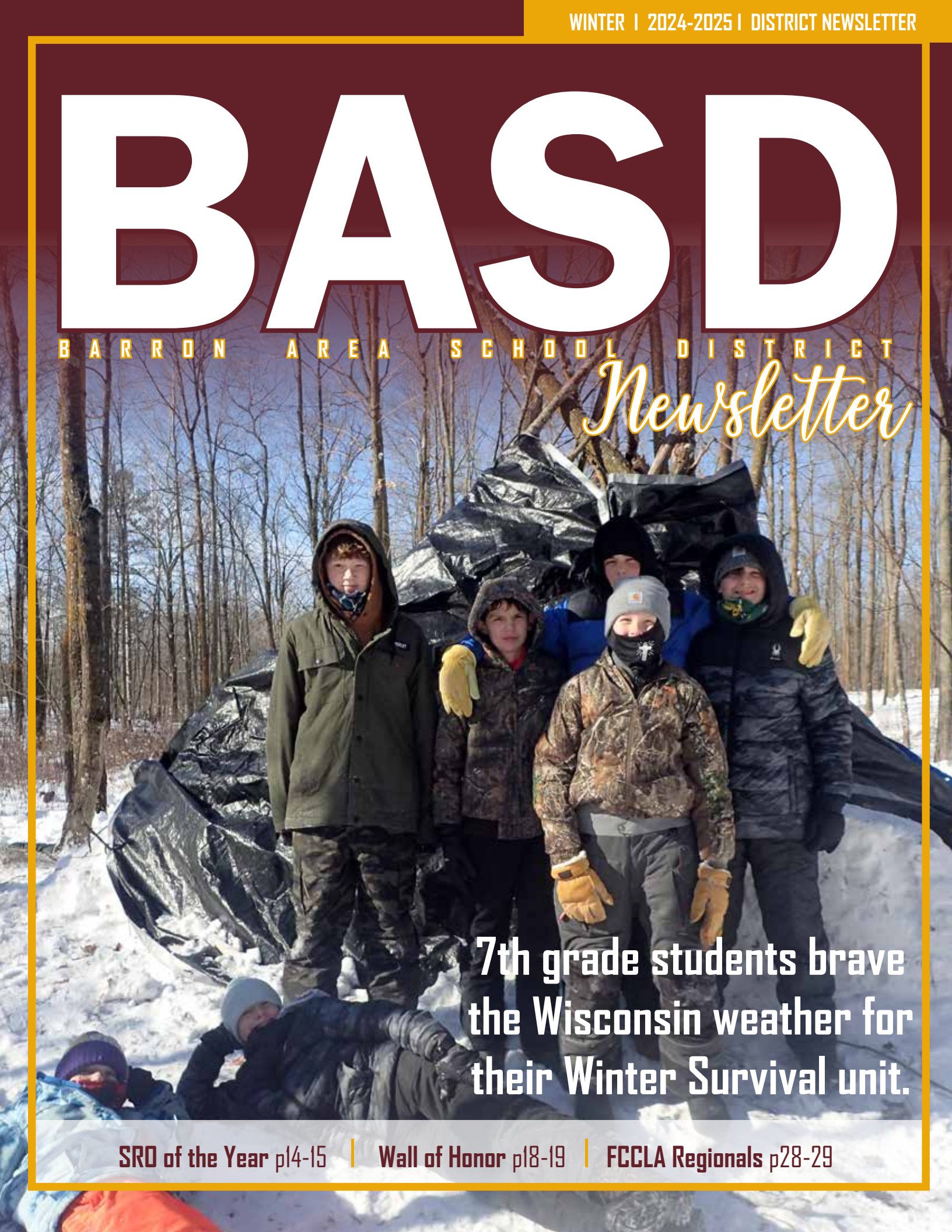


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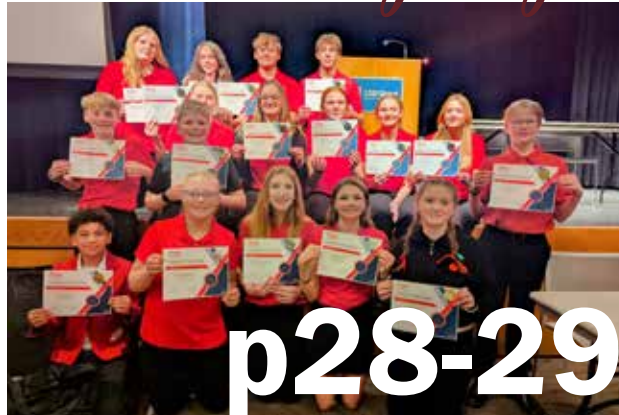
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# Superintendent's Letter



Dear BASD Community,

As winter's chill begins to loosen its grip and the promise of spring lies just ahead, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible energy, resilience, and dedication that define our district. Just as the first signs of spring signal new beginnings, our schools continue to be places where our Golden Bears grow, learn, and flourish. I am confident that this edition of our quarterly newsletter will serve as a testament to the incredible progress and dedication of our students, staff, and community.

The colder months have tested our endurance, but they have also strengthened our resolve. Through snow-covered mornings and frosty afternoons, our educators have continued to spark curiosity, our students have achieved new milestones, and our community's steadfast support has ensured that every child has the opportunity to thrive. The warmth within our classrooms has far outshone the chill outside, reminding us that no season can slow the momentum of passionate learning and limitless potential at BASD.



Together, as we welcome the first signs of spring—a season of renewal and endless possibility—let us embrace the opportunities ahead with the same determination and optimism that have carried us through winter. The work that I see our amazing team doing each day for our kids, plants the seeds for tomorrow's success, and together, we are cultivating a future where every student's dreams take root and blossom.

Our commitment to the 2024-25 district goals remains strong, and we continue to uphold our mission of empowering every student to achieve their dreams while making a positive impact on the world.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Your partnership truly makes BASD a place of hope, inspiration, and vast opportunity.

Sincerely,

Diane Tremblay



# Board of Education



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Dan McNeil*

As Dan McNeil's remarkable tenure on the school board comes to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on the profound impact he has made over the past 10 years. His dedication to the policy committee and instrumental role in drafting thoughtful, forward-thinking policies have left an enduring legacy that will continue to shape the success of our district for years to come.

Dan's 28 years as an educator laid the foundation for the deep understanding and unwavering commitment to students, teachers, and families that he brought to his work on the board. His experience in the classroom allowed meaningful change with compassion, insight, and wisdom for our Golden Bears and Staff. Thank you for being an advocate, a leader, and a tireless supporter of education. His service has touched countless lives, and we are deeply grateful for all he has done to strengthen our community and inspire the next generation.

## BACKGROUND

I am fortunate to have a beautiful and wonderful family. My wife, Sue and our two daughters, Katie and Erin are the joy in my life. Sue and I have both taught in the Barron District. Sue taught 5th grade for 34 years. I have taught elementary students in the first and third grades. Most of my 38 teaching years have been in Barron. Teaching kids has been an honor and a pleasure in the Barron School District. There is nothing more rewarding than to see the excitement of children being involved in their learning. I loved teaching kids, and seeing them grow in knowledge and respect for others. As for hobbies, for many years I was a Master Gardener. I enjoy caring for plants and creating gardens. Several years ago I was part of a group of seven Master Gardeners who planned and planted a beautiful park in Barron. We cared for the park for several years.

## SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I have served on the Barron School Board for 10 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. The people I served with on the Board over the years have been dedicated to the education of our children and to a quality school district that serves all of the children in our District. After I retired in 2011, a position on the Board opened up and I was encouraged to put my name on the ballot. I thought it would be great if

there was a retired teacher on the Board. I hoped I could contribute experiences that I had in teaching to the issues that involved the actions of the Board. When I was elected, I will always remember the kind welcome that I received from the other Board members. From that moment forward I have contributed and I have worked with an outstanding group of people. It has been a very positive experience.

## VISION FOR EDUCATION

My vision is that the Board will continue to do what it has been doing over the years and that is keeping our children the number one priority. We are here to serve our kids and all our employees. The folks who work here each day also deserve our attention and gratitude for all they do. We need to keep quality administrators, excellent teachers, and wonderful secretaries, custodians, aides, bus drivers and food service personnel. Ongoing positive communication with parents and guardians and with our community is also very important. This Board is a group of quality individuals who are dedicated to the education of our kids. These folks are smart, respectful, open-minded, good listeners, and great leaders. I have learned a lot being a member of the Barron Board. The Barron Board of Education is the best. I am confident that the future of education in our District is in the good hands of nine Board members and a very capable and caring staff.

## McNeil, cont.

### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

The future of our Barron schools depends on the consistent quality education we provide our children. Connecting with students and families and our communities is very important to our future. Communicating the great learning that goes on every day in our schools brings understanding and

appreciation for what all of us do. We want these valuable years that our children experience in school to have a positive impact on each one of them for their entire lives. "School" is a positive place for all of us to grow and a gift to everyone.

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

## Kelli Rasmussen

### BACKGROUND

I have lived in Barron since 1970, my husband and I are Barron grads, and we raised our three boys here as well. I very recently retired after 31 years working for the City of Barron, as the municipal utility billing clerk and for my last five years as City Clerk/Treasurer. We are blessed as of now with three grandchildren who thankfully live not too far away. Bruce and I love to travel, often with a wonderful group of friends.

### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I've been with the school board about 15 years and have served as board clerk for most of those years. I originally threw my hat in the ring to fill a mid-term vacancy to see if it was a good fit, two of our sons had graduated by then, and I felt I had more time and a desire to see what it was all about.

### VISION FOR EDUCATION

My vision for BASD, with our diverse population, is to create an equitable and inclusive community where each student, regardless of their background, can feel valued and supported and empowered to reach their dreams!

### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

It excites me to read through our extensive course offerings and see our beautiful facilities. Many Barron grads are coming back to the area to raise their children and that excites me as well as it speaks volumes about our great community and schools.



### 6 YEARS OF SERVICE

## Orin Thompson

### BACKGROUND

I'm Orin Thompson. I grew up on a dairy farm near Dallas in Barron County as the youngest of seven siblings. I graduated from Barron High School in 1989.

I've been employed by Barron County Highway Department since 1991. I am married to Leslie, and we have five children, all of whom have gone to Barron; the youngest two are still attending Barron schools. I enjoy being outdoors and working with our beef cattle.

### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I have served two terms (6 years) on the School Board.

### VISION FOR EDUCATION

I feel our facilities provide an excellent environment for our students to learn and prepare for their futures.



# Board of Education, cont.



## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Megan Marion

#### BACKGROUND

Hi! My name is Megan Marion. I grew up on a dairy farm north of Ridgeland and attended BASD-GO BEARS!

I now reside outside of Dallas with my husband, Lance, and three daughters Annabelle, Lillian, and Gabriella. I have worked for Mayo Clinic for the past 15 years as a medical assistant. I love spending time with my family, reading, and playing sports. I love coaching my daughters' teams or cheering them on from the sidelines, and shopping with them.

#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I have been on the school board since 2020. I was interested to be on the school board as I have a vested interest from not just being a former student but because

my children currently attend BASD. I want them to have many, diverse opportunities to become the best person they can be and have a great experience while in school.

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

My vision for the future of BASD is for it to still be the same, solid school that it has been but also to grow and change to best serve our students' needs. I feel we already do this well and want to continue to see it get even better.

#### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

I love seeing more of our students continue to succeed and reach their dreams! I am excited to see how we can best provide opportunities for our students to learn and grow in their education!

## 3 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Wil Sinclair

#### BACKGROUND

I was born and raised in Barron and graduated from Barron High School. I am married to my High School sweetheart for nearly thirty years and have three great kids. I enjoy hunting and watching my kids play sports. I've worked in telecommunications for 25 years, and I am currently an engineer for Citizens-Connected in New Auburn.

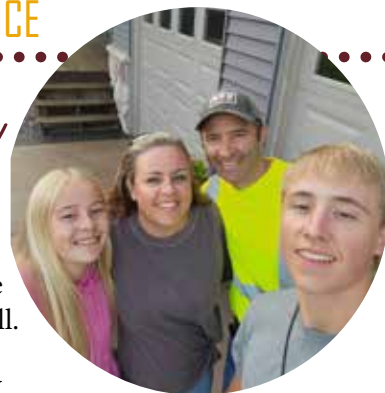
#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I've served on the board for almost three years. At the time I joined I thought the board was doing an excellent job and hoped to be a part of continuing with their work.

The perspective I bring to each situation is unique from everyone else and together we represent the community well.

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

I grew up in Barron and went to Barron Schools K-12, so I love being able to give back to the community and do my part to continue the legacy of quality education in our district.



## 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Kate Vruwink

#### BACKGROUND

I am a local graduate of Barron High School. My husband Mark is also a BHS graduate. We live within the City of Barron and have two children. Our son Regan graduated in 2023 from BHS and is now attending the CVTC Lineman program. Our daughter Rylin will graduate this May from BHS and will attend UW-LaCrosse this fall, majoring in Accounting. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, summers on the lake, and reading. Professionally I am a Medical Coding Operations Supervisor at Mayo Clinic.

#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I have served on the School Board for five years. This year I have taken on the role of Vice President of the Board. My motivation to be on the school board stems from my commitment to ensuring that all students have access to a quality education and the opportunity to succeed. I believe that education is the

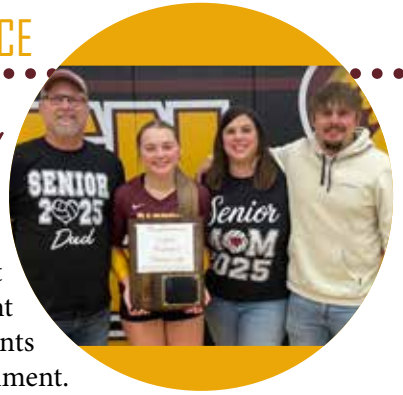
foundation for future success, and I want to be a part of shaping policies that support both academic achievement and the well-being of students in a safe and secure environment.

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

I value education and this community. My vision for the future of education in our district is ensuring that all students have the resources they need to succeed and reach their dreams.

#### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Our school board believes that children are the #1 priority of BASD, and this commitment will continue for years to come!



## 12 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Danette Hellmann

#### BACKGROUND

My husband Brian and I were Barron graduates -class of 1990. We have been married 30 1/2 years and have two children who have also graduated from

Barron. I went to CVTC and earned an Associate Degree and have worked for Barron County for 30 years.

#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I was very active in the Almena parent group for all the years my kids attended there. Then I participated in meetings at Riverview and the High School as the kids proceeded grade after grade, school after school. I had a co-worker convince me it would be great for us to get on the school board together. I started on the school board in 2013.

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

Being on the school board is a very interesting job. When your kids are in school, you feel a big connection with what's going on in the schools. After they are done, you still feel a connection to the schools and the future kids coming through.

#### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

I envision our school district preparing our students for their future and supporting them in all ways possible no matter what their goals are. I believe our school district has great leaders and teachers who will continue to take the district into the future.



# Board of Education, cont.



## 14 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Chris Donica

#### BACKGROUND

My name is Chris Donica, and I grew up in Barron, graduating from Barron High School in 1991. I am married to Deanne, who also graduated from Barron, and we have three children, all of whom attended Barron Schools. With our youngest graduating this year, we will soon be empty nesters. I am self-employed in the construction industry and enjoy spending time on the lake fishing and going hunting.

#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I have served on the BASD School Board for about 14 years.

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

I am honored to serve on the BASD School Board, with a commitment to ensuring that every student in our district has access to the highest quality education possible.

## 7 YEARS OF SERVICE

### Brittany Stephens

#### BACKGROUND

I graduated from Barron in 2005 and my husband, Blaze graduated in 2006. We moved home in 2013 and live in Barron with our two boys, Oscar and Maverick, and variety of pets! I have been practicing law for ten years and am a partner at Coe, Cuskey & Stephens, S.C. in Rice Lake. In the summer you can find us exploring campgrounds throughout the state, golfing or enjoying our family cabin up north. In the winter, we are likely to be in the wrestling room on the stage!

#### SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

I am just beginning my eighth year on the board! I have had the privilege to serve as the president for the last three!

#### VISION FOR EDUCATION

My vision for the district is that every single student

feels supported and finds their passion while attending BASD. I am continuously blown away by the opportunities and experiences our students are able to participate in. I

cannot wait to watch the District continue to grow and expand with our amazingly diverse student body!

#### EXCITEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

I am so excited to watch my kiddos continue to grow during their time at BASD! I know they will receive fantastic opportunities and make memories that will last them a lifetime. I am also excited to watch all of our Golden Bears continue to enjoy our beautifully upgraded facilities!



# School Board Convention

MILWAUKEE, WI

In January, some members of our Board of Education attended the Wisconsin Association for School Boards annual convention in Milwaukee to learn more about school governance and effective leadership strategy. We are so grateful for their dedication to our district's mission, always putting our students at the forefront of decisions while caring for our community as a whole.



# New Board Member

BOBBI JO FORNELL

At the February 17th, regular Board meeting, the newest member of our Board of Education took the Official Oath of Office. Please welcome Bobbi Jo Fornell to the Board. Bobbi and her husband, Eric, are both graduates from Barron. They raised four children who all graduated from Barron as well. Bobbi was also the varsity girls volleyball coach for the District for ten years. She is excited to continue giving back to our community by serving on our school board. Welcome Bobbi!



# Barron Area Education Foundation

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Grants Awarded to BASD Staff Members

The Barron Area Education Foundation is piloting a new program to offer grants to district staff members to enhance learning. Staff members were allowed to write a proposal, and the BAEF would fund the project for this school year. The BAEF awarded two of the grant proposals.



Angela Wagner, a 4th grade teacher at Woodland Elementary, wrote a proposal to enhance the learning of all the 4th grade students. The computer program IXL gave the students an assessment that pinpoints knowledge gaps and creates a personalized learning plan for each student. It is helping Woodland 4th grade students by providing personalized problems, real-time feedback, and instructional videos. As teachers, we can then teach mini-lessons for students not fully understanding and continue to help them grow outside of our daily curriculum. The students also enjoy the friendly competitions that they can do called “Jams.” They do them as a class and it shows the students and the teachers quickly how students are doing and if they are getting the standards being practiced. This proposal is helping the teachers address individual needs better and engaging lessons the students are loving!



Ryan Hayes, an English teacher at Barron High School wrote a proposal to take students to see a musical. Thirty-six students studied the plot and listened to the music of Hadestown. Ryan and the students attended the musical on February 13th. It was a great opportunity for students to experience this type of event and enhance their culture of the arts.





### Annual BAEF Mailing to Begin in March

The BAEF will be sending out the annual fundraising mailing to Barron High School Alumni in March. The annual mailing is the only fundraising event, other than the Social which was held in October of 2024. Last year, the BAEF was able to award over \$140,000 in scholarships to Barron High School seniors. Donations from the mailing make it possible to continue helping students reach their career dreams through the scholarship program. The BAEF also uses donated funds to sponsor students to attend various educational camps, clinics or conferences. Funding is also used to produce podcasts from BHS grads.

Not all alumni are included in the mailing due to lost addresses. Any alumni that wish to be included in the annual mailing can email their current address to [barronaef@gmail.com](mailto:barronaef@gmail.com). Anyone can donate funds to the BAEF by completing the form on this page or by contacting Sue Hanson, President @ 715-418-0270. More information about BAEF can be found on the BASD website under the Barron Education Foundation tab.

### BAEF Scholarship Application

The seniors at Barron High School recently met with BAEF members Linda Mikunda and Sue Hanson to discuss the 2025 BAEF Scholarship application. The application is a fillable form available on both the BHS Student Services webpage and the BAEF webpage on the district's website. Any graduating senior residing in the Barron Area School District is eligible to apply. The completed application is due by April 18th to BHS Student Services. For more information, please contact BHS Student Services.

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## Barron Area Education Foundation

Making Dreams Come True For All Students

Yes, I would like to donate funds to the Barron Area Education Foundation to help students reach their dreams.  
A receipt will be mailed to each donor for their tax deductible contribution.

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Or send donation to:

BAEF  
P.O. Box 271  
Barron, WI 54812

*Make checks out to the Barron Area Education Foundation.  
Questions can be emailed to [barronaef@gmail.com](mailto:barronaef@gmail.com)*

# Spotlight on Staff

JANUARY



## Nicole Mickelson

also has an incredible ability to connect with students, often helping those who are struggling to calm down and refocus.

Her colleagues describe her as a “Jack of All Trades” because of her versatility and willingness to take on any task. Nicole’s positive attitude, dependability, and commitment to our school make her an invaluable part of our team. Without her, Ridgeland/Dallas Elementary simply wouldn’t be the same.

It’s important to take a moment to acknowledge the tremendous impact that staff members in all roles can have on a school. While classroom teachers often receive much of the recognition—and rightly so—it’s people like Nicole, working behind the scenes in so many capacities, who keep our schools running and make a lasting difference for students.

Nicole, thank you for all you do. Your dedication and hard work have a profound impact on our students, staff, and school community. We are so fortunate to have you. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

We are honored to recognize someone who makes a significant difference every day at Ridgeland/Dallas Elementary—Nicole Mickelson.

Nicole has been a part of our team since 2017, serving as an intervention aide. Her contributions to our school extend far beyond that role.

As our intervention aide, Nicole manages all of the academic interventions at Ridgeland/Dallas, helping students get the support they need to succeed, but her work doesn’t stop there. She helps serve lunch, supervises recess, assists in classrooms, and steps in wherever help is needed. Nicole

FEBRUARY

## Nancy Bellefeuille

Nancy is truly an outstanding member of our team and has built meaningful, positive relationships with both the students and staff at Barron Area Montessori School. She consistently goes above and beyond the expectations of her role, always being accommodating to the needs of the school. Nancy is thoughtful, hardworking, and incredibly dependable.

Having been a part of the School Nutrition Team for nearly eight years, Nancy’s dedication speaks for itself—she’s only missed two and a half days of work during that entire time!

Each week, she prepares and serves 180 lunches, 220 breakfasts, and makes healthy snacks three times a week for the students as part of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Program, all while doing it single-handedly and with no

complaints. The older students, who often get to cook and bake, describe Nancy as someone who embraces their “crazy shenanigans and culinary dreams!” They say, “She’s a master at being flexible, always with a smile on her face!”

Nancy’s positivity, generosity, and genuine care for the kids make her a beloved figure in our school. She always greets everyone with a smile and takes the time to connect with the students, who adore her. As a fantastic team player, Nancy is truly a huge asset to our School Nutrition team and our school.





Join us for a fun-filled summer at the Bear Cub Den Summer Camp. There will be a lot of fun and exciting activities including but not limited to: arts & crafts, science experiments, fun in the sun, outdoor adventures, water games and much more!



# BEAR CUB DEN

## Summer DAY CAMP

Summer care available June, July & August located at Woodland Elementary.



Regular Hours: 6am - 6pm

Summer School Weeks:  
(6/16-6/27, 8/4-8/15)  
Open before and after  
summer school hours

## DAILY COST

- \$34 Full Day
- \$20 After Summer School
- \$6 Before Summer School Session
- 10% Discount for multiple children



Available for students: 4K-5th Grade



# Andy Krahenbuhl

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our very own Deputy Andy Krahenbuhl for being recognized as the chosen SRO of the year!

"We are truly grateful for his service to BASD, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this great honor" states Diane Tremblay, Superintendent.



In the heart of our Barron Area School District and Cameron School District, one name stands out as a beacon of trust, safety, and compassion: Deputy Andy Krahenbuhl. Recently named School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year by the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association in collaboration with the National Association of School Resource officers, Deputy Andy has become far more than a law enforcement officer to the communities he serves—he is a mentor, protector and friend to the students and staff who rely on him every day.

Deputy Andy has redefined what it means to be an SRO. In a time when trust in authority can be uncertain, he has created a safe haven where students feel not only protected but genuinely cared for. His ability to connect with young people is nothing short of remarkable. Whether it's answering a curious question, offering guidance through a life challenge, or simply receiving a heartfelt hug, Deputy Andy is a steady presence, always ready to lend an ear or a hand.

What makes Deputy Andy truly exceptional is his ability to turn the badge he wears into a symbol of care and understanding. He doesn't confine himself to the role of a disciplinarian—he's a partner in the daily lives of students. Whether sharing a laugh over lunch, shooting hoops at recess, or cheering from the bleachers at sporting events, Deputy Andy meets students where they are. His presence is constant and reassuring, not only during school hours but even at after-school activities and field trips—many of which he attends on his own time.

Deputy Andy's influence extends beyond his interactions with students. He has taken new SROs under his wing, mentoring them and setting an example of what it means to serve a school community with compassion and dedication. By bringing other SROs into his middle school environment, he has broadened the reach of his impact and shown that the role of an SRO is about more than enforcement—it's about building bridges and fostering relationships.

Education is another pillar of Deputy Andy's work. He doesn't just keep students safe; he empowers them to make safe choices, even when those decisions are difficult. Through safety presentations, classroom lessons, and casual conversations in the hallways, Deputy Andy teaches the importance of responsibility, accountability, and self-awareness. His approach is personal and impactful—he sees each student as an individual and his lessons resonate because they come from a place of genuine care.





Despite sharing his time between two districts, Deputy Andy's commitment to both is unwavering. He makes every effort to be present, visible, and approachable, attending events and celebrations in both communities, ensuring that every student knows they are a priority to him.

Deputy Andy Krahenbuhl embodies the very best qualities of an SRO. He is a protector, educator, mentor, and friend. His impact on the Barron and Cameron school districts is profound, and his dedication to creating a safe and supportive environment for students is unmatched. Deputy Andy isn't just the SRO of the Year—he's a daily hero to the young lives he touches and the communities he serves. We are beyond fortunate to call him our safekeeper.



# Mentorship

## SPOTLIGHT

### Jay Frank



#### Why is Jay the Spotlight Mentor?

Kind, supportive, patient, generous, and reliable are just a few words that describe Jay Frank. Jay is passionate about helping others. All of these qualities tie beautifully together in a role as a mentor. Jay genuinely cares about Miguel's life, interests, and his future. Thank you, Jay, for making such a difference for a student at BASD.

#### What Miguel says about the Mentoring Program:

I have a mentor, Jay Frank, and he sometimes comes to our school and he has lunch with me in the library. We talk about stuff so we can get to know each other better. Having a mentor teaches you how to have a conversation with a person you don't know. One thing I like the most about having a mentor is that we can talk about my family, his family, anything really, and his wife makes these very good homemade cookies, and they are the best. One of the best moments I have had with Jay is when he took me out to lunch at the Cheese store near my school and the time that he went to my house during winter break to take me ice fishing. After one hour we had hotdogs and those very good cookies. I also had a band concert, and he and his wife came to it. He also gave me a present for Christmas. My personal experience of having a mentor is really cool, because I feel like I have someone to talk to that's not in my family about my personal life. That is why I like having a mentor.

#### What inspired you to mentor?

It feels good to be a friend to someone when they need help.

#### What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

Just seeing the smile on Miguel's face and knowing that he enjoys having me as a mentor and a friend.

#### Why do you think others should mentor?

It's nice to give time to help someone and that also makes the mentor feel good as well!

## CAREER MENTORSHIPS

To help students plan for their futures, the Mentorship Program offers career mentorships and job shadows.

If a student is interested in learning more about a career, we can help to connect them with a "career mentor" who will meet with them and share information about their profession and education. Students may also shadow jobs to observe a typical day in the career occupation.

There are many career mentorship opportunities in a wide variety of occupations. Students at Barron High School may request a job shadow by contacting Mentor Coordinator, Kelly Hover at 715-537-5627 Ext. 139 or [hoverk@barron.k12.wi.us](mailto:hoverk@barron.k12.wi.us)



### Medical Imaging

Abby, a Junior at BHS, completed a job shadow with Tammy (former BHS graduate) at Diagnostic Radiology giving her an exciting opportunity to explore the field of medical imaging. She observed diagnostic imaging procedures, such as X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans with an understanding of how they are used to help doctors diagnose and treat various medical conditions. Abby had the chance to ask questions, observe the use of advanced imaging equipment, and better understand the role radiology technicians play in the medical field. Thank you Diagnostic Radiology and Tammy for this career mentorship in the field of medical imaging.

## Dentistry

Senior, Adriana had the opportunity to explore the field of dentistry, specifically orthodontics by observing Dr. Haack in action. She saw firsthand how orthodontists assess, diagnose, and treat patients. This hands-on experience provided insight into the skills required for a career in orthodontics. Thank you to Dr. Haack and your team of professionals for this experience!



## Law Enforcement

Jorey and Marcus had the unique opportunity to experience the daily responsibilities and challenges faced by law enforcement during a job shadow experience. They accompanied deputy Anthony Weigand, a former BHS grad, on patrol to observe interactions with the community and gain insights into the various aspects of law enforcement. They completed the job shadow with a better understanding of the important role our county deputies play in maintaining peace and safety within the community. Thank you, Deputy Weigand, for this valuable experience for our students.



## Chemistry

Ella recently met with former BHS graduate Anna Cook to discuss education and a career as a Chemistry Professor at the college level. This experience provided Ella with a unique opportunity to engage in a one-to-one discussion with an experienced professor in the field of chemistry. She learned about Anna's career journey, the challenges and rewards of teaching and conducting research, along with the skills needed to succeed in this field of work. The conversation offered valuable insights into various career paths within chemistry. Thank you, Anna, for taking the time to guide a BHS student in their education and career dreams.



# Wall of Honor Inductees



## ARLYN COLBY

### Education

**Eleva-Strum High School - 1962**

**UW-Eau Claire: Bachelor's - 1966**

**Western Michigan: Master's - 1970**

Arlyn Colby impacted countless lives as a teacher, coach, mentor, author, community leader and friend.

Colby coached the Barron baseball team from 1975-2000. Over his 25-year coaching career, the Golden Bears won seven conference championships, three sectional championships (1977, 1979 and 1986) and a state title in 1979. Arlyn was inducted into the Wisconsin Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989.

Colby's influence extended beyond the baseball field. Arlyn made a difference in the lives of students as a math teacher and Key Club advisor. Over the years, many of Colby's past students reached their dreams as a result of his positive mentorship, encouragement and advice. Even after Arlyn retired from teaching, he continued mentoring youth in the Barron Area School District. He also served on numerous church, school and county committees.

In addition, Colby developed a deep passion for local railroad history. He wrote seven books that chronicled the history of railroads in Northwest Wisconsin. Colby also played a major

role in preserving and reconditioning railcars, including a historical caboose at the Barron County Historical Society. As a result of Arlyn's hard work and unwavering passion, the history of local railroads will be remembered forever.

Arlyn's humble spirit and giving heart serve as an enduring inspiration for future generations.



## MANDY (BARTLETT) NANKIVEL

### Education

**Barron High School - 1996**

**Mankato State University - 2001**

Mandy (Bartlett) Nankivel became a decorated athlete for the Barron Golden Bears. Bartlett, a four-time First Team All-Conference basketball player (1993-1996), led the conference in scoring each year. Mandy participated in AAU basketball and won numerous awards while traveling the nation. Following her senior year of high school, Bartlett earned a spot on the WBCA All-Star Team and competed as a member of the Division 2 North team.

After receiving 25-plus offers from across the country, Bartlett played college basketball at Mankato State from 1996-2000. She graduated from Mankato State with a Bachelor of Science Degree and began teaching elementary-aged children. During her teaching career, Bartlett taught special education and was Head Girls Basketball Coach for Vista High School in San Diego, CA.

Mandy then embarked on a new career as a successful entrepreneur. Mandy launched "Garage 36," a startup furniture business she founded as a military spouse. Bartlett is now a successful, high-ranking executive for "Rodan and Fields," a marketing company that specializes in skincare products.

Bartlett remained connected with the Barron basketball program by supporting the next generation. After graduating, she frequently came home and spent hours in the gym with young Golden Bear athletes. Her knowledge, expertise and positive example inspired many young Barron basketball players.



# 4K Updates

## CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Recently 4K students from Woodland Elementary attended a production by the Eau Claire Children's Theatre based on the book "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs". The play was well done and very entertaining! Thank you to Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Northland for sponsoring this event with their gift of a financial grant earlier this year.



## TIE DYE NIGHT

4K families and students from Woodland and Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary Schools enjoyed some creative crafting time at their annual Tie Dye Night. All participants had the chance to tie dye a pillow case of their very own to take home.

Thank you to a Mayo Clinic Health Systems - Northland grant as well as funding from the Ridgeland-Dallas Parents Club to assist in the purchase of tie dye supplies! We appreciate your generosity!

## SNAKE DAY

In January, 4K students at Woodland Elementary School celebrated SNAKE DAY!!! What a wonderful presentation by Snake Discovery: Reptile Store & Zoo ! We learned a lot and loved seeing and touching the reptiles! Thank you to Mayo Clinic Health Systems for their financial grant to our 4K program, helping us bring in amazing speakers such as this!



## PARENT'S NIGHT

4K students and families from Woodland Elementary School joined together for a fun evening of dinner and board games! Thank you to everyone who joined us to beat the winter blues.



# Ridgeland Updates

## MRS. CARR

Lunch time in Ridgeland was pretty special in January and February. Mrs. Carr and a group of extraordinary fourth grade girls got to eat lunch together and read a book called May B, by Caroline Starr Rose. Thank you to Mrs. Mickelson for recommending this exciting book, and for all you did for us.

May B is a story about pioneer life, sod homes, loneliness, challenges, and one girl's determination to make more of herself than people expected of her. May struggled with dyslexia, and she can't understand why words don't always make sense to her. She knows she's smart, and she wants to continue her education to be a teacher one day. Despite many obstacles, someone in this book encouraged her to reach her dreams!

Being in a book club is more than just reading. It's about endless giggles,  
it's about reading exciting books,  
it's about making beautiful connections,  
it's about treats, stickers and bookmarks,  
It's about listening, caring, and reflecting,  
it's about becoming a life-long reader,  
it's about feelings,  
its about making cookies,  
it's about friendships,  
it's about sharing highs and lows in life.

It reminds me that my goal was always to create amazing life-long readers, but when I have lunch with them, I realize that my goal didn't end with creating amazing readers, these students are so much more, and that is what makes me smile.



## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Ridgeland-Dallas 4K and Kindergarten classes performed a holiday program. They sang songs to brighten the hearts of parents and loved ones to start the holiday season.



# Montessori School



The Montessori classroom is set up to allow children to be independent and learn at their own pace.



Ivonna and Olivia building a model of the Great Wall of China, brick by brick



Henry, Jackson and Liam studying faces, edges, and vertices of 3D figures



Blair studied parts of speech with the grammar boxes. Each symbol represents a different part of speech: verbs, articles, adjectives, and nouns



Class photo after creating snowflakes for deployed soldiers



Enjoying our "Cozy Day" reward for good behavior



LeiElla practicing writing hieroglyphics during our Ancient Egypt unit



Maddox working with the Pythagorus Board to memorize multiplication facts



Some third, fourth and fifth graders enjoying a cubing lesson and using physical materials as a visual representation of what happens when numbers are squared and cubed.



Myles with some book report fun!



Riverview Middle School gives a big shoutout to our students that have reached a milestone for community service. Great job! You may see students volunteering in our community for church projects, helping improve our community properties, providing help at our summer school programs and volunteering at our community programs such as 4H, Scouts, Yearbook, Kiwanis etc.. Thank you so much!



## 6th Grade

Maddy Saffert, Gael de la Torre

**125 Hours of Service: Honored with their names on the Community Service Wall.**



## 7th Grade

Axton Rick, Rankin Mathews, Rayaan Abdulkadir, Eden Kisting, Annie Edwards, Lilliann Horvath

**Gold Medal for 100+ Hours:  
Axton Rick**

**125+ Hours & Name on the  
Community Service Wall: Rankin  
Mathews, Rayaan Abdulkadir,  
Eden Kisting, Annie Edwards**

**Special Recognition: Lilliann  
Horvath for an amazing 329 hours  
of community service!**



## 8th Grade

Mia Davis, Jessica Grant, Madison Cimfl (270 Hours), Audrina Toombs, and Mateo de la Torres Ramirez



October

#### 5th Grade



Mr. Mettner, Rahma Abdi, Ava Barrett, Orlando Mizer, Quentin Chapman, Mrs. McLennan

#### 6th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Miley Gander, Tayton Dahlberg, David Apanecatli-Juarez, Gael de la Torere Ramirez, Mrs. Allen

#### 7th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Eli Feidt, Dustin Millard, Lillian Marion, Annie Edwards

#### 8th Grade



Mrs. McLennan, Jorja Floyd, Kennedy Harrington, Jason Goff, Leah Lindner, Mrs. Danielsen

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## RMS STUDENT RECOGNITION

Each month students are nominated by Riverview Staff for being respectful, responsible, and safe. After nominations are complete, four students from each grade level are honored with the Golden Bear Bravos. Students receive a certificate from the nominating staff member, a personalized medal, and a coupon for a free ala carte food item. The certificate is sent home to celebrate the student's Bravos accomplishment with family. Congratulations to our Golden Bear Bravo recipients!

# November

## 5th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Adan Dahir, Myles Holten, Brady Johnson, Vicente Santiago, Mrs. Bell

## 6th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Jesus Montes, Carter Kieweg, Alea Hoyt, Mrs. Horvath, Emmy Vandenbrink

## 7th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Joaquin Santiago, Gus Schoenke, Addyson Goodlet, Ava Emery, Mrs. Horvath

## 8th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Jessalyn Grant, Aisha Mohamed, Pierce Gardner, Musab Olle

# December

## 5th Grade



Mrs. Bell, Morgan Cole, Harper Smith, Mustaf Osman, Mr. Stralka, *not pictured- Peytyn Rischette*

## 6th Grade



Mrs. Horvath, Kolby Charron, Matthew Bartels, Colleen Hagen, Kamila Ramirez, Mrs. Hale

## 7th Grade



Mrs. Meincke, Shyanne Hammann, Kaedyn Humphrey, Maustyn Johnson, Harper Vandenbrink, Mrs. Horvath

## 8th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Hailey Sirek, Zahara Ahmed, Raegan Duncan, Casandra Montes Esparza

# Riverview Student Senate

## Riverview Student Senate Leads with Spirit, Service, and Leadership

Riverview's Student Senate continues to shine as positive leaders in our school and community. In November, we hosted a school-wide Penny War to raise funds for the Gift From the Heart program. Through friendly competition, each grade battled to collect the most pennies while strategically using other coins to sabotage their rivals. The excitement and teamwork were incredible, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an impressive \$800! All proceeds went directly to BASD students in need, helping to make their holiday season brighter. We are proud of the entire RMS community for making this fundraiser a true success!

December was filled with holiday cheer as we encouraged students to participate in our Ugly Sweater Contest. Our RMS Golden Bears brought the festive spirit, rocking creative, quirky, and over-the-top holiday-themed sweaters. Congratulations to our top three winners from each grade, who were recognized by the Student Senate for their standout holiday attire!



Additionally, we were honored to donate seasonings—generously provided by the Allstate Foundation—to the Barron Food Pantry. This donation helped add a little extra “spice” to holiday meals for local families in need.

January brought an exciting leadership opportunity for fourteen RMS Student Senate members, accompanied by leaders Tesha Horvath and Stephanie Cox, who attended the inspiring Green Bay Packers Empower Conference.



The event was filled with inspiring moments and meaningful experiences. Darryl Bellamy Jr., founder of FearLESS Inside™, delivered a powerful keynote speech on embracing fear and building confidence. His thought-provoking message encouraged students to lead by example, face challenges head-on, and fear a little less. During the breakout sessions, Scott Wells, a Super Bowl champion and former Packers player, shared valuable lessons on leadership and perseverance, while Earl Dotson, another former Packers player and mental health advocate, spoke on resilience and suicide prevention. The students also participated in a community service project, packing care kits for Ronald McDonald House Charities to support families in need. As part of their



experience, they had the incredible opportunity to walk through the player tunnel at Lambeau Field and stand on the iconic field, experiencing football history firsthand.



Adding to the excitement, the group made a fun-filled road trip, stopping for hand-scooped ice cream at the famous Hawkeye Dairy in Abbotsford, enjoying a delicious meal at Olive Garden, and unwinding at the Best Western pool. The event was truly an unforgettable combination of leadership, service, and fun!

February marked the celebration of a successful first semester with a school-wide assembly featuring our strongest eighth-grade arm wrestlers. Students cheered on the finalists in both right and left-arm categories for top male and female competitors.



The excitement continued with a school-wide bean bag game, where the 5th grade once again claimed the coveted spirit stick with a hard-fought victory over the rest of the school. To wrap up the event, students eagerly participated in the PBIS raffle, winning amazing prizes as a reward for their hard work and positive behavior.



We also embraced Winterfest Dress-Up Days to celebrate the halfway point of winter—though we can all agree that it's time for sunshine and warm weather! Keep up the great work, Riverview!



# Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

# FCCLA

Barron High School and Barron Riverview Middle School FCCLA members attended Regional STAR Event competition at University of Wisconsin-Stout on Wednesday, Feb 5th competing in various events with 350 other students from around the region. Students qualified to attend the FCCLA State Conference being held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort, April 7-9, 2025. At the Kalahari there will be leadership breakout sessions, motivational speakers, as well as opportunity for community service.

On April 9th during the closing ceremony, students will find out if they qualify for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL July 5-9, 2025. To qualify for Nationals, Wisconsin sends the top two in each event and category.

## BHS

Winona Schneider in Career Investigation



Elizabeth Sadowski & Isabella Kallenbach in Public Policy Advocate



Wesley Mickelson  
- Culinary Baking  
Demonstration Level 3

Alyssa Ottum - Baking & Pastry, Braiden Eraquam  
- Culinary Baking  
Demonstration Level 2



Grace Marvin,  
Sophia Dantzman,  
Hailey Ganong  
in Sustainability  
Challenge

## RMS

Riverview FCCLA members showcased their skills at UW-Stout, competing in STAR events and bringing home both Silver and Gold medals!

Gold medal winners - Rankin Mathews and Cadence Holten



Silver Medal winner - Madelyn Weinert

Gold Medal Winners  
- Caleb Duncan, Gus  
Schoenke, Asher Johnson



Silver Medal Winners - Lilliann  
Horvath and Harper Vandenbrink

## VOLUNTEERING: RMS FCCLA



Riverview Middle School FCCLA members had the opportunity to ring the bells for the Salvation Army - what a rewarding experience for our middle schoolers.





## Agricultural Education & FFA Winter Updates

The Barron High School Agricultural Education department had a very busy and successful fall season in the classroom and FFA leadership development activities.

## ACTIVITIES



Classroom and laboratory activities have included various hands-on learning activities, including taking advantage of our classroom food science lab area to practice our skills in food processing and preservation. Students in Ag Processing have learned the scientific principles of canning salsa, fermenting sauerkraut,

and the importance of sugar-to-pectin ratios in preserving jams and jellies. They will finish the term by reviewing the science of cheese and sausage production.



In the greenhouse, students prepared and delivered 75 poinsettia plants to the Meals on Wheels program through the Barron Senior Center. Soon the greenhouse will be filled with plants in preparation for the annual spring plant sale, including hanging baskets and bedding plants. Mark your calendars for the plant sale beginning Mother's Day weekend.



The Small Animal Science classes have added rabbit care to their skill set with the addition of "Butterscotch" to the animal lab. Butterscotch will be a resident at BHS through the remainder of the school year and allows students to apply their skills in animal care; he has been a very popular addition to the department! We thank BHS Senior Mattie Whitehead for bringing Butterscotch to our classroom.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

FFA Leadership Development activities have been in full swing this winter! The Connect Leadership conference was presented by National FFA staff in Stevens Point in November; Noah Marvin, Brody Hammann, Daniel Wirth and Oscar Severson represented Barron FFA at this event. Advisor Kristin Hanson represented Barron on the Wisconsin FFA Center Board that met at this conference; she will serve as vice chair/chair-elect for the 2024-2025 year. FFA members from across the state met together on January 17-18 for the annual Wisconsin



FFA Halftime Conference. This conference is for chapter leaders to review the year's events and plan for the spring semester. Noah Marvin and Brody Hammann were Barron's participants in this conference and also were trained in Ag Literacy activities with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau.



Public speaking skills were on display at BHS on January 29, 2025, when Barron FFA was the host chapter for the District 3 Leadership Development Events. Over 20 community members participated as volunteer judges, and 40 students from local schools participated in seven different contest areas.

Barron FFA contestants included:

Parliamentary Procedure team-2nd place team-Drew Scheps, Brody Hammann, Will Hoveland, Noah Marvin, Oscar Severson, and Caden Witsche

Discussion Meet- Drew Scheps, 1st place, Brody Hammann

Extemporaneous Speaking- Linsey Balts

Creed Speaking Contest- Callie Stokes.

First and second-place finishers will move on to the Section 1 Contest at Amery.



FFA Members have also taken some time for recreation events. Barron FFA members joined with Rice Lake FFA members to attend the World's Toughest Rodeo at the Xcel Center in St. Paul. Members were able to see the "Behind the Chutes" and "Down on the Dirt" events before the rodeo.



As the winter turns to spring, FFA members will be preparing for regional and state-level Career Development Events and spring community service activities. Thank you for your continued support of agricultural education and FFA in the Barron Area School District!



# Music Updates



## WARTBURG HONOR CHOIR

Members of the High School Choir attended Wartburg College's Meistersinger Honor Choir in January. Seniors Winona Schneider, Hannah Bigler, Alivia Rick, and Jude Slayton as well as Junior Brooklynn Kolm all had a great time representing Barron down in Iowa. They were joined by hundreds of students from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. While at Wartburg they had the opportunity to meet the composer of the songs they performed, have individual lessons with the voice professors, and stay overnight in the dorms to experience a small part of what college life is like.



James, and James Kolm; Junior Zac Edwards; Sophomores Zoey Frandsen and Aliyana Olson; and Freshman Dominic Kolm and Avery Mathews. These eight performed with students from Bloomer, Cumberland, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Hayward, Ladysmith, Rice Lake, and Spooner under direction of Dr. Cera Babb from UW-River Falls. Along with the honor choir, a select group from the BHS opened the performance.



## MESSIAH SING-ALONG

A number of students from the Barron High School Choir had attended a singing of Handel's Messiah in December before winter break. Students took the chance to sing parts of his famous oratorio and learned a little bit about how it was written. While it was a long day of singing, the kids still gave a rousing performance of the Hallelujah Chorus to round it off.

## BHS HONOR CHOIR



Barron High School had the opportunity to host the Red Cedar District Honor Choir in January. Eight students were selected to represent Barron: Seniors Daniel Edwards, Stella



## MARCHING BAND

The BHS Band kicked off our school year by marching in the Ridgeland Parade over Labor Day weekend. Students gave up time out of the end of their summer to attend marching band rehearsals to prepare for the parade. We then followed that by marching on the field for homecoming for the first time since 2019. Though it was a lot of work, the band did an amazing job combining music with the movements!



## UWEC: HONOR BAND

A different group of 7th and 8th grade band students were able to participate in the UW Eau Claire middle school honor band in January. They were among 300 students who attended the event! They had the opportunity to put together music for a concert later that day and got to work with college students and professors throughout the day. The students who participated were: Mason Thompson, Jayden Ledin, and Jaylin Barefoot.



## SLAC: HONOR BAND

7th and 8th grade band members had the opportunity to attend the Shell Lake Arts



Center middle school honor band in November. These students were chosen from schools all across northern and central WI. They got the opportunity to make music in two different bands, attend master classes run by teachers and even participate in a talent show. We are so lucky to have a place like the Arts Center so close to home! Students who participated were: Lillann Horvath, Charlee Gander, Jake Reinikainen, Rankin Mathews, Owen Reinikainen

## PEP BAND

The high school pep band had the opportunity to travel to Green Bay to help support our Girl's Volleyball



team at the state tournament. We left BHS around 3:30 am the morning of their first game and arrived just in time to help hype the team up for their first game. We are so proud of our team, and the band's very own Abby Miller, for taking home the championship trophy!

## RMS: SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Band and choir students from Riverview performed at Solo and Ensemble in Spooner this winter. A total of 52 events performed, 26 of them receiving a 1 rating. Students were excited to perform after putting in hours of practice time throughout the winter.





Please join us for the  
BHS Band and Choir

# COLLAGE CONCERT

## 7PM

05.12.25



HONORING  
**100 YEARS**  
of the Barron Music  
Federation

All are welcome to a reception  
at **6:25pm** in the **BHS IMC**,  
prior to the concert.

# The Rising Star

BY FUAAD HASSAN, English II Student

Beneath the sun, the pitch ignites  
Thud! Goes the ball in soaring flights.  
My feet, like thunder, dance with speed,  
The turf bows low to my fiery creed.  
My jersey clings, my spirit roars,  
The goalbell sings as the crowd implores,  
A lion, a legend, fierce and bold,  
A story of glory that's yet to be told.  
With faith as my shield and strength as my guide,  
I chase the dream with a relentless stride.  
A warrior, a conqueror, unstoppable, proud, and free,  
I kick for the future, with the world's eyes on me.



*Fuaad Hassan with teammate Jeremy Flores-Diaz*



## Art Club

**Admission is \$20**

**Contact Mrs. Vergin at  
715-537-5627  
ext. 122**

**or [vergins@barron.k12.wi.us](mailto:vergins@barron.k12.wi.us)**

## ☆ Paint Along ☆

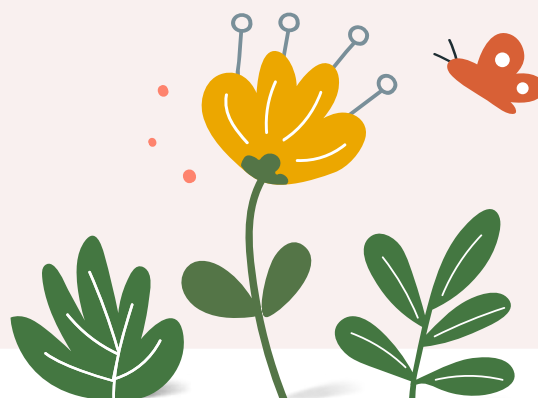
**The Art Club is hosting a paint along  
on:**

**Tuesday April 1st  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**We will be painting two Bob Ross style  
paintings like:**



# BARRON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER



**MOTHER/SON DANCE  
MARCH 21 6-8PM**

**DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE  
MARCH 22 6-8PM**

\$30 per member couple  
\$40 per non-member couple  
\$10 per additional child  
Event Day Tickets: \$50 per couple

Dances open to children of all ages (recommended for middle school or younger). Children may be accompanied by any adult who is significant in their lives.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

(BACC employment opportunities possible post certification)

## WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

In-person class sessions May 2-4 with online work approximately 2 weeks prior. Please contact Bethany at 715-537-6666 or visit [thebacc.com](http://thebacc.com) for more information.

## ICEBREAKER TRIATHLON APRIL 26 AT 9AM

400-meter swim  
10.8 mile bike  
2 mile run

*Register  
Now*



## LIFEGUARDING WITH CPR/AED & FIRST AID

In-person class sessions May 23-25 with pre-course session and online work approximately 2 weeks prior. Please contact Bethany at 715-537-6666 or visit [thebacc.com](http://thebacc.com) for more information.



# March

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
Theme of the Month: Conflict Management						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development 7:00 6-12 Choir Mid-Winter Concert @ BHS Gym	BB: Regionals 4:00 R-D Parents Club Mtg BHS/RVMS Large Group Festival @ Rice Lake HS		GB: Sectionals	BB: Regionals	BB: Regionals GB: Sectionals
Read Across America Day	Casimir Pulaski Day					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg TR: 1 <sup>st</sup> Practice BHS: NHS Blood Drive RVMS: Book Fair	Elem & RVMS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg WD: Book Fair 4-7 RVMS: Book Fair	RVMS: Book Fair	Elem & RVMS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 GB: State BB: Sectionals WD: Book Fair 4-7 RVMS: Book Fair	GB: State RVMS: Book Fair	GB: State BB: Sectionals	
Daylight Savings Time Starts				All School Play		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break					BB: State
	6:30 School Board Mtg SB: 1 <sup>st</sup> Practice			BB: State RVMS: Elem Choral Festival for 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr	BB: State	
	St. Patrick's Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	BSBL: 1 <sup>st</sup> Practice GSCR: 1 <sup>st</sup> Practice					
30	BGF: 1 <sup>st</sup> Practice	31				



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# April

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:00 R-D Parents Club Mtg 5:30 Almena ACE Mtg	2	3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends GSCR: Altoona	4 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Starts SB: @ Amery	5 BHS Solo & Ensemble @ Rice Lake HS
6	7 FCCLA State SB: @ Shell Lake	8 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg FCCLA State GSCR: @ Northland Pines	9 FCCLA State Federated Music Summer Camp Scholarship Auditions	10 BSBL: @ Cameron SB: Cameron GSCR: Baldwin-Woodville RVMS: Choral Festival	11 GSCR: Lakeland BGF: JV @ Chetek	12 PROM
13  Palm Sunday Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	14 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BSBL: Varsity @ Unity SB: Varsity @ Unity BGF: Ashland	15 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg BSBL: Ashland SB: @ Ashland	16 6:30 NHS Senior Banquet	17 BSBL: @ Hayward SB: Hayward GSCR: @ Spooner BGF: Cameron	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20  Easter	21 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development  6:30 School Board Mtg BSBL: @ Bloomer SB Varsity: Osceola	22 BSBL: @ St Croix Falls SB: @ St Croix Falls GSCR: Superior BGF: @ Chetek-Weyer	23  Administrative Professional Day	24 BHS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7  BSBL: @ Ladysmith SB: Ladysmith	25 BSBL: Cumberland SB: @ Cumberland BGF: Cumberland	26
27	28 BSBL: @ Northwestern SB: Northwestern GSCR: @ Somerset 5:30 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Band & Vocal Concert @ RVMS Gym 6:30 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Band & Vocal Concert @ RVMS Gym BGF: @ Hayward	29 BSBL: Cameron SB: @ Cameron GSCR: Hayward	30 3:30-5:30 Beginner Instrument Sign Up & Rental Night	Theme of the Month: Courteous Cooperation		



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# May

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme of the Month: Courage				1 TR: @ Bloomer GSCR: @ Osceola BAMS: Brat Feed Beginning Band Masterclass @ Shell Lake May Day	2 BSBL DH: @ Chetek-Weyer SB DH: Chetek-Weyer	3 WSMA State Solo & Ensemble @ UWEC
4 SB: Clayton/Turtle Lake BSBL: @ Turtle Lake BGF: Ladysmith	5 5:30 Almena ACE Mtg BSBL: @ Ashland SB: Ashland TR: @ Amery GSCR: Ashland BGF: @ Northwestern National Nurses Day National Teacher Appreciation	6 BGF: @ Cumberland	7 SB: @ Northwestern GSCR: Spooner 12:00 Kindergarten Music Program @ BACC 12:45 2n Gr Music Program 1:30 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr Music Program	8 BSBL: Hayward SB: @ Hayward GSCR: @ Medford BGF: @ Hayward Invit	9 BGF: @ Hayward Invit	10
11 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg SB: St Croix Falls BSBL: St Croix Falls BGF: St Croix Falls 7:00 BHS Band & Choir Collage Concert @ BHS Gym Mother's Day	12 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS School Board Mtg BSBL: Ladysmith SB: @ Ladysmith TR: Home Invit GSCR: Washburn	13 Senior Banquet BAMS: All School Picnic & Field Day	14 GSCR: @ Hayward 7:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Band & Choir Concert @ RVMS Gym	15 BSBL DH: Spooner SB DH: @ Spooner BGF: @ Spooner	16 Armed Forces Day	17
18 6:30 School Board Mtg BGF: JV HON @ Ladysmith	19 BSBL: @ Cumberland SB: Cumberland	20 Senior Trip	21 BSBL: Northwestern GSCR: @ Amery BGF: HON @ Hayward	22 8:30 am Senior Awards 6:00 Commencement @ BHS New Gym	23	24
25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day BHS Band Memorial Day Parade & Wayside Cemetery AM	26 BGF: Regionals SB: Regionals TR: Regionals	27 BGF: Regionals	28 BSBL: Regionals SB: Regionals GSCR: St Croix Central WD: Family Picnic	29	30	31



# Winterfest

2025



**WINTERFEST COURT 2025**

Row 1: King Lance Whiterabbit-Reynolds, Queen Tabitha Thompson  
Row 2: Isobel Felber, Annabella Bartels, Reuben Stokes, Devon Kerkhoff,  
Drew Scheps, Dawson Sinclair, Steven Tinnel, Isabell Donica, Reese Duncan,  
Micahlee Skjerly, Angela Hilson, Tinlee Jeffrey

