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Valley Springs Community Club carried on its holiday tradition by staging their annual Santa Claus Day. *Journal* freelancer Jana Mackin gives you a glimpse into fun-filled event in both words and photos.

*Journal* editor Jill Meier recaps the highly-contentious topic of annexation on Brandon's eastside. Last week, the council room was filled with property owners who voiced their opposition to the idea, which led the council to table the issue and schedule a work session this week to discuss it further.

Contributing writer Tom Savage gives you an update on the status of medical marijuana in both Brandon and Valley Springs, along with insight on a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Aspen and Splitrock boulevards.

The *Journal* continues its "Fathers & Sons" series, and this week the spotlight is on Woody and Markell Gnadt, whose family ties go deep into their business, "Family Floors & Furniture."

This week's *Journal* also includes reports on how a threat to Brandon Valley Middle School was handled, a 2021 Brandon Valley High School senior's military academy appointment and a Volunteers of America award given to a Brandon woman.

We'll also tune you into the parade of JEEPS that paraded past the Garrow house recently, plus recaps of the first competitions of the season for the Lynx girls' and boys' basketball teams and how the wrestlers fared at a two-day tournament in Council Bluffs.

We have the scoop on Ben VanDeBerg's signing with the Northwestern College cross country program and check in on former wrestling standout Isaac Klinkhammer and his first season with the Jackrabbits.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*!"

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Dear Motor Medics,  
With gas prices constantly changing but always on the slow creep upwards overall, I want to save as much fuel as possible. I have been researching kits to burn hydrogen in my car and other ways to increase my mileage with additives to the tank that are supposed to increase efficiency. Do you guys know which kit is the best one out there and how well they work? Is it something I can do myself at home? What about the additives to the tank?

Craig in Forest Lake Minnesota

Dear Craig,  
Keep researching, and you will find many people who have tried these things only to find they don't work as promised. Everyone wants better mileage, and they all want it cheaply. When the cost of fuel gets a sudden spike, you will see more of these kits on the market and offers of pills and additives claiming to be magic fixes for fuel mileage. If there was such a thing it's likely that the manufacturers would be making a good version of it to get their overall fuel ratings up. Not to say that someone won't come up with something that does the job at a price that makes it worthwhile but for now we have not seen anything. It's completely up to you to research these products and make a final decision but we very strongly recommend that you consult with your own local mechanic before making any purchase.

Take care, The Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,  
I just got my first car from my dad, a well-used rusty 2003 Chevy Impala and I was at the gas station filling it up for the second time or so and the guy next to me said I was doing it wrong and was going to wreck my car. He said I was overfilling it and need to stop when the pump clicks the first time. The problem is it clicks off when it's only half full and you must fill it really slow or keep clicking it. This is the way my dad had to fill it for the past couple years. What is this guy talking about and why does it click off so soon?

Mark in Parachute Colorado

Dear Mark,  
The guy is right. The tank is designed to shut off the pump by backing fuel up the filler tube when it's full. If you overfill the tank by forcing fuel into it after it shuts off it will spill over into the emissions system canister damaging it. You and your dad may not have caused what is going on now. While overfilling can cause damage to the emissions system and result in the premature shut off, a failed tank vent valve can also cause this even without canister damage. Have the emissions system checked and if it is a valve, they can replace it so you can fill the tank faster but remember to stop when it clicks.

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## Brandon Area Briefs

### December needs at the BAFP

December needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are Spam, chocolate chips, cookies mixes, Banquet Complete Meals, sugar and brown sugar.

At this time, the BAFP has no need for canned vegetables (i.e., peas, corn, carrots, all varieties of beans) and soups, both cream and other varieties.

In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients must be vaccinated and wear a mask to shop the Pantry. If not vaccinated, clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers.

To make appointments for either 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 staging a food drive to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.

Use eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

### Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed puts out call for donations

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2022 wild game feed and auction. To donate, contact one of the following committee members: Harry Buck at 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at 366-7842; Jill Meier at 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at 553-2786.

The wild game feed – always held the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl – is Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Brandon VFW.

### Christmas for Kids is Saturday

Sure Foundation Lutheran Church will host Christmas for Kids from 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Brandon Golf Course community room. The event is for kids PreK through second grade.

### BVBA Bingo Night

The Brandon Valley Baseball Association will host the first of three bingo nights, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at Tailgator's. Eleven games of bingo will be played, with the final game of blackout for \$1,000. Bingo nights are also being planned for January and February.

### Circuit collects warm clothing for St. Francis House

For the fourth year, Circuit in Brandon is collecting warm clothes for the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls.

Donations of new or clean, gently-used clothing (gloves, hats, boots, jackets, sweaters, etc.) may be dropped off at Circuit, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., through Dec. 18. Drop off hours are Monday-Friday 5-6:30 a.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. and Saturdays 8-8:45 a.m.

To learn more, visit [www.circuitSD.com](http://www.circuitSD.com) or [info@circuitSD.com](mailto:info@circuitSD.com)

### Nominations sought for BV Hall of Fame

Nominations for 2022 induction into the Brandon Valley Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted through Dec. 20. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the BVHS website under the Booster Club tab, email Bob Logan at [lynxlogan@hotmail.com](mailto:lynxlogan@hotmail.com) or call (605) 261-1308 or Bill Freking at [bill.freking@k12.sd.us](mailto:bill.freking@k12.sd.us).

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Youth Cart Lease (ages 16-18)	\$400.00	\$340.00	16
Season Trail Fee	\$350.00	\$297.50	20

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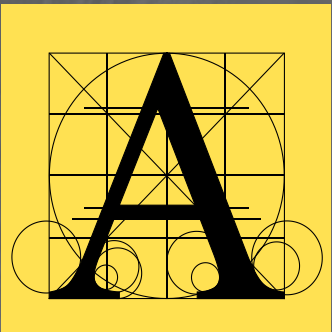
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