



# Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### June

- 12-15 - First Week of Summer School
- 19-22 - Second Week of Summer School
- 26-29 - Third Week of Summer School

### August

- 22-24 - Professional Development Days for Staff
- 28 - First Day for Students

### September

- 4 - Labor Day-No School

### October

- 20 - No School
- 23 - Staff Professional Development (No School)

### November

- 17 - End of Trimester I
- 20-21 - Staff Professional Development (No School)
- 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break
- 27 - Start of Trimester 2

Check out our school website for all upcoming events:  
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## CW Junior Scores Perfect 36 on ACT Exam

It is an achievement that very rarely happens—a perfect score of 36 on the ACT—but for the first time in recent memory, it's happened for a student at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School! School officials are proud to announce that CWSHS junior Cooper Antczak earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.



On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT test, which consists of assessments in English, math, reading and science, earn a perfect 36. The composite score is an average of those four test scores.

In a message to Antczak recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT Chief Executive Officer Marten Roorda stated, "Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. While test scores are just one of multiple criteria that most colleges consider when making admission decisions, your exceptional ACT composite score should prove helpful as you pursue your education and career goals."

Leading up to the exam, Antczak admits he spent a fair amount of time studying for the test over the last couple of years. In particular, he took as many of the practice tests available as he could.

"I tried the practice tests and did well, and I just kept asking 'How well could I do?'" said Antczak. "I just took practice ACT tests over and over again. You can prepare for it, but you have all of this knowledge from 1st-10th/11th grade that could be on the test. Some of it is simple, but maybe asked in a way that doesn't make it so easy. There is no better way to prepare for it than to just take the test."

Noting that he didn't want to get in his head, several weeks prior to the actual ACT test, Antczak stopped taking the practice tests. Of course, nothing one does can really eliminate the pressure of taking the ACT—and even Antczak noted the stress of having even just one question change the outcome. He remembered feeling like the math portion of the exam was particularly troublesome for him. Instead of looking

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**"Big enough for opportunities, small enough to care"**

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## Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Staff Honor 2023 Retirees



As we ended the school year, staff took time June 8 to recognize our retirees. This year, the 11 retirees, combined, have more than 300 years of service and dedication to the district. These individuals have touched thousands of young people's lives.

Congratulations to Shelly Bowlyou, Deb Farrell, Brenda Gustum, Janet Kaminski, John Loy, Pam Luethi, Bill Munch, Sandy Newell, Ellen Stabenow, Larry Zeman and Linda Zeman.

Thank you for all that you have done, and for the young lives you've blessed!

## CW Variety Show 2023

What an evening of entertainment as students, staff and community members came together for the annual CW Variety Show March 24. We raised thousands of dollars for student scholarships and celebrated the incredible talent that is in our community. It's truly amazing what we can do when we celebrate each other!! Thank you to EVERYONE who came to join our Bulldog family with this event!



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## Top Scholars Recognized

Thirteen of the top students from the CWHS Class of 2023 were honored during the annual Top Scholars Banquet on May 17. These students either had the top GPAs and/or ACT scores in their class in order to be invited to the banquet. In addition, these students also asked to the banquet an Honored Educator, a staff member or teacher who has made a special impact on their life. CWMS English Teacher Jennifer Schofield was the guest speaker for the evening.

Those students selected, and their Honored Educator, were as follows: left to right: Hunter Hamilton (Tim Tschumperlin, Lauren Zeman (Carol Moon), Austin Hamholm (Shawna Skoug), Olivia Schofield (Bill Munch), Cade Johnson (Lee Killoren), Cierra Rihn (Loren West), Grace Neilsen (Matthew Forrest), Sophie Nichols (Patrick Vavra), Haili Tietz (Lee Killoren), Madison Wendt (Crystal Odegard), Anna Widiker (Shelley Raiola), Abigail Johnson (Crystal Odegard), and Logan Accola (Bob Morehead). Congrats all!



## CWHS Announces 2023 Honor Students



Congrats to the Honors Students of the CWHS Class of 2023!

They are: Austin Hamholm, Abigail Johnson, Cade Johnson, Sophie Nichols, Cierra Rihn, Olivia Schofield, Haili Tietz, Madison Wendt, Anna Widiker and Lauren Zeman!

# Congratulations Graduates!!!

We may say "Goodbye" to the CWHS Class of 2023 but it is only the beginning of their story. Congratulations to an incredible, strong group of young adults. You've made us all proud!



# Well done, CWHS Class of 2023



## CWHS/MS Musicians Soar During Spring Concerts

CWHS students performed in their final concerts of the year as the music department presented its annual spring concerts on May 15 (choir) and May 19 (band). The evenings were also a chance to recognize the senior leaders in the various ensembles. We also have to give a huge congratulations to senior Austin Hamholm, who was recognized with the John Philip Sousa Award, and senior Haili Tietz, who was honored with the National School Choral Award. To all involved, we say "Bravo!"



## CWHS Drama Club Performs Fractured Fairy Tale

The CWHS Drama Club had a fabulous time performing their production of *Big Bad* by Alec Strum over at Roselawn for the third, fourth and fifth graders in April! There were lots of laughs and smiles all around--and a special appearance by Miss Dolly Neby!! We also had a great time at the community production, Wednesday, April 19.



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## CW Band Honors Fallen During Memorial Day Service

It was a great privilege to play for the 2023 Chetek Memorial Day Service May 29. Members of the CWHS and MS bands were on hand to help honor the ultimate sacrifice service members have made to protect our freedoms. It was a day to remember and give our sincerest, heartfelt thanks.



## Antczak Scores Perfect ACT (continued from front)

back on all of the questions he knew he did well on, as one does, he focused on what he felt he did wrong.

"I walked out thinking I maybe got a 33," remembers Antczak. "Maybe 190 of the questions fade and all you think about are the five to 10 questions that you wondered about the answers."

Three or four weeks after taking the exam, Antczak received the news—but not before some of his friends had played little prank on him; the night before, several sent screenshots of fake test scores before they'd actually received the real results, making him worry just a bit more about how he had done. The next day, Antczak actually did receive his ACT results—and he was elated.

"I cried and called my mom on the phone!" says Antczak, recalling his initial reaction after finding out he had achieved a perfect ACT score. "I know you hear the ACT has become less and less important for college, but it's still a big thing that you work for. And to take it and know you did the best that you could do, it was exhilarating."

Many members of the school community, both staff and friends, offered their congratulations to Antczak as well. It is an accomplishment that doesn't often happen, despite the number of students taking the ACT exam each year.

"Congratulations to Cooper Antczak for his perfect score of 36 on the ACT," said CWHS Principal Larry Zeman. "We can all be very proud of Cooper, his family, his teachers, and all stakeholders of the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District. This accomplishment places Cooper among an elite group of students and is sure to serve him well as he contemplates his opportunities."

Antczak isn't entirely sure where he plans on going to college or what he intends to study after graduating in 2024, but he does know he will continue his educational career. One thing is for sure, a perfect ACT score certainly opens a number of opportunities for him that might not have otherwise even been discussed.

## CWHS Holds 2023 Prom

CWHS students celebrated their 2023 Junior Prom on Saturday, April 29 at The Mill. Congratulations to members of the junior prom court, especially to this year's king and queen and prince and princess! Junior prom prince and princess were Cedar Langer and Jennie Skoug. Crowned junior prom king and queen were Christian Jorstad and Zoe Nelson.

The entire court was as follows: Mia Clemmens, Madi Martin, Hannah Solie, Zoe Nelson, Alexis Clark, Jennie Skoug, Benson Paulson, Wylee Huset, Cedar Langer, Christian Jorstad, Thor Sather, and Brennan Lentz!!

Way to represent the Bulldogs, all! Congratulations! We have beautiful students inside and out.



## GIVE BACK DAY 2023

What an incredibly meaningful and special Give Back Day on May 4! 2023 will be one for the books! There were students in all corners of our district, from Sand Creek to Weyerhaeuser. It was all capped off with a beautiful Back the Blue Parade through Chetek in honor of our police officers and in memory of Officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel. It's amazing what can be accomplished with a little work and a lot of love!



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## Spring Sports Season Showcases Athletes



Thank you to all of our athletes, coaches and spectators who made the spring sports season successful! We can't tell you how proud we are of them and the work they've put in this season. We appreciate all of the community support our student athletes receive! We look forward to seeing you again in the fall!



## Davis Medals at WIAA State Track Meet

What a run! Lawson Davis advanced to the WIAA State Track Meet in La Crosse in June to finish out his high school track and field career! Lawson competed in the Triple Jump, 110M Hurdles, Long Jump and High Jump after his stellar performance at the Sectional Meet in May. He finished third in the high jump, fourth in the hurdles, and had an eighth-place finishes in both the long jump and triple jump.

Bulldogs sent him off in our traditional style June 1 as he ran the halls at both Roselawn Elementary and CWHS/MS to high-fives and well-wishes! Congrats, Lawson!



## CWHS Boys Golf Crowned HON, Regional Champs



The CWHS Boys Golf Team had a fabulous season! They were crowned champions on May 23 at the Regional Meet in Webster!

The week prior, they were crowned co-Heart O' North Conference Champions after winning the conference meet at Sioux Creek Golf Course in Chetek!

According to Coach Killoren, this is the first time in at least 40 years that he can recall the CW team winning the HON Conference. Well done, and congratulations to all!!!

## CWHS Awards Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog

We want to recognize the best of the best in our Bulldog athletes as we recognize the Spring 2023 recipients of the Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog.

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 meets and games by Owen's parents, Tim and Dawn Knutson.

Congratulations to this season's recipients: Connor Buckli (boys golf), Haili Tietz (softball), Kaylee Haas (girls track), Brayden Cella (boys track), and Connor Evitch (baseball).

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



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## Hiking Trip Tops Off Eighth-Grade School Year

CWMS Eighth Graders spent their final day of middle school hiking around St. Croix Falls Interstate Park. What a gorgeous way to celebrate the final day of the school year!



## Eighth-Graders Recognized with Legion Award

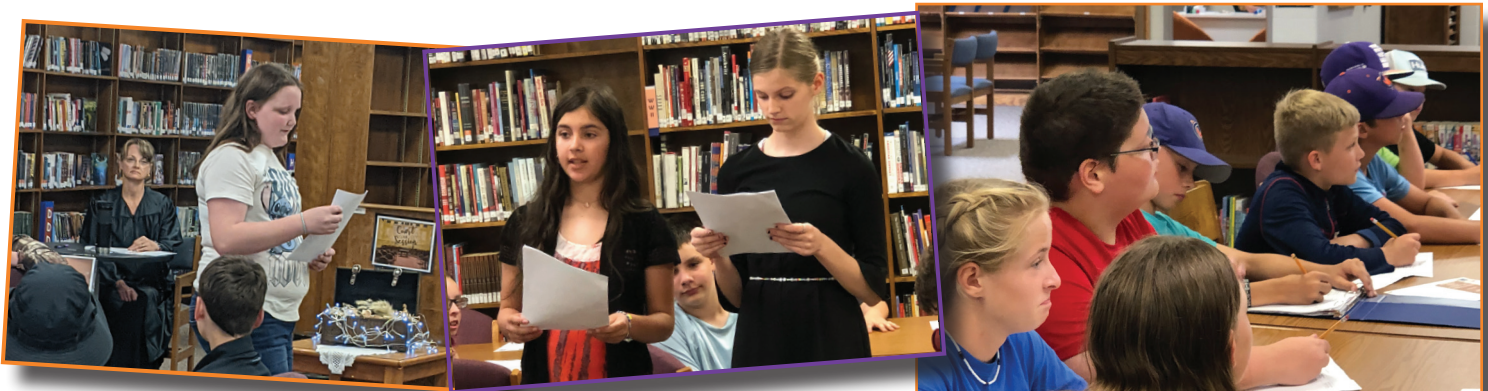


Congratulations to CWMS Eighth-Grade Students Kittra Khan and Anders Olson! The two were honored with the Howard-Campbell-Ganske American Legion Post #179 Award in June.

This award has been given to eighth-grade students each year since 1961 to recognize those who model leadership, scholarship, character, citizenship and service. Well done!

## Sixth-Graders Hold Mock Trial on Short Story

In Mrs. Schofield's English class, the sixth graders ended their argumentative unit (and the school year) with a mock trial on the fictional short story, "The Monkey's Paw" by English author W. W. Jacobs, first published in 1902. The story centers on a dried, shrunken monkey's paw that is said to have the power to grant its possessor three wishes, but the wishes come with an enormous price for interfering with fate.



## First Graders Write, Share Own Stories

Stories are meant to be shared, right!?! Well that's what Roselawn first graders had in mind in May as they had a story-sharing party with their fellow classmates! In the days leading up to the party, each student had been working on writing their own story! Later in May, they got to read and share them with one another! Great job, young authors!!



## Roselawn Students Shine Under Concert Spotlight

There's nothing quite like a Roselawn Concert! Congratulations to the Kindergarten-, Second- and Fourth-Grade Students who performed April 24 during their 2023 Spring Concert "The Great Outdoors." Unless you've experienced one of these events, you just don't quite understand the joy it brings! Well done, all!!



## Fourth Graders Explore Chetek-Area History

Roselawn Fourth Graders got a dose of local history in June as they traveled to the Chetek Area Museum. CWS Social Studies students were also there to help lead activities and explain the numerous exhibits in the museum to the fourth-grade students! What an awesome way to experience the Chetek area's past!



## Bright Beginners Students Celebrate Graduation

Roselawn celebrated the youngest of our Bulldogs May 31 and June 1 as the 4K Bright Beginners were honored with a special graduation ceremony as they prepare for kindergarten! These little Dawgs are the future class of 2036!!!



## Track and Field Day Sends Roselawn Runners Racing

How far can you leap? How long can you throw? How fast can you run? How high can you jump? It was Roselawn's fourth- and fifth-grade students' turn to answer those questions on May 30 as they took part in the annual track and field day at CWSHS/MS! The day always brings out the best in these youngsters' competition and athleticism.



## Roselawn Softball Tourney Tradition Continues

Always an intense series of games, the 2023 Roselawn softball tournament held its championship match June 7 between teams captained by fifth-graders Beau Loofboro and Brantley Knickerbocker. A 5-3 win by Loofboro's team in the first game forced a Game 2 in the double-elimination tourney. In the end, Knickerbocker's team pulled off the victory with a 4-0 win! Taking third place was the team captained by Cade Olson.

Well done, all! A beautiful way to end the school year with a decades-long tradition!



## CW Staff Donates Funds to Scholarship Foundation

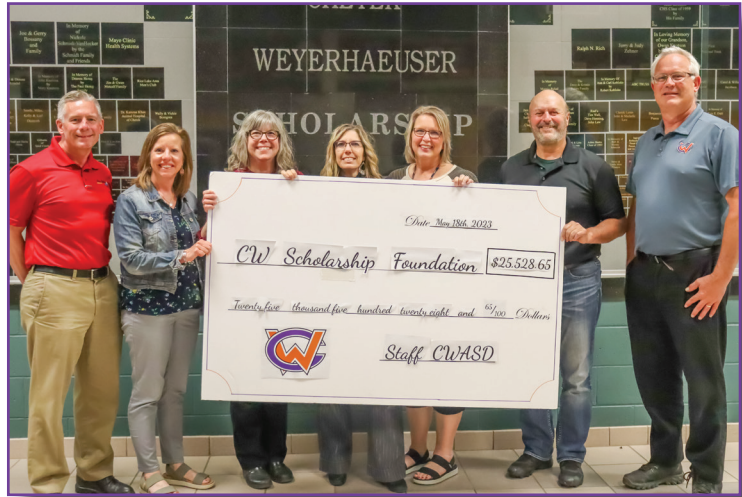
The Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District Staff has donated \$25,528.65 to the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Scholarship Foundation (CWSF). This is money raised primarily during the 28 years of the staff sponsored variety show.

“The idea of the Variety Show was formed in the mid-1990’s to provide our talented students and staff a stage on which to shine while raising funds for our graduates to further their education beyond our walls,” explained Variety Show Director and CW Staff Member Dolly Neby. “With hard work by many individuals this event has grown into an anticipated yearly event. We find it thrilling to be a part of this uplifting atmosphere for our school and our community. We hope it continues for another quarter century!

The CW Staff will continue to sponsor approximately \$4,000 per year in student scholarships through future variety show proceeds as well as make continual donations to CWSF.

“The goal of the money raised has always been to provide scholarships to current students and to build a fund that will grow to give more scholarships in the future,” stated CW staff representative Bill Munch. “We are proud as a staff to donate this money to the CWSF as we know it will be invested and grow. I know I speak for former and current staff when I say we are proud of the legacy that we and others before us created.”

Pictured in the photo are Dolly Neby, John Loy, and Bill Munch who have all been involved in the Variety Show since its inception, Janis Volker and Diane Huiras who serve on both the variety show committee as well as CWSF, and Dawn Knutson and John Flor of CWSF.



## Summer Meal Program at CW

CW will again be serving free meals as part of the Summer Food Service Program through June! The program is open to any children age 18 and under.

Through June 29, free meals will be available at Roselawn Elementary. Breakfast will be served Monday through Thursday 8-8:30 a.m. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. All meals will be served in the Roselawn cafeteria. There will be no meals provided on Fridays. Meals as part of this summer program will not be served in July and August.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Sandy Stevens at 715-924-2226, x2057, or e-mail [sstevens@cwasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:sstevens@cwasd.k12.wi.us).

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- Student lunch menus and other district information can be found on our website: [www.cwasd.k12.wi.us](http://www.cwasd.k12.wi.us)

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2023-2024 District Calendar



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**February 2024**

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**May 2024**

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**June 2024**

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- Aug. 22,23,24 Staff Professional Development
- Aug. 28 First Day of School for Students
- Sept. 4 Labor Day - No School
- Oct. 20 No School
- Oct. 23 Staff Professional Development
- Nov. 17 End of Trimester 1
- Nov. 20 & 21 Staff Professional Development
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Nov. 27 Begin Trimester 2
- Dec. 22 - Jan 2 Winter Break - No School
- Jan. 22 Staff Professional Development
- Feb. 9 & 12 No School for Students or Staff
- March 8 End of Trimester 2
- March 11-15 Spring Break - No School
- March 18 Begin Trimester 3
- March 29 No School for Students or Staff
- April 1 No School for Students or Staff
- May 3 No School for Students or Staff
- May 27 Memorial Day - No School
- June 5 End of Trimester 3/Last Day of School
- June 6 Staff Professional Development

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates

HS-MS Parent/Teacher Conferences October 16, January 29, & April 15  
Roselawn Parent/Teacher Conferences November 2 & 9; February 22 & 29

