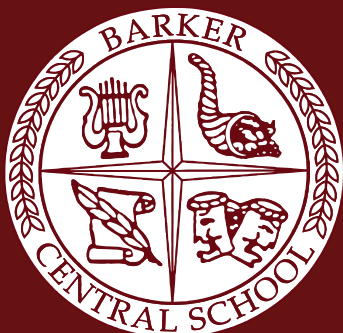


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Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall

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Four of The Wizard of Oz main characters were Lucas Stephan (Cowardly Lion), Jillian Fisk, (Dorothy), Lincoln Wedekind (Tinman) and Jocelyn Schmitt (Scarecrow).

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BARKER HOSTS FIRST NCMEA ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL

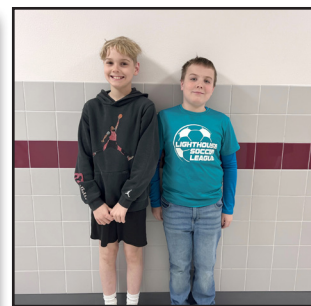
Our very own Barker High School welcomed local school musicians to the NCMEA (Niagara County Music Educators Association) All-County Festival this January. It was the first festival of the year and Drew Burke, the Director of Choral Activities at the District, said it was a huge honor to host schools all over the county who sent their most talented students. "We hosted the Elementary Band, Junior High Chorus and the Senior High Vocal Jazz Groups," Burke stated. "We had several students who represented us and performed which filled us all with a tremendous amount of pride." These students were selected based on prepared solos that were judged by a NCMEA adjudicator during the audition process.

Pratt Elementary Band students included Adam Grabowski and Peyton Green while Chace Atwater, Kasey Thering, Cerenity Street and Jeremy Weakland, Jr. were part of the Junior High Chorus.

The second festival was held at the Royalton-Hartland Central School District. Our very own Adia Nestoros, who was selected as a soloist, and Daniel Aguilera were in the Elementary Chorus. The Senior High Band included Addisyn Weller (Clarinet/Sophomore), Ivy Feuersanger (Flute/Sophomore) and Riley Marciszewski (French Horn/Junior). Music teacher Jeffrey Rappold said, "The experience was fun and they loved Director Amy Steiner's (Buffalo Niagara Concert Band) high-energy rehearsal pace."

Festival III was held at the Newfane Central School District. The four Senior High Chorus members from Barker were Addisyn Weller, Naomi Bish, Julia Kalynycz and Jillian Fisk. In the Junior High Band, Barker was represented by Lydia Atwater and Diarra Taliaferro.

On April 18th, twelve Barker students participated in the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) and the regional level solo festival. Addisyn Weller, Olivia Voss, Naomi Bish, Jillian Fisk, Ava Kelemen, Trenton Tillinghast, Chace Atwater, Jeremy Weakland Jr., Cerenity Street, Kasey Thering, MaKenzie Hill, and Ariane Watts represented Barker with pride and class.



(Top-bottom, L-R): Addisyn Weller, Ivy Feuersanger, and Riley Marciszewski. Adam Grabowski and Peyton Greene. Diarra Taliaferro and Lydia Atwater. Adia Nestoros and Daniel Aguilera. Addisyn Weller, Naomi Bish, Jillian Fisk, and Julia Kalynycz. Cerenity Street, Jeremy Weakland, Jr., Chace Atwater, and Kasey Thering.

WIZARD OF OZ CASTS SPELL ON PRATT STUDENTS

The talented cast from the Barker Musical Theater production of *The Wizard of Oz* spent some time in our Pratt Elementary School. The students loved interacting with their favorite characters from the beloved musical and hearing them sing some songs. Likewise, the cast members enjoyed visiting their former Elementary teachers and the students.

First year Barker Musical Theater Director, Mrs. Katie Fisk, was impressed by her incredible cast. Fisk stated, "We sold 667 presale tickets and more at the door with over 800 attending the shows. The online sales was an amazing success."

The cast, crew and pit band included over 35 JH/HS students.

- **Cast members:** Jillian Fisk, Zoey Quiett, Karl Hill, Lincoln Wedekind, Jocelyn Schmitt, Lucas Stephan, Ava Kelemen, Melodi Murphy, Julia Kalynycz, Robert Clark.
 - **Ensemble:** Emilia Farina, Ivy Feuersanger, Isabella Gatto, Makenzie Hill, Stephen Lee, Hattie Lunde, Lucy Lunde, Reagan Lunde, Piper McAdoo, Jordyn Meyers, Brionikah Mussell, Areanna Reinard, Kasey Thering, Sophia Thompson, Olivia Voss, Ariane Watts, Elyza Wedekind.
 - **Pit Band:** Chase Baker and Riley Marciszewski.
 - **Stage Crew:** Madelene Carpenter, Autumn Draper, Lilah Kelemen, Riley McAdoo, and Rebecca Thering.
- Spotlights:** Alexis Carges, Ava Crenshaw, Raya Degener, Chloe Duchow.



(Top-bottom and L-R): Julia Kalynycz (Glinda), Lucas Stephan (Cowardly Lion), Jillian Fisk, (Dorothy), Lincoln Wedekind (Tinman) and Jocelyn Schmitt (Scarecrow). The Cast & Crew of the show.

