

# District Celebrations

4H Horse exhibitors at Buffalo County fair (Newspaper)

- Addyson Lacey

Andrea Stolz (Newspaper)

- Competed at Trapshooting National crushing 92 of 100 targets finish 89th of 259

FFA

State FFA convention

- received the state FFA degree
  - Candence Wenger
  - Kenmund Mehus
  - Isabella Anderson
  - Eyan Knecht
- Parliamentary procedure top 10 finish
- Held there welcome back picnic on Sunday
- Zach Anderson carcass show awards & grand champion total performance beef
- Kaylee Schulz grand champion rate of gain
- Nathan Stoppelmoor grand champion rate of gain

New Staff members article (sept 14)

Hope 4 U suicide awareness walk - 9 students volunteered (picture on website)

The cheer team actively involved at football games, plan to have C-FC swag to throw out to crowd at homecoming game.

Sports

Cross Country

- Jesse Brone home invite newspaper pictured Andres Cabezas & Addy Duellman
- Addy won girls meet

Volleyball

Article on win over Regis

Now 11-6 ... 3-0 in 1st place in the conference

Football

Article on 2nd conference win over Melrose-Mindoro

Now 4-1 ... 3-0 in 1st place in the conference

Homecoming week

Monday: MERICA MONDAY (Red, White & Blue)

Tuesday: HIPPY

Wednesday: Barbie (Wear Pink)

Thursday: Rhyme Without Reason (First Aid & Mermaid, Tiger Woods & Baked Goods)

Friday: School Spirit (Pirate Pride)

Music Competi-tion - Advisory on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mr. Stoppelmoor will play a song over the intercom. When your class knows the song type his extension number (102) and whoever is the 7th caller will get to guess and if they get it right their grade gets additional points for the day.

Friday Sports Parade - On Friday, students in Middle & High School sports will greet students in the morning (dressed in uniform). At 8:50am students will report to the cafeteria dressed to walk around the elementary school.

Powderpuff will take place on Thursday night at 7:00 pm on the Football Field. There will be a tailgate event starting at 6:00 with food and yard games.

He-Man volleyball - Advisory on Tuesday and Thursday we will be playing Boys Volleyball

Homecoming Carnival Friday 4:00- 6:30 - Ticket Prices will be 1 Ticket = \$1

## Summer School 2023

Title	Grade 2023-24	Students Attended
Countdown to Kindergarten	K	25
A-B-C's and 1-2-3's	1-3	15
STEM	1-6	
Session 1		17
Session 2		13
You've Got the "Write" Stuff	4-5	2
4th Grade Acceleration Academy	4	Cancelled
Summer Recreational Games	4-7	9
DNR Courses	Ages 11 and up	
Gun Hunter Safety (\$10 Fee)		17
ATV Safety		19
Boater Safety		12
Summer Phy-Ed & Fitness	7 - 12	42

Summer School 2024 looks like a June Session for sure. We could start June 3, 2024 and end by June 28, 2024. There is maybe two weeks at the beginning of August. August 5 – August 16. Then depending on the start of school, 3 days. (August 28, 29 & 30 before Labor day)

## **CESA Administrator's Report to the Board of Control – September 6, 2023**

### **CESA 4 Activities and Regional News**

1. The roof project is now completely finished. We were waiting for two pieces of trim to be put in place. That work is now complete and the invoices have been paid. Ledegar Roofing was very responsive through the entire process and were a great partner to work with. We have a quote for the replacement of the fence surrounding the fence on the agenda, however, we have reached out to the School District of West Salem and their Tech Ed teacher. He will be stopping out to see if this is a project that one of his classes would be interested in taking on. It would be a good opportunity for CESA 4 to partner with the School District that would enhance their learning of students so hopefully it will come to fruition.
2. The Para Summit that is hosted annually at CESA 4 in August was once again a huge success. We had 119 paraprofessionals in attendance over the 2 day span. Each day there was a keynote speaker. The first day we had Matt and Mitch LaBerge. They are twin brothers who are on the autism spectrum. They shared their stories as to how they overcame many barriers when they were younger, including their parents being told they would be non-verbal their entire life. They now are both successful in their field of work and continue to spread their message of their "Road to Independence." The 2nd day ended with Amanda Goodenough discussing her work with districts on systems-change work when it comes to justice and equity in our schools. The entire Summit was well received and the reviews were extremely positive.
3. The Professional Advisory Council of Superintendents (PAC) Sub-Advisory met in August to plan our PAC meetings for the year. It was a highly productive meeting that had great discussion about possible topics and speakers for the year. Potential speakers were identified and I am in the process of confirming dates for each of them to come to a CESA 4 PAC meeting. Once we hear from Dr. Underly's office and the date she is choosing to come, we can lock in the other presenters as well. We also put together a survey that I sent to all of our CESA 4 Superintendent's. The purpose of the survey was to get their input as to what they felt were the most pressing topics that they would like to discuss further or get more information on. It was interesting to see that the majority of our Superintendent's had the same interest in topics. (Those receiving the most requests were district provided daycare, Special Education staffing-the potential overidentification of Special Education Students, Proactive and Information messaging around the subject of school vouchers, Cybersecurity, and Contract Negotiations.) Our first meeting is this Friday and we are looking forward to productive and informative meetings throughout the entire school year.
4. Another topic that is surfacing quickly in the field of education is Artificial Intelligence. It is surfacing so quickly that state legislators are asking that a task force be put together to ensure that AI Technology is being used safely and productively. With this in mind, I have been working with a small group of Superintendents with the intention of building a partnership with local businesses around the area of Artificial Intelligence. A group of 15-20 educators and business leaders, along with some state legislators, will be meeting with Todd Wanek of Ashley Industries at the end of the month to learn more about AI Technologies and to see how it is being implemented in their business model. This will serve as an introductory meeting to begin the conversation as to how we can utilize this technology in education.

## State and National News

1. While it hasn't been formally announced, we have been informed that CESA 4 is one of three CESA's that has been awarded the Project AWARE grant. The purpose of the grant is that we develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services. AWARE grantees build collaborative partnerships with the State Education Agency (SEA), Local Education Agency (LEA), Tribal Education Agency (TEA), the State Mental Health Agency (SMHA), community-based providers of behavioral health care services, school personnel, community organizations, families, and school-aged youth.

Grantees leverage partnerships to implement mental health-related promotion, awareness, prevention, intervention, and resilience activities to ensure that school-aged youth have access and are connected to appropriate and effective behavioral health services. With this program, SAMHSA aims to promote the healthy social and emotional development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence in school settings.

The program has increased mental health literacy among the schools and communities, removed barriers to find care, and ensured cultural relevance for all school programs. With the continuous support from SAMHSA, Project AWARE proceeds to focus on improving school climate and trauma informed programming to improve the care for school-aged youth.

2. Last week Senator Duey Stroebel introduced LRB 1594 relating to the school start date for school districts. Currently it is state law that school districts can not commence school prior to September 1. LRB-1594 would allow school districts to commence fall classes the Monday before Labor Day and require the Friday before Labor Day to be a non-instructional day (i.e., four days of classes for the first week of school followed by a four-day Labor Day weekend). This is deemed as a compromise to the years and years of attempts by school districts to have local control when it comes to setting a start date for their district calendars. When efforts have been made to repeal this state law, strong opposition from the tourism industry has led to the idea being defeated and never moving forward.

**Next Board of Control – Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at CESA 4**