later the light is back on with the same code. I have good heat and the temp gauge reads in the normal range. Have you ever seen this before?

Mark in Manhattan Kansas

Dear Mark,

We have seen this and one possibility is that the thermostat has failed a second time either due to a faulty part or there is something else wrong in the system which is making it think you have a failure. One of these possibilities is a failed temp sensor on the cooling system or possibly the connector going to it. When we make this repair which we do very often, we replaced the sending unit and its connector pigtail and the thermostat then clear the codes and verify operation. Some people opt to just do part of the repair but then find they need to go back and do the rest and end up spending more money. Diagnosing the system is fairly straight forward for a repair shop with a scanner, a multimeter and temp probe. Hope this helps you out.

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 - "Say, Say, Say" say
 - Street-sweeper's bane
 - Online auction site
 - Gen. Lee's gp.
 - Port side if sailing south
 - Maintaining equilibrium
 - That WNBA player
 - UPS delivery
 - Con artist's accomplice
 - Require a designated driver
 - Comic Philips
 - Worst case of burning desire?
 - It's usually not covered
 - QB Flutie
 - Certain speed units
 - Act the siren
 - Variety store
 - Cupolas
 - Formerly called
 - Finishing
 - Singer's asset
 - Goddess of the morning
 - Pick, pick, pick
 - "Taps" necessities
 - Dramatis personae
 - Kin of bravo
 - Be all leers
 - Dentifrice
 - Speak like a tosspot
 - Twice halved
 - Parting word, somewhere
 - No, somewhere
 - Time many chose to draw?
 - Odin's mythology

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat within the same row, column or box. **Solution on page 3**

			1	3				2
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65						66					67			

- Down**
- Ascertain
 - Questions do it
 - "The --- of Wakefield"
 - "A mouse!"
 - Turn off the alarm
 - "What are we waiting for?"
 - The "E" in QED
 - Tuck's partner
 - Drives
 - Just right
 - Penny purchase, once

- Lunch or brunch
- Eye sore
- Profligate
- Baseball's Martinez
- Religious splinter group
- For takeout
- Ruth's mother-inlaw
- What a hog wants
- Keats creations
- Mideast's Gulf of ---

- Site of the 1960 Olympics
- Powerful adhesive
- Big failure
- Jamaica's capital
- Hosiery shade
- Mr. Descartes
- Household tool
- Tidy
- Gee's kin

- Qui vive
- Private reply, maybe
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