

Paying It Forward



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MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Nov. 23-27, 2015. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

YANKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Cold Sub
Tuesday: Roast Turkey
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday: Roast Turkey
Tuesday: Walking Taco
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

YHS R LINE MENU

Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Roast Turkey
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

YHS W LINE MENU

Monday: Buffalo Pizza
Tuesday: Pretzel w/Cheese
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

YHS B LINE MENU

Monday: Chicken Burger
Tuesday: French Dip
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

SACRED HEART SCHOOLS

Monday: Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Tuesday: Turkey
Wednesday: NA
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

THE CENTER/ YANKTON

Monday: Pork Chop
Tuesday: Turkey & Dressing
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: NA
Friday: NA

TABOR SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Monday: N/A
Tuesday: BBQ Ribs
Wednesday: Liver & Onions
Thursday: NA
Friday: N/A

Flat Lining: One-Third of 2015 Vehicles Missing Spare Tire

SIOUX FALLS – Automakers' decision to eliminate the spare tire may leave more than 30 million drivers vulnerable at the roadside, according to new research from AAA.

Tire inflator kits, a high-cost alternative, have replaced the spare tire in millions of vehicles over the last 10 model years and, due to their limited functionality, cannot provide even a temporary fix for many common tire-related problems. AAA calls on automakers to put consumer interests first and halt the elimination of the spare tire.

"Flat tires are not a disappearing problem, but spare tires are," said John Nielsen, AAA's managing director of Automotive Engineering and Repair. "AAA responds to more than four million calls for flat tire assistance annually and, despite advances in vehicle technology, we have not seen a decline in tire-related calls over the last five years."

Along with run-flat tires, tire inflator kits have replaced spare tires on 29 million vehicles in the last 10 model years, steadily increasing from five percent of 2006 model year vehicles to more than one-in-three 2015 model year vehicles (36 percent) sold.

"Each four-pound kit eliminates about 30 pounds of weight, resulting in a small amount of savings in fuel consumption," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "But the replacement cost is high. Some kits cost up to \$300 per use, so you can see where a tire inflator kit can cost up to 10 times more than a simple tire repair – and has a shelf life of only four to eight years."

AAA says automakers are facing increasingly-stringent

fuel economy standards and the spare tire has become a casualty in an effort to reduce weight and boost miles-per-gallon. The auto club believes advances in automotive engineering allow for weight to be reduced in ways that don't leave motorists stranded at the roadside.

AAA tested the most common tire inflator kits in today's vehicles and found that the units worked well in some scenarios, but they are not a substitute for a spare tire. For an inflator kit to work effectively, a tire must be punctured in the tread surface and the object must remain in the tire. Used correctly, the kit then coats the inner wall of the tire with a sealant and a compressor re-inflates the tire. If the puncture-causing object is no longer in the tire, if a sidewall is damaged or if a blowout occurs, a tire inflator kit cannot fix the flat and the vehicle have to be towed.

Knowing how to change a tire is a skill that is now less prevalent among younger age groups. More than one-in-five millennial drivers (ages 18-34) do not know how to change a tire, compared to the nearly 90 percent of drivers aged 35-54 who say they can change a flat. Gender differences also exist: while nearly all men (97 percent) claim to know how to change a tire, only 68 percent of women boast the same ability.

"Consumers may mistakenly believe that inflator kits are a one-size-fits-all alternative to installing a spare tire," said Buskohl. "The reality is these kits can only accommodate specific types of tire damage. Carrying a good old-fashioned spare tire can save stranded drivers time and money."

Car Talk

Stuck Blend Door Means The Heat Is On

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2008 Chrysler Town and Country with the 3.8-liter V-6 engine. I get heat when I want outside air or air conditioning. I have brought the car to Chrysler twice, and they say the system is working properly, and they properly charged me for telling me that both times. But I still get the heat. I looked for a valve that could be stuck open and be causing this, but I can see none in the system. I thought of putting one in, but then I saw that all the heater lines are actually metal, and integrating a valve would be difficult. There has to be something that segregates the hot from the cold and ambient air systems. I always enjoy your column, and hope you can help me. Thank you.

— Jerry

Well, the first thing I'd do is when the dealer charges you for telling you that it's working properly, say, "No, actually, it's not." And then have him sit in the car so he can feel the heat.



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

My guess is that you have a blend door that not's closing. The dealer should have been able to figure that out.

In the majority of cars now, there's no heater control valve to stop the warm engine coolant from circulating through the heater core behind your dashboard. If you have climate control in your car, you definitely don't have a heater control valve.

There are just flaps inside the ducts, called "blend doors," operated by vacuum motors, that open and close to allow heat or stop heat from coming through the vents into the passenger compartment. And it sounds like one of your blend door motors is no longer working and that door is stuck in the open position.

Unfortunately, if you really want to fix it, you'll probably have to take apart

the dashboard to get to it. Which makes it even more surprising that your dealer didn't home in on this: He can easily make a boat payment on this kind of repair.

So, at this point, I'd recommend that you try another dealer or an independent mechanic. There's a database of mechanics personally recommended by other readers and listeners of ours that you can search by ZIP code. You can find it at www.mechanicsfiles.com.

And if the price is too high for you, see if Costco is still selling that 128-pack of Bermuda shorts. Best of luck.

Car Talk shares secrets on how you can save tens of thousands of dollars on your cars over the next 20 years in the pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Next Car, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Pastor Appreciation



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Area pastors were invited to Missouri Valley Christian Academy for a Pastor Appreciation chapel in October. Pastors from Yankton, Vermillion, Mission Hill and Menno were present. They were given a small token of appreciation and visited with students over lunch.

Hospitals Pledge To Reduce Early Elective Deliveries

PIERRE — Less than a year after First Lady Linda Daugaard issued a challenge to hospitals throughout the state, all 24 birthing hospitals in South Dakota have pledged to help reduce early elective deliveries.

"I'm thrilled that all of the birthing hospitals in the state have signed on to the pledge to help reduce early elective deliveries," said First Lady Linda Daugaard. "The last few weeks of pregnancy are so important to baby's development – major organs like the brain, lungs and liver are still growing, the eyes and ears are still developing, and the baby is learning to suck and swallow."

Early elective deliveries are deliveries performed before 39 weeks of pregnancy for non-medical reasons.

EEDs can pose health risks to both mothers and babies. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends against induced labor or cesarean sections before 39 weeks of pregnancy unless there is a medical necessity.

Earlier this year First Lady Daugaard and North Dakota First Lady Betsy Dalrymple challenged birthing hospitals in the two states to sign a pledge to reduce non-essential early deliveries.

Mrs. Daugaard said 2014 data from the National Center for Health Statistics indicates that the Dakotas are making

progress in reducing EEDs. According to the report, South Dakota and North Dakota were among only five states to reduce induction rates at 38 weeks of pregnancy by 30 percent or more.

A list of area South Dakota birthing hospitals is below:

- * Douglas County Memorial Hospital, Armour
- * Avera St. Benedict Health Center, Parkston
- * Platte Health Center, Platte
- * Sanford Vermillion Hospital, Vermillion
- * Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton

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Arts & Sciences Dean Advances Humanities

VERMILLION — Matthew C. Moen, dean of the University of South Dakota's College of Arts & Sciences, has been elected to a two-year term as chairman of the 18-member board of directors of the South Dakota Humanities Council (SDHC). Its signature event is the free annual Festival of Books, which attracts several thousand participants to programs over several days.

Funded mostly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and by private contributions, the South

Dakota Humanities Council also delivers cultural programs to dozens of communities around the state each year through book tours, speakers, library and museum events, and major and mini grants to humanities scholars and other cultural organizations.

Moen joined the SDHC in 2011 as one of four gubernatorial appointees to the board. He said he is grateful to Gov. Dennis Daugaard for the chance to serve with other citizen volunteers to promote the public humani-

ties and advance its three-fold mission of celebrating literature, promoting civility and telling the stories that define our state.

"The South Dakota Humanities Council is an organization that cares deeply about the quality of life in our entire state, from our population centers to our

reservation communities to our most rural towns," Moen said. "We work to enrich the lives of our fellow South Dakotans by exposing them to interesting books, prominent authors and challenging ideas. And we try to do so in a quiet and civil way in an often noisy world."

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Winter-Bergman

Terry and Cheryl Winter of Yankton, SD, Gary and Lisa Bergman of Long Island, NY and Peggy Fraser of Littleton, CO are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children Paige Winter and John Bergman. The bride-elect graduated from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business with degrees in Business Marketing and Journalism. She is currently employed as a Digital Marketing Account Executive at GOOGLE in New York City. The groom-elect graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Business Marketing. He is employed as a Senior Online Marketing Manager at Time Warner Cable in New York City. The couple is planning a September 24, 2016 wedding in Vail, CO.

Dad is doing well right now, but I know his illness is going to get worse. Things are going to change. I should start **planning ahead.**

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