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THE BAYFIELD TROLLER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## PROM 2024

-Max Gordon

The Juniors held their annual prom on May 18th at Big Top Chautauqua Back Stage. All high school students were allowed to vote for king and queen, and the majority ruled that Dashon Tourdot and Alivia Newago were the perfect candidates.

When each person arrived, they were given 4 chips each to play blackjack or roulette. To attempt to gain the most chips by the night's end, where they could cash them in for prizes. Not only was the night filled with gambling but people could try other experiences like dancing, trying mocktails, taking pictures, and more.

Students' favorite activity was the limbo, where many students participated, but Abby Defoe would pull through and come out as number one.



## BIG RETIREMENTS

-Presley Smith

Mr. Erickson started his teaching career in Minnesota in 1984 and 10 years later moved to Bayfield where he has been teaching for 30 years. Throughout those 30 years, he has made countless memories. Some of his favorite are getting stuck on a remote road with the Alt-Ed bus and having students push it out as well as collaborating with community members to set nets, prepare for winter camp, and build trails. "Traveling to Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia with students and colleagues definitely ranks among my favorite memories."

Erickson says "I love watching students engage during homecoming week and I truly enjoy the out-of-box learning and the connections that are made during May Term." He has many favorite science projects he and his class have done including students building toothpick bridges and establishing a winning tradition at the Duluth contest. "It was an honor to mentor students with independent research and witness their successes at science

competitions. Watching students exercise their creativity and engineering skills as they built Rube Goldberg machines was a definite highlight - topped off with the national runner-up in Purdue in 2008." His favorite school lunch is Cream Chicken on a Biscuit, he likes white cheddar popcorn and his favorite dessert is chocolate chip cookies. He described his experience at Bayfield High School in three words, rewarding, memorable, and inspiring. He likes biking, kayaking, hunting, and gardening. "I look forward to doing things I enjoy during retirement but doing them more slowly, running into former students and catching up. The best part of teaching is connecting with students and families. I will miss that. But, fortunately, we live in a close-knit community, so I know I will see former students at the gas station, grocery store, dump, etc. Thank you to all the students, families, and colleagues who shared this wonderful teaching experience with me. You welcomed me and my family. You helped me laugh every day....and, let's be honest, cry at times also. I have truly enjoyed my teaching career and my experiences here in Bayfield. It is a great community with creative and engaging students, caring families, and a dedicated school staff. Giga-waabamin miinawaa."



Barb Rebak has been working at the Bayfield School District for 10 years. Two of those years in the classroom were working as a teacher for Business Education and multiple years PE/Health grades K-12 as well as subbing for a year and a half. Her favorite memories are participating in the "Fuel UP to Play 60 Program" with the Senior Class when they were in middle school, taking Middle school students to Lambeau Field, as we won a contest through the FUTP60 program, as well as seeing a Green Bay



Packer Game in a Suite Box. Rebak's favorite gym class activity for her students is a game called "Jurassic Park". Rebak says "I had Savannah Krisik who is now an Aide here as a Kindergarten at the school district of Flambeau and I had her brothers too here and there."

Bayfield Schools won't be the same without these veteran teachers on staff. We wish them the best and a happy retirement!

***Congratulations  
to all the retirees!  
Have a wonderful  
summer and an  
even better  
retirement!***

# SPORTS

## TRACK AND FIELD

-Max Gordon

Over the last couple of months, multiple students from Bayfield have participated in track and field and have made new PRs or even school records. Quintin Bressete and Dashon Tourdot both made it to the sectionals, but Dashon Tourdot injured his wrist a couple of days prior and was unable to participate. On the other hand, Quintin Bressete went to sectionals for the 400m, 200m, and 100m dashes and placed 5th in the 200m and only missed out on state by .15 seconds.

Every one of the athletes this season has improved by a landslide, each of them has set new personal records to look back on next season. Stella Gordon achieved a 2:57 800m dash, and Cody Engels broke his previous record by gaining about 6 more feet on the discus with a distance of



83'8". Kylie Bildeau, Zoe Gordon, and Sophia Tochalauski have also all improved by a ton this season, not only performing in the 4x800m but also trying out shot-put where they would stay the remainder of the season. Not only will most of them be returning next year for

another season, but tons of new freshmen will be as well.

## BASEBALL

-Max Gordon



Baseball has been back in Bayfield for just about two years now. The team started the year with players who had little knowledge about the sport, and athletes who would continue thriving and playing over the next few years and end the season with a record of 1-9. The seniors graduating this year will be able to look back on their last home game ever at Bayfield, which ended in a 13-3 win. Jake Hansen (Graduate) stated "I think that it is great that we won a game after losing every game last year. However, I'm happy to have grown alongside the baseball program and I hope the program continues to grow and win more and more games in the future".

Heading into next season, the team will look towards the upcoming freshman to expand their roster. Having many kids who pique interest in the sport, next season's team looks like it will contain more players than this most recent season. Not only will multiple athletes be returning, but Brian Boyd and Brett Hulmer will be returning to coach. Coach Brian Boyd said "Our two closest games that we played were both at home. We fed off of our fans in the crowd and I feel like that made us perform better. It was also our first time in many years that we were able to have home games".

## NEW STAFF

-Max Gordon

Colleen Beagan was born in St. Louis Park, MN. She started working at Bayfield School at the beginning of the 22-23 school year. She has now switched positions this year and is now the dean of curriculum and instruction. She was a teacher online for 14 years and decided she wanted to go back to in-person teaching, with the help of some friends she was encouraged to apply to Bayfield. Her favorite actor is Cillian Murphy, and she loves the show Peaky Blinders. She spends a lot of her time reading, gardening, and volunteering at local organizations. In addition to her position getting removed next year, she stated “I will not be returning to the school next year since my position has been eliminated. Thank you to the staff that supported me. Thank you to the amazing students who reminded me daily why I chose a career in education. Dream big and remember you have amazing talents to share with the world.”



Savannah Krisik moved to the Bayfield area in 2006 but was originally from Ladysmith Wisconsin. Having worked last year as a substitute teacher, but switched positions this year and became a full-time elementary paraprofessional. Ever since she was little she wanted to become a teacher or a veterinarian, and in the last year, she made that dream come true. Her favorite actors are Jennifer Aniston and Adam Sandler and she stated, “Any movie they’ve been in, I have enjoyed it”. Her go-to place to eat in Bayfield is the Pier, and her dream car is an old Ford square-body truck. She was asked to explain her experience so far at Bayfield School in one word, and she said “Accepting”.

August Gordon was born in Ashland Wisconsin, and has lived in Bayfield/Redcliff her whole life. She started working at Bayfield School as a Youth advocate at the beginning of the 23-24 school year. Helping younger children and working closely with them to provide a safe and healthy environment. She enjoys many things like reading, working out, and playing sports. When she was younger she had wished that one day she would have become a marine biologist, since they got to swim with sharks. Her dream car is a Jeep Wrangler, and her favorite meal is spaghetti.



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## MAY TERM

-Presley Smith

From Tuesday, May 21 to Friday, May 24, teachers put together multiple groups with fun and interesting activities for students to join. The groups included Agate hunting with Borchers, Lemler, and Rosa Karl, Dungeons and Dragons in Bonneville’s classroom, biking and paddling with Erickson and O’Niel, Golfing with Peterson, Cozzi, and Kennedy, underwater photography with Erickson and Chris Boyd, OSHA 10 Certification with Doering, Rock Camp with Woodworth and Kriner, Ribbon skirt/shirt making with Becca Boyd, Sueflow B. Deragon, and Rosa Karl, Animal Care with Rakowski and L. Larson, Hammock Making/Ravine Hike with Doering and Lemler, Setting Gill Nets with Erickson and Chris Boyd, Wild Food and Medicine with Rakowski and L. Larson, as well as Theatre Games & Intro with Woodworth and Comer. Woodworth says “It was a great year and we were able to learn three new songs pretty quickly. May term and specifically rock camp is going to be something I will miss next year.” Many students took advantage of being outdoors, even in the rain. Ira Newago really enjoyed kayaking, in spite of the rain.

## HOROSCOPES—Wren Zifko

### Taurus

This month you will have a sandwich that will have a weird, watery texture and you'll end up falling down a human-sized rabbit hole. The rabbit hole will lead you to an alternate reality that gives you a strange sense of nostalgia and déjà vu. The song that's stuck in your head is *In My Mind* by Lyn Lapid.

### Gemini

A large meteor is going to fall on your neighbors house at exactly 12:05 am. I am warning you right now so that you don't get too startled, stay away from anyone wearing a swimsuit. You and cancer are now besties and you only listen to their music.

### Cancer

You and Gemini are now besties. Somehow you have suddenly gotten the ability to play the violin, except you can only play it on Tuesdays. Everytime that you play the violin your face turns green. You are now only allowed to listen to your own music.

### Leo

You are going to fall in love this month. Sadly you guys aren't allowed to talk to each other for three to nine months, because you're being sent away to a boarding school for wizards (but not Hogwarts, because that's WAY too expensive). The song that you keep playing over and over again is *Blush* by Dessa.

### Virgo

You have the ability to talk to animals, but only the ones that aren't popular. Surprisingly the hirola antelope, the black and chestnut eagle and the box turtle have a lot to say. Your new animal friends have started a new online business (taken care of by you, because you have hands) called AnimalNow, where you can help save endangered animals. Your song is the sound of the black and chestnut eagle.

### Libra

You have been bitten by the happy slug mollusk. Your life is now going to change for the better and.... the happy slug mollusk just gave you a million dollars?! The happy slug mollusk is now singing to you. The song that's being sung to you is *Highschool Lover* by Air.

### Scorpio

As the school year gallops to an end towards its conclusion, the halls echo with the clapping of unicorn hooves. You are the sorcerer supreme. You have an aura of mystery, and you wear a black cape. You make a grand entrance on the back of a magical unicorn to all of your classes, but you turn into a moth if someone looks at you funny. You have a crush on anyone who rides a unicorn, but the problem is that no one else rides a unicorn. You give out secret scrolls containing spells to all of your friends.

### Sagittarius

You are the class clown always doing a stand-up routine that has everyone in stitches. You have been named the Court Jester of Bayfield High School, but you are secretly interested in time travel. You make up a proposal for a time machine and pitch it to Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, but they say that you have to have a billion dollars. So, you go back to class and ask your teachers if you can start charging \$500 to listen to your comedy routine. By the end of the year you don't have enough money so you just look forward to a boring summer. Maybe you can get away with throwing your self-designed glitter bomb at your friends. Your lucky number is 9 because you are going to try 9 more times to get those famous guys to build your time machine.

### Capricorn

The school year is winding down and your to-do list is longer than the line at the cafeteria on pizza day. You are probably the only one still taking notes in class, but don't worry, your diligence will pay off when everyone else is cramming and you are already in summer mode. Your teachers will be amazed by your dedication, and your classmates will be in awe of your perfectly organized locker. Yes Capricorn, we all know you have been using color coded binders since September. You're a legend. Your lucky color is summer sky blue, symbolizing all those bright, sunny days ahead where you can finally relax. Your lucky number is 3 because that's how many months you have to meticulously plan for the next school year.

### Aquarius

You are a mad scientist and you have a collection of Rubik's cubes that are hiding in your locker. You have invented a robot that will solve the cube in 3 seconds time. But the robot gets loose at school and goes up and down the hallways looking for the Rubik's cubes. The robot scares everyone away. So your friends get to go home early. You finally catch the robot but now all the Rubik's cubes are missing. You are exhausted from looking for the robot all day. Someone locked the school doors so you are trapped inside. You decide it's a good time for a nap. You wake up the next morning in your own bed with a vague memory of a robot and a Rubik's cube. You get ready and go to school. Your favorite color is rainbow - the color of a Rubik's cube? Your lucky number is 26??

### Pisces

You are a mermaid that does not need water to survive. You live in the stars and go in the ocean for visits with your family. Your teachers think you are weird but they are used to you. You are always late for school because it's a long way from the stars to school. When you come straight from the ocean to school, your homework is always wet. You like poetry and your favorite show is the Little Mermaid. Your lucky color is blue because it reminds you of home and your lucky number is 1 because you live so far away you can only manage to come to school one day in your lifetime.

### Aries

You have a fiery spirit that burns brighter than ever. You are a fearless knight charging into the dragon's lair. Armed with your trusty high-lighter sword and shield you slay your last minute tests. Just remember even the bravest warriors need sleep - falling asleep in the library with a drool on your history book is not the best look for you. Your locker is a treasure trove of secrets and supplies. Need a snack or a snake? Your locker has it. Just beware of the mythical creature that is your gym sock - it's been festering since October. Your lucky color is blazing red, symbolizing your fierce spirit. Your luck number is 7 just because.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIORS!

