



Comet Tales Cassville High School

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CHS Said Farewell to Three Foreign Exchange Students

Before Christmas break, We Care, NHS, and Student Council teamed up to host a surprise Foreign Exchange Students going-away party for senior Ana Clara Pereira and juniors Juho Lehtimaki and Kathrin Templin.

During the afternoon on January 4th, 2011, the high school and junior high student body gathered in the cafeteria to recognize the departure of Juho, Kathrine, and Ana Clara. The groups that hosted the party provided baked goods and punch for the celebration. All three exchange students were delighted with the surprise.

Kathrine returned to Germany a few days following the party. Juho departed for his return to Finland on January 22nd, while Ana Clara remains in the United States until February 8th, when she goes home to Brazil. Cassville High School students have enjoyed the time they have spent with all the foreign exchange students and are sad to see them leave.



Grant River Tubin' Co. Poster Winners!

Students in Mrs. Oswald's Desktop Publishing Class recently competed in a poster design contest for Mr. Reising's business -- Grant River Tubin' Company. Once the posters are refined, Mr. Reising will be ordering various sizes. Congrats to the poster contest winners!



1st Place - Brooke Becwar



2nd Place - Faye Demes



3rd Place - Paige Hampton

WeCare Projects

This month the WeCare group is urging our student body, faculty, businesses, and organizations to assist in helping out the local food pantry. Cash donations are certainly welcome. Each homeroom was asked to contact a business or organization in town to see if they would be willing to display a box or container to collect items, as well as collect items in the classroom.

Mrs. Linda Reynolds expressed a need for help at the local meal site. The foreign exchange students volunteered for the first date, and enjoyed their meal with the senior citizens on January 24. Rylie Laufenburg, Krista Wiesler, Jenny Tanaka, Jenna Friesen, Shelbie Ackerman, Brooke Becwar, Sean Murray, Walker Gotzinger, Brielle Baliff, Ally Clauer, Hannah Rupp, Rachel

Ackerman, Brad Klein, and Tyler Koehler are greatly thanked for volunteering to help set up decorations on February 22. Mrs. Bernhardt is still looking for people to help at the meal site on February 10.

On January 29, Mrs. Nix's 6th graders are volunteering to help Mrs. Okey make bird feeders from pine cones for Bald Eagle Days from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We encourage you to be generous and creative with your talents.

Attention Seniors!

Yearbook staff needs a digital image of your senior portrait. Please give to Mrs. Oswald or have your photographer email it to her!

2010-2011 Yearbook Theme is... "Painting Memories"

Spelling Bee

On December 10th grades five through eight participated in Cassville school's annual spelling bee held in the band room. The local spelling bee was a very competitive bee and was won by fifth grade student Sierra Mumm. Walker Gotzinger took second, Gabriel Phillips took third and Dakota Reynolds took fourth. Brad Klein was the alternate. Since fifth graders were not allowed to compete at

regionals, Walker Gotzinger (2nd Place) went on to the Regional competition at Southwestern high school on January 24. Regrettably, he misspelled his first word at regionals, but he was glad for the opportunity. Great job spellers!



Students of the Month December/ January

Dani Evans
English

Kaila Scholl
Art

Harley Anderson
Spanish

Allie Clauer
Social Studies

Brooke Becwar
Teaching Assistant

Rylie Laufenberg
Band

Tarka White
Good Citizen

Maddie Bode
Social Studies

Rachel Ackerman
Leadership (WeCare)

Tiffany Junk
English

Tiffany Tarver
Science

Kevin Seng
Wrestling

Holiday Concert

The Cassville high school's holiday concert took place December 5th at 7 p.m. The Junior High Chorus started out the concert With *Little Drummer Boy* and *Santa's On His Way*. Junior High Guitars played *O Christmas Tree* and *Silent night*. The Junior High band then came out to perform *In Excelsis Deo* and *Jammin' On the Rooftop!* followed by Handbell Choir performing *We Three Kings*, *Angels from the Realms of Glory Parade*, *Wooden Soldiers*, and *White Christmas*. After intermission the High School Band played three pieces as well—*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *O Come Emmanuel*, and *Christmas Fantasia*. Last was the High School Chorus who performed *Santa Baby*, *What Child is this*, *Winter Wonderland* and ended the concert with *White Christmas*.

Yearbook Group Picture Day is Coming!

When:
February 16, 2011

Time:
8:15 - 11:00

Where: HS Gym



**Picture order forms will
be distributed prior to
that day!**

Pin it to Win it

As the 2010-2011 wrestling season is nearing the end, the wrestlers are finishing strong. Starting five freshman, two juniors, and three seniors, the River Ridge Cassville Wrestling team has a record of 12-0. Cassville wrestlers Kevin and David Seng are having a good season. Kevin's record is currently 19 - 10. David's record is 17 - 10. Parents' night was January 21, 2011 at River Ridge against Fennimore. Kevin says

"I have been doing all right through the season" and he is looking forward to conference and regionals coming up shortly. Wrestling Conference will be in Kickapoo/La Farge on February 12, Regionals will be at Riverdale on February 5, and Sectionals will be in Westby on February 19. Good luck to David, Kevin and the rest of the River Ridge Cassville Wrestling Team on the rest of the season!



Junior High Basketball

The Junior High girls and boys basketball teams near the end of their seasons. The girls have had a rough season only winning one game, 14-11 against Potosi. They have one game left for the season, Friday January 28th, 2011, against Potosi.

The boys have also had a rough season. They have not won any games, but they have been close, losing by only one point. Their remaining games are January 31st at Potosi, and a rescheduled home game against Potosi Catholic on February 1st, 2011. Coach Joe Uppena is trying to schedule more games for the team. Good luck Junior High basketball teams!

Lady Comets Off To a Rough Start

The lady comets have had a bumpy start to this year's season. With a 3-8 record overall, a 1-4 record in conference, and the loss of players, they are looking for some more wins.

Over the holiday break, the ladies traveled to Riverdale in hopes of winning Riverdale's Holiday Tournament. Although they worked hard, they came up short in the end. Recently, the girls have played River Ridge, Potosi, and Monticello. The girls traveled to River Ridge on January 13th and lost after a tough game with a score of

26-54. Next was Potosi, which was held at home on the 18th. The game was very intense, but the girls again, came up short with a 36-52 score. In the cross over game played at Monticello on the 21st, the girls struggled and lost the game 34-61. The girls look forward to redeem themselves with their upcoming games which will be played against Shullsburg, on Thursday, January 27th, parents night, and Benton in the following week.

The JV girls have had a rough falling out with the loss of players. They are currently down

to only five players and are losing one more--Ana Clara Pereira who is a foreign exchange student leaving to go home to Brazil. The JV girls have been able to adapt to only a few players by only playing two-quarter games. The two-quarter games will continue for now.



Comet Boys Looking For a Solid Finish

The Varsity Boys' Basketball team got off on the right foot to start the season. In the season opener, the Comets traveled to Fennimore and won 46-32. But, the Comets then went through a rough stretch. The Boys lost three tough games to Seneca, River Ridge, and Benton. Over Christmas break, Cassville hosted a holiday tournament. The Comets won the first game over Brookwood 64-61, thanks to a buzzer-beater by Senior Isaiah Okey. In the championship game, the Comets lost a close one to Richland Center 54-56. They would then go on to win games against Black Hawk and Belmont, both on the road. In a

home game against Shullsburg, the Comets lost 39-31 in a tight defensive battle. Following a win against Highland, the boys lost two close games to Potosi and Wauzeka-Steuben. Bouncing back, the Comets won a very tough game at Shullsburg. To finish out January, the boys will travel to Albany on January 28th. The Comets currently stand with a record of 6-7 overall and 3-4 in conference.

The JV boys have had a very good season, as they have one of the best records of all the JV teams in the conference. They currently have a record of 8-5 overall.



FFA Members Busy Planning Events

As we move into the month of February, FFA members will be busy planning for the National FFA Week. This year National FFA Week will run from the 20th to the 27th of February. Members plan to have some activities to take place during this week. The activities will connect with Ag related ideas. In conjunction with FFA Week the FFA alumni will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday,

February 27th. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, juice, and milk. The money raised will help support the FFA throughout the rest of the year. We hope to see you all there!

The FFA members are now showcasing their new fathead of the FFA emblem. They have also been hard at work setting up the new display of previously won awards on the back wall.

*FFA Livestock
Judging Team
Looking for a
Member!*

If interested talk to Mr. Uppena.

Forensics Preparing for First Meet

The Forensics team is busy practicing for their first meet of the season. They are working at reciting their pieces to perfection. The members of the forensics team and their area of competition are as follows: Rachel Ackerman, Poetry;

Grace Ballweg, Prose; Chase Pebworth, Demo; Maddie Bode and Paige Hampton, Play Acting; Courtney Williams, Demo; Adam Kirschbaum, Four Minute; Hannah Rupp, Solo Play Acting; Kelsey Kirschbaum, Solo Play Acting; and Sean Murray, Four Minute.



**HAPPY VALENTINES
DAY FROM THE
NEWSPAPER STAFF!!!**



Middle School and High School Honors Chorus

On Monday, January 24, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the Cassville High School Gymnasium, the middle and high school honors chorus performed their concert. Middle school students were practicing at River Valley Community Center all day and high school students practiced at the high school. Ms. Ferguson wishes to express her appreciation for all the accommodations made by our staff so that 144 conference singers and 15 directors and accompanists could enjoy a wonderful day in Cassville, making music that was presented

to a very large audience. They were very glad for the huge crowd of people who came to see them. High school and middle school students involved with the Honors Chorus were: Grace Ballweg, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Greg Kutterna, Chase Pebworth, Natalya Schwab, Rachel Stohs, Tiffany Tarver, Katie Williams. Middle school students were: Brielle Baliff, Ally Clauer, Dani Evans, Zoe Gotzinger, Kami Kedley, Brad Klein, Tyler Koehler, and Kayla Mumm.



New Foreign Exchange Students

Below is information about the two new foreign exchange students at Cassville High School.



Name: Fernando Pereira
Age: 18
Host Parents: Lori and Monte Scholl
From: Curitiba, Brazil, eighth largest city in the country, with 1,456,896 inhabitants, considered the city with better quality of life in Brazil.
About Cassville: "Everything is different here: the food, socializing with the people, the school, and the cold weather; that's the first time I'm seeing snow!"

Name: InJung Cho
Age: 16
Host Parents: Ocean and Amy Morley
From: Bucheon, South Korea, a city which population is about 850,731 in the city and 20,982,273 in the metropolitan area.
About Cassville: She can see the difference between a big city and a little town: Cassville is safe, the doors are always unlocked. And she completed... "It's too cold here!"



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