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Brandon Area Briefs

BV Journal office will be closed for the holidays

The *Brandon Valley Journal* office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24-Friday, Dec. 26. All news items and advertising must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 22 for inclusion in the Dec. 30 *Brandon Valley Trader* and Dec. 31 *Brandon Valley Journal*.

For questions, call (605) 582-9999.

New Year's Eve party at Brandon Library

Can't stay up late but still want to celebrate? Families are invited to a Glow Party at the library on Wednesday, Dec. 31 for glow-in-the-dark crafts, music and a countdown to the 12 p.m. (noon) balloon drop. The event is recommended for kids ages 2-10.

Families will enjoy exploring how art and popcorn glows in the blacklight room, and can light up the library with a free glow bracelet and glow-in-the-dark temporary tattoos. There is also an opportunity to create a firework ring and wand, and write your hopes for 2026,

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku

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Puzzle Solution © OnlineCrosswords.net

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Dear Motor Medics,

I am having trouble with my 2012 Buick Lacross the past few weeks I have not been able to adjust my inside temperature properly. When I first start the car and whenever I adjust the temperature controls, I hear a clicking under the center of the dash that lasts about ten seconds. It started as a once-a-week thing but now happens every time. Since this started happening the temperature seems to either stick on full hot or full cold. The car has adjustments for both driver and passenger side temperature and both sides cause noise when adjusted.

Thank you, Susan in Vandalia.

Dear Susan,

The noise is likely coming from the temperature blend door motors. The temperature is adjusted by means of electric motors with gears connecting them to the temperature doors. The climate module measures the temperature of the air and the setting on the dash and adjusts the motors as needed. With age the sensors that report the position of the motors wear out and when the door reaches fully hot or cold the module tells them to keep going and you hear the sound of the gears as they are pushed too far. If you find that this is the problem the fix is to replace the actuator motor. Some motors can be accessed under dash while others require more extensive disassembly. Most new blend door motors are affordable, used are also a good option.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My new job has taken me to an unfamiliar city hundreds of miles away from home where I don't know anyone. I have a good running car, but I owe that to the great care that my repair shop has given me over the years. It's a 2019 Taurus with 98,000 miles. This car has not needed any major repairs in the past but on the way across country the air conditioner stopped working. I can live without air for a short time, but I want to get it fixed. How can I find a good shop? I am afraid to just walk into the first shop I see. I am a young woman that knows little about cars, so I need some guidance. Can you give me a suggestion on how to find a shop in an unfamiliar town?

Thank you, Mary in Denver.

Dear Mary,

Many people find themselves in this situation. Maybe it's a child who has moved for school needing a good shop for repairs. Hopefully you will have contact with people you can trust when you arrive. Ask them where they go then narrow the shops down to just a few by the ones with the best word of mouth reviews. Then maybe visit the shop for an oil change and ask the other customers who are waiting how they like the shop. If you don't like what you hear, try another. It's a little like finding a doctor.

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TEACHER of the Week

Julie Reiter - There are so many to decide from but I love the fresh fruits and veggies that are offered everyday. My favorite entre has to be pepperoni pizza.

- Rick Pearson, Fred Assam Elementary Principal



What is your favorite school lunch?
I love teaching because of the relationships I build with students and the joy of watching them grow. As a physical educator, I get to share my love for movement while seeing every student each year as they gain confidence, skills, and a positive connection to being active. Being part of their growth, both physically and personally, is what makes teaching so meaningful to me.

Why do you love teaching?
I love teaching because of the relationships that I develop with students and their families. As a teacher, I embrace the opportunity to be a part of creating and fostering an environment for each child that brings out the best in who they are. At this time in my career I am able to do that through through the arts, something I feel very passionate about.

How long have you been with the district?
I've been with the district for 13 years but nine years teaching.

What's your favorite past time?
Staying active, learning new things and spending quality time with the people I love.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
Of course, P.E.! My P.E. teachers/coaches had a tremendous influence on me.

STUDENT of the Week

Lily Mumm - This week we are proud to highlight Lily Mumm, a student whose daily actions show what it truly means to live The Lynx Way. Whether she's in the classroom, the hallway, or the playground, Lily consistently demonstrates responsibility, respect, active learning, kindness, and safety—values that make our school community stronger.



Lily can always be counted on to complete her work with care and attention. She stays organized, uses her time wisely, and takes ownership of her learning. Her teachers know they can rely on her to set a positive example for her classmates. Lily treats everyone—students, teachers, and staff—with courtesy and understanding. She listens attentively, responds politely, and shows appreciation for the thoughts and feelings of others. Her respectful attitude helps create a welcoming environment for all. Lily's caring spirit spreads positivity throughout our entire school.

Lily Mumm is a wonderful role model and a true example of The Lynx Way in action at Fred Assam Elementary!
- Rick Pearson, Fred Assam Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Spaghetti

What grade are you in?
4th Grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
Being responsible and being a great role model for all of the younger students.

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Across

1. Seating arrangement

5. Statistician's numbers

9. Covers with concrete

14. Mediocre

15. It's pumped in gyms

16. NBA Hall of Famer Thomas

17. Card game for three

18. Dalai __

19. " __ Were the Days"

20. Don Ho's theme song

23. Hilo welcoming gift

24. Attack a sub?

25. World Series mo.

26. Kind

27. Site of Custer's last stand

33. Aah's partner

34. Genesis garden site

35. Numbered works

38. Hasn't paid yet

40. Bottom line

42. Pull up stakes

43. Polar coats

46. Agreement

49. __ Abner

50. Game with tunnels, windmills, etc.

53. Roundup sound

55. Mini-glob

56. Bandage brand

57. Morning times, for short

58. Nickels and dimes

64. IQ, e.g.

66. Chuck wagon VIP

67. Travel aimlessly

68. One-named Spanish singer

69. Strongly advise

70. Wrinkled fruit

71. Beelzebub

72. Merlin, e.g.

73. Eliot or Pound

Down

1. Hushed Hey!

2. Mischievous Norse god

3. Slippery __ eel

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4. Procrastinator's reply

5. Weakened with water

6. Middle East native

7. Pyramid, essentially

8. Not digital, as a watch

9. Racetrack break

10. Wood stove residue

11. Cadenza in a concerto, perhaps

12. Artist's prop

13. Valentino role

21. Make a bundle in the field

22. Canyon comeback

27. Roller coaster feature

28. Hawkeye State

29. Temperature regulator

30. Jerry's partner

31. Clueless

32. Jamaican export

36. Diabolical

37. Egotist's love

39. Tackle a slope

41. Upsilon preceder

44. "Yada yada yada"

45. Where Anna taught

47. Cheese holder

48. Georgia or Cal follower

51. Early calculator

52. Get prepared

53. Chagall and Anthony

54. Nebraska city

59. Folk tales and such

60. Theater section

61. Nixed, at NASA

62. Fierce wind

63. Exude

65. Nest egg component, briefly

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