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BARRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear BASD Community Members,

The weather may have tried to rain on our parade, but nothing could diminish our Golden Bear spirits! On October 6, we held a dedication celebration. Accompanied by gray skies and some precipitation, our BHS band performed and students from across our District cut the ceremonial ribbon to signify the success and completion of our 2021 referendum projects. The ribbon cutting kicked off our 2023 homecoming parade, followed by a community open house and community appreciation meal later that day.

If asked to pick one word to describe this process, I would pick **pride**. The pride that every team member brought to the process contributed to our overall success. Community pride supported our referendum. Our design team created spaces they could be proud of. Our staff and students contributed ideas to incorporate into our projects that exemplified Barron pride. Our construction team treated our projects like they were their own homes. Our students are proud of these new spaces in our District! The positive impact this has had on our students today, and for future golden bears, is something to be proud of.

I am proud of what we have accomplished over the last three years. Thank you to our community for making this possible, and thank you to everyone who helped along the way.

~Diane Tremblay
District Administrator

The BHS band kicked off our dedication ceremony, followed by our homecoming parade.



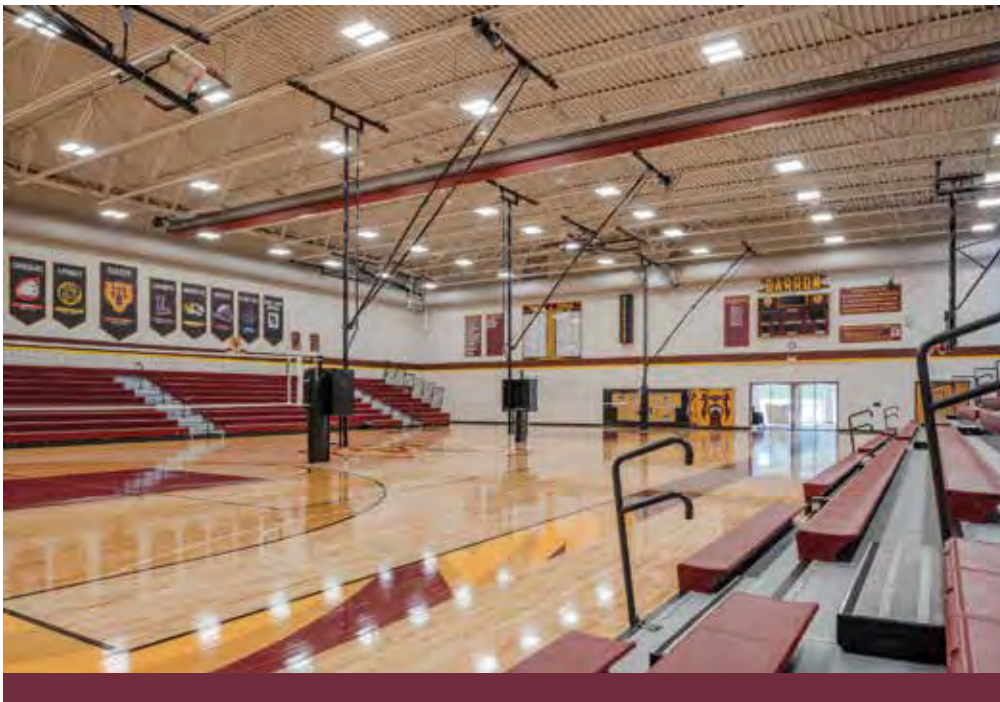
It's official! We're celebrating the completion of our referendum projects.

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REFERENDUM project update



Exterior view of the Barron High School competition gymnasium addition



Welcome to the Barron Golden Bears competition gymnasium!



Our sincere thanks to the Barron Community!

This project has positively impacted our students and community, and has left a lasting impression on our design and construction partners, too.

"I have truly enjoyed working with the entire BASD team. From day one, their passion and commitment to improving the District was evident, and they quickly became trusted members of our project team. It's amazing to look back and see what the entire team accomplished over the past 3+ years. We hope for an opportunity to continue our partnership in the future."

- Andrew Daniels | Senior Vice President, Eau Claire Office
Miron Construction

"The Barron team was excellent to work with from the beginning to the end. Every team member was solution-minded, keeping the student experience a priority while making decisions, allowing creative and functional spaces to be designed on time and on budget."

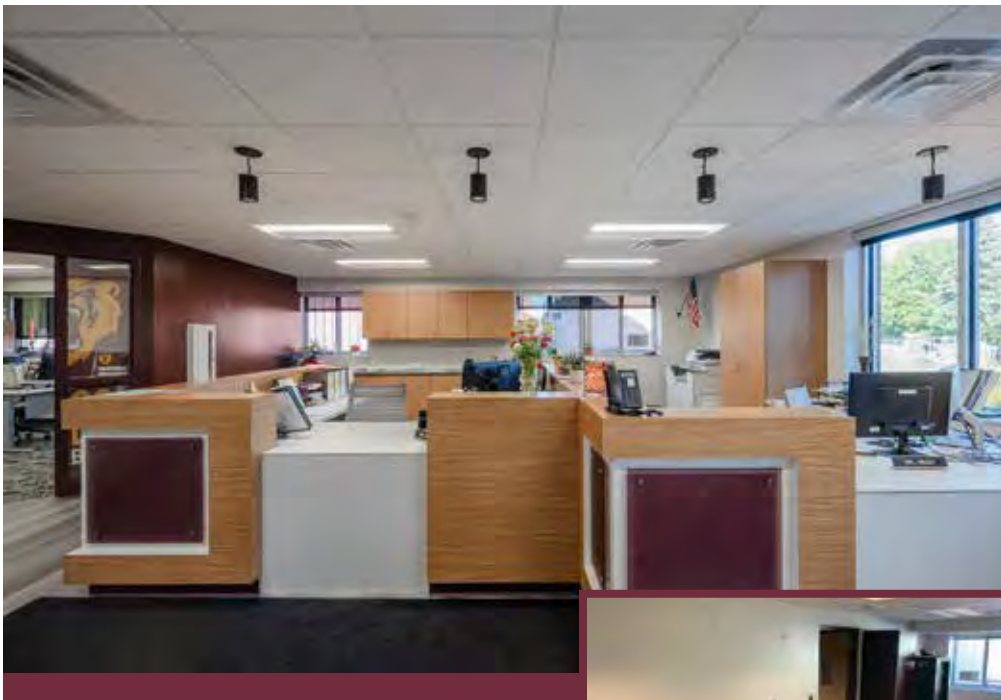
- Kevin Bills | Architect and Business Unit Leader | ISG



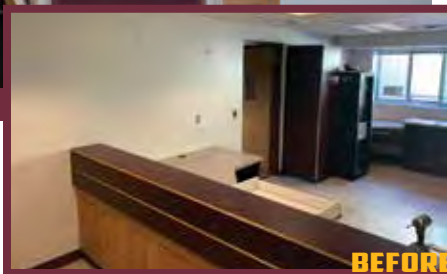
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Library/Media Center updates at Barron High School, designed with student input. Our goal was to make this space welcoming and accessible for all our Barron Golden Bears.



The secure entrance at BHS allows us to better control visitor access.



“My experience on this project will be one that remains at the top of my list of the best projects: overall, the best owner’s group, staff, and communities I have had the privilege of working with! When there were challenges, we faced them head on together, to come out with the best possible outcome for the District. The ability to engage the students and staff to the extent that we did made this project special to me. My absolute favorite moment was the day the Woodland Playground was opened to the students. I will never forget their joy and excitement.

It was pretty awesome to bring my daughters to work with me to see the great projects here. Together we were the first people to step on the new gym floor—with just our socks on.

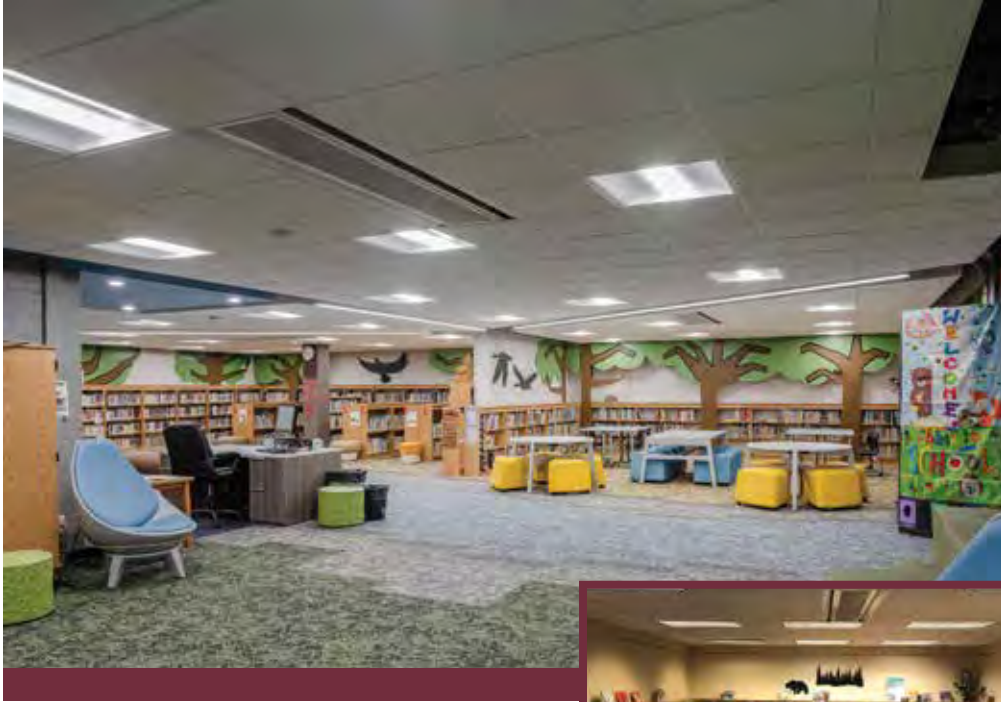
Over the last two years, I have gained some great memories and friends, and a little more knowledge that I will take onto future projects.

Thank You Barron Area Community!

*- Kyle McCoy | Superintendent
Miron Construction*



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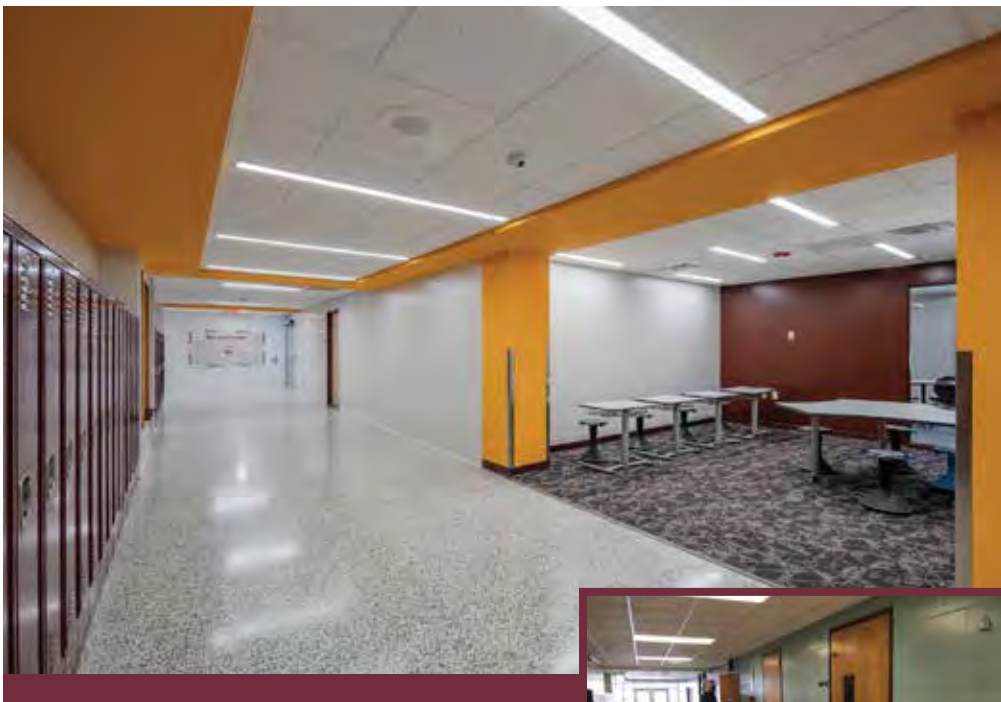


Bringing the outdoors in. The design of library/media center at Woodland was inspired by the outdoors creating a welcoming space for our smallest Golden Bears to explore and learn.



"It has been a privilege to work with BASD. The passion, thoughtfulness, and excitement that the Barron team brought to this project was contagious, elevating the standard of work and making the project fun for everyone involved. This resulted in beautiful student-centered spaces that will have an impact on the community for future generations."

- Megan Prestebak | Education Specialist | Miron Construction



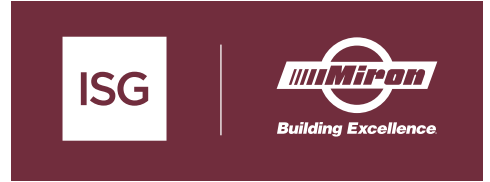
Renovations at Riverview Middle School create open hallways with adjacent collaboration areas for small group instruction and study.



REFERENDUM project update



Riverview Middle School Tech Ed where our students gain hands-on experience.



On behalf of the entire Miron+ISG team, thank you for trusting us to partner with you on this project—and thank you for making it fun along the way!

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Expansion and renovation of the existing gym at Woodland Elementary provides more space for our youngest Golden Bears.



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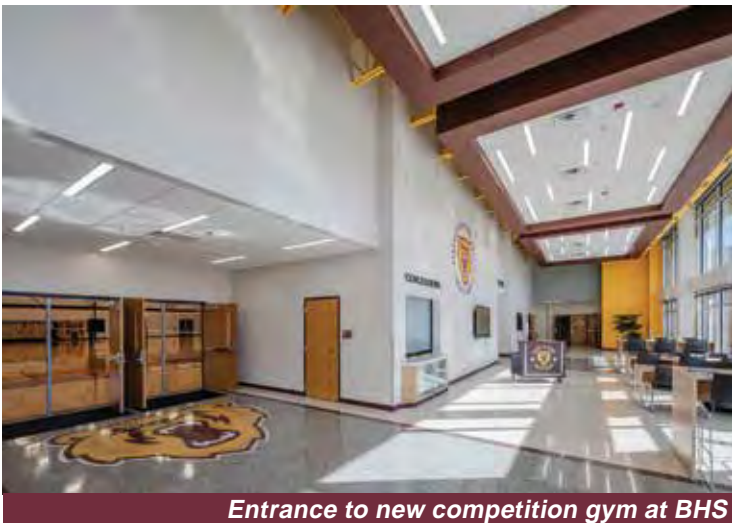
More photos of final spaces



Woodland Elementary playground



Riverview Middle School classroom



Entrance to new competition gym at BHS



Woodland Elementary library



High School conference room

THANK YOU to our community for supporting these projects and helping us provide new and renovated spaces for all our Golden Bears, present and future!

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State Superintendent Meetings

MADISON, WI

In September, Superintendent Tremblay attended meetings in Madison with State Superintendent, Jill Underly, and her staff, planning for a promising future in public education. We discussed how our dedicated educators show up everyday in our schools with a mindset of hope, and every learning experience is a lesson of humility intended to set a path with a successful future for each and every student. We discussed how, as administrators, we can improve our leadership support to ensure that they have all the necessary support and tools required to accomplish this noble work.

After these meetings, we all headed to the capitol for the annual State of Education Ceremony, and Superintendent Tremblay had the wonderful experience of meeting up with one of our amazing Golden Bear Alums, Michael Nichols, who currently has an internship with one of our State Senators.



“We are so very proud of our students’ ambitions, and accomplishments and this was a wonderful opportunity to see one of our very own at work making a positive impact on our world.” Superintendent Tremblay

School Board Recognition

The first week of October was Wisconsin School Board Week. BASD honored our School Board members for their commitment to the Barron Area School District. Superintendent, Tremblay, presented gifts to them during our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

“To all of wonderful community members here today, I would like to take time to recognize the significant dedication and obligation of nine very special people. This group of nine individuals makes absolutely sure that our district is running smoothly each and every day. They commit to achieving our district goals every year, they provide us with effective and responsible governance, they oversee our financial sustainability and they guide strategic planning for our secure future. It is truly my honor to be superintendent for this amazing close-knit community and to work under this second to none Board of Education.

So, with no further adieu let us present these gifts to our Barron Area Board of Education.

We are so truly grateful for your continued service to our students, staff and community.”



Veterans Day: 2023

ALMENA: BARRON AREA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The Veteran's Day program at Barron Area Montessori School included the children singing and the presentation of a quilt.



RIDGELAND ELEMENTARY

The Ridgeland Community and families filled the gymnasium with patriotic music and decorations to honor our Veterans.



WOODLAND ELEMENTARY

Barron County Veterans Honor Guard, staff, students, community members, and veterans, all gathered in the gym to celebrate Veterans Day. Activities included the posting of the colors, patriotic songs, a flag pole ceremony, and the playing of taps.



RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverview staff and students welcomed our community members for our 2023 Veterans Program. A big thank you to our band and choir for providing wonderful music for our Veterans, and congratulations goes out to our VFW Patriot's Pen writing contest winners Isobel Felber, Callie Stokes and Hailey Ganong with Isobel winning 1st place. We had the privilege to honor and recognize all our veterans including the Brown-Selvig American Legion Post #212, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8338, The Amvets Post 888 and their Auxiliaries for their patriotism, sacrifice, and service to our country.



Patriot's Pen Essay Winners: (l to r)

Callie Stokes -2nd place
Hailey Ganong -3rd place
Isobel Felber -1st place

Isobel and Callie will both be advancing to the regional level. The winner at the regional level will advance to the state-level competition.



Inspired by America, Inspired by All *By Isobel Felber*

How does America inspire me? This question was a hard question for me. Should I be inspired by the land, with its rolling hills and giving nature? Should I be inspired by the people, the veterans, and my family? Or should I be inspired by the ideals within the nation such as freedom and liberty? I realized I am inspired by all of them, ideals, people, and land. All of these are a vital part of America.

America is the ideals. There are many ideals that have formed America, but I find the ideals of freedom, equality, and opportunity the most inspiring. I am inspired by the very concept of freedom. Everyone can be their own individual or have their own opinions. Opportunity is inspiring too. Just knowing I can do anything and that there is a world out there waiting for me is amazing! I am most inspired by equality. Anyone anywhere can be anything or do anything, no matter their skin tone or heritage. All of these things are an inspiration to me.

America is the land. This country, this continent of ours is beautiful. We have huge mountains, deep trenches, clean blue water, lovely beaches, bright prairies, towering forests, rolling hills, and fields of amber grains. All of this is ours; it was secured by our ancestors. These are the very features that attracted the settlers so many years ago. Our land is giving and if we respect it it will respect us.

America is the people, the families, the citizens of the nation, the veterans, and even me and you. I have two people who served in the military in my family. My grandpa and my cousin. I love my grandpa. He loves me and provides what is needed for the family. He is now a veteran living in South Carolina, and he calls me his tadpole. I am inspired by how he protected our country. I have a cousin who served in the army and never went to war, but she was there if she was needed. She is no longer in the military due to some trauma but is pursuing her dream of becoming a counselor or therapist. I am inspired by her strength and how she always knows what she needs.

I will continue to be inspired by the land, the ideals, and the people throughout my life. What are you inspired by?

BARRON HIGH SCHOOL

Carter Roth shared his speech, "What Are the Greatest Attributes of our Democracy?" to our Veterans Day Observance audience.

What are the Greatest Attributes of our Democracy *By Carter Roth*

Democracy is a system of government that has stood the test of time and proven to be one of the most resilient and adaptable forms of government. In this essay I will be explaining some of the greatest attributes of democracy. One of the attributes of our democracy are Political Participation and Representation. One of the strengths of democracy is the empowerment of its citizens through political participation. In our democracy, every eligible citizen has the right to vote. This ensures that different voices are considered in the decision making process for government officials. It creates a sense of ownership and accountability for the people, as they have the power to elect their leaders.

Another attribute is the protection of Individual rights. One other good thing about our democracy is its commitment to protecting individual rights. Citizens have the freedom of speech, religion, and assembly, and enjoy protection against discrimination. It helps create a society that respects diversity and promotes tolerance.

Accountability and Transparency is another attribute of our democracy. They are critical attributes of our democracy and our society. Public officials are accountable to the people, and transparency in government operations allows citizens to know what their leaders are doing in our society. The availability of information within the system helps prevent issues between the government and the people.

Flexibility is a good thing to have in our democracy because it makes our government work a lot smoother. Democracies have shown the ability to adapt and evolve over time. Our democracy is good at responding to changing circumstances, addressing emerging issues, and amend laws when necessary. The flexibility allows the system to be responsive to the needs of the people in our society.

The rule of law is one very important attribute of our democracy. It means that no one, including the government, is above the law and has too much power. This attribute ensures that the legal system is transparent, fair, and provides citizens with recourse when their rights are violated.

There are many more attributes to democracy. These are just some of the many attributes. They all help create the government that we have today and the people we have. It is still growing and improving so it can achieve the needs of society. All of the attributes make everyone's lives easier, more fair, safe, and make sure our government is making our country better.



Barron Area Education Foundation

NEWS AND UPDATES

2nd Annual Social a Huge Success!

The second annual Barron Area Education Foundation Social was held on Friday, October 27 at the Enchanted Barn. The evening was hosted to over 160 people and raised approximately \$38,000. The event featured Rachel Hanson, 2010 graduate from BHS who wowed the audience with her singing and Carl Olson, a former BASD school counselor and international motivational speaker. Reed Grimm, a finalist from American Idol, finished out the evening entertainment.

Games and a silent auction were available throughout the gathering. The live auction was the main event and brought in over \$19,000. Chris Kroeze (2008 grad) donated two live concerts, Greg Mikunda (former teacher) donated two fly fishing experiences, Dan Gander (2003 grad) gave a Musky Fishing experience, Janice Morris (former teacher) once again donated an original watercolor, Chef Ginger Braml will cook for a party of 10, Packer/Viking tickets and Minnesota Twins tickets were items that were also auctioned off by emcees Greg Mikunda and Andrew Sloan (2008 grad).

Lorin Humprey, a 1982 BHS grad, donated the use of the Enchanted Barn along with covering costs for employees. Chloe Miller, a 2020 BHS grad who owns Wild Meadow Photography donated her skills to capture the event.

The third annual BAEF Social will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024 at the Enchanted Barn.



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.
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Donors



Thank you to the following businesses and community members for donating items, funds and gift cards to make this event such a success.

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Linda Simpson
Kelton Splett - Minnesota Twins
Jean Edson Wick

Mentorship



SPOTLIGHT

Lori Springer

Why is she the Spotlight Mentor?

Lori is dedicated and conscientious about her role as a mentor. She has an awesome positive attitude, is always optimistic and encouraging, and genuinely cares about her mentee. Through her mentoring over the last four years, she has formed a trusting, caring relationship with Jordan.

What Jordan says about the mentoring program:

Lori has been my mentor since I was a freshman. She is fun and always has something to do— like playing a game, going for a walk, or talking. She is a good listener and we get along very well.

What inspired you to mentor?

I heard about the mentoring program through friends and the school newsletters, and it caught my interest. It seemed like such a rewarding program for both mentor and student. Having raised three daughters that all graduated from Barron High School I felt like I would be able to provide support to a student from my experience as a parent. Fortunately I have a flexible work schedule that allows me to spend time with a student so things seemed to line up for me to give it a try!

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

I think my favorite aspect of mentoring is to be a small part of helping Jordan navigate through her high school years. Jordan and I have been together since she was a freshman and now she is a senior! We talk about school, friends, family, her work, future plans or anything else that comes up. It's a unique role as a mentor to be a positive support person in her life, not to parent or reprimand her. I really enjoy talking to Jordan about her future and encourage her to carry out the dreams she has had since she was young. I feel invested in her success after she graduates from high school and want to help her in any way I can. I also like to make her laugh if I can!

Why do you think others should mentor?

We are really fortunate to have this great program in Barron. If others have even a slight interest in being a mentor, I would strongly encourage them to give it a chance. It is very rewarding to be able to help a student with the challenges of being a teenager and all the trials of getting through high school. You never know what a difference you can make in a student's life. It also provides a nice connection to our school district and makes you feel young again!

MENTOR PROGRAM

The Barron Area School District Mentoring Program is a school-based mentoring program for middle and high school students. The goal is to provide support, encouragement, and guidance for the student by building a trusting relationship between the student and mentor.

Mentors are matched one-on-one with a student whom they meet with during or after school. They may have lunch together or participate in other activities the mentee enjoys.

If you would like to learn more about mentoring or would like your son or daughter to have a mentor, please contact Mentor Coordinator Diane Sloan at 715-537-5627 ext 139.



SPOTLIGHT

Sandi Eiden

Why is she the spotlight mentor?

A mentor for four years, Sandy exemplifies all of the characteristics of a great mentor. She is kind, compassionate, and dedicated to making a positive difference in the life of a child. Sandy is generous with her time and always willing to go the extra mile to be supportive and caring.

What Mary Ann says about the mentoring program:

My mentor Sandy is really, really nice! We have fun together and I can talk to her. She helps me with my problems and has helped me with my social anxiety which is now a lot better. I'm so glad she's my mentor.

What inspired you to mentor?

I really love kids and was looking for ways to be a positive influence on a child. Mentoring appealed to me because I enjoy teens, and I hope to be that extra someone in the student's life to help them be successful. I also believe it's important to contribute to my community.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

My favorite aspect of mentoring is spending time with Mary Ann. It's been fun getting to know her and sharing new experiences with her.

Why do you think others should mentor?

I would encourage others to mentor because it is very rewarding. I feel like I'm an additional trusted adult and a positive influence in her life. It's also fun to hang out with a young person and hear things from their perspective.

**"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction."
- John Crosby**

Spotlight on Staff

SEPTEMBER

Suzanne Vergin

Suzanne Vergin has served our art students in the Barron Area School District for 26 years. During these 26 years she has also provided her talents in many areas including our Art Club advisor. Barron High School and our district is blessed to have Suzanne's talents serving our students and community.

Suzanne's commitment to nurturing the artistic talents of our students is truly commendable. Her classroom is not just a space for learning about colors, shapes, and techniques, but a sanctuary where our students are encouraged to explore their creativity, express their emotions, and discover the beauty of art.

Over the years, Suzanne has inspired countless students to embrace the world of art, whether through painting, drawing, sculpting, or any other medium. Her ability to ignite the spark of imagination in our students is a testament to her dedication to their growth and development.

Suzanne's impact extends beyond the walls of our school. Through her guidance, our students have gained confidence in their abilities and have often gone on to pursue careers in the arts, showcasing the profound influence she has had on their lives.

Suzanne, you once said to me that I am fortunate to be principal at Barron High School because of the wonderful staff that we have here. I want you to know that I took that to heart and you are certainly an educator that has made our high school a better place because you always have our students' best interests at the forefront of your teaching. You have made my job easier because of all the effort you have put into so many different areas of our school. Another example is your willingness to safeguard students after school with your crossing guard commitment.

Suzanne encompasses everything that matters most when being an effective teacher. Our district is better as a result of having you on our staff.



OCTOBER

Jodie Link

It is my honor to present the Spotlight on Staff award to a very special member of our school community, Jodie Link.

Jodie's career with the Barron School District began 42 years ago when she started working part-time as a recess and lunch monitor at Ridgeland Elementary. Her role gradually expanded to full-time secretarial work as she brought her exceptional organizational skills, dedication, and care for students to the main office at Ridgeland/Dallas Elementary.

In fact, Jodie is the second longest-serving staff member in the entire district. She has gone above and beyond in caring for specific students over the years, like monitoring blood sugar levels and ensuring needed equipment for three diabetic students when they went on field trips. Jodie has typed up programs for school events like Veterans Day and Christmas celebrations. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Jodie is a proud mother of three Barron High School graduates. She now has the pleasure of seeing her grandchildren attend Riverview and Ridgeland/Dallas, carrying on the tradition.

Jodie's longevity and commitment to our schools is remarkable. Her warm smile and helping hand have impacted generations of students. She builds relationships with families and goes above and beyond to meet their needs.

Jodie truly embodies the district's mission - "To ensure all students reach their dreams while making a positive impact on the world!" On behalf of all of us in the Barron Area School District, I want to thank Jodie for over 40 years of outstanding service.



Wall of Honor

LARRY JEROME



On Monday, October 23, 2023, the Barron Community celebrated the induction of Larry Jerome into the BASD Wall of Honor.

Larry graduated from Barron High School in 1967. He continued to live in the Barron Area, marrying Shelley Miller, also a Barron grad, where they raised their seven children.

Larry was very involved in the community and is well-known for his many musical talents. He performed for the Barron County Dairy Breakfast for over 25 years, Sons of Norway, Pioneer Village Museum along with performing at area nursing homes for the residents and countless other events.

Larry is also known for his agricultural achievements. He, one of the most accomplished breeders in the world, developed a passion for animals, agriculture and genetics at a very young age.

Jerome was eight years old when he acquired his first calf. By the age of 15, Larry developed an 11-cow registered Holstein herd of cattle, a small band of registered Arabian Horses and a flock of exotic poultry. Jerome's passion for animals, competition and excellence grew even deeper while participating in youth 4-H activities. As an 18-year-old, the 4-H motto - "To Make the Best Better" - became a guiding principle when Larry founded his farming enterprise, Jerland Farms.

Through years of hard work and dedication, Jerome became one of the most respected breeders in the world. Larry developed the only dairy herd in the world with 10 generations of 40,000 pounds lactation and each animal classifying at 90 points or better. Jerome is also the No. 1 producer of Arabian Western Pleasure Performance horses in the world. Over the years, Larry has developed multiple National and International Champion Performance and Halter horses. Jerome's major achievements in the horse industry earned him numerous Breeder of the Year awards. Along with cattle and horses, Larry has bred German Shepherds for more than five decades. His dogs, which are located in every state of the union and 36 countries, have won numerous championship titles.

Above all else, Jerome continues to make a major impact in the Barron community. Larry has mentored countless youth through his involvement in the Barron County Fair, FFA, 4-H, music, the Barron Area School District, church and many other organizations. Jerome's mentorship, encouragement and compassion have made a difference in the lives of many people across the world.



Bear Cub Den

UPDATES

Kids at the Bear Cub Den are not letting the cold weather and the early darkness put a damper on their after school fun! We do miss playing outside, but we have been enjoying our gym time!



The youngest of the Bear Cub Den kids enjoyed making a fun treat on their day off of 4K.



Bear Cub Den will be open the following non school days:

November 21, 22 & 23

December 26-29

January 2

*It is not too late to sign your child up for the Bear Cub Den!
Please call 715.637.9199 or email cubden@barron.k12.wi.us
for more information.*

Montessori School



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



Fun at the Burch Barn!



Life Cycle of a Star



Animal Research Presentations



Plant Cell Microscopy



Mushroom Madness



7 Triangles Of Reality



Visiting the Forge



Young children baking bread



Reading, Writing, Math



Superintendent Tremblay was invited to Montessori this past week and had a wonderful visit to Ms. Amanda's Room. We read a book called Raising a Hero by Laura Numeroff, we also talked about all sorts of service animals and finally we shared stories about all of our house pets.



Goldie WOODLAND



It was a great day for Goldie Bear and Teddy Bear Waylon to enjoy the first snowfall at Woodland.



4K NEWS

On October 5th, all 4K students visited the Barron-Maple Grove Fire Station for fire prevention week.



Mrs. LaLiberty's classroom visited the high school to make apple crisp with the interior design class.



Mrs. Mathews' classroom visited the high school interior design class and made apple muffins.



Our 4K students enjoyed Grandparent's Day and were excited to share their learning and fun with grandma and grandpa.



Sunflower Project

The Barron County Master Gardeners have a sunflower growing contest to promote the joy of gardening. In the spring, each 2nd grade student is given sunflower seeds to plant. In the fall as 3rd graders, the students bring in the sunflower head to be measured. The largest sunflower head was awarded a bird feeder.

This year's winner was Briella Millerman with a 21 inch sunflower head. Congratulations!

Pictured:
Raya Christensen
Tucker Cox
Briella Millerman
Dylan Gowin
Taylor Platt



Conscious Discipline

Woodland and Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary Schools, prioritize creating a safe and nurturing environment for our wonderful Golden Bears through the power of rituals.

Witness the beauty of unity and commitment in this heartfelt picture:

Mrs. Hansen's second-grade students gather every day to reinforce their commitment to safety and each other. This special ritual, the SafeKeeper Ritual, fosters a sense of security.

Rituals Build Safety: These powerful classroom rituals are one of the Conscious Discipline cornerstones of our school community. Students in Mrs. Hansen's class use their "people sticks" as seen in the picture, to make a daily commitment to each other.

Through our Conscious Discipline rituals, we emphasize:

- Building strong connections
- Fostering self-regulation
- Developing essential social-emotional skills
- Creating a loving and secure school community





Trunk or Treat



We are already counting down the days to Woodland's next Trunk or Treating event . . . only about 300 more days until Halloween! We had SO MUCH FUN this year! Thank you to all who participated and all who helped make this a memorable event for our Golden Bears!

Science Fun!



8th GRADE SCIENCE

Riverview students had a blast touring Mrs. Schoenke's Mad Lab Science with our human body systems as the theme. Mr. McLennan's Tech Ed classes helped by using their new 3D printers to make a couple of the props such as an eyeball, human heart and kidney. It was a spooktacular time!



Bravo!

RMS STUDENT RECOGNITION

Golden Bear Bravos are awarded to Riverview Students every month for “doing the right thing because it’s the right thing to do”. The students are nominated by Riverview Staff because they are responsible, respectful, and safe. Each student receives a certificate from the nominating staff member, an a la carte coupon for a free treat at breakfast or lunch, and a personalized medal. A positive postcard is mailed home to share the good news with the family. Thank you to our Bravos recipients for being examples of what it means to BE GOLDEN!

September: 5th Grade



Mr. Stralka, Gael de la Torre, Porter Kroeze, Gracelyn Wittrock, David Apanecatl-Juarez, Mr. Nelson

September: 6th Grade



Mrs. Hale, Lilliann Horvath, Annie Edwards, Dustin Millard, Eli Feidt, Mrs. Halverson

September: 7th Grade



Amber Insong, Jaylin Barefoot, Madison Cimfl, Jamie Hinojosa

September: 8th Grade



Kian Shane Workman, Aalayah McDonald, Brett Schlosser, Idris Yusuf

COMMUNITY Service



Riverview Middle School gives a big shout out 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, Boy and Girl Scouts, Yearbook, Kiwanis etc.. Thank you so much!

5th Grade

Emmy Vandenbrink



6th Grade

Eden Kisting, Lilliann Horvath, Ava Emery, Lillian Marion, James Hoisington, Harper Vandenbrink
Not Pictured: Mathias Schill

7th Grade

Cadence Holten, Madison Cimfl,
Jaslyn Smith, Jaylin Barefoot
Not Pictured: Addeline Kroeze



8th Grade

Front Row: Izzy Felber, Avery Mathews, Hailey Ganong, Bella Petri, Steven Tinnel, Chris Baumgard, Brody Saffert, Sophia Dantzman
Back Row: Landry Bell, Korbin Roske, Miles Buck



Special Olympics



Huge shout out to Michael Kmiecik and his team for making state! The Barron County Special Olympics softball team headed to Wisconsin Dells to compete in the state games.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America



FCCLA

FCCLA members from the high school and middle school attended the Wisconsin Leadership Academy at UW-Stout in Menomonie. Students had an opportunity to attend many break out sessions, meet other members from across the state and learn how to develop their leadership roles in their schools.

Key Club



22ND ANNUAL

RACINE DANISH KRINGLE SALE

December 13 - January 5

The high school Key Club is gearing up for their one and only fundraiser for the year. This is their 22nd year of selling Racine Danish Kringles to raise money for their organization. Key Club is a service organization in which the students perform acts of service throughout our community to help others. Some of the leadership activities our students participate in and help fund throughout the year include Embrace, Benjamin's House, Toys for Tots, Gift from the Heart, local Police Departments as well as our BASD students in need.

Racine Danish Kringles are \$12.50 each.

If you would like to help by making a purchase, please contact Brenda Haag at haagbr@barron.k12.wi.us

Thank you for your continued support!



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND PARENTS OF JUNIORS

** Important Information **

Mrs. Nehring would like to have a Junior Planning Conference with every Junior.

At the conference you will discuss graduation requirements, post-secondary options, career interests and the steps you need to take to get there.

Please use the <https://nehringb-3.youcanbook.me> link or contact Student Services to get signed up.

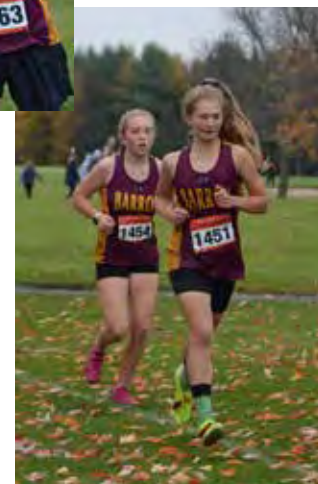
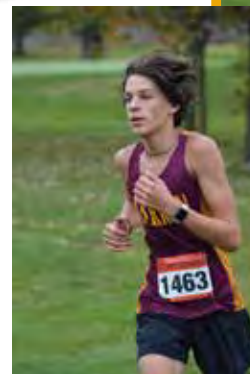
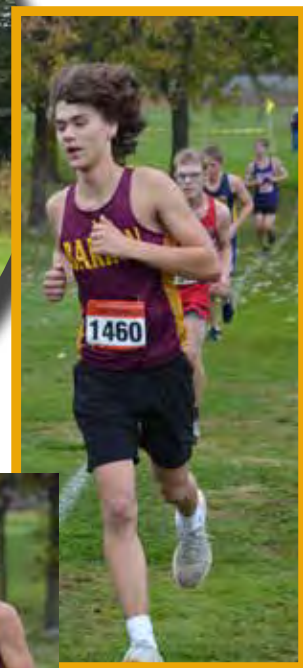
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Fall Sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Every year, as a homecoming tradition, the cross country team runs the football from the opposing school back to BHS. This year, the cross country team set out from Northwestern High School on the Saturday before homecoming to carry the football through the first 46 miles of their relay. The day ended at Totogatic County Park near Minong to camp overnight. The runners had the opportunity to do some great team bonding figuring out how to set up tents and start a fire. Marshmallows were roasted and Disney songs were sung. Everyone woke up Sunday morning refreshed by a great night's sleep in the fresh air and lots of spaghetti flowing through their veins. They covered another 43 miles through the countryside on Sunday, enjoying the stunning fall colors as they went. The team ended the weekend on Long Lake near Sarona, having each run between 11-13 miles. Their legs were ready for a break in preparation for the Hayward Invite on Tuesday--the most challenging course of the season. By the Friday morning of homecoming, the runners were ready for the last leg of their journey--the final 28 miles to Barron High School. Mother Nature had some very different weather in store for the Bears but wind, rain and a 40 degree drop in temperature from the previous weekend could not slow them down. The ball they carried onto the field at Friday night's game traveled a total distance of 117 miles in the hands of 15 awesome kids.



Congratulations to Kasey Stauner, for running her personal best and earning her third consecutive All-Conference run at the Heart O' North XC Championship!



FOOTBALL

This year for homecoming, The high school football team honored our District staff by having the football players present them with their jerseys. Players picked a staff member who has positively impacted them during their educational journey.



Fall Sports, continued...

The 2023-24 volleyball season was another successful one for the Golden Bears! The girls worked hard throughout the summer in the weight room and during open gym sessions, and they were ready to hit the ground running on the first day of tryouts on August 14th. From our team camp at the end of June with coaches from Waldorf University to a two-day all-skills clinic with BHS alumni Katie (Harris) Gove and her daughter Jordyn, our players took full advantage of the great opportunities being offered, and it truly showed on and off the court.

The program highlights of the season were our Annual Gym Sleepover (in the new gym for the first time) in August, our annual Texas Roadhouse Team Dinner Night (earned from our Cookie Dough Sales rep) and Varsity earning back-to-back Regional Championship titles! All events are sure to be memories that are never forgotten.

VOLLEYBALL: VARSITY

Head Coach: Brooke Halverson

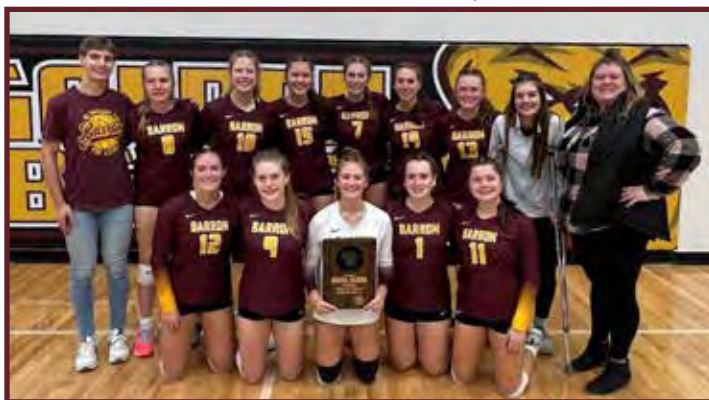
The success of the 2023-24 Barron Varsity Volleyball team was possible because of our twelve unselfish players always being ready to work hard, being available for whatever was asked of them, and pushing one another to be the best they could be on and off the court. We were one unit, and every player on our team contributed in one way or another during each and every match, which is why we were able to play at the high level we did.

Success is not only measured by the number of wins a team has on the court, and our team can certainly attest to that this past season. While we had our best win-loss record to date in the past several years, our success can also be measured by the way our girls respected one another and made each other better. They became a close knit family, and in the end, came together during our toughest time of the season. Not only did the game of volleyball make us better players on the court, it also tested our character and made each one of us a better person off the court.

Varsity finished with an impressive overall record of 32-5 and 8-1 in conference, and they also earned themselves tournament championship titles for the 23-team Great River Sprawl in Onalaska in August and the 9-team New Richmond Invitational in October. Challenging each other every day in practice and being able to compete against each other in our own gym was key and a huge factor to our successful season.

We also earned the title of back-to-back Regional Champs with a 3-1 set win over Webster in a jam-packed home gym. We made it to the Sectional Semi-Final match against a very talented St. Croix Falls team, who would eventually go on to be the Division 3 State Champs. Thank you for allowing us to play our last match of the season in front of a hugely supportive, sold-out student section and crowd! We value and appreciate all our supportive fans this past season, thank you!

Congratulations to the following Varsity players for earning Heart O' North All-Conference honors, which are voted on by all 10 coaches in the conference: Senior Outside Hitters Hailee Halverson and Ashley Kurschner both earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, Freshman Libero Abby Miller and Sophomore Setter Lillian Harmon both earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors, and Senior Middle Blocker Rayna Hauck and Freshman Right Side Hitter Alexis Halverson both earned Honorable Mention honors. Hailee was also voted as the HO'N Conference Co-Player of the Year.



The following awards were voted on by players and coaches and given to the girls at the end-of-the-season banquet:

Team Captains: Hailee Halverson, Ashley Kurschner, and Rayna Hauck

Offensive Player of the Year: Hailee Halverson

Defensive Player of the Year: Abby Miller

Heart of the Bear Paw Award: Ashley Kurschner

Co-Rookies of the Year: Alexis Halverson & Abby Miller

Leadership Award (ROCK): Rayna Hauck

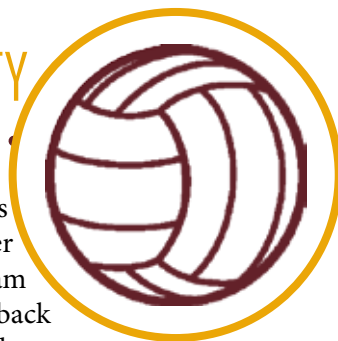
Most Improved Player: Izzy Donica

MVT (Most Valuable Teammate): Hailee Halverson

Co-MVMs (Most Valuable Managers): Jacob Schradle and Annie Edwards



VOLLEYBALL: JUNIOR VARSITY



Coach: Jennifer Miller

One experienced senior, five sophomores and two freshman made up a solid roster for the Barron JV Volleyball team. Our team experienced a slow season start with a setback against Cameron and St. Croix Falls, but life on the court continued to improve with the remaining conference games on the horizon.

As the team transitioned to mid-season play, the Bears rattled off several consecutive wins. The girls continued to build cohesion and focused on positive self-talk. A pair of setbacks against St. Croix Falls and Cameron adjusted their sails, and then the team found their stride and set all doubt aside as they won their last conference games to end the season. These victories were against Spooner, Chetek-W, Cumberland, Hayward, Northwestern and Cameron.

The Barron JV volleyball team had a conference record of 7-2, and the team consisted of some fine young athletes...Sierra Lien, Reese Duncan, McKenzie Ecklor, Meah Hunt, Ariella McDonald, Ashtyn Massie, Alyssa Ottum and Cassidy Herrman. Congratulations on a winning JV season, ladies!



VOLLEYBALL: C-TEAM

Coach: Travis Gunther

Although our C-Team season got off to a late start, this was a great group of girls who were a lot of fun to coach. They made great gains as a team, and some players got to expand their game by playing positions that they were not familiar with.



Congratulations to Senior Outside Hitter, Hailee Halverson, for achieving and surpassing 1,000 career kills while playing against Rice Lake at the Osceola Tournament!

This is a remarkable achievement, which just goes to show that hard work and dedication truly do pay off!



Congratulations to our amazing setter, Lillian Harmon, for surpassing 1,000 career assists during a win against Hayward! This is quite the achievement for a sophomore!

National FFA Organization

FFA



Barron FFA members have had a busy fall with several leadership, learning and service activities to begin the 2023-2024 school year.

CORNSTALKS



In August, chapter members continued a long-standing tradition of decorating Barron's LaSalle Avenue with over 800 cornstalks. Members met at the farm of FFA Alumni members Denton & Amy Hanson to cut and bundle the cornstalks and then decorated the downtown business district and government center bell tower. They were excited to continue this tradition of community service to the city.



WORLD DAIRY EXPO

On October 3rd, FFA members took part in the annual World Dairy Expo in Madison. This event provided an opportunity for FFA members to learn about the global dairy industry and showcase their skills in evaluating dairy cattle. Reanna Cook, Raina Cook, MaryAnna Charron, Audrey Cutsforth, and Bella Scherer competed in the Central National FFA Dairy Judging Contest. Raina Cook took part in the showmanship class and placed second in the contest!

FOOD FOR AMERICA

In September, FFA members continued a 30-year tradition of presenting our annual Food For America program for district fourth graders at the Larry & Shelley Jerome farm. Barron FFA worked with the Cumberland and Prairie Farm FFA chapters to present a farm tour with interactive stations for their district's fourth grade students. It was a wonderful day for students to learn about the journey food takes from farm to table. This event included over 200 elementary and high school students!



CROP SHOW

Chapter members also held their annual fall School Fair & Crop Show and fundraiser. High school students were able to display the products of their Supervised Agricultural Education programs, including field crops, garden produce, preserved foods, and agricultural artwork. Judging was conducted by Mrs. Kim Frandsen, Master Gardener volunteer, and Mrs. Sarah McHenry, animal nutritionist at Synergy Cooperative. The overall winner of the crop show was Brody Hammann. Following the Crop Show, the FFA chapter held a bake sale and basket raffle fundraiser and raised over \$500 for chapter expenses!





LEADERSHIP

Leadership development activities have been plentiful this fall. FFA members took part in the Wisconsin FFA Fall Leadership Workshop (FLW) at Chippewa Falls High School in September,

and the Foundations In Reaching Excellence (FIRE) Conference at UW-River Falls in early October. These conferences were presented by the Wisconsin State FFA Officer team. Five members, Linsey Balts, Reanna Cook, MaryAnna Charron, Sierra Lien, and Makenna Roske represented the chapter at the National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. While attending they took part in various education tours- including the Horicon Marsh, Indiana Wolf Park, and Fair Oaks Dairy.



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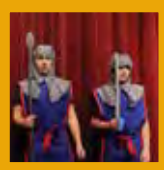
FFA members partnered with Synergy Cooperative to deliver Thank You Farmers treat bags to farmers delivering grain to their Almena & Ridgeland locations. Synergy Cooperative staff at the Almena & Ridgeland grain handling facilities were happy to help with this project to thank all our local producers for their hard work.



Shrek the Musical

**BARRON HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICAL:
2023-2024**





Homecoming

2023





Our Hollywood stars from Homecoming!

Row 1: Bryce Bader, Ethan Amundson, Alex Featherly, Brady Mickelson, Aidan Bartlett, Presten Pedersen
Row 2: Summer Hammann, Cameron Mullikin, Ashley Kurschner, Queen-Madison Donica, King-Marten Von Kalben, Lilly Kunkel, Andrea Bechard, Juri Apanecatl-Juarez, Ashlynn Mark, *Not pictured: Ahmed Hussein*



BACC

Quarterly Newsletter

Dec. 2023-
Feb. 2024

Holiday Hours

CLOSED

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

New Years Eve & New Years Day

Discount Holiday Family Hours

Gymnasium

December 26th - 29th 1-4pm

Pool

December 28th & 29th 1-4pm

PARENT MUST BE PRESENT

\$15 per family

Holiday Shopping

December 11th 3:45-5:00

More details to come!



Dances

Mother-Son Dance

Friday, February 2nd

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Daddy-Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 3rd

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Dancing, Beverages & Snacks

More details to come!

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

January 8th – 31st

Mondays & Wednesdays

(8 Classes/30 Minutes Each)

LEVEL 1 4:00-4:30 p.m.

LEVEL 2 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

LEVEL 4 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

February 6th – 29th

Tuesdays & Thursdays

(8 Classes/30 Minutes Each)

LEVEL 1 4:00-4:30 p.m.

LEVEL 2 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

LEVEL 3 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS

December 5th – 21st

Tuesday & Thursday nights

(6 sessions/45 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

ADULT SWIM CLUB

February 6th – April 25th

Tuesday & Thursday nights

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

December 2023

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9a825; text-align: center;"> Theme of the Month: Self-Esteem / Sense of Purpose </div>						1 BAMS: Secret Santa GB: @ Chetek-Weyer	2 WR Invite: @ Black River Falls		
3	HKY: Tomahawk	4	5:30 Almena ACE Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BB: Grantsburg GB: Grantsburg HKY: @ Siren MSBB: @ Rice Lake <i>International Volunteer Day</i>	5	6	2:00 & 7:00 WD 3 rd Gr Program @ BACC BB: @ Amery GB: @ Cumberland HKY: Spooner MSBB: @ Ladysmith WR: @ Spooner <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	7	8 BB: @ Cumberland	9 WR: Home Invite
10	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	11	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg R-D Holiday Shopping 10:00 am & 6:00 BAMS Holiday Program GB: @ Hayward MSBB: Chetek-Weyer WR: @ St Croix Falls	12	13 BHS ASVAB Test	14	1:30 R-D Holiday Program 5:30 5 th Gr Band & Vocal Concert @ RVMS 6:30 6 th Gr Band & Vocal Concert @ RVMS BB: Hayward	15 GB: Ladysmith	16 WR Invite @ Osceola HKY: Hayward
17	5:30 School Board Mtg 7:00 BHS Band & Choir Holiday Concert @ BHS Gym	18	BB: @ Ladysmith Shell Lake Messiah Sing Along	19	20	21 GB: @ Northwestern WR: Home	22	23	<i>First Day of Winter</i>
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>		25		26	27	28	29	30	
NO SCHOOL – Winter Break									
					BB Varsity: Unity GB Varsity: Unity HKY: Burnett	WR Invite: @ River Falls GB: @ Amery	WR Invite: @ River Falls		
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>									<i>Christmas Day</i>



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

2024

	1 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break	2 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development GB: Rice Lake	3	4 GB: Spooner HKY: Chequamegon	5 BB: Northwestern	6 WR Invite: @ Merrill
	<i>New Year's Day</i>					
7	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	8	9	10	11	12
		6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BB: Chetek-Weyer GB: @ Ashland HKY: @ Lakeland			BB: @ Spooner WR Quad: @ Prairie Farm	BB Varsity: Osceola GB: St Croix Falls WR Invite: @ Saint Croix Central
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30 School Board Mtg GB: Baldwin-Woodville MSGB: @ Cameron GB: Baldwin-Woodville Red Cedar District Honors Band @ Chetek-Weyer <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	BB: Ashland HKY: @ Amery		BHS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 GB: Cumberland MSGB: Bloomer WR: Ladysmith	BB: @ St Croix Falls RVMS: Solo & Ensemble @ Cumberland WR Girls Invite: @ St Croix Falls	GB: @ Cameron
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		GB: Hayward MSGB: @ Spooner HKY: @ Baldwin-Woodville		BB: Cumberland MSGB: @ Cumberland HKY: Somerset	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development GB: @ Ladysmith HKY: @ Oshkosh WR Duals @ Superior HKY: @ Oshkosh	BB: Cameron HKY: @ Shawano
28	29	30	31			
BAMS: CH NO SCHOOL	BB: @ Hayward GB: @ Somerset MSGB: @ Saint Croix Falls		9:00 am- 7:00 Child Development Day 4K No School 6:30 BHS NHS Induction	Theme of the Month: Compassion / Tolerance		



February 2024

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					GB: Northwestern MSGB: Rice Lake	BB: Ladysmith HKY: @ Black River Falls Groundhog Day	GB: Chetek-Weyer WR Conf: @ Ladysmith
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Winterfest Week						BB: Chetek-Weyer Winterfest Dance
	HKY: @ Ashland	5:30 Almena ACE Mtg 6:00 R-D Parent's Club Mtg BB: @ Bloomer GB: @ Spooner MSGB: @ Hayward HKY: @ Altoona		1:30 All Elem 2 nd Gr Program @ BACC BB: @ Northwestern MSGB: @ Chetek-Weyer HKY: Amery	GB: Ashland		
Rosa Parks Day							
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Winter Survival Week						
	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg BB: Spooner MSGB: Ladysmith		GB: @ St Croix Falls	BB: @ Ashland		
	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day	Susan B Anthony's Birthday			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development	GB: Regional	UW-Stout FCCLA Regional STAR Events	BB: St Croix Falls	Barnebirkie		
	6:30 School Board Mtg						
	President's Day						
25	26	27	28	29			
	7:00 Gr 7-2 Band Mid-Winter Concert @ BHS	BB: Regional		BAMS: CH Only No School End of 2 nd Trimester			
					Theme of the Month: Honesty / Trustworthiness		



Veterans Day 2023



Thank you!