

The Badger Barker

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Deer Season

By: Devan Olson

November is the month rifle season starts! The first deer season in Minnesota was in 1858, and the deer season was five months long. It ran from September 1 to January 31. There were no limits or licenses. This year deer season starts November 8 and ends on the 23. There are also a few changes about what hunters can shoot in Minnesota:

- In 95% of the state, only one deer can be harvested so hunters should check if they needed to submit a lottery application.
- In 69 of Minnesota's 128 deer permit areas, hunters must be chosen from a lottery to be able to shoot an antlerless deer.
- Only bucks can be hunted in 14 other areas.
- In 38 areas, hunters have the choice of shooting a doe or a buck.
- Bonus permits allowing hunters to be able to shoot more than one deer are allowed in 7 permit areas and for some special hunts such as youth hunts or a special firearm season if your area has one.

Summer might have ended but that just means hunting season is coming. So grab your rifles and get out there!



Trivia

By: Kaitie Hamann

1. How many hours do cats sleep a day?
A. 16-20
B. 3-5
C. 1-2
D. 10-14
2. What was Dr. Seuss first book published?
A. *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*
B. *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*
C. *The Cat in the Hat*
D. *And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street*
3. On the new hundred dollar bill what time is on the Clock Tower of Independence Hall?
A. 4:30
B. 12:00
C. 4:10
D. 9:45
4. What are the names of the two lions in front of the New York Public Library?
A. Hope and Freedom
B. Madison and Alexander
C. Patience and Fortitude
D. Clarence and Margaret

Thanksgiving

By: Jack Peppel

It's almost that time of the year – Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving in the United States was celebrated in Plymouth in 1621 between the pilgrims and the Native Americans.

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It became an official American holiday in 1863. Thanksgiving was originally celebrated by having a huge meal after a successful harvest. Thanksgiving is a tradition in the United States and is usually celebrated by family gatherings, football, and eating.

One way the White House celebrates Thanksgiving is by parading two turkeys (one in front of the press and one behind the scenes). Last year the John and Joni Burkel family from Badger took part in this event. Two of their turkeys, Popcorn and Caramel, were pardoned by President Barack Obama.

Due to this being a national holiday, many Americans get a day off from work to celebrate this holiday with their family. Everyone in this country has so much to give thanks for from our freedoms to our veterans.



Popcorn at the White House 2013

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Campus Comment

By: Devan Olson

Who do you look up to?

Colten Gust (7th grade): I look up to my dad because he helped me learn how to farm, hunt, and fish. My dad is who I look up to.

Cececilia Yeager (8th grade): Lydia VandeWege because she is someone I look up to at swimming and diving practice. She tells me that I can do a certain dive and smiles when I do a dive for the first time.

Austin Maurstad (9th grade): I look up to my mother because she does her job to the best of her ability. She also never gives up no matter what obstacles are in her way.

Isaac Dostal (10th grade): Grandparents, because they are full of wisdom.

Emily Hamann (11th grade): I look up to my sister Taylor. She shows determination.

Kasey Pries (12th grade): I look up to my cousin Melissa because she inspires me to be myself. She is such a strong woman and I want to be just like her.

Ms. Dostal (Science teacher): I look up to almost everyone because I am only 5' 5". ☺ Seriously, I look up to my mom and aunts. They are the strongest, smartest, most amazing group of women!



November Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

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| 2 | Daylight Savings Time Ends ~ turn clocks back | 12 | Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contests @ Lake of the Woods |
| 2 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm | 13 | National Honor Society Induction 7:00 pm |
| 3 | Fall Athletic Banquet 6:30 pm | 16 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm |
| 4 | Election Day | 18 | Comm. Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm |
| 4 | Mayville State University rep | 18 | ECFE "Triangle" 6:00 pm |
| 5 | Picture Retakes | 22 | Comm. Ed ~ Make your Own T-shirt Quilt 10:00 am |
| 5 | St. Catherine University rep | 23 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm |
| 6 | Honor Choir @ Thief River Falls NCTC | 24 | Itasca Community College rep |
| 7 | ASVAB test ~ grade 11 | 25 | Comm. Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm |
| 7 | EXPLORE test ~ grade 8 | 25 | ECFE "Giving Thanks" 6:00 pm |
| 7 | PLAN test ~ grade 10 | 27 | Thanksgiving |
| 9 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm | 27-28 | Thanksgiving Break ~ No School |
| 10 | Staff Workshop ~ No School | 30 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm |
| 10 | School Board 7:30 pm | | |
| 11 | Veterans Day Program 2:00 pm | | |
| 11 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm | | |
| 11 | ECFE "Rectangle" 6:00 pm | | |

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



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Band Musician of the Month Alex Burkel

Grade: 11

Siblings: Vanessa, Andrea, Jack, Emily

What instrument do you play? Trumpet

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I chose it because ever since I was a little kid I always wanted to play the trumpet.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Setting up for music review with the band.

How long have you been in band? 7 years

What is your favorite song to play? *Hummel 3rd Movement*

What advice would you give to younger musician? Practice! It sounds pretty boring but that's what it takes to get good.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? The legendary Doc Severinsen.

Choir Musician of the Month Logan Klegstad



Grade: 12

Siblings: Cole, Tyler

What section are you in? Bass, I like bass because I like the beats fast and the bass down low.

How long have you been in choir? 4 years

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Not laughing when Robby drops his music in the middle of a song.

What advice would you give other vocalist? Feel free to let it out and sing as loud as you can; even if there are mistakes.

What are you looking forward to this year? Singing one last song with everyone before I go.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Really upbeat and modern songs.

What is your favorite choir memory? For now it is when I went up to sing with the girls' choir during a concert. But I think I'll have an even better one before this year ends.

Because of the Ebola outbreak, do you think people from West Africa should be allowed to travel to the U.S.?

By: Nikita Borreson

Aaron Davy

Yes, but they should have to go through strict medical procedures.

Brutus Grindahl

No, the Ebola virus is one of the deadliest viruses and thousands of people have died in West Africa already. It is very contagious.

That's why I think we shouldn't let people into the U.S. that have traveled to West Africa.

Caity Garten

Yes because if they aren't infected there's no reason to keep them there, but those from the infected countries should be monitored for the maximum incubation period.

Alexis Monsrud

With precautions yes because if they have Ebola and they come here they will put every single one of us in danger. But with precautions that won't happen.



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Senior Spotlight Matt Howell

Parents: Jeff & Kristi Howell

Siblings: Kate, Erika

Nicknames: Matty, Matty Ice, Howie

Favorite:

Sport: Baseball

Song: *Burnin' It Down* by Jason Aldean

Food: Bacon cheeseburger

Color: Blue

Quote: "You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." Michael Phelps

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To own a hunting ranch in the Rocky Mountains.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My dad; hunting in Colorado.

What one word best describes your personality? Solid

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Swinging on the basketball net in the gym and falling flat on my back.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Bow hunting.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Always having classmates that know how to have fun.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Co-conference champs in baseball my sophomore year.

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

Senior Spotlight Chris Larsen

Parents: Jody & Glenn Stene, Ronald Pribula

Siblings: Melissa, Jamie, Shauna

Nickname: Chris

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Song: *I Stand Alone* by Godsmack

Food: Homemade pasta shells

Color: Black/red

Quote: "Blood ties until flesh dies."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish that I could take back the sins of my past.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My cousin Alex and we would go to Australia.

What one word best describes your personality? Introvert

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When I walked in the wrong class on the first day of 7th grade and sat there for half the period before I realized it.

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

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Being accepted for the first time by my peers.

What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school? I got a 3.6 GPA in 11th grade.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Working while I do my general college courses online.





Senior Spotlight TyAnn Banta

Parent: Angela Wynne

Sibling: Garytt Banta

Nicknames: TyDan, Tiny, Tyba, TyNan, Fruit Loops, Wheezy

Favorite:

Sport: Hockey

Song: *All About That Bass* by Meghan Trainor

Food: Chicken alfredo pasta

Color: Purple

Quote: "Whatever life gives you, even if it hurts, just be strong and act like you're okay. Strong walls shake but never collapse."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To accomplish all my life goals.

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

What one word best describes your personality? Bubbly

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When I was in tenth grade in Child Development, I spilled my coffee all over me and the table.

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

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? How it's so

small and how everybody is nice to one another.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Become a certified nursing assistant.

Senior Spotlight Davis Forst

Parents: Danny & Ruthie

Sibling: Kody

Nickname: Davy

Favorite:

Sport: Racing

Song: *Party for Two* by Shania Twain

Food: Tacos

Color: Maroon

Quote: "Life's a dance."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Go back in time to the days when we didn't have a care in the world and nothing to worry about.

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

What one word best describes your personality? Wild

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? When Mrs. Hauger almost tipped me over backwards because I was rocking on my chair.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Depends on the time and day...

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Too many to pick from.

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



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Badger School Welcomes New Teachers!



Dan Carpenter – Music

What made you decide to become a teacher? I have always enjoyed helping others learn since I was a student in middle school.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? I attended Bemidji State University and I have a degree in Vocal Performance and a degree in Vocal and Classroom Music Education.

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? I have lived in Badger for three years. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to teach in the town I live in. My son is a Badger School student, and I am excited that I get to have him as a student now.

How do you like Badger School? I really enjoy being a member of the faculty at Badger School. I've gotten to know many of the teachers over the past few years, and they are great to work with! I am very excited to be able to work with the vocal music students here at Badger. It is exciting to see their enthusiasm for singing every day in my classroom!



Jacob Rath – Grade 3

What made you decide to become a teacher? My mom was a Head Start teacher for over 30 years. Her inspiration and dedication towards her job and her students gave me the desire to be a teacher. Knowing that I have the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life makes waking up worthwhile! Being a teacher gives me this opportunity.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? My first degree is from North Dakota State University in University Studies with an emphasize in Philosophy. My second degree is from Bemidji State University in Education.

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? Badger gave me an opportunity to be in a small and positive environment. The students come first and this was a huge draw for me to want to be in Badger. When I came to Badger for my interview, there was a feeling when I walked in the building. It is weird to be able to explain that feeling, being there were no students here, but I knew Badger was where I wanted to be.

How do you like Badger School? I love coming to school every day. There is a positive feeling in Badger. I am enjoying every third grade student. They are all hard workers and very eager to learn. The entire staff has been very welcoming, and I feel extremely lucky to call them colleagues. I really do love my job. I am very appreciative to Mr. Jerome, Mr. Warne, and the Badger School Board for giving me the opportunity to teach in the district.

November Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

Girls Basketball

- 17 Practice Begins
- 22 @ Grygla Jamboree

Boys Basketball

- 10 Practice Begins
- 21 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 25 Stephen-Argyle @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 17 Practice begins
- 29 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational (Wadena)

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Badger School Welcomes New Teachers!



Sarah Kofstad – Grade 6

What made you decide to become a teacher? I was in 2nd grade the first time I thought about being a teacher. I have always loved working with kids and I love to learn!

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? I went to college in Grand Forks at the University of North Dakota. I have a degree in Elementary Education.

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? I wanted to teach somewhere close to home. I loved the experience I had student teaching in Badger and am so blessed I was able to come back!

How do you like Badger School? I absolutely love Badger School. It is wonderful working in such a small school because everyone is like a big family. The people are so nice and friendly!



Ashley Lambert – Physical Education

What made you decide to become a teacher? I have a passion for health, physical activity, and kids so becoming a Health and Physical Education teacher seemed like a perfect fit.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? Concordia College in Moorhead and Minnesota State University Moorhead for Health & Physical Education.

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? I got the great opportunity of being able to teach in a smaller school district in an area that I'm passionate about. And I wanted to move to be closer to home.

How do you like Badger School? I love working at the Badger School! The students and staff are so nice and friendly.



Tara Wiskow – Special Education

What made you decide to become a teacher? I decided when I was in kindergarten that I wanted to be a teacher, and that dream stayed with me through elementary school and high school. My love for learning fuels my passion to want to teach others.

Where did you go to college and what is your degree? I attended Bemidji State University where I earned my Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Preprimary Education. I am currently attending Minnesota State University Moorhead's online program to earn my Masters in Special Education.

What made you decide to come to Badger and teach? I have always heard wonderful things about the Badger School District, so when the opportunity presented itself, I gladly accepted the position of Elementary Special Education Teacher.

How do you like Badger School? I think very highly of the Badger School! The staff and students are a wonderful mix of people that form a great community within our district. This community of positive thinkers and hard workers makes our school a great place to teach!

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Badger School Superintendent's News



Veterans Day Program

Veterans Day is November 11. Badger School will once again proudly host a Veterans Day program and will recognize and give thanks to all veterans and current members of the armed service who currently are or have served our great nation. The Veterans Day program is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

The Veterans Day program will feature performances by the Badger High School Band and Choir. In addition, selected 9th to 12th grade student essays will be recited to the audience as part of the annual Voice of Democracy contest. This year students answered the question "Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future." Students in grades 6th to 8th participated in the Patriot's Pen program and answered the question "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." Thank you to Ms. Becky Ylitalo for organizing and facilitating the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contest as well as the Roseau VFW organization for sponsoring the essay competition.

On behalf of the Badger School District, please consider attending the Veterans Day program.

National Honor Society

Blood Drive: November 10

The National Honor Society, under the direction of advisor Mrs. Shannon Dostal, has once again organized the annual blood drive. The blood drive will take place on November 10 from 1:15-6:00 p.m. at the Badger Community Center. If you are interested and would like to donate blood, please contact Mrs. Shannon Dostal at the Badger School (528-3201).

Induction Ceremony: November 13

The National Honor Society will induct new members into the Honor Society on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Badger School. Badger School District junior and senior students who have applied for membership into the Honor Society and have successfully met expectations in the four pillars of character, scholarship, leadership, and service will be formally inducted during this prestigious ceremony. This event is open to the public.

Badger School District Band and Choir Students Compete

On November 12, select Badger students, under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson and Mr. Dan Carpenter, will perform vocal and instrumental selections in a Minnesota State High School League sponsored solo contest at Lake of the Woods School. Badger students have selected, rehearsed, and will perform solo instrumental and vocal musical selections while being evaluated and judged by officials.

Medtronic Awards Grant to Badger FIRST Robotics Team

Medtronic, the World Leader in Medical Device Technology, has decided to once again award a \$5,000 grant to the Badger FIRST Robotics team. We are very excited and privileged to be recognized and sponsored by Medtronic. The Badger FIRST Robotics Team, under the direction of advisor Mr. Mike Coltom, will once again compete in the FIRST Robotics competition beginning in January of 2015.

In closing, as always please stop by and visit the Badger School whenever it may be convenient for you. You are always welcome, and our staff would love to have you visit our school. If you have any questions or would like to visit with me personally, please feel free to stop by and visit or if time does not allow a visit, I may be reached by phone at 528-3201.

Thanks for all that you do to make Badger School the school "where every student belongs."

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome

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Kindergarten Korner



**Katelyn
Gust**

Parents: Melissa &
Steve

Age: 5

**Why do we
celebrate**

Thanksgiving?

Because it's fun
because you get to do
stuff.

**How do you
celebrate**

Thanksgiving? We
get to do stuff. We
are going to
someone's house.

What's your favorite food to eat at Thanksgiving? Apples
because they are like apple juice .

Who was at the first Thanksgiving? The people that lived
there and me and my mom.

Why is the turkey the symbol of thanksgiving? Because you
can eat it and because you can stuff it.



**Roger
Thompson**

Parents: Marcus &
Amber

Age: 5

**Why do we
celebrate**

Thanksgiving? I

don't know but it's
been happening for
a long time.

**How do you
celebrate**

Thanksgiving?

You put up stuff
and do stuff. We do
homework and we

do art stuff too.

What's your favorite food to eat at Thanksgiving? Turkey. I
like stuffing too. I like little slices of turkey the most.

Who was at the first Thanksgiving? I don't know but it was a
long time ago.

Why is the turkey the symbol of Thanksgiving? Because it's
good, real good.