

The Badger Barker

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A Night at the Museum

Imagine a campground filled with a giant movie screen, high-tech exhibits, extraordinary science learning opportunities, live science performances, great food, and the chance to sleep in the Science Museum of Minnesota. Sound thrilling? The Badger School was recently awarded a grant from Flint Hills Resources, which allowed fourth and fifth grade students to experience all of this.

The program, which began in 2004, annually funds assemblies and museum camp-ins for thousands of students from schools throughout the state of Minnesota.

As part of the grant, Badger students were picked up by charter bus on Thursday, March 8, 2012, from the front of the school to travel in comfort to St. Paul. The first stop on their trip was the state capitol where the students toured the capitol building. They even got to visit with Senator Leroy Stumpf and the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Lorie Gildea.

From there the students and chaperones headed to the Science Museum of Minnesota where they enjoyed a pizza buffet dinner and headed off to an assembly to go over the safety rules of their stay, and enjoyed a short presentation entitled "Super Cool Science." After the assembly, students enjoyed a presentation on reptiles where each student had the opportunity to learn about and touch live snakes and lizards. The remainder of the evening was set aside for students to explore the gift shop and the many exhibits and labs that the science museum has to offer. Snacks were served and students were assigned a designated area amongst the exhibits to set up camp for the night.

Friday morning students ate breakfast and then headed to the Omni Theater where they enjoyed a show entitled "Under the Sea." From there the students had some time to view more of the exhibits before heading to a National Geographic exhibit entitled "Real Pirates," where they viewed items that have been recovered from a real sunken pirate ship! They also interacted with several "pirates" within the exhibit who taught them pirate games and told them stories of the life of a pirate. After the pirate exhibit, everyone boarded the charter bus to head back home to Badger.

What an opportunity for students of Badger School to see and experience everything that the state capitol and the science museum has to offer. Each child walked away with unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime!



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April Gator Sports

By: Catherine Restuchi

Baseball Varsity

- 5 Roseau @ BGMR
- 10 @ Crookston
- 16 @ Kittson County Central (Kennedy)
- 20 @ Ada-Borup (Ada)
- 21 @ Metrodome vs Fosston
- 23 Fertile @ BGMR
- 24 @ Red Lake Falls
- 27 Norman County East @ BGMR
- 30 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)



Softball Varsity

- 3 @ Norman County East (Twin Valley)
- 10 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 12 Roseau @ BGMR
- 13 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 16 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 17 @ Warroad
- 21 Coaches Classic Tournament @ BGMR
- 24 @ Red Lake Falls
- 26 East Grand Forks @ BGMR

Golf



- 19 Girls Border Conference @ Stephen
- 21 Boys Border Conference @ Karlstad
- 26 Girls Border Conference @ Greenbush or Karlstad
- 28 Boys Border Conference @ Stephen
- 29 Jr. High Boys and Girls @ Roseau
- 30 Boys L/W Invite @ Baudette

Track Varsity

- 17 @ Lake of the Woods
- 24 @ Crookston
- 26 @ Warroad



April Dates to Remember

By: TyAnn Banta

- 2 Preschool Screening 8:30 am - noon
- 2 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 2 Comm Ed - Mosaic Pots 6:30 pm
- 3 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 3 Comm Ed - Yoga 5:45 pm
- 3 ECFE "Flutter by Butterflies" 6:30 pm
- 4 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 4 Band and Choir Fargo Trip, Blue Man Group
- 5 Class Group Picture Day
- 6 No School - Spring Break
- 9 No School - Spring Break
- 9 School Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 Comm Ed - Yoga 5:45 pm
- 10 ECFE "Graduation Night/Pizza Party" 6:30 pm
- 11 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 12 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 14 Prom Grand March 8:00 pm
- 16 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 16 Comm Ed - Safe Driving Refresher 5:00 pm
- 17 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 17 Comm Ed - Yoga 5:45 pm
- 18 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30
- 19 Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 17-18 MCA Testing
- 18-21 FCCLA State Conference
- 20 Karen Enger Dance Recital
- 20 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 23 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 23 Comm Ed - Safe Driving Course 6:00 pm
- 24 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 24 Comm Ed - Yoga 5:45 pm
- 24 Comm Ed - Safe Driving Course 6:00 pm
- 25 Envirothon @ Aggassiz National Wildlife Refuge
- 25 Choir Large Group and Solo Contest @ Badger 1:30 pm
- 25 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 25 Comm Ed - Elementary Baseball/Softball 5:00 pm
- 26 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 27 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm

Superstition

By: Jacquan Rhen

When put together, the sixth day of the week and the number 13 when put together can scare some people. This day is unavoidable one to three times a year and can bring more misfortune than some people's mind can handle. It's the most widespread superstition in the United States today. Some people even refuse to go to work on Friday the 13th, some won't eat in restaurants, and many wouldn't think of planning a wedding on that date.

How many Americans suffer from *friggatriskaidekaphobia*, the fear of the date Friday the 13th? Dr. Donald Dossey, a psychotherapist specializing in phobias, believes it could be as high as 21 million effected by this old superstition.

Why? Friday the 13th has had a negative reputation since ancient times. According to Norse myths, when there are 13 people seated at a dining table one of them will die within the year. Many high rise buildings do not have a 13th floor. Some airports do not have a 13th gate. Can you believe some hospitals do not have a room numbered 13.

There will be three Friday the 13th's this year so beware!!!! There is a Friday the 13th this April. Better sleep with the lights on.



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Child Abuse Awareness Month

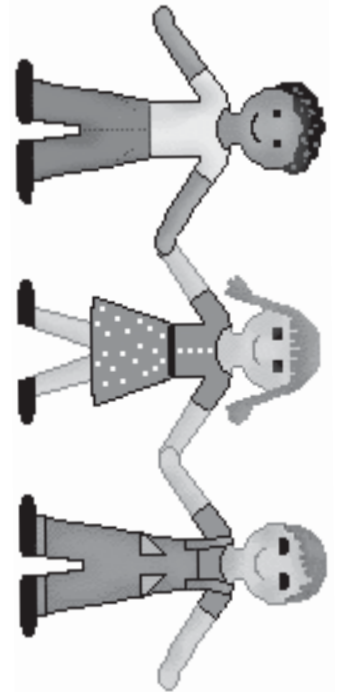
By: TyAnn Banta

Did you know that there are over 3 million reports of child abuse each year. You can help prevent child abuse by becoming friends with a parent you know and just offering to baby-sit or run errands if you see the parent struggling. Also, become friends with a child and ask the child how their day has been and remember the child's name. Encourage a supportive spirit among parents in your apartment building or neighborhood. Help out parents of friends who are struggling with money by giving them toys or clothes for their children.

Child abuse is defined as non-accidental physical injury or trauma caused by kicking, punching, biting, or burning a child. A lot of times physical abuse is caused by inappropriate or excessive physical discipline. It's also caused by parents' immaturity, lack of parenting skills, and/or poor childhood experiences. Family income can play a role in child abuse because parents become stressed and take it out on their children, but it happens to the rich also. If parents don't get out of the house enough, it can lead to abusing their child.

There is also child maltreatment, which is a commission or omission by a parent or caregiver. Commission is when a parent or caregiver causes harm to a child. Omission is the failure to provide a child's basic needs. Signs of physical abuse are unexplained bite marks, burns, bruises or welts in the shape of an object, problems in school, and fear of adults. A child might have lack of confidence, low self-esteem, the inability to trust, and problems with relationships.

Parents should count to ten to calm down or put their child in time-out. No child deserves to be abused because with proper care and attention they can be well behaved.



Autism Awareness

By: Heidi Mitchell

Every day an estimate of 73 children are born with an autism disability. Autism causes impaired communication, excessive rigidity, and emotional detachment. Parents often wonder if they caused it or if they could have prevented it, but the cause is unknown.

Each child with an autism spectrum disorder will have his or her individual pattern of autism. Sometimes, a child's development is delayed from birth. Other children develop normally before suddenly losing social or language skills. In some children, a loss of language is the impairment; in others, it's an unusual behavior like lining up toys. Parents are usually the first to notice something different about their child.

The five types of autism include Asperger's disorder, Kanner's syndrome, Persuasive developmental disorder, Rett's syndrome, and Childhood disintegrative disorder. Each disorder has certain characteristics: Rett's syndrome favors girls more than boys. Childhood Disintegrative Disorder favors boys and does not begin to show symptoms until three or four years of age. Asperger's is the mildest form of autism. Parents usually know their children have this because they don't like changes or they lack sympathy. Persuasive development disorder is the name used for people who have many symptoms of autism but not enough of one type. Kanner's disorder is the most common form. It is believed to affect one out of 166. It has four major symptoms: difficulties with social interactions, difficulties with imaginative play, repetitive behavior, and difficulty with verbal and nonverbal communication.

The United States recognizes Autism Awareness Month every April. It is a time to inform and educate the public about autism and issues within the autistic community. Each year people with autism, their families, and professionals volunteer thousands of hours to achieve its mission of serving those affected by autism. To each and every person who gives time to help out, thank you.



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Senior Spotlight

Kassandra Kompelien

Parents: Sheldon & Tanya Kompelien

Siblings: Ethan, Megan, Logan

Nicknames: Kassie, that crazy speech nerd

Favorite:

Sport: Badminton

Song: *Barracuda* by Heart

Food: French Toast

Word: Lovely

Color: Screamin' green (explanation below).

Quote: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Hobbies: Reading, writing, and playing video games.

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for the reinstatement of my beloved speech team!

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you travel? My sister Megan and I would go to Italy.

If you could be a color crayon, what color would you be and why? Screamin' green (It's in the 48 pack Crayola). It's a loud color.

What one word best describes your personality? Genuine

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? The loudest. Ask the choir.

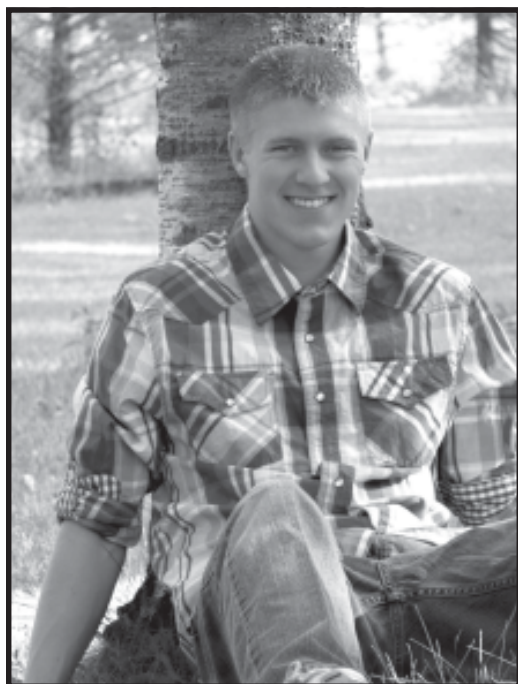
What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Write stories and poems and play video games!

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? I did borrow Nathan Hietala a year supply of pencils a couple years back. He still owes me like three packs.



Senior Spotlight

Noah Starren



Parents: Marvin and Rick Starren

Sibling: Mani

Nicknames: Noha, Nola, Josh, Jesus, Moses, Crash

Favorite:

Sport: Hockey

Song: *Dirt Road Anthem* by Jason Aldean

Food: Everything besides squash and peas.

Word: Your choice.

Color: Blue

Quote: "Be who you are, not what they want you to be."

Hobbies: Wakeboarding, skiing, tubing

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? 1969 Ford Mustang

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? It would be Larry Tretbar, also called jigs to any place.

If you could be a color crayon, what color would you be and why? Blue because it's my favorite color.

What one word best describes your personality? Conserved

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Quietest because you get the most respect back.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Work on just about anything except homework.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? When Brendon pantsed me when I was spotting Kelsey.

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Campus Comment

By: Kasey Pries

What's one thing you like about Easter?



Jared Davy (Grade 7): Hangout with my family on Sunday and having an Easter egg hunt.



Alexis Monsrud (Grade 9): Kicking my brother's butt at finding Easter eggs in the bushes for my younger cousins.



Nick Rodriguez (Grade 11): I love the bunny and candy.



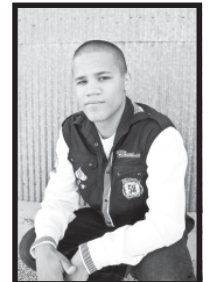
Lisa Erickson (Band Instructor): Sitting around the table listening to Snooky stories. They're hilarious!



Tyler Klegstad (Grade 8): I like spending time with my family down in Minneapolis because we don't get to see them very often.



Sarah Erickson (Grade 10): We usually go to my grandparents, get Easter baskets, and color eggs. But my all time favorite thing is watching my little cousins when they hunt for Easter eggs that I helped hide.



Nathan Hietala (Grade 12): Eggs.

Trivia

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

- What caused the Statue of Liberty to turn green?
 - oxidization
 - radio signals
 - global warming
 - wind
- What is considered the first feature length zombie movie?
 - The Ghost Breakers
 - I Walked with a Zombie
 - White Zombie
 - The Plague of Zombies
- Officially, how many lakes are in Minnesota?
 - 12,834
 - 18,682
 - 9,854
 - 11,842
- What is Vlad III (aka Dracula)'s dubbed nickname?
 - Vlad the Awesome
 - Vlad the Vampire
 - Vlad the Impaler
 - Vlad the Bloodthirsty

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All Ears

By: Kasey Pries

Chocolate? Colored eggs? Easter Bunny?! That's what kids think about when Easter comes around. This year Easter Sunday is on April 8, which marks the end of Lent.



Easter customs vary across the world. A lot of families have traditional recipes they prepare on Easter. In Greece, people make "Greek Koullourakia," which are Easter cookies made with orange juice and topped with sesame seeds. In Italy, people bake the "Florentine Love Knot Cookie." They have a lemon flavor and are shaped like a person in prayer. In Russia, they make "Kulich," which is a type of bread. Brazil makes "Pacocas," a paste made by mixing crushed nuts and raw ingredients. In America, most people serve lamb, pork, or ham for their Easter dinners.

Kids love to decorate and color Easter eggs. After they're all done, they look so pretty. Not sure what the parents think of the mess, but they're just having fun. Kids even get to decorate Easter baskets! That way they can put the colored eggs into their brand new basket.

Let's not forget the Easter Bunny! He hides the eggs and you have to find them. Also, he leaves little goodies in the Easter baskets. Chocolate is always the best when it comes from the Easter Bunny. Some people make bunny ears and draw whiskers on their faces, so they look like the Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny tradition came from Germany where it was first mentioned in 1500's German writings.

Make this Easter an "Egg"stra special one. Go discover new customs and traditions you can pass on. "Hoppy" Easter everyone!

Remembering the *Titanic*

By: Torie Frericks

Imagine you're on a ship standing on the top deck looking up at the stars when *Wham!* There is a loud bang followed by an ear-splitting scraping noise. When you go to see what the cause is, you realize the ship hit an iceberg. There is mass hysteria as thousands of passengers try to get into the few lifeboats on the ship. Within a couple hours, most of the passengers are dead and the entire ship has sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. This is what happened on the *Titanic*.

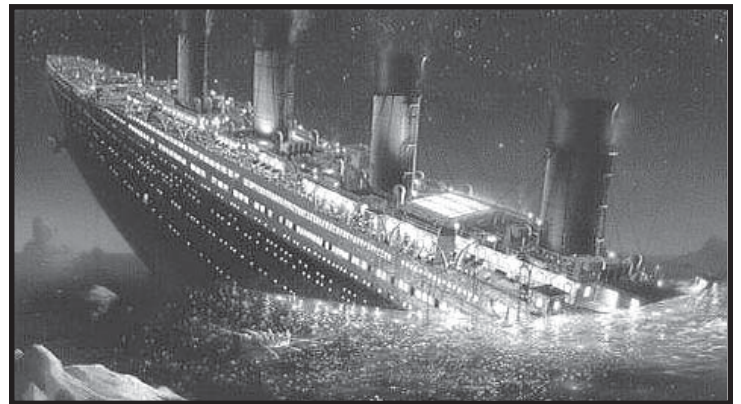
April 15 of this year marks a historic but sad day. In 1912, exactly 100 years ago, the "unsinkable" ship, the *Titanic*, hit an iceberg and sank. A total of 1,522 passengers were lost and only 705 passengers were rescued. The crash occurred around 11:40 p.m. on the 14th of April, and the ship sank two hours later, the morning of the 15th.

Titanic Remembrance Day is celebrated on April 15, the day the *Titanic* sank deep into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. There is no group or person who originated the start of *Titanic* Remembrance Day. There have been disputes over whether the holiday should be held on April 14th or 15th. Some argue it should be the 14th, the day of the crash into the iceberg. Others say it should stay as the 15th, since that was the day the ship actually sank.

The historic sinking of *Titanic* led to many TV specials, documentaries, and big-screen movies. One of the biggest movies made was *Titanic*, a fictional story that starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Released in 1997, *Titanic* tells the story of Jack Dawson, a third-class passenger who won his ticket in a game of poker, and Rose DeWitt Bukater, a first-class lady who lives the fancy life but longs to be free, especially from her arranged marriage to a selfish man. Jack and Rose meet aboard the *Titanic*'s maiden voyage, where they fall in love. When the ship begins to sink, they know they must try to stay together in order to survive, even amongst all the chaos aboard the ship.

To truly remember the 100th anniversary of *Titanic*'s sinking, the *Titanic* movie is being released to theaters for the first time in 3D on April 4. It is the same film from 1997, but in a 21st-century 3D format. I highly recommend seeing this movie if you loved the original 1997 version of the film.

The *Titanic* will always be remembered by TV specials, movies, news stories, and more to remind us. May we always remember those who lost their lives on this voyage. To those who survived, they were the lucky ones.



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Tech with Torie

By: Torie Frericks

It's April! Spring is finally here. It's time for some new technology! Start the season off right with the best technology from Gadget Find. Here are this month's gadgets:

~ **The One Step DVD/CD Duplicator** - Have you ever wanted to make copies of a disc (like a home movie or a video of a piano recital)? Then the One Step DVD/CD Duplicator is just what you need! You can make a copy of a CD or DVD in about 6 minutes with just the touch of a button and without the use of a PC. To make a duplicate, just place the disc with the information to be copied in the top tray and a blank disc in the bottom tray. The duplicator does the rest. Files will be copied easily and without error. The duplicator supports all DVD and CD formats, but it will not duplicate copyrighted or encrypted material. The duplicator measures 7 inches high, 7 inches wide and 10 inches deep, and weighs about 10 pounds. The duplicator simply plugs into a wall outlet. To get the One Step DVD/CD Duplicator for \$249.95, go to www.hammacher.com and in the Search box type item number 81246. Once on the site, you can buy the duplicator, as well as packs of blank CDs and DVDs. Each pack includes 25 blank discs and costs \$19.95. Get duplicating!

~ **The Keep Your Distance Bug Vacuum** - Are you someone who doesn't like bugs? You can't seem to kill them once they get in your house? The Keep Your Distance Bug Vacuum is the gadget for you! With this vacuum, you can suck up bugs from up to 2 feet away. The cordless vacuum carries the bugs through the one-way tube to an electric grid in the handle. They are then shocked and killed. To get rid of the bugs, simply remove the extension tube and dump them outside or in the garbage. There is no need to worry about being shocked because the grid shuts off automatically. The vacuum has a flexible rubber suction cup to get into tight corners and an extendable nozzle for high places. It comes with a charging stand that includes an LED light that indicates when the battery is low. To get the Keep Your Distance Bug Vacuum, go www.hammacher.com and type the item number 73620 in the Search box. Say goodbye to bugs!

~ **Gunnar Computer Glasses** - Do you spend a lot of time on the computer? Do your eyes start to hurt if you are on the computer too long? The Gunnar Computer Glasses can fix that! A computer screen is made of mostly blue light. This light is received differently on the retina of the eye compared to the other colors in the spectrum. This is what causes headaches and fuzzy spots in vision when you spend many hours on a computer. The Gunnar Computer Glasses filter away this blue light and efficiently reduce glare, which gives your eyes a chance to rest. The glasses have black and brushed aluminum finishing, and come in several different styles: Edge Onyx, Edge Ash, Weezer Onyx, Scope, Anime Onyx, and Rocket Mercury. To get the Gunnar Computer Glasses, go to www.thinkgeek.com and type 'Gunnar Computer Glasses' in the Search box. They cost between \$79.99 - \$99.99 depending on the style you get. If you spend a lot of your time each day on a computer, you may want to check these out.

~ **Water Powered Clock** - Are you sick of electric clocks that don't work when there's a power outage? Tired of constantly replacing the batteries in your battery-powered clock? The Water Powered Clock is the gadget for you! This clock not only runs on water, it can run on any liquid, from soda to coffee! Here's how it works: The internal converter extracts electrons from the liquid molecules and provides a constant flow of electrical current, which acts as a fuel cell to generate the clock's power. Replacing the liquid is required about every other week, but it's simple to do because all you do is pour the liquid and it's done! To get the Water Powered Clock for \$12.99, go to www.thinkgeek.com, type 'Water Powered Clock' in the Search box, and select the clock from the list of results. If you want a clock that is eco-friendly, you need the Water Powered Clock!

Well, that's it for April! I hope you enjoy these gadgets and the lovely spring weather. Stay tuned for my last *Tech with Torie* article next month. All gadgets were found through www.gadgetfind.com.

Fact or Fool?

By: Haylea Hassel

Pranks, pranks, and more pranks! April Fool's Day is, the day everyone is out to pull a prank or play a joke on someone. We all have done it or have had it done to us. But have you ever wondered why?

Believe it or not April First was actually New Years Day. The reason New Years was celebrated on April First was to keep in line with the vernal equinox (March 20 or 21). In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII order the people to follow the Gergorian calendar, which we still use today. This calender celebrates New Years on January 1st. When France adopted the Gergorian calendar, few people knew of the change because it took so long for word to travel and many people just didn't want to accept the calendar change. They became the victim of many jokes and were harassed. This is why we now celebrate playing jokes on our friends and family just for kicks on April First.

Not everyone keeps it to one day of pranks and jokes. The Scottish celebrate it for two days. The first day is more like our April Fool's. The second day someone might actually get hurt with the classic give someone a hug and stick the "kick me" note on their back and then you can't figure out why people are kicking you. Mexico celebrates April Fool's Day on December 28th. This day started out as a day of mourning from the innocent killings of children when King Heord was in power. It eventually turned to a lighthearted day of pranks and fun.

Have fun pulling pranks on people. Laugh a lot and have fun. Happy April Fool's Day!!



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Band Musician of the Month

Katie Rhen

Grade: 10

What instrument do you play? Baritone

What do you like most about band? Learning new music to challenge myself.

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I couldn't play trumpet so Mrs. Erickson suggested that I try the baritone.

How long have you been in band? 6 years.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Put 100% into every song to make it sound terrific, including putting a lot of emotion so it doesn't sound very mechanical

What's your favorite pep band song? *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap* or *Sea Cruise*.

What's playing on your I-pod right now? Adele

What's your most memorable band moment? My first week of band sitting next to Ryan and Anders and laughing at all of their jokes.



Choir Musician of the Month

Vanessa Burkel

Grade: 12

Siblings: Andrea, Alex, Jack, Emily

What section are you in? Do you enjoy it and why. Second soprano. Yes, because I like the challenge of singing harmony instead of melody.

How many years have you been in choir? 6 years.

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Probably putting up and taking down risers.

What advice would you give other vocalists? Pay attention to Mrs. Carpenter and focus.

What's your most embarrassing moment in choir? Singing loudly when I'm not supposed to.

What is your favorite part about choir? Concerts and contest.

What is your favorite song to sing in choir? *Requiem*



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Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School District.

It appears the mild winter we experienced may be behind us and spring is in the air! Spring means the start of another extracurricular activity season. Baseball, golf, softball, and track are now underway. Our student athletes as well as our coaching staff have been working hard to prepare for the competitive season. Please come out and cheer on our students as they represent our school on the field of competition.

Badger School 7th Grade Students Experience Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center!

The week of March 19-23 was no ordinary school week. Imagine spending a week in "school" that was complete with 15 hour school days, classrooms without walls, and classes that last approximately three hours long. That is exactly what the Badger seventh grade students enjoyed recently. Under the direct supervision of Wolf Ridge Advisor Mrs. Shannon Dostal and faculty chaperone Mr. Craig Lachowitzer as well as parent chaperones Mrs. Tami Davy and Mr. Rob Kjelland, our students collected a lifetime of memories in one week. Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, located on 2,000 acres of land near Finland, Minnesota, on the North Shore of Lake Superior, welcomed the Badger seventh grade students for a second year in a row. Working together with classmates and supervisors as well as Wolf Ridge Staff, our students learned a great deal about their environment, geography, wildlife, and geology, as well as themselves during the week spent working and playing together. The Wolf Ridge experience is provided to our students at no cost to our school and is completely funded through multiple grants. If you would like more information regarding the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center experience, please call or visit our school. Mrs. Dostal, Mr. Lachowitzer, or myself would be happy to visit with you. You may also visit the Wolf Ridge website directly at wolf-ridge.org.

Badger Music Program Continues to Excel!

Recently the Badger School hosted a large group band contest. Students from Badger as well as Greenbush and Middle River performed and were evaluated by judges. The Badger Band under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Erickson performed wonderfully and earned a "superior" rating, the highest mark possible, from all three judges! The Badger music department continues to impress and amaze judges and community members each and every time they perform.

In the near future, the Badger School district will host a choir contest. In addition to the Badger choir, students from Tri-County will also travel to Badger to perform and be evaluated by performance officials. The Badger choir is directed by Mrs. Sara Carpenter. Approximately 60 students participate in the Badger choir. Working together the Badger students make a powerful and beautiful sounding choir.

The Badger band and choir are a tremendous source of pride for school and community. Thank you Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Carpenter for all you do.

The Badger music students (choir and band) will soon travel to Fargo, North Dakota, to watch the world famous "Blue Man Group" in concert. This trip is being organized by Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Carpenter and will include nearly 80 students and chaperones combined. This concert experience will be completely funded by the Music Club and will provide our students a wonderful opportunity to experience musical culture and entertainment not often available to our students.

The Apple iPad 3 is coming to the Badger Community School!

During the March School Board meeting, the Badger School Board approved the purchase of fifty-five Apple iPad 3's for our district. Apple iPad 3's will be available for student and staff use during the 2012-2013 school year. Grants and donations were utilized to completely pay for the iPads! Next fall, prior to the start of the school year, representatives from Apple will travel to Badger and provide an entire day of staff development for our faculty to help ensure the iPad 3 will be used to the best of our ability to further enhance our instruction and the educational experience of our students.

Badger School Continues to Proudly Serve our Community!

Our school is here to serve our students, parents, and community. As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit in person please stop by any time. The Badger Community School welcomes any ideas or suggestions you may have for our district. Working together we can "Make A Difference" and will continue to be the school "where every student belongs."

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent, Badger School District

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Global Warming: True or False?

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

Polar ice caps melting, cities flooding or bursting into flames, water supplies evaporating quickly or the ozone layer disintegrating letting the sun burn Earth to a crisp. That's what global warming is all about, right? Global warming is the increase in Earth's temperature, supposedly caused in part by greenhouse gases. An example of global warming is the ice caps melting or winters being warmer by a few degrees (or possibly more). The idea of global warming first was first defined by scientist Wallace S. Broecker's paper in *Science*: "Are we on the brink of a pronounced global warming?"

Theories of what's going on with the world widely vary. One theory is that CO₂ (carbon dioxide), which is a greenhouse gas that traps heat and warms the planet, is increasing in the atmosphere. Another theory is that solar activity (heat coming from the sun's waves) has increased and is causing the Earth to heat up. A different theory all together is that it's completely natural. The United Nations funded studies revealing drastic climate changes, hot and cold, going as far back as 900 AD, showing this has been happening for a long time.



Outcomes of global warming vary also. Some say that the temperature will increase up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit in the next century. Others believe that the sea level will rise 6 to 37 inches in the next century, increasing the risk of floods and losing land to erosion. Another idea is that water will evaporate faster, harming agriculture. It's also been theorized that people will die from heat stress or from mosquitoes spreading more diseases. It's said animals will be forced to change habitats and plants will die from the climate changes. Some predicted outcomes aren't bad, though. A possibility is that it'll be warmer, giving more sunlight for plants and making them actually produce more. Another plus is that tropical rain forests might have a wider range of existing if the tropics were warmer.

Many of us in northern Minnesota may be blaming global warming when the Gator baseball players are on the field in March. However, this issue is still being disputed, and we surely aren't complaining about unseasonable warmth!

Trivia Answers

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3.D

2.C

1.A

April Word Search

C S N P A L M S U N D A Y
H G R A F W T V L H U P N
O T N S J E E A S T E R I
C Q X S X Y S V W T S I L
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L N O V S K R K X S Z F S
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April Fools
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Palm Sunday
Easter
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Do you know what April Fool's Day is about? It is a day that you get to play jokes on your friends.

Do you know what Easter is about? It is when you find Easter eggs

What is your favorite Easter egg color? Rainbow

What's your favorite part of Easter egg hunting? Find eggs with candy in them.

Do you like Easter or April Fool's Day better? April Fool's Day because I get to play tricks on everyone like my friends Berlyn and Amelia.

Why are you looking forward to spring? For nice weather and the sun to come back out and for it to be warm.

What is your favorite part of spring? The sun, going to the beach, and not having to wear my snowpants and boots everyday.

What are you going to miss most during spring break? Not being able to play with my friends.

What is your favorite part of school? Math and playing with my friends all the time at recess. And I really like music class.

