

THE WATCHDOG

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Pork Loin BBQ

The Watchdog Education Foundation hosted their annual **Homecoming/Community Pork Loin Barbeque** tailgate during Beresford High School's (BHS) Homecoming festivities! The tailgate was a big hit for the community, hosting over **450 people** in the two-hour period. All proceeds from the free-will donation event support the Watchdog Foundation and the great activities they sponsor year-round. We were able to raise **\$2,150** towards their mission to assist and advance our community's pursuit of excellence, create lifelong connections, and build strong and mutually beneficial ties between the Beresford School District, the community, and its diverse alumni.



Members of the Watchdog Foundation team selling stress dog Watchdogs.

The Foundation will use the funds raised to support the Beresford School District by offering innovative education grants. These grants support excellence in public education by encouraging and rewarding innovation in the classroom. The Foundation works to provide resources to genuinely enhance educational opportunities for students and staff in the Beresford School District.

If you missed your chance to purchase a **Watchdog Stress Dog** at the barbeque, please reach out and let us know! You can still get your very own Watchdog and support the Foundation, our alumni network, and the community!



Crowned King & Queen Highlight

Beresford High School crowned its **2021 Homecoming King and Queen** at the annual coronation festivities on Monday, September 13th. This year's king and queen are **Chase Lyle** and **Anna Atwood**. Chase is a member of the cross-country team and enjoys hanging out with friends. Anna is a part of cross-country, cheer, and student council. The King and Queen were presented medallions on behalf of the Watchdog Foundation to commemorate the special moment. Congratulations to all members of the Royal Court: Isabel DeLay, Lucy Farley, Brynn Nelson, Sarah Sveeggen, Isaac Ward, Ashton Tjaden, Isaiah Richards, and Max Orr.



There's No Place Like Homecoming

Homecoming Recap

Homecoming 2021 was an eventful one for the Beresford School District. Students celebrated this year's festivities with the theme: **The Wizard of Oz**. The week kicked off on Monday, September 13th with Safari Day, "**Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!**", followed by coronation in the evening where Chase Lyle and Anna Atwood were crowned King and Queen. Tuesday's theme was Jersey Day, "**Twister Tuesday**", followed by Ironman in the afternoon. Wednesday's theme was Twin Day "**Which Witch is Which?**" followed by Powderpuff in the afternoon. **Class Color Day** was the theme for Thursday with a special band performance that afternoon. Friday was **Watchdog Spirit Day** with the pep fest activities beginning at 10:30 am followed by the Homecoming parade at 1:00 pm.

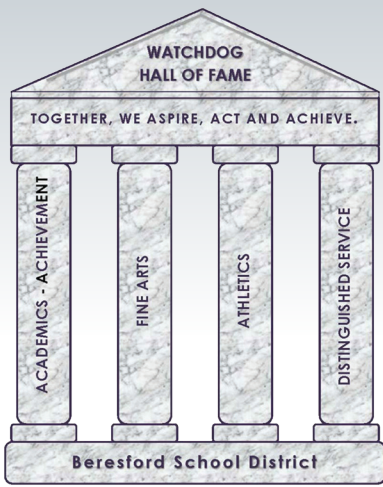
To cap off Homecoming Friday, the Watchdog football team played host to the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies and were defeated by a score of 34-7. Throughout the game, there were a number of special announcements and presentations. At the end of the first quarter, the Watchdog Foundation revealed the winner of the "**Name the Watchdog**" contest as Roger! During halftime, the 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees were honored, and the Watchdog Marching Band performed.

The Watchdog Foundation hosted the annual **Watchdog Hall of Fame Banquet** on Saturday honoring past greats of BHS for their excellence in academics, athletics, and distinguished service. This year, 6 individuals and 2 teams were inducted into the Watchdog Hall of Fame. The inductees included Brenda Sternquist, Thomas Van Lent, Jane Carlson, Jim Babb, Keith Larson, Robert Frieberg, the 1979 11B State Champion Football team, and the 1980 11B State Champion Football team.



Name the Watchdog

Introducing **Roger the Watchdog**. Our beloved Watchdog mascot lived in infamy as a nameless character for long enough. Roger was selected to be the name for the Watchdog mascot and this selection played a huge part in the 2021 homecoming festivities. To celebrate, we gave the community of Beresford a voice in helping determine the name. Names were submitted by organizations from the community. Votes were cast by any and all members of the community and Roger was victorious. Roger Krause is widely known as **Beresford's #1 fan** and received a standing ovation from the crowd when the name Roger was announced as the winner. Be sure to say hi and get a photo with our beloved Watchdog, Roger at the next BHS activity.



Watchdog Hall of Fame Inductee

Jane Carlson



The Beresford School District held its annual **Hall of Fame Ceremony** on Saturday, September 18, over Homecoming weekend, recognizing individuals for their accomplishments and outstanding character. Awardees fall into one of four categories: **Academics & Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, or Distinguished Service.** This beloved and memorable occasion brings together the community and honors those who have positively impacted the educational quality and stature of Beresford Schools.



This year, the Fine Arts Inductee honored is Jane Carlson.

Mrs. Jane (Kennedy) Carlson is a 1972 graduate of Beresford High School. During her high school years, Jane received many awards through her participation in the arts, was a member of the Homecoming Royalty, and was selected for All-State Chorus. She also played some “mean” cymbals in band and contributed to the fine arts by taking roles in all offered productions, plays, and musicals.

After high school, Jane attended the University of South Dakota (USD). She graduated from USD in 1977 with both Elementary Education and Special Education degrees and was awarded the

“Outstanding Graduate in Special Education.” She earned her Master’s in Education from USD in 1996.

Mrs. Carlson has been the heart of both the activity and energy of the Beresford Area Arts (BAA) for the past three decades. She, along with a few others, rescued the BAA from extinction and revived it into a viable and essential community organization. She served selflessly as the chairperson of the organization and continuously provided the Beresford area with quality arts programs. Chief among the list of gifts to the community include a steady stream of outstanding musicals and theatrical productions.

Under her guidance as the executive director, the BAA has expanded its offerings to the community by hosting several unique events that celebrate the arts in the Beresford community. Part of this expansion includes the addition of opportunities for children’s theatre as well as establishing scholarships for area students to attend theatre camp. These are just a few of the highlights of Jane’s tenure as a leader in the arts movement in our community.

Jane’s pedigree in the arts is strong and much has been said, and should be said, about Jane’s mother, Mrs. Grace (Kylling) Kennedy and their influence in the arts in the Beresford community. That love for the arts and the ability to put that passion into action has been passed down from mother to daughter.

Helen Keller once said, “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.” Beresford is a much better place because of Jane Carlson’s steady and unwavering dedication to the arts and along the way, she has led us all to feel with our heart.

Congratulations to our Watchdog Hall of Fame Fine Arts inductee, Mrs. Jane Carlson!

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Welcome! New Members of the Board



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Limmer



Brendyn
Richards



Macy
Quartier

Welcome to the board, Brendyn Richards, Mike Limmer, and Beresford High School student representative, Macy Quartier!

Thank you for your service and dedication to the board, **Brian Field, Gerald Dahlin, and Nathan Jensen!**

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