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TEACHER
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Morgan Bobzien - Mrs. Bobzien teaches computer classes at Robert Bennis Elementary. She is a team player, and always willing to lend a hand if needed. She brings a smile to everyone's day, and makes a point to learn the names of students. The skills she teaches our students are things they will carry with them for life. I always learn something new when I am in her classroom, too!
- **Kristin Hofkamp, Robert Bennis Elementary Principal**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Tacos

Why do you love teaching?
I love teaching elementary computers because students get genuinely excited about the projects they make and proud of what they create.

How long have you been with the district?
This is my 12 year with the district, 21st overall..

What's your favorite past time?
love to read and watch my kids play sports.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
My favorite subject in school was reading because teachers introduced me to stories that allowed me to escape into books and truly get lost in them.

STUDENT
of the Week



Jaxson Alvarez - Jaxson is a walking example of living the Lynx Way. He is incredibly respectful. Jaxson always shows kindness and compassion toward both his peers and teachers. He is an active learner who participates in class discussions and approaches new challenges with curiosity and determination. He comes to school each day with a positive attitude and a bright smile, which makes him a joy to have in the classroom. He works hard, takes pride in his learning, and models respectful behavior for others. He is truly a wonderful student who contributes positively to our classroom community.
- **Kristin Hofkamp, Robert Bennis Elementary Principal**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Pizza crunchers

What grade are you in?
3rd Grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
Having a positive attitude.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
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BVHS Pops Concert is Feb. 23
Brandon Valley High School choral students will present a Pops Concert at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 each. There will also be a bake sale and raffle baskets. Proceeds from the event will go toward the 2026 BV choir trip.

Blood drive at Garretson High School
Garretson High School, 505 Second St., will serve as the host site for a community blood drive from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 12-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24.
To schedule donations at Garretson High School, visit cblifeblood.org, select “donate now,” “blood drive calendar,” choose Feb. 24 or call Community Blood Bank at (605) 331-3222. All blood donors will receive a \$15 Scooters gift card as a token of appreciation. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with signed parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. Donors should eat a meal and drink plenty of fluids before their appointment and bring a valid ID.

BASA collecting donations for Pay it Forward rummage sale
Brandon Area Soccer Association will host a “Pay it Forward” rummage sale on Sunday, March 8. They are asking for donations of soccer gear – cleats, shin guards, BASA clothing and uniforms, cones, agility equipment, etc. Proceeds raised from the sale will support BASA and young athletes having access to equipment at an affordable price.

Donations can be dropped off in a bin at Sunshine Foods in Brandon. Items should be placed into individual plastic grocery bags, and to receive BASA BUCKS credit, should include the following written information: First and last name, number of items donated). \$2 per item will be credited up to \$20.

Circuit food drive underway
Donations of non-perishable foods are being accepted at Cir-

cuit’s annual February Food Drive in Brandon. Donations may be dropped off during business hours, 5:30-7:30 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m.-12 noon Saturdays. Donations will be accepted through the end of February.
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are bottled juice, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste,

paper goods (Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates).
To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 3:30-5:30 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.



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

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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I've got a power steering leak on my Mazda Protege that's been getting worse over the past year. When it started it was just a small drip but as it has become worse it is now to the point where I must add fluid to it every time I drive the car. I only drive about 100 miles a week for work and if I don't fill it the car makes an embarrassing noise. Due to the cost can I just let it run out and drive it with no power steering? It doesn't seem that hard to turn when it's empty.

Mark in Bowling Green Kentucky.

Dear Mark,

Power steering leaks are common as cars age and should be repaired quickly for many reasons. When oils leak, they can cause the car to become hard to turn, become a fire hazard, and also cause other components to fail due to oil intrusion which are all safety concerns. We have seen folks let their systems run dry and it is not good. The car is not only hard to steer but the lack of lubrication in the pump can cause it to overheat and even melt the shaft which can lead to belt loss and the engine being damaged. See what your local mechanic can do for you. They may be able to find a used part to make the repair which can save you a ton of your money.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

What are sway bar end links? I have had a knock under my Dodge caravan for over a year, and I have had multiple parts replaced under the vehicle including struts, tie rod ends and more. Now they say I need these sway bar links. I'm just a little apprehensive after spending all this cash and still having a noise.

Brenda in Watertown South Dakota.

Dear Brenda,

That's why we're here, to help folks understand how their vehicle works so that they are more comfortable when things need attention. Hopefully that will help them save a little on repairs also. The sway bar end links connect the end of the vehicles anti-roll or sway bar to the vehicle's suspension. The ends look like a trailer hitch ball and if it becomes worn the joint will make a considerable amount of noise as it is transferred to the body. This sound is a clunk which can best be heard when driving across a parking lot or in town over very small bumps where the body shifts a lot. These parts are not usually real expensive but can be labor intensive if they are rusted in place. It sounds like you have had a lot of suspension work done looking for a noise. The sway bar links are one of the first things we look at in our shop and cheap compared to struts. Talk with your shop about why they weren't noticed.

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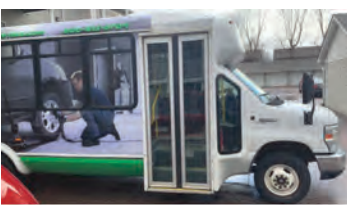
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