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MCAP seeks directors for 43rd season
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‘What’s Brewing’ event is geared to veterans
The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will host “What’s Brewing,” at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 9 at the El Riad Shrine, 510 S. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls. The event, which is open to all veterans and their families, will allow veterans to connect with fellow veterans, ask questions about benefits and services, learn about local support and resources, and the opportunity to voice concerns. To learn more, contact Dave Denson at (605) 940-9622 or email dave.denson@state.sd.us.

The Hideaway closed on Mondays
The Hideaway in Brandon won't be open on Mondays as part of new summer hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Booster Days Parade is Saturday, July 12
The Valley Springs Booster Days Parade steps off at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

Pancake breakfast set for July 13
A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 13 at the Valley Springs American Legion. Proceeds from the freewill offering event will go toward parking lot improvements.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are pancake syrup, Manwich, pizza sauce, saltine and snack crackers, canned chicken, canned carrots, granola bars, cereal and shampoo. To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 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.

REchurch plans backpack, school supplies giveaway
REchurch, a non-denominational congregation in Brandon, is organizing a backpack and school supply giveaway on Sunday, Aug. 3. The giveaway is from 1-4 p.m. at the church, 113 N. Splitrock Blvd. (next door to Lewis). The intent is to provide 150 kids in grades kindergarten through fourth grade with backpacks and supplies.

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Scott in Larchwood Iowa.

Dear Scott,

You are correct in not assuming that a 4 cylinder car always gets better fuel mileage because they don't. Often a 4 cylinder car is either too heavy to efficiently pull the load of the car and it lugs trying to move it which lowers the economy, or the car is geared lower than the six so that it can make up for lost power which also cuts down fuel mileage. We suggest that you look at consumer reports and look online for real world fuel mileage reports from folks who have driven the models you are looking at and compare before you buy. You may find the six cylinder is the better choice but not always. Researching any vehicle you buy is always imperative before making a car buying decision.

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Dear Motor Medics,

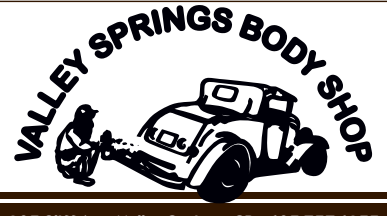
My car recently suffered a lot of hail damage in a storm and I have been working with my insurance company to get the matter resolved. They want to replace things like the hood and trunk and a fender with a salvage yard part which matches correctly according to them and on the roof they want to do painless dent repair. My car is ten years old and has full coverage and with only 70k miles I want it fixed but I want all new parts and paint but they say they don't have to provide that, they say they just have to make it look like it did before the damage. Do salvage yard parts look as good as my old ones and can they really take out dents with no painting?

Dan in Sioux City Iowa.

Dear Dan,

That is really low miles for the age and we can understand your concern. If like kind and quality parts are needed for a repair a auto recycler is often the place the insurance companies will turn to as a source. These places carefully inspect their inventory and will help to supply them with the part that matches exactly and sometimes they don't even need paint if the finish is as good as the car they are going on and the color is a match. As for the paintless dent removal, it can be done carefully by a skilled paintless dent technician.

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