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IMPORTANT DATES

March

- March 1 - Begin Trimester 3
- March 10 - Choir Concert
- March 14-18 - Spring Break
- March 25 - CW Variety Show
- March 28 - Band Concert

April

- April 11- 2nd/4th Grade Concert
- April 15-18 - No School
- April 26 - 3rd/5th Grade Concert

May

- May 16 - Spring Choir Concert
- May 20 - Spring Band Concert
- May 28 - Graduation
- May 30 - Memorial Day (No School)

June

- June 2 - Last Day of School

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New Director, New Era for Chetek Kids Club

In 2008, the Chetek Kids Club began under the umbrella of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser School District with the aim of providing a quality child-care center for area families. This month, the Chetek Kids Club enters a new era after the original director, Connie Weis, is stepping down and handing the reins over to long-time Kids Club assistant director Spring Hernandez.

CWASD opted to form an in-school child-care facility in 2008, hoping to meet what they felt was a need for affordable, quality child care in the community that served all ages of children. At the time, it was one of the first school districts in the state to do so. Weis was hired that spring to lead the new Chetek Kids Club. She started with just two other teachers working with school-age students. It wasn't long before they expanded to serving toddlers and infants later that year and hired additional staff to take on the influx of children. From then on, as they say, the rest is history.

Last fall, Weis decided it was time for a change, and opted to take a position as a reading paraprofessional within CWASD. She slowly has phased out of her position as Kids Club Director over this school year and has now officially handed over the reins to Hernandez, who was named the new director in January.

"I love the kids club and all it stood for," said Weis. "But I was ready to cut back. It's been special seeing the program grow and move forward, and know that we have filled a need and that families and kids are happy. To see the Kids Club from its infancy to it flourishing as it is now is great. It was hard to decide to leave at first, but I know the Kids Club will be fine. They are in good hands."

As she reflects on her time with the Chetek Kids Club, Weis also adds that she couldn't imagine forming the facility with any other district than CWASD.

"The district has always been supportive," notes Weis. "They've always been open and listened to me. They were there every step of the way. Many other districts have ripped off what we've done here, and many are looking to do the same thing. So many of them have come and said 'This makes sense!'"

Hernandez, for her part, is no stranger to the Chetek Kids Club family. She has been a part of the Chetek Kids Club almost since its inception in 2008. Over the years she has gained extensive experience in child care, originally working part time before being named assistant director of Chetek Kids Club a couple of years into her tenure at the facility. She received



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"Big enough for opportunities, small enough to care"

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CWHS Announces Top Students for Class of 2022

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District is proud to announce the valedictorians and salutatorians of the CWHS graduating class of 2022. The valedictorians are William Beckman, Lana Blumer, Kendal Evans, Molli Fauske, Alexis Guthman, and Ella Olson. Salutatorian is Greta Jorstad.

William Beckman is the son of Clayton and Amy Beckman, of Chetek. He is employed with Northlakes Drive-In. During his high school career, Beckman has been a team captain on the cross-country team, Vice President of the National Honor Society and a member of the Tutor Program, Freshmen Mentors and the track and field team. He intends to attend UW-Platteville this fall to study civil engineering.

Lana Blumer, of Chetek, is the daughter of Carolyn and David Blumer. She has been employed in recent summers with Treefrogs Greenhouse. During high school, Lana was very active in the CWHS Cross Country team, even serving as captain. She also participated in theatre and was a member of the National Honor Society and Forensics team. This fall, Blumer intends to enroll at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study botany and become a plant geneticist and potentially become a professor.

Kendal Evans, of Chetek, is the daughter of Melissa Ally. Over her high school career, she's been a member of the volleyball team, Club Volleyball, Vice President of Student Council, FBLA and the International Culture Club. She's also a member of the CWHS Concert Choir in addition to the A Capella and women's vocal ensembles. Evans also serves as the Choir Council Secretary and soprano section leader. She plans to attend college in Chicago, Minneapolis, Boston or New York City, majoring in psychology (research track) and minoring in Spanish.

Molli Fauske is the daughter of Kevin and Jesi Fauske, of Chetek. Fauske was involved with Forensics, Women's Ensemble, and the Tutoring Club over her high school career, along with being part of the A Capella group and National Honors Society. She was also in the pit orchestra for the CWHS Drama Club production of *The Addams Family*. She hopes to attend UW-Eau Claire-Barron County this fall to obtain her Associates of Arts and Sciences Degree, before pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at UW-Eau Claire.

Alexis Guthman is the daughter of Troy Guthman and Amanda Guthman. Guthman is currently working with S.C. Swiderski, LLC as a turnover specialist. During her high school career, Guthman was involved in Drama Club, Spanish Club, A Capella Group, Leo Club, National Honor Society, Freshmen Mentors, Women's Ensemble and Choir Council. She plans to attend UW-Eau Claire this fall in hopes of pursuing a career in the health care field working with the elderly or persons with special needs. She is specifically considering options such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, or rehabilitative therapy.

Greta Jorstad is the daughter of Kjell and Tracy Jorstad, of Chetek. Jorstad was a member of the track and field and volleyball (captain) teams over her four years of high school. She's also served in the National Honor Society, Student Council (secretary), Freshmen Mentors, Culture/Spanish Club, Girls Fitness Club, Yearbook, Band, Color Guard, Leo Club, Bulldog Buddies on the Prom Committee. Jorstad plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and then attend a master's program for Speech Language Pathology.

Ella Olson is the daughter of Hans and Leslie Olson, of Chetek. She currently works at Hope & Anchor Coffeehouse. During her four years of high school, Olson has been involved in Student Council, National Honor Society (president), Softball, Freshmen Mentors, Spanish Club, the CWHS Dance Team, Choir (president), Band (drum majorette) and Drama Club (performer and choreographer). Following graduation, Olson intends to attend UW-Madison to pursue a double major in English and Vocal Performance, with hopes of continuing on to law school or graduate school for music.



William Beckman



Lana Blumer



Kendal Evans



Molli Fauske



Alexi Guthman



Greta Jorstad



Ella Olson

CWHS Awards Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog

We want to recognize the best of the best in our Bulldog athletes as we announce the Winter 2022 recipients of the Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog Award.

This honor recognizes those athletes who exemplify what it means to have the heart, character and work ethic of a Bulldog. It was awarded in front of the home crowds during recent basketball games.

Congratulations to this season's recipients: Brennan Lentz (boys basketball), Wylee Huset (wrestling), Mariah Bilodeau (girls basketball), Cade Johnson (hockey), Frances Johnston (wrestling cheer), and Ella Olson (dance).

Well done, all. Thank you for modeling what it means to have the Heart of the Bulldog!!



FBLA Students Compete at Regionals

Congratulations to all FBLA competitors at the Regional Conference on Saturday, Feb. 5! Five of them are moving on to the State Competition on March 28-29 in Madison by placing in the top 3 for their event. These students include Kendal Evans in Marketing, Cooper Antzcak in Political Science, Alec Kramer in Advertising, and Brennan Lentz and Wylee Huset in International Business.

Results for Regionals are as follows:

- Mariah Bilodeau - 5th in Accounting
- Alec Kramer - 2 in Advertising
- Abigail and Levi Johnson - 7th in Business Management
- Carter Kummet and Brayden Kelm - 4th in Entrepreneurship
- Emma Haselhuhn - 6th in Hospitality and Event Management
- Brennan Lentz and Wylee Huset - 2nd in International Business
- Kendal Evans - 1st in Marketing
- Cooper Antzcak - 2nd in Political Science
- Olivia Schofield and Anna Widiker - 4th in Social Media Strategies
- Thor Sather, Ashton Kummet, and Cade Johnson - 6th in Sports & Entertainment Management
- Summer Aherns - 6th in Website Design



Winter Sports Season Showcases Athletes

Thank you to all of our athletes, coaches and spectators who made the winter sports season successful! We appreciate all of the community support our student athletes receive! We look forward to seeing you again this spring!



Winter Carnival - A Look Back

It was a week to beat the Winter Blues!! Winter Carnival Week 2022 was full of fabulous memories: games, dress-up days, dance and camaraderie! What a wonderful way to remind ourselves what it means to have Bulldog Pride.



Stock Market Club Investing in Student Futures

It's hard enough to navigate the economy these days; it's even harder to try and read the stock market and maneuver investments. Some CW students, however, are doing just that—with a pretty special knack—with the new Stock Market Club.

The goal of the stock market club is to educate CW students on what stock is, and how outside variables influence stock performance. This is done by competing in a virtual competition known as the Stock Market Game on the Wall Street Journal webpage. Students participating receive \$100,000 of fictitious money to invest at the beginning of the year. The overall winner of the game is the student who puts together a portfolio that performs the best by the end of the year.

According to club advisor John Loy, students in this club meet weekly to discuss strategies and variables they feel are currently moving stock prices. They also discuss what is most likely to affect stocks within their portfolios in the future. Loy also shares weekly educational tidbits with the students on topics like dividends, market indexes, short selling, and margins. Most of the dialogue at meetings is directed by the club president or the members themselves. Occasionally, the club may make a weekly portfolio rule to challenge the current standings.

It's a unique club, and many of the individuals taking part in the simulation are just looking for something different to do during the day. According to sophomore club member Jack Morneau, it's not a club that you'd think a lot of people their age would be interested in, but they are.

"It seems complicated when you first sit down," says Morneau, "but it really isn't."

"It's a life skill," adds sophomore Luccas Janota.

So far this year, CWHS sophomore and club president Jacob Moen has nearly quadrupled the initial \$100,000 in fictitious investments with gains of close to \$400,000. Junior Austin Bitney has more than doubled his. Not every student is as lucky and adept at maneuvering the market, but it's given all of them a taste of how investing in stocks can work for or against you.

Moen explains that he's been able to do well in the market by short selling stocks. Short selling is basically borrowing or holding a set share of stocks when they are very high, but speculating that they'll decline. The investor then will buy back to cover the short sale when prices drop. So, the trader is betting that the prices will continue to decline and can then purchase them back at a lower price. At that point, they will get a return on their investment and make money. While they are betting on other people's losses, it is a pretty common practice for experienced investors—one that actually keeps the market moving.

What is their secret? It's anyone's guess. Moen spends quite a bit of time throughout the week gauging the market and watching trends. He looks for patterns and has become pretty adept and figuring out when he can buy and sell.

"Morning is the best time [for short selling] because that is when the market is the most unstable," explains Moen. "Then it recovers during the day. That is when you want to cover your short sale and buy back. [and you can make your money back]."

The club members all agree that it's about trial and error and having patience. It also takes research and keeping an eye on current events to determine if there's something coming up which might increase a particular company's profits.

It sounds like a lot of jargon, and the average person trying to make sense of it will have a difficult time keeping up. Nonetheless, the students—and Moen in particular—seem to have caught on to patterns that have allowed them to do quite well. So well, in fact, that Loy says in the years he has participated in this "game" he's never seen anyone get such a large return on their investment. For him, it's been pretty exciting to see these students figuring it out.

The club is seeking small donations for prizes at the end of the competition (gas cards, food coupons, etc.) If anyone is willing to donate a small prize, club members are willing to visit the patron and share more about what they have learned.



New Era at Chetek Kids Club (continued from front page)

her director's credentials about 10 years ago. Between her and her husband, they have eight children, most of whom went through the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser school system. They've also had experience in foster care. She is certainly no stranger to the community and to working with children.

"Spring has been my right-hand gal for years," relays Weis. "She knows the kids and the families and will be great in this position. And she knows she always has me in her court and can talk to me if she needs to."

Taking Hernandez's place at Chetek Kids Club as the new assistant director will be Hannah Holst. Holst is a 2018 Barron High School graduate and knew early on that childcare was a passion; even before she finished high school, she became a certified childcare teacher. She attended UW-Stout in Menomonie and received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies, with a Concentration in Child Life. While in high school and through part of her college career, she worked at Creative Kids in Barron.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children, their families, and helping the community grow," says Holst. "Spring and I will work well together and I'm excited to be here."

Hernandez plans to spend the next few weeks getting her feet wet in the new position, and fully admits that she and Holst will be learning together. Although Hernandez doesn't plan to change the Kids Club operations too much, she does hope she can add more programming with the school-age program—especially over the summer. Hernandez believes the Chetek Kids Club currently serves around 100 families; there are 40-45 kids just in the after-school program. They work with youths as young as six weeks up until the end of their fifth-grade year. Hernandez adds that the Chetek Kids Club is filled to the brim, with wait lists for new families. The weight of serving such a large number of people is not lost on her.

"I want families to feel comfortable leaving their kids here, knowing they are being taken care of and that our hearts are fully in this," notes Hernandez. "They can know they don't have to question the care of their kids."

Hernandez is also fully aware that taking over the reins from Weis is a big job. Weis created the Chetek Kids Club from the ground up, and after so many years together, it'll be bittersweet for both ladies.

"After 14 years with Connie, I'm going to greatly miss working with her," admits Hernandez. "It's going to be different. I have some very big shoes to fill!"

"I can't talk about it long without getting emotional," admits Weis. "The Chetek Kids Club will always be a special place for me. I'll miss it!"

CWHS Selects Newest NHS Members

Congratulations to the newest members of the CWHS Chapter of the National Honor Society. Ten new students were inducted Feb. 11 during a special ceremony for family and friends. The new inductees join 20 current members who will work throughout the year on modeling the NHS virtues of character, scholarship leadership and service.

New members include: Sophie Nichols, Olivia Schofield, Anna Widiker, Cierra Rihn, Cade Johnson, Austin Hamholm, Haili Tietz, Lauren Zeman, Abigail Johnson and Madison Wendt. They join the following current members: Tristan Wendt, Ella Olson, Brayden Kelm, Kora Claflin, Carmyn Hanson, Ashton Kummet, Mariah Bilodeau, Carter Kummet, Olivia Suedel, Kendal Evans, Greta Jorstad, Bria Olson, Leah Glaser, Molli Fauske, Summer Ahrens, Lana Blumer, Autumn Gensing, William Bechman, Alexis Guthman (not pictured) and Marissa Zelek (not pictured).

Well done, all. Congratulations!!



CWHS Musicians Perform in Honors Ensembles

Congratulations to the CWHS musicians selected for the Red Cedar Honors Band and Choir. They traveled to Hayward High School recently to learn and perform with other musicians from the area.

The choir was conducted by a dean/choir professor from St. Scholastica. The band was conducted by Richard Saucedo, a world-renowned composer, educator and clinician.

Well done, and kudos to you all!!



CWMS Student Pens Winning 9/11 Essay

Anyone old enough to remember can vividly recall where they were on Sept. 11, 2001 as terrorists attacked the United States and left more than 3,000 Americans dead. It's been more than 20 years since that day, and students attending Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District aren't old enough to remember the events of September 11, 2001; the seniors of the graduating class of 2022 weren't even born yet. One young CWMS student, however, made it a priority to learn about that fateful day through an essay contest. In the process, she earned a first-place prize and discovered a little more about what it was like to experience those events from those closest to her.

Kelsea Clark, an eighth-grader at CWMS, entered a 2021 essay contest sponsored by the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center based in Superior, WI. CWMS/MS Social Studies teacher John Loy brought the contest to his students' attention during a class last fall. Clark was the only student who decided to partake. To recognize the importance of remembering Sept. 11, 2001, the center asked the essayists the following questions: "What changes to our lives and freedoms were generated by the attacks on September 11th, 2001? How do the events of that day continue to affect even those, like you, who may have no memory of it?"

"I thought it would be pretty cool to do," notes Clark. "My grandparents and parents were around when it happened, and I thought it would be nice to learn more about it."

The focus on her essay was how Sept. 11 changed and impacted the lives of Americans. In order to dive deeper into this topic, Clark spoke with her family. She learned that they were all watching the television that day as things unfolded, and all expressed fear and anger. She also learned how, as a result of the terrorist attack, American troops were sent to Afghanistan to locate the mastermind behind the plot, Osama Bin Laden.

"I got info on how my family reacted and what it was like for them," notes Clark. "It really helped me understand the day a lot more."

Clark spent a couple of weeks in November crafting her essay, with a little help from Loy. It was due early in December. By early January, Clark admits she was getting a little nervous and anxious as she awaited the contest results. On January 26, she discovered she'd won; to say she was excited would be an understatement.

"I started jumping and screaming," exclaimed Clark. "I was bawling my eyes out. I couldn't believe it. It had been so long since I turned it in that I was getting worried."

As a result of her first-place essay, Clark received \$50. But more importantly, she received insight into a day that forever changed the United States of America. When asked if she'd participate in a contest like this again, she answered with a resounding "Yes!" Although, she admits she might pick a different topic.



Eighth-Grade Students Take on Archery

Eighth-grade students in Mr. Buchman's physical education class targeted a new love of archery in January! For one of their final activities, they finished off the unit by trying to hit some balloons!



Fifth Graders Slide Through Curling

A handful of fifth-grade students got into the Olympic spirit Feb. 17-18 by trying their hand at curling! They traveled up to the Rice Lake Curling Club to receive some first-hand experience in the sport. Here are some pictures from Ms. Ridout's class giving a go at this unique activity.



Roselawn Honors Bulldog Leaders

For the first time in nearly two years, Roselawn students and staff held a full assembly for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade Friday, Feb. 25. What better way to celebrate that than to honor the Bulldog Leaders for the second trimester of the 2021-2022 school year! These are students that demonstrate the characteristics of caring, kindness, work ethic and achieving. Congrats to all of those recognized, and thank you for being model Bulldogs. Those leaders are: Cole Richert (5), William Skoug (4), Reilyn Donald (3), Kaleah North (2), Carter Hazelton (1) and Abbigail Sieja (K). Congrats young Bulldogs!



4K Screening For Newest Bulldogs Set

The Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District will screen and register 4-year-old kindergarten students for the 2022-23 school year one day only, Friday, April 1, at Roselawn Elementary School. This program is open to all children who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2022. Kindergarten (K5) screening will be conducted on that date as well, for children who have not attended a K4 program.

The registration and screening will require approximately one hour for parent and child. The screening includes vision, communication, and social development. Parents will meet with Scott Kowalski, Elementary School Principal, and Chelsi Jenness, Guidance Counselor, to register their child and learn about the Bright Beginnings 4-year-old kindergarten program, busing, and breakfast and lunch program.

Parents will also be able to talk with teachers about their child's development. Registration and screening is by appointment only. Parents should call Shelly Bowlyou at 715-924-2244 ext. 2080 to set up an appointment.



Olympic Celebration Ends Trimester at Roselawn

Roselawn Elementary students celebrated the end of the second trimester with a little Olympic fun Friday, Feb. 25! First, they marched into their all-school assembly with the flags of their classrooms and a torch-bearer! Then, groups proceeded to participate in makeshift versions of curling, orienteering and bobsledding!



Annual Variety Show Brings Scholarships to Students

Mark your calendars for one of CW's most anticipated annual events! The 26th Annual Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Variety Show will be presented Friday, March 25th on the stage of the CW Middle School gym at 7 p.m. The show will feature student and staff performers presenting a selection of musical acts, original dances along with a few novelty acts. The night will also feature high school visual artists demonstrating their chosen art methods.

Off-stage there will be a silent auction where shoppers can bid on a variety of donated items. Christie Sather is accepting donations for the silent auction. Hand crafted items, themed baskets, memorabilia in excellent condition and items for kids are desirable auction items.

This much-anticipated show begins at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. so all patrons may have a chance to browse the auction items, grab a snack from the concessions area and select a seat for the entertainment. Proceeds from admission, silent auction, and concessions will all become part of a scholarship fund that will benefit students of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser School District.



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- May 28 CW HS Graduation
- May 30 Memorial Day - No School
- June 2 End of Trimester 3/Last Day of School
- June 3 Staff Professional Development

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