

# The Badger Barker

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## WDAZ's Team of the Year!

By: Devin Corneliusen

Each year WDAZ Channel 8 selects 15 teams from the Grand Forks and surrounding areas for their Team of the Year. To qualify for Team of the Year, the team had to win a section title or make it to at least the semi-finals at a state tournament. In mid-December the 15 teams are announced and voting by the public begins via the internet.

On December 20 the top five were announced and voting continued through Christmas Day. As of Christmas Eve, the BGMR girls golf team was in second place with 3246 votes, just 71 votes behind the Kittson County Central football team. After voting ended, sportscaster Dan Corey highlighted one team per night from number five to number one. With 5452 votes, the BGMR girls golf team surpassed KCC football and was named WDAZ's 2013 Team of the Year on New Year's Day.

Congratulations once again to Head Coach Brady Johnson, Assistant Coach Jim Foss, Junior High Coach Caroline Sorensen and the girls golf team consisting of Tierra Novacek, Andrea Burkel, Tessa Waage, Katie Rhen, Allison Dallager, and Madison Truscinski! Thank you to everyone who voted! Head Coach Brady Johnson said, "It was a unique group of student athletes that had some very amazing success. Participating in the state tournament was an incredible experience that I hope they never forget."



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## Badger School Superintendent's News

### **Congratulations Madison Truscinski for Being Selected as Minnesota State High School League EXCEL Award Recipient!**

The Minnesota State High School League received nominations for EXCEL award winners from school districts across the state. To qualify as a recipient of the EXCEL award, students must be in eleventh grade, participate in fine arts and/or athletics, hold a leadership position within school, and work voluntarily within a community. Madison is one of 32 students in the eleventh grade to be recognized by the Minnesota High School League as an EXCEL award winner.

### **February 17–21, 2014, is Minnesota School Board Recognition Week**

School board members are recognized and celebrated throughout the state for their contributions to local school districts. The week of February 17 is designated as Minnesota school board recognition week. Minnesota school board members manage approximately 2,000 schools within Minnesota. Approximately 825,000 students and 52,000 teachers, as well as thousands of administrators and support staff, are directly and indirectly under the supervision of Minnesota school board members. School board member responsibilities include: finance, curriculum, policy, facilities, state and federal mandates, staffing, and activities, as well as many other issues that may arise. The Badger school board members represent our community and serve our district twelve months a year.

Badger board members are:

Kevin Randall, School Board Chair  
Jim Christianson, School Board Vice Chair  
Connie Creviston, Treasurer  
Carol Rhen, Clerk  
Cari Dostal, Director  
Jamie Isane, Director

### **Badger FIRST Robotics Team Prepares for the “Aerial Assist” at the University of Minnesota Duluth**

FIRST is an acronym for **F**or **I**nspiration and **R**ecognition of **S**cience and **T**echnology. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, which inspire innovation and foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

This year over 51,000 students will participate in FIRST Robotics from nearly every state in the union as well as multiple countries throughout the world. March 6-8 the Badger FIRST Robotics Team will compete in the Northern Lights Regional in Duluth, Minnesota. Badger FIRST Robotics Team #3750 consisting of 20 students (12 boys and 8 girls), under the direction of mentors Mr. Mike Coltom and Mr. Dale Hagen with technology assistance from Mrs. Val Truscinski, will compete against sixty other teams for the opportunity to advance to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in St. Louis on April 23-26.

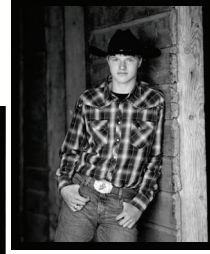
### **Congratulations Badger One-Act Play Cast and Crew for Outstanding Performance of “Sure Thing”**

Congratulations to Badger one-act play cast for representing the Badger School district and community so well at the sub-section competition. The Badger one-act play, under the direction of Ryan Modahl and assisted by Val Truscinski, was a hilarious play entitled “Sure Thing.” Although the Badger one-act play team did not advance to sections, the students performed amazingly and once again made our school and community proud. Members of the one-act play cast and crew are Alex Burkel, Victoria Green, Logan Klegstad, Logan Kompelien, Megan Kompelien, Cassie Peterson, Sarah Rhen, Amy Svir, Alex Truscinski, Madison Truscinski, Darius Watson, and Tiana Watson.

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome  
Superintendent, Badger School District

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## Campus Comment

By: Daniel Obie

### If you could ask any president a question, what would it be?

**Colby Wooten (Grade 7):** How does it feel having the pressure of running the United States of America in your control?

**Ethan Praska (Grade 8):** Is being president a fun job or isn't it?

**Madison Rybakowski (Grade 9):** James Madison: What was your favorite part of being in charge of our country?

**Leah Erickson (Grade 10):** I would ask Abraham Lincoln what drove him to have the confidence to go against slavery. It was dangerous back in the day and very scary, when it came to freedom for others.

**Devin Corneliusen (Grade 11):** Why did you think of even becoming a president, and what were the difficulties achieving that?

**Cole Hamann (Grade 12):** Abraham Lincoln: Were you worried about assassination after you freed the slaves with the Emancipation Proclamation?

**Mrs. Walter (Special Ed Teacher):** I'd ask did you want to be the president of the United States as a kid? Did you take classes with the intention of a future in politics? Or... did you know you wanted a life of service, but didn't have a specific plan for how you'd accomplish that goal?

## Staying Safe 2.0

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

As we all know, the internet plays a huge role in today's world. It literally puts everything from everywhere at our disposal within a few keystrokes. Unlimited knowledge is accessible in this way, but also has dangers if you are not aware of what can go wrong.

Growing up in a world with newfound technology growing at an immense rate is overwhelming with both opportunities and dangers. Children are still victimized because of poor internet rules and precautions. Here are some good reminders when using the internet:

**Parents** – Be aware of your children on the internet and teach them how to avoid the dangers. Learn how to block material online. Spend time together online to teach appropriate online behaviors. Block private chat rooms that give away information to other users. Monitor phone and credit card bills for charges that are unfamiliar or strange. Forward threatening or obscene messages to your internet service provider.

**Younger Children** – Do not communicate with anyone you don't know personally and never agree to meet in person. If someone you don't know tries to talk to you, tell an adult. Don't enter or register for anything without your parents' okay. Keep your age, name, birthday, and address to yourself and don't share it.

**Teens** – You are not an adult. Do not underestimate online threats or you may put yourself in harm's way. When using a website with screen-names, create an online identity and don't use your real name. Keep in mind when posting or uploading things online that you are putting it up for anyone to see. For example, when applying for a job, remember employers check your online background. Check privacy settings of websites you are registered to as some may put your information for anyone to see. If you receive some type of inappropriate request, do not respond as any response can provoke the person into pursuing it further.

Information and steps for internet safety were taken from [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org). Go to the website for more details on internet safety. Be careful when you are online, stay safe!



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## Valentine Sweeties

By: Victoria Green

### Cream Puffs

2 (3.5 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix  
2 cups heavy cream  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup water  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
4 eggs

Mix together vanilla instant pudding mix, cream and milk. Cover and refrigerate to set.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a large pot, bring water and butter to a rolling boil. Stir in flour and salt until the mixture forms a ball. Transfer the dough to a large mixing bowl. Using a wooden spoon or stand mixer, beat in the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown. Centers should be dry.

When the shells are cool, either split and fill them with the pudding mixture, or use a pastry bag to pipe the pudding into the shells.

### Chocolate Covered Strawberries

16 ounces milk chocolate chips  
2 Tablespoons shortening  
1 pound fresh strawberries with leaves

Insert toothpicks into the tops of the strawberries.

In a double boiler, melt the chocolate and shortening, stirring occasionally until smooth. Holding them by the toothpicks, dip the strawberries into the chocolate mixture.

Turn the strawberries upside down and insert the toothpick into Styrofoam for the chocolate to cool.



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## Single on Valentine's Day?

By: Victoria Green

Valentine's Day is targeted by marketers to make money. People have always thought of this as a day to spend with their boyfriend/girlfriend but everyone forgets that your family and friends love you, too.

Stores on Valentine's Day are filled with fancy gifts, flowers, and bears. TV and radio stations remind you to remember your sweetheart on this day, but what are the people who are single supposed to do? Dr. Laura S. Brown (professor of psychology at Argosy University/Seattle) offers some tips on how singles can spend their time on Valentine's Day:

- Do not define yourself by your relationship status. Your relationship status is not your identity.
- If you are single because of a recent loss, allow this to be a day of grieving. Do not pretend that it's not a hard day. Get support and sympathy.
- Realize that Valentine's Day is a commercial holiday. It is not about love and relationships; it is about selling flowers, candy, and diamond jewelry. Think of all the money you are saving.
- Plan well in advance to do something that will not place you in the path of cooing couples. Even if you usually like dining out alone, do something else on Valentine's Day.
- Get together with people who do love you -- friends, family members, the people who already have relationships with you.
- If you are single and you don't want to be, start now to think about what is in the way of you creating the relationship you want. Find ways to work on becoming the person your dream partner would fall in love with. Start therapy. Take up yoga. Begin to volunteer. Create art. Make meaning. Act to change the world. It is into the fullest lives that love is most likely to fall.
- If you are single and you like it, now is the time to affirm your choice. People who never marry or partner have close, loving, emotionally intimate relationships and lives worth living. Do not let a couple-driven culture define your choice as something wrong.

Are your friends single on Valentine's Day too? Splendid! Spend the day together. Plan a shopping trip. Go see a movie. Have fun and enjoy being single! If your friends have plans for Valentine's Day, don't think you are a loser. Valentine's Day has become important to a lot of people, especially people in relationships but remember: it's just another day! Just because you don't have a date on February 14 it doesn't mean that anyone loves you any less than they did on the 13th.

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## FCCLA Spirit Week! Join in on the Fun! February 10 – 14

**Monday** – Now let's fall in love with *RED AND WHITE/STEAL A HEART DAY!*

**Tuesday** – Make a splash with *FLOTATION DEVICE/ BEACH DAY!*

**Wednesday** – *IMITATE A TEACHER DAY* – be the mirror image of your favorite teacher!

**Thursday** – *DUCK TAPE AND GARBAGE BAG DAY* because we are going to get a little trashy!

**Friday** – Let's show our school spirit like we do every Friday and go all out for *GATOR DAY!*

## Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, February 21  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Badger School Cafeteria

The Badger Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America Chapter (FFCLA) will be hosting their annual Daddy/ Daughter Dance on Friday, February 21, in the Badger School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 and refreshments will be available. There will be fun music for kids of all ages to create an evening to remember. There is no dress code; however, all princesses are encouraged to attend.

Please consider having your daughter attend this dance with the man in her life. Maybe it's her grandpa, a special friend, an uncle, or a male who has made a difference in her life. FCCLA looks forward to providing the hokey pokey, the chicken dance, and more fun events for your daughter.

## Today's Top 5 Technologies on the Rise

By: Keithan Hoang and Daniel Obie

It's 2014 and the new year is bringing new technologies! From space tourism to 3D printing, these are some of the most anticipated technologies today!

On the top of the list, ships that go into space! The company Virgin has come out with one of the few "space liners" available to people! Of course tickets are not going to be cheap. Tickets to get a seat on one of these spaceships are around \$250,000.

Next, 3D printing is becoming big business and soon will be in your home! Several companies have started making 3D printers affordable to the public. The prices for these printers have dramatically dropped since 2010. How it works is the printer reads off a design from a file and layers a liquid or powder into the desired shape. This process usually takes hours or even days!

Coming in as number three, wearable Tech! Google is coming out with Google SmartGlass (glasses that work like a smart phone). Samsung is coming out with their SmartWatch (watches that work like a smart phone) Developers say as more and more apps come out for these products, they will become more useful.

Keep an eye on the sky! Amazon made a huge step forward when CEO Jeff Bezos explained plans for a drone that would deliver packages in 30 minutes!

Lastly, a growing market of smart TVs will continue to expand, with more households having the option to browse the Internet, launch apps and have social interactions through their TV sets. LG released a feature that lets users communicate with smart home appliances with your phone or tablet. Samsung's smart TVs will soon let users use voice command and gestures to change the channel, control the volume, and stop videos.

Well, the future is here and it's bringing plenty of amazing technologies that you thought were just in movies to your home. From Smart Glass to Smart TV, 2014 will be a technological evolution!

## Community Education Classes

### It's Not Too Late to Sign Up

#### iPad/iPhone Basics

Want to learn more about using your iPad or iPhone? Come and join us for an evening session covering some of the basics – apps (adding and removing), settings, Siri, Facetime, etc. You are encouraged to bring your own personal device or may use one of our iPads for this session if you do not currently have one. Please have your Apple ID set up before class and have your password available during the class.

Date: Monday, February 17

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Valerie Truscinski

Location: Computer Lab

#### Mask Making Class

Let your imagination be your guide as you create, paint and decorate your own mask made from plaster. Students grades 3 and up are invited to let their creativity flow. All materials will be provided.

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday

February 25 & 27

Times: 3:15 – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$10

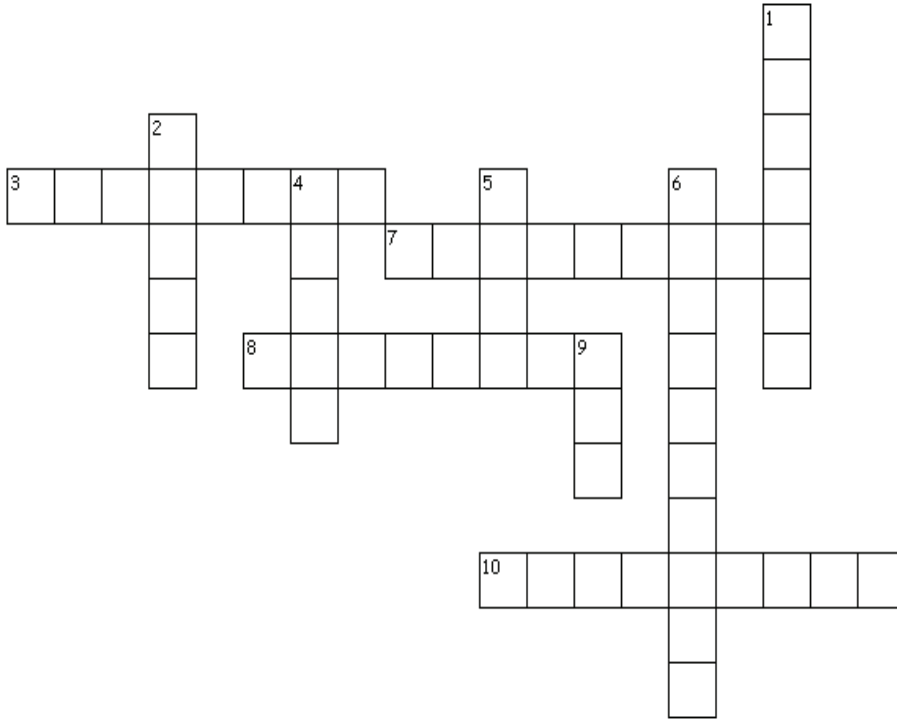
Instructor: Jandi VonEnde

Location: FACS Room

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## February Crossword

By: Devin Corneliusen



### Across

3. The present month.
7. Sweets given for valentines.
8. This happens every 4 years.
10. This animal looks for his shadow.

### Down

1. These are sent at special times.
2. Cupid shoots this.
4. Flowers sent to your Valentine
5. Opposite of hate.
6. Happy \_\_\_ Day!
9. Color for Valentine's Day.

## Australia Bound

By: Alexis Dahlen

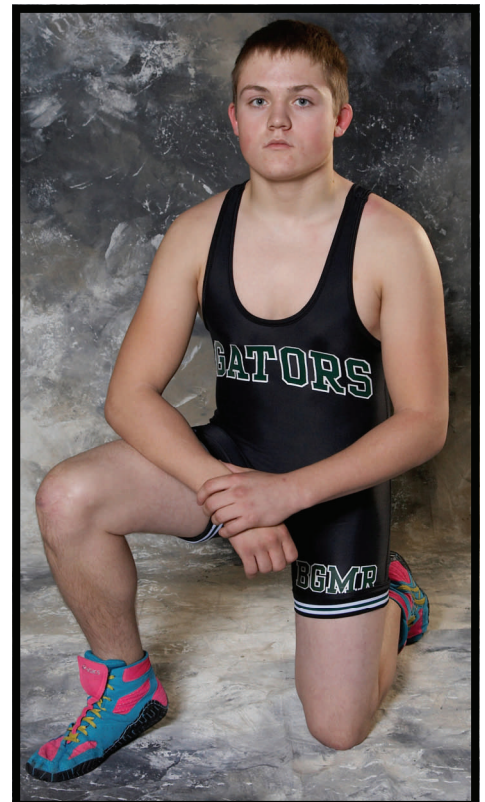
Badger High School sophomore, Devin Dostal, has been given the opportunity to travel, meet new people, and expand his wrestling experience in Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii this summer. He will be attending the international *Down Under Sports* wrestling competition. Only 127 wrestlers from the United States will be attending this momentous competition. Devin says, "It'll be a fun, new experience and a great way to meet new wrestlers."

There will be both individual wrestling and team wrestling. To make the teams, participants have to wrestle off. Winning or losing the match determines which team the wrestlers will be on. The overall winners of this competition will get medals; Devin says it'll be hard to win.

When Devin and his family were informed he qualified for this competition, they were excited and immediately started working on fundraisers. Expenses are only partially paid for by the hosts of this competition. Devin also did extra fundraising so he could bring his mother.

He said he's nervous about the 24 hour flight he'll have to take. The trip will include more than wrestling. Devin will get the opportunity to go scuba diving and see the Great Barrier Reef. This is an amazing opportunity; a kid from a small town is making himself known by playing the sport he loves. Devin says, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

The *Down Under Sports* web site states there will be seven days to compete and sightsee, and then three days to explore and relax in Waikiki, Hawaii. Devin will be in Australia June 28 to July 3, New Zealand on July 3-6, and Hawaii July 6-9. Devin is the only Minnesotan student attending this tournament. Hopefully when he returns he'll have gold medals hanging around his neck.



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## BADGER HIGH SCHOOL NOMINATES BURKEL FOR 'TRIPLE A' AWARD

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students



Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Andrea Burkel for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award.

Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in fine arts. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better, participate in MSHSL sponsored fine arts and athletic activities, and comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct.

AAA Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process that involves League member schools, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be recognized at an on-court ceremony during the Minnesota Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March. League officials will announce two state Award recipients – one girl and one boy from both a Class A and a Class AA school – during the on-court ceremony. Each state Award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Andrea Burkel, an A honor roll student, is a member of the Badger High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, volleyball and golf teams. Also a member of the band and choir, she has won numerous awards for her solo and ensemble performances at MSHSL music contests. Andrea is planning to attend the University of North Dakota in the fall. She is the daughter of John and Joni Burkel of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Tom Jerome shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Andrea for the AAA award. Andrea is a positive influence in our school and exemplifies what the AAA award represents. Andrea is involved in multiple school activities and excels academically as an honor student." The Badger School District congratulates Andrea on her nomination and accomplishments, and wishes her well in the region 8A AAA competition.

For more information about the AAA Award program, please contact the Minnesota State High School League at 763-560-2262 or [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org) on the web.

## Random Riddles

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

1. Inside a burning house, this thing is best to make. And best to make it quickly, before the fire's too much to take!
2. My voice is tender, my waist is slender, and I'm often invited to play. Yet wherever I go I must take my bow or else I have nothing to say.
3. What is the moon worth?
4. I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me.
5. What two words have the most letters in it?
6. Without a bridle or a saddle, across a thing I ride a-straddle. And those I ride, by help of me, though almost blind, are made to see.
7. What ship has no captain but two mates?





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## Senior Spotlight Kaitlyn Emery

**Parents:** Kim and Kimberly Emery

**Sibling:** Kelsey

**Nicknames:** Kaitwin, Kate, Georgey

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Basketball

**Song:** *Billie Jean* by Michael Jackson

**Food:** A Subway Melt from Subway!

**Color:** Turquoise

**Quote:** "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." ~ Harold R. McAlindon

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish for a long and happy life.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be?** I would travel to Australia with my sister, Kelsey. Australia has always struck me as an interesting country that I'd like to visit on day.

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

**Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest?** I would rather be the quietest, because sometimes being the loudest can get you into trouble.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** My favorite thing to do with my free time is to spend time with my friends and family.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from high school?** There are too many memories from school that I will never forget. I know I'll never forget all the memories made through being in FCCLA.

**What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school?**

When I unexpectedly got a whipped cream pie thrown in my face during a pep fest. I was an announcer at the pep fest so I didn't expect it at all. At the time it wasn't too funny to me. But now it's pretty funny.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** My plan after

I graduate from high school is to continue going to college and working on getting my LPN degree. After getting my LPN degree, my plan is to further my degree in nursing and get my RN degree.



## Choir Musician of the Month Kellie Parnow

**Grade:** 11

**What section are you in?** Alto

**How long have you been in choir?** 5 years

**What is your favorite song from choir?** When Andrea, Katie, and I sang *Jar of Hearts* for ensembles.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** The music review because I'm excited to sing and dance with my friends.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** Pop

**What is your favorite memory in choir?** Standing with Katie and making up our own word because we didn't have music.



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## Senior Spotlight Shanyce Bishop

**Parents:** Connie Bishop, Ron Bishop

**Sibling:** Dayton

**Nicknames:** Shasta, Shane, Shae, Shorty, Neicy, Sha-nay-nay, Shanice

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Volleyball, Boxing

**Song:** *My Wish* by Rascal Flatts

**Food:** Chicken Alfredo

**Color:** Black and Turquoise

**Quote:** "Be the change you wish to see in the world." ~ Ghandi

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I wish for courage to seize every possible opportunity and live everyday for what it is worth.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be?** I would travel to my favorite country, Australia, with my favorite person, my mom. She's raised me and brought me into this world, so it's only fair that she be with me when I travel the world!

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

**Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest?** The quietest person with the loudest mind.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** I absolutely adore and am addicted to watching/quoting movies. I can recite movies word for word and although most people find it annoying; at least I have my friend/classmate Kate Howell, because she is a fellow odd ball and movie lover/quoter.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from high school?** There are way too many memories throughout the years to pick just one. But I know I, as well as the rest of my class, made memories on our trip to D.C. that will last a lifetime.

**What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school?** When Kaitlyn, Kate, Sarah E, and I made a campaigning video for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Civics class! Till this day, whenever I watch it I die laughing.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** I plan on attending college, but as to where that will be I'm not sure yet. I also am undecided on a major but intend on going into a medical field. But just like life, nothing is guaranteed and though I obviously care about my future, I'm letting fate take its course and enjoy the present.

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## Band Musician of the Month

Amy Svir

**Grade:** 10

**Siblings:** Zac and Raichl

**What instrument do you play?** Clarinet

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** It just seemed interesting to me and I wanted to be different from the rest of my family.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Having great conversations about *Twilight*, other movies, food, and random stuff with Shanyce and Olivia.

**How long have you been in band?** This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year.

**What is your favorite song to play?** *Lovie Lovie*

**What advice would you give to younger musician?** Be quiet when told and listen to Ms. Erickson.

**Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?** Ms. Erickson

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## Student Teacher Interview

By: Kasey Pries

Badger welcomed Sarah Kofstad this past fall. She was a student teacher for Mr. Wensloff's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Sarah attended Roseau Community School and went to college at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks (Go Sioux!!). We enjoyed Sarah's stay here at the Badger School and hope she felt like family. Sarah will make a fabulous teacher and we wish her the best of luck with her future.

**What made you decide to become a teacher?** Growing up I always had a love for school. It was something that I excelled at and held at high importance. As a college student, I was faced with the question that I had been asked a hundred times before: what do you want to be when you grow up? Last time I was asked this question, I actually HAD to decide what I wanted to be when I grew up. I made a decision that would effect me the rest of my life. I knew when I decided to become a teacher I would be able to live a happy and fulfilled life. As I matured, I realized that things like becoming rich and gaining business prestige are wonderful things to acquire through a career, but they will never satisfy you. As a teacher I will have time to spend with my family. I will be able to spend time with awesome kids, all while making a difference in their lives every day. What more could you want out of a job?

**What made you come to Badger and Student Teach?** I decided to come to Badger for a few reasons. First of all, because of family reasons, I knew I needed to be home this year. Student teaching in Badger allowed me to live at home with my family (rent free!). Secondly, I had heard tons of great things about the Badger School system. I knew that the test scores had been wonderful in the past few years, and I also heard that the staff was awesome! Badger proved to be the perfect fit for me.

**Now that you have graduated college, what do you plan to do?** My post-graduation plans are to substitute teach in the area. I hope to get a full-time teaching position soon!

**What did you like most of Badger School?** The thing that really stood out to me at the Badger School was the friendly environment. Everyone, both staff and students, were extremely welcoming to me. I felt right at home in Badger and enjoyed the warm, laid-back atmosphere.

**What's your favorite subject to teach?** My favorite subject to teach is social studies because that is a subject I am very interested in. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade we teach Minnesota history. It was fun being able to research and teach about things that happened right here in our own community's past.

**Why did you choose to student teach in 6<sup>th</sup> grade?** I really enjoy working with upper elementary students. I had experience working in both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades already, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to work with 6<sup>th</sup> graders as I completed my student teaching. Mr. Wensloff and his 6<sup>th</sup> graders were an awesome group to work with, and I was able to learn more than I could have imagined from them!





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## Badger Poet

By: Angelina Korb

When Kayli Swanson, a sophomore student at Badger High School, was in eighth grade, she was asked to write a poem on a topic of her choice. Kayli's poem "I'm Mute" was then chosen to be published in the book, *Velkommen*. Each author received a copy of the book.

All published authors were invited to a ceremony in St. Paul, Minnesota, on December 14. Those in attendance read their poems to an audience of about 200 people. "I have always had a fear of public speaking," Kayli says, "but reading my poem during the ceremony gave me more confidence to read in front of smaller groups, such as classmates."

Congratulations Kayli!

## I'm Mute

By Kayli Swanson

I open my mouth to say something.  
 Nothing comes out, nothing at all. I'm mute.  
 People look at me like I'm dumb or something.  
 They talk about me behind my back like I'm deaf and can't hear.  
 I'm mute and can't talk.  
 I want to be able to tell my parents how my day was without having  
 to write it down.  
 The teacher asks us to say an answer out loud.  
 I want to shout it out, as loud as I can, just like everybody else.  
 But I have to take out my whiteboard and write the answer down.  
 If I could talk, I could talk for hours and hours and nobody could  
 shut me up.  
 People can talk 'til they get in trouble.  
 I can't even say a single word. I'm mute.  
 Why can't I be like a stereo?  
 All you have to do is turn on the volume and turn it up.  
 Why can't I have a volume button so you can take me off mute and  
 crank me to the MAX?  
 I look at the BOLD letters. I want to whisper them, but I can't.  
 I'm mute.

## February Word Search

By: Keithan Hoang

VALENTINE  
 LOVE  
 CUPID  
 GROUNDHOG  
 ELMO  
 HEARTS  
 CHOCOLATES

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

**Trivia Answers**  
 1.C 2.B 3.D 4.A



# The Badger Barker



## February Wacky Celebrations

By: Wyatt Peppel

- February 3 ~ *The Day the Music Died* ~ Commemorates the plane crash and death of 1950s top rock artists Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper who were at the peak of their careers when they died.
- February 7 ~ *Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day* ~ Greet your neighbors with a big wave. Make sure you have a big bright smile on your face so that you may pass that smile on to your neighbor also.
- February 13 ~ *Get a Different Name Day* ~ If you don't really care for your name, this is your day to change it. You didn't get to choose your name, your parents did. Some people like their names, but some do not. This is your chance to change your name to what you want it to be for at least one day.
- February 27 ~ *No Brainer Day* ~ A day that everyone loves because everything is a "no brainer." Everything today should be easy and totally obvious. So on No Brainer Day choose the easy tasks. If it requires hard thinking, it's not a task for you today.
- February 28 ~ *Public Sleeping Day* ~ Your opportunity to sleep in public. I'm sure you can find many places to sleep during the day, on your desk either at work or at school. Sleeping on the job is a risk. Wherever you choose to sleep, make sure it's peaceful.

## February Gator Sports

By: Daegan Berger



### Boys Basketball

- 6 @ Warroad
- 7 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 10 @ Heritage (Karlstad)
- 11 @ Roseau
- 13 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 15 Kelliher/Northome @ NCTC
- 17 @ Lake of the Woods
- 20 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR



### Girls Basketball

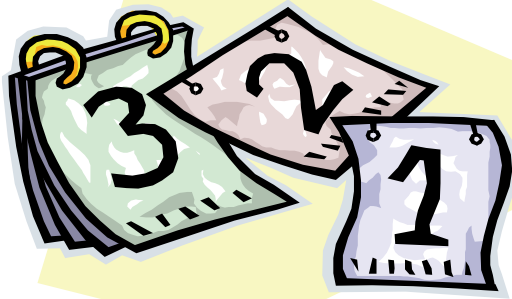
- 3 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 6 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 10 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR
- 11 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 13 @ Heritage (Karlstad)
- 14 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (Warren)
- 17 @ Lake of the Woods
- 18 Warroad @ BGMR
- 20 @ Roseau
- 21 @ Win-E-Mac
- 24 @ Sacred Heart

### Wrestling

- 6 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 15 @ Thief River Falls (Team sections)
- 21 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (Individuals)
- 22 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (Individuals)
- 27 State 1/4 Finals
- 28 State semi finals



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## February Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

- 1 One-Act Play Subsections @ Roseau
- 2 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 3 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 3 Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons
- 5 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 5 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 5 College Financial Aid (FAFSA) Presentation 6:30 pm
- 6 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 8 One-Act Play Sections @ Lake of the Woods
- 9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 10 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 10 Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- 11 ECFE "Bought to You by the Letter M" 6:30 pm
- 12 University of North Dakota rep 10:15 am
- 12 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 13 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 14 Grades 5 & 6 Ski Trip, Bemidji
- 16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 17 Presidents Day
- 17 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 17 Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons
- 17 Comm Ed ~ iPad/iPhone basics 6:30 pm
- 18 Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- 18 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter N" 6:30 pm
- 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 19 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 19 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 20 Parent-Teacher Conferences, dismiss at 12:30 pm
- 20 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 21 Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:30 pm
- 23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 24 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 24 Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons
- 25 Picture Day – Badger Class Group Photos
- 25 Comm Ed ~ Mask Making 3:15 pm
- 25 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter O" 6:30 pm
- 26 Large Group Choir Contest @ Warroad
- 26 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 27 Comm Ed ~ Mask Making 3:15 pm
- 27 Weight Training 3:15-4:15 pm
- 27 Knowledge Bowl @ Bemidji

## Trivia

By: Beau Blumer

1. What was Billy the Kid's real name?
  - A. William Scott Henry, Jr.
  - B. Billy Montgomery McCoy
  - C. William Henry McCarty, Jr.
  - D. William Penn Montgomery
2. USA has won how many gold Olympic softball medals?
  - A. 4
  - B. 3
  - C. 6
  - D. 2
3. Ford began making tractors in what year?
  - A. 1913
  - B. 1900
  - C. 1889
  - D. 1907
4. When was the Winchester Repeating Arms Company founded?
  - A. 1866
  - B. 1848
  - C. 1853
  - D. 1856

## Cleaning Up

Why was the broom late?  
*It over swept!*

## Bicycles

Why do bicycles fall over?  
*Because they are two-tired!*

## Random Riddles Answers

1. Haste
2. A violin
3. A dollar (It has 4 quarters)
4. Fire
5. Post office
6. Eye glasses
7. A relationship

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## ECRWSS

### Postal Customer

#### Kindergarten Korner

##### Addison Pulczinski

**Parents:** Jessie and Chad Pulczinski

**Age:** 6

**Why do we celebrate Groundhogs Day?** Because they are underground.

**What does it mean when the ground hog's shadow is showing?** They are hiding in the hole.

**What is the Super Bowl?** A bowl that's super because of food.

**What do people do on Valentine's Day?** They kiss and hug.

**Do you have someone special to celebrate Valentine's Day with?** My mom.

**What type of candy would you like to receive on Valentine's Day?** A chocolate bar and lollypops.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A teacher because I like to teach things.



##### Noah Gust

**Parents:** Derrick and Jennifer Gust

**Age:** 5

**Why do we celebrate Groundhogs Day?** Because it's underground.

**What does it mean when the ground hog's shadow is showing?** Celebrate by having cake.

**What is the Super Bowl?** A bowl that is super.

**What do people do on Valentine's Day?** Have some fun because it is a holiday.

**Do you have someone special to celebrate Valentine's Day with?** Emily, she is in my class.

**What type of candy would you like to receive on Valentine's Day?** Mints and play some video games.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A cop because I can capture bad guys.