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Brandon Area Briefs

BV students to share holiday spirit in variety of December concerts

Buckle up, Brandon Valley, you're in for a holiday ride of vocal and instrumental music in December.

The list of school concerts continues with Thursday's fifth- and sixth-grade bands concert. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 in the Performing Arts Center.

BV's High and Middle School orchestras will take the PAC stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9. The following evening,

Dec. 10, is the BVMS Band Concert, which begins at 7 p.m.

The holiday music concert schedule continues to Thursday, Dec. 12, when BV Intermediate School fifth- and sixth-grade bands will perform. The fifth-grade band will perform at 6:30 p.m. and the sixth-grade band follows at 7:15 p.m.

Third graders at Brandon Elementary are scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, and BVHS's chorus takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Rounding out the concert schedule is the Madrigal show, which is an endeavor BVHS's theatre department.

The show will be performed at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 on the PAC stage. The show includes appetizers and desserts.

Reserved seating tickets (\$20 per person) may be purchased online only at bv.revtrak.net. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Circuit's Winter Clothing Drive deadline nears

Circuit Fitness in Brandon is conducting a Winter Weather Clothing Drive for the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls now through Dec. 20. Donations may be dropped off at Circuit, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., 3-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8-11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Donations of new or gently-used (clean) clothing in both adult and children's sizes are sought. Items to consider are hats, gloves, scarves, jackets coats, sweaters, boots, socks, and blankets.

Volunteer drivers needed to deliver Meals on Wheels in January

Volunteers are needed to fill the schedule of volunteer drivers for Brandon's Meals on Wheels route this January. Drivers are needed for all Tues-

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Thank you, Jack, in Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Jack,

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I have a 2014 Toyota Prius that has been giving me issues lately. Sometimes it will die going down the road and display a Hybrid System Failure warning on the dash and other times it will fail to start. It seems like the colder it is outside the more it fails to start. It does nothing when the power button is pushed but all the lights come on normally and the light says ready on the dash. I have taken it into a shop twice, but it always starts for them. They had me replace the 12-volt battery in the back hatch area because it was low but that made no difference. Do you have any ideas of what may be wrong?

Thank you, Chris, in Vermont.

Dear Chris,

What you are describing could be caused by many things but one of the most common issues is a dying high voltage battery. The high voltage battery is responsible for powering the electric drive motor and for starting the car. The car is not equipped with a regular type of starter. As you drive the car this battery pack is constantly being discharged and recharged and only has so many cycles in its life. A shop should be able to test the voltage with a scanner. Many independent shops can also replace the battery if necessary.

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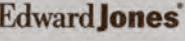


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