

The Badger Barker

May 2012

Badger School District #676

Volume XVII Issue 8



Congratulations Badger High School Class of 2012

Graduation Commencement
Sunday, May 20
2:00 p.m.



Back Row: Nathan Hietala, Nick Dostal, Jacob Anderson, Ryan Modahl, Noah Starren
Middle Row: Dillon Howell, Zoe Becker, Kelsey Emery, Vanessa Burkel, Megan Coltom, Brendon Dostal
Front Row: Hayley Hendrickson, Julia Erickson, Torie Frericks, Kassie Kompelien, Hannah Erickson

The Badger Barker

May Gator Sports

By: Catherine Restuchi

Softball Varsity

- 1 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 3 @ Lake of the Woods
- 4 @ Northern Freeze (Newfolden)
- 5 @ Hawley Tournament
- 8 Warroad @ BGMR
- 10 @ Sacred Heart
- 12 BGMR Gator Classic Tournament @ Greenbush
- 17 @ Roseau
- 19 Alumni Scrimmage
- 22 Sub Section 1/4 Finals
- 24 Sub Section 1/2 Finals
- 31 Sections

Baseball Varsity

- 3 Warroad @ BGMR
- 4 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 8 @ Thief River Falls
- 11 @ Warroad Tournament
- 12 @ Warroad Tournament
- 14 @ Win-E-Mac
- 15 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 17 Crookston @ BGMR
- 21 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 22 @ Lake of the Woods
- 29 Sub Sections 1/4 Finals
- 31 Sub Sections 1/2 Finals

Track

- 1 @ Crookston
- 4 @ Lake of the Woods
- 10 True Team @ Deer River
- 14 @ Roseau
- 17 @ Warroad
- 24 Sub Sections @ Lake of the Woods

GOLF

- 1 Boys Border Conference @ Lancaster
- 1 Girls Border Conference @ Hallock
- 4 Boys & Girls Jr. High @ Baudette
- 7 Boys Border Conference "All - Stars" @ Bemidji
- 7 Boys JV @ Roseau
- 10 Boys & Girls Border Conference @ Warroad
- 11 Boys & Girls Jr. High @ Greenbush
- 12 Boys & Girls Invite @ Hallock/Lancaster
- 15 Boys Border Conference @ Karlstad
- 15 Girls Border Conference @ Greenbush
- 17 Boys & Girls Border Conference @ Roseau
- 18 Boys & Girls Jr. High @ Warroad
- 19 Boys Invite @ Roseau
- 22 North Sub-Sections @ Roseau
- 29 Sections @ Bemidji

May Dates to Remember

By: TyAnn Banta

- 1 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 2 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 2 Comm Ed - Elementary Baseball/Softball 5:00 pm
- 3 Comm Ed - Elementary Volleyball 3:15 pm
- 4 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 7 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 9 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 9 Comm Ed - Elementary Baseball/Softball 5:00 pm
- 9 High School Spring Concert 7:00 pm
- 10 Preschool - Last Day
- 11 Winnipeg Zoo Field Trip Grades 1-2
- 11 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 14 MN History Contest, Grade 6
- 16 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 pm
- 16 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 16 Comm Ed - Elementary Baseball/Softball 5:00 pm
- 16 Baccalaureate 7:00 pm
- 17 Elementary Spring Program 2:00 pm
- 18 Comm Ed - Open Weight Room 3:30 pm
- 20 Graduation 2:00 pm
- 22 Grade 5 Field Trip "LifeCare Medical Center"
- 24 End of Quarter 4
- 24 Last Day of School
- 25 Staff Workshop
- 28 Memorial Day

CLEANING **CLOSETS???**

Badger School
Music Department
is in need of

*Old Princess Style
Halloween
Costumes/Dresses*

Before Thursday, May 10

Donations can be
dropped off at the school

THANK YOU

The Badger Barker

Gretchen's Pesky Battle with the Grumpybugs Heightens in Witty Book

Gooley, super stinky concoctions do not overthrow them, but she has one last powerful way to outwit them

Everyone experiences a bad case of the grumps every once in awhile, and unfortunately, it is this book's main character's turn this time. A wittily slimy, drolly sticky, and humorously stinky short adventure awaits young readers and picture book enthusiasts alike as author Becky Jean Ylitalo weaves the gummy tale of *Gretchen and the Grumpybugs*. This book follows Gretchen as she finds a way to outwit her enemies—the dreaded, very catchy, extremely pesky grumpybugs covering her from head to toe. Will she find a way to let them leave?

In this book, Ylitalo showcases a unique farce through the story of a little girl named Gretchen who feels annoyed when she finds she is covered in dreaded, very catchy, extremely pesky grumpybugs. Readers will follow her as she battles her irritating enemies. Gretchen knows she has to do something to get rid of them once and for all. She will try the slimy, gooley, stinky tactics that never really work until she gets more annoyed. To what lengths will she go to in order to eliminate the grumpitis that has taken over her day? At the end of the book, everyone will find a “catchy” story of a young girl who finds a cure that will have all readers shimmying their way to a smile. Enjoy as local artist, Paulette Christianson, illustrates the story and makes the grumpybugs come alive on the page.

Excitement, gooley feeling, witty annoyance and many other feelings will fill every bit of readers' heart as they engage in this fascinating and memorable literary adventure. This book is a must read for children and can also be good for the young at hearts—for it gives them a chance to laugh and feel light.

Books can be purchased uptown at the KC Market, by contacting Becky, or by logging on to www.Xlibris.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, or www.amazon.com.

About the Author

Becky Jean Ylitalo (aka Ms. Y) lives in northern Minnesota with her husband Chris and their two awesome kids, Alex and Maisy. As a family, they lived the story of Gretchen and the grumpybugs after a horrendous infestation overcame their household. Luckily, they discovered the cure and they are now a “grump-free” family.

The author is a high school English teacher who loves reading and writing. *Gretchen and the Grumpybugs* is her first children's story and was made possible in part by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from The McKnight Foundation.

GRETCHEN and the GRUMPYBUGS



Written by Becky Jean Ylitalo
Illustrations by Paulette Christianson

Jump Rope for Heart

Submitted by: Christine Reese

This year the Badger K-6 students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Fund-Raiser. The money raised goes to the American Heart Association to help with research, awareness and overall funds. Our students were asked as a goal to each try raise \$15.00, as this amount would earn them a jump rope and water bottle of their own. We did different skills, jumps and tricks during our regular gym class for a week during March. The students were also able to write a name on a heart to honor someone they knew that they were jumping “in memory of” or “in honor of” and we posted them on the gym wall in a heart shape. The total raised by our student was up from the last time we did this event raising \$3734.75 this year. This was outstanding for a community of our size. Many students took advantage of the online option where they could e-mail friends or relatives far away to help support the cause. Grade 4 had the greatest participation and almost all the grades had over 50% participation for raising money. 100% of the students jumped as part of our daily gym class and our students jump rope everyday as part of their warm-up. All deserve a pat on the back for their efforts, but the following specific individuals earn a special mention as the amount they raised as it was over \$65.00 each. Jordan Davy, Macy Majer, Berlin Burkel, Riley Gust, Raegen Maahs, Bella Burkel, Victoria Hickey, Jenessa Isane, Bryce Thompson, Hannah Wilt, Kaedyn Keller, Kasen Swenson, Tanner Davy, Colton Gust, Emma Gust, Tessa Blumer, Justin Marciniak, Brandon Pries, Aaron Davy, Thomas Whitt and our Grand Fund-Raiser with a total of \$315 was Isabella Monsrud in grade 3. Thanks to all that donated and made this event a huge success! We do this Fund-Raiser every other year opposite our roller-skating unit.

The Badger Barker

Memorial Day

By: Jacquan Rhen

Memorial Day is a day to remember the men and women who have died serving our country while protecting our safety and freedom. We dedicate the last Monday in May in their memory. May 28 will mark 144 years of honoring our soldiers.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. It was set aside to honor the nation's Civil War fatalities by decorating their graves. There often was a religious service and a dinner on the cemetery grounds. Decoration Day was officially switched to Memorial Day in 1968. Memorial Day honors those who died in the line of service during any war, not just the Civil War.

In many communities, there's a parade with marching bands playing the national anthem and servicemen carrying our nation's flag. Afterward many families have picnics and spend time together. Remember to take time to remember those who have given their lives for our country. Happy Memorial Day!!



Pay a Salute

By: Haylea Hassel

You have heard of Memorial Day but there is another day to honor our troops whom have so bravely protected our freedom. Armed Forces Day honors present and future troops and those who have died in the line of duty. It is celebrated the third Saturday in May.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman made Armed Forces Day an official holiday to give recognition to everyone who has or is serving in the military. Pay respect by putting your American flag up, wearing red white and blue, writing someone overseas, or giving a call if you can, and don't forget to say thanks.

Remember you don't need a holiday to appreciate those in the military. If you pass someone in the store and they are dressed in uniform, say thanks.

The Badger Barker

Plant a Tree Day

By: Catherine Restuchi

“I am the Lorax! I speak for the trees,
Which you seem to be chopping as fast as you please;
But I also speak for the brown Barbaloots,
Who frolicked and played in their Barbaloot suits,
Happily eating Truffula fruits.
Now, since you’ve chopped the trees to the ground
There’s not enough Truffula fruit to go ’round!
And my poor Barbaloots are all feeling the crummies
Because they have gas, and no food, in their tummies.” – Dr. Seuss

The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska. It was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician originally from Michigan. Throughout his long and productive career, Morton worked to improve agricultural techniques in his adopted state and throughout the United States when he served as President Grover Cleveland’s Secretary of Agriculture. But his most important legacy is Arbor Day.

Morton felt Nebraska’s landscape and economy would benefit from the wide-scale planting of trees. He set an example himself planting orchards, shade trees, and wind breaks on his own farm, and he urged his neighbors to follow suit. Morton’s real opportunity, though, arrived when he became a member of Nebraska’s state board of agriculture. He proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the importance of trees. Nebraska’s first Arbor Day was an amazing success. More than one million trees were planted. A second Arbor Day took place in 1884, and the young state made it an annual legal holiday in 1885, using April 22nd to coincide with Morton’s birthday.

There are some different ways to celebrate Arbor Day. You could plant or care for a tree. You could also enter an Arbor Day contest, get involved with your community and plant some trees, or get your friends to help you plant and care for trees. States celebrate Arbor Day on different days and have different state trees. Minnesota celebrates on the last Friday in April, and the state tree is the red pine.

There are many interesting and fun facts about Arbor Day. The first Arbor Day tree planting was in Wilshire Trails in Gainesville, Georgia. Also, two mature trees can provide enough oxygen for a family of four and recycling one ton of paper saves one acre of trees. The tallest tree in the world is a redwood in California, which is 360 feet tall and the world’s oldest known tree is a conifer in Sweden that dates back to the end of the last Ice Age. According to National Geographic the ancient tree sprouted over 9,950 years ago. So why not go out, plant a tree, and help save the Earth.

Cinco de Mayo

By: Heidi Mitchell

What is Cinco de Mayo really? People mistake it as Mexican Independence Day, but Mexican Independence Day is September 16. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May fifth, and it’s the celebration of the Mexicans’ victory in 1862. The war between the French and Mexicans began because Mexico owed a debt to France, Spain, and Britain. Mexico stopped making their payments to France. France got tired of waiting and demanded \$15,000,000 from the Mexican government. When they refused to give France the money, the French decided to do something about it. They packed up and headed to Mexico City. While trying to get to Mexico City, they had to go through a city called Puebla, but soldiers didn’t let them through so the French went back to France and waited for reinforcements. They gathered up 30,000 soldiers. When they arrived in Puebla, Puebla knew that they couldn’t put up a fight against them so they let the French pass by. Even though the French brought so many soldiers, the Mexican army still defeated them. This is how they got their victory and this is why the Mexicans celebrate it.

The United States strongly supported the Mexican government’s resistance to the French occupation. It is for this reason that Americans and Mexicans share the observance of this battle as a time when the people of both nations recall their struggles to preserve political freedom against the French for their foreign powers. In some ways, Cinco de Mayo has even more significance in the U.S., where it is recognized as an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic culture.

Mexican people get dressed up in bright colors of their flag: green, red and white. They celebrate with special dances and parades. The hat (sombrero) dance is when everyone gets in a circle. A child is then called out and they have to dance around the hat until the next person is called out. In the parades, people are in costumes and masks. People dance around and just have a good time. Afterward there are big parties and dinners. Mexicans eat their traditional foods: chimichangas, burritos, and carne asada. At night there are pinatas for the children and the celebration ends with beautiful displays of fireworks.

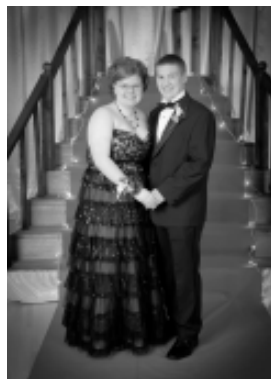
Despite their defeat, the Mexicans’ victory at Puebla inspired a national day of celebration best known as Cinco de Mayo. Today, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated by native Mexican (and American) people everywhere. In America, Cinco de Mayo is taken as an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic culture in general and the friendship of the United States and Mexico.

The Badger Barker

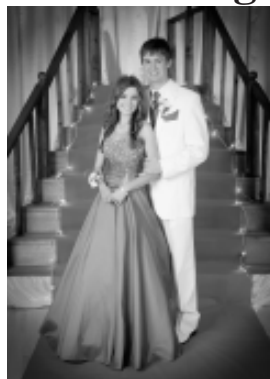
Prom 2012 ~ Forever Young



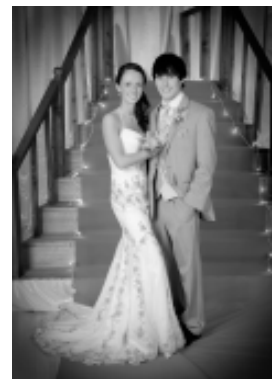
Paige Taggart ~
~ Alex Rhen



Amy Brousseau ~
~ Austin Schweed



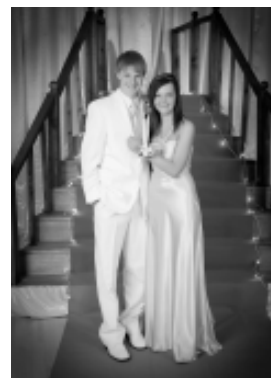
Andrea Burkel ~
~ Nick Dostal



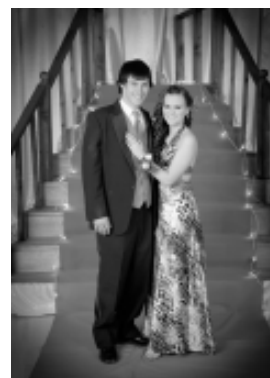
Catelyn Sovde ~
~ Zachary Berg



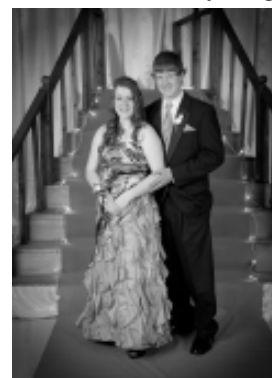
Catherine Restuchi ~
~ Jensen Emanuel



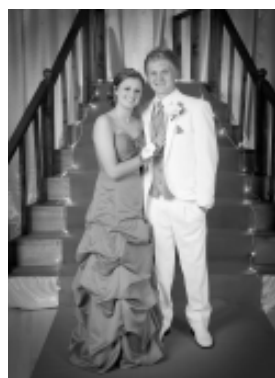
Cole Hamann ~
~ Megan Coltom



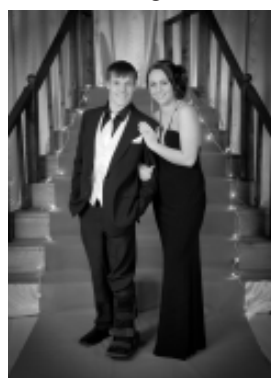
Dillon Westman ~
~ Adriana Beito



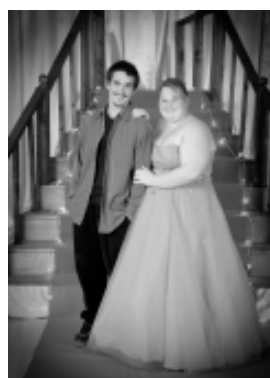
Rachel Slater ~
~ Ethan Kompelien



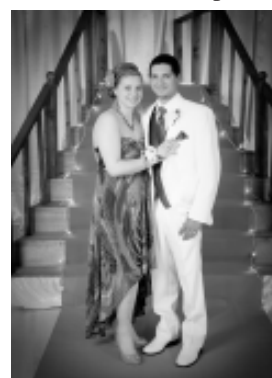
Haley Hamilton ~
~ Brendon Dostal



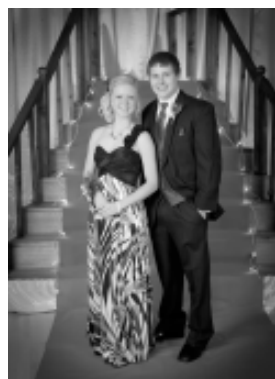
TeJay Wojchowski ~
~ Hannah Erickson



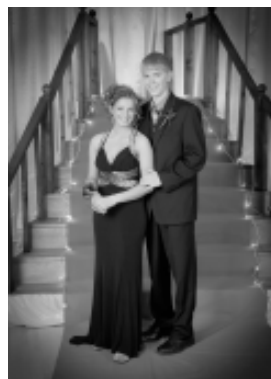
Aaron Veregauth ~
~ Haylea Hassel



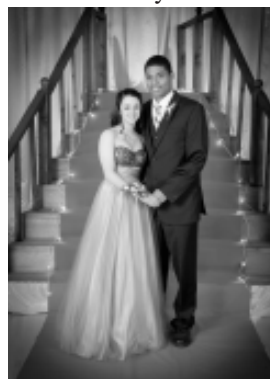
Hayley Hendrickson ~
~ Damian Moore



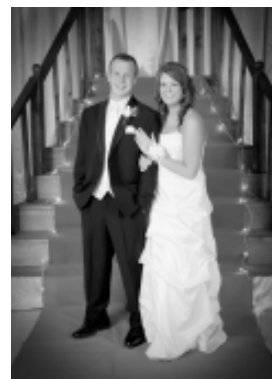
Heather Nelson ~
~ Dillon Howell



Sydney Berg ~
~ Jacob Randall



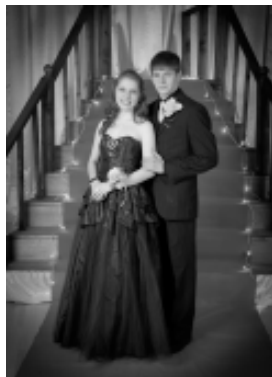
Bailey Bergeron ~
~ Jacquan Rhen



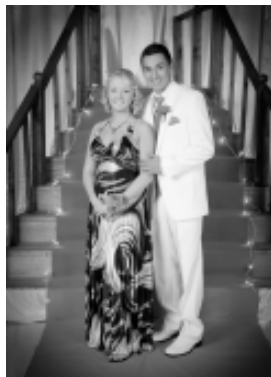
Jerome Berger ~
~ Kelsey Emery

The Badger Barker

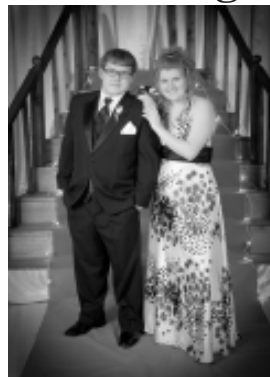
Prom 2012 ~ Forever Young



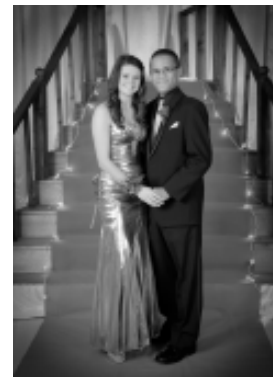
Julia Erickson ~
~ Jesse Eastman



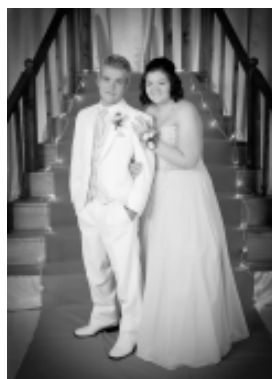
Kaitlyn Emery ~
~ Nick Rodriguez



Debron Dahl ~
~ Kassie Kompelien



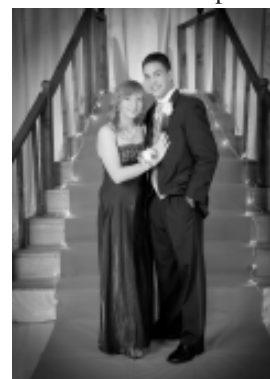
Kate Howell ~
~ Nathan Hietala



Cody Hendrickson ~
~ Kelli McCourt



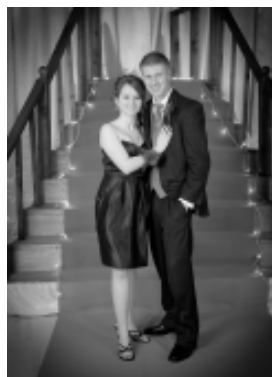
Makayla Smith ~
~ Anders Lunde



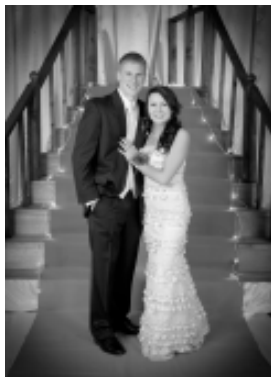
Janica Stewart ~
~ Matheus Almeida



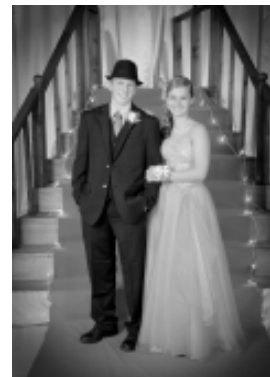
Micaela Whitchurch ~
~ Matthew Fevold



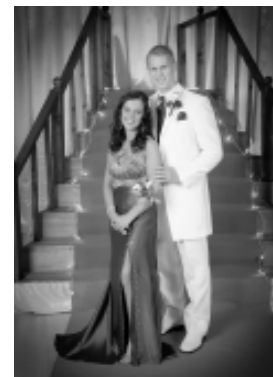
Patience Thompson ~
~ Noah Starren



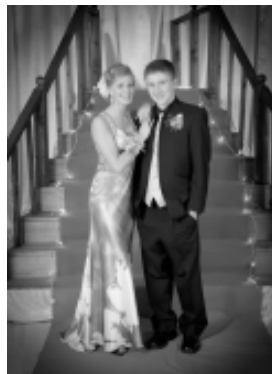
Ryan Modahl ~
~ Hannah Gjovik



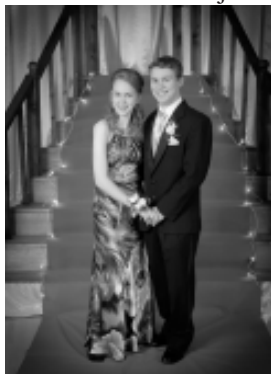
Seth Christenson ~
~ Madison Truscinski



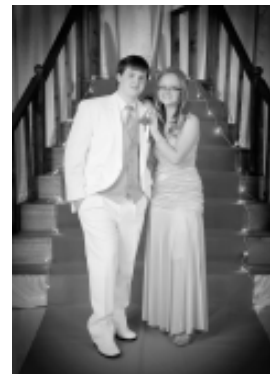
Shanyce Bishop ~
~ Jacob Anderson



Torie Mekash ~
~ Tanner Creviston



Torie Frericks ~
~ Jordan Hahn



Tyler Castle ~
~ Victoria Green



Isaac Novacek ~
~ Vanessa Burkel

The Badger Barker

HIGH SCHOOL Third Quarter HONOR ROLL



Grades 7 & 8 A Honor Roll

Row 2: Isaac Dostal, Leah Erickson, Evan Peppel, Seth Dostal, Riley Sovde **Row 1:** Katrina Smith, Amy Svir, Alex Burkel, Robby Davy **Not Pictured:** Caitlynn Garten



Grades 11 & 12 A Honor Roll

Row 3: Matheus Almeida, Ryan Modahl, Tanner Creviston, Seth Christenson, Nolan Kaml, Tyler Castle **Row 2:** Amy Brousseau, Julia Erickson, Kassie Kompelien **Row 1:** Hayley Hendrickson, Vanessa Burkel, Kelsey Emery, Catelyn Sovde



Grades 7 & 8 B Honor Roll

Row 3: Tyler Klegstad, Austin Gorsuch, Alex Truscinski **Row 2:** Emily Hamann, Megan Kompelien, Isabella Grafstrom, Isaak Isane, Nash Sovde **Row 1:** Devin Pries, Keithan Hoosier, Jared Davy, Olivia Monsrud



Grades 9 & 10 A Honor Roll

Row 3: Kaitlyn Emery, Sarah Rhen, Matthieu Sibilleau, Madison Truscinski **Row 2:** Kate Howell, Andrea Burkel, Sarah Erickson, Katie Rhen **Row 1:** Mariah Modahl, Shanyce Bishop, Kellie Parnow



Grades 9 - 12 B Honor Roll

Row 2: Micaela Whitchurch, Logan Klegstad, Aaron Dostal, Matt Howell **Row 1:** Kasey Pries, Nick Dostal, Jacob Anderson

The Badger Barker

GRADES 4-6 Third Quarter HONOR ROLL



Elementary A Honor Roll

Row 3: Austin Maurstad, Tyler Isane, Ethan Praska, Colby Wooten **Row 2:** Kiana Jacobson, Morgan Praska, Tessa Blumer, Kennedy Truscinski **Row 1:** Michaela Dahlen, Deanna Rybakowski, Justin Marciniak **Not Pictured:** Gavin Davy, Devan Olson



Elementary B Honor Roll

Row 3: Alex Ylitalo, Joanna Erickson, Jack Peppel, Brennen Sather **Row 2:** Karissa Kaml, Colten Gust **Row 1:** Emma VonEnde, Dillon Nieman, Brandon Pries **Not Pictured:** Jada Watson, Megan Doneth

BADGER FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Attention all
Badger Area Senior Citizens
AND not-so-senior citizens

Please join us on Wednesday, May 2
from 1 to 4 p.m.
at the Badger Community Center
for an afternoon of
socializing, bingo, coffee and snacks

This will hopefully be the first of many
Wednesday afternoon
get togethers.
Following this gathering,
future dates and activities will be
announced.

Bring a friend or two !

Mother's Day

By: Kasey Pries

"Who ran to help me when I fell, and would some pretty story tell, or kiss the place to make it well? My Mother." ~ Ann Taylor

This year Mother's Day lands on Sunday, May 13. It is celebrated the second Sunday of May. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a national holiday in honor of all the mothers whose sons had died in war.

Mother's Day is a special holiday. It's a day to spend time with one of the most important persons who has had an impact on your life, your mom. You don't have to just celebrate it with your mom. You can also celebrate it with your grandma, mother-in-law, or aunt. All these women are special to you in some way or another. Every family member is unique, but your mom is the one who raised you.

There are many ways to make your mother feel special. Some people make cards or gifts. Over \$2.6 billion are spent on flowers, \$1.53 billion on pampering gifts, and \$68 million on greeting cards. Some people make their mom breakfast in bed or take them out for a splendid dinner. Anything that comes from your heart, your mom will love.

Give your mom a hug. Thank her for all the things she has done for you and is still doing. This year on May 13, make Mother's Day a fantastic one, and remember to make your mom the happiest mom in the world.

The Badger Barker

Tech with Torie

By: Torie Frericks

This is the last *Tech with Torie* article for me since I will be graduating this month. In honor of this being my final *Tech with Torie*, I promise to make this one the best yet! So here are this month's gadgets:

~ **Electronic Password Vault** - Are you one of those people that has a ton of different passwords for your online accounts? The Electronic Password Vault is just what you need! This handy device can hold up to 400 accounts (passwords, log-ins, usernames, ATM PIN numbers, etc.) and you only need to remember one password to unlock the vault to access your accounts. Another nice thing about this gadget is that after 5 incorrect password attempts, it locks itself for 30 minutes, so it can't be hacked. To get the Electronic Password Vault for only \$29.98, go to www.thingsyouneverknew.com and type item number 87567 in the search box.

~ **Cube Laser Virtual Keyboard** - Are you ready for a piece of the future? It's here with the Cube Laser Virtual Keyboard! This little gadget projects a normal, full-size keyboard onto any flat surface, it connects wireless via bluetooth to iPhone, iPad, most smartphones, and most laptops. Mouse mode allows you to use your finger as the mouse rather than typing (when using a laptop). The rechargeable battery lasts for 150 minutes, and it charges through USB with no drivers to install. It is compatible with iPhone 3GS/4, iPad (iOS4), Blackberry tablet, Android 2.0 and higher, Windows Phone 7, Windows XP/Vista/7, and Mac OS. To get the Cube Laser Virtual Keyboard for \$179.99, go to www.thinkgeek.com and type Virtual Keyboard in the *find stuff* box.

~ **Banana Guard** - Do you hate grabbing what you think is a perfectly good banana out of your car and discovering it's bruised, smashed, or mushy? The Banana Guard can help prevent that! This plastic, banana-shaped gadget can hold the a single banana (no matter the size) and keep it from getting bruised or knocked around. It has three locks and tiny air holes to prevent over-ripening. Keep your bananas fresh with the Banana Guard. To get the Banana Guard for \$9.59, go to www.firebox.com and type 'Banana Guard' in the search box.

~ **Target Alarm Clock** - Tired of boring, irritating alarm clocks not waking you up? Then it's time for a change with the Target Alarm Clock! In order to shut this alarm off, you have to hit the bullseye with the laser gun. This takes a lot of focus, so by the time you hit the target, you'll be wide awake! There are two different modes: Easy (hit the target 1 time) and Hard (hit the target 5 times). You can even record and set your favorite tune as the alarm's sound. The alarm clock has a clear display and includes 2 different shooting games for your enjoyment. This clock requires 6 AA batteries that are not included with the purchase. To get the Target Alarm Clock for \$25.49, go to www.cgets.com and type 'Target Alarm Clock' in the search box.

That's it for *Tech with Torie*! I will miss writing this article for all of you! Enjoy these last gadgets and for more gadgets in the future, go to www.gadgetfind.com, where most of the *Tech with Torie*'s technology has been found. Farewell, everyone!

Festival of Nations

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

Picture this: noodles sizzling, fire smoldering, drums banging, and paper crumpling. What is this? This is what happens when the Festival of Nations comes to Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The Festival of Nations in Minnesota began in 1932, celebrating cultural diversity in the United States. It is a time to learn about different ethnicities from around the world. This year, the 80th Festival of Nations is being held at the Saint Paul RiverCentre on May 3 through May 6. Ninety different ethnic groups come from around the globe encouraging people to partake in their traditions, ceremonies, foods, and crafts.

Some familiar ethnicities to our area that will be at the festival are Danish, Polish, Finnish, and Hungarian. Exotic ethnicities that will be showcased are Egyptian, Ethiopian, Taiwanese, and Russian.

Interesting demonstrations (recommended by me) include:

- ~ German Star making
- ~ Polish Egg Decorating
- ~ Swiss Woodcarving
- ~ Italian Bocce Ball
- ~ American Indian Silversmith
- ~ Chinese Calligraphy
- ~ Armenian Silk Work
- ~ Japanese Kimono
- ~ Senegalese Potter

Go to the Festival of Nations to discover your many ancestors' lives, to learn about your past, and to enjoy it in the present. Whatever your family history may be, this festival would be the place to learn about the traditions of many different cultures. Indulge yourself in your ancestors' traditions!

The Badger Barker

Band Musicians of the Month

Senior Band Members

Kelsey Emery, Julia Erickson, Kassie Kompelien, Hannah Erickson, Nick Dostal, Brendon Dostal, Vanessa Burkel, Noah Starren, Ryan Modahl, Hayley Hendrickson

What have you enjoyed most about band?

Kassie - My clarinet section is hilarious. From squeaker to pipsqueak, I love them all.

Nick - I have enjoyed the variety of music we have played in the last 6 years. Also learning a new instrument this year.

Ryan - I have enjoyed hanging out with my friends and performing at concerts, contests, and music revues. It has been a blast!

Julia - Being able to perform, play my flute, and work under Mrs. Erickson.

Vanessa - Challenging music. And sitting next to Hannah and Kate.

Hannah - Sitting next to Kate for the past 4 years.

Brendon - I enjoyed the feeling of improvement every time I entered the band room... and of course Mrs. Erickson.

Noah - Awesome people and especially the teacher.

Kelsey - I have enjoyed being around other students in high school and getting to know them during band. I have also enjoyed setting goal after goal in band and using determination to accomplish them.

Hayley - Teaching the younger members how to play as well as playing with the elementary band.

What advice would you give younger musicians?

Kassie- Counting is necessary, unless you're as talented as I am!

Nick - I would tell them to enjoy every minute of band they can.

Ryan - It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock n' roll!

Julia - Practice! Be very expressive with your music. Always strive to be better because there is always room for improvement.

Vanessa - Listen to Mrs. Erickson!

Hannah- Listen and put passion into your music.

Brendon- Stick with it and don't be afraid to try and challenge yourself.

Noah - Learn to read and count. Unlike me, I can't.

Kelsey - Take Mrs. Erickson's advice daily and apply when you play in band consistently. You will learn in the long run that if you keep moving consistently, you will be rewarded.

Hayley - Practice, pay attention, and don't tick off Ms. Erickson!



What are some of your most memorable band moments?

Kassie - I loved the time I killed a spider in the gym for the saxophone girls. They were so squeamish it was knee-slappin' funny.

Nick - Playing with my cousin Allan. Playing pep band with Ms. K.

Ryan - Sitting next to my stud partner Katie Rhen and Anders Lunde pretty much sums up my most memorable moments.

Julia - State basketball my 7th grade year, band trips, moments when Kelsey and I would spill our music on the floor, getting an outstanding performance, receiving high superiors at contest.

Vanessa - Contest and playing pep band at the state basketball tourneys in 7th grade.

Hannah - Playing paper basketball with Preston, Allan, and Jeremy in band.

Brendon - Stupid trumpet tricks!

Noah - Playing.

Kelsey - Some of my most memorable have been when boys and girls basketball went to state and pep band traveled to go support them. The whole experience was impossible to forget!

Hayley - Laughing hysterically with Kaitlyn over nothing. (Best moments ever!)

The Badger Barker

FCCLA Goes to State



Back Row: Cassie Peterson, Amy Brousseau, Robby Davy, Kelsey Emery, Tiana Watson, Megan Coltom
Front Row: Madison Truscinski, Codi Rasmussen, Kaitlyn Emery

Spark Your Motivation, Ignite Our Determination

Submitted By: Lorraine Kukowski & Gretchen Lee

Bloomington, Minnesota- "Spark Your Motivation, Ignite Our Determination" served as the theme as youth from around the state gathered at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) 2012 State Meeting, April 19-21, 2012 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Attendees participated in a three day dynamic state meeting of unique opportunities that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their chapter advisers to explore opportunities available through FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience. They examined new ways to help them succeed in their families, careers, and communities.

The meeting began on Thursday, April 19th with the opening session led by the state officers and the motivational speaker: Scott Greenberg. Scott made everyone laugh as he shared his personal stories and his powerful message. On Friday morning a session was held on distracted driving prevention to promote safer driving for teens. This session was highlighted by Maryann Abbate, whose personal story was told in the movie: "The 5th Quarter". The meeting ended on Saturday with a special performance by Sheltered Reality and the announcement of the national Star Event advancers.

The state meeting also is where the following members of the Badger FCCLA Chapter competed in STAR Events. STAR events stand for: Students Taking Action with Recognition. The following members competed at the state meeting and were awarded the following recognition and medals: ***Those receiving Gold on their Star Events were:***

Madison Truscinski for her "No Sew Scarf" in the Recycle and Redesign Category she was also awarded a re-interview which then resulted in the honor of being awarded the opportunity to present at the National FCCLA Conference in Orlando, Florida in July.

Madison Truscinski also received gold for "Self-Esteem" in the Resilient Teens Category.

Amy Brosseau and **Kelsey Emery** for "Balancing Family and Friends" in the Healthy Relationships.

Tiana Watson and **Kaitlyn Emery** for "Suicide" in the Healthy Relationships.

Those receiving Silver on their Star Events and in Everyday Equations math were:

Cassie Peterson and **Cody Rasmussen** for "How to Prevent Teenage Obesity" in the Diets from A to Z category.

Robby Davy, **Madison Truscinski**, and **Kelsey Emery** all received silver for Everyday Math.

Those receiving Bronze on their Star Events were:

Megan Coltom for "Cerebral Palsy" in the Care about Kids category.

Robby Davy for "Alternative Energy" in the Save Your Energy category.

Kaitlyn Emery ran for and was elected to serve as the Region 8 Secretary for the upcoming school year. In this role, the officer will have many opportunities that will strengthen their leadership skills and provide them with unique experiences as leaders in their school, chapter, region, state or national levels.

Our chapter was excited to receive a trophy for earning multiple gold's and additional awards in the following FCCLA National Programs categories: Family First, Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety, Community Service, and Career Connection.

The state FCCLA meeting also provided dynamic workshops for the members and their advisors in the areas of leadership, career exploration, preparing for college, youth violence prevention, traffic safety and current issues affect teens. Members and advisors were able to take valuable information back to use in their schools and community. They were all made acutely aware of the hazards of Distracted Driving especially the use of cell phones. Their favorite session was "Sheltered Reality" a drumming group that also had a powerful message about never giving up.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 195,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in state and national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

The Badger Barker

Trivia

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

1. Estimated amount of brain cells in humans.
A. 20 billion
B. 100 billion
C. 8 million
D. 1 trillion
2. The likelihood of death from motorcycle accidents is how many times more than being a passenger in a car accident?
A. 9
B. 18
C. 25
D. 37
3. What is the tallest known tree species?
A. Douglas Fir
B. Mountain Ash
C. Coastal Redwood
D. Sitka Spruce
4. Which year was the Candyland board game produced?
A. 1949
B. 1892
C. 1943
D. 1927

May Word Search

L	S	N	O	W	B	O	A	R	D	I	N	K
S	I	R	Q	F	W	T	V	L	H	U	N	I
W	D	L	A	R	E	M	E	T	K	I	V	W
B	Q	X	Y	X	Y	S	V	W	T	S	X	I
A	H	P	F	I	L	W	P	A	M	P	D	T
S	N	O	F	L	O	W	E	R	S	Z	E	S
K	I	C	E	F	I	S	H	I	N	G	I	E
E	W	H	K	O	Q	S	M	L	F	R	J	R
T	X	S	V	Y	U	W	N	A	Z	L	H	W
B	G	N	I	D	D	E	L	S	Y	O	D	W
A	S	N	M	O	T	H	E	R	S	D	A	Y
O	N	O	M	A	T	O	P	O	E	I	A	U
M	E	M	O	R	I	A	L	D	A	Y	M	Y

Lily
May Day
Mothers Day
Kiwi

Emerald
Flowers
Memorial Day
Onomatopoeia

Choir Musician of the Month Kelsey Emery

Grade: 12

Sibling: Kaitlyn

What section are you in? Do you enjoy it and why? I am in the soprano section. I enjoy it but would like to try more alto and harmonizing in the future to try something different.

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

What is the hardest part about being in choir? The hardest part I've found is getting each individual to focus on putting his or her very best in the song every time.

What advice would you give other vocalists? Always take Mrs. Carpenter's advice and apply it consistently when rehearsing and performing. Go out of the box and do your very best to shine.

What's your most embarrassing moment in choir? The most embarrassing moment would have to be singing out of time for everyone to hear.

What is your favorite part about choir? My favorite part is the achievement one gets from mastering a solo or ensemble with your friends.

What is your favorite song to sing in choir? *Jersey Boys Medley* or *Don't Stop Believin'*



The Badger Barker

Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School District. The 2011-2012 school year is nearly complete. It has been an amazing year at the Badger School District. During the next month, throughout the state and our region, school districts will celebrate many milestones and host key events prior to the end of the school year.

Key Dates in May for the Badger School District:

Last Day of Preschool

May 10 will be the final day of preschool in Badger. Thank you to Mrs. Bergland for all of her work, as the preschool teacher, throughout the year preparing students for a successful transition into kindergarten next year. Classroom paraprofessionals, Mrs. Davy and Ms. Wysocki provided support to the preschool students and Mrs. Bergland throughout the year. Working together throughout the year, Mrs. Bergland, her assistants, and the students have had a wonderful, positive, and productive preschool experience.

Kindergarten Graduation

On May 16 at 2:00 p.m. the future Badger graduating class of 2024 will celebrate the conclusion of Kindergarten! Mrs. Langaas will direct the graduation ceremony, which will include music, entertainment, and presentation of diplomas as well as treats for the students and their families. Congratulations to the kindergarten students of Badger!

Baccalaureate

May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School gymnasium. All students, staff, family, and community members are invited to attend this ceremony in honor of the Badger graduating class.

High School Graduation

Congratulations to the senior class of the Badger High School! Badger High School seniors will receive diplomas during the graduation commencement ceremony for the class of 2012 on Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. Graduation is a momentous occasion for all who attend school. The Badger graduation ceremony is a celebration, which marks the end of one chapter in a student's life and the beginning of another. The entire community of Badger has played a role in the education of our students. Please consider attending the Badger graduation ceremony on May 20.

In closing, the Badger School District would like to thank you for all you do for our school. Without your support, our school would not be what it is today. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please feel free to stop by any time. Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District

1B
2C
3C
4A
Trivia Answers

The Badger Barker

D.A.R.E. Graduation - Grade 5



Campus Comment

By: Kasey Pries

What are your plans for the summer?



**Heidi Mitchell
Grade 9**

My plans for this summer are to go to California to see friends and family. Then come back to do lots of swimming, go shopping with friends, get a tan, and hopefully go fishing on my boat with my brother.



**Austin Gorsuch
Grade 8**

Probably just hang out with friends and maybe go to Valley Fair or Florida.



**Olivia Monsrud
Grade 7**

Hanging out with friends.



**Hannah Erickson
Grade 12**

Go visit my relatives in Sweden again?



**Nolan Kaml
Grade 11**

Spending lots of time with family and either taking a bus trip to New York or flying to Alaska.



**Alex Nieman
Grade 10**

Hang out with friends, go camping, swimming, and maybe work.



**Sara Carpenter
Choir Instructor**

I plan to spend as much time as I can with my family. I am looking forward to snuggling with my new baby girl, Delyla, all day. Oh, and I will also be working on our new house.

Badger Public School
110 Carpenter Avenue
Badger, MN 56714

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Badger, MN
Permit No. 10

ECRWSS

Postal Customer

Kindergarten Korner



Amelia Wilt

Parents: Nicole and Chuck Wilt

What's your favorite thing to do in kindergarten? Make eggs 'cause I like to cut things.

What do you like to do during the summer? Go to the pool because you can go on floats 'n stuff.

What are you most excited for in first grade? Getting my own desk.

What are you going to do for your mom on Mother's Day? Give her a hug.

What do you want to do this summer? Play outside because I like being outside.

If you had one wish, what would it be? I would wish for an American doll.

Marissa Secord

Parents: Chistina Norskog and Jeff Secord

What's your favorite thing to do in kindergarten? Play because I like play time.

What do you like to do during the summer? Go to the beach and play in the sand.

What are you most excited for in first grade? Doing puzzles and cleaning my desk.

What are you going to do for your mom on Mother's Day? Clean my room.

What do you want to do this summer? Play in the sand because I like playing in the sand.

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for the Easter bunny so I can always have candy.

