

# The Badger Barker

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## Senior Winter Athletes

By: Ceceilia Yeager

Wow, does time go by fast! This was the last season of winter sports for basketball players Amy Svir, Robby Davy, and Tyler Becker; and wrestlers Devin Dostal, Nash Sovde, and Isaak Isane. The seniors shared with me about their careers and here is what they said:

### What was your favorite part of the sport you participated in?

**Amy** ~ Scoring and assisting because you need to score to win, and who doesn't love winning?

**Robby** ~ My favorite part of playing basketball was playing with my awesome teammates and watching the crowd erupt every time we ran out onto the floor.

**Tyler** ~ The bus because as a team it seemed we bonded the most.

**Nash** ~ Being in it with all my friends everyday pushing each other to our limits. This is the sport I've been in since kindergarten, and it is kind of a tradition.

**Devin** ~ The kids in the sport with me and I also love the amazing life lessons the sport teaches.

**Isaak** ~ I loved the family connection that grew between my teammates and me.

### When did you start playing and why did you start playing your sport?

**Amy** ~ I played basketball all throughout elementary school, and it became my favorite sport. So when it came to seventh grade, of course, I had to play basketball. At that time, I probably played every position but mostly forward.

**Robby** ~ I started playing basketball in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when Badger had its own elementary basketball team. All through basketball I have played as a guard.

**Tyler** ~ I started playing basketball in second grade, and I started because I loved basketball. I played as a guard.

**Nash** ~ I started at the very beginning of my school years (in kindergarten). I started wrestling because it was something my dad was good at in school and always had a passion for it.

**Devin** ~ I started in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade because my buddies talked me into it, and I came to love the sport.

**Isaak** ~ I started in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and I started because my brother joined so I had to also.

### What grade was your favorite year?

**Amy** ~ 7<sup>th</sup> grade because of my favorite coach, Mr. Lachowitz!

**Robby** ~ My favorite year in basketball was my senior year because I feel that everyone on the team bonded together better than any other year.

**Tyler** ~ Junior year because it seemed like everything was easy.

**Nash** ~ 10<sup>th</sup> grade because I had a good season and made it down to the high school state wrestling tournament.

**Devin** ~ I've had lots of amazing years of wrestling, but I would probably say my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year was the best because it was my first year making it to high school state as an individual wrestler. We also made it as a team. That's a really amazing accomplishment to be a part of.

**Isaak** ~ I loved every year because all of the good memories.



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## Senior Spotlight Isaak Isane

**Parent:** Julie & Jason Isane

**Siblings:** Tyler, Jenessa

**Nicknames:** Crazy Horse & Fire Jumper

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Food:** Steak

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Once you wrestled everything else in life is easy." ~ Dan Gable

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To have as many wishes as possible.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Daron Sikorski and who knows!

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Coming to school smelling like a skunk.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunting, fishing, and trapping.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Our whole class running Mr. Coltom down the hallway at Wolf Ridge.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Got 100 career wins in wrestling.



## Senior Spotlight Sydney Sele



**Parents:** Rod & Denise Sele

**Siblings:** None

**Nicknames:** None

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Hockey & Baseball

**Food:** Tacos

**Color:** Camouflage

**Quote:** "Live life like a 3-1 count."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** More wishes

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Maia Hietala, and we would go everywhere.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** First day I had a broken nose and had to take pictures with it.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunt or fish.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** My 5<sup>th</sup> hour class is all boys and me.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I've grown up a lot.

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## Senior Spotlight Jacob Hoover

**Parents:** Rhonda Ahner, Ronnie Hoover

**Siblings:** Jerry, Josh

**Nickname:** Hoover

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Baseball

**Food:** Cheeseburger

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** "Live life to the fullest."

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

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Me and my brother would travel to Iraq.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Always leaving my headlights on.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hang out with my friends.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** My friends

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I was influenced to go to college.



## Senior Spotlight Nicole Hill



**Parents:** Larry & Helen Hill, Jennifer Blackberg

**Siblings:** Rachel, Traci

**Nicknames:** Nikki, Nixy

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Basketball

**Food:** Spaghetti

**Color:** Pink

**Quote:** "Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footsteps on the moon." ~ Paul Brandt

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A thousand wishes.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I would travel with my sister Traci and we would go to the Bahamas.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Tripping going up the stairs.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Paint

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Going to see Blue Man Group for the band and choir trip.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Getting a superior at solo contest.

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## Senior Spotlight Austin Nieman

**Parents:** Rex & Brenda Nieman, Ellie Rud

**Siblings:** Alex, Dillon, Kruiz

**Nickname:** Nieman

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Steak or fried chicken

**Color:** Orange

**Quote:** "We never really grow up, we just learn how to act in public sometimes."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A lot of money.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My dad and I go to Africa to do some big game hunting.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Mr. Larson walking into the boy's shower after gym.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunt/spend time with Karley Forst.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Yelling fire while welding in the shop making Mr. Coltom mad at us.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Started on varsity football in 10<sup>th</sup> grade on offense and defense.



## Senior Spotlight Cheyenne Restuchi



**Parents:** John & Danielle Restuchi

**Siblings:** Dorothy, Catherine

**Nicknames:** Chey, Chey- Chey

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Pizza

**Color:** Light blue

**Quote:** "Live life like there is no tomorrow." ~ Unknown

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To have everything I need for life.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Elizabeth Restuchi to Redding, California.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Dropping my books in the hallway.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hang out with family and friends.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** Classmates

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** My daughter Elizabeth.

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## Badger Student Opinion

By: Emma Dimich

### What advice do you have for freshmen students to help them succeed in high school?

#### Daniel Obie

Listen to what your teachers are saying. You may not agree with them, but they are right!

#### Isabella Grafstrom

I would have to say always do your homework. Don't wait until the last minute to do anything. Always try your hardest. Just know that the teachers are not out to get you. They want you to succeed, and that may be why they are hard on you. Also, pay attention in class. It helps you to know what you are doing, which will help you be successful.

#### Leah Erickson

To be successful in school, it is very important you keep a positive "workers" attitude. However you choose to feel towards homework and teachers will only increase over time and will continue to increase after high school. Make doing homework fun. Play music so you can concentrate. High school is supposed to be the time to have "fun" before going out to the real world. Learn as much as you can so that you can face anything.

#### Tyler Becker

Respect your teachers. It goes by fast, so make the best of it. Don't make a decision you're going to regret.



## April Gator Sports

By: Dale Grindahl

Spring Sports Reminder: Due to weather, games change quickly. For updates go to [www.badger.k.12.mn.us](http://www.badger.k.12.mn.us) and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

### Girls Softball

- 5 @ NCE/UH (Twin Valley)
- 11 Thief River Falls @BGMR
- 12 Northern Freeze @BGMR
- 14 Roseau @BGMR
- 19 @ Warroad
- 21 Red Lake County Central @BGMR
- 23 Tournament @BGMR
- 26 @ Red Lake Falls
- 28 East Grand Forks Senior High @BGMR

### Boys Baseball

- 11 Roseau @ BGMR
- 14 @ Ada-Borup (Ada)
- 16 @ Fosston
- 19 @ Kittson Central (Kennedy)
- 21 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 25 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 26 @ Red Lake County Coop (Red Lake Falls)
- 29 NCE/UH @ BGMR

### Golf

- 21 Girls & Boys @ Lake of the Woods
- 26 Girls @Warren
- 26 Boys @Stephen

### Track

- 5 @ Bemidji Indoor
- 12 @ Bemidji Indoor
- 19 @ Lake of the Woods
- 23 @ Bagley
- 26 @ Thief River Falls
- 28 @ Warroad

## Random Riddles

[www.goodriddlesnow.com](http://www.goodriddlesnow.com)

By: Austin Maurstad

1. A man shaves several times a day, yet he still has a beard. Who is this man?
2. I do not eat food. But I do enjoy a light meal every day. What am I?
3. Why does Peter Pan always fly?
4. If it takes three men two days to dig a hole, how long does it take one man to dig half of a hole?
5. It takes ten men ten hours to build a certain wall. How long does it take five men to build the same wall?
6. There are several different kinds, but the one you pick doesn't do its job. What is it?
7. What grows up and down at the same time?

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## Badger Blood Drive

By: Amelia Stainbrook



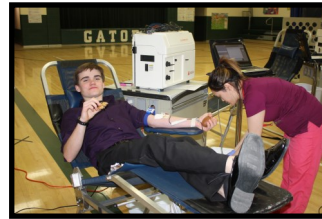
The National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored another successful blood drive on March 9. NHS students Bella Grafstrom, Alex Burkel, and Megan Kompelien were available during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conferences for people to sign up to donate. During the school day, Caity Garten and Emily Hamann had a table set up for Badger students to sign up to donate. Megan Kompelien also called previous donors to see if they again wanted to donate. All their efforts paid off with all 40 appointments filled!



On March 9, from 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., an additional 9 walk-in donors helped to fill in the 14 cancellations/no shows. Of the total 35 donors, 29 people were able to donate with 10 being first-time donors. Seven of the donors were able to donate, utilizing the automated machine, which collects 2 units of red blood cells. In total 36 blood products were collected!



National Honor Society members Riley Sovde, Shayna Kruger, and Seth Dostal and 10<sup>th</sup> grade honor students Dillon Neiman, Aaron Davy, and Austin Maurstad worked all day including set-up and clean-up. The National Honor Society students did a great job of coordinating donor sign-up, refreshments, and publicity prior to the event. Shannon Dostal, NHS advisor, was very happy with the hard work and success of the Blood Drive.



## Band Musician of the Month Emily Hamann

**Grade:** 12

**Siblings:** Taylor, Hayley, Cole

**What instrument do you play?** The flute.

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** Ms. Erickson needed flutes and it was the first instrument I got sound out of.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Going to see Cirque du Soleil.

**How long have you been in band?** 8 years

**What is your favorite song to play?** *Pirates of the Caribbean*

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Practice at home and stay quiet and listen during class.

**Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?** My sisters, they were both in band. They were really good at it, which made me want to follow in their footsteps.

## Choir Musician of the Month Joanna Erickson

**Grade:** 10

**Siblings:** Micah, Julia, Sarah, Leah

**What section are you in?** Soprano 1

**How long have you been in choir?** 3½ years

**What is the hardest part about being in choir?** Trying to ignore people that are off tune. Or when a lot of soprano 1's are gone.

**What advice would you give other vocalists?** Listen and blend with the people around you.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** The Music Revue!

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** Top Hits

**What is your favorite choir memory?** When we went to see Cirque du Soleil (had so much fun!).



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## Hunted

Author: N.M. Browne

Book Review By: Kaitie Hamann

“She was sure that these men were Mowl’s enemy. Mowl’s enemy was her enemy. Her fur bristled with fear. Should she wake Mowl?”

Karen is run down, beaten, and left unconscious. When she awakes, Karen finds her surroundings unfamiliar – she is a fox in a strange new land. She has a feeling she has not always been a fox but can’t remember who or what she used to be. Karen the fox soon befriends a young hunted man, Mowl Speare, running for his life. Strangely, at the same time, Karen is also in the hospital in a coma. What will happen to Karen? Will she awake and return to the human world or be trapped in this fox world forever? If you like magic, heroism, and sword fighting *Hunted* is the book for you.

## Elementary Basketball Tournament

By: Dillon Nieman

On the morning of Saturday, February 27, there was an annual elementary basketball tournament at the Badger School. The week of the tournament the high school student coaches got together with their teams during elementary gym classes to practice layups, dribbling, passing, and proper shooting form.

On Saturday, it was finally time for the teams to show what they learned from their coaches. The kindergarteners coached by Alyssa Rinde, Erika Howell, and Isabella Monsrud showed off their skills by doing various basketball drills. The outcomes of the showdowns between each grade were not surprising only because the older teams beat the younger teams. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade “Golden Eagles” coached by

Emma Gust beat the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade “Crushers” coached by Deanna Rybakowski. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade “Bulldogs” coached by Emily Gust beat the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade “Red Bulls” coached by Jack Peppel and Dillon Nieman. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade “Quack Hogs” coached by Alex Burkel and Robby Davy beat the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade “Champions” coached by Amy Svir. All teams played their best and gave it their all so everyone was a winner.

Special thanks to Phy Ed teacher Ashley Lambert for all her hard work coordinating this event and the many student volunteers and organizations that helped with coaching, refing, announcing the games, running the clock, and providing concessions and the 50/50 drawing. We look forward to the competition again next year.



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## Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

1. What country did the U.S. hockey team beat in the 1980 Olympics for gold?  
A. Finland  
B. Soviet Union  
C. Sweden  
D. Slovakia
2. When was Pac-Man first released?  
A. 1982  
B. 1980  
C. 1975  
D. 1979
3. What year was the first Madden NFL Football video game released?  
A. 1988  
B. 1993  
C. 1984  
D. 1990
4. In the 1980 Olympics, what team earned the men's hockey silver medal?  
A. Finland  
B. Soviet Union  
C. Sweden  
D. Slovakia

## Shout Out To.....

*8<sup>th</sup> hour Beginning Foods* class for providing snacks for the Community Education Cool Contraptions class!

*Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Kukowski, and Mrs. Davy* for chaperoning the Target/FCCLA Lock-In.

*Badger School staff* for working as a team and making this a great place to work!

*Ms. Erickson, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Ylitalo, and Ms. K* for an amazing musical, theatrical, and artistic music revue.

*Elementary playground supervisors Annie Prestegord, Sue Smith, and Renee Rhen* for battling the elements to keep the playground safe and fun for kids.

*The cooks*, a huge thank you for preparing green eggs & ham and birthday cake for our Dr. Seuss celebration.

*Everyone who helped coordinate the National Honor Society Blood Drive.* From the volunteers who helped from set-up to clean-up, to the people who gave up their time and space to help us out, to those who donated refreshments and especially to our wonderful donors – we couldn't do it without you! Thanks for helping save a life.

### **Badger Robotics Team.....**

*Businesses & organizations from Badger and our surrounding Communities* that donated to the robotics team to help them raise the funds to be able participate in the FIRST Robotics Iowa Regional.

*Ms. Erickson & Mr. Carpenter* for allowing the robotics team to hold their basket raffle during the Music Revue.

*Ms. K.* for helping the robotics team put together the baskets for the raffle...without you we would have been a mess!

### **Music Revue Shout Out.....**

*Parent and school volunteers ~ Missy Gust, Heidi Warne, Angela Monsrud, Shannon Dostal, Brady Johnson, Becky Dostal, Renee Rhen ~* thank you for all of your help during the performances!!

*Greta Lee, Aulona Jasiqi, and Kadelyn Keller ~* for "lighting" our show and helping backstage.

*LaRae Frislie and Jody Randall* for preparing the delicious meal.

*Jarod Magnusson*, Badger custodian, for hanging the flats.

*Caity Garten* for helping with the flats!!! You are awesome!!!

### **Elementary Basketball Tournament Shout Out.....**

*Alex Burkel, Robby Davy, Amy Svir, Emma Gust, Emily Gust, Deanna Rybakowski, Jack Peppel, Dillon Nieman, Alyssa Rinde, Erika Howell, and Isabella Monsrud* for coaching at the elementary basketball teams.

*Alex Burkel, Robby Davy, Amy Svir, Jack Peppel, Dillon Nieman, and Alex Truscinski* for reffing.

*Shayna Kruger & Evan Peppel* for announcing.

*Jared Davy* for running the clock during the games.

*FCCLA members* for providing concessions for our fans.

*TARGET Team* for providing a 50/50 drawing.

*National Honor Society students* for helping out with the tournament.

*Badger School Staff* for helping out and being flexible with the weeks leading up to the tournament.

*Mary Monsrud* for making the programs for the elementary basketball tournament.

### **Jump Rope for Heart Shout Out.....**

*Badger students and community* for donating money ~ we beat our goal of \$6000 and raised \$6969.75.

*Badger School staff* for volunteering to be incentives to raise money ~ pie in the face and haircuts.



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## April Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

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|-------|--|-------|--|
| 1-2   | Art Club Trip to Malung  | 14    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm                                   |
| 4     | Vocal Ensemble Contest @ Stephen/Argyle  | 15    | Industrial Tech Students @ Northland Community & Technical College |
| 4     | Kindergarten Round-Up 5:00 pm  | 15    | Preschool Developmental Screening 8:30 am                          |
| 5     | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm   | 18-22 | Grade 7 @ Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center                 |
| 5     | ECFE "Letters X, Y, & Z" 6:00 pm   | 19    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm                                   |
| 5     | AARP Smart Driver Course 6:00 pm   | 21    | Preschool Teddy Bear Picnic 2:00 pm                                |
| 7     | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm   | 21    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm                                   |
| 9     | Badger Prom  | 22    | Karen Enger Dance Recital  |
| 11    | School Board 7:30 pm   | 25    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterm                                    |
| 12    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm   | 26    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm                                   |
| 12    | ECFE "Graduation" 6:00 pm  | 27    | Envirothon @ Agassiz Refuge  |
| 13-16 | State FCCLA  | 28    | Comm Ed ~ Painting Class 3:15 pm                                   |
| 13    | Northland Community & Technical College Career Expo<br>Grades 11-12 @ East Grand Forks |       |  |

## April Wacky Celebrations

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/april.htm>

By: Tyrah Green

### April Fool's Day ~ April 1st

April Fool's Day is all about playing jokes and tricks on one another. The objective is to plan out a trick that is believable. The stranger or more absurd your gag is the better. It's better to do it earlier in the day time because people aren't so aware of what's going on. They tend to forget it's April Fools! Remember tricks and jokes must be harmless and in good taste for the unsuspecting "victim."

### Name Yourself Day ~ April 9th

This is your chance to give yourself whatever name you'd like for a day. Even if you like your name, change your name for just today. Change your first, middle, last name, or change them all. Give yourself a cool and catchy nickname. Once you've selected your name, you've got to communicate it to all of your family and friends!

### National Sibling Day ~ April 10th

This is a day to appreciate and cherish your brothers and sisters. Siblings are truly a special blessing that we all too often take for granted. They are often our best friends and supporters through life. Not everyone is lucky enough to have siblings. Those that don't have siblings can spend the day pampering themselves or pretending they have a brother or sister for the day!

### National Cheeseball Day ~ April 17th

Who doesn't want a day to stuff yourself with cheeseballs? But, what kind of cheeseball are we talking about? There's the light and airy, puffy cheeseball. There is also a cheeseball that is often decorated with nuts and sits on a party tray until spread on a cracker. When it comes to the cheeseball snack, we are certain that you can't eat just one; not even just a handful. Cheeseballs are addicting. Place a bowl of cheeseballs on the counter and watch them disappear right before your eyes. Everyone loves cheeseballs.

### National Honesty Day ~ April 30th

National Honesty Day encourages us to be honest today and every day. We should try our best to be honest. Honesty is a great virtue. If we want people to believe us when it's important, then we need to be open and honest all of the time. Being honest can help people's self-esteem.

## Random Riddles Answers

1. He's a barber.
2. A plant (photosynthesis).
3. Because he can Neverland.
4. You can't dig half of a hole, a hole's a hole. As soon as digging starts there is a hole, so there is also half a hole.
5. No time, the wall is already built.
6. A lock.
7. A goose.

Trivia Answers 1 A 2 B 3 A 4 B

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## Kindergarten Korner

By: Amelia Stainbrook

### Elizabeth Brereton

**Parent:** Alicia Brereton

**Age:** 6

**What is April Fool's Day?** I think April Fool's Day is about making Strawberry Shortcake hats.

**Where is your favorite place to hang out?** I like to hang out at my grandma's house. We make blueberry muffins and chocolate chip cookies.

**What is the hardest thing to do in kindergarten?** The hardest thing in kindergarten is the math problems.

**If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?** Play outside with my little sister, my friends, and my dog.

**What is your favorite book to listen to?** *Strawberry Shortcake.*



### Jaxon Castle

**Parents:** Travis Castle, Britany Frei

**Age:** 5

**What is April Fool's Day?** I think April Fool's Day is about a bad guy that steals stuff from people.

**Where is your favorite place to hang out?** I like to hang out at the beach and make sand castles and play.

**What is the hardest thing to do in kindergarten?** Art, we make hard stuff like roosters.

**If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?** My own house, a car, and an iPad.

**What is your favorite book to listen to?** *The Cat in the Hat.*



### Sophia Edwards

**Parents:** Tonya & Gary Edwards

**Age:** 6

**What is April Fool's Day?** I think that April Fool's Day is about watching Elsa movies.

**Where is your favorite place to hang out?** I like to hang out at the park with mom and dad and we go swimming.

**What is the hardest thing to do in kindergarten?** Math

**If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?** I would wish for a unicorn, a horse, and a dog.

**What is your favorite book to listen to?** A book about unicorns.



## Scientific Mysteries of the 21st Century

By: Ceceilia Yeager

Have you ever wondered about a question and just couldn't find an answer? These scientific mysteries will make you think but, of course, not be solved. According to [www.sciencenews.org/top-10-scientific-mysteries-21st-century](http://www.sciencenews.org/top-10-scientific-mysteries-21st-century) the following are the top scientific mysteries of the 21st century. They are still mysteries; maybe in the near future they won't be a mystery anymore.

1. The meaning of quantum entanglement
2. Does intelligent life exist elsewhere?
3. Quantum gravity
4. The nature of time
5. Are there extra dimensions of space?
6. Genes, cancer, and luck
7. How to measure evidence
8. What is the nature of the dark energy that drives cosmic acceleration?
9. What is the identity of dark matter?
10. How did life originate?

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## Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

### If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?

**Lexi Rud (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I don't really know... I would probably go to Walmart and try to scare people by throwing stuff around.

**Esther Nelson (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would prank people by scaring them. I would also go and fly on a plane. Since no one can see me, I would get to do it for free. Also, I wouldn't have to do chores. Finally, I would stay up until midnight without getting in trouble.

**Kaeden Hietala (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would find out what people say about each other, so I know who's nice and who's not.

**Ethan Praska (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I was invisible for a day, I would do a lot of things. I would scare my friends, scare my parents, scare my grandparents, and many more things.

**Shayna Kruger (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I were invisible for a day, I would fly to Washington, D.C., and look at all the top secret files.

**Nash Sovde (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I was invisible for one day, there would be a lot of people mad at me the next day if they knew it was me. I would play so many pranks on everyone and not worry about getting into trouble for it: like speeding down the highway and getting pulled over and the cop realizing there's no one driving!

**Mr. Lee (School Social Worker):** I would have to pull pranks on my family and friends. Move things they had just moved and whisper things to them. Throw things at them. I would also try to capture it all on video to give me something to laugh at after.



## What's in a Name?

By: Austin Maurstad

The first U.S. president, George Washington, was elected in 1789. Although most people say the United States has had 44 presidents, we have actually only had 43 presidents. This is because Grover Cleveland was elected twice but nonconsecutively. Statistically, if your first name starts with James or your last name ends in N, you may have a better chance of becoming a president.

Out of all the presidents, almost 40% of them (16) have last names that end in the letter N:

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|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. George Washington | 6. William Henry Harrison | 12. Harry S Truman   |
| 2. Thomas Jefferson  | 7. James Buchanan         | 13. Lyndon B Johnson |
| 3. James Madison     | 8. Abraham Lincoln        | 14. Richard Nixon    |
| 4. Andrew Jackson    | 9. Andrew Johnson         | 15. Ronald Reagan    |
| 5. Martin Van Buren  | 10. Benjamin Harrison     | 16. Bill Clinton     |
|                      | 11. Woodrow Wilson        |                      |

The most unique first names for presidents are Barack, Millard, Ulysses, and Chester. James, however, is the most common name for presidents. A total of six presidents have the first name James:

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| 1. James Madison | 3. James Polk     | 5. James Garfield       |
| 2. James Monroe  | 4. James Buchanan | 6. James "Jimmy" Carter |

## Badger School Superintendent's News



### FIRST Robotics

Congratulations to the Badger FIRST Robotics team. Under the direction of Mike Coltom, with assistance from Technology Coordinator Val Truscinski, as well as Alan Truscinski, Greg Peppel, Dale Hagen, and many others, the FIRST Robotics team recently completed a successful build and competitive season. Competing in Duluth, Minnesota, against 63 other teams, the Badger FIRST Robotics Team finished 6<sup>th</sup> place overall at the end of the qualifying rounds and advanced to the finals. During the finals, the Gators experienced some tough luck and mechanically suffered a few setbacks as a result of contact between robots during the heat of the competition and eventually were eliminated. Despite being eliminated in the finals, the students were energized and immediately began making plans to attend a second regional competition in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Within a very few days, thanks to a tremendous amount of local support, the students raised all funds necessary to travel to Cedar Falls. Once again, the Gators advanced to the final rounds of competition. Unfortunately, destiny was not on the side of the Badger FIRST Robotics team and eventually elimination occurred once again in the finals. At times, we as a society tend to measure success by wins and losses. To do so, is a mistake. The Gators improved tremendously throughout the season, developed and strengthened relationships with each other as well as neighboring programs, and learned that through hard work, cooperation, determination, and energy anything is possible. Congratulations to all of the students and mentors for all that you accomplished this successful season.

### Badger Staffing

If you look beyond the school classrooms, lunch lines, newspaper articles, and hallways of the Badger School you will find Joni Pelowski quietly and professionally doing her job on a daily basis. Mrs. Pelowski has been serving the Badger School District as Business Manager since 2002. The responsibilities of the business manager within a school district are varied. The tasks Mrs. Pelowski completes on a regular basis are far too many to list but include duties such as payroll, preparing deposits on a weekly basis, preparing monthly and quarterly cash statements, processing all account payables as well as receivables, and completing a variety of reports required at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition, Mrs. Pelowski assists in projecting school district budget revenues and expenditures on an annual basis.

On April 30, after serving the Badger students and school district for 14 years, Mrs. Pelowski will retire from her position. Thank you for all that you have done for our students, staff, school district, and myself. Thanks to your efforts, the business office operates efficiently and all documents within are organized and well prepared for the incoming business manager. Congratulations on an outstanding career!

### Spring 2016

Spring is here. With the arrival of spring, many events and activities are scheduled during in the final nine weeks of school: music performances, athletic events, class field trips, state testing, and graduation, etc. Please be sure to follow our calendar of events and do not hesitate to call our school with any questions you may have regarding any of these scheduled activities. If time allows, please consider visiting our school and attending an event. Your attendance is always appreciated and always noticed by our students. A continued effort to work together cooperatively to support and serve our students will ensure Badger remains the school where "every student belongs." As always, thank you for all that you do to support our school.

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome, Superintendent  
Badger School District

# The Badger Barker

## Ramp-Up Topics for April

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Information Revolution – This unit exposes students to the idea that our world is constantly changing and the careers that were in the past will not necessarily exist in the future. Students will also be encouraged to explore and understand the need for a high skill career based on financial and personal benefits.

**GRADE 7:** Students will be focusing on financial awareness and the differences between “good” and “bad” debt as it relates to paying for college. One of the activities focuses on the idea of credit and interest and that borrowing money or using credit for “bad” debt is most likely not a good idea.

**Workshop:** Economic Impact of College

**GRADE 8:** Following last month’s focus on paying for college, students learn with more depth about the ways to pay for college including personal contributions (savings and loans) and money that may come from outside sources (scholarships, grants, and work study). There is a good video resource for parents and students to watch regarding this topic online at [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying)

**Workshop:** Exploring Financing College

**GRADE 9:** Students will learn about the options they have during high school that will give them the opportunity to earn college credit. Students learn what AP (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate), CIS (College in the Schools), and PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options) are. Students also have an opportunity to earn college credit through PLTW programs if they meet criteria. Students will also update their Postsecondary Plan.

**Workshop:** Classes Recommended for College

**GRADE 10:** Sophomores will learn more about the importance of building relevant and effective resumes, and why they are important. Individual Postsecondary Plans will also be updated.

**GRADE 11:** Juniors will continue studying a unit designed to help them decide where to apply to college. Students will decide what is their Match, Safe, and Reach college options. They will receive general information on a range of colleges, including where it located, size, cost and the average GPA and ACT needed for admission. Their Postsecondary Plans will be updated as well.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be asked to identify and share their Postsecondary Plans. As part of this activity they will write these plans on a sheet of paper that can be hung in the classroom or somewhere in the school. We will celebrate the postsecondary choices of our seniors!

## Congratulations Band and Choir Students

By: Emma Dimich

On March 9, 2016, Badger High School music students went to Karlstad for the Large Band and Choir contest. It was a wonderful success.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Dan Carpenter, sang two a capella pieces (no piano). First was a Russian folk song “Oy, Polna, Polna Korobushka” by C. Shvedoff. Their second piece was “Lux Aurumque” by Eric Whitacre, which it is a contemporary piece of choral literature. The choir earned all three Superior ratings with scores of 38, 38, and 39. Choral judges were Deland Elseth, Shelia Nelson, and Jennifer Wieland.

The band, under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson, played the ballad “With Each Sunset Comes the Promise of a New Day” by Richard Saucedo and an energetic piece titled “Festivo” by Vaclay Nelhybel. The band also earned all three Superior ratings with the scores of 39, 40, and 40. Band judges were Mike Kerrigan, Jim Hallan, and Herb Thompson.

The directors and students worked really hard on all their songs, and it paid off with their superior ratings!

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### Grasshopper Cookie Pie

*www.familycircle.com*  
By: Thomas Whitt

#### Ingredients:

1 8-ounce package reduced-fat cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup sugar  
Green food coloring (optional)  
1 8-ounce tub frozen non-dairy reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed  
1 cup cookies (Keeble Fudge Shoppe Grasshopper Fudge Mint)  
1 ready-crust pie crust (Keebler Ready Crust Reduced Fat Graham)

#### Directions:

- In large mixing bowl beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy.
- Add sugar and food coloring, if desired. Beat until combined.
- Fold in whipped topping and cookies. Spread in crust
- Refrigerate at least 3 hours or until set
- Garnish as desired. Store in refrigerator.

#### Note:

- Soften cream cheese in microwave at high for 15 to 20 seconds.

### Janet's Famous Banana Nut Bread

*www.allrecipes.com*  
By: Michal Olson

#### Ingredients:

3 cups white sugar  
3/4 cup butter, softened  
3 eggs  
2 cups mashed ripe banana  
1/2 sour cream  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans

#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Lightly grease and flour two 8X4 inch pans.
- In a large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Stir in eggs one at a time, beating well with each addition. Stir in the banana and sour cream.
- In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and pecans; stir into banana mixture, just until combined. Pour batter into prepared pans
- Bake in preheated oven for 55 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of loaf comes out clean. Remove from pan and place on a wire rack to cool. Serve warm or cold.