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ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM MAKES BHS PROUD

Elias Mettner and his Academic Decathlon teammates (Iris Shipley, Edward Mettner, Spencer Shipley) recently competed in a competition against several other local schools. Elias placed first in the music category and second in the science category.



RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - JANUARY, 2019

Left to Right: Wyatt Temple (8th grade), Andrea Bechard (7th grade), Daniel Edwards (6th grade) and Aletheia Gibbs (5th Grade)

BLOOD DRIVE

The Barron High School National Honor Society Chapter will be hosting the annual BHS Blood Drive on March 18th from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the BHS gym. There will be a student competition between the classes for the most pints of blood. Community members are encouraged to donate blood since the NHS students can earn a scholarship if 115 pints of blood are collected. There will be prizes given away to community members along with many thank you smiles from the NHS members.



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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



ACADEMICS AND CURRICULUM

We are so proud of our amazing students and staff. Near the end of November, the state released the Barron Area Schools Report Cards in which the state gives each school an accountability rating. Almena was given the rating of Significantly Exceeded Expectations and Ridgeland Exceeds Expectations. Both schools out-performed the state in the area of Student Achievement. Woodland, Riverview and the Barron High School all Met Expectations, with both Woodland and BHS out-performing the state in the area of On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness. In addition, both BHS and Riverview out-performed the state in the area of Closing Gaps.

Our teaching staff across the district continues to prioritize the Wisconsin Academic Achievement Standards as we work toward creating universal expectations for students to improve instruction and find ways to differentiate and meet the needs for each child.

We are in our second year of implementing a new math curriculum kindergarten through grade 12 and in our second year of implementing new English/reading curricula in grades 6-12. With these new curricula, teachers have been participating in ongoing training to support implementation and maximize student learning. Currently, there are math trainings scheduled in February for all levels.

In addition, we just finished screening all students on our district selected assessments. This helps us see how we are doing overall and how our students score and grow in comparison to other students across the nation. These assessments allow us to pinpoint areas of instruction to provide further differentiation to struggling or excelling students.

Elementary teachers are having productive conversations in grade-level curriculum meetings. Our continued goal is to prioritize and universalize our academic expectations for students, and to improve instruction through teamwork.

Woodland's special education and early childhood teachers/professionals took time before the holidays to put a sensory path in our sensory classroom. The purpose is to build coordination and strength for students, to provide brain breaks, and to help increase students' focus. The kids love it, and we've found it quite beneficial for many of our students. Now, our PTA is looking at the possibility of a very large sensory path in our hallway. Instead of "silent, swift and straight" little bears, we may be "silent, swift and stealthy" little bears!

With the sub-zero wind chills and no outdoor morning recess, Woodland is test-driving new options for students. Students have the choice of breakfast and/or Sesame Street in our big gym, or they can head to the small gym for some calm stretching to help prep their bodies for learning.

High School teachers continue to prioritize Wisconsin Academic Achievement Standards. We are in the second year of working with new math curriculum and English curriculum. These teachers are continuing to meet by department level and receive trainings to ensure we are teaching these classes with curriculum fidelity.

Assessment

With spring comes statewide testing! The language testing (ACCESS 2.0) window closed on February 1, 2019 but starting in February, there will be testing until May 10, 2019. Please see the types of statewide tests, dates, and grade levels.



TEST NAME	GRADES	TEST WINDOW
ACT + Writing	11	February 20, 2019
ACT WorkKeys	11	February 21, 2019
Wisconsin Forward	3-8 & 10	March 18-May 3, 2019
Dynamic Learning Maps	3-11 (alternate assessment for about 1% of the district population)	March 18-May 3, 2019
ACT Aspire	9 & 10	April 8-May 10, 2019

Winter Survival 2019: This year marks the 23rd year our Riverview Middle School students will participate in our famous winter survival unit. Our 7th grade students have been learning about life in sub-zero temperatures. In Science, students learn about fire starting, solar ovens for cooking, hypothermia, body heat conservation and basic first aid skills. In Social Studies, students learn about types of climate in Antarctica, the Tundra, and dog sledding. In English, students learn more about survival in arctic settings reading "To Build a Fire" by Jack London. In Family and Consumer Education, students learn how to sew neck gaiters, hand warmers, fleece hats and scarves. They also make healthy, non-perishable snacks for camp. This survival unit exemplifies teamwork across all academic areas.



COMMUNITY AND PARENTS

Child Development Day is Wednesday, February 27, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. We are mustering up parent and child involvement through radio ads, social media and posters throughout Barron and surrounding communities. If you see the ad on Facebook (it has been and will continue to be posted weekly), please share, share, share.

We held a successful event called "Our Resilient Community". This event allowed for a venue of hope and faith as we move forward together to understand how to cope with our recent events. We are looking to hold another community event this spring that will offer teachings on how to continue embracing our strengths and work to inspire one another for an even better future. Lastly, we are making plans for a third annual Community Cultural Feast which will be held in March at our Barron High School. The purpose of this Celebration will be two-fold. It will serve as a thank you to all those in this beautiful community and beyond, who united together to sustain hope and supports for all those in need, during those difficult months prior to Jayme's amazing return to her family. The celebration will also illustrate our efforts to share together in the richness that our diversity offers one another.

On Tuesdays from February 19-April 2, 2019, between 6-8 p.m., there will be seven sessions of Youth/Parent & Family Workshops at the Riverview Middle School. At 5:30 p.m., there is free dinner and daycare. This is hosted by the Strengthening Families Program and the Brighter Futures Initiative. In collaboration with the BASD and the Barron County Department of Health & Human Services, this is a very positive event for our community and district.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING DISTRICT SPONSORED EVENT

WHEN: Tuesday March 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: CELEBRATE UNITY

WHERE: Barron Area High School Commons

WHY: SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

HOW: Come join us and enjoy food, music & fun!

EXTRACURRICULARS

Winter sports are winding down and getting ready for WIAA tournament action beginning in February. Barron hosted the WIAA Wrestling Regional on February 8th.

Our wrestling program enjoyed some individual success in January. Will Waldofski took first in his weight class at Merrill and Ladysmith. Tristan Massie took first at Ladysmith. Julia Cox finished third in her weight class for the Girls Badger State Wrestling tournament.

Bear Ice Fishing Club competed in three tournaments so far - The Bone Lake, Lake Amacoy, and Rice Lake Tournament. Plenty of fish have been caught.

Barron High School Music Department hosted The Barron County Talent Show as a fundraiser event. Middle School hosted the Middle School Solo Ensemble in January.

Barron High School Art Club is sponsoring Paint Along sessions for anyone interested.

FACILITIES



Students in the woods class are learning safe operation of machines while producing quality projects. Isabel Massie is shown with her FCCLA Star Event project that she will be competing with. She has utilized woods class to produce a barn board quilt with materials harvested from her Grandfather's farm.

The Advanced Metals class is enjoying working in the new Tech. Ed. welding area. Students are producing flip-flop chicken grills as a mass production project this year. Students performed various tasks with quality control to produce parts for these grills. Students used the new welders and plasma cutter to complete the grills.



Our agricultural, band, and choir students and staff are moved into their new classrooms. This is an exciting time for these departments. While this has been a challenging process as construction was completed during the school year, the reward will be fantastic facilities available for our students for decades to come. We are so thankful for the community support given to improving our learning facilities. This was phase two of our facilities project.

The planning continues for the 3rd and final phase of the remodel--for our art department and multi-use 21st century spaces are in progress.

Our facilities department is doing a beautiful job dealing with our recent polar vortex where our temperatures ranged from -50 to +40 temps in less than a week. Winter survival on a grand scale! A great testament to the fine people on our facilities and grounds team. Their efforts made this happen.

Thanks to the Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds team members for their help and extra time given to our recent community events--Gathering of Hope and the lighting of Jayme's Tree of Hope.

Our wood boiler is running with little trouble after the repairs this summer. With the changes in product and the hospital helping with their boilers, all is smooth as silk.

FINANCE

Believe it or not, planning for the 2019-2020 school year is already underway. We continuously evaluate our operations to put our students and teachers in the best learning environment possible. BASD continues to be

actively engaged in new funding proposals to learn how it will impact our district and provide educated input to our representatives. Along with our facilities team, we are extremely excited to open the doors to our newly renovated band, choir, and agriculture areas of the High School!

FOOD SERVICE

Weekend Backpacks are packed weekly by volunteers. If anyone has a need, please contact the Woodland office. A big THANK YOU to Cupboard and Closet, they sent home a hat and two pairs of gloves in each bag in December 2018!

A Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant is running at Almena Elementary. They are enjoying awesome fresh fruits and vegetables all year long.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The mission of the Barron Area School District Wellness Committee is to establish and maintain an environment that promotes general health at work and home by supporting attitudes of positive well-being and providing information, activities, and services designed to support healthy lifestyle choices.

As part of the wellness program, all staff members were offered a free biometric screening to gain information about their health. Other activities have included a cooking with pumpkin class, meal prepping class, and a holiday hold. Some of the upcoming events include a healthy heart presentation for American Heart Month and a presentation on how to maintain good mental health.

BASD also holds monthly meetings with our Health Insurance representatives in order to best serve our employees and become effective users of the multitude of benefits that our National Insurance program has to offer.

PUPIL SERVICES

Special Education

In January, the Special Education Department completed a training that focused on carrying out consistent protocol for all due process actions within their field. Two members from the department, Katie Hanson-Mizer & Brooke Kucko, also shared helpful techniques on how to write good College & Career Ready (CCR) IEPs. In December 2018, these two members were invited by DPI to present how the district works with students and staff when carrying out required due process. This invitation came as a follow up from our successful completion of the Self Assessment!

Calculations regarding space for students open enrolling to BASD with special education needs has been completed and numbers show that we are full in all Special Education Programs in the district except for Early Childhood and Secondary Speech/Language.

21st Century Community Learning Center

The first mid-year report has been completed for the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant. Data shows that we have students in the Boys & Girls Club that have attended more than 30 times since September. That is positive. We still need to increase our total number of

students. We hope that with the purchase of Goggles and Cubelets, the learning and interest will stream into the club. It is free and open 5 days/week with transportation home every night.

SCHOOL BOARD

Our BASD School Board attended the annual Wisconsin Association for School Board's annual convention. Our district hosted a reception as a gesture of appreciation for all the support we were given the past three months. Many area districts joined us to celebrate Jayme's safe return and our gratitude for all the support.

This convention also provided many opportunities for us to learn together in the areas of financing, referendum, safety initiatives, innovative programming and much more.

STAFF TALENT/DEVELOPMENT

Members of the BASD Trauma Team went to a training on Resiliency on January 15, 2019. This is the second such training as part of the plans through the awarded Safety Grant in becoming a Trauma Sensitive School District. The third and last training this year is on April 20, 2019. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) is the host for these trainings and the trainers are Pete Hall & Kristin Souers. Wonderful and engaging learning!

The Department of Justice will be working with our Trauma Team to provide PREPaRE Training and resiliency training to help support our students, staff and community.

TECHNOLOGY

It's hard to believe that we are already planning for the 19-20 school year. January brings about student information system software updates and rollover preparation to begin the course selection and scheduling process at Riverview and the high school. We are also in full planning and prep mode for the upcoming spring state testing season which involves working with different vendor testing platforms to bring unique testing environments and dedicated browsers to our student devices along with technical readiness trainings for the IT staff. The CITI team is hard at work developing a new Digital Citizenship curriculum for online safety/data privacy for students of the BASD with a plan to roll it out Fall 2019. We encourage families to visit the BASD website (www.barron.k12.wi.us) for additional tips on how to help keep children safe online.

TRANSPORTATION

With the challenges of the cold winter temperatures this past month, it is important to note that each one of these days, when I touched base with our director of transportation, our buses were ready to roll day or night regardless of the subzero temps.

We will be holding an upcoming training for our dedicated drivers regarding situational awareness, de-escalation strategies and first aid. This training will be led by our School Resource Officer, Deputy Dave, and our School Nurse, Doug Schoenke.

BARRON HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENTS ON A ROLL (SOAR)

October 2018 SOAR

Music/Art: Ashton Blick leads by example and enthusiasm. She helps younger students as they gain confidence and an appreciation for choir. She is a section leader in BHS choir and a TA in the 8th grade choir. Michael Nichols created a web page for parts to be uploaded for all choir students to further their singing knowledge. He helps others and fills in when he sees he can help. He is a section leader and even learned to play warm-ups over the summer to further help the choir. Eli Metcalf is such a musical student both in band and on stage!

ESL: Samiro Abdi has worked really hard and come a long way since middle school.

Language Arts: Audrey Bigler is always in a great mood and ready to learn. She is very polite, helpful, asks questions, works very hard. Great kid!

Science: Abdinoor Hussein asks fantastic and insightful questions during class. He is also always willing to help his classmates if they are struggling to understand.

Social Studies: Johnny Scheps is taking Advanced Placement United States History and so far has displayed a strong understanding of historical knowledge and the ability to use historical thinking skills to analyze and interpret history through primary and secondary sources.

Health/PE: Madelyn Larson is a hardworking student. She cares about her grade and gives the extra effort to ensure quality work. Wyatt Boe has many talents athletically but one of his best traits is how he enjoys everyone around him - no matter the activity.

Math: Delaney Willers is a great math student who works hard to do a good job. She is not afraid to ask questions if she needs the help, and she works well with peers. Nice work, Delaney!

CTE: Hunter Nelson has volunteered to come to the lab on a number of occasions to help us out in the Tech Ed area. He has completed a number of tasks that needed to be done to complete the new build.

carefully to demonstrations and excelling at color mixing. Patrick Pedersen works hard every day and has been an awesome addition to the trombone section!

ESL: Abukheyr Elmi works hard and is highly motivated.

Language Arts: Allison Roppe always has thoughtful, insightful responses to our readings. She participates in class discussion.

Science: Paige Hoff does a phenomenal job in my class. She gets all of her work done in a timely and professional manner. Paige is polite and helpful to the other members of her class.

Social Studies: Audrey Bigler is a great social studies student who works hard to do a good job.

Health/PE: Jennica Cox embraced every opportunity to work hard in weightlifting class--she worked hard independently and in group activity.

Math: Reda Stokes is a very hard worker. She will always ask a question when needed and takes pride in always doing her best work.

CTE: William Weise produced an end grain cutting board that resembled a piano. This was above and beyond expectations that required extra effort. Collin Krance produced an end grain cutting board that resembled a piano. This was above and beyond expectations that required extra effort. Connor Linsmeyer is extremely creative with his class projects and has a very charismatic personality.

Being Golden: Ashley Tyler is always willing to help out with student senate items. She has been making signs for our sports teams since this summer! Ryan Leistikow has been a school leader this year, organizing school activities and communicating with other student leaders.

December 2018 SOAR

Music/Art: Wyatt Workman excels not only musically but also in character and helping others. He always asks if there's anything else he can do to help and he is helping raise the next generation of singers by going to Riverview to sing for and work with 8th graders. Angel Tipsin has been a constant leader throughout her time in the Chamber Choir. Other students listen for her voice to better learn their parts. She is humble and talented.

ESL: Hamdi Mohamed has a positive attitude, is hard working, a great student, and a leader in the classroom.

Language Arts: Faith Peltier is a fantastic young lady! She has spent the first half of the year improving her reading comprehension and her organization. She is always looking for a way to improve.

Science: Kaylee Dexter is a very hardworking student. She is always willing to contribute positively to class discussion. Kaylee is not afraid to try, and sticks with problems until she has solved them.

Social Studies: Halcyon Jerome has excelled in American Political Behaviors and You & the Law. She shows an interest in the material beyond what is taught in class. She is also a member of the new BHS Civics team.

Health/PE: I appreciate the effort that Dallas Walther gives in Team Sports and his respectful nature. Ben Shatley always gives 100% effort no matter what we do and is very pleasant to have in class.

Math: Mikayla Eraquam is a great student who puts in the time and effort to be successful. She always has a positive attitude.



October and November SOAR Students

November 2018 SOAR

Music/Art: Ubah Salad is not afraid to work hard and try new art mediums. She listens to demonstrations and then puts the effort in to get wonderful results! Jon Oldenberg is trying new painting techniques, listening

CTE: John Hewitt has progressed more quickly than most on his small engine project. Without being prompted, John helped multiple students when they needed help. Not only did he excel at this project, but he went above and beyond to help others. True Golden Bear behavior by a student.

Being Golden: Angel Tipsin is always kind to others and never afraid to take a stand when others may be offensive. She recognizes people's differences and embraces them. I appreciate her kind demeanor and her unique approach to life.

January SOAR

Music/Art: Rylie Williams always has a beautiful smile on her face. She works very hard on her art and has made some exceptional pottery and drawings. Marcus Peterson knows what self-discipline is and it shows in his percussion performance. Riley Cutsforth has taken his artwork to the next level. His creativity and work ethic have been exceptional this trimester.

ESL: Ridwan Sharif exhibits great leadership in Multicultural Club and mentoring other students.

Language Arts: Joel Killen has been working very hard the last month to be better in English. He has provided some very insightful answers during class discussion!

Science: Brooke Hammann has worked very hard in anatomy. She uses her class time well and has been prepared for every test.

Social Studies: BHS Civics Team (Ed Mettner, Ben Melgaard, Halcyon Jerome and Iris Shipley) competed in the first annual Wisconsin Civics Games. The team went to the Northwest Regional at the UWEC-BC campus and took third and were one win away from a trip to state. The team members gave up one lunch a week to meet and study the material and read the chapters outside of school.

Health/PE: Tanner Armstrong has a love for sports and activity and I appreciate his attitude going through some tough injuries. Reda Stokes has an awesome combination of great attitude and effort every day in class. She's the spark plug in her PE class.

Math: Nathan Kallsen is a wonderful young man to work with. He strives to do his best, works well with others, and is respectful to all. Great job, Nathan!

CTE: Zak Larson has been diligent about completing two major projects this term. He has completed a coffee table as well as a flip flop chicken grill. Both projects display quality craftsmanship.

Being Golden: Dylan Olson always walks into the ALAW lab with a smile, asks how my day is going and when he leaves, he tells me to have a good day. He is a great asset to our school. Gabriel Cabral is always kind and respectful to both staff and peers. She comes to class ready to work and is always quick with a smile. I know it's going to be a great class if Gabriel is in it.

RIVERVIEW'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2018



Left to right: Garrett Sadtler (6th), Bryce Bader (7th), Ryan Etlicher (8th) and Wesley Mickelson (5th)

RIVERVIEW'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2018



Left to right: Adam Wirth (6th grade), Kamaal Hassan (8th grade), Rayna Hauck (7th grade) and Reese Duncan (5th grade)

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF GOLDEN BEAR AWARD NOVEMBER 2018

Sue Wohlk

Sue Wohlk is Almena. Almena is Sue Wohlk. You can't have one without the other as they are such a perfect fit. Almena Elementary is entirely fortunate to have Sue Wohlk as a second grade teacher, as a teacher in charge, and as a friend to all.

Sue takes the time to get to know all students and their families in the school. She then ensures that everyone feels heard and included as part of the school family. Sue builds relationships between the school and the community which strengthens everyone.

Sue is also a great leader within the school for staff and students. She is one of the few great listeners in the world, and she cares about each staff member as if they are her family. She is the glue that binds and strengthens Almena Elementary staff. In her classroom, Sue ensures that students are learning in a safe, happy, productive environment.

Sue also maintains a perfect balance of professionalism and fun. She keeps the school and the events involving the school running smoothly, but she's also game for good, hearty laughter. If you were to join the Almena staff during lunch, you'd leave with smiles. There's no doubt that kids are their number one concern because they are constantly problem-solving and discussing ideas to best support students. You'd also leave with your ribs sore from laughter. Sue and her crew are very positive and quite funny. Almena is a happy place to help kids grow – thanks to Sue's leadership.

When community members join the school for special programs, Sue is organized, welcoming, and grateful for their involvement. Join Almena for a Veterans Day program or a concert, and you will leave with your heart warmed.

In everything Sue does, it is apparent that she cares about people. Almena Elementary is a happy, productive family thanks to Sue Wohlk. Sue, thank you for the 28 years you have dedicated to the students of Barron Schools! We are entirely grateful for your leadership.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF GOLDEN BEAR AWARD DECEMBER 2018

Lynne Hanse

Lynne Hanse began her teaching career with the Barron Area School District in 1973. She was a special education teacher for the district for 34 ½ years. After her retirement, Lynne began educating and supporting at-risk students through neutral site education and also providing education to our incarcerated students. She has been doing this for 10 years since her retirement.

When Lynne retired from her teaching career, she began a new career teaching students one on one who are either incarcerated in the Barron County jail, must be educated at a neutral site and/or need to have special guidance from a former SPED teacher. At times, she works with over 10 individual students all which can be challenging due to their circumstances. Her presence at Barron High School daily keeps her students on track in more ways than just their education. Her direct but caring approach makes all the difference for these students and she is usually able to get the students to reach their goal of earning their diploma. Lynne's efforts are not only appreciated by many of her colleagues but also admired, since most of these situations are very challenging and can be difficult. It is often said that if Lynne can't find a way to help the student succeed, no one can. She is truly an individual that makes a HUGE difference.

Lynne raised her daughter who graduated from the Barron Area School District and followed in her mother's footsteps as she begins her 18th year teaching in our district. Her son-in-law is also an employee with us, and she has two grandsons that currently attend our district as well.

She is actively involved in our community as she is the director of our area food pantry, Cupboard (food pantry) and Closet (thrift store). Coordinating the operations

of the food pantry takes a lot of donations and requires countless volunteer hours, many of which are provided by Lynne's previous students that can't wait to be back in the presence of Lynne. The food pantry serves the Barron, Poskin, Almena, Hillsdale, and Dallas areas which is approximately 160 families every month.

In addition to providing families with full meals and groceries every month, she also started the Backpack Program at many of our schools. Barron students who are involved in this program are sent home with food for the weekend when school meals are not available to them.

Lynne continues to be an advocate to our students in need. As the thrift store thrives in the City of Barron, the profits are used to give back to many community organizations. They have given directly to the Barron Area School District through the B.A.Y. Fund, Boys & Girls Club of Barron, Post Prom, scholarships, new clothing to those in need, the Backpack Program and many more. We couldn't be more thankful for the amazing contributions Cupboard & Closet has provided to us thanks to Lynne.

We all know Lynne has a huge heart, the patience of a saint and an E at the end of her name.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF GOLDEN BEAR AWARD JANUARY 2019

Marge Colby

It's hard to find people who, year after year, give of themselves in total dedication to improving their community. The Barron Area School District is fortunate to have found such a person with that dedication. Her name is Marge Colby.

Marge and her husband, Arlyn, arrived in Barron in 1970. They were both hired as teachers in the Barron Area School District. They built a life here, raised their three daughters and had very successful teaching careers.

Marge started her career teaching Home Economics at Riverview Middle School. Remember when it was called "Home Ec." back then? Marge could see that Home Ec. would be changing in the future. She joined a DPI Study Committee to modernize the Home Ec. curriculum. Those efforts resulted in changing Home Ec into the FACE Program.

For 33 years Marge taught at Riverview. Not only was Marge a great teacher, she also shared her skills and talents by being involved in many activities for the Barron Area School District. Marge was a founding member of the first Barron District Health Insurance Committee which she served on for many years. Marge was also an active union member, volunteering on the Barron NUE teacher contract negotiating team for years. At Riverview, Marge became the go-to person when it was time to organize the Middle School schedules.

Wanting to provide educational opportunities for kids during the summer, Marge and her friends formed a

committee which developed a summer school program at the UW-Barron County campus. It was called "Kids' Kollege." Children came from many area school districts to learn and be engaged in a variety of courses taught on campus. Kids' Kollege continued for ten years until local school districts began to recognize the value of summer school and started their own summer school programs. Marge then taught summer school at Woodland for many years.

Marge retired from her Riverview teaching position in 2003, but that didn't stop her involvement in Barron schools. She immediately started subbing in the district and continues to be a reliable sub to this day and really enjoys it. Marge and Arlyn also started the STEP program in Barron in 2005 and they still run it now. Because of their leadership, the Barron STEP program continues despite the recent changes by the state that caused other district STEP programs to fold. Marge also became involved in the District's Mentorship Program. She is a member of the Mentorship Committee as well as a mentor. Marge mentored a Somali student for three years. That student is now in college. This month Marge started mentoring a new high school student.

Marge is also active in the Barron community. If there are orphaned kittens needing to be taken care of, here comes Marge! She's a member of the Barron County Humane Society and provides foster care in her home for orphaned kittens. Marge is also involved in First Lutheran Church. She gives of her time in the "Gift from the Heart" Program. She is also a founder of "Meals from the Heart" where Barron school children help cook and serve meals at the church for local residents. Marge has administered this program for 17 years.

Where would we be without Marge Colby? When asked how she is able to do all she does, Marge said, "If I can be a Viking fan living in Wisconsin and teach Middle School for 33 years, I'm prepared for anything!"

For 49 years, Marge has made a difference in the lives of our Barron children and residents. Her life pattern is one of "giving" of herself to our children, our schools, and our community. Her commitment and dedication to making our community a great place to live is inspiring.

It is an honor to present Marge with this Golden Bear Award as a symbol of our appreciation and gratitude for her continuing years of "giving" to us. Thank you, Marge.

FCCLA GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

BHS FCCLA members have been busy giving back to their community that gives to them! Students adopted a



local family for Christmas. They shopped and wrapped the presents so a family could enjoy Christmas. Members baked cookies to share with custodians, food service staff, teachers, bus drivers, and their families. Bus drivers were given hot cocoa and cookies before heading out on their route. Lastly, students prepared and served a meal at Benjamin's House. #WeBackTheBears #BeGolden



CTE STUDENTS VISIT MINNEAPOLIS

The students pictured below from Interior Design, Construction, and Advanced Studio Art classes attended a field trip to the Minneapolis Home & Remodel Show at US Bank Stadium. Students visited hundreds of booths, asked questions, came away with samples of products and potential career options! Bonus...got to see the Viking Stadium, even though there was only one Viking fan in the crowd!



STEP VOLUNTEER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES WITH BARRON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AT RIVERVIEW

Will Schuettpelz, retired businessman and STEP volunteer in Mrs. Emmons' ESL classroom, shared a presentation on January 28 with the English Learners. The students are reading Jack London's "To Build A Fire" as part of the 7th grade Survival Unit, and Mr. Schuettpelz offered to share about his trip to Alaska and the Yukon Territory. This helped the students build background knowledge about the setting of the story. Mr. Schuettpelz put together a special slide show for the students and educated them about life in Alaska and northwestern Canada. He shared about people panning for gold in Alaska, the pipeline, native wildlife, glaciers, and much more. The students learned so much from Mr. Schuettpelz and enjoyed his presentation.



Pictured left to right: Qabul Mohamed, Suraya Mahamud, Khadijo Hussein, Will Schuettpelz, Kamaal Hassan, Jose Mendez, and Umeymo Elmi.

2020 WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP PLANNED FOR BARRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If you are interested in visiting Washington, D.C. for an educational and life experience, attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Middle School IMC. We will be flying to Washington, D.C. early on Friday, April 24, 2020, and returning late on Monday, April 27, 2020. The departure date is a year away so don't miss out as we plan the itinerary. We will have information about the cost of the trip and registering early to save money. If you sign-up early, monthly vouchers are sent to you to help spread out the payments. Trip scholarships are available for students too. Also, parents may want to organize some fundraising opportunities to help with the funding of the trip.

We plan to explore many historic landmarks and memorials while in D.C. The schedule is busy as we visit the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery,



and the WWII, Jefferson, Iwo Jima, Korean, Vietnam Veterans, and Martin Luther King memorials with a side trip to Baltimore, Maryland. All meals, lodging and transportation are included in the price. Extra money brought would be for purchasing souvenirs and snacks. The trip is mainly for Riverview Middle School students, but anyone in high school who was unable to attend in the past, is more than welcome to join us. Parents are encouraged to sign-up to attend as chaperones. Group leaders Aaron and Amy Beckendorf, Stephanie Cox and Janelle Nelson will go over possible D.C. trip itinerary and answer any questions you may have.

If you're interested in going to Washington, D.C. we encourage you to attend the trip meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Middle School IMC. If you cannot attend the meeting, and you would like trip information, please contact any of these teachers at RMS (715-537-5641): Janelle Nelson (extension 529), Aaron Beckendorf (extension 539) or Stephanie Cox (extension 528).

ALAW: APPLY TODAY!

Registration for Fall 2019 is underway, have you applied for your online courses yet? There's still time for you to enroll for the classes you want. Advanced Learning Academy of Wisconsin, ALAW, is a fully accredited K-12 online charter school through the Barron Area School District.

Taking a course with ALAW can help you:

- Fulfill graduation requirements
- Get ahead on your classes and boost your GPA
- Make up a course credit
- Explore an interesting elective not offered at your school

Whether you are looking for additional flexibility in your schedule or if you want to earn your high school diploma online, ALAW can help! For more information, or to request a course catalog, contact Jessica Mullikin at mullikinj@barron.k12.wi.us or (715) 537-5627 ext. 133.



WINTERFEST COURT 2019

Front row, left to right: Triston Fowler, Isaac Mullikin, Gavin Gordon, Walter Herrman, Mitchell Klatt, Dillan Adams.

Back row, left to right: Iris Shipley, Rylie Williams, Izzy Johnson, Macey Herrman, Aaron Williams, Kaitlyn Waldofski, Hallie Jerome, Cecelia Prentiss, Chaeli Haack

WE GOT SPIRIT - YES WE DO!

Student Senate Spirit Club was formed with one goal in mind...SCHOOL SPIRIT! This small group of five students, Michael Nichols, Emma Knutson, Ashley Tyler and Isabella Lyste organized the first BHS Spirit Day on January 15. The students and staff were asked to dress in maroon and gold. Those who participated joined us during break for hot chocolate and some fun toppings. We had over 100 participants!

If any BHS students are interested in joining Student Senate, please contact Mrs. Mullikin at mullikinj@barron.k12.wi.us.



ALMENA PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS WENT ICE SKATING!



BARRON AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
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Dear Barron Area School District Residents,

Education holds the key to a better future. Because we are so committed to supporting the dreams of Barron area youth, we invite you to join us in our efforts to help them access that key. This annual Barron Area Education Foundation promotion is our primary fundraiser and our future scholarships depend on contributions given.

Contributions, accumulative of \$300.00 and above are recognized by an individual name plaque in the large display case on the wall of Barron High School.

Please take a moment to consider sending a donation. Please include your name and address for recognition purposes. Donations can be mailed to: Barron Area Education Foundation, 100 West River Avenue, Barron, WI 54812.

- Your donation is tax-deductible
- In 2018 seventy-one scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$96,440
- We also fund special projects such as music clinics, athletic camps, etc.
- We receive donations through employer matching funds
- Officers and board members serve without pay
- 100% of contributions are used for scholarships less solicitation expenses
- A link to the Barron Area Education Foundation can be found on the Barron Area School District's website - www.barron.k12.wi.us

Contributions have a lasting impact in the community by helping Barron High School graduates reach their dreams. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

David Vruwink, President
Barron Area Education Foundation Inc.



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SAVE THE DATE!



Almena Elementary Brat Feed and Book Sale 2019

Thursday, May 2nd

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

SERVING ALMENA MEAT COMPANY BRATS!



*Organized by Almena Citizens for Education, Parent group
The only fundraiser we do!*

**Dunk Tank, Old Fashion Yard Games, Face Painting, Book sale
and more!**

*Join us rain or shine for a fun filled evening of good food, conversation, entertainment and the
opportunity to dunk village residents, parents and staff.*

BARRON FFA CHAPTER TO CELEBRATE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Barron FFA Chapter will be celebrating their 90th anniversary of their chapter's charter at their annual spring banquet on April 14th, 2019 at Barron High School. The banquet will start with a meal at 12:30 p.m., with awards and program to follow at 1 p.m. Since October of 1929, hundreds of FFA members have had the opportunity to hone their skills in agriculture, leadership, and citizenship while living out the FFA motto of Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve. We would like to recognize former members and chapter leaders, and encourage them to get on our mailing list by contacting Barron FFA Advisor, Kristin Hanson, at 715-537-5627 ext. 127, or via email at hansonk@barron.k12.us.

We are especially interested in locating the family members or descendants for our original charter members. The following names were listed on the original charter.

Class of 1930:

Morris Borgen
Edwin Hanson
Gerhard Christenson
Perry Garner
Wayne Massie
Frank Britts



Class of 1931:

Harry Kallenbach
John Borgen
Kenneth Stearns
Elmer Whitney
Franklyn Otis
Edwin Zulliger

Class of 1932:

Woodrow Haugen
Daniel Larson
Edward Spielman

Class of 1933:

Joseph Stringer
Edward Klein
Arthur H. Miller
Theodore Tollefson
John Alexander

No graduation year listed:

Marvin Whittaker
Roy Miller
Kenneth Doonan
Robert Dempsey
R. N. Larson, Advisor

If you know of any past FFA members, please share this message with them, and encourage them to either contact the FFA chapter or complete the google form survey at this link--<https://goo.gl/forms/ql0aU8KKeJcldBZx2>. We look forward to celebrating 90 years of agricultural education and FFA with you!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

2019 is off to a fast start in the Music Department. Congratulations to nine students from Barron High School who were named to the Red Cedar All-Conference Honor's Choir! They learned four songs and rehearsed with Dr. Phillip Swan from Lawrence University culminating in an evening performance on Monday, January 14th at Cumberland High School. One of our own, Wyatt Workman, auditioned for and received one of three solos in the concert!



*Red Cedar Honor Choir: Back row (L-R) Ms. Dietsche, Brayden Stralka, Wyatt Workman, Ed Mettner, Andrew Smith, Ashton Blick
Front row (L-R) Iris Shipley, Amie Kurtz, Esther Mashak, Hallie Jerome*

On Saturday, January 19th, the High School Music Department hosted the 2nd Annual Barron County Talent Show. We had a great turn-out with another full house! MC's Andrew Smith and Eli Metcalf introduced the evening and kept it going. Lights were run by Ryan Leistikow, Reda Stokes and Delaney Willers. Norm Yamada set up sound and it was run by Taylor Lytle and Patrick Pedersen.



Fran Peterson (center) with Piano Teacher, Lynn Emmons and Band Director, Haylee Lytle

Concessions were headed up by Hallie Jerome, Sydney Frandsen, Sawyer Blick and Tori Livingston. Phoebe Jerome took pictures for the evening. This was a true community effort and we are so thankful for every student, community member and business who donated time and/or funds to make the evening possible. It is such a bright spot to have communities from all over Barron County and beyond coming together to compete and share in the arts. There were 8 surrounding school districts represented. 18 acts were cast and at the end of the evening the following were the winners:

Grand Prize Winner: Ashton Blick, Vocalist and Guitar player- Barron High School
People's Choice Award: Brandon Groskopf, Elf Skit- Cameron High School

Grades 10-12
1st: Justin Whiting, Original Piano Composition- Barron High School
2nd: Korinne Hazelton, Vocalist- Turtle Lake High School

Grades 7-9
1st: Marissa Zelek, Vocalist and Guitar player- Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School
2nd: Destiny Lewis, Vocalist- Riverview Middle School

Grades K-6
1st: Nathan Boesl, Actor and Vocalist- Prairie Farm Middle School
2nd TIE: Collin Dunkan, Recorder Solo- Elementary and Rankin Matthews, Magician-Woodland



Rankin Mathews performing as a magician

Grand prize winner: Ashton Blick



MC's Andrew Smith and Eli Metcalf



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The entire music department, Haylee Lytle, Jocelyn Dietsche, Karen Hale, Karen Wilber and Marty Pederson worked together to host the Red Cedar Music Conference Middle School Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, January 26th at Riverview Middle School. We are grateful to our community for supporting Solo and Ensemble through donations for the concessions stand and judges/directors lounge. It is a true community effort and shows how alive the arts are in Barron. Thank you!

Winterfest



Trio (L to R): Jason Dau, Dalen Hellmann, Regan Vruwink and Choral Director and accompanist, Jocelyn Dietsche

Students performed in three Classes: A, B and C. A being the most difficult. B is intermediate and C is for beginners. 107 Medals were awarded to 7th and 8th grade band and choir students. We had one student perform in Class A and receive a 1* rating which allows her to compete at State Solo and Ensemble in Eau Claire in May. Fran Peterson will be representing Riverview Middle School in two events: an Alto Saxophone Solo and a Piano Solo. Congratulations to all who participated and competed.

Take Note-Upcoming March events for Riverview Music Students

March 14th @ 5:30 p.m.

5th Grade Music/Band Concert at RVMS Gym

March 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

6th Grade Music/Band Concert at RVMS Gym

March 19th @ 4:00 p.m.

7th/8th Grade Band/Choir Informance Concert at RVMS Gym

POST PROM DONATIONS

Any business or community member is welcome to donate to the annual Post Prom Party that will take place on April 7th at Barron High School from 12:00 midnight to 3:30 a.m. The annual Post Prom event has been going strong for over 30 years and helps keep our youth safe on Prom night. Junior parents/community members are currently meeting to organize the event. If you would like to donate a prize or money, please contact Linda Mikunda at Barron High School at 715-637-9117.



Seniors Kierra Kappel and Taylor Freeman show off their outfits for Generation Day!

Barron Area Schools

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 RVMS: Student of the Month WR: Team State	2 Read Across America Day
3	4 TR: 1 st Practice Casimir Pulaski Day	5 MSWR: Home 6:30 R-D Parents Club Mtg	6	7 GB: State BB: Sectionals BHS: 10 th Gr. Planning Conf. 4-9 Elem P/T Conferences 4-8 RVMS P/T Conferences RVMS Scholastic Book Fair MSWR	8	9
10 Day Light Savings Time Starts	11 BHS: Freshman Orientation NHS American Red Cross Bloodmobile SB: 1 st Practice 4:30 Policy/Personnel 6:00 Finance/Facility	12 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Mtg Large Group Music Festival MSWR: Home 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg	13	14 4:30-6:30 BAMS Open House 5:30 5 th Gr. Music & Band Concert 6:30 6 th Gr. Music & Band Concert 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg BB: State MSWR	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 BSBL: 1 st Practice GSCR: 1 st Practice WI Forward Exam Gr. 3-8 & 10 Begins WI Dynamic Learning Maps Start Gr. 3-11 6:30 School Board Mtg	19 4:00 7 & 8 Gr. Band & Choir Informance Concert 6:00 WDL D PTA Mtg MSWR TR: 3:30 @ UW Stout	20	21 MSWR	22 RVMS Play FFA 212/Edge Conference @ Green Bay	23 End of 3 rd Quarter TR: @ UW STOUT
24	25 BGF: 1 st Practice	26 MSWR	27	28 SB: @ Webster	29	30 Barron Electric Annual Mtg HS Sole & Ensemble @ Rice Lake

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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BSBL: @ Osceola 4:00 RVMS Site Council	2 4:30-7:30 R-D Parent's Club Lasagna Dinner BSBL: Somerset GSCR: Osceola SB: Unity TR: 4:30 @ Ashland	3 BHS: Senior Expositions	4	5 BGF JV: @ Chetek-Weyerhaeuser BSBL: Amery SB: @ Cameron TR: 3:30 @ UW Stout RVMS: Student of the Month	6 FFA Ag Technology Contest @ UW River Falls PROM
7	8 FCCLA WI State @ Kalahari	9	10	11 4-8 BHS P/T Conferences 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg BGF: @ Cumerland GSCR: Spooner SB: @ Amery	12 State Forensics @ Madison	13
	ACT Aspire Gr 9 & 10 Begins BGF: Bloomer & Chetek BSBL: Baldwin-Wood GSCR: Amery TR: 4:00 Home Invit 4:30 Policy/Personnel 6:00 Finance/Facility	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Mtg High School Solo & Ensemble MSTR: Home 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg	BGF: Home Invit BHS: Senior Expositions Federated Music Summer Camp Scholarship Auditions		GSCR: @ Altoona TR; 4:00 @ UW Superior	BSB: Tri @ Home SB: Tri @ Home Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
14	15 BGF: Hayward GSCR: @ Baldwin-Woodville TR JV: 4:00 @ Amery 6:30 School Board Mtg Patriot's Day	16 BHS: Senior Expositions BSBL: @ Bloomer GSCR: @ Washburn SB: Cumberland	17	18 NO SCHOOL STAFF INSERVICE BGF: @ Spooner BSBL: Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	19 NO SCHOOL	20 Good Friday
21 Easter	22 PALS Testing Starts Earth Day	23 BGF: Bloomer BSBL: @ Ladysmith MSTR: @ Bloomer SB: @ Chetek-Weyer TR: Home Quad 4:30	24 Administrative Professionals Day	25 GSCR: Hayward SB: @ Ladysmith TR; 4:30 @ Cumberland Quad	26 BGF: @ Bloomer BSB: DH @ Northwestern SB DH: Northwestern GSCR: Ashland FFA State Career Dev Contest @ UW Madison	27
28	29 BGF: Cumberland & Northwestern RVMS: Universal Screening Starts	30 BSBL: Ladysmith GSCR: @ New Richmond MSTR: @ Chetek-Weyerhaeuser SB: Spooner TR: 3:45 @ Amery				

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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 E Day	2 Almena Brat Feed & Book Fair GSCR: Somerset SB: @ Cumberland TR: 4:30 @ Bloomer	3 BGF: @ Hayward BSBL: Cumberland RVMS: Student of the Month WI Dynamic Learning Maps End WI Forward Exam Ends	4 BGF: @ Hayward WSMA State Solo & Ensemble @ UWEC
			May Day			
5	6 BGF: @ Hayward 7:00 Collage Concert @ BHS Gym	7 BSBL: Bloomer GSCR: @ Osceola SB: DH @ Bloomer TR: @ Rice Lake 6:30 RD-DL Parents Club Mtg	8 E Day Rain Date	9 BGF: @ Rice Lake GSCR; @ Amery SB: Chetek-Weyer TR: 4:30 at Chetek 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg	10 ACT Aspire Ends BGF: @ Ladysmith RVMS: Universal Screening Ends	11 BSBL: DH Hayward SB: HD @ Hayward
12	13 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg BGF JV: Conf @ Bloomer GSCR: @ Somerset	14 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Mtg 4:30 Almena ACE Mtg BSBL: @ Chetek GSCR: @ Hayward SB: Ladysmith TR: Conf 3:30 @ Chetek	15 7:00 Baccalaureate	16 BGF: Conference Home GSCR: Regis TR: JV Conference Meet	17 BSBL: DH @ Spooner PALS Testing Ends	18
Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day
19	20 BHS: Senior Class Trip TR: Regionals 6:30 School Board Meeting	21 8:30 BHS Achievement Awards BGF: Regionals GSCR: @ Spooner SB: Regionals 6:00 WDLD PTA Mtg 7:00 7 & 8 Gr Band & Choir Concert	22 7:00 North Star Academy Commencement Almena All School Picnic	23 11:15 RD End of Year Picnic BSBL: Regionals GSCR: Baldwin-Woodville TR: Sectionals	24 8:30 am Senior Awards 7:30 BHS Commencement	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	28 BGF: Sectionals BSBL: Regionals SB: Sectionals	29	30 GSCR: Regionals	31 TR: State	

Barron Area Schools

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 TR: State
2	3 BGF: State	4 8 th Gr Valleyfair Trip	5 8 th Gr. Celebration Day WDL: All School Picnic	6 GSCR: Sectionals SB: Sectionals	7 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 3 Hour Early Release	8
9	10 4:30 Policy / Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance /Facility Cmte Mtg	11 6:45 am Curriculum / Tech Cmte Mtg BSBL: State	12	13	14 GSSCR: State	15 Flag Day Robert La Follette Sr Day
FFA State Convention @ Madison						
16	17 6:30 School Board Mtg	18	19	20	21	22
WDL: / RVMS Summer School						
BHS Summer School						
Father's Day						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
WDL: / RVMS Summer School						
BHS Summer School						
30						
FCCLA National Leadership Conference @ Anaheim, CA						