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IMPORTANT DATES

January

Jan. 1-2 - No School for Students/Staff
Jan. 22 - Staff Development
No School For Students

February

Feb. 9-12 - No School for Students/Staff

March

March 8 - End of Trimester 2
March 11-15 - Spring Break
March 18 - Beginning of Trimester 3

Check out our school website
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Gilbertson Takes Over Erb Bus Service

Since 1987, Erb Rural Bus Service has served the Chetek community and the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District, providing students with transportation to and from school, on field trips, extra-curricular activities and athletic events. Now after 36 years, the torch is being passed on to Gilbertson Transit with Nikki Gilbertson and Sam Motzer.

John and Vicki Erb started the bus service with regular morning and afternoon routes, one special needs route, activity buses and extra-curricular activities. Over the years, routes and trips were added to accommodate Bright Beginners students, NorthStar Academy students, extra-curricular activities and additional special needs students. Of course, when Chetek and Weyerhaeuser consolidated, this added even more miles, more buses and more drivers.

"We were quite clueless starting out, but people were kind and we grew with the business," remembers Vicki Erb.

Through it all, Vicki notes that she and John were grateful for so much. But she notes there is one thing she is most proud of: her employees.

"I have John to thank for that," reminisces Vicki of her late husband, who passed away in 2021. "He hired good people. And they truly have become a family. As I've had to be at the garage more these past two years, I've grown to love each one of them and see exactly what he saw in them. The drivers, as well as other employees, have gone way above and beyond."

Vicki specifically gave special credit to the dispatcher, Rachel Robinson, and her friend Dan Boese.

"Rachel is way more than a dispatcher and has filled gaps as they've occurred in quite amazing ways," says Erb. "She's little, but she's mighty!! Dan stepped up and filled in wherever we needed him over and over again. We are especially grateful for these two. I'm not sure we could have functioned the past two years without them."

Starting Friday, Sept. 15, Erb Rural Bus Service officially became part of Gilbertson Transit of Ladysmith. At the helm is Nikki Gilbertson and Sam Motzer. Gilbertson comes with transportation in her blood. Her parents began contracting for the Lake Holcombe School District in 1988, and even from just being days old, she grew up learning the ins and outs of the transportation business. After high school she went on to get a degree in human resources. Needing some managerial experience upon graduating college,

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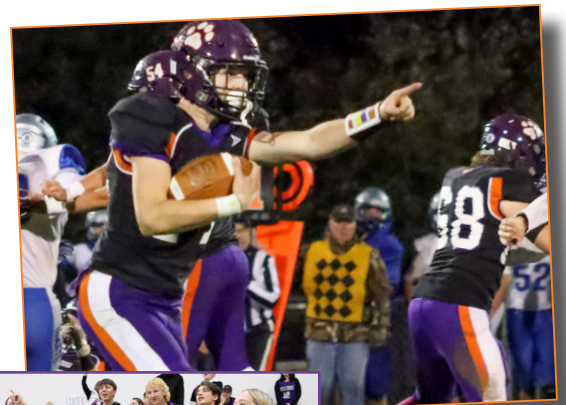


"Big enough for opportunities, small enough to care"

CW Homecoming Week - A Look Back

It's weeks like this that make you proud to be a Bulldog!! Homecoming Week 2023 was full of fabulous memories: a parade, pep assemblies, great music, cheers, camaraderie, games--what a wonderful way to remind ourselves what it means to have Bulldog Pride.

Homecoming wouldn't be complete without the coronation of the 2023 royalty!! Congratulations to the entire court: Jacob Moen, Benson Paulson, Wylee Huset, Brennan Lentz, Cedar Langer, Thor Sather, Jennie Skoug, Hannah Solie, Mia Clemmens, Izabella Zurek, Daylia Anderson, and Alexis Clark. A special shout-out to Thor Sather and Jennie Skoug, who were crowned the 2023 CWHS Homecoming King and Queen!



Fall Sports Season Showcases Athletes

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



A huge congratulations to the CWSH Girls Golf Team! At regionals in September they qualified for sectionals by placing third!! The top 3 teams of 9 make it to sectionals. According to coach Thompson, going back in the records to 2000, there hasn't been a team that has qualified for sectionals--quite possibly even longer than that! Fantastic job, ladies!!!!



CWHS Awards Owen Knutson Heart of the Bulldog

Prior to the Homecoming Football Game in October, we paused to recognize the best of the best in our Bulldog athletes with the presentation of the 2023 Fall 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 before the homecoming game by Owen's mother, Dawn Knutson.

Congratulations to this season's recipients: Thor Sather (football), Elliana Bayer (girls cross country), Owen Hamholm (boys cross country), Hannah Solie (volleyball) and Wren Candler (girls golf).

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



CWHS Sends Team to State Cross Country Meet

The CWHS Boys Cross Country Team finished in second place at their sectional meet in Cadott in October! This means they earned the right to run as a TEAM at the WIAA State Meet in Wisconsin Rapids!! Way to go, Dawgs!!!!

Both the boys and girls teams ran the halls of CWHS/MS in our traditional send-off! Then the boys headed down Second Street in Chetek to celebrate with the community! We think it's been around 30 years since a CW/Chetek boys CC team went to state, so this is special!! WHAT. AN. ACCOMPLISHMENT!!



CW Students Honor Veterans with Ceremonies

CWHS/MS students honored those who have served our country with the annual Veterans' Day community program Nov. 10. As part of the ceremony, students heard from Dr. Mark Gilberts CAPT, DC, US Navy (Retired). It is always a special honor to host this program and salute community members who have made so many sacrifices to protect our freedoms! To all of our Veterans, we say THANK YOU! Earlier that week, Roselawn fifth graders also held their annual Veterans' Day ceremony. Students even celebrated the heroes in their own family. Students heard from local veterans, auxiliary members and even members of their families about what it was like to serve. The pride on students' faces who had family members serve in the armed forces was radiant. What a beautiful tribute to honor those who protect our freedoms.



CWHS Drama Club Amazes with *Little Women*

Congratulations and BRAVO to the cast and crew of *Little Women* in November! What an "astonishing" display of talent, heart, hard work and camaraderie. We couldn't be prouder of you all, the beautiful production, and the journey it took everyone on! Kudos!!!!



CWHS Musicians Play with Honors Band

Six of our CWHS musicians played with the best of the best from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan in October as they participated in the Tri-State Honors Band Festival at UW-Superior. The group spent the day rehearsing with other students from schools in the tri-state area before performing later that night. Those participating were: Peter Wise, Casey Haugen, Devon Holub, Emma Marek, Emily Collins and Damian Motzer. Well done!!!



Fall Concerts Put Spotlight on Student Musicians

What a wonderful set of evenings of music at CWHS/MS as the bands and choirs performed their annual fall concerts. The choir was first off with their performance on Oct. 2 at the Chetek Beach. The band followed with their own concert on Oct. 30. Kudos to all on a job well done! The talent of our students at CW is so beautiful!!



Gilbertson Transit Takes Over Erb Bus Service (from front)

she moved back to Holcombe to manage her parents' multiple businesses in 2014.

It wasn't long after that the Ladysmith School District was looking for a new bus contractor. They approached Gilbertson Transit about the opportunity and in 2015 they started contracting with Ladysmith. Wanting to branch out on her own, her parents sold her the Ladysmith bus contract and fleet in 2016. When Sam Motzer came into the picture in 2019, they had the opportunity to expand the business in Ladysmith and purchased a new shop and four additional routes. Now they are expanding to the CW District. Sam is a life-long Chetek resident and Nikki moved to Chetek in 2018. They have two children, Olive (3) and Reagan (2-½ months)—in addition to their dogs and cat!

"Sam and I want to make this as smooth as possible as we transition from Erb to Gilbertson Transit," says Gilbertson. "We are in the works of keeping the same phone numbers. Rachel Robinson will still be the dispatcher and will be taking the phone calls like she did in the past."

Gilbertson adds that the main change people will see will be the name of the business. Families might see some new faces driving, but most of the past drivers will continue their employment with Gilbertson Transit.

"We're just very grateful," adds Motzer.

"Vicki and John have made this business what it is today," expands Gilbertson. "It has grown three to four times what they started with. I'm impressed with how many routes are coming in and out of the garage and the employees behind the scenes making sure everything flows smoothly. Bus, vans, and cars are coming and going every day. Rachel and Vicki do an amazing job scheduling and making sure every route and trip is always covered. Vicki has an amazing group of employees that we are thankful for who will be coming on board. Sam and I hope to continue the reputation Erb Bus has carried for the past 30 years."

Vicki, Sam, Nikki and Rachel have worked together on a regular basis since early August as the transition began to take place. Vicki notes she'll still be available for whatever Sam and Nikki need in the near future and says the three have developed a good relationship, adding that Sam and Nikki have been very gracious in inviting her to be down at the bus garage as much as she wants.

As the time winds down to the official sale, Vicki does get a bit emotional thinking about the past 36 years and a bittersweet transition. Ultimately, it's knowing that the community's students will still be cared for, that makes the transition just a bit better.

"Erb Rural Bus Service, and John and Vicki Erb, have been an integral part of the Chetek and Chetek-Weyerhaeuser family for so many years," notes district administrator Mark Johnson. "Our gratitude for their service and their dedication to our students is immeasurable. As we transition to working with Gilbertson Transit, we know that Nikki and Sam will continue to offer the same devotion to our students and community as John and Vicki did for so many decades. We look forward to that partnership."

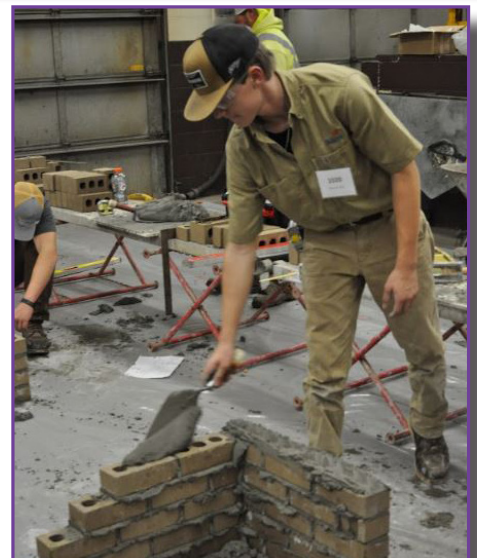
"It has been such a privilege to serve the Chetek/Sand Creek/Weyerhaeuser communities for 36 years," concludes Erb. "Prior to John's passing, I hadn't worked as directly with school staff. These past two years I've gotten to know them better, and I can tell you I couldn't have asked for better people to work with during that time. Mark Johnson and the administration at CW are beyond gracious and helpful. There's so much I'll miss, especially the people. I have very mixed feelings as I step away, but your kids are in good hands. That makes it easier."

CWHS Hosts SkillsUSA Conference

In early November, ten high schools attended the District One SkillsUSA conference at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School. (Antigo, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Ladysmith, New Auburn, Rice Lake, Spooner, St. Croix Falls, Stanley-Boyd, Unity, and Webster). More than 90 students competed in ten different events: Extemporaneous Speaking, First-Aid, Job Interview, Job Skill Demonstration, Masonry, Precision Machining, Related Technical Math, Team Engineering, Technical Drafting, and Welding).

CW students represented well, with five students earning medals. (Zoe Nelson - Gold in Extemporaneous Speaking, Layden Ludwigson - Gold in Masonry, Ethan Nelson - Gold in Precision Machining, Brock Hamilton - Silver in Welding, Cedar Langer - Gold in Welding) The event was planned by the CW SkillsUSA chapter officers (Emily Collins - President, Cedar Langer - Vice President, Brock Hamilton - Secretary, Layden Ludwigson - Treasurer, and Zoe Mikl-Young - Reporter) under the direction of the staff advisors Sarah Fredrikson and Bob Morehead. Emily Collins and Zoe Mikl-Young played host to the event by leading the opening and closing ceremonies.

Thank you to all of the judges and volunteers who helped put this event together. A special thanks to GRD Marony of Chetek for donating all of the materials and running the masonry contest.



CWMS 6th Graders Get Taste for Books

CWMS Sixth Graders with Mrs. Schofield participated in what has become an annual 'Book Tasting' event in November. It is an opportunity for students to expand their literary taste buds. Each student has a chance to briefly sample different tables or "genres" of books--from poetry to science fiction and everything in between. What a great way to check out a variety of reading materials!



CWMS Students Perform With Honors Band

Early in November, nearly a dozen Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Middle School Band students traveled to the Shell Lake Arts Center to participate in a middle school honors band. The students worked hard all day and put on a concert that evening at the Shell Lake Arts Center.



CWMS Singers Shine During Performance

CWMS Choir students performed a handful of songs for some classmates, friends, family and staff members on October 12 during homeroom! What a treat to hear their music! Thank you for sharing your talents!



MS Probability Unit Ends in Math Carnival

CWMS math students in Ms. Zine's class ran a make-shift carnival Nov. 15! They created their own games to calculate probability for the end of their unit. What are the chances that they had a little fun?!?



Roselawn Students End Trimester with Turkey BINGO

B-I-N-G-O!! That was the name of the game the afternoon of Nov. 17 as students at Roselawn Elementary participated in an all-school celebration marking the end of the first trimester! Students were able to play together virtually with the help of a very special BINGO caller--Mr. Turkey, aka: Mr. Kowalski!

We're so proud of our students and how they've managed through the first trimester of the school year



Student's Ojibwe Heritage Part of Music Class

Aaliyah Downwind, a fourth grader at Roselawn, took time to present an Ojibwe jingle dress dance during music class in September. Aaliyah has been a part of her Ojibwe gatherings, alongside other family members, for several years. She donned her traditional jingle dress (made by her aunt) and demonstrated traditional dance moves that have been shared for generations.

Aaliyah was excited to share her knowledge about her family's Ojibwe heritage in connection with this colorful celebration and her classmates were respectful and responsive with more questions than could be answered. We thank Aaliyah for being our guest teacher.



Roselawn Students Learn Fire-Safety Tips

Roselawn students had a chance to learn a little fire safety in October with the help of the Chetek Fire Department. Along with seeing how to use a fire extinguisher, students also got to check out some fire trucks, look at firefighting gear, and go through the demonstration smoke house to get a feel for what it might be like to experience smoke in the event of fire. Thanks firefighters for giving our students such important information!



Roselawn Students Gather for All-School Photo

When you've reached your initial behavior recognition goals, you must celebrate! Roselawn students and staff gathered for a school community picture early in the school year, AND a round of "On You Bulldogs!" Of course, there were freezee pops on the playground afterwards. Well done Dawgs! Thanks for starting off the school year so strong!!!



Five Added to Bulldog Hall of Fame

The Bulldog Hall of Fame and Wall of Honor got a little bit bigger recently as five new members were inducted during a special ceremony at Pokegama Lakeside Cantina.

Cole LaLiberty (C-W Class of 2015), Paul Hetke (CHS Class of 2008), Sarah (Thull) Peissig (Weyerhaeuser Class of 1999), and Michael Breed (Weyerhaeuser Class of 1985) were all enshrined into the CW Bulldog Hall of Fame. Mary Wintrone, CHS Class of 1954, was inducted into the Wall of Honor.

These athletes excelled in everything from cross country and wrestling to football and basketball while in high school and even into their college careers. While women's sports were not available to Mary Wintrone while she was in high school, she ran 37 marathons over the years--earning her a special place in the Wall of Honor. Each was presented with a plaque to commemorate the moment and will also have a plaque hanging in the commons area at CWHS/MS where the Bulldog Hall of Fame resides. While Cole LaLiberty was not able to be present for the occasion, he did accept the honor virtually during the ceremony.



Congratulations to you all. Thank you for being such influential members of the Bulldog community.

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• Student lunch menus and other district information can be found on our website:
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2023-2024 District Calendar



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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

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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

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- Staff Professional Development (No School for Students)
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- Start/End Trimester

June 2024						
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