



Comet Tales Cassville High School

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The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree's purpose was to make Christmas more about giving than receiving. The idea came during Citizenship Week when Mrs. Schuppner talked to the Senior Class. In her speech, Mrs. Schuppner spoke about how the Lionesses donate \$800 to Okey's Market to help families in need with grocery bills. The Giving Tree brought in \$300 from donations and concessions at Cassville High School. Mrs. Bernhardt was impressed and hopes to continue this in the future.



Holiday Concert 2011

The Holiday Concert was performed on December 8, 2011. Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Wood received many compliments on the wonderful performances of the high school band, chorus, and hand bells. Also, great job to the junior high band, chorus, and guitar class.

Congratulations Everyone!



Cassville Community Valentine

Dates: January 30 - February 10

Collection Dates: Tuesday, January 31
Friday, February 3
Tuesday, February 7
Friday, February 10

Boxes for Food: Okey's Market
Eckstein Memorial Library

Donation containers: Royal Bank
Coffee Shop
Amoco
New Image Salon



- Breakfast cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Jelly (especially grape)
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Noodles
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned creamed corn
- Canned carrots
- Boxed Instant Potatoes
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Mandarin Oranges
- 4-Pack Toilet Tissue
- Shampoo
- Facial Tissues
- EMPTY plastic grocery bags

*Donations of cash are also needed.

Contest: For fun, each class and the staff will be competing against each other to see who will bring in the most donations. A mystery item will be selected on each turn-in day. Students bringing in that item may purchase a snack for for half price.

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Lady Comets Keep Their Spirits Up

This year the Lady Comets are starting out with a young and small team. They started out playing a non-conference game against Southwestern. The first conference game was against Highland Cardinals, and they suffered a loss of 26-54. Next they played another conference game against Belmont. The Lady Comets played hard, but came out with another loss of 11-64. On December 29, the Ladies traveled all the way to Ithica and came back with a loss. Next on the schedule were two non-conference games

and two conference games against: Fennimore, Potosi, River Ridge, and Seneca. Still the lady comets haven't had a victory. Their record is 0-11. On Friday, January 20th, the Lady Comets game against Benton was cancelled.

The Lady Comets have gone into every game with a positive attitude. Even though the scores are not where they want them, the girls always give 100% every game no matter what. One of the foreign exchange students, Tatiana Bruno, made her first basket of the year on January 12th! Good luck ladies!

**Girls Basketball
Schedule for
January/February**

Jan. 26 vs. Highland
Jan. 31 vs. Weston
Feb. 3 @ Belmont
Feb. 6 vs. Boscobel
Feb. 9 @ Potosi
Feb. 11 vs. Albany
Feb. 13 vs. Wauzeka
Feb. 17 vs. River Ridge
Feb. 23 vs. Benton
Feb. 27 @ Lancaster

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Comet Boys Staying Strong

The varsity boys' basketball team continues to add more victories onto the year. They're fresh off another win after hosting Black Hawk last Saturday. The team finished with 57 points, while their opponents came up short with 53. Ty Kartman was the high scorer of the game with 33 points.

The boys also conquered the visiting North Crawford team last Tuesday night. The game ended with a score of 59-52. Ty Kartman led the team with 22 points followed by Josh Mumm with 14.

Coach Uppena comments that this season is "So far so good". He notes that they are having a fun season and also playing hard, which is clearly working out for the young team. They are currently at a record of 4-2 in conference and 9-4 overall as they travel to Potosi this coming Tuesday night.

The boys' junior varsity team is currently at an overall record of 3-11 and are continuing to work hard in order to come up with some more wins. The boys have recently played some tough teams such as Black Hawk and North Crawford, which both ended with a loss for the Comets. These losses won't keep the team down. They are determined to finish Tuesday night's game with a win against Potosi.

Jan. 24 @ Potosi
Jan. 27 Cross Over
Jan. 30 @ Lancaster
Feb. 2 vs. Highland
Feb. 7 @ Shullsburg

**Boys Basketball
Schedule for
January / February**

Feb. 10 vs. River Ridge
Feb. 14 @ Wauzeka
Feb. 16 @ Benton
Feb. 21 vs. Belmont

Wrestler Success

Below is a summary of how the Cassville Comet Wrestlers have been doing this year.

David Seng was hoping for a big year this year, but started out a little slow. David has not made any excuses for his slow start. He just keeps working hard in practice and is now starting to wrestle like he wanted to this year. David once again is wrestling at the lightest weight there is--106 pounds. David has a record of 13-9 with 10 takedowns and 6 pins. He had his best tournament of the year last weekend where he placed second and did his best wrestling of the year.

Luke Kirschbaum started the year out a little rusty, but has polished off that rust and has a good year going. He wrestled most of December at 132 pounds, but has now settled into the 126 pound weight class. Luke has a 10-19 record with four pins and is currently ranked second on the team with 18 takedowns just--two behind the leader.

Noah Fure has taken big strides so far this year. With no wrestling experience before this year, he had to learn a lot of moves and situations on the fly. Noah started the year out wrestling at the 170 pound weight class and has now settled into the 160 pound class. He has a record of 3-9 with three pins on the year so far.

Dillon Vogt wrestles at the 145 pound weight class. He has not been able to break into the varsity lineup as of yet, but he has been a very good practice partner for all of the guys that are around his weight. He has also been willing to move up and practice with the biggest guy on the team at 220 pounds when no one else wanted to. We look forward to the time when he can crack into the lineup for the first time.

Keep up the good work, boys!

Upcoming Wrestling Events

Jan. 26 vs. De Soto
Jan 28 @ Lancaster

JH Boys' and Girls' Basketball Seasons Will Soon Be Coming to an End

JH Boys

The JH boys are hard at work this season with Coach Mike Kartman pushing them to try harder every game they play. The boys team has won a total of five games so far and are pushing to get a few more wins on their record (3-5; 4-7 overall including tournaments) before the season ends. The boys only have three games left: January 26, at Prairie Catholic; and two other games waiting to be rescheduled, one here against Prairie and one away at Prairie. In addition, the boys have a tournament at River Ridge on January 28th.



JH Girls

The JH girls, coached by Patty Okey, have won a total of five games so far making their record 5-9. They have had only a few wins, but continue to work hard through the rest of their basketball season. The girls also only have one more game on Tuesday, January 31, at Potosi, and they are also waiting for a rescheduled game to be made. Good luck with the rest of the season ladies.



Forensics Season Has Begun

The CHS Forensics season has recently begun with its members rehearsing their pieces for the upcoming competitions. The members and their categories are as follows: Kelsea Kirschbaum, Storytelling; Grace Ballweg, Four Minute; Rachel Ackerman, Prose; Adam Kirschbaum, Four Minute; Maddie Bode, Four Minute; Courtney Williams, Ferrago; Zoe Gotzinger, Four Minute; and Brittany Markley, Prose. Once again this year's coach Mr. Corbett and Mr. Casey will be assisting as necessary. Although a small group, this year's Forensics members have some

promising talent and are all hoping to be successful as individuals and as a whole team.



Event Dates

Sub-District: February 27,
at Prairie du Chien

Conference: March 10,
at Pocatonia

District: March 24,
at Platteville

State: April 20,
at Madison

Food Science Starts Up In 2011-12

The new Food Science class is a great way for students to learn about proper cooking and cleaning methods along with the nutritional content of different foods. Mr. Jenkins has students watch videos about nutrition and/or foods every Monday and Tuesday. Students then will cook in the foods room every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There have also been some food contests where students put what they have learned to the test. One competition was the Salsa Contest. This contest was judged by Mr. Boyum, Mr. Gotzinger, and Mrs. Ritter who chose Katie Williams, Jenny Tanaka and Krystal Phillips as the winners.

Another interesting contest was the Pasta Contest. The winners of this contest were Jon Mish, Garrett Schauff, Chris Meier, and Nolan Ackerman and the judges were Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Ryznar, and Mrs. Kruger.

During December, Mr. Jenkins decided that it would be a good time to bake cookies so he had another contest to see who could make the best Christmas cookies. The judges for this contest were Mr. Beer, Mr. Gotzinger, and Mr. Corbett, who chose Jon Mish, Garrett Schauff, Chris Meier, and Nolan Ackerman as the winners.

The foods students also had to make a presentation on how special foods are important for different people, such as pregnant women, children, teenagers, or athletes. Another assignment was preparing breakfast and creating a menu on the computer.

"Grades are based on many things", says Mr. Jenkins, "Like on how you wash the dishes, how well you cook, and tests about nutrition." When Mr. Jenkins was asked what his favorite part of the class was, he replied "Eating all the food, of course!"



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER

English

Adam Kirschbaum

Math

Adam Kirschbaum

Social Studies

Brett Little

WeCare

Danielle Ackerman & Rylie Laufenberg

Business Ed.

Hunter Nix

Band

Maddie Bode



JANUARY

Science

Dillon Kirschbaum

Good Citizen

Logan Kartman

Spanish

Luke Kirschbaum

English

Tiffany Tarver

Resources Room

Tricia Haverland

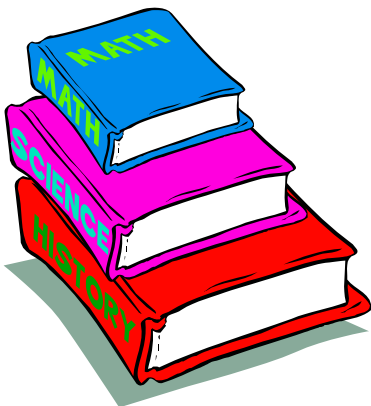
Social Studies

Tristan Reynolds

Local Spelling Bee

Character Points Project

Cassville High School is trying out a new idea called Character Points. Mr. Bernetzke will be in charge of collecting all of the points. These points can be earned by participating in extracurricular activities such as basketball, softball, football, cross country, track, and volleyball. Volunteering to help out a teacher or even another student is another way of gaining points. Students can also be rewarded points if they make it on the honor roll. The character points will be added up to see who has earned the most. The students that have earned the highest level of points, which is 500, will be rewarded with a trip to the ropes course on a date that has not yet been set. Point levels will go up every 125 points. Prizes have been received from supportive colleges in our area. The goal of the Character Points project is to give positive rewards to students, and not to always focus on the negative aspects. Cassville High School hopes that this idea of Character Points works to inspire students.



Congratulations to winners of the local Junior High Spelling Bee:

1ST PLACE: KENNEDY McMILLAN

2ND PLACE: WADE OKEY

3RD PLACE: WHITNEY CHURCHILL

ALTERNATE: SIERRA MUMM

REALITY CHECK

A Financial Literacy Simulation for the SENIORS of:

- Cassville
- River Ridge
- Prairie du Chien
- Seneca
- Wauzeka-Steuben
- Boscobel

Will be held on

Thursday, March 29, 2012

at Prairie du Chien Armory

Mark Your Calendar, Seniors!!

District FFA Public Speaking Contest

On Thursday, January 19, the District FFA Public Speaking Contest was held at Cassville High School. Eleven schools from Southwest Wisconsin were able to participate, but only six school districts did: Cuba City, Lancaster, Fennimore, River Ridge, Platteville, and Cassville.

Registration began at 3:30 and went through 6 P.M. Eight teachers helped judge at this event. They

were Mrs. Niemer, Mr. Bernetzke, Mrs. Kirschbaum, Ms. Paulson, Mrs. Bernhardt, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Oswald, and Mr. Kulland.

Maddie Bode and Adam Kirschbaum helped organize this event, and other FFA members served as timers and room monitors.

Maddie Bode was the Cassville contestant in *Prepared Speaking* and won the district competition. She

will be advancing on to the sectional competition, and based on her results there, she has the possibility of going to state. Good job Maddie!



CPR Time Has Come Again

Once again, the freshmen took a CPR unit in Health Class. Mr. Reising taught them how to perform adult, child, and infant CPR; adult, child, and infant heimlich maneuver; and how to use an AED Heart Starter for adults and children.

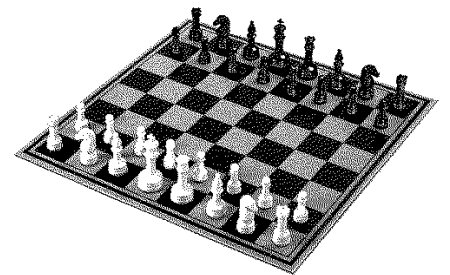
To do all of this, he used mannequins from Soutwest Tech in Fennimore specifically for training. Mr. Reising said, "It's one of his favorite courses because there is nothing like teaching how to save a human life." The students must like the class because there has never been a discipline or attendance problem in

all the years he has done it. At the end of the course, the students get a certification card that must be renewed each year.

Mr. Reising wishes the staff could take the course as well because CPR is a good and convenient thing to know.



CHS Chess Club



Chess Club is a new club at Cassville High School. It is open to grades 7-12 for anyone interested in learning how to play or those already skilled at chess. The club meets during homeroom and Mr. Bernetzke is the leader of the group.

The goals for the chess club are pending on how many students stay interested. They may schedule a meet if they have enough students, but for right now they are just focused on practicing and having fun wth friends.

Those currently in the Chess Club are Cole Adams, Walker Gotzinger, Andrew Ihm, Logan Kartman, Gage Kaufman, Adam Kirschbaum, Dillon Kirschbaum, Ryan Kirschbaum, Emily Koch, Brandon Laufenberg, Brett Little, Brittany Markley, Jon Mish, Sean Murray, Hunter Nix, Elijah Okey, Codi Schwab, Jennifer Tanaka, Dillon Vogt, Katie Williams, and Jared Winkers. Checkmate!

2012 Yearbook Theme Chosen!

