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Brandon Area Briefs

A Prairie Christmas tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for "A Prairie Christmas," which brings Jeff Gould to Brandon on Saturday, Dec. 16 to share his heartwarming and hilarious stories. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Brandon Holiday Inn.

Tickets, which are \$40 per person or \$350 for a table of eight, may be purchased online at brandonvalleychamber.com or at the BV Chamber office.

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

Santa to visit Valley Springs this Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to the Valley Springs American Legion at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. The event is an endeavor of the Valley Springs Community Club.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

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Brandon Area Briefs

detergent (28 ounces), shampoo, fruit snacks, mustard and ketchup, baking supplies.

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

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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

Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed seeks donations

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is seeking donations for its annual event on

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024.

The committee welcomes donations of wild game and items for silent and live auctions and raffle prizes.

To learn more, contact Stan Schoeneman at (605) 366-7842, Harry Buck at (605) 366-0221 or Jill Meier at (605) 321-8423.

BV Alumni Day is Dec. 19

Alumni of Brandon Valley

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

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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

We purchased a two-year-old Ford Truck that has the flex fuel option. I've never owned a flex fuel vehicle so I read the owner's manual and at your suggestion went to fueleconomy.gov to get an idea of what kind of mileage it should get. They claim about five mpg more than what we are getting. The truck was a lease vehicle and has about 70,000 miles which seems high for two years, but they say it was taken care of. What can we do to improve the fuel economy? 10mpg on the highway for most of the time using e85 seems very low. Your answers are always appreciated.

Thank you, Darren in Lemmon SD.

Dear Darren,

Driving the truck primarily on the highway and assuming it's in perfect tune, you are not carrying extra weight, and you are using e85 ethanol fuel, it should be about right. With 70,000 miles on the truck, even though they claim it has been well taken care of it likely has not had much work done in the way of tuning. It's two years old, it just doesn't happen much. Without a fuel system cleaning you can lose a couple mpg and using e85 will take much more. Being flex fuel you can use a blend. If available, try 30% and check the mileage. That percentage has resulted in an increase for many of our customers with flex fuel vehicles over e85 or nothing.

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Thank you, Darren in Lemmon SD.

Dear Motor Medics,

I'm thinking of buying a Saturn Vue. It's got some miles but is a very nice vehicle. There's only one thing that's keeping me from it and that's because they're no longer in business. This holds true for other companies as well, but they were bigger. If I buy this thing and I need to have it worked on, will they be able to find parts for it? It's a great deal but not if I must park it because I can't fix it.

What do you guys think?

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Thank you, Darren in Lemmon SD.

Dear Todd,

Yes Saturn is gone but this vehicle shares many of the common drivetrain parts with other vehicles and the aftermarket makes many commonly used parts for popular vehicles, so you don't have to rely solely on the manufacturer. For most unique parts like body and interior that are still available you would purchase them through a GM store. Many companies that are still in business today have discontinued less popular parts to save money and they can be tricky to find. Popularity commonly drives what is available. We have found ourselves looking for parts on a three-year-old vehicle that is out of warranty and at times just could not come up with a new part. In most cases we were able to find a good used part as an option and get the customer going and save them some money as well.

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The proposed rezoning and Zoning Commission of Tallgrass Park brought neighbors of the park to Thursday's Planning meeting. The *Journal* brings you the story on why the neighbors are opposed

and why the city is rezoning all of its properties.

Brandon Valley's Board of Education met Monday night and *Journal* writer Tom A. Savage was there to report on the meeting highlights.

Brandon Area Soccer Association has put their recently-awarded Brandon Community Foundation grant into action. Find out what BASA used the grant dollars for to promote the game locally.

The Valley Springs Elementary PTA is selling shirts to commemorate the school's forthcoming closure next year. Find out more about the PTA's latest endeavor.

Also, a Brandon Valley Middle School student's artwork will be on exhibit at South Dakota's State Capitol. Learn more about the artist behind her "Surreal Flower" drawing.

Plus, we've got the latest reports from the sidelines of girls and boys basketball, BV wrestling's weekend competition and the Lynx bowling teams. Tom A. Savage also brings you the story behind the injuries that have sidelined BV senior Lukas Morgan and South Dakota State's Hilary Behrens.

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- Go one better than
- Prefix with arthritis
- "Amadeus" choreographer
- Bounder
- Set of values
- Spice rack member
- The very top
- Md. institution
- Abound

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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 2**

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

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1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17						18					19			
20						21					22			
					23						24			
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31						32	33				34	35	36	37
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52						53	54				55	56	57	58
59						60					61			
62						63					64			
65						66					67			

- WWW addresses
- Co. that merged to become Verizon
- Petition
- ____ Lingus (Irish airline)
- Hunting target, perhaps
- Is unwell
- "____ creature was stirring ..."
- Kind of leopard or goose

- Tin soldier's prop
- Common connection
- Paragon of patience
- Basra natives
- Aspen lifts
- 100 paise
- Shed ____ (show sympathy or sadness)
- Informal response to "Who's there?"

- It may have a cross to bear
- "I don't believe you!"
- Diana of "The Avengers"
- Casino game
- Crescent-shaped figure
- It may get the brushoff
- Popular cookie
- Cousin of a gull

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