

# Badger Barker

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## Congratulations!

By: Avearah Hanson

## Badger Class of 2025

Graduation Ceremony

May 18, 2025,

2:00 P.M.



**Class Colors:**

Hot pink &  
Neon orange

**Class Motto:**

“When life gives you  
lemons, make lemonade.”

**Class Flower:**

Wildflowers



**Top Row:** Brayden Little, Greta Wojciechowski,

Landon Christianson, Taylor Davy, Aidan Carpenter, Ivan Olafson, Jackson Connell

**Middle Row:** Kaden Halvorson, Bailey Wojciechowski, Masen Swenson, Ella Gust, Bethany Thompson,  
Jaden Kukowski

**Front Row:** Samuel Aarhus, Julia Dostal, Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde, Alex Lunde

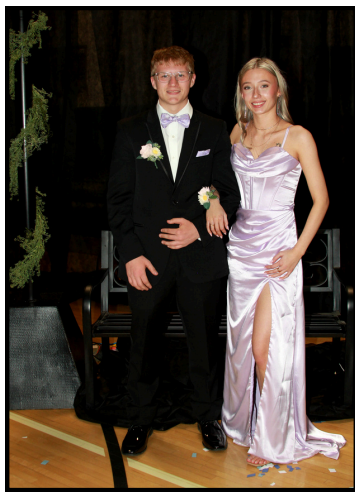
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## *2025 Badger High School Prom*

*The Northern Lights   April 5, 2025   Grand March: 7:30 P.M.*



Breydon Foss  
&  
Maddee Magnusson



Briggs Jensen  
&  
Jordyn Gilbert



Tryg Olson  
&  
Emily Burkel



Azmera Olson  
&  
Quentin Kukowski



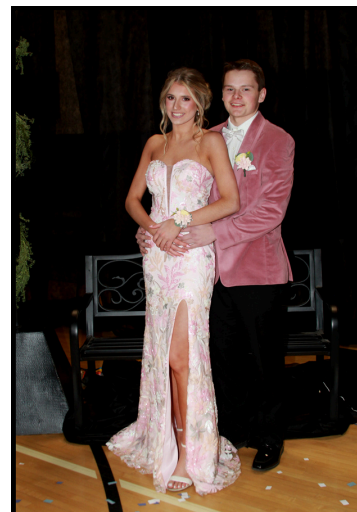
Braxton Pearson  
&  
Mackenzie Knowles



Austin Przekwas  
&  
Khloe Fletcher



Bethanie VonEnde  
&  
Dalton Waage



Masen Swenson  
&  
Zairyn Wimpfheimer



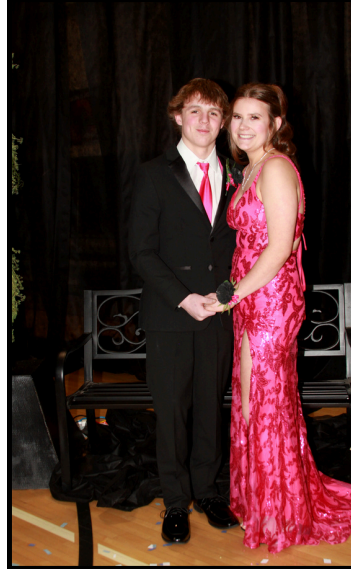
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Emmitt Isane  
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Owen Lund  
&  
Ella Gust



Selah Butler  
&  
Taylor Davy



Greta Wojciechowski  
&  
Alex Lunde



Jaden Kukowski  
&  
Azmera Olson



Paige Rybakowski  
&  
Kaleb Beito



Quillan Wirta  
&  
Landon Christianson



Amelia Wilt  
&  
Noah Gust

By: Makayla McClure

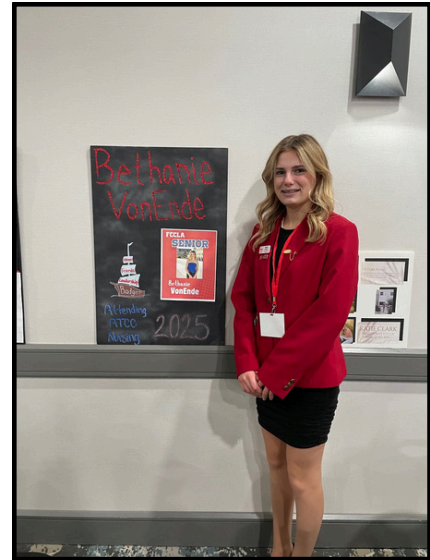


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## **FCCLA Returns from State Conference with 4 National Advancers!**

By: Adysen Gregerson

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Badger FCCLA Chapter went to the Bloomington DoubleTree Conference Center and Hotel. From the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, the Badger chapter members presented their STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition). Members attending the State Conference included Bethanie VonEnde, Paige Rybakowski, Emily Burkel, Avearah Hanson, Keegan VonEnde, MacKenzie VonEnde, and Ava Warne. Many of these members competed to advance to Orlando, Florida. The students who advanced to Nationals with gold rankings include Bethanie VonEnde, Paige Rybakowski, Emily Burkel, and Avearah Hanson. Nationals take place from July 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida. Keegan VonEnde served as a voting delegate and room consultant, and MacKenzie VonEnde served as a room consultant. Avearah Hanson was awarded the “Chapter Spark” award. Emily Burkel and Ava Warne ran for Northern Area Officer roles. Emily was elected President, and Ava was elected Secretary for the Northern Area. Congratulations to all of these Badger students on their amazing accomplishments!



**Bethanie VonEnde with her Senior Board**



**Northern Area officers Emily Burkel and Ava Warne**



**National Advancers Emily Burkel, Bethanie VonEnde, Avearah Hanson, and Paige Rybakowski.**



**Badger FCCLA Members: Ava Warne, MacKenzie VonEnde, Bethanie VonEnde, Keegan VonEnde, Avearah Hanson, Paige Rybakowski, and Emily Burkel.**



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## Kindergarten Wrap-Up

By: Avearah Hanson

**The end of the year has come, let's find out what the Kindergarten class enjoyed most about this year!**

**Gage Stenberg-** I liked drawing solid shapes in math.

**Kader Sovde-** I enjoyed seeing if the pumpkins would sink or float.

**Capp Olson-** I enjoyed meeting Smokey the Bear and standing next to him.

**Zoey King-** I liked learning how to draw a cube, cylinder, and a cone.

**Edwinuse Gullickson-** I liked listening to the story, Junie B. Jones.

**Everly Lenz-** I liked doing math and writing letters. I liked shapes and going outside.

**Rhett Holmes-** I enjoyed making a whale, an art project. The whale art project that's in the hallway.

**Ceara Sehlstrom-** I enjoyed my tablets, playing outside, and playing the toilet game.

**Zach Sanden-** I enjoyed animals, we learned about them. I like the outside time, we play on the playground.

**Bridger Fichter-** I enjoyed meeting Smokey the Bear. I like that he teaches about fires.

**Iver Walsh-** I liked math since I liked shapes.

**Anthony Longen-** I enjoyed doing math with the 3D shapes.

**James Mekovich-** I liked painting the wooden tooth.

**Elsie Shaw-** I enjoyed learning A.R. I like reading books.

**Harper Creviston-** I liked going to the Balto movie.



## Kindergarten Corner

By: Avearah Hanson

**What is your favorite color?** Red

**What is your favorite season?** Winter because we play in the snow.

**What is your favorite animal?** A cow because they give you milk.

**Do you have any pets?** Yeah, Mala, a dog, and 3 cats.

**Do you have any siblings?** Yeah, Aspen and Axel.

**Where is your favorite place to be?** Trampoline park we jump on trampolines.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Construction worker

**If you could sell anything in a store what would it be?** Somebody's cat because if they don't want it.

**Gage Stenberg**



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## **National School Librarian Day - April 4**

By: Zay Rud

Mrs. Kukowski has been the Badger Library Para for 18 years. She had never initially intended to manage a library, but when a former superintendent presented her with an opportunity, she decided to give it a try. She then fell in love with the job and has enjoyed it ever since. Her favorite part of the job is “Witnessing students, who may or may not like to read, find the right book. The book that gets them coming back for more and helping them reach their AR goals.” She hopes that by doing this, she will help instill in them a love for reading that lasts their lifetime.



A few activities she enjoys doing outside of school are (of course) reading, reading while camping and fishing, and arts and crafts. We then asked what a typical day looks like for her, and she responded with, “The Library opens at 8 a.m. when the students arrive. Students are free to come in and take AR quizzes or exchange books throughout the morning. I monitor several CIHS students for various hours in the morning and throughout the afternoon. Each afternoon, 1-2 elementary classes have scheduled library time. At various times during the day, I check AR goals on all classes, update the Star Wall of Fame, update the Quarters Goals Met poster, and counsel students on what books they might want to try to make their AR experience positive. I research what new books our students may enjoy, order, and catalog those books. Mend books that have been used and abused and read with students of various ages.”

## **Dates to Remember**

By: Ashlyn Johnson



- 1- 2 MAP Reading 10:00-11:30
- 2- MCA Window Closes
- 7- High School Spring Concert @ 7:00 P.M.
- 9- Elementary Spring Concert & Kindergarten Graduation @ 1:45 P.M.

- 9- MAP Window Closes
- 14- Baccalaureate @ 7:00 P.M.
- 14- School Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.
- 18- Graduation Ceremony @ 2:00 P.M.
- 21- Elementary Track & Field Day!
- 23- Dismissed @ 12:30 P.M.
- 23- Last Day of School!



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## Sports Schedule

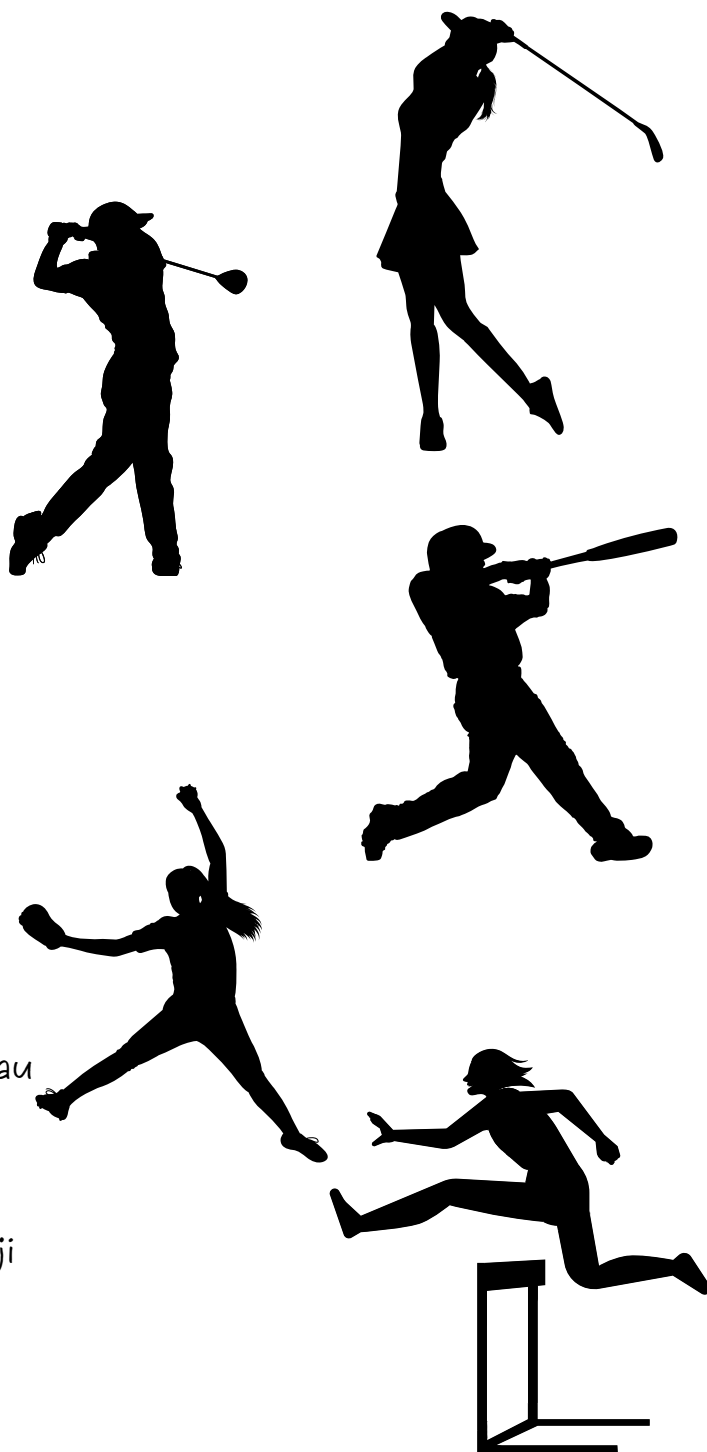
By: Cale Lindland

May

- 1- BB @ Warroad
  - SB @ Sacred Heart
  - Boys Golf @ Hallock
  - Girls Golf @ Lancaster
- 2- Track @ East Grand Forks
  - SB vs Warroad
- 5- BB vs Mahnomen-Waubun
  - Girls Golf @ Park Rapids
- 6- BB vs Ada-Borup-West
- 7- Boys Golf @ Bemidji Preview
- 8- BB vs East Grand Forks
  - Boys + Girls Golf @ Lake of the Woods
- 9- Track @ Warren Alvarado Oslo
  - BB vs Sacred Heart
  - Boys Golf @ Thief River Falls
- 10- Boys Golf @ Roseau
- 12- Track @ Roseau
  - Girls Golf @ Roseau
- 13- BB @ Lake of the Woods
  - SB vs Roseau
  - Boys + Girls Golf @ Warroad
- 14- Boys Golf @ East Grand Forks
- 15- BB vs Northern Freeze
  - SB vs Thief River Falls
  - Boys + Girls Golf @ Roseau
- 16- Track @ Thief River Falls
- 19- BB vs Win-E-Mac
  - Girls Golf @ East Grand Forks
- 20- BB vs Roseau
  - SB Play-In Round
  - Boys + Girls Golf Sub-Sections @ Roseau
- 22- SB Section Quarterfinals
- 27- BB vs Ada-Borup-West
  - SB Section Semifinals
- 27-28- Boys + Girls Golf Sections @ Bemidji
- 29- BB Subsection Finals
  - SB Section Finals
- 31- BB Section Quarterfinals

June

- 3- BB Section Semifinals
- 5- BB Section Finals
- 5-6 SB State Tournament
- 12- BB State Quarterfinals
- 13- BB State Semifinals
- 16- BB State Finals



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## “A” Honor Roll

By: Azmera Olson



### Senior High

Hailey Lundgren, Emily Burkel,  
Julia Dostal, Avearah Hanson,  
and Cale Lindland

### Junior High

Ava Warne, Marley Haugen Rosadino,  
Kiley Streich, and  
Delyla Carpenter

**Not Pictured:** Nils Christianson



### Elementary

**Top Row:** Blair Przekwas,  
Brentley Williams, Carter Kjos,  
and Kilah Sather

**Bottom Row:** Jens Duray,  
Leo Duray, Axel Stenburg,  
Brielle Byre, and Ellie Hanson

**Not Pictured:** Alexie Berger





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## “B” Honor Roll

By: Azmera Olson

### Senior High

**Top Row:** Alex Lunde,  
Aidan Carpenter, Tryg Olson,  
Eli Olafson, Owen Lund, and  
Masen Swenson

**Bottom Row:** Bailey Wojciechowski,  
Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde,  
Khloe Fletcher, Ashlyn Johnson,  
Katelyn Gust, and Peyton Lee

**Not Pictured:** Taylor Davy, Kaden  
Halvorson, and Bethany Thompson



### Junior High

**Top Row:** Shaina Gust,  
Elijah Monsrud, Deegan Hanson,  
Abram Wirta, Ayden Mostad,  
Aiyannah Bieber, and Quynn Washington

**Bottom Row:** Ryder Gust,  
Onah Gregerson, Grant Olson,  
Briar Williams, Khristopher Crego,  
MacKenzie VonEnde, and  
Rogan Hanson

### Elementary

**Top Row:** Ezra Monsrud,  
Steele Marquis, Kyler Samson,  
Gavon Pulczynski, Charlotte Lane,  
Chesnie Berg, Tobias Thompson,  
Elliot Mather, and Abigal Wojciechowski

**Bottom Row:** Avani Washington,  
Trinity Vannattan, Giuliana Sovde,  
Janiya Jenson, Shalyn Kukowski,  
Aubree Mostad, Hadley Zimney, and  
Rozalyn Bieber

**Not pictured:** Emerson Jenson

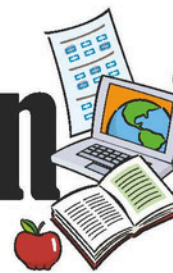




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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Badger Independent School District #676



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May 2025

## Boosting reading comprehension helps your child read to learn

As students move up through the elementary school grades, the focus of instruction shifts from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*. Your child will be asked to read more complex texts, and to understand and remember the information presented.

To support this step up, help your child get into the habit of using three reading comprehension strategies:

### 1. Think about the big picture.

Before your child starts to read a passage or chapter, ask some questions to get the thinking ball rolling:

*What is the title of the reading? Does it offer any clues about the content? What clues do the subheadings, words in boldface or italics and graphics provide?*

**2. Take reading notes.** Taking notes while reading makes the process more active and engaging. And when students take notes in their own words, they comprehend and retain more. Your child should write down the most important ideas and themes in the assignment, and take note of any unfamiliar words to look up later.

**3. Connect new material to familiar ideas.** The best way to remember new information is to relate it to something already learned. When your child finishes reading, ask questions such as: *How is this topic similar to something else you know? What key ideas did you already know? What new information did you learn?*



## Keep bedtime consistent

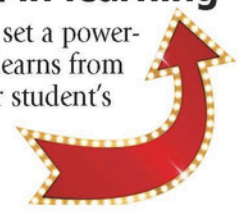
In a recent study of six-year-olds, researchers found that kids who went to sleep at the same time each night had better control over their emotions and behavior during frustrating tasks than kids who went to bed at different times. Set a consistent bedtime that lets your child get 9-11 hours of sleep.

Source: A. Wagner, "Consistent bedtime linked with better child emotion and behavior regulation," ScienceDaily.

## Inspire interest in learning

Your words and actions set a powerful example your child learns from every day. To foster your student's desire to learn:

- **Show that you enjoy learning.** Let your child see you reading books and watching educational TV. Attend school functions. Try new things. Look for answers to questions.
- **Share what you learn.** Talk about interesting facts, new ideas or scientific discoveries with your child.
- **Discuss the fact** that most problems can be solved when people work together.
- **Express faith** in your child's ability to learn. Praise effort and persistence.



## Practice leads to math mastery

Your child will use the basic math skills learned in elementary school when studying higher level math and throughout life. To provide reinforcement and help your elementary schooler master math:

- **Review math facts** together often, in lots of ways. Make flash cards with facts ( $3 \times 7$ ,  $11 - 5$ ,  $6 + 8$ , etc.). Play games that involve math facts. Have your child eat  $3 + 4$  bites of toast. Your child has mastered a math fact when it takes less than three seconds to give the correct answer.
- **Have your child practice** writing numbers neatly. Many math errors are due to messy writing. Using graph paper makes it easier to make the numbers line up.
- **Promote doing a little extra.** If the teacher assigns 10 problems, solving 12 will give your child a little more practice.
- **Encourage mental math.** Challenge your child to solve problems without writing them down or using a calculator.

## Try a long-term project tip

Many teachers assign end-of-year projects that students work on over time. The key to success is to break the assignment down into small steps.

Then, to help your child manage the workload without getting overwhelmed at the end, follow this rule of thumb:

Move the deadline for completing the project earlier by two days, and set the deadline for each step accordingly. That way, your child will have a cushion if something unexpected happens.







## How can I ease my child's middle school anxiety?

**Q:** My child will be going to a different middle school next year than friends and classmates, and is worried about not knowing anyone. What can I do over the next few months to make this move less stressful?

**A:** Moving up to middle school involves big changes for all students. They shift from being the highest grade level to being in the lowest. They have different teachers and classrooms for every subject. And many face some sort of social upheaval.



It's natural to be nervous, but your child can adjust. To help:

- **Remind your child** that every new middle schooler will be looking for friends. Discuss the things that make your child a good friend. Mention that it will still be possible to see old friends outside of school.
- **Schedule a tour** of the middle school while classes are still in session, if possible. This will give your child a better idea of what to expect (and even what to wear) on the first day.
- **Arrange for your child to get together** with a current middle schooler who is willing to explain things and answer questions.
- **Find out about school activities** that start over the summer, such as orientation programs, or sports or band practice. Participating will give your child a chance to make friends before school starts.



## Are you promoting test preparation?

Going into a test well-prepared increases the likelihood that your child will do well, and there are many ways you can help. Are you making sure your child gets ready for tests? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- \_\_\_ **1. Do you put** test dates on your family calendar and avoid scheduling big activities the day before?
- \_\_\_ **2. Do you help** your child study a little each day for several days, rather than cramming the night before?
- \_\_\_ **3. Do you insist** on a regular bedtime that allows your child to arrive at school well-rested?
- \_\_\_ **4. Do you ensure** that your child eats a healthy breakfast and dresses comfortably in layers on test days?

- \_\_\_ **5. Do you offer** test morning reassurance, "You are prepared, and you will do well?"

### How well are you doing?

*More yes answers mean you are supporting your child's best effort on tests. For each no, try that idea.*

*"You hit home runs not by chance but by preparation."*  
—Roger Maris

## Enrich idle summer hours

For today's wired students, the lazy days of summer can easily turn into lazy hours of passively staring at digital devices. Provide a healthy balance of active, screen-free activities. Encourage your child to:

- **Star in a show.** Instead of watching a movie, have your child choose an interesting storyline and act it out with friends or puppets.
- **Create a masterpiece.** Gather supplies such as cardboard tubes, colored paper, glue, fabric, yarn and paint. Ask your child to express feelings or ideas through art.
- **Conduct experiments.** Ask the teacher or go online for simple science activities you can do together at home.



## Add to the fun of reading

Reading for at least 30 minutes a day over the summer will help maintain the reading progress your child has made this year. To encourage reading enjoyment:

- **Look for books** that feature your child's summer activities—swimming, camp, etc.
- **Suggest rereading** an old favorite, then trying another book by that author.
- **Start your child** on a series of exciting mysteries or thriller books.

## Enjoy math games outside

Take math outdoors! With your child, play:

- **Water balloon toss.** With sidewalk chalk, draw a giant target on the driveway or a blacktop. Write a math problem in each circle. Throw water balloons at the problems, and solve each one you hit.
- **Jump rope or hula-hoop.** Have your child count each jump or rotation.
- **Hopscotch.** Have your child jump on odd or even numbers in order.

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## Senior Band Musicians of the Month

By: Maxston Haugen Rosadino

*Senior Band members include: Taylor Davy, Ivan Olafson, Julia Dostal, Masen Swenson, Aidan Carpenter, Bethanie VonEnde, Alex Lunde, Paige Rybakowski, and Jackson Connell*

**How long have you been in a band, what instrument do you play, and what kind of music or genre is your favorite to perform?**

**Taylor:** 8 years; Alto Saxophone; Jazz, or sad

**Ivan:** 8 years; Bass Guitar; '80s pep band

**Julia:** 8 years; Alto Saxophone; I like to play more upbeat music, especially calypsos.

**Masen:** 8 years; Percussion; Rock music for sure

**Aidan:** 8 years; Trumpet; Probably Jazz

**Bethanie:** 8 years; Flute; I like to play slow, musical pieces on my flute.

**Alex:** 5 years; Four-string bass guitar; I like to perform more upbeat music because it puts you in a good mood, and it always helps if you can get into the music.

**Paige:** 6 years; Clarinet; Folk songs. I love singing the beautiful classics. I love the messages the folk songs include.

**Jackson:** 6 years; piano; 80's rock

**Why do you enjoy being involved in the band at Badger School? What brings you the most enjoyment?**

**Taylor:** Playing with friends and also playing music that I love.

**Ivan:** I enjoy being there with my friends, playing and learning music. The most enjoyment I get is playing a song perfectly.

**Julia:** I enjoy getting to travel for the pep band. The bus rides and student sections create some fun memories.

**Masen:** I enjoy the type of music we play, how passionate we are as a group, especially when it comes close to contest time, and how everyone focuses hard to get their parts right so that we get great scores.

**Aidan:** I enjoy it because I like the songs and hearing them all come together. I particularly enjoy playing my trumpet loudly.

**Bethanie:** I enjoy the community of the band. When we are in the room or on a pep band trip, it feels like a family

**Alex:** The band and choir at Badger is always a fun and immersive experience. Pep bands are a very exciting and fun thing for me because I enjoy playing my bass.

**Paige:** With instrumental songs, I love to express the song through dynamics. I love how music can change your life. Being in band and choir helps me to think more creatively, to be a better friend, and helps my mind develop. Music contests make me work harder, especially for a superior rating.

**Jackson:** I love music in general.

**What advice would you give to fellow musicians and the underclassmen in band?**

**Taylor:** Keep practicing, you will get better.

**Ivan:** Practice makes perfect.

**Julia:** Don't be afraid to ask for help or make mistakes.

**Masen:** Some days you might not like it, some days you might like it. But it goes by fast, so take it all in.

**Aidan:** I would say to practice, definitely, it helps.

**Bethanie:** Keep working at it. The run that seems impossible will soon be your warmup.

**Alex:** Always go for it. You'll never truly know if it's your thing unless you go for it. You may find that you enjoy music and want to pursue it for your high school career. Take a risk and just go for it.

**Paige:** Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed. The more you ask, the better you will get. Focus on your own growth, and not others. Everybody has their own musical talent.

**Jackson:** Pay Attention; don't just do what you're told, but try and learn something while you do it.

**What is your most memorable moment in the band?**

**Taylor:** Going to play the pep band at the state games.

**Ivan:** going to state basketball and playing in the school pep band.

**Julia:** Pep band trips to state tournaments.

**Masen:** My favorite memory is when I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and we went to Hallock for the band contest. We played well, and everyone thought we got 38's and 39's. Ms. Erickson came on the bus with a frown and said, "We did alright." Everyone was shocked and thought we did badly until she said that we got all 40's. The bus blew up in excitement!

**Aidan:** Playing my trumpet at last year's solo contest.

**Bethanie:** When I came in a measure too early in a contest and my section never let me live it down.

**Alex:** Going to the state with my friends and recording music that would end up as "The Bread EP".

**Paige:** The 2024 Music Revue. After all the practices and hard work, it is so worth it. The reactions from the audience make it fun.

**Jackson:** Going to the nursing home and performing for them.



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## Senior Choir Musicians of the Month:

By: Liam Winrow

*Senior Choir members include: Aidan Carpenter, Alex Lunde, Jackson Connell, Paige Rybakowski, and Samuel Aarhus*

**What Section are you in, and how long have you been in choir? And what kind of music (genre) is your favorite to perform?**

**Jackson** ~ Tenor; 1 year: Almost anything.

**Aidan** ~ Bass; 6 years: Probably Jazz.

**Paige** ~ Soprano; 5 years: Folk songs. I love singing the beautiful classics. I love the messages the folk songs include.

**Alex** ~ I have been in choir for five years. All five of those years, I have sung tenor. I really like to perform more upbeat music because it puts you in a good mood, and it always helps if you can get into the music.

**Samuel** ~ Bass; 6 years: 80's-90's music.

**What music activities and music awards have you received?**

**Jackson** ~ None.

**Aidan** ~ Large Group Choir Contests - Grades 7-12 - Superior Ratings every year; Solo Contest - voice - Grades 9-12 - Superior Ratings every year; Outstanding Soloist- Grade 12; Music Revue - Grades 7-12 - band, choir, cast, soundboard; Nursing Home performances - Grades 11 - 12 - band and choir.

**Paige** ~ I have been to choir solo contests three times, vocal ensemble contests three times, large group band and choir contests five times, and performed twice at the nursing home with the band and choir.

**Alex** ~ Solo contest - choir; ensemble - choir; large group - choir, nursing home - band/choir

**Samuel** ~ Music Revue, Large Group Contest, and nursing home concert

**Why do you enjoy being involved in the choir at Badger School? What brings you the most enjoyment?**

**Jackson** ~ I love music in general, and I'm trying to improve my vocal skills.

**Aidan** ~ I enjoy it because I like the songs and hearing them all come together. I particularly enjoy playing my trumpet loudly.

**Paige** ~ With instrumental songs, I love to express the song through dynamics. I love how music can change your life. Being in band and choir helps me to think more creatively, to be a better friend, and to help my mind develop. Music contests make me work harder, especially for a Superior Rating.

**Alex** ~ The band and choir at Badger are always a fun and immersive experience. Pep bands are a very exciting and fun thing for me because I enjoy playing my bass.

**Samuel** ~ Working with friends. Getting good scores on our singing.

**What advice would you give to fellow musicians and the underclassmen in choir?**

**Jackson** ~ Pay attention. Don't just do what you're told, but try to learn something.

**Aidan** ~ I would say to definitely practice, it helps.

**Paige** ~ Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed. The more you ask, the better you will get. Focus on your growth, and not on others. Everybody has their own musical talent.

**Alex** ~ Always go for it. You'll never truly know if it's your thing unless you go for it. You may find that you enjoy music and want to pursue it for your high school career. Take a risk and just go for it.

**Samuel** ~ Pay attention when the director is giving suggestions or directions.

**What is your most memorable choir memory?**

**Jackson** ~ Singing in my one choir contest. "Earth Song" was my favorite.

**Aidan** ~ Getting a perfect 40 and an Outstanding Solo at solo contests.

**Paige** ~ The 2024 Music Revue. After all the practices and hard work, it is so worth it. The reactions from the audience make it fun.

**Alex** ~ I don't remember much when it comes to choir memories, but I do remember singing "We Are the Champions" at the end of one of our music reviews.

**Samuel** ~ Getting a perfect score in my last large group contest.

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## Senior Spotlight

By: Makayla McClure

### Aidan Carpenter



**Parents:** Dan and Sara Carpenter

**Sibling(s):** Delyla Carpenter

**Favorite(s)**

**Sport:** Hockey

**Movie/Series/Show:** Touhou Project

**Food:** Ramen

**Color:** Red

**If you were to own your own plane, where would you go and why?** Fly

**If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?** Erase the hate towards people for simply not being in the majority.

**If you were to take a road trip with one person, who would it be, and where would you go?** Probably my sister, just to annoy her.

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** Making cool games, hopefully.

**What's the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I threw a ketchup packet at an exit sign, and it's still there.

**What's your dream job, and why?** Indie game development because it just seems fun and I have a lot of cool ideas.

## Senior Spotlight

**Parents:** Rick and Naomi Rybakowski

**Sibling(s):** Madison Neiman and Deanna Rybakowski

**Favorites:**

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Movie/Series/Show:** Movie: The Devil Wears Prada; Show: Golden Girls and Law & Order: SVU

**Food:** Tater Tot Hotdish

**Color:** Light pink

**Quote:** "She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." - Proverbs 31:25

**If you were to own your own plane, where would you go and why?** I would go to some tropical place, such as the Bahamas. I need a break from the cold weather.

**If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?** To solve world hunger and poverty. Everybody deserves clean food, water, clothing, and sustainable shelter.

**If you were to take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** Pans or Italy with my best friend Greta. My boyfriend Kaleb could come with too, I guess...

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** Doing impressions, acting, and performing.

**What's the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I joined FCCLA and am going to the Nationals for two years in a row.

**What's your dream job, and why?** Teaching, because I love the thought of helping kids achieve their goals.

### Paige Rybakowski



By: Makayla McClure



# *The Badger Barker*

## Senior Spotlight

By: Makayla McClure

**Parents:** Chris and Jami Lunde

**Sibling(s):** Caitlin Lunde

**Nickname:** Alex, Travis, and Rolex

**Favorite(s)**

**Sport:** Golf

**Movie/Series/Show:** Dumb and Dumber

**Food:** Hamburger

**Color:** Blue (Specifically #009BCE)

**Quote:** “If you can find one thing in your life that can keep you in the moment, you’re totally lucky.” - Dean Ween

**If you were to own your own plane, where would you go and why?**

I would fly to Hawaii because it’s such a beautiful place to be.

**If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?**

I wouldn't change much, but I would change all the hatred and intolerance people have for those who are considered weird or different.

**If you were to take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go?** I would take Jackson Connell, and we would drive around the state and play music at different live events.

**What do you think you'll be remembered most by?** I was the kid who always played guitar.

**What’s the craziest thing you've done in high school?** I screamed “yee-haw” at the top of my lungs in the men's bathroom.

**What’s your dream job, and why?** My dream job is being a professional musician because it’s something I greatly enjoy doing in life.

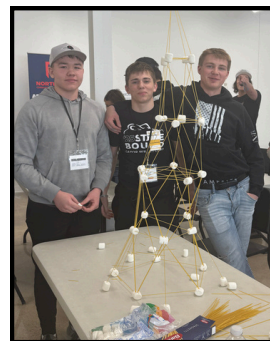
### Alex Lunde



## Career Expo

By: Henry Osborne

The Juniors and Sophomores visited the Northland Career Expo in Warroad on Wednesday, April 2nd. Each student chose three different classes to go to throughout the day. There were three buildings; depending on your classes: the Warroad RiverPlace, the Advanced Resource Center (Northland), and the Warroad Chamber of Commerce Main Ave Center. The classes the students chose from were Discover Agriculture Careers, Allied Health & Nursing: Discover Your Future in Healthcare, Architecture: Build a Marshmallow & Spaghetti Tower, Criminal Justice: Become a Dedicated Peace Officer, Mechatronics: STEAM Electronics and Automation, or Welding Process Technology: Explore the Future of Welding—Flex Labs & Virtual Reality Simulation. They also had a large variety of exhibitors at tables that allowed students to learn more about their jobs and offered the students prizes and information about their jobs. Northland offers many scholarships for its programs, and you can learn more about it at [northlandcollege.edu/programs](http://northlandcollege.edu/programs).







BREAKFAST

MAY 2025

BADGER SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

DUTCH WAFFLES  
STRAWBERRIES  
BLUEBERRIES  
JUICE  
MILK

5

YOGURT  
GRAHAM CRACKERS  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

6

MUFFINS WITH MOM  
CHEESE OMELET  
FRUIT  
JUICE MILK

10

BREAKFAST BURRITO  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

13

BREAKFAST BITES  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

19

SAUSAGE GRAVY  
BISCUITS  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

20

ENJOY YOUR  
SUMMER,  
SEE YOU IN 101 DAYS

26

APPLE STRUDEL  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK  
H. S. CONCERT 7pm

7

BAGEL  
CREAM CHEESE  
FRUIT  
JUICE MILK  
BACCALAUREATE 7pm

14

BISMARCK  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

21

LET US BE GRATEFUL  
TO THE PEOPLE WHO  
MAKE US HAPPY; THEY ARE THE  
CHARMING GARDENERS WHO  
MAKE OUR SOULS BLOSSOM

28

CINNAMON ROLL  
FILLED DONUTS  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

1

FRENCH TOAST  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

8

BOILED EGGS  
HASHBROWNS  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

15

RED, WHITE & BLUE  
PARFAIT  
(STRAWBERRIES,  
YOGURT, BLUEBERRIES)  
TEDDY GRAHAMS  
JUICE MILK

22

29

BREAKFAST  
PIZZA BAGEL  
FRUIT  
JUICE  
MILK

2

BREAKFAST ROUND  
CHEESE STICK  
FRUIT BREAD  
MILK

9

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION  
ELEMENTARY CONCERT 1:45

CINNAMON NACHOS  
WITH FRUIT SALAD  
(BLACKBERRIES, STRAW-  
BERRIES, RASPBERRIES, BLUE-  
BERRIES)  
JUICE MILK

16

COOK'S CHOICE  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
DISMISS AT 12:30

23

BEING HAPPY  
NEVER GOES  
OUT OF STYLE

30

BADGER SCHOOL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY





LUNCH

MAY 2025

## BADGER SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**5**  
CHILI CHEESE  
FRITOS  
BROC & CAULI  
FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

**6**  
TATOR TOT  
HOTDISH  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
FRUIT  
BREAD/PB MILK

**7**  
HOT HAM & CHEESE  
SANDWICH  
BLACK BEAN SALAD  
SUN CHIPS  
FRUIT MILK  
H. S. CONCERT 7pm

**8**  
PIZZA  
CARROTS/CELERY  
FRUIT  
BREAD  
MILK

**9**  
CHICKEN RANCH  
WRAP  
CALIFORNIA BLEND  
FRUIT BREAD MILK  
KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION  
ELEMENTARY CONCERT 1:45

**12**  
ORANGE CHICKEN  
BROWN RICE  
PEAS  
FRUIT  
BREAD MILK

**13**  
TACOS & FIXINS  
CORN  
FRUIT  
BREAD  
MILK

**14**  
CHICKEN PATTY  
ON A BUN  
(LETTUCE LEAF, TOM.SLICE)  
FRIES GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT MILK  
BACCALAUREATE 7pm

**15**  
PULLED PORK ON  
BAKED POTATO  
(PEPPERS, OLIVES, CHEESE  
SOUR CREAM)  
CALIFORNIA BLEND  
FRUIT BREAD MILK

**16**  
PIZZA BURGERS  
HASH BROWNS  
COLE SLAW  
FRUIT MILK  
SENIOR'S LAST DAY

**19**  
PIZZA HOTDISH  
VEGETABLES  
FRUIT  
GARLIC BREAD STICK  
MILK

**20**  
SLOPPY JOE/BUN  
FRIES  
BAKED BEANS  
FRUIT  
MILK

**21**  
HOT DOG/BUN  
POTATO SALAD  
CORN ON THE COB  
CHIPS  
WATERMELON MILK

**22**  
COOKS  
CHOICE

**23**  
COOKS CHOICE  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
DISMISS AT 12:30  
SACK LUNCHES  
FOR ELEMENTARY

**26**  
**MEMORIAL**  
**DAY**

**27**  
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL  
PEOPLE WEAR THEIR  
HEARTS ON THEIR  
SLEEVES, AND THEIR  
SOULS IN THEIR SMILES

**28**

**29**  
98 DAYS TILL WE SEE  
YOU AGAIN,  
TRY TO BE A RAINBOW  
IN SOMEONE'S CLOUD

**30**

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# *The Badger Barker*



## Softball Summary

By: Katelyn Gust



On March 31, the softball team started their season, traveling to Twin Valley to play the NCE/U-H Titans, winning 15-1. On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, they traveled to Red Lake Falls and won with a score of 8-7. Freshman left fielder Quynn Washington was named player of the game, with her scoring the first run for the Gators and scoring a two-run double in the seventh inning. The girls then went to Roseau on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, to play the Rams, losing with a score of 4-3. On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the girls played a double-header against Moorhead at Moorhead High School, losing with a score of 2-11, and then played Thief River Falls, winning with a score of 5-4. On Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, the girls had a home tournament against Crookston, winning with a score of 21-3. At that same tournament, the girls played Blackduck, losing with a score of 4-3. The final team they played at the tournament was Warroad, winning with a score of 20-1. On Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the girls traveled to Warroad to play the Warriors, winning with a score of 15-5. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Thompson traveled to Greenbush, with the Gators winning with a score of 18-8. They also played against East Grand Forks that day, losing with a score of 2-1. On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the girls went against Northern Freeze, winning with a score of 23-0. On Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the girls played against Red Lake Falls, winning with a score of 6-2.

## Large Group Vocal Contest

By: Henry Osborne

The Badger Concert Choir did an amazing job at the MSHSL Large Group Choir contest. This contest was held in Newfalden on Tuesday, March 25. The Badger Concert Choir performed "Earth Song" by Frank Ticheli and "Musick's Empire" by Lloyd Pfautsch. Both pieces of music were a cappella, meaning that they were just voices, with no accompaniment. "Earth Song" is a category 2 piece, and "Musicks Empire" is a category 1 piece, which is the most difficult category of music. The Badger Concert Choir had all 3 superior ratings with a perfect score of 40/40, a 39/40, and a 38/40. Good work to the choir members on an amazing performance!



## Choir Ensemble Contest

By: Liam Winrow



Alex Lunde and Paige Rybakowski participated in the Minnesota State High School League Ensemble Contest at Lake of the Woods High School on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Alex and Paige sang the vocal duet "Homeward Bound", arranged by Jay Althouse, and earned a Superior Rating. Not only did they earn a Superior Rating, but they also received a perfect score of 40 out of 40 points and were selected as the Outstanding Vocal Ensemble of the Day.

Congratulations, Alex and Paige, on an OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE!





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## **Spring is Here: It's Golf Season!**

By: Cale Lindland

This upcoming golf season is promising to be an exciting one. Both the boys' and girls' teams were conference champions. This year, with some experienced golfers and new faces, it's looking to be a successful season. The team started practice on March 17th, and they held practice in the gym while occasionally going outside to work on some skills. Even though the time they spend outside is limited, they have been making the most of their indoor sessions, focusing on refining their skills.

The boys' team consists of Masen Swenson, Danyan Janousek, Tryg Olson, Eli Olafson, Kayden Hanson, and Nils Christianson. Both Masen Swenson and Danyan Janousek, who are Seniors and team captains, led the team last year. They both advanced to the state golf meet in Becker, Minnesota, in the 2024 season. They will be key players in this upcoming season. Junior, Tryg Olson, was a part of the postseason team last year, and his return will bring depth and stability to the team. Sophomores Eli Olafson, who was a post-season golfer, and Kayden Hanson, who fell short but is still determined to have a successful year, are certain to have a successful season. 8th grader Ty Grinsteiner was a post-season golfer and a state advancer, the youngest in the group of golfers who made it to state last year. He demonstrates the ability to perform under pressure, making him a key asset to the team. The new athlete on the boys' golf team is a 7th grader, Nils Christianson, who is showing his natural ability. These players' preparations for this upcoming season show that the players are eager to see how their hard work will show on the course. The boys' team is ready for the challenge ahead.

The girls' team consists of Bethanie VonEnde, Clara Bergsnev, Emily Burkel, Khloe Fletcher, Ava Christianson, Zairyn Wimpfheimer, Mya Bennett, Kayle Vacura, Cale Lindland, and Amity Foss. Senior Bethanie VonEnde, the girls' team captain, brings leadership and experience to the group. With her guidance, the girls' team has the opportunity to continue their success from the previous season. Senior Clara Bergsnev shows steady improvement and is a crucial part of the team. This year, Juniors Emily Burkel and Ava Christianson led the team and were instrumental in the team's postseason success last year. Both players have shown consistent improvement and are ready to lead the team once again. Returning golfers also include Zairyn Wimpfheimer, Khloe Fletcher, and Mya Bennett. These girls have also been showing steady improvement and play a significant role in the team to have another successful season. Junior Kayle Vacura is relatively new to golf, but she has shown promise in practice. Sophomore Cale Lindland is returning and has shown determination to earn a spot in the upcoming season. Amity Foss, a seventh grader, has a natural swing and great growth potential. An interesting dynamic on the girls' team is the competition for a spot on the postseason team. Both teams have demonstrated dedication in practice, and with the leadership of seasoned players and the incoming new talent, it's clear that the BGMR Gators are set for strong seasons. The competition within the teams, as well as the drive to make the postseason, promises to create an exciting dynamic this year. It will be interesting to see how the season unfolds and which players rise to the occasion, ensuring that the golf program remains a formidable force in the area. The future looks bright for both teams and as the season progresses, these athletes will continue to give it their all, striving to make their mark both locally and at the ultimate goal - at the state level.



Masen Swenson practicing his chipping skills.



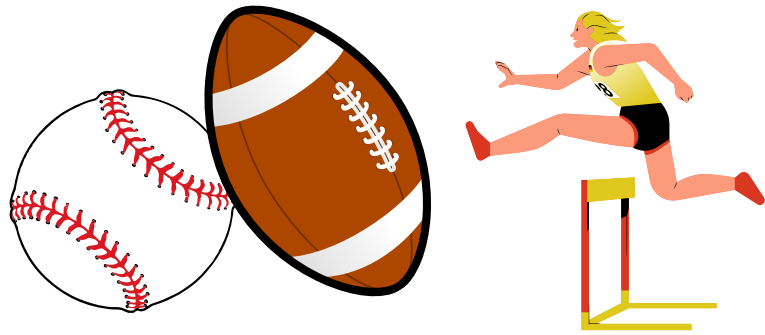
Bethanie VonEnde driving off the tee.

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## Elementary Track and Field

By: Liam Winrow

Badger Elementary is having it's very own Track and Field Day on May 21, 2025. Be prepared for a fun-filled day, and make sure to wear appropriate clothing!



## Riddles

By: Emmitt Isane

What gets wet while drying?

A towel!

Why can't a T-rex pick their nose?

Because they are extinct!

Why don't bears poop in the snow?

Because they're hibernating!

## FCCLA Supports Bob Glen With His Honor Flight

FCCLA sponsored a hat day to support the MN/ND Honor Flight for veterans. This is our former custodian, Bob Glen, who flew out on Easter Sunday and came back on Tuesday, the 22nd. We donated our \$400 from the student fundraiser FCCLA Hat Day to the Honor Flight program, and Bob brought us a thank you note from the organization to show their appreciation.





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## Grade 6 History Contest

By: Zay Rud

The Grade 6 History Contest will take place on May 7th in Roseau at the Roseau City Center. After taking a test and advancing, these three Badger School students, Rozalyn Bieber, Steele Marquis, and Hadley Zimney will be participating!



**Hadley Zimney**



**Rozalyn Bieber**



**Steele Marquis**

## Unified Sports

The Unified Sports Team traveled to the 7 Clans Casino in Thief River Falls on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Abram Wirta, Julia Dostal (buddy), Bailey Wojciechowski, Jaden Kukowski, and Quentin Kukowski spent that day going down waterslides, relaxing in the hot tub, and having an unlimited amount of fun with friends!





# *The Badger Barker*

## Spotlight on Sports ~ Golf

By: Azmera Olson

### Masen Swenson ~ Senior

This month, for golf, we interviewed Senior Masen Swenson. His favorite thing to munch on while on the course is an Uncrustable. His favorite memory was during his Junior year when he made it to state. Masen looks up to his teammates, and he says, "I know that if I don't play well, they will be disappointed in me, so that is how I keep myself motivated." His biggest achievement in golf was either making it to state or getting the most improved award at the sports banquet 3 years in a row. Lastly, the advice that Masen would give to his younger teammates is "Golf is a very mental sport, so when you have a bad hole or shot, don't let that get into your head for the rest of the round. Just keep playing your game."



### Emily Burkel ~ Junior

Emily Burkel, a Junior golfer, was interviewed for Spotlight on Sports. Her favorite snack to munch on while on the course is a Reese's Take 5. Her favorite course is Lake of the Woods (slow greens), and her favorite memory is jumping in the lake after they made it to state. Emily looks up to her coaches because "They take the time to teach us and make us better." Her biggest achievement in golf so far was when she placed 1st in a few meets last year and made it to state. Finally, the advice Emily would give to younger teammates is, "I know it can be frustrating, but don't give up and don't get in your head. Keep working at it!"





# *The Badger Barker*

## Spotlight on Sports ~ Track

By: Cale Lindland

Jackson is a Senior, and he's been in Track for 4 years, but he also did track in his 6th-grade year. We asked him why he wanted to join track, and his response was, "I thought it would be fun... I think I'm just crazy." He competes in the 400m, 800m, and 1600m, and his main event has been the 1600m since 9th grade, but he's also been running shorter events in later years. Jackson looks up to his brother Colton Connell because he is very competitive in Track and Field, and he keeps Jackson working and training. His favorite track memory is "all of the relay races he ran with his brother for Northhome-Kelliher-Blackduck." Jackson's advice for his younger teammates is, "Do not slack off on your training! Track is a very physical sport, but it's more mental. You will want to give up. Don't."

### **Jackson Connell**



### **Hallie Glodowski**



Hallie is a Sophomore, and she has been in Track for 3 years. We asked her what made her want to join Track, and she said, "I like to run, and I wanted to try something new."

Hallie competes in the Long Jump, High Jump, 100m Hurdles, and 4x200 or 4x100 relays, but her favorite event is 100m Hurdles.

Hallie looks up to Mr. Lee because he will push you, but will understand if you cannot do one of the workouts. Her favorite memories in Track are the bus rides to the meets. Hallie's advice for her younger teammates is, "When you run, take long strides and deep breaths. push yourself, but not too hard."

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## Spotlight on Sports ~ Baseball



By: Ashlyn Johnson

### Payton Gust

Payton Gust is a sophomore baseball player. The position he plays is 3rd base. His favorite memory from baseball is "Leaving school to go to baseball games." Someone Payton looks up to, to keep himself motivated, is "Taylor Davy, because he is a good player and is always supportive of the team." The advice he would give to younger teammates is, "If you mess up on a play, just forget about it and move on to the next play and keep working hard."



## Spotlight on Sports ~ Softball



### Ava Warne

By: Katelyn Gust



Ava Warne is a softball player in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The positions she plays are 2<sup>nd</sup> base and outfield. Her favorite memory from softball is "Riding to morning practice with Jordan and Quynn." For whom she looks up to, Ava said, "I look up to Kenzie Dahl because she is always willing to help me and give me advice at 2<sup>nd</sup> base." The advice she would give younger teammates is, "Ask questions and cheer loudly. The best way to help yourself learn is to ask questions. Cheering loudly will always benefit your team."



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## Spotlight on Sports ~ Trap



By: Isaac Olson

### Ivan Olafson

This month, we interviewed Senior Ivan Olafson for the "Spotlight on Sports" for the sport, trap. We asked him what his favorite house to shoot at was, and he said, "House one." Ivan looks up to Kaden, so he can shoot one better than him. The advice he would give to younger teammates would be to "just keep shooting." After graduation, Ivan plans to attend Northland Community & Technical College to pursue a degree in farm management.



### Badger T&C

### Membership Picnic

**June 7th, 11am - 1pm / Durgin Park**

While you're enjoying the Badger City-wide Rummage Sale, come enjoy some food, meet the current T&C members, and find out more about what we do to bring fun and engaging activities to the Badger Community!

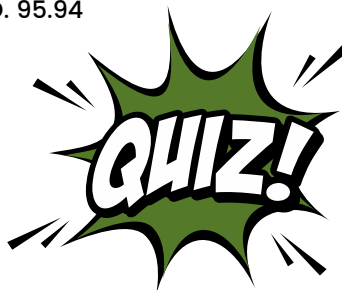
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### Trivia

By: Breydon Foss

- What is the temperature of the hottest planet of the solar system?
  - 462 C
  - 15 million °C
  - 460 °C
- The atomic weight of Cesium is what?
  - 102.906
  - 145
  - 132.906
  - 1.008
- The atomic weight of Iridium is what?
  - 192.217
  - 20.18
  - 158.925
  - 95.94
- How many years has Mrs. Erickson been teaching at the Badger School?
  - 20 years
  - 10 Years
  - 12 years
  - 24 years



Answers

1. B  
2. C  
3. A  
4. C - but a total of 24 years in her career



# *The Badger Barker*

## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Adysen Gregerson

### What are you looking forward to this summer, and why?

**Ivy Seydel (1st)** - I am going to have my birthday party with a piñata and my family. I can't wait to go to Buck Lake to see my Auntie Jean. I am going to do swimming lessons, camping, fishing, and play in my bouncy water house. I also get to go to the fair and play with my cousins. I can't wait for summer!

**Zoltan Copeland (2nd)** - I plan to play football with my cousin, Anthony. I will play games with my family. I can't wait to go swimming!

**Cora Langaas (3rd)** - Having 1 or more playdates with Isabel. See my cousin's mom's sister. Have a sleepover with Isabel.

**Trinity Vannattan (4th)** - I'm going to California this summer. I'm so excited about going to the beach and swimming. I also want to hang out with my family this summer, and I think I have some of my own plans, too.

**Easton King (5th)** - Going to Lake Itasca. Go back to Illinois. Check out the woods at my house.

**Ezra Monsrud (6th)** - Playing baseball with my friends and family. Going to the beach with my family and friends. Going outside and playing in the warm weather.



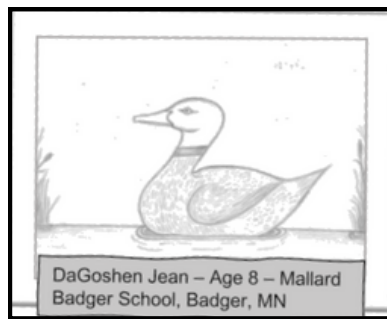
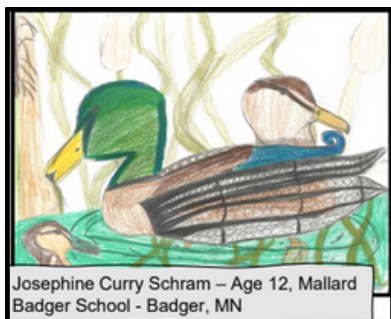
## Jr. Duck Stamp Contest



Badger Elementary grades 1st, 3rd, and 6th chose to participate in this year's Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Lynda Knutson, the Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator, came into the classroom to teach the students about waterfowl and wetlands. Students then chose a native North American waterfowl to learn about, and created a poster showing their waterfowl in its wetland habitat. Their artwork was submitted to the art competition and judged. Each student participant received a certificate of recognition, and prizes were awarded to the top three places in each age group. Badger 6th grader, Josie Curry-Schram, received Honorable Mention in her age group. Badger 3rd grader, DaGoshen Jean, received Honorable Mention in his age group. Congratulations!



Josephine Curry Schram



DaGoshen Jean



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## Wolf Ridge

By: Cale Lindland

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders attended Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, Minnesota, from April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday through Friday). On the way there, they stopped at the Sudan Mine. Some of the activities they participated in are KP (Kitchen Patrol), Skyview Ropes Course, Planetarium, GPS and Geocaching, Geology, Team Games, Ojibwe Life, and Indoor Rock Climbing.



## Art in The Elementary With Alyssa Aune!

By: Liam Winrow

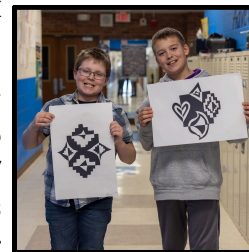
Twelve weeks of art in the elementary school with Alyssa Aune have gone by fast! Similar to last year, grades K-6 enjoyed weekly art lessons with Mrs. Aune. Beginning the first week of January, art was held every Tuesday until the last week of March, for a total of 12 sessions. Alyssa went into each of the classrooms to do artwork with each grade. Over the course of 12 weeks, students enjoyed using oil pastels, pastel chalks, watercolor paints, tempera paints, cardboard, canvases, and other materials. Each lesson incorporated one of the art elements or principles, which were always discussed before the project began. Many of the students recognized the words from years past. Alyssa said, "I think one of the most well-liked projects from this year was the cardboard animals/creatures, and for the younger grades, the watercolor puppies. Students seem to enjoy creating animals." Upon completion of the projects, many were hung up for display in the hallways or classrooms. Community people can also check out the [Badger School's Facebook page](#), as the work has also been shared there. This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the [Northwest Minnesota Arts Council](#) with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.



Brielle Byre with her oil pastel sunset train



Ethan Haugen and Hadley Forst with their oil pastel forest



Blair Przekwas and Carter Kjos with their paper Notans.



Paxton Anderson with his oil pastel forest.



Back Row: Mrs. Aune  
Middle Row:  
Gage Stenberg,  
Rhett Holmes,  
Tony Longen, Zoey King,  
Elsie Shaw,  
Harper Creviston,  
Kader Sovde  
Front Row:  
Zack Sanden, Everly Lenz,  
Capp Olson, Iver Walsh,  
Ceara Sehlstrom,  
James Mekovich



Harper Creviston with her chalk cabin in the woods.



Jens Duray displays a watercolor geometric heart design.



Zaya Bieber and Eli Haugen display 3-D cardboard constructed art.

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**The Senior Class of 2025 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.**

Submitted By: The Class of 2025

**Samuel Aarhus** - I want to thank the Badger community and the Badger School for all the years of supplying me with the tools I need for my future. I know it's not easy to supply anyone with what they need, but helping out can go a long way. Without the community and school, I wouldn't be where I am today.

**Aidan Carpenter** - I would like to thank the teachers at Badger School for helping teach me well. I would also like to thank the music programs for allowing me to play and perform in them. Lastly, I'd like to thank my parents for supporting me along the way.

**Landon Christianson** - I would like to thank everyone for reading this because no matter how small a role you may have played, you have been a part of my life from the beginning, from my family whom I love so dearly to my friends who have studied with me, I am thankful that you were in my life. You have watched me grow and learn throughout the years and pushed me to try harder and strive for greatness. So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there. Thank you.

**Jackson Connell** - A simple but meaningful thank you to the wonderful community I have come to know over the past couple of years. I haven't been here for very long, however, I know that I am highly grateful for all of the rest of the community whom I have met through work, worship, and play. You all have contributed tremendously towards my success and the success of my peers. Thank you.

**Taylor Davy** - First off, thank you to my parents and family for helping me be who I am and leading me in the right direction. Thank you to the community for always supporting me and always being so generous and kind. Lastly, our school, for the effort and dealing with us, and also thanks to the paras and everyone else in the school for keeping things in line. Thank you, Badger.

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**Ella Gust** - Thank you for everything! These people helped mold who I am and who other people are today.

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**The Senior Class of 2025 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.**

Submitted By: The Class of 2025

**Brayden Little** - Thank you to all the community members and staff for the support you have given me. I wouldn't be where I am today without all of you. I also want to thank all of my friends who have helped me.

**Alex Lunde** - I would like to thank the community for the support they have given the school and us students. I would also like to thank the teachers who are hard at work every day. You give us these amazing opportunities that we wouldn't get otherwise. Thanks a million. Much Love!

**Ivan Olafson** - I would like to thank everyone I've crossed paths with. I've learned a lot from all the different interactions over the years. Thanks to everyone who has helped raise money for the school to give kids more learning opportunities. Thank you.

**Paige Rybakowski** - Thank you to the Badger School for the memories. Thank you for the moments I will never forget. Thank you, FCCLA, for the ultimate leadership experience to explore endless opportunities and to build connections with others. Thank you, Badger School educators, for getting me where I am today. I'm thankful to be in a school that has a small atmosphere filled with friends. I am proud to be a Badger School graduate, and I will always carry fond memories of my time here.

**Masen Swenson** - I want to give a thank you to the Badger community for the things they have done over the years, the times I asked for money from fundraisers, or the money people of the community have donated to the school for supplies and other school equipment is appreciated. This community is definitely special and is a great one to be a part of. Thank you, Badger School and community, for shaping me into the person I am today.

**Bethany Thompson** - I would like to thank the people in our community and school. Thank you all for everything you do. Thank you for making our community a wonderful place.

**Bethanie VonEnde** - I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the entire community for all the incredible support you've given my class throughout the year. Your kindness and encouragement have meant more to us than words can fully express. To the amazing teachers and staff at Badger School, thank you for always believing in us, for pushing us to grow, and for reminding us of our worth every step of the way. From preschool all the way through senior year, I've felt a true sense of belonging here. Badger has always been more than just a school — it's a family, and it will always be home to me.

**Bailey Wojciechowski** - Thank you to all the paras and teachers for helping me get my assignments done on time, thank you to the Bible, and thank you to my friends for helping me when I get stuck on an assignment.

**Greta Wojciechowski** - Thank you for making me the person I am today. Without your help, I wouldn't be able to talk professionally to others or be able to keep on track. I've learned that getting your stuff done leads to success.

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## Superintendent News

Happy Spring!

Quarter 4 is in full swing here at Badger School! Parents and students are able to view schedules and grades through the Badger School JMC Portal. Visit the Badger School Website at <https://www.badger.k12.mn.us/>. Students can click on the "Student" tab, followed by "Online Student Access" to log in and view schedules and grades. Parents can click on the "Parents" tab, followed by "Online Parent Access" to view schedules, grades, attendance, and lunch billing. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance with logging in.

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day was celebrated on April 22. Thank you to Tom Dostal, Orlen Dvergsten, Tim Berger, Jeff Howell, Karla Sundahl, Tom Dann, and all of our substitute drivers for all of the work they do transporting our students to and from school and to their activities!



Badger School FCCLA was well represented at this year's State Leadership Conference in Bloomington on March 28 – 30! Seven students attended the conference; Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde, Emily Burkel, and Avearah Hanson earned a Gold Rating in their FCCLA STAR Event projects. These four students will be representing Badger at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 5–9. Emily Burkel was also selected to be the Northern Area President for the 25–26 School Year! Ava Warne was selected to be the Northern Area Secretary for the 25–26 School Year. Keegan VonEnde and MacKenzie VonEnde competed together in an Online Event for the conference, and Keegan also served as the Badger Voting Delegate for the State Conference. Congratulations to Paige, Bethanie, Emily, Avearah, Ava, Keegan, and MacKenzie on their stellar efforts in this year's FCCLA STAR Events and for their representation of Badger School. Thank you to Mrs. Lee for all you do to mentor these students and guide them on their paths to be the leaders of tomorrow!

Congratulations to Paige Rybakowski and Alex Lunde for earning a Superior Rating and Outstanding Performance of the Day! They competed at the MSHSL Vocal Ensemble Contest on April 8th at Lake of the Woods School.

The Spring Elementary Concert and Kindergarten Graduation Program will be held on Friday, May 9, at 1:45pm in the Badger School Gym. The program will start with a ceremony to honor the Kindergarten Graduates and conclude with music performances by the Badger Elementary Classes and the Elementary Band.

The Spring High School Concert is scheduled on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School gym. The concert will feature the Badger High School Concert Choir and Badger High School Concert Band.

The 2025 Badger School Graduation Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 2:00p.m. in the Badger School Gymnasium. The commencement will feature student speeches from the Graduating Class of 2025, presentation of scholarships and honors, and musical performances by our high school student groups. Please join us on Sunday, May 18 to celebrate the Badger Class of 2025!

Badger Elementary School will be holding the annual Elementary Track and Field day for our students during the last week of school in May. The date will be determined in the near future. Please stay tuned for more information!

Gator Spring Athletics are in full swing! For a complete schedule of our Gator Athletic events, go to <https://region8mn.org/public/genie/58/school/1573/>.

As always, your ideas, suggestions, and feedback are welcome! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal



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## Campus Comment

By: Katelyn Gust

**If you could add any sport or extracurricular to our school, what would it be and why?**

**Jacob Foss (7th):** If I could add any sport, it would be rugby because it's like football, and it looks really fun to play. I would like this sport to be in Badger.

**Grant Olson (8th):** Fishing, because I think it would be fun to fish as a sport for school. I think it would be fun for a lot of people.

**Deegan Hanson (9th):** I would add sumo wrestling. It's a great idea. I want this school to add sumo wrestling because it would be fun to watch.

**Kylee Gust (10th):** If I could add any extracurricular to our school, I would add FFA (Future Farmers of America). I would love to have something like that at the school. It would be fun to go to the events and meet others from different schools. I'd like to go to the National FFA convention. It'd be pretty cool.

**Breydon Foss (11th):** I would add hockey. It's a physical sport, and you can lower your shoulder into others, like in football.

**Sam Aarhus (12th):** If I could add any sport to our school, I would add hockey. Hockey is a physical, exciting sport to not only watch but also play. I think that hockey would make our school much more competitive.



## Envirothon

By: Emmitt Isane

Envirothon is a national environmental problem-solving competition for high school students in the United States and Canada. In Envirothon, each test is scored out of 100 points, and the oral presentation is scored out of 200 points. The winning team is determined by the highest cumulative total of points across all tests and the presentation. The competition is designed to test knowledge of natural resources and environmental science, as well as teamwork and problem-solving skills. The people in Envirothon include (Top Picture) Landon Christianson, Ivan Olafson, Braxton Pearson, Kylee Gust, Ava Warne, Aspen Askelson, Cale Lindland, and Julia Dostal. They study the environment, and they took a trip to Lake Bronson and presented a project on the environment. This event took place on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Two Badger teams competed and despite the cold temperatures, both teams scored very well, with team #17 receiving the highest score on their presentation!



Bottom Picture: Ivan Olafson, Paige Rybakowski, Kylee Gust, Tristan Werre-Lenz, Landon Christianson, Braxton Pearson, Cale Lindland, Julia Dostal



The Badger Envirothon was awarded with an Outstanding Oral Presentation!



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Thank you to Jon's Auto in Greenbush for providing all of our students and staff with T-shirts for Earth Day. Jared Foss spent a couple of hours in the elementary classrooms informing our students about the need to recycle and how much money goes to waste by sending cans to our landfills and how they don't decompose.

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