



Comet Tales

Cassville High School

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Musical Choirs come to Cassville

UW-P Choir

On April 15 at 10:30 a.m. the UW-Platteville Choir traveled to Cassville. Cassville was the second stop on their tour. The group was traveling as far as Minneapolis, Minnesota. They put on an enjoyable show. Ms. Ferguson reported that the group said they had a great audience to perform for.

Children's Choir

On April 21 at 1:30 p.m. the Platteville Children's Choir visited Cassville High School. The students rehearse once a week and also have concerts throughout the year at Platteville. The schools that traveled to Cassville were from

Southwest Wisconsin, and as far away as Ferryville. The students that participated in it from Cassville were Danielle Evans, Maddie Nix, Melody Hampton, Payton Brinkman, and Kyran Brinkman.



Tri-State Honors Band



Three students from Cassville High School were nominated and selected to participate in the fourth Tri-State Honors Band Festival. These students were Isaac Okey, Madeline Bode, and Tamara Mumm. The event was held on February 19 to February 20 in the Center for the Fine Arts in Platteville. Student participants first wrote out an application form and then auditioned to determine their seat placement during the event.

The guest director of the Tri-State Honors Band Festival was Professor James Keene. He is the retired Director of Bands from the University of Illinois and past-president of the American Bandmasters Association. Professor Keene, along with UW-Platteville faculty members, taught the participants new musical techniques and rehearsed the songs they would play at the end of the two days.

Members of the Tri-State Honors Band spent the two days rehearsing and attending master classes and sectionals with UW-Platteville faculty members. Also, they attended a concert by the UW-Platteville Symphonic wind ensemble and the Jazz 1 group. After the two days of rehearsing were up, the participants performed a concert on Saturday, February 20 to showcase what they had learned and done over the two days. Also, the instructors from the participants' schools performed an entertaining piece similar to "You've Got A Friend In Me" from Toy Story.

Participants of the festival said they learned a lot from Professor James Keene as well as the faculty members. Faculty members and Professor Keene stated that all participants were very talented and they enjoyed working with them.

Solo and Ensemble Competitors



From Cassville High School there were five individual chorus, two double trios chorus, and five band Solo and Ensemble Competitors who performed on April 24 at UWP. The Cassville High School Handbells also competed in Solo and Ensemble Competitions. Each member selected pieces that they would perform and be judged on for the competition.

The five individual competitors were Emily Ballweg, Alyssa Adrian, Tamara Mumm, Katie Muller, and Hannah Rupp. The Class B double trio consisted of Alyssa Adrian,

Tamara Mumm, Gabrielle Schauff, Katie Muller, Emily Ballweg, and Katie Williams. The Class C double trio consisted of Krista Wieseler, Harley Anderson, Jessica Depriest, Hannah Rupp, Rachel Ackerman, and Kelsea Kirschbaum.

For the band Solo and Ensemble Competitors, Isaac Okey had a saxophone solo, Tamara Mumm had a french horn solo, and Madeline Bode had a clarinet solo. Adam Kirschbaum competed with a trumpet solo, and Katie Williams competed with a piano solo.

Many of these competitors received medals for their performances. Each worked hard to perfect their piece and impress the judges. All together, fourteen silver medals and twenty-four gold medals were received by Cassville High School participants.

Conference Honors Band



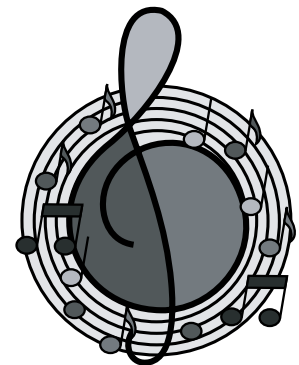
This year's Conference Honors Band was hosted by Shullsburg High School at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. There were four members from Cassville High School who attended this event.

Participants were Emily Ballweg, Hannah Rupp, Madeline Bode, and Tamara Mumm. This event consisted of a rehearsal on March 2 and a rehearsal and concert on March 8.

The guest conductor for this event was Dan Fairchild from UW-Platteville. He holds the chair to the Department of the Performing and Visual Arts Committee. He spent the two days teaching participants the music they

would perform on March 8 and helped them rehearse and perfect their skills as musicians.

Dan Fairchild believes that participants learned numerous new musical techniques and obtained a greater understanding of music from the rehearsals. Participants enjoyed being with other school band members to express their musical ability and learn from each other. Mr. Fairchild as well as the participants were proud of their performance and inspired by the music they created.



Golfers' Swing Away

This year's Cassville Golf team consists of Colton Hammer, Lucus Kinyon, and Jorge Altamirano, coached by Barry Hammer. So far, they have competed in three tournaments in Praire du Chien, Platteville, and River Valley.

Colton has had a good season so far as he finished 7th out of 46 at the Platteville Golf Invite. Lucus has

had a productive second season with his best placing of the year coming in Platteville where he finished 38th out of 46. Jorge is yet to compete in a tournament, but he has been practicing with the team since the beginning of the year.

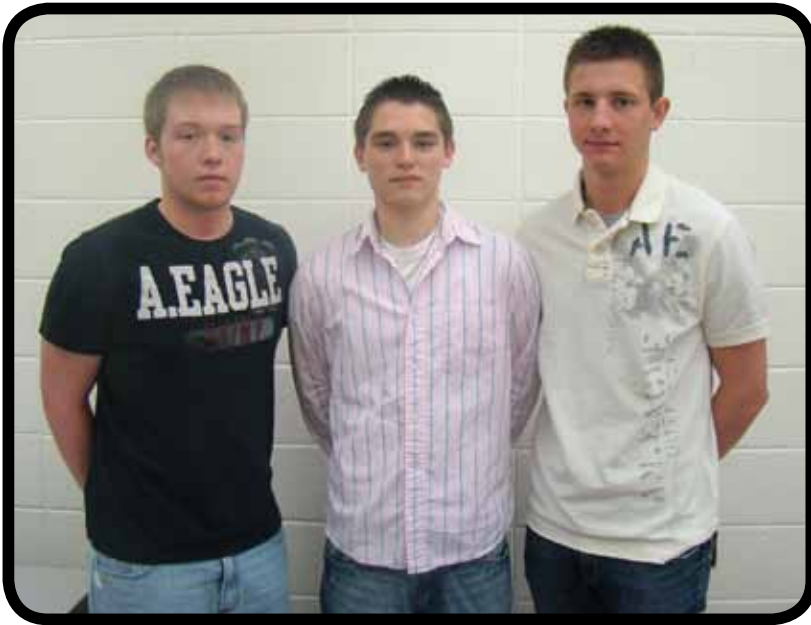
The team's next meet is at Portage on May 7 and there are some being scheduled that are to be

announced at a later date.

Good Luck to Colton, Lucus, and Jorge for the rest of the season.



Boys and Girls Basketball Award Recipients:



Dustin Bierman: All-Conference Honorable Mention & Team Captain

Isaiah Okey: 1st Team All-Conference

Cody Junk: All-Conference Honorable Mention & MVP



**Leanne Hampton:
1st Team All-Conference
Team Captain
MVP**



**Andrea Scholl:
All-Conference
Honorable Mention**

Comet Baseball

This year's Comet baseball team has great expectations going into the season and are looking to prove those expectations to be right. The team is coached by Mike Brinkman and assisted by Spencer Kirschbaum, Steve Schauff, and Greg Glaser. Members of the team include: Cody Junk, Sid Kirschbaum, Dustin Bierman, Joe Hochhausen, Nate Hochhausen, Phil Reints, Ryan Mergen, Isaiah Okey, Scott Schnering, Mitch Junk, Josh Mumm, Garrett Schauff, Dillon Olson, John Mish, and Adam Kirschbaum.

The team started out the season with a win over visiting Ithaca 4-1. They then played Barneveld but did not get the chance to finish due to rain so the game did not count. The boys then traveled to Wauzeka-Steuben and lost a close one 3-4. The Ithaca tournament was next on their schedule where the Comets played Johnson Creek and lost 5-6 and then beat Wonowoc-Center 8-2. Recently the team enjoyed a five game winning streak. In the winning streak they beat River Ridge by scores of 9-1 and 19-5. Next the boys beat Fennimore 14-1 and then played a double header at Benton/Shullsburg winning 8-6 and 8-3. The team just suffered their first loss in a few games against Prairie Du Chien. The boys lost by a score of 3-4 which isn't bad considering Prairie is ranked 4th in state among Division II. On Saturday, the boys lost 0-1 against Monticello.



Lady Comet Softball

This year's softball team has great potential heading into this young season. The team is coached by Mr. Bernetzke and Jen Evers. Members of the team include: Rachel Ackerman, Shelbie Ackerman, Alyssa Adrian, Harley Anderson, Taylor Bausch, Madeline Bode, Phoebe Fure, Allison Klein, Emily Koch, Katie Muller, Katie Mumm, Tami Mumm, Gabby Schauff, Andrea Scholl, Krista Wieseler, and Jessica Winkers.

The softball team started out the season with a dominating victory over Ithaca 20-0. Next the girls traveled to Benton to play Benton/Shullsburg. The girls played a hard game but lost 3-13. The girls next traveled to Wauzeka/Steuben and won a very

close game by a score of 11-8. The team then played Fennimore and lost 0-14. The softball team has opened conference play with four straight losses to Highland twice, Belmont, and River Ridge. The ladies are looking for their first conference win in two years.



Good Luck Ladies!!

Track and Field

This year's track team is one of the biggest Cassville has had in years. The team is coached by Laura Esser and Gary Corbett, and managed by Emily Ballweg and Chase Pebworth. Members of the team include: Shelbie Ackerman, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Giang Dang, Paige Leab, Andrea Scholl, Maddie Bode, Saige Bierman, Stephanie Muench, Grace Ballweg, Tiffany Junk, Isabel Ruscher, Harley Anderson, Taylor Bausch, Faye Demes, Kalen Cederquist, Justin Johnson, Jacob Haas, Dallas Bernhardt, Dakota Bernhardt, Zach DePriest, Harley Cederquist, Gage Cederquist, Chris Meier, Jim Bernhardt, Chance Morley, Jorge Altamirano, Zach Meier, Edward Cedgar, and Jordan Fure.

The team started the season with the annual UW-Platteville

Invitational (indoor). The team then hosted their own meet with the Cassville Invitational at which the track team raised money for their own equipment. The track team then traveled to Fennimore to participate in the Fennimore Invitational. The next meet was the River Ridge Six Rivers Conference Meet. The last meet was again at River Ridge for a non-conference meet. So far this season the team seems to be very strong and competitive.

This year Chance Morley has been doing very well in the pole vault finishing in the top three almost every time. Also our girl's relay teams have shown many bright spots and usually finish in the top four at each invite. The shot put throwers have also been getting better as the season progresses.



FFA Activities

On Tuesday, April 27, three soils teams went to UW Platteville to compete in the soils contest. Out of fifty-six teams, the teams finished eighteenth, twelfth, and fifth. Jacob Haas, Maddie Bode, Emily Koch, and Tiffany Junk finished in fifth as a team. Third high individual out of 193 students was Tiffany Junk.

In late April, the FFA held an election to elect new officers for next year. The following positions were announced: President - Jordan Fure, Vice President - Kevin Seng, Secretary - Paige Hampton, Treasurer - Brianna Esser, Reporter - Mitch Junk, Sentinel - yet to be elected.

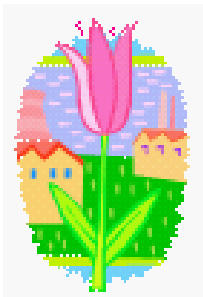
Friday, April 30, the State Skills Contest was held at UW-Madison. The agronomy and Livestock teams competed. The Agronomy team--Dalton Esser, Nathan Baliff, Josh A. Mumm, and Jordan Fure placed 2nd as a team out of 37 teams. Jordan Fure got 1st Place as an Individual in this competition.

The Livestock team--Paige Hampton, Leanne Hampton, Kevin Seng, and Alyssa Adrian placed 9th out of 46 Teams.

FFA Plant Sale

**When: Saturday, May 15
8:00 a.m. to Noon**

Where: Greenhouse



Reality Check

On Thursday, March 26 Cassville High School seniors attended the 8th Annual Reality Check financial literacy simulation at the Armory in Prairie du Chien. Six area schools participated including Cassville, Seneca, River Ridge, Prairie du Chien, Wauzeka, and Boscobel.

Reality Check gave the seniors a first-hand look at the realities of life. They gained an insight and better understanding of the pressures associated with living costs and monthly spending once they get out on their own. Students spent the day receiving a paycheck, buying homes, cars, insurance, clothing, vacations, and paying for taxes, speeding tickets, broken water pipes, dental care, investing, and more. Some of the students spent additional time filling out applications and interviewing for a second job when they found they could not remain solvent on their primary income. The Reality Check activity overall gives students an excellent taste of reality as they prepare for their future, and addresses the ongoing need for all students to be prepared to make wise financial decisions.

Attending the event as chaperones were Resource Specialist Mr. Casey and Robin Rouse. Mr. Kulland, Superintendent, worked at the event giving exit interviews. Mrs. Oswald, Personal Finance Instructor and the Cassville contact for Reality Check, helped organize and worked at the event as well.



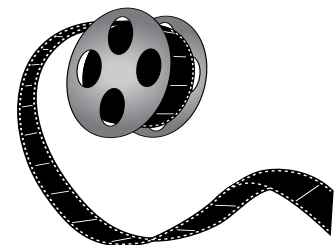
2010 Junior Prom "Hollywood"

*Saturday, May 8th
8:00 p.m. to midnight*

Tickets:

*\$3 per person
\$5 per couple*

*The photography order forms are available on the office counter
Photographer will be starting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria*



Fun in Chicago

On March 30, twenty-three students left for the music trip to Chicago. The chaperones for the trip were Ms. Wood, Ms. Addison, Ms. Ferguson, and Mr. Kulland. The afternoon of their arrival, they visited Millennium Park and got to experience "The Bean" before walking to the Orchestra Hall on North Michigan Avenue. They had a personal VIP tour of Orchestra Hall, and later that evening attended a CSO Concert. A very interesting highlight of the concert occurred during intermission when Burl Lane followed by CSO violinist and part-time Cassville resident, John Bartholemew, and another orchestra member, marched out into the audience waving the Cassville School

pennant and played our school song. According to a patron, who has been coming to the symphony for 30 years, sitting near some of the students said that he has never seen anything like it.

Other activities for the trip included, a visit to the Shedd Aquarium, seeing "Sue" at the Natural History Museum, having lunch and playing games at ESPN Zone, eating at Hard Rock Cafe just before seeing a production of Beauty and the Beast at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, riding the giant ferris wheel at Navy Pier and spending money on North Michigan Avenue.



Fine Arts Night



On Sunday April 28, music and forensics students presented an evening of entertainment for their appreciative audience. Junior and senior high performers were joined by Chicago Symphony Orchestra member and Cassville friend and neighbor Burl Lane. He also played a clarinet duet with Maddie Bode and later took a moment to stress the importance of musical education before treating everyone to a saxophone solo.

In addition to the High School Chorus and the Handbell Choir performances, which were under the direction of student teacher Jody Addison, there were individual performances by Nolan Ackerman, Aylssa Adrian, Andrea Okey, Hannah Rupp, Adam Kirschbaum, Jennifer Tanka, Austin Mellem, Codi Schwab, Destiny Cederquist, Gage Kaufman, Katie Muller, Payton Brinkman, Chase Pebworth, Tamara Mumm, Hayley Williams, Gabrielle Schauff, Katie Williams, Logan Kartman, Jared Kartman, Emily Ballweg, Grace Ballweg, Kelsea Kirschbaum, and Isaac Okey.

Forensics



The Cassville High School Forensics team had a great season and ended it with an impressive showing at the State Tournament in Madison. There were eight students who qualified for the tournament, and four of them had perfect scores and brought home gold medals for their performances. The gold medalists this year were Emily Ballweg, Tami Mumm, Grace Ballweg, and Kelsea Kirschbaum. Earning silver medals were Chase Pebworth, Rachel Ackerman, and Paige Hampton. Just missing out on a silver with her difficult rendition of an Edgar A. Poe selection was Hannah Rupp who earned a Bronze. Congratulations to all the participants. The team will be losing only two seniors, Emily Ballweg and Tami Mumm, but they were great competitors who always seemed to rise to the occasion when going to tournament. Both Mr. Corbett and Mr. Casey agree that the two provided the team with many laughs and great leadership over the years. Both coaches would like to thank the Seniors for all their hard work and dedication to the program.

NHS Inductees

*The following students
were inducted into the
NHS on Sunday,
April 11, 2010*

Rachel Ackerman

Grace Ballweg

Saige Bierman

Kelsea Kirschbaum

Chase Pebworth

“The Plunge”



On Thursday April 15, nine sophomore students and Mr. Boyum traveled to “The Plunge” - a mock car accident, caused by an underage drunk driver--at the Lancaster Grant County Fairgrounds. Cassville students joined over one hundred other 8th, 9th, and 10th graders from the area. The scene was presented by the Lancaster Fire Department and the Lancaster Police Department. To make the scene look like a real life situation they used fake blood, makeup, and other affects. The program took the kids to the Grant Regional Health Center emergency

room where the driver and one of the mock victims were taken. Students also toured Martin Schwartz Funeral Home. The scenario ended in court, complete with an initial appearance with the mock driver in an orange jumpsuit and cuffs. There were also victim impact statements, sentencing, and nearly five million dollars in damages. After the morning demonstrations, the students heard from a mom and dad who lost three of their five sons in one drunk-driving accident. The program has funding to do “The Plunge” for at least two more years.

Important Senior Events

May 24 & 25 -
Senior Testing Days

May 25 -
Class Night

May 26 -
Senior Class Trip
Six Flags - Chicago

May 27 -
Graduation Practice

May 29 -
Graduation
1:30
High School Gym

Penny Wars Help Olivia Baker

Through the week of March 12 to March 30, the Junior High Students sponsored a very important Penny War fundraiser for Olivia Baker--a five year old girl that was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in December of 2009. Olivia is the granddaughter of a former teacher at Cassville High School--Jerry Barton. Olivia's mother was also a former student in the Cassville School District.

All the classes and staff were able to donate money to this family during the two-week period that

raised \$440.89. Winning the Penny Wars and raising the most money for the family was the Junior High. The placing's were as follows:

- 1st place Junior High**
- 2nd place Staff**
- 3rd place Seniors**
- 4th place Freshmen**
- 5th place Sophomores**
- 6th place Juniors**



Yearbook Ad Sales Winners



Congratulations to the 2010 Yearbook Ad Sales Campaign Winners! Each of the following students won a free yearbook: 1st Place - Brittney Johll selling \$940.00, 2nd Place - Kayla Mergen selling \$875.00, 3rd Place - Andrea Scholl selling \$745.00, and 4th Place - Kelsey Borchering selling \$415.00. The entire yearbook staff together raised \$4,550 to help pay for the yearbooks.

Herzing Speaker Business Ed



On Wednesday, April 21, Anne McIntyre from Herzing College in Madison, Wisconsin spoke to Mrs. Oswald's Personal Finance classes on the topic of "The Plastic Piranha" and also to Web Page Design and Information Processing classes on the topic of "Careers in Technology". Her presentations were both informative and interactive.



March & April Students of the Month

March
Business Ed.
Kayla Mergen

English
Lucas DePriest
Emily Koch
Brett Little
Kayla Mumm
Sean Murray
Codi Schwab
Jenny Tanaka
Hayley Williams

Foreign Language
Chase Pebworth
Kevin Seng
Kelsea Kirschbaum

Science
Brooke Becwar

April
Art
Cody Junk

Fine Arts
Isaac Okey

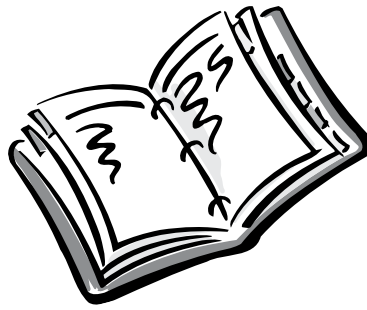
Good Citizens
Junior High
Students

Math
Tiffany Junk

Social Studies
Isabel Ruchser

Tech Ed.
Cody Junk

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest



On January 14th, 18th, and 19th the 7th and 8th grade students at River Ridge Middle School, St. Marys Bloomington, St. Charles, and Cassville Public School were tested on math and spelling. The following are winners from Cassville: Logan Kartman, first place in spelling for 8th grade; Brittany Markley second place in spelling and also second place in math for seventh grade; and Walker Gotzinger, second place in math for sixth grade.

Brittany and Walker competed Saturday, March 6th in the Diocesan competition in Sauk City. Brittany Markley placed third in the math at this level of the competition.



Knowledge Contest participants

Cinco de Mayo Parade

May 5, 2010

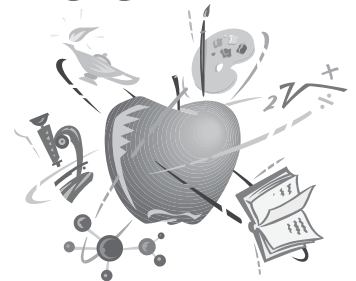
1st hour



2010 Teen Conference

The opening speaker at the conference was Hilary Bilbrey. Her speech--"What's Your Story?"--was about how you live your life and how your choices you make matter. There were ten teen conference sectionals that consisted of: What COLOR are you?, Am I in a Healthy Relationship?, Under Pressure? How to deal with stress, Why Create a Peer Drama Troupe?, Move Beyond Your Labels and Limitations: and Live Your Dreams, Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco, Are You Prepared for a Lifetime of Wellness?, Sharing Prescription & Over the Counter Drugs: Safe or Deadly?, Laughter + Yoga for the Health of IT, and Creating Your Personal Brand. The closing speaker was Lori Schneider with "Live our Dreams and Climb Above our Limitations." In her speech she was sharing her experiences and reminding us to live our dreams and

climb above our limitations. She had a media presentation of her May 2009 ascent on Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,035 feet. Lori became the first person in the world with MS to climb Mt. Everest and conquer the "Seven Summits."



Teen Conference participants

Senior Future Plans

Alyssa Adrian

NICC - Nursing

Jorge Altamirano

Undecided

Emily Ballweg

UW Stevens Point - Interior
Architecture

Taylor Bausch

NICC-Radiologist Technology

James Bernhardt

SWTC-Mechanical Engineering

Dustin Bierman

UW La Crosse - Marketing

Cody Brinkman

SWTC - Mechanical Technician

Harley Cederquist

Navy - Electronic Technician
or Intelligence Specialist

Edward Cedgard

Work

Giang Dang

Undecided

Ethan DeWitte

UW Platteville-Civil
Engineering

Phoebe Fure

Undecided

Colton Hammer

SWTC - Computer Technician

Leanne Hampton

UW Platteville - Animal
Science

Joseph Hochhausen

SWTC - Lineman

Nathan Hochhausen

SWTC - Criminal Justice

Brittney Johll

SWTC - Dental Assistant

Cody Junk

Undecided

Lucus Kinyon

Military - SWTC - Auto Body
Repair

Andrew Kirschbaum

UW Platteville - Business

Sidney Kirschbaum

SWTC - Criminal Justice

Tyler Kirschbaum

SWTC - Ag. Management

Allison Klein

SWTC - Nursing

Paige Leab

SWTC - Administrative
Professional

Caitlin Lenz

Globe University, Madison -
Vet Tech

Jordan McMillan

Work

Zachary Meier

OshKosh - Prison Guard

Max Moeller

Undecided

Kathryn Muller

UW La Crosse-Pre-Med

Tamara Mumm

UW Platteville - Early
Childhood Education

Isaac Okey

Clark College - Physical
Therapy

Phillip Reints

UW La Crosse - Psychology &
Criminal Justice Minor

Isabel Ruchser

Undecided

Gabel Schaal

SWTC - Graphic & Video Game
Design

Gabrielle Schauff

UW Madison - Pre-Law

Taymar Schmitt

UW Richland Center -
Psychology

Andrea Scholl

Undecided

Brian Zimmer

Undecided

