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Brandon Area Briefs

VFW Auxiliary Bake Sale is Dec. 11

No time to bake for the holidays? Then the Brandon VFW Auxiliary's next bake sale is your answer.

Tables of amazing homemade holiday treats will be on sale from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at the Brandon VFW.

Circuit winter clothing drive underway

Circuit's "Warm Hearts, Warm Hands" warm weather clothing drive is underway. Circuit is accepting donations of all sizes of gently-used or new winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc. Donations may be dropped off at Circuit (1124 E. Holly Blvd.) from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All donations will be given to the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls.

No Military History program this month

Valley Springs American Legion Post 131 has postponed their November Military History Night. The next program is on tap for January 2021.

Holiday music concerts

The holiday season is officially upon us, and will bring Brandon Valley students to the stage to perform. Here's a rundown of concerts on tap at the BV Performing Arts Center this December: Monday, Dec. 7, fifth & sixth grades, 6:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 8, Valley Springs Elementary grades K-4, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 10, BVMS & BVHS orchestras, 7 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 14, BVHS bands, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 15, BVMS bands, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 17, fifth & sixth grade orchestra, 7 p.m.; Monday,

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Dec. 21, BVHS winter choral concert, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 22, Robert Bennis Elementary third-grade, 6 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 22, Brandon Elementary third-grade, 7 p.m.

Coffee with the Council

Stop by Kingbird Coffee (509 N. Splitrock Blvd.) between 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 to share your ideas, concerns, etc., with 2-3 city council representatives. Coffee with the Council is held once a month on the second Saturday and is organized by the Brandon

Valley Area Chamber of Commerce.

BV Optimists spearhead Community Christmas Tree program

The Brandon Valley Optimist Club is spearheading its 11th year of providing Brandon area families a little extra help around the holidays. The Community Christmas Tree Program collects Christmas gifts and household items at trees located at Sunshine Foods, Brandon Pharmacy, Ace Hardware and Anytime Fitness.

Community Christmas Trees have been set up in the above-noted businesses, displaying tags of requested gifts for local families in need. Residents are encouraged to select a tag, purchase the requested gifts and return them to the tree. Volunteers will collect, organize, wrap and deliver the gifts to the intended families.

In 2019, the Optimists' Community Christmas Tree program brightened the holidays for 24 local families (94 individuals). To learn more, visit bvop-

timists.org

Chamber Brew Crew is Dec. 11

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce invites members to Brew Crew from 8-9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at Kingbird Coffee.

BVSD Angel Tree program

Are you in need of financial assistance for your children this Christmas? The Brandon Valley Angel Tree program provides presents for BV School District children ages 0-18.

Gifts will be wrapped and can be picked up at BVHS on Dec. 21 and 22. All requests remain confidential.

For questions, email Michelle/Stemwedel@k12.sd.us.

To sponsor a child, contact Michelle Stemwedel or Jessica Henson at 582-3211.

December needs at the BAFP

December needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry include shampoo and

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The Journal camera caught the holiday spirit in action on Shop Small Saturday in Brandon, where shoppers gobbled up the local deals as they received service that only your hometown merchants can provide.
We'll also bring you reports from the Minnehaha County Commission and Brandon Valley School Board meetings.
David Owens, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry, shared his outlook on the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session in Pierre with membership of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce last week.
The Journal also brings you a recap of how the city of Valley Springs is capitalizing on COVID Care Act Funds and introduces you to a local woman who's offering up her "life coaching" skills.
You'll also want to be sure to get your copy of this week's Brandon Valley Journal to get your first clue to our fourth annual "Finding Brandon's Christmas Spirit" hunt. The ornament has been hidden, and now it's up to you to find where we've stashed it within the city limits of Brandon. Whomever "finds Brandon's Christmas Spirit" is in for a wealth of prizes!
All this and a whole lot more can be found on the pages of this week's Brandon Valley Journal!
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Due to COVID-19 precautions, Pantry clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers.

To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001.

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To add to the joys of the holiday season, we've hidden this wooden Christmas ornament somewhere within the city limits of Brandon, and now it's up to you to find.

But first, you'll need a clue. And we'll be delivering them to you each week in the *Brandon Valley Journal* starting with our Dec. 2, 2020, issue. Clues will be provided weekly, guiding you closer and closer to the ornament and the "Finding Brandon's Christmas Spirit" prize package.

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