

# The Badger Barker

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## Nobel Prize Winners Reconsidered

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

When someone hears a scientist won a prize for discovering something, you might say something like "oh. If you looked closer, you'd see some intriguing things about Nobel Prize winners."

Robert Lucas, the winner of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Economics, had to split his \$1 million prize with his ex-wife. They had divorced seven years before Lucas won, but their divorce settlement stated "Wife shall receive 50% of any Nobel Prize." It expired on October 31, 1995, so had he won the year after, Lucas would have all the winnings for himself.

Next up is the highly rejected Lise Meitner. She took part in discovering nuclear fission, so wouldn't she get a prize for sure? The answer is no. It's rumored Meitner has been nominated 13 times for a Nobel Prize, but never won (no one is sure, since nominations are kept secret).

Kary Mullis, winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, was supposed to be a witness in the O. J. Simpson murder trial. Simpson's lawyer felt the prosecution's DNA case was already destroyed and didn't want Mullis's personal life to distract jurors.

Believe it or not, there are some people who actually declined to receive Nobel Prizes. One is Le Duc Tho, who brokered a Vietnam cease fire. He declined the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize because there isn't exactly peace in Vietnam. Another is Jean Paul Sartre, who was awarded 1964 Nobel Prize in Literature. He waved it off because "It is not the same thing if I sign Jean-Paul Sartre or if I sign Jean-Paul Sartre, Nobel Prize winner. A writer must refuse to allow himself to be transformed into an institution, even if it takes place in the most honorable form."

There are also some disrespected people who have won a Nobel Prize. Daniel Carleton Gajdusek, who won in 1976 for research in human slow-virus infections, was put in jail for 19 months on charges of child molestation in 1997. Johannes Fibiger won in 1926 for discovering parasitic worms cause cancer, but it was actually false. Yasser Arafat shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, which caused Nobel committee member Kari Kristiansen to resign and say, "What consequences will result when a terrorist with such a background is awarded the world's most prestigious prize?"

Alfred Nobel - inventor of dynamite and founder of the Nobel Prize - may have had the idea to create the award after a premature obituary in a French newspaper called him a "merchant of death." If you've ever wondered how much control Nobel had in the prize, it's clearly stated in his will. It says to give prizes to the hard working people who affect the world in the most positive way in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. His will explains who will give out the awards. To choose the winner for the peace prize, there will be a committee of five people elected by the Norwegian Storting.

Next time you think of a Nobel Prize winner, don't assume they're the best. Look at what's underneath the brilliance..

## Northern Manufactures Essay Contest: Ryan Modahl

By: Catelyn Sovde

"What is manufacturing's biggest impact on our county?" This is what Ryan's assignment sheet read after Mrs. Ylitalo handed them out to the senior English class. Badger and Greenbush senior students had the opportunity to compete in the essay. Sixteen students from Badger and Greenbush school participated. It was a required assignment at the Badger School. "I wouldn't want to have my students miss out on this opportunity," said Mrs. Ylitalo.



After sitting down with Ryan for an interview, I learned a lot more about the Northern Manufactures Essay Contest. Ryan stressed you had to write about your county, not your country. This was the main requirement. Ryan wrote about how manufacturing did more than just provide jobs, it also promotes "strong work ethic, encourage unity, and interdependence." It also gives Roseau County pride.

Ryan set his mind to work, and it paid off. He was the winner for the Badger and Greenbush school districts. He won a savings bond worth \$1000. Not only did Ryan get the reward of a savings bond, but he also got the reward of meeting many professionals from Roseau County. At the breakfast, Ryan had the chance to talk with Minnesota State Representative, Dan Fabian. Businesses representatives at the breakfast from Polaris, Central Boiler, Marvin Windows attended the breakfast. "Pretty much all the businesses from around here," he said. The winners from all the school districts read their essays.

Ryan, here is yet another reward for a job well done: Recognition in the Badger Barker. Let's all give a warm round of applause to Ryan Modahl, for winning the Northern Manufactures Essay Contest. Congratulations!

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## Letters to Santa

*Dear Santa,* How are the raindeer? I have been good this year. Could you please bring me a set of bunk beds for my twin dolls. Also I would like some baby doll clothes. Love, *Macy Majer* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a Wii and a baby that comes with clothes. I will be nice to my sister. Love, *Amelia Wilt* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a new zuzu pet and a play phone. I will set cookies and milk on the table for you. I would like you to stay warm. Love, *Jordan Lee* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a Babie I can decorate with spakles. I want it to have a blow dryer that squirts color. I also want boots with sparkles that light up. I will set cookies and milk on the counter for you. I will leave a plate of carrots for rudolph. Love, *Jordan Davy* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a baby doll and a Barbie. I have been good. I help clean up at my house. I will leave you cookies. Love, *Ella Hoosier* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Will you please bring me the Grand Theft Auto game for Christmas. I have been good this year. What do you feed the raindeer? Love, *Ashton Pickhartz* (Kindergarten)

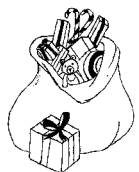
*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a big, long snake and a big, long bow and arrow that is easy to pull back. I want it to be real. I want real arrows with it too. I also want practice arrows. Please thank your elves for making the toys. Love *Danton Bronson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* I want flip flops and a bow and arrow. I have been good. I will sprinkle sparkles in the snow for you to land and leave you cookies. Love, *Berlyn Burkel* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Happy Christmas! Please bring me the Elf movie and a Barbie with a trail. I will leave you chocolate cookies. Love, *Marissa Secord* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me an i-pad and a guinea pig. I am good at sharing the loft in the kindergarten room. I will set out cookies and milk for you. Love, *Tenisha Berger* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa,* Please bring me a real cicle grill to cook on and a laptop. I also want a Barbie game for the laptop and a spatula to flip food on the grill. I also want a red fold up wallet with a bow and a flower in the middle and a little dog that is real named Flower Bouquet. Do you have any baby reindeer? I will leave grass for your reindeer. Love, *Ada Lee* (Kindergarten)



*Dear Santa,* I was good. For Christmas I would like 10 pillow pets and power Rangersam ride zorg. Luve, *Tony Peppel* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I like you Santa and I would like Lego Star Wars and everything for hockey. Even the shirt And the shirts too. I hope it comes. Love, *Gabriel Warne* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I like cims. For christmas I would like a DS 3 and a DS 3 game. I hope i good for cims. by *Tre Alten* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* For christmas I would like a ds. I hope Santa to cum to my house. Love *Talisha Hamann* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I like you Santa. for christmas I would like a ds and a helping hands chart. I hope I am good for christmas Love, *Bella Burkel* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I love you. For christmas I would like wii and dds. I hope you go to my house. Love, *Aubrey Waage* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I have been very good For chiristmas I would like a dirtbicke and a lipaad I hope it will be suney Love, *Mason Scharf* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I like Santa. for christmas I would like pet shops. I hope you have a good trip. Love *Victoria Hickey* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I love you Santa. For christmas I would like lots of legos and lots of bbs I hope you come to my hows. Love, *Dylan VonEnde* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I will like you santa and i will olwas. for chrstmas I woud Like a bb gun and bbss. I hope for dinner. Love *Landon Frislie* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I like Christmas. I wnt a Somi fatre I wnt a DS and a game toy sorry 12 I hope you came to my hows. Love *Cody Olson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I love you Santa. For christmas I would like will games and walkie talkies. I hope i am good. Love, *Riley Gust* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I have been very, very, very good. For Christmas I would like a MP3 player and a 3DS and a game. I hope I get what I want! Love *Julia Bergeron* (Grade 1)

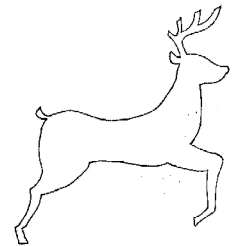
*Dear Santa,* I love you Santa. For Christmas I would like a Ds3 and Ds3 games I hope that we hav a good wetr Love *Elliott Isane* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I love Crissmiss. I would like one more cat and a ds game and I hope you come to are house. Love, *Brogan Beito* (Grade 1)

*Deer Santa,* I love chissmiss is my Favrite holeday. I would a camroe and a Petshops. theack you. I hope you come to my haouse. Love *Bryza Rud* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I luf you Santa. for christkmas I would like bb gun play station I hope bb gun Love *Brandon Secord* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* I want a Ipod and a hat I love you Iov been very good. I want a phone. Love *Adrien Doneth* (Grade 1)



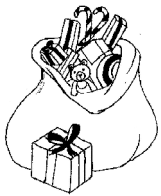
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*Dear Santa,* I love you santa For christmas I would like a Ipod and DSI. I hope we have good weather. Love, *Raegen Maahs* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa,* All I want is a race car. How are you and Miss closs? To Santa from, *Blaine Olson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* how are you doing up at the North Pole. What I really want for Christmas is a CD player that I can blug my I-pod into. And my DS rocks and you do to. The other things are a zhu zhu puppy and pet, and finally a bratz masquerade ball doll. Sincerely *Greta Lee* (Grade 2)



*Dear Santa,* how is your reindeer doing. Can you probably giv me a fake puppy that can walk and it has a lesh and there is a butens that is left and right and strat. Love *Hannah Rud* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing! How are your raindeer doing. I wunt a dsi xl. I would like a American girl doll. Love, *Coryn Peppel* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Can I have a toy cat that wackes and talks. And how are the raindeer doing. Are you doing great? Thanke you Santa for the presint last year. Love, *Elese Andol* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Haw is it going? The thing I wud likt most is a sketchpad. The othor kupel things I wud like is a crochet reedle and sum thread. Love, *Brooke VonEnde* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a I pod tuoch. Last Christmas I liked the candy nack lace. Love, *Hannah Wilt* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How is Mrs. Santa. I wood wont a i-pod-tuch. Love, *Jenessa Isane* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How is your raindeer? How is every body? I would like a I pad and I would also like some craft stuff and maybe a figit friznd. PS. I am leaving you some cookies. Love, *Hailey VonEnde* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a barbie dream house. How is your raindeer? And how is your wife? Love *Aulona Jasiqi* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing? I want a hunting set with a truck, and a traler ,and dear, and pepol, and a foler. Mare crismis. From, *Bryce Thompson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* wate I wote for Crimus a red compueter and a liv girl. How are your Rinedera doing? Love, *Kadeyn Keller* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Can I have a ipod tuch ples. and two biorbes. Haw is it in the north pole. Love, *Jordan Scharf* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I would lika a stuffed animal, please. I would like two Barbies. How are your reindeer? I am leaving milk and cookies. Your friend, *Erin Gonzalez* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* Haw are your ranedear. four Crismis I want the shardharpoon bote and a bell frum roodolf& colre. Love, *Dalton Shirley* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* how is your reindeer? I want a dog and little pet shop for Christmas. Thank you Santa. Love, *Jasmine Christianson* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* I would like a fidget fremde for Christmas. Have a great year at the north pole. I will leave milk and cookeis for you. Love, *Arika Pickhartz* (Grade 2)

*Dear Santa,* How are you? Will you please get me some Dsi games, a Barbie camper, and a lap-top. Thank you so much Merry Christmas. Sincerely, *Bailey Maurstad* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you can i please Have every Hex bugmary crismis. Love, *Tucker Beito* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Are yor elves doing well at making the toys? For Chrismas i would like a cellfone or a new pair of shoes. But the thing that i whant the most is a lap top. That would be sweet!!! Love, *Maisy Ilitalo* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How is your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? For Chritmas I would like a new pair of ice-skates. And a bell from a reindeer or a picture of the reindeer. And I hope you have a awesome Chritmas giving out the great toys to girls and boys. Love, *Alyssa Rinde* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Hi, How are you? Are you ready for Christmas? Could I please have a bell from your sleigh. That would be great. I hope you have great Christmas! Your friend, *Erika Howell* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you? Can I please have ice scates and most of all I wont The best chismis. Love, *Tia McKinnon* (Grade 3)

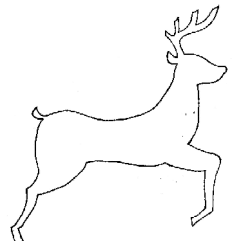
*Dear Santa,* How are you doing in the North pole For Christmas I would like some lago. My2 ig hola odst. My 3 thing is Marden warfair three. your friend, *Timothy Peppel* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are your reindeer? For Cristmas please I want a Baribe Moter-cycle, and a lab top, and a motel of you? Love *Dadreyona Doneth* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How is are the reindeers? How are you and mrs. claus and the elves are doing good. This is want I want please can I have a DS and grame please. Sincerely *Jasmyn Rud* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How is Mrs Claus and the raindeer, and the eleves and you and your polar bear? Please could you get me a buffalo and a bulldog and a golf ball. Sincerely *Caitlyn Wooten* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* how is misses clase and the reindeer? All I want for crismas is a labetop and a nook. Nook because I can make My A.R. goal. Sincerely, *Kiah Olafson* (Grade 3)



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*Dear Santa,* How is your reindeer? I hope your elves and reindeer and you are doing Good are you doing good? I think you are so sweet to give all those kids those toys! and this is all I want all I love is a Dog. and it means a lot to me. I hope you can get it. I do want other stuff but I like this best! You are the Best in the world! your friend, *Majesta Peterson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* what is going on? Please can I have a nook so I can get my AR goal. Sincerely, *Talon Hilligas* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you and the elves doing? What I would like for christmas is a pet bird and Call of duty Modern Warfer For xbox 360 and call of duty ghost Recon for xbox 360. Sincerly, *Dawson Beito* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are the elves doing? I will gladly take an air hogs blue sky. and a ope helicopter with the working crane and baskets. Your friend, *Noah Warne* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Is the North Pole your real home. Please can I have a four wheeler. for my Dad to have a weekoof. Sincerely, *Olivia Hamann* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* could show me a picture of your reindeer. From, *Tanner Davy* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you doing I would like a snowcat please and a dog and a new bike thank you and I hope you and the elves are doing good bye. Yor friend, *Kasen Swenson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Is it cold in North pole? Santa can I have a SSIXL and DS and Starwars books. Your friend, *Jory Bronson* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you? For Christmas I would like, Star Fox 64, a 3ds and Pokemon Rumble. I hope you and the elves and Mrs. Claus are doing well. Sincerely, *Jack Burkel* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* How are you fealing? What I would like for Christmas is a DSi a laptop and a new bair of iceskates. Love, *Alexis Rud* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* Is it cold in the North pole? For Christmas I would like a lion because there the king of the jungle and a toy Te-rex because Te-rexes are cool and Kirby's Return to Dream Land because I like Kirby games. Your friend, *Avdyl Jasiqi* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* What I want for christmas is a wii game called Monster high it looks like a fun game. Have a Holly Jolly Christmas. Love, *Isabella Monsrud* (Grade 3)

*Dear Santa,* I want some more toy horeses, Littlest pet shop, Barbies, more tedys, books, toy cars. Love, *Traci Hill* (Grade 3)



*Santa artwork created by Badger sophomore and Barker staff student Matthieu Sibilleau.*

## Winter Safety Tips

By: TyAnn Banta

Winter is approaching and many of us will be traveling. There is more to surviving winter than taking your car to the mechanic for a checkup. Here are some winter safety tips to keep you safe while traveling this winter.

Always have a winter survival kit in your car. The kit should include these basic items: drinking water, high-calorie foods like candy bars, blankets or sleeping bags, some extra clothes for warmth, a pocketknife, flashlight, spare batteries, matches or small candles so you can melt snow to drink, and a nylon cord so that if someone has to get out of the vehicle in a blizzard he can find his way back. Here are some other things to keep in your trunk: a shovel, fire extinguisher, and basic tools.

Before you even leave the driveway, make sure to clean all the snow and ice off your windows. Better yet, make sure your tires are good and also have an extra jug of antifreeze in the car. When stopping on ice, just press the brakes a little instead of slamming on the brakes. Always watch out for ice even if it looks like there is no ice. Reduce your speed to help prevent accidents and make sure you have enough stopping time between you and the car in front of you. Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads. Always slow down when you see shady spots because you can encounter black ice, which is really dangerous.

Make sure you have a full tank of gas and only let it go down to about half a tank, and then stop to fill it up. Turn on your lights so you can see other drivers and other drivers can see you. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. If you get stuck, do not spin your tires because that only digs you deeper. Also, try rocking your vehicle or turning your tires to push snow out of the way so you can get unstuck. Don't pass snow plows or sanding trucks, the drivers have limited visibility. Use low gears to keep traction.

Hope you follow these safety tips when traveling. Stay safe and have a fun, relaxing holiday.

## December Dates to Remember

By: Johanna Sieber

3	Comm Ed - Breakfast for a Crew 9 - 11 am
4	Open Gym 3:30 - 5:00 pm
6	ECFE Holiday Crafts 6:30 pm
6	Comm Ed - Yoga 5:45 pm
6	Comm Ed - Zumba 7:15 pm
8	Preschool Family Christmas Party 1:30 - 3:00 pm
10	Art Club Santa Claus Days
11	Open Gym 3:30 - 5:00 pm
12	School Board 7:30 pm
12-14	Scholastic Book Fair 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
16	Elementary Winter Program 2:00 pm
18	Open Gym 3:30 - 5:00 pm
21	North Dakota State University Rep 9:30 am
22	High School Winter Program 7:00 pm
24 - 31	No School - Winter Break



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## Senior Spotlight

### Brendon Dostal



**Parents:** Tom and Cari Dostal

**Sibling:** Devin, Seth, and Kobe

**Nicknames:** Ox, Ba

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Song:** *Simple Man* (by Shinedown)

**Food:** Hot dishes or pasta salad!

**Word:** Anonymous

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** ¨Live free or die trying.¨

**Hobbies:** Snowmobiling, ATV, fishing, hunting, playing bass, anything techie.

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish for more wishes.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be?** Anyone who wants to go and I'd go to Alaska for a snowmobiling trip.

**If you could be a color crayon, what color would you be and why?** Neon green, because neon green color crayons are awesome!

**What one word best describes your personality?** Perfectionist.

**Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest?** Quietest

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Whatever is appealing or looks fun at the time.

**What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school?** I got pantsed standing on a stool in shop class in front of the whole class (cough, cough Nick!)

## Senior Spotlight

### Hayley Nicole Hendrickson

**Parents:** Koni and Steve Hamann

**Siblings:** Taylor, Cole, Emily

**Nickname:** Gus Gus!

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Softball

**Song:** *Won't Let Go* by Rascal Flatts

**Food:** Chinese food!

**Word:** What?! (selective hearing) (hehe)

**Color:** Purple

**Quote:** ¨My eye queue is determined by me not knowing how to spell it.¨

**Hobbies:** Working, reading, watching movies, sports, and hanging out with friends.

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To travel the world with an unlimited never-ending credit card.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be?** I want my sister, Taylor, to travel to Australia with me.

**If you could be a color crayon, what color would you be and why?** Black, because all the colors together is what I like to see...

**What one word best describes your personality?** Impatient... I like for things to happen right away because I hate suspense.

**Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest?** Quietest

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hang out with Damian, or work.



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## Veteran's Day Program



**Back Row Veterans:** Clifford Hammer, Warren Johnson, Morris Vacura, El Roy Britten **Middle Row Veterans:** Howard Eklund, Lloyd Fugleberg, Jack McDonald, Lonnie Swanson, Val Bernat **Front Row:** Emcee: Vanessa Burkel; Senior High Essay Winners: Sarah Erickson, Makayla Smith, Ryan Modahl; Junior High Essay Winners: Kasey Wojciechowski, Robby Davy, Isaac Dostal

## Trivia

By: Catelyn Sovde

- Who was the creator of the crossword puzzle?
  - Arthur Wynne
  - Lewis Urry
  - Simon Steven
  - Guy Severin
- Who invented stainless steel?
  - Sergey Brin
  - Seth Boyden
  - Harry Brearley
  - Joseph Day
- What year was the first Minnesota State Fair held?
  - 1859
  - 1863
  - 1878
  - 1884
- Which of these famous art works did Leonardo da Vinci NOT paint?
  - Madonna with a Flower
  - Mona Lisa
  - Virgin of the Rocks
  - The Birth of Venus

## December Gator Sports

By: Wyatt Peppel

### Boys Basketball

- @ Stephen/ Argyle Central (Stephen)
- NCTC Tourney @ Thief River Falls
- NCTC Tourney @ Thief River Falls
- NCTC Tourney @ Thief River Falls
- @ Clearbrook/Gonvick
- Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- @ Red Lake County Central (Plummer)
- @ Northern Cass (Hunter, ND)



### Girls Basketball

- NCTC Tourney @ Thief River Falls
- Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- Red Lake Falls (7 & 8 grade) @ Red Lake Falls
- @ Warroad
- @ Kittson County Central



### Wrestling

- @ Roseau
- @ Wadena
- @ New York Mills
- @ West Central (Barrett)
- @ Cass Lake Big Bear Tournament
- @ Cass Lake Big Bear Tournament



## Holiday Word Search

W	A	S	F	H	K	C	V	Q	J	O	A	J	Z
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Candycanes  
Elves  
Stockings  
Snowangels  
Lights

Reindeer  
Santa  
Cookies  
Milk  
Presents

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## Campus Comment

By: TyAnn Banta

### What is your favorite Christmas memory and why?

**Chevy Hamilton (Grade 7):** The first time I got a phone that actually worked.

**Rose Borreson (Grade 8):** The year of 2009 because my grandpa came unexpectedly and brought me some Texas cotton.

**Kellie Parnow (Grade 9):** One time during Christmas, Victoria and I went to my grandma's and made a huge snowman and it fell on top of Tori and we laughed so hard because she couldn't get up.

**Johanna Sieber (Grade 10):** When I got my first motocross. It was standing right in front of the Christmas tree.

**Catelyn Sovde (Grade 11):** When I was very young, I remember my grandma and grandpa used to come up to Badger for Christmas in their motor home. They would have presents stacked to the ceiling. They used to spoil us grandkids! Why not anymore grandma and grandpa?!

**Kelsey Emery (Grade 12):** Taking all my cousins sledding before returning to our grandma's house for a full course meal and games.

**Mrs. Reese (Staff):** I have tons of fond memories from Christmas as it is one of my favorite holidays... The most vivid gifts I can remember are a doll house that needed assembly for hours (thanks dad) and my cabbage patch doll Amelia. Just as important are the

little things, like no presents could be opened until dishes were done!! And spending time with family and good food. Stuffing is my favorite food; a close 2nd is pecan pie with ice cream!

## History of Santa Clause

By: Wyatt Peppel

What do you know about Santa Clause? What stories have you heard? I heard he is a heavier guy who dresses up in a red suit and brings people gifts. He also has a reindeer with a red nose who we all know as Rudolph. Did you know Santa Clause was derived from the Dutch Sinter Klass.

Santa Clause started out as St. Nicholas, who was born in 280 A.D. in Patara, a city of Lycia in Asia Minor. He became the gift giver of Myra. He would deliver his gifts late at night so his identity wasn't given away. St. Nicholas was a Christian priest, who later became a bishop. He was a rich person who traveled the country helping people and giving gifts of money and other presents to children. By 800 A.D. St. Nicholas was recognized as a saint. In the eyes of Catholics, a saint is someone who after death can still help people on Earth.

How did Christmas stockings come into place? There was a poor man who had no money to give to his three daughters on their wedding day. So, St. Nicholas came and dropped gold into the stockings they had hung to dry over a fireplace. That's how the tradition of stockings over a fireplace came to be.

Bet you are all wondering why Santa Clause started using reindeer? Well, actually people believe it to be a myth. Reindeer were depicted and based in Clement Moore's poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The song "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" added Rudolph to the list of reindeer.

So when you are out on Christmas night and you see a blinking red light, that light could be Rudolph's nose. Everybody have a great Christmas. I know I will with my family. Happy Holidays!

# The Badger Barker

## Badger School Superintendent's News



### Badger Students Shine in Music Revue

Congratulations to the Badger Community School band and choir students for an outstanding performance in the Badger Music Revue. The Music Revue featured over eighty students performing in band and choir. In band, approximately sixty members rehearsed and prepared under the direction of Ms. Erickson. The Badger choir featured sixty-four members and was directed by Mrs. Carpenter. The students performed on two consecutive nights recently in front of capacity crowds. Spectators enjoyed a wonderful meal and an unforgettable night of entertainment!

Working together in unison, band and choir students performed a variety of songs ranging from the 60s to modern music. In addition to performing, the students also had many choreographed dance routines to accompany the musical selections.

As if the musical entertainment was not enough, Badger students and staff kept us laughing all night as they performed many comedic skits, which were originally performed in the television comedy series "Saturday Night Live."

Prior to the Music Revue, members of the band and choir rehearsed and practiced for many weeks "outside" of the school day. Rehearsals took place in the evening after volleyball or football practice as well as many weekends. The hard work and preparation was obvious as the performance on both nights was unforgettable!

Ms. Erickson and Mrs. Carpenter would like to thank all of the students, parents, and staff for the time they devoted to the Music Revue. Your willingness to donate your time, energy, and talent volunteering each night made the performance a success.

The Badger Community School would also like to thank the Border State Bank, Badger Twin's Corner Café, and Kezar Music for their support in the Music Revue.

The Music Revue was another great example of how Badger students, staff, and community continue to work together to make the Badger School a great place to learn and work. On behalf of all who attended, thank you to the students as well as Ms. Erickson and Mrs. Carpenter for all of your work. Your skills continue to amaze us all and make us proud!

In closing, I would like to thank all of the community members from Badger as well as Roseau and Greenbush and other surrounding communities who attended the performance. Our students and school appreciate your support and hope that you enjoyed the entertainment.

### Badger Community School Inducts New Members to the National Honor Society

Congratulations to Seth Christenson, Amy Brousseau, Tanner Creviston, and Makayla Smith who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. These new members are now a part of a prestigious group of students and an organization that was originally founded in 1921. Chapters of the National Honor Society can be found in all 50 states. The Badger Community School National Honor Society advisor is Mrs. Shannon Dostal. The newly inducted students join the ranks of Ryan Modahl, Kassie Kompelien, Nick Dostal, Vanessa Burkel, Julia Erickson, Kelsey Emery, and Torie Frericks as members of the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school students. It is an organization that promotes, recognizes, and honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Membership is open to juniors and seniors. Students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for membership in this prestigious organization. Each year, student applicants are evaluated for membership by a faculty council on an individual basis. Once selected and inducted, student members must maintain the highest standards in the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Congratulations to all of the members of the National Honor Society. The Badger School and community are proud of your achievements and membership into this fine organization!

### Badger School Welcomes Community Involvement and Appreciates Ongoing Support

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit regarding our school and the wonderful education and opportunities that exist for our students, please stop by and visit whenever convenient. With your continued support and input combined with ongoing staff efforts to serve our students and community, the Badger School will continue to be the school "Where every student belongs."

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome  
Superintendent, Badger School District



# The Badger Barker

## Band Musician of the Month

**Sarah Erickson**

**Grade:** 10

**Siblings:** Micah (19), Julia (17), Leah (14), Joanna (12)

**What instrument do you play?**

The amazing trumpet.

**What do you like most about band?** Having awesome times with Alex Burkel. All the funny times and our fantastic trumpet duo.

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** Because nobody in my family has ever played it, and it's just a cool instrument.

**How long have you been in band?** Counting this year, six years of you all hearing me play.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Enjoy playing and taking on the challenges.

**What's your favorite pep band song?** *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap*

**What's playing on your I-pod right now?** Music from Tron.

**What's your most memorable band moment?** I'm looking forward to making one still.... I have a feeling it has something to do with Alex Burkel though.



## Choir Musician of the Month

**Julia Erickson**

**Grade:** 12

**Siblings:** Micah, Sarah, Leah, Joanna

**What section are you in? Do you enjoy it and why?** I'm part of the alto section, and I really enjoy challenging myself to read notes and harmonize where my voice is the strongest.

**How many years have you been in choir?** This is my 6th year.

**What is the hardest part about being in choir?** Being around people who don't necessarily know their parts or sing on tune and people who talk.

**What advice would you give other vocalists?** Take the time you have to learn from Mrs. Carpenter. She's amazing!

**What's your most embarrassing moment in choir?** The only thing I can remember embarrassing is singing out of turn.

**What is your favorite part about choir?** Being able to use my talent to sing because I love music.

**What is your favorite song to sing in choir?** Right now I actually don't have one, but I do enjoy singing and dancing to the songs we'll perform in the music revue.



## Senior Spotlight

**Nick Dostal**

**Parents:** Bob and Becky

**Sibling:** Aaron (14)

**Nicknames:** Theo, Theodore

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football (especially college)

**Song:** *Rock of Ages* by Def Leppard (for today, usually changes daily)

**Food:** Ham and cheese omelet

**Word:** Man

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

**Hobbies:** Sports, hunting, camping, fantasy football!!! Music.

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish for more wishes.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be?** Adam Sandler. We would go find Will Ferrell and make some funny videos and movies.

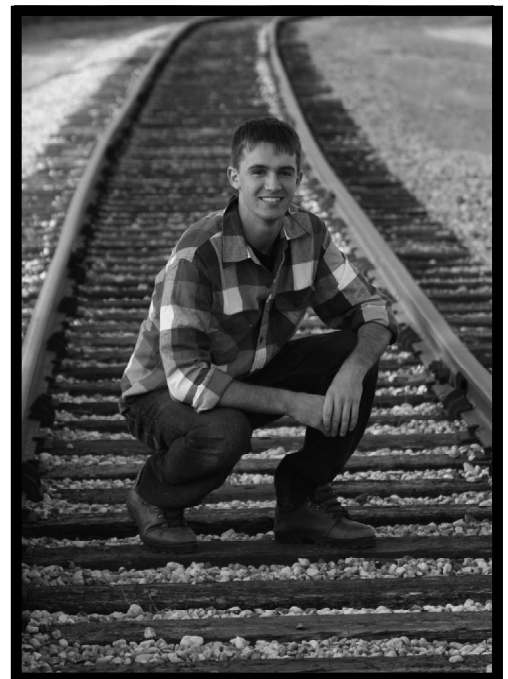
**If you could be a color crayon, what color would you be and why?** Blue because it's my favorite.

**What one word best describes your personality?** haha

**Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest?** Loudest

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Follow sports on TV or watch "That 70s Show."

**What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school?** The time Brendon got me back for pantsing him.



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#### Danton Bronson

**What does Santa do?** I don't know what Santa does.

**Do you leave milk and cookies out for Santa?** Yes, I leave him chocolate chip cookies & chocolate milk.

**What present do you want for Christmas?** I want a big long snake. And a bow and arrow, a real one not a fake one.

**Where do you go for Christmas?** I go to my Grandma's house. She lives in the country by Badger.

**What is the best present you have ever gotten for Christmas?** I got a gun, a .22 rifle.

**What is your favorite things to eat on Christmas?** I like to eat ham and ice cream on Christmas.

**What do elves do?** They make toys and they help Santa.



Trivia Answers  
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