

# The Badger Barker

May 2015

Badger School District #676

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**Class Flower:**  
Orange tipped white  
rose with daisies

## Congratulations!

Badger High School

**Graduation  
Commencement:**  
Sunday, May 17  
2:00 p.m.

**Class Motto:**  
"Together, we have  
experienced life.  
Separately, we will  
pursue our dreams.  
Forever, our memories  
remain."

# CLASS OF 2015

**Class Colors:**  
Electric Blue  
Orange



**Row 4:** Chris Larsen, Alexis Monsrud, Davis Forst, Matthew Howell, Beau Blumer, Logan Klegstad, Savannah Gislason  
**Row 3:** Daegan Berger, Jackson Whitt, Adam Borreson, Aaron Dostal, Wyatt Peppel, Devin Corneliusen  
**Row 2:** Kayleen Kjelland, Brody Anhorn, Victoria Green, Mariah Modahl, Kasey Pries, Morgan Weber, Darius Watson  
**Row 1:** TyAnn Banta, Caitlin Lunde, Madison Truscinski, Kellie Parnow, Heidi Mitchell, Tatum Peters

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## May Wacky Celebration

<http://holidayinsights.com>

By: Michal Olson

### Brothers and Sisters Day ~ May 2

A day to cherish your siblings. Sure, there's times when you love your brothers and sisters. And, there's times when you want to disown them. All in all, having a brother and/or a sister or two is invaluable. The older you get, the more you learn

### Twilight Zone Day ~ May 11

Twilight Zone Day is mysterious, weird, surreal, and perhaps a little scary. We can think of many other adjectives, but I think you get the picture. Today is designed to be that day

### Fatigue Syndrome Day ~ May 12

Today recognizes the fact that sometimes life is just too tiring. Perhaps you're tired because you are not getting enough sleep. Perhaps, you're stressed out. Some people experience chronic fatigue from worrying or due to problems. These are all common causes of persistent fatigue, but whatever the cause, use today to catch up on sleep.

### Pack Rat Day ~ May 17

'Come and admit it... You are a pack rat like the rest of us. If you are a pack rat, you're in good company. You might as well come out of hiding behind those piles of valuable "stuff" and celebrate this fun day.

### Lucky Penny Day ~ May 23

Taken at face value, a penny doesn't buy you much, if anything. During your parents and grandparents days, a penny bought a lot of things. Most notably, Penny Candy got its name because a piece of candy cost a penny. Inflation year after year after year eroded the penny's value. There has even been some discussion as to whether to discontinue the penny....heaven forbid!

### Water a Flower Day ~ May 30

Sure, we know that this day reads Water "a" Flower (singular) Day. It clearly indicates that a flower should be watered. But, in today's world of equal rights and non-discrimination regulations, how can you single out one particular flower to water? Even if you can decide upon a certain flower, wouldn't the rest of your flowers get upset and file a class action lawsuit?

## FCCLA State Finals Outcome

By: Dayton Bishop

Badger High School traveled to Bloomington for the State FCCLA Conference. They competed in Star Events, which stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition. Congratulations to all for medaling and to Madison & Kennedy for advancing to Nationals this July in Washington, DC. Congratulations also to Robby Davy for being elected Region 8 President and Kennedy Truscinski for being elected Region 8 Treasurer.

### Results, along with their area of competition, are:

Madison Truscinski & Kennedy Truscinski ~ Silver ~ *Interpersonal Communication* ~ National Advancers  
Madison Truscinski ~ Gold ~ *Leadership Service in Action*  
Colby Wooten ~ Gold ~ *Everyday Equations*  
Emma VonEnde ~ Gold ~ *Show Me*  
Robby Davy ~ Gold ~ *Everyday Equations*; Silver ~ *Financial Fitness*  
Logan Klegstad ~ Silver ~ *Everyday Equations*  
Logan Klegstad & Kellie Parnow ~ Silver ~ *Taking Care of Yourself*





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## Campus Comment

By: Tyler Isane

### If you were music, what type of music would you be?

**Isaiah Klicker (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would be country because I'm a country boy. That's what I've always listened to growing up. It has always kept me calm. And I grew up in the country.

**Parker Stuebgen (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Dubstep because it's awesome and maybe rap.

**Thomas Whitt (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would be rock and roll because of my fabulous rockin' hairdo.

**Jordan Watson (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I were a type of music, I would be... jazz. Why? Because then when people play me they can wear jazzy outfits and have some fog on the stage. It would be amazing!

**Kasey Wojciechowski (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** Rock and roll because I like the fast pace and the loud bass that rock and roll makes.

**Savannah Gislason (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I were music, I would have to be *Today's Country* because I love country music. When I listen to country music when I'm down, it helps me and makes me feel better.

**Mrs. Mostofi (Business Teacher):** If I could be a type of music it would be "shuffle." It is wonderful we don't have to pick one music style to listen to since they all create a different mood!



## May Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

### Baseball

- 1 Warroad @ BGMR
- 5 @ Thief River Falls
- 7 Win-E-Mac @ BGMR
- 8 @ Warroad Tournament
- 9 @ Warroad Tournament
- 12 @ Sacred Heart
- 14 @ Crookston
- 18 @ Red Lake County Coop
- 19 @ Lake of the Woods
- 26 Subsection
- 28 Subsection

### Softball

- 5 @ Warroad
- 7 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 9 Tourney @ BGMR
- 14 @ Roseau
- 15 Crookston @ Thief River Falls
- 16 Scrimmage @ BGMR
- 19 Subsection
- 21 Subsection
- 26 Sections
- 28 Sections

### Track

- 5 @ Detroit Lakes
- 7 @ Worthington
- 8 @ Warren
- 11 @ Roseau Twilight
- 14 @ Mt. Lake Area
- 16 @ Ada/Borup
- 21 Subsections
- 30 Sections

### Golf

- 1 Girls @ Roseau
- 4 Boys @ Bemidji
- 5 Boys @ Lancaster
- 5 Girls @ Hallock
- 7 Boys @ Fosston/Bagley
- 7 Boys & Girls @ Warroad
- 8 Girls @ Thief River Falls
- 11 Girls Scramble @ Lancaster
- 13 Boys @ Fertile
- 14 Boys & Girls @ Roseau
- 16 Boys @ Roseau
- 19 Boys & Girls Subsections @ Roseau
- 27 Boys & Girls Sections @ Bemidji

**Random Riddles Answers**

1. A fire
2. A library
3. A ruler
4. Sawdust
5. Silence
6. It sinks
7. A mailbox

**Trivia Answers**

1.C 2.D 3.C 4.A

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## Choir Musicians of the Month

### Senior Choir Members

Alexis Monsrud, Logan Klegstad, Tatum Peters, Darius Watson, Madison Truscinski, Kasey Pries, Mariah Modahl, Kellie Parnow



**What section are you in and how long have you been in choir?**

**Mariah** ~ Soprano, 6 years.

**Tatum** ~ First Soprano, 6 years.

**Madison** ~ I am a first soprano. I have been in choir since kindergarten.

**Darius** ~ Tenor, 4 years.

**Kellie** ~ Alto, 6 years.

**Logan** ~ Bass, 4 years.

**Kasey** ~ Alto. I was in choir in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at GMR. When I moved here in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, I joined and stayed through my high school years.

**Alexis** ~ Alto, on and off since 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What advice would you give other vocalist to succeed?**

**Mariah** ~ Sing loud and confidently even if you know you are wrong.

**Tatum** ~ Listen to your teacher and be quiet when other sections are singing.

**Madison** ~ Always sing like you are yawning because it will give you great tone. I would also say WATCH your director.

**Darius** ~ Focus, listen to the director.

**Kellie** ~ Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

**Logan** ~ Grab as many lesson times as you can and project when you sing!

**Kasey** ~ Drink lots of water.

**Alexis** ~ Stay confident and work it.

**What is your favorite choir memory?**

**Mariah** ~ Singing *100 Years* with my fellow classmates this year and getting a 39 out of 40 at ensembles.

**Tatum** ~ Getting three Superiors at vocal ensembles this year.

**Madison** ~ My favorite memory is singing the high note at the end of "The Star-Spangled Banner" with Vanessa Burkel. It made me feel important and like a power house vocalist.

**Darius** ~ Getting a Superior rating in my solo.

**Kellie** ~ Standing by Katie Rhen and Amy Svir.

**Logan** ~ My favorite memory was getting an Outstanding performance with Andrea in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. We sang *Scarborough Fair* and got Best on Site.

**Kasey** ~ When Haley Hamilton and I fell off the risers during class because I pushed her and she took me with her.

**Alexis** ~ The Music Review #safetydance.



**High School  
Music Program**

Wednesday

May 6

7:00 pm



## Band Musicians of the Month Senior Band Members

**Darius Watson, Aaron Dostal, Kayleen Kjelland, Matt Howell, Caitlin Lunde, Tatum Peters, Logan Klegstad, Mariah Modahl, Kellie Parnow, Madison Truscinski**

### What is your most memorable moment in band?

**Aaron** ~ Leaving all my pep band music in Crookston after a tournament pep band.

**Matt** ~ All of the jokes in class.

**Kayleen** ~ When Aaron was smelling slide grease and I hit his hand and it went into his mouth. He was complaining about his mouth being numb for the whole day.

**Logan** ~ Having a trip to state basketball and being able to play with Alex Rude.

**Caitlin** ~ Getting Superior at contest.

**Mariah** ~ Getting Outstanding Performance with my saxophone quartet this year.

**Kellie** ~ When Kayleen hit Aaron's hand and then he accidentally licked slide grease and his tongue went numb so he was freaking out.

**Tatum** ~ Playing in the Music Review back in my seventh grade year.

**Madison** ~ Playing saxophone basketball when Hannah was a senior.

**Darius** ~ I can't recall as of now.

### What advice would you give to younger musicians?

**Aaron** ~ Learn to count, pay attention, have fun.

**Matt** ~ Bigger the musical instrument, the better.

**Kayleen** ~ DO NOT talk or play while Ms. Erickson is talking or on the podium. Stick with it or you will regret it later. Always have fun!

**Logan** ~ Play loud, even if you don't play it right.

**Caitlin** ~ When Ms. Erickson is on her podium, hush! Make sure you count and watch Ms. Erickson. She could change tempo and dynamics at any time.

**Mariah** ~ Learn how to count and listen to Ms. Erickson because she knows what she is doing.

**Kellie** ~ Don't talk when she's talking.

**Tatum** ~ Stop talking when the teacher is talking and play with emotion.

**Madison** ~ Always listen to Ms. Erickson because she makes playing your pieces easier and they are more fun to learn.

**Darius** ~ Enjoy band while it lasts.

### Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?

**Aaron** ~ My brother did.

**Matt** ~ My neighbor, Ms. Erickson.

**Kayleen** ~ Ms. Erickson, my grandpa, and my mom.

**Logan** ~ Our music teacher, Ms. Erickson, is a really great help and motivation for band. She's helped throughout all my years and taught me a great love for music.

**Caitlin** ~ Ms. Erickson, she is an awesome band director and she makes sure we all do our part; we practice till we sound perfect.

**Mariah** ~ Nobody in particular has inspired me, I just really wanted to learn how to play an instrument and be a part of the awesome high school band that our school has.

**Kellie** ~ Kennedy Truscinski. ☺

**Tatum** ~ Ms. Erickson does. She is always positive and I really look up to her.

**Madison** ~ My mom has always pushed me to pursue my musical dreams.

**Darius** ~ Just me, myself, and I.



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## Prom 2015

### Dancing in the Moonlight



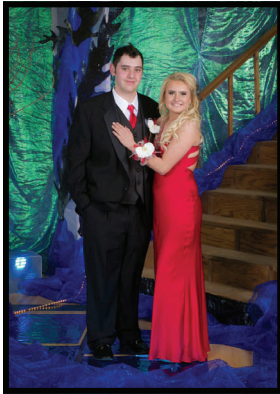
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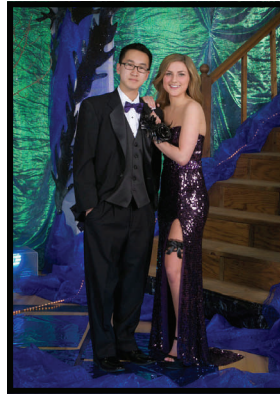
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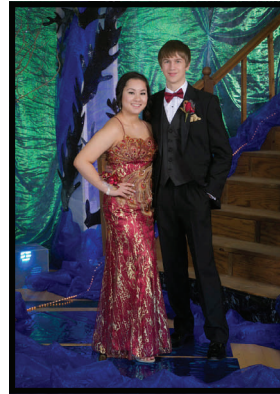
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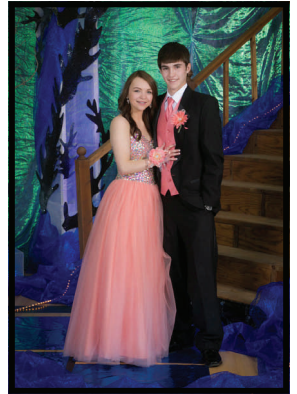
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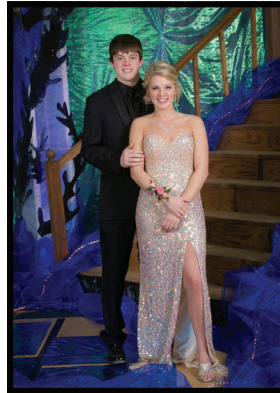
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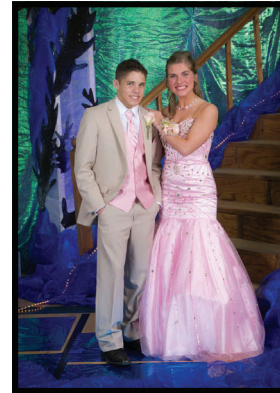
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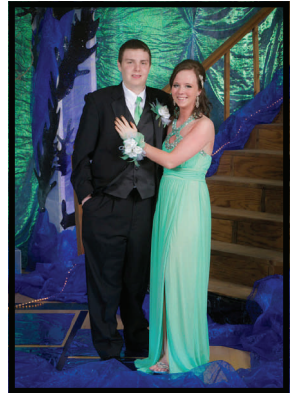
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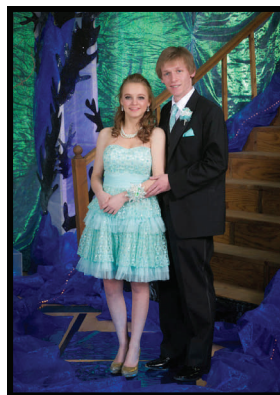
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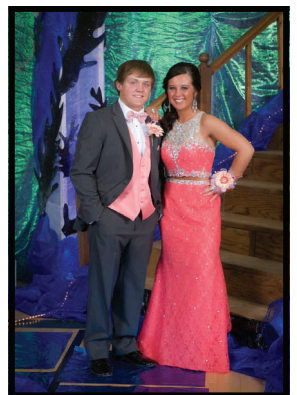
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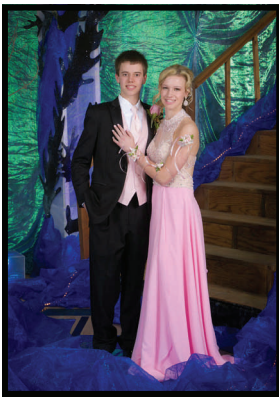


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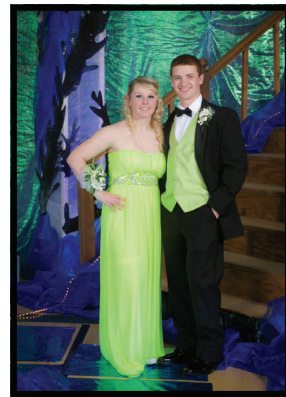
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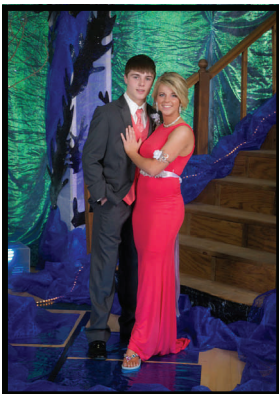
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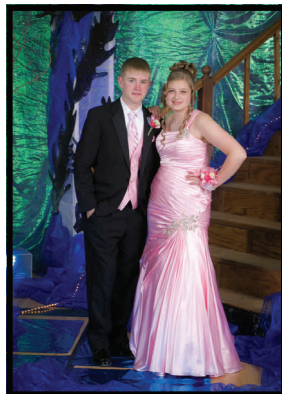
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Megan Kompelien



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Nicole Hill



Aaron Davy  
Katie Coltom



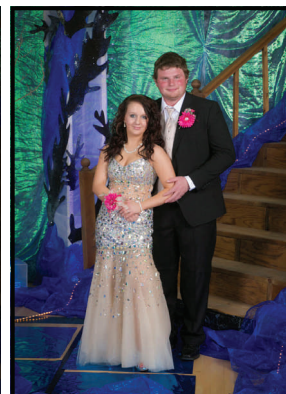
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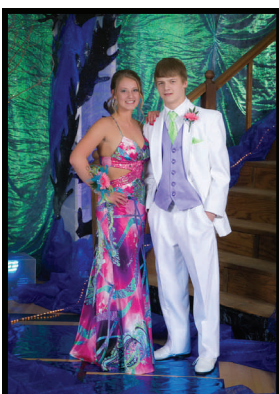
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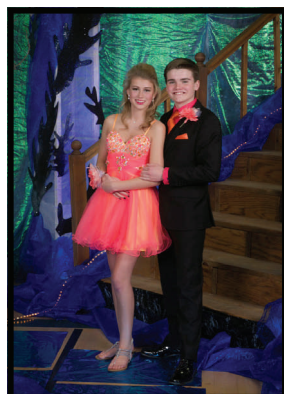
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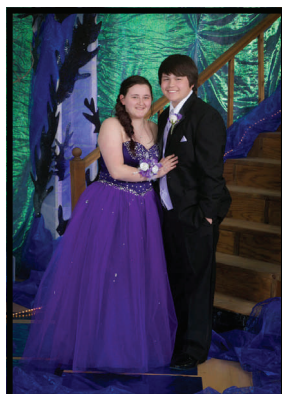
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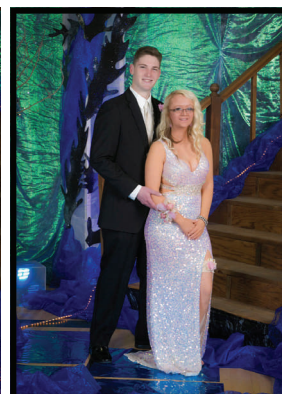
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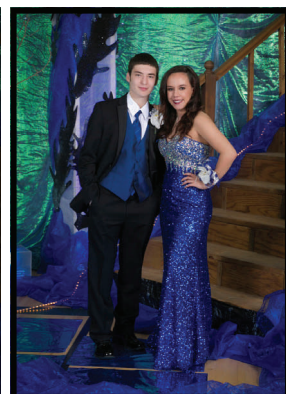
Olivia Monsrud  
Alex Burkel



Caitlin Lunde  
Trinity Clark



Chandler Blanton  
Victoria Green



Chris Larsen  
Nadja Melby

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## 4-6 A Honor Roll

**Back:** Isabella Monsrud, Jack Burkel, Brogan Beito, Gabe Warne, Alyssa Rinde, Julia Bergeron, Abigail Novacek-Pratt, Keyasha Housker **Front:** Kadeyn Keller, Erika Howell, Talon Hilligas, Jasmine Christianson, Hailey VonEnde, Greta Lee, Bailey Maurstad, Erin Gonzalez **Not Pictured:** Bella Burkel, Raegen Maahs



## 7-9 A Honor Roll



**Back:** Kiana Jacobson, Emma Gust, Kennedy Truscinski, Tessa Blumer, Emily Gust, Morgan Praska, Deanna Rybakowski, Colby Wooten **Front:** Gavin Davy, Austin Maurstad, Devan Olson, Jack Peppel, Ethan Praska, Alex Ylitalo, Tyler Isane **Not Pictured:** Isaac Lorenson

## 10-12 A Honor Roll

**Back:** Riley Sovde, Leah Erickson, Isabella Graftstrom, Alex Burkel, Madison Rybakowski, Katrina Smith, Caitlynn Garten **Middle:** Isaac Dostal, Amy Svir, Devin Corneliusen, Matt Howell, Robby Davy, Devin Pries, Seth Dostal **Front:** Madison Truscinski, Kellie Parnow, Mariah Modahl, Kasey Pries, Megan Kompelien, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud







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## 4-6 B Honor Roll

**Back:** Brooke VonEnde,  
 Dylan VonEnde, Salma Pray,  
 Noah Warne, Arika Pickhartz,  
 Aulona Jasiqi, Tanner Davy, Bryza Rud  
**Front:** Avdyl Jasiqi, Hannah Wilt,  
 Kiah Olafson, Dawson Beito,  
 Maisy Ylitalo, Hannah Rud,  
 Dalton Shirley, Victoria Hickey **Not  
 Pictured:** Jenessa Isane



## 7-9 B Honor Roll



Karissa Kaml, Dillon Nieman,  
 Aaron Davy, Ethan Gorsuch,  
 Tessa Sanden, Joanna Erickson,  
 Emma VonEnde

## 10-12 B Honor Roll

**Back:** Heidi Mitchell, Katie Coltom,  
 Tatum Peters, Kayleen Kjelland,  
 Emily Hamann, Isaak Isane,  
 Darius Watson **Front:** Austin Neiman,  
 Wyatt Peppel, Aaron Dostal,  
 Jared Davy, Daniel Obie,  
 Alex Truscinski, Logan Klegstad



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## Wolf Ridge

By: Tyler Isane

The Badger seventh graders traveled to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center south of the Boundary Waters overlooking the north shore of Lake Superior in Finland, Minnesota. Wolf Ridge's 2,000 acre campus is bordered by the Baptism River, two small lakes, and 18 miles of trails and forests. On campus are four classroom buildings, two dormitories, a dining hall, a raptor aviary, a library, two auditoriums, two rock-climbing walls, two outdoor ropes courses, and an administration building.

The seventh graders left for their trip at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 20, and visited the Tower Soudan Mine in the Iron Range. They later arrived at Wolf Ridge for the traditional Night Hike class, where they hiked around the campus as it was getting dark.

On Tuesday the class got up early for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. before their first class called Stream Study. After that they went back for lunch before getting ready for their afternoon class on Small Animals. After dinner they had a sky view ropes activity where they tested their balance on the ropes.

On Wednesday the students started their classes with Geology to learn about the earth. Following that was Voyageur Life. They hiked around the campus and canoed across a lake learning voyageur lifestyles when voyageurs were living. An evening presentation came after the voyageur lifestyle. The last event of the evening was Star Lab and Astronomy where they looked through a telescope and studied the stars.

Thursday was busy with events. They started off the morning on the traditional Superior view hike. They traveled up a hill so they could see the shoreline of Lake Superior. The next class was the intense Indoor Rock Climbing activity. They learned ways to climb a rock from an experienced instructor. They had their evening presentation followed up with Woodland Art. They learned about Native American communication symbols and signs that represent a skill, feeling, or action. Finally they ended their classes with a campfire where their Wolf Ridge liaison juggled fire sticks for them!

On their last day at Wolf Ridge, everyone got up at 6:30 a.m. to pack their belongings and clean dorm rooms. They ended their classes with Seeds of Change. After that they loaded up the bus and departed.

Wolf Ridge is a trip of a lifetime for our Badger students. They learned and experienced many interesting things along the way that they will share with people for the years to come.



## Trivia

By: Brody Anhorn

1. Bees are found on every continent of earth except for one, which is it?  
A. Asia  
B. North America  
C. Antarctica  
D. Africa
2. What's the smallest country in the world?  
A. Monaco  
B. Aruba  
C. Jamaica
3. What is the world's most popular first name?  
A. Sarah  
B. Jake  
C. Muhammad  
D. Mathew
4. What is the only kind of deer whose females have antlers?  
A. Reindeer  
B. Mule deer  
C. White-tailed deer  
D. Red deer



## Elementary Spring Music Program

May 14 2:00 pm



## May Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

- 5 Grade 6 Minnesota History Contest
- 5 Comm Ed ~ Yoga 5:45 pm
- 6 High School Music Program 7:00 pm
- 6 Art & Quilt Show sponsored by the Badger Art Club & FCCLA (following concert)
- 7 Grade 3 Field Trip, LifeCare Medical Center
- 8 Grade 5 D.A.R.E. Graduation 2:00 pm
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 School Board 7:30 pm
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Yoga 5:45 pm
- 13 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 pm
- 13 Baccalaureate 7:00 pm
- 14 Preschool ~ Last Day
- 14 Grade 4 Field Trip, Roseau Courthouse
- 14 Elementary Music Program 2:00 pm
- 17 Class of 2015 Graduation 2:00 pm
- 18 Kindergarten Field Trip to Roseau
- 19 Grade 3 Field Trip, Pioneer Farm
- 22 End of Quarter 4
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Staff Workshop

## Band Contests

By: Ethan Praska

The school band went to the large group contest in Hallock. They played two pieces called *Gettysburg* and *The Red Covered Bridge*. The band scored two 39s and a 37 out of 40. Those scores earned them three superior rating at the contest and compliments from the judges. The three judges were Herb Thompson, Deland Elseth, Sheila Nelson. Since the band left right when they got to school and didn't get back until after lunch, the cooks packed them a nice lunch for the bus ride back. Congratulations to the band for getting all superior ratings on their songs.

Three small ensemble groups performed at instrumental ensemble contest in Karlstad. Leah Erickson, Amy Svir, and Olivia Monsrud earned a superior rating with their clarinet trio. Emily Hamann, Caitlin Lunde, Madison Truscinski, and Isabella Grafstrom earned a superior rating and an Outstanding Performance Award for their flute quartet. Madison Truscinski, Mariah Modahl, Matt Howell, and Robby Davy earned a superior rating and an Outstanding Performance Award for their saxophone quartet. Congratulations to all three groups for a job well done.

## Vocal Ensemble and Choir Contests

By: Chris Larsen

The Vocal Ensemble contest at the Roseau High School hosted students from eleven schools including Badger High School. Badger was represented by six ensembles, with each of them earning Superior Ratings from the judges. A vocal duet featuring Madison Truscinski and Alex Burkel also received the "Best in Site" award from the one of the judges.

The Large Group Choir Contest was held at Kittson Central HS in Hallock on March 11. The choir performed two selections, *Sicut Cervus*, by G. P. da Palestrina and *Loch Lomond*, arranged by Jonathan Quick. Madison Truscinski and Tatum Peters were featured as soloists in *Loch Lomond*. The choir received 3 superior ratings from the judges.

Mr. Carpenter, Badger choir teacher, had this to say about the contests, "The kids performed exceptionally well. Best in Site (at Vocal Ensemble Contest) is not easy to get. I'm proud of how all the students represented our school and performed."

## Envirothon

By: Jack Peppel

Envirothon is a student hands-on environmental problem solving competition. This year's competitive presentation was to create a long-term proposal plan for a city to manage its urban forestry resources. This plan was meant to be presented to the city council prior to a fiscal budgetary meeting.

Ten Badger students competed on two separate teams at Envirothon on April 22 in Lake Bronson. Robby Davy, Madison Truscinski, Alex Truscinski, Darius Watson, and Riley Sovde were on Team 1. Team 2 was Leah Erickson, Jared Davy, Logan Klegstad, Kellie Parnow, and Isabella Grafstrom.





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## Thank You Badger

The senior class of 2015 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.

**Brody Anhorn** ~ Thank you so much for the support you have given me throughout my years at Badger School. I've had a lot of opportunities thanks to your support and effort to make this school a better place for students to learn. This school has made me a better person. I believe that Badger School gives a very good impression on students. The Badger community helps the school give us the opportunity to go on field trips and outings. My fondest memory is visiting the colleges. It gave me an understanding about what college is like. I'm so glad I was able to attend Badger School.

**Alexis Monsrud** ~ I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for your generous support of me as a student at Badger School. One of the ways you have supported me is through field trips funded by your tax dollars. My fondest memory is getting to go to the Winnipeg Zoo with my class and my grandma Loretta in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. That day would have never have been possible without your generous tax dollars, so thank you for giving me that special memory with my grandma. One more thing I would like to say is I owe all my success to Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Beito. I would like to thank them for never giving up on me and pushing me to succeed because without you I wouldn't be able to read or figure out the math problems I'm able to do today.

**Adam Borreson** ~ Thank you so much for the support you have given me throughout my years at Badger School. Many of my fondest memories were made possible through your generous support. The community has supported me in many ways. One way has been by attending our events at Badger School. Another is that you've given us generous donations by supporting our field trips and outings. When I was in second grade I remember going to the Shrine Circus. It was such a fun event. That is the only time I've been to the circus. Thank you for attending our events at Badger School like going to our plays, talent shows, band, concerts and choir concerts.

**Savannah Gislason** ~ I just want to write this thank you letter to the community in appreciation of your supporting me at school. I appreciate the community helping through dollars which made it possible to have guest speakers that motivate us to be the best we can be. I appreciate Mrs. Walter for supporting me and helping me get my grades up so I can graduate. Thank you to Mrs. Mostofi for working with me on my attitude and my school work so I can graduate. Mrs. Hauger helped me with things that involve school and then helping me in school and about the adult world.

**Caitlin Lunde** ~ Thank you teachers and other staff members for all you have done. All the staying late and coming in early to help me and make sure I succeed. Without all your hard work and patience, I wouldn't be here where I am today. Thank you mom and dad also for helping me get my stuff done. Thank you classmates for being such kind people. Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you teachers and parents again for helping me grow and being so patient as I get ready to move on to the next chapter of my life. Overall, thanks.

**TyAnn Banta** ~ I would like to say thank you for supporting me and believing in me when I was ready to give up. I would also like to thank the teachers for staying after school to help me get caught up. I wouldn't be where I am today without the help and support from you and family.

**Aaron Dostal** ~ I have really enjoyed the years spent going to school in Badger. I am very thankful for all the help teachers gave me to become the student I am now. Teachers have taught me very valuable life lessons that will help me become very successful in the real world. Thank you to everyone!

**Darius Watson** ~ I would like to thank the Badger School faculty and staff for pushing me to do my best in school and prepare me for college and learn to be independent and responsible. I would like to thank the community for always being supportive and encouraging of my future plans after I graduate. Thank you Badger for all you have done for me and I hope that one day I can give back to the community.

**Beau Blumer** ~ Thank you to all the teachers in Badger School who have helped me all the way and all the other staff that have been there helping. I would not have been able to get this far without the help and support of our school and community. So thank you.

**Daegan Berger** ~ I would like to thank my teachers for helping me whenever I needed help with anything. I wouldn't have made it this far without them. Because of them, I have done well in school and they have pushed me to reach higher goals every year.

**Morgan Weber** ~ Thank you to all the teachers and staff for making my experience at Badger School great and memorable. Thank you for a great education and great memories.

**Mariah Modahl** ~ I would like to thank all of my teachers, coaches, and supporters who have helped me accomplish all of my goals. Without the help and support of my teachers, I would not be where I am today. I would also like to thank the school and community for giving me all of the opportunities I have had with sports, band, choir, and other extracurricular activities. The support from the community is remarkable and everyone is always willing to help our school by donating their time, by coming to watch us perform, or donating their money to help us raise our funds for our groups and special occasions. I have appreciated everything that everyone has done for me as I have grown up and it has been such a privilege to be a part of this friendly and loving community and school.

**Matt Howell** ~ I am very thankful for the support of the Badger community throughout my school years in Badger School. The Badger School is filled with great faculty members that are very beneficial to the students. The Badger community is full of individuals who support our students in sports, concerts, plays, and other school activities. A small town like Badger doesn't mean much to most but it means a lot to me.



# The Badger Barker



## Thank You Badger

The senior class of 2015 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.

**Kellie Parnow** ~ Thank you for all the support you've given us as a class. Many people are surprised we have all made it this far and are still together. None of that would be possible without the staff we have here at Badger. None of the teachers here would let a student fall behind and for that I am thankful to have gone to school here my whole life.

**Logan Klegstad** ~ I've been a part of Badger School throughout my lifetime. I've grown to love the friendly atmosphere and how we've been included in this family. Thank you for the great times and the wonderful help! You've made my time here unforgettable.

**Tatum Peters** ~ Growing up in this community is probably the best thing my parents could have done for me. The staff at the school has always been kind and generous. The support the school and community have given us really encouraged me to further my career of being an early childhood educator and to work with kids. I couldn't imagine graduating anywhere but here. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement.

**Wyatt Peppel** ~ I would like to thank Badger School, especially the faculty, for helping me out along the way. I would also like to thank the teachers for putting up with me most days. Thanks to the surrounding communities for always coming out to support us whether it was a sporting event or a concert at the school. The community was always there. Thanks again to everyone who has made everything possible.

**Jackson Whitt** ~ I've only been here for four years and I have had to work hard on my school work. There were times of fun and times of stress. I made it through high school with Mrs. Walter helping me all the way. I appreciated going to college fairs. I am thankful for the work experience at the community grocery store. Also thanks to the community for coming to our plays we put on and for donations that helps our school. Thanks to all the people who have helped, especially the teachers.

**Victoria Green** ~ This is it! The end of my senior year is winding down, faster than I expected. At this time of the year, I watch myself, along with my classmates, prepare for graduation. A great amount of different emotions have been flooding my mind. I feel excited and also scared out of my mind. As a member of the Badger graduating class of 2015, I would like to thank my school and community members for being a huge part in getting my class and me to this high point in our young lives. All the generous and caring people have stuck by our sides since we were young children. I also want to thank all of the teachers who have guided us through these important years of our lives. I am so grateful for my peers, parents, teachers, and community for their involvement in the lives of my class, the graduating class of 2015.

**Chris Larsen** ~ Thank you Mr. Jerome and Mr. Warne for working so hard to make sure I have everything I need to graduate.

**Davis Forst** ~ I would like to thank the school for pushing me through grades and getting me ready for the real world and all support I received through high school. I am also thankful for the community for supporting our school and activities.

**Heidi Mitchell** ~ I would like to thank the Badger staff for helping me get through the years. I would also like to thank the community for being so supportive. Teachers, thank you for all you do.

**Madison Truscinski** ~ As a senior at Badger High School, I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the years. I have been blessed throughout my high school career in ways that most people aren't. I have been to the cities for FCCLA, Duluth and The Cities for First Robotics, Grand Marais for Art club, and to two state basketball tournaments and two state golf tournaments. I have also traveled to Nashville, TN, and Orlando, FL, for National FCCLA Conventions. None of these trips would be possible if it wasn't for the Badger School and surrounding members. I would like to thank the Badger Jaycees and Lions for helping me fundraise and for their donations. Without my teachers and advisors, I would not have had the experiences that I did and for that I am grateful. You all have shaped me into the young lady that I am today and I am going to miss this small town atmosphere next year. There is no place like Badger, Minnesota, and I am proud that I could be a part of this community.

**Kayleen Kjelland** ~ I am thankful for the teachers who have helped me through my years in high school and for my friends who have been there when I needed them the most.

**Kasey Pries** ~ I'm so thankful for everything the Badger School and Badger community has done for me and my class. They have been very welcoming ever since I transferred to Badger. The family atmosphere is what I like best. Without our staff and community members, I would not be the person I am today. Thank you for all you do, it is very much appreciated.

**Devin Corneliusen** ~ I would like to thank the amazing staff at Badger School for pushing us to get through school. Teachers, thanks for putting in so much time and effort assuring we graduate. Cooks, thanks for all the wonderful food you have made us. Custodial staff, thanks for keeping our school up and running. Community, thanks for all the support throughout the years. Classmates, thanks for the fun times and great memories we made.

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## Random Riddles

By: Dayton Bishop

1. Give me food, and I will live. Give me water, and I will die. What am I?
2. What building has the most stories?
3. What has a foot but no leg?
4. What is made of wood but can't be sawed?
5. What is so delicate that even mentioning it breaks it?
6. What happens when you throw a blue rock into the yellow sea?
7. I take what you receive and surrender it all by waving my flag. What am I?

## Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School District. The 2014-2015 school year is nearly complete. It has been an amazing year at the Badger School. During the next month, throughout the state and our region, school districts will celebrate many milestones and host key events prior to the end of the school year.

### **Key Dates in May for the Badger School District:**

#### **Last Day of Preschool**

May 14 will be the final day of preschool in Badger. Thank you to Mrs. Bergland for all of her work as the preschool teacher throughout the year preparing students for a successful transition into kindergarten next year. Classroom paraprofessionals, Mrs. Davy and Mrs. Wilson, provided support to the preschool students and Mrs. Bergland throughout the year. Working together throughout the year, Mrs. Bergland, her assistants, and the students have had a wonderful, positive, and productive preschool experience.

#### **Elementary Music Program and High School Music Program**

The Badger School District is proud to announce the dates of the spring music programs. Please consider attending and enjoying wonderful musical entertainment provided by our students under the direction of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter. The high school music program will take place on May 6 at 7:00 p.m., and the elementary music program is scheduled for May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Kindergarten Graduation**

On May 13 at 2:00 p.m. the future Badger graduating class of 2027 will celebrate the conclusion of kindergarten! Mrs. Langaas will direct the graduation ceremony, which will include music, slideshow, and presentation of diplomas as well as treats for the students and their families. Congratulations to the kindergarten students of Badger!

#### **Baccalaureate**

Baccalaureate will be held on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School gymnasium. All students, staff, family, and community members are invited to attend this ceremony in honor of the Badger graduating class of 2015.

#### **High School Graduation**

Congratulations to the senior class of the Badger High School! Badger High School seniors will receive diplomas during the graduation commencement ceremony for the class of 2015 on May 17 at 2:00 p.m. Graduation is a momentous occasion for all who attend school. The Badger graduation ceremony is a celebration, which marks the end of one chapter in a student's life and the beginning of another. The entire community of Badger has played a role in the education of our students. Please consider attending the Badger graduation ceremony on May 18.

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

Respectfully,  
Tom Jerome, Superintendent  
Badger School District



## Should students be allowed to wear hats during the school day?

By: Ethan Praska

### Austin Nieman

Yes, because most guys wear hats outside of school and would like to wear them in school. Plus, if you wake up and your hair is in every direction you can just wear your hat.

### Kiana Jacobson

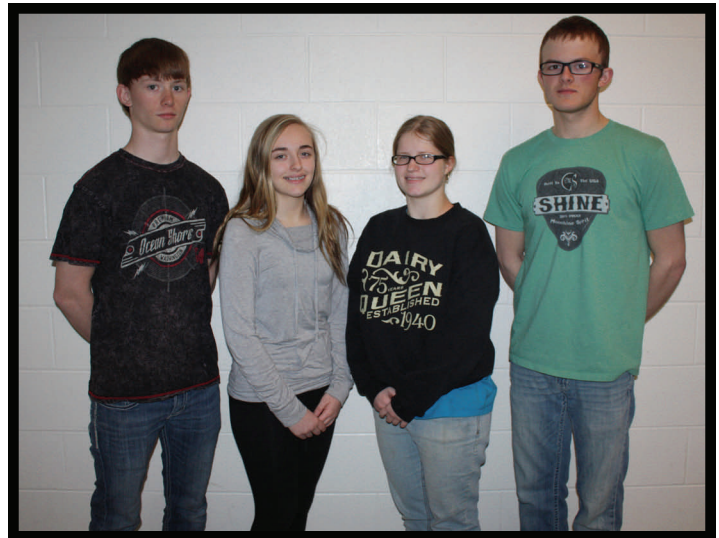
No, I don't think they should be able to wear hats in school. I think that because some kids will get distracted or they might hit other people and hurt them.

### Nicole Hill

Yes because hats are just something to wear, not distractions. Hats are an accessory, just like watches or necklaces. I think that if students are able to wear things like watches or necklaces, then they should also be able to wear hats.

### Davis Forst

I think so; I don't understand why we can't. It doesn't hurt anything, other schools have the option to wear their hats, but we do not.



## Shout Out To.....

*Grandma Bev* for the delicious treats she provided to the kindergarten class.

*Beau, Devin, & Heidi* – my TA's this year – you will surely be missed next year! Mrs. Lee

*Lorraine Kukowski* – Much gratitude to my personal Martha Stewart consultant from Mrs. Lee – your guidance & creativity make life better!

*Central Boiler* for their metal donations for the prom decorations.

*Local businesses and community organizations* for the many scholarship opportunities provided for the Badger Class of 2015.

*Alex Burkel and Keithan Hoosier* for all their help in the First Grade!

*Grandma Bev* for her many hours of volunteering for the Badger School this year. We soooo appreciate it!

*Sophie Warne* for reading with the First Grade class. Thank you!

*Officer Kevin Becker* for taking the 5th grade class through the DARE program and to Sheriff Gust for helping with the selection of the winning DARE essays.

*Trina Hilligas and Diane Garten* for bringing mommy rabbit and her 9 baby bunnies to the preschool classroom. It was so fun to pet and cuddle the bunnies.

*Border State Bank of Badger* for allowing kindergarten to tour the bank and see the many jobs workers do here. We love the coin purses and change- great math lesson!

### Mrs. Dostal and Grade 7 Wolf Ridge students would like to send a big shout out to the following :

*Jodi Randall & LaRae Frislie* for making us an early morning breakfast.

*Ms. K* for sending her delicious treats to Wolf Ridge.

*Ed Walsh* for driving the 7th graders to Wolf Ridge. Thanks for taking care of us!

*Ms. Y* for helping us make the memories last with the journals she made us to take to Wolf Ridge.

*Mrs. Walter and Mr. Lee* for being awesome chaperones!

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### Kindergarten Korner

The end of the year has come, and it's time to let you know what the kindergarten class has enjoyed most during their kindergarten year.

**Keegan VonEnde** ~ Having fun and making new friends.

**Roger Thompson** ~ Doing art.

**Christian Osborne** ~ Playing in the gym.

**Kylee Gust** ~ Playing with the tractor in the kindergarten room.

**Cale Lindland** ~ I liked learning how to read.

**Adysen Gregerson** ~ I liked playing on the slide outside.

**Peyton Lee** ~ I liked playing games in music.

**Payton Gust** ~ Playing with Legos.

**Austin Edwards** ~ I liked coloring pictures and making art.

**Levi Olson** ~ I liked going to the computer lab to do Reading Eggs.

**Katelyn Gust** ~ I liked getting homework and staying in the classroom.

**Austin Przekwas** ~ I liked doing art projects, reading books, math work, and playing outside.

**Lilly Kruger** ~ I liked doing math with my teacher.

**Eli Olafson** ~ I liked to read at school.

**Emery Christensen** ~ I liked doing Reading Eggs at the computers.

**Violet Tvedt** ~ I liked playing on the iPads.

**Abram Wirta** ~ I liked iPads, playing Legos with Mrs. Smith, and eating pizza with chocolate milk.

