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Shanoah's Buddy Walk

By: Shakira Hossain

Shanoah Mooney, daughter of Daniel and Joni Mooney, was born on February 22, 1998, with Down Syndrome, a genetic disorder caused by the presence of all or part of an alternative chromosome 21, which is one of the 23 pairs of chromosomes in humans. Down Syndrome is typically associated with physical growth delays, characteristic facial features, and mild to moderate intellectual disability.

In 2003, the Mooney family started *The Buddy Walk* event to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and other disabilities. Shanoah is a regular teenager who loves performing, basketball, bowling, playing on her sisters' iPad, and talking on the phone. Each October, people get together at Shanoah's Park in Greenbush. They walk, visit, and have a good time while raising funds. Fund raising forms are sent to individuals, businesses, and anyone willing to help prior to the event. People who donate \$20 also get a Buddy Walk t-shirt. The money *The Buddy Walk* makes is donated. Last year, \$500 was given to Badger School's FCCLA group. This year they donated \$500 to Badger School's FIRST Robotics team. Joni Mooney has this to say, "Schools and people dedicated to the donations are and have been important in our lives; we have donated to the Greenbush, Middle River, and Badger School Special Ed Departments, to the Greenbush pool, and to families who are in need. We give back everything that everyone has so generously donated to other organizations."

Some of the money raised is also given to the Brady Scholarship in honor of Brady Hasson, a Greenbush graduate, who passed away in May 2012, and was very close to Joni Mooney. Shanoah Mooney is also a Greenbush student. The \$500 scholarship recipient is chosen each year by Brady's parents Dwight and Darcy Hasson and Joni Mooney.

Please join the many *Buddy Walk* walkers next fall for the 10th ANNIVERSARY to raise not just funds but to also raise awareness!



ExCEL Award Winner

By: Maddie Rybakowski

Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a recognition program for Minnesota high school juniors sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). Each year every member school of the league is invited to nominate one girl and one boy for the ExCEL Award. To be an ExCEL nominee, you must be a junior in high school, make satisfactory progress toward graduation, participate in a MSHSL fine art and/ or athletic activity, hold leadership positions in their schools, and work voluntarily in their community.

Badger School nominee Madison Truscinski, who is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski of Greenbush, was awarded one of the 2014 ExCEL Awards. Her definition of leadership is stated by Nelson Mandela, "It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur, you take the front line when there is danger. Then people appreciate your leadership." Madison is in band, choir, and one act play. She's participated in athletics as well: volleyball, golf, and basketball. She is also an honor roll student, class officer, member of the Target/Team-Up, First Robotics, FCCLA, Math Club, National Honor Society, Art Club and 4-H. She has volunteered at the Jaycee's Halloween party, Santa Days, Lions Club brunch, Knights of Columbus steak fry, Meals on Wheels, Blood Drive, FCCLA's Daddy Daughter Dance and Family Fun Night, elementary basketball tournament, and the Blessed Sacrament Church.

She has this to say about volunteering, "My favorite volunteer experience that I have had the privilege of helping with is the Daddy Daughter Dance. This dance helps to promote putting families first and the importance of family bonds, something I feel is lacking in today's families. It makes me excited when I see the younger elementary girls dancing with their dates. It's a memorable time for everyone, even the volunteers." Congratulations Madison! Way to represent Badger School.

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Badger School Superintendent's News

Greetings from the Badger School District. February was a very busy month at the Badger School. Despite the schedule of events and classroom activities, our staff and students celebrated and recognized some key groups that help make our school a special place.

February 10-14 was FCCLA Week

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, also known as FCCLA, is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and addresses important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Science education.

In Badger, the FCCLA currently has 11 registered members ranging in grades 7-12. Mrs. Gretchen Lee and Mrs. Lorraine Kukowski serve as co-advisors for our organization. The president of the Badger FCCLA is Madison Truscinski.

The FCCLA is a unique organization due to the fact the program and events are planned and run by members of the group. During this school year, the FCCLA has organized many educational and community events. Approximately fifty young girls ranging from preschool age to sixth grade attended a Daddy/Daughter dance. A babysitting clinic was organized and instruction was provided for students ranging in grades fourth through sixth. Babysitting clinics were hosted in Badger as well as Greenbush. FCCLA students also provided educational support to first through third grade students and staff as part of the Learning Is Fun Together (LIFT) program. In the near future, FCCLA students, as a result of acquiring a Delta Dental grant, will educate ECFE children and parents on the importance of healthy dental habits.

Recently, Mrs. Kukowski and Mrs. Lee accompanied students to Lancaster for the regional Star Events competition. At the competition, students presented information on a variety of topic. This will educate and promote positive life skills and incorporate leadership characteristics. During this event, eight students were evaluated by a panel of judges to determine which students would advance to the FCCLA state competition in Bloomington, MN, in April. All eight students qualified for state and will represent our school and community well!

Badger Paraprofessionals Support Students, Staff, and Learning

Paraprofessionals are individuals who work in a variety of positions in a school district. Their roles include but are not limited to those who work as instructional assistants, pupil support assistants, special education paraprofessionals, lunch room and playground assistants, media assistants and many more. To be more exact, paraprofessionals are involved in just about every aspect of a school, from school readiness to the high school. Whenever and wherever an extra set of hands is required, a paraprofessional is usually there and willing to help! Mrs. Hauger, Mrs. Rhen, Mrs. Kukowski, Mrs. Davy, Mrs. Clark, Ms. Howe, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Prestegord, and Mrs. Wilson work tirelessly in our school to serve the needs of our students and assist our instructors as needed.

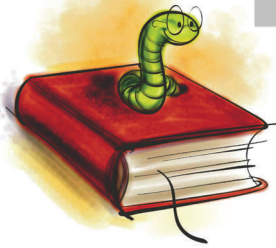
The Badger School District is a wonderful place to learn and work. Every student and district employee is fortunate to be a part of this great school. Working together on behalf of our students is the number one priority. Thank you to all who help to make our school special!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit in person, please stop by any time.

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome
Superintendent, Badger School District

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Between Shades of Gray

Author: Ruta Sepetys

Book Review By: Alexis Dahlen

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina is preparing for art school, first dates, and all that summer has to offer. But one night, the Soviet secret police barge violently into her home, deporting her along with her mother and younger brother. They are being sent to Siberia. Lina's father has been separated from the family and sentenced to death in a prison camp. All is lost.

Lina fights for her life, fearless, vowing that if she survives she will honor her family, and the thousands like hers, by documenting their experience in her art and writing. She risks everything to use her art as messages, hoping they will make their way to her father's prison camp to let him know they are still alive.

It is a long and harrowing journey, and it is only their incredible strength, love, and hope that pull Lina and her family through each day. But will love be enough to keep them alive?

Between Shades of Gray, published fall of 2011, is Ruta Sepetys's first published novel. *Between Shades of Gray* is a heart wrenching story. A powerful piece from this story says, "Have you ever wondered what a human life is worth? That morning, my brother's was a watch." Can you even imagine living in a time where a life is meaningless, and a man could shoot another man down without flinching, where a life is worth a simple pocket watch? It was baffling what happened to Lina and her family. She lived through so much, but even as she watched those around her die, get sick, or betray her, she never gave up. Badger English teacher, Ms. Ylitalo also read this book and had this to say, "*Between Shades of Gray* is a great read for everyone because of the realistic setting during war time and the intriguing main character, Lina. This young girl's journey is both emotional and powerful, making this an awesome read for anyone. Beware though...you may shed a few tears. I know I did."

I recommend this book to anyone who wants a relatively easy read and an enlightened perspective of life. *Between Shades of Gray* is a very powerful book that will keep your attention from start to finish.

Grandma's Chicken Noodle Soup

www.allrecipes.com

- 2½ cups wide egg noodles
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 12 cups chicken broth
- 1½ Tablespoons salt
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 cups diced, cooked chicken meat



1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add egg noodles and boil for 8 minutes, or until tender. Drain, and rinse under cool running water.
2. In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine broth, salt, and poultry seasoning. Bring to a boil. Stir in celery and onion. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes.
3. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water together until cornstarch is completely dissolved. Gradually add to soup, stirring constantly. Stir in noodles and chicken. Heat through.

Deer

What do you call a deer with no eyes?
Noeyedeer.

Drinks

Which state has the smallest drinks?
Mini-soda

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Campus Comment

By: Maddie Rybakowski

What's your favorite Dr. Seuss book and why?

Dale Grindahl (7th grade): *Green Eggs and Ham* is my favorite book by Dr. Seuss because Sam I Am constantly asks if the man would like green eggs and ham in random places with different animals. Sam I Am keeps badgering the man about the green eggs and ham!

Haleigh Kruger (8th Grade): *Green Eggs and Ham*, I read to my little sisters on Dr. Seuss's birthday to show that he is a good author and my sisters like his books. I love Dr. Seuss and spending time with my sisters.

Caity Garten (9th Grade): *Oh the Places You'll Go* because I like the pictures they put with the words, and because it's not nearly as confusing as some of his other books.

Isaak Isane (10th Grade): My favorite Dr. Seuss book would probably have to be *Green Eggs and Ham*. I just like the book better than all the other ones. Plus, green eggs and ham are pretty good!

Beau Blumer (11th Grade): I like *Green Eggs and Ham* because he doesn't eat green bacon and ham but at the end of the book he decides he likes green eggs and ham.

Katie Rhen (12th Grade): *The Butter Battle* has been my favorite book by Dr. Seuss since I was really little. I'm not sure why I love this book so much, especially since it's not one of the well-known ones.

Ms. K (Math Teacher): I love all Dr. Seuss books. When my brother was very young, I would bring him a new Dr. Seuss book when I would come home from college. He loved them and would drag them over to our grandmother's for her to read and read. I always looked for one that had the best names and rhymes so Gram would have to work at it and fuss at me. One of the books was *I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew*, which is a city on the banks of the River Wah-Hoo. It teaches us to confront our problems just as he confronts the Perilous Poozer of Pompelmoose Pass...I think the words are as much fun as math equations.

Band Musician of the Month

Jordan Watson

Grade: 9th

Siblings: Tiana, Darius, Jada

What instrument do you play? Trombone

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I had a connection to it. Plus Ms. Erickson said it would be a fit for me. Ha, she was right ☺

What is your most memorable moment in band? I'm not sure... never really had one yet.

How long have you been in band? 5 years

What is your favorite song to play? *Eagles on Tour* because I get a nice solo type thing at the beginning.

What advice would you give to younger musician? Listen to Ms. Erickson and pay attention. Do what she says the first time.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Well not inspired, but I like warming up with Alex Burkel and Aaron Dostal.



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Senior Spotlight Austyn Borreson

Parents: Angelo Borreson, Kelly Ode

Siblings: Adam and Anthony

Nickname: Stormy

Favorite:

Sport: Riding dirt bike and ATV

Song: *Be Somebody* by Kings of Leon

Food: Spaghetti

Color: Chrome

Quote: "Be somebody."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? An infinite amount of wishes.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? To a dirt bike track in Arizona with Travis Pastrana.

What one word best describes your personality? YOLO.

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

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Video games and engines

What is one memory you'll always remember from high school?

Going to Washington, D.C.

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

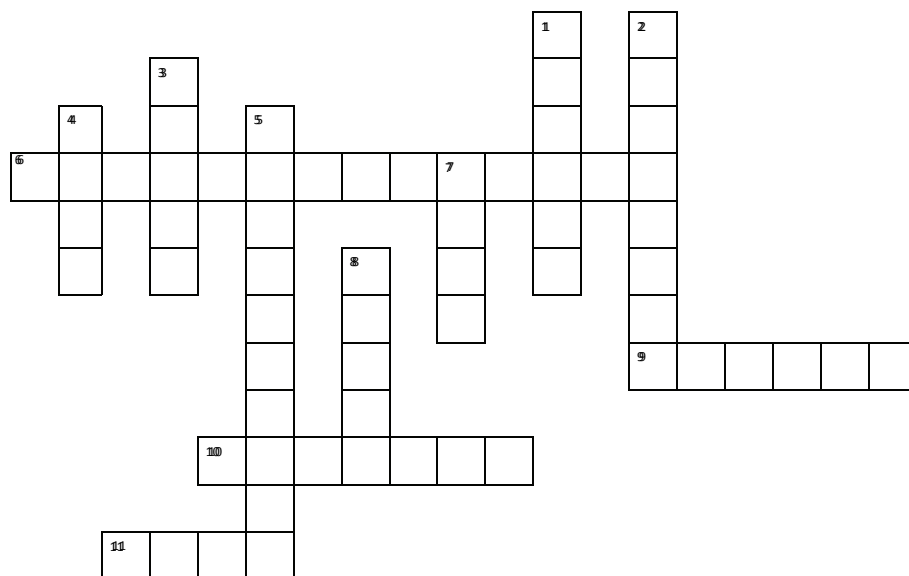
When riding the bus, before I got on I stepped in dog crap and smelled so bad.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Become a welder in Grand Forks.



March Madness

By: Isaak Isane



Across

- A shamrock that gives you luck.
- Season that comes after winter.
- Leprechauns hide their gold at the end of the _____.
- March comes in like a _____.

Down

- Lucky charm.
- Happy St. _____ Day!
- Third month of the year.
- What you find at the end of the rainbow.
- Irish mythical creature.
- March goes out like a _____.
- Color of St. Patrick's Day.

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Animal Testing for Medical Research

By Shakira Hossain

Wyatt Peppel

Yes, because I wouldn't want testing on other people or myself. If you test on a mouse, I don't believe there is anything wrong with it because they reproduce at a ridiculous rate. If something goes wrong with the mouse, there aren't going to be many people fussing about a messed up mouse. If you did something to a human and something went wrong with him/her, it would affect way more people.

Chevy Hamilton

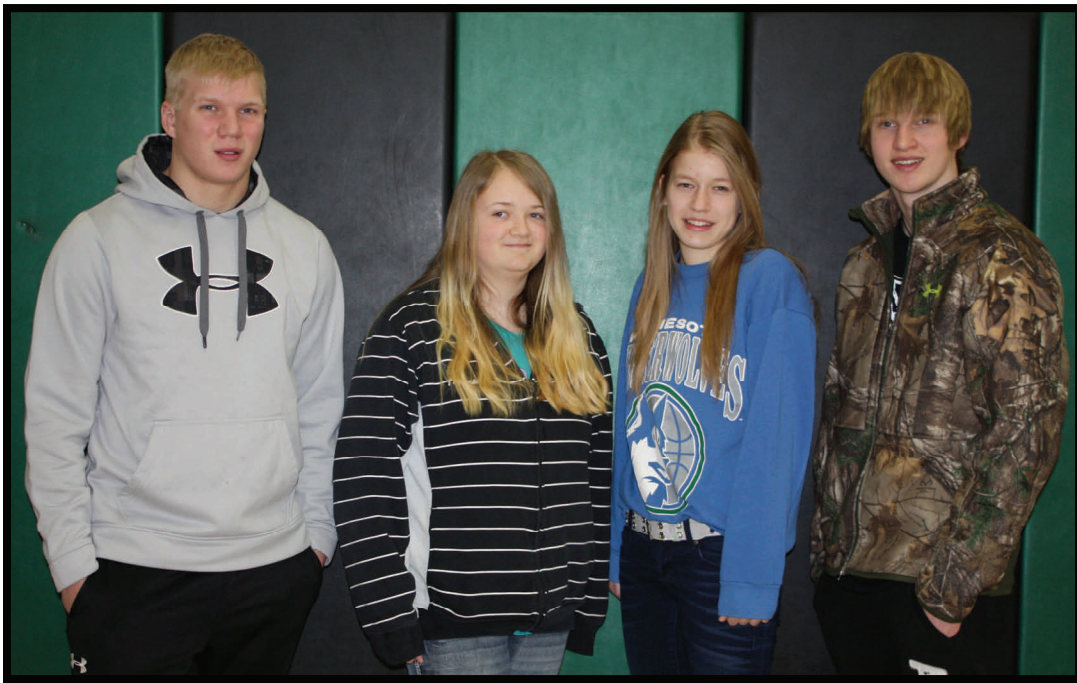
No, because animal testing for medical research would just hurt the animal. If they are testing it for human use, we won't know what will happen if we take the medicine.

Sarah Erickson

Yes and no because it depends on how they are testing them and how they acquire animals. If they are being treated inhumanely and for the wrong reasons, I would be against it. But if the animals are being used in a way that is actually beneficial to the medical field, I would agree with it. What I am trying to say is it can be good and it can be bad. So it's tough to take sides.

Alex Truscinski

Yes, because I would rather have testing on animals than a human because it keeps the human alive if it doesn't work. But I also say no, because if there are people who are willing to try it then let them try it. There is also the question of whether it is worth killing anyone or anything to test what they are testing. If they do, they should be researching a major breakthrough type of medicine.



March Gator Sports

By: Wyatt Peppel

Girls Basketball	
6	Section Play-in Game
8	Section 1/4 Finals
11	Section 1/2 Finals
14	Section Finals
18-22	State Tournament

Wrestling	
1	State Finals

Boys Basketball	
1	Section 1/4 Finals
4	Section 1/2 Finals
7	Section Finals
13-15	State Tournament

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Senior Spotlight Andrea Burkel

Parents: John and Joni Burkel

Siblings: Vanessa, Alex, Jack, Emily

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Song: *Royals* by Lorde

Food: Bacon

Color: Teal

Quote: "When people try to rain on your parade, poke them in the eye with your umbrella."

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 it be? My friend Katie. We'd go to Oregon to find mermaids.

What one word best describes your personality? Cool

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

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Be with my friends.

What is one memory you'll always remember from high school? There's so many! But one thing I know I'll always remember is how funny the boys always were in class.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? When Sarah Rhen and I started laughing in the middle of a choir song during a concert.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Go to college.



Trivia

By: Chevy Hamilton

1. A major league baseball pitcher is allowed how many warm-up pitches between innings?
 - A. 8 pitches
 - B. 5 pitches
 - C. 9 pitches
 - D. 4 pitches
2. How long is a marathon running race?
 - A. 40.5 miles
 - B. 13.7 miles
 - C. 60.3 miles
 - D. 26.2 miles
3. Which NFL team has won 6 Super Bowl games?
 - A. Green Bay Packers
 - B. Pittsburgh Steelers
 - C. Minnesota Vikings
 - D. Denver Broncos
4. At most, how many golf clubs is a golfer allowed to carry in a tournament?
 - A. 10
 - B. 9
 - C. 12
 - D. 14

Random Riddles

By: Nikita Borreson

1. A man shaves several times a day, yet he still has a beard. Who is this man?
2. I am very easy to get into, but it is hard to get out of me. What am I?
3. Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?
4. What has 3 feet but cannot walk?
5. What has a single eye but can't see?
6. What kind of tree is carried in your hand?

Vegetables

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Lettuce!
Lettuce who?
Lettuce in!

Odds

How do you make seven
an even number?
Take the s out!

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"A" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Row 2: Morgan Praska,
Deanna Rybakowski, Isaac Lorensen,
Tessa Blumer, Emily Gust,
Kennedy Truscinski, Emma Gust
Row 1: Isabella Monsrud, Alyssa Rinde,
Talon Hilligas, Jory Bronson,
Bailey Maurstad, Hailey VonEnde,
Greta Lee



Grades 7-9



Row 3: Devin Pries, Tyler Isane, Ethan Praska, Jared Davy
Row 2: Jack Peppel, Seth Dostal, Shayna Kruger,
Olivia Monsrud, Caity Garten
Row 1: Austin Maurstad, Dillon Nieman, Devan Olson,
Michaela Dahlen, Colby Wooten
Not Pictured: Tyrah Green, Katrina Smith

Grades 10-12

Row 3: Riley Sovde, Kayleen Kjelland,
Robby Davy, Isabella Grafstrom,
Logan Klegstad, Sarah Erickson
Row 2: Katie Rhen, Andrea Burkel,
Matt Sibilleau, Sarah Rhen, Leah Erickson,
Megan Kompelien, Emily Hamann
Row 1: Shanyce Bishop, Kate Howell,
Alex Burkel, Mariah Modahl,
Madison Truscinski, Kasey Pries, Amy Svir
Not Pictured: Victoria Green



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"B" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Row 3: Dawson Beito,
Noah Warne, Jack Burkel,
Avdyl Jasiqi, Tanner Davy,
Erika Howell, Jenessa Isane,
Dalton Shirley

Row 2: Kiana Jacobson,
Emma VonEnde, Laurel Andol,
Timothy Peppel, Maisy Ylitalo,
Alexis Rud, Kiah Olafson,
Jasmyn Rud

Row 1: Brooke VonEnde,
Elese Andol, Kadeyn Keller,
Jasmine Christianson,
Hannah Rud, Aulona Jasiqi,
Jayden Nelson, Erin Gonzalez



Grades 7-12



Row 2: Evan Peppel,
Matt Howell, Aaron Davy,
Keithan Hoang,
Alex Truscinski, Isaac Dostal
Row 1: Alex Ylitalo,
Brandon Pries, Ashtyn Beito,
Haleigh Kruger,
Joanna Erickson,
Karissa Kaml
Not Pictured: Kellie Parnow

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Sure Thing

By: Victoria Green

This year twelve Badger One-Act students performed the play entitled *Sure Thing* at the Sectional meet in Roseau under the direction of Ryan Modahl and assisted by Val Truscinski and student Tiana Watson.



Sure Thing is a short comedy written by David Ives featuring the meeting of two people, Bill played by Alex Burkel and Betty played by Sarah Rhen. Their “date” is set up like a boxing match where their conversation is continually reset when the referee, played by Cassie Peterson, rings a bell. The referee bell rings every time one of them responds negatively to the other. Half way through the play the referee blows a whistle signaling for Bill and Betty to go to their corners of the stage (boxing ring) and get freshened up by the eight ensemble cast members – Darius Watson, Logan Klegstad, Amy Svir, Victoria Green, Alex Truscinski, Megan Kompelien, Ethan Kompelien, and Madison Truscinski.

Badger One Act play has had victories in the past with *The Elephants Graveyard* and *The Laramie Project*. This year’s play, *Sure Thing*, did not advance to regional competition, but the students continue to impress the audience with their passion for acting and we look forward to next year’s production.

Top Songs in the Year 1980

By: Austin Gorsuch

The year 1980 was all about image. When it came to music nothing was understated – not the sound, not the fashion. Several new genres also popped out including Hip Hop, New Wave, and Hair Metal. Following are the top ten songs for the year 1980 based on the Billboard Charts found at www.bobborst.com. Think back to your past and the memories you had while listening to these songs!

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10. *The Rose*: Bette Midler
 9. *It's Still Rock and Rock to me*: Billy Joel
 8. *Funkytown*: Lipps, Inc.
 7. *Coming Up*: Paul McCartney
 6. *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*: Queen
 5. *Do That to me One More Time*: Captain and Tennille
 4. *Rock with you*: Michael Jackson
 3. *Magic*: Olivia Newton-John
 2. *Another Brick Wall*: Pink Floyd
 1. *Call me*: Blondie
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Senior Spotlight Katie Rhen

Parents: Mark and Renee Rhen

Nicknames: Katie Renee (only Andrea), Old Dan Katie Bird Rhen (only Kellie)

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Song: *Tears in Heaven* – Eric Clapton, *Yellow* – Coldplay, *I Will Always Love You* – Whitney Houston (I can't pick just one)

Food: Steak

Color: Tiffany Blue

Quote: "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, 'I'm possible!'"

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To become the next Warren Buffet.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My friend Andrea. We would go to Oregon to find mermaids.

What one word best describes your personality? Quiet

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

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Golf or play piano

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

Going to state for golf.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? When I was golfing with Andrea and Tierra, I was standing on the back of the golf cart and Andrea made a sharp turn and I fell off quietly.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Attending UND and majoring in Psychology and Forensic Psychology.



Today's Trends

By: Angelina Korb

Trends are constantly changing and evolving. One day something is the coolest thing around and within a week, it won't be talked about anymore. So what's being talked about the most around Badger right now? Let's go over what's trending now before today's trends are forgotten.

Tech: Technology is one of the fastest changing trends. One of today's most popular games is *Flappy Bird*. It's a simple game where the objective is to get the bird as far as you can by tapping the screen to make it fly. You guide it through a series of obstacles and get a point for each obstacle you pass. It's game over if you fall or if you hit something. However, *Flappy Bird* was removed from the App Store on February 9 due to the creator claiming it has ruined his simple life. Smart devices with this game downloaded have been sold on eBay for up to \$14,900 bids. Perhaps it is the simplicity that had people addicted or the desire to beat your previous high score. Either way, *Flappy Bird* made top charts in the App Store and people love this game.

Fashion: Clothing trends come and go and come again. Past trends are revisited as time goes on. Leggings were mostly popular in the 1960's. Today, leggings with multicolored patterns are popular. These leggings come in a wide variety of prints: floral, galaxy, neon, tribal, etc. People wear leggings because they are comfortable and they love their bold designs.

Sports: The Olympics are the biggest sporting events in the world. The Winter Olympic opening ceremony was held on February 7 in Sochi, Russia, with more than 3 billion viewers from around the world. The Winter Olympics include alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, luge, Nordic combined, short track, skeleton, ski jumping, snowboarding, and speed skating. This year the United States sent 230 athletes to Sochi to compete and placed 4th in the medal count with 28 medals – 9 gold, 7 silver, and 12 bronze.

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Badger Skating Rink!



Come join the fun!

Hours

Monday-Friday 4-8 pm
Saturday-Sunday 12-9 pm



March Wacky Celebrations

By: Caity Garten

March 1 ~ *National Pig Day* ~ Today is to recognize the usually unrecognized pigs, who are actually quite smart. They can be taught tricks. Some people even keep them as pets. Zoos recognize this holiday as well offering Snort Offs, Pig Outs, and Online Pig Chats events.

March 3 ~ *If Pets Had Thumbs Day* ~ Have you ever wondered what it would be like if your cat or dog had thumbs? This day is dedicated to imagining all the insanity that would ensue if your beloved pet had thumbs. Of course, if you have a monkey, you already know.

March 14 ~ *National Pi Day* ~ Today is March 14th, or 3.14, the first three digits of Pi. It is a math teachers favorite day, and also Albert Einstein's birthday. So far, nobody has found the end of Pi, but they have found up to around 10 trillion digits.

March 15 ~ *Everything You Think is Wrong Day* ~ If everything you think is wrong on this day, how can you be sure that this day is the holiday? This odd-ball day is dedicated to those days when nothing seems to go your way.

March 16 ~ *Everything You Do is Right Day* ~ Directly after the day where nothing you think is right, there is a day dedicated to everything you do being right. This day is dedicated to boosting your self esteem the day after violently tearing it down.

March 26 ~ *Make Your Own Holiday Day* ~ Ever think there should be a holiday dedicated to how wonderful you are? Well today is perfect for you; though, we can't guarantee that people will listen to you.

Top Tech

By: Keithan Hoang

It's March and with this year just beginning, we are already seeing promising new technologies for 2014. Here are a few technologies marching their way to the top.

Oculus Rift: Ever imagined going inside the game you played? Well, it's no fantasy because you can. The Oculus Rift is a next-generation virtual reality headset designed for immersive gaming. The headset mounts on your face and brings you into the game with a 3D experience. At prices around \$300, you get 1280x800 resolution, which leads to an effective of 640x800 per eye. The headset fills the wearer's entire field of view, blocking out the real world. Although it won't be available to the public until later this year, the Oculus is expected to be a big hit.

Samsung Galaxy Note: Like all Samsung Galaxy Note phones, it is a bigger-than-normal phone and expensive (around \$350). Some reviews say the Samsung Galaxy Note is more tablet than phone and others say it's a hybrid of the two gadgets. These phones aren't like other phones, they have a stylus and an added pen input so they work pretty well as a small tablet. This is a good phone if you're into the portability of a Smartphone and the capabilities of a tablet.

PlayStation Vita: The power of a gaming console in your hands! Released a couple years ago, the PS Vita is a handheld gaming device that includes two analog sticks, a 5-inch multi-touch capacitive touch screen, and Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and optional 3G capabilities for around \$200-\$250. Although being criticized for its high prices, the PS Vita has received generally positive reviews. It is considered one of the "most powerful and physically capable hand-held gaming devices ever made so far."

Random Riddles

Answers

1. Barber
2. Trouble
3. Fire
4. Yardstick
5. Needle
6. Palm

1.A
2.D
3.B
4.D

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Badger Senior Winter Gator Athletes

By: Alex Truscinski

Senior Year – time to honor our Badger senior winter athletes. Sarah Erickson and Kate Howell are our girls' basketball players this season. They have worked hard over the years. Here is what they had to say:

Kate Howell

Grade you started playing basketball: I've been playing basketball for as long as I can remember.

Favorite basketball memory: I enjoyed going to open gym on Sundays when I was in 5th and 6th grade and scrimmaging with all the high school players. They gave me great tips!

Joined basketball because: I don't remember. When I was little I was probably more interested in watching NBA basketball games than cartoons on TV.

Favorite grade you played basketball in: Junior year. No specific reason.

Favorite position(s) to play: All positions, because everyone should know how to play all positions.

Favorite song to warm up to: Whatever songs are on the CD that's in CD player in the gym!

Sarah Erickson

Grade you started playing basketball: 2nd grade

Favorite basketball memory: Starting varsity this year in a game because after I tore my ACL. It was hard to feel like I was still part of the team, so it was an amazing feeling not only being on the court but also being on the court with my teammates.

Joined basketball because: I'm not really sure. I probably saw that my brother and sister played and wanted to too. My dad was also a big influence on my decision to play.

Favorite grade you played basketball in: Junior year because I got solid minutes on JV and played my heart out even though I didn't get much chance to play varsity.

Favorite position(s) to play: Guard, because it is a position where you have to be quick.

Favorite song to warm up to: *Eye On It* by Toby Mac because the song's focus is to keep your eye on the goal and to fight through anything.



March Word Search

By: Daniel Obie

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



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Apple Pudding Cake with Cinnamon-Butter Sauce

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Cake

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chopped peeled or unpeeled cooking apples (2 medium)

Sauce

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom and sides of 8-inch square pan with shortening. In a large bowl, mix brown sugar and softened butter with spoon until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in flour, baking soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, the nutmeg, and salt. Stir in apples. Spread batter in pan. Bake 25 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Meanwhile, in 1-quart saucepan, heat sauce ingredients over medium heat, stirring frequently, until butter is melted and sauce is hot. Serve warm sauce over warm cake.

Choir Musician of the Month Mariah Modahl

Grade: 11

What section are you in? Soprano

How long have you been in choir? 5 years

What is your favorite song from choir? *O, Sifuni Mungu* and *Accidentally in Love*

What are you looking forward to this year? The Music Review because I like learning new songs and choreography. It is always a fun time for everyone.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Pop & Country

What is your favorite choir memory? Singing 2nd soprano with Tiana and picking on Chevy and Olivia!



March Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

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| 1 Badger Elementary In-House Basketball Tournament 10:00 am | 11 Elementary Art with Jean Honl |
| 3 Rainy River Community College rep 9:00 am | 11 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter Q" 6:30 pm |
| 4 Knowledge Bowl Subsections @ Crookston | 12 Large Band Contest @ Roseau |
| 4 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter P" 6:30 pm | 18 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter R" 6:30 pm |
| 6 Blood Drive sponsored by National Honor Society | 20 Music Review 6:00 pm |
| 6-8 First Robotics @ Duluth | 21 End of Quarter 3 |
| 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins – Turn clock ahead | 21 Music Review 6:00 pm |
| 10 Elementary Art with Jean Honl | 24 SCHOOL — Storm Make-up Day |
| 10 School Board 7:30 pm | 24 Kindergarten Round Up |
| 11 Picture Day — Badger Class Group Photos | 25 Vocal Ensemble @ Tri-County (Karlstad) |
| | 25 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter S" 6:30 pm |

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Kindergarten Korner

Quentin Kukowski

Parents: Valerie and Duane

Age: 5

What are you looking forward to this spring? My green and white kite.

What are some of your favorite spring activities? I play outside.

Who is Dr. Seuss? He's on T.V. on a cartoon.

What do you do on St. Patrick's Day? Watch cartoons.

What is a leprechaun? They are green and little.

Where does a leprechaun keep its gold? In him hole.

If you could make up your own holiday, what would it be and how would we celebrate it? Make Cookies Day and we would eat cookies.



Madison Olson

Parents: Derrick and Shannon

Age: 5

What are you looking forward to this spring? Getting my mom a flower.

What are some of your favorite spring activities? Playing outside. Swinging on my swing.

Who is Dr. Seuss? A cat.

What do you do on St. Patrick's Day? Play in the house.

What is a leprechaun? It hides money.

Where does a leprechaun keep its gold? Somewhere in somewhere.

If you could make up your own holiday, what would it be and how would we celebrate it? Cookie Day, we just make cookies.