



# Comet Tales Cassville High School

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## Successful Seussical, Jr.!!

The musical cast performed Seussical, Jr. on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the month. Directed by Koreena Wood, this musical was based upon the characters and stories of fifteen Dr. Seuss books. The cast members who brought these characters to life were: Katie Williams, Grace Ballweg, Rachel Ackerman, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Jennifer Tanaka, Madeline Bode, Elijah Okey, Andrew Ihm, Andrea Okey, Courtney Williams, Walker Gotzinger, Sean Murray, Danielle Ackerman, Payton Brinkman, Zoe Gotzinger, Rylie Laufenberg, Brittany Markley, Dani Evans, and Erasmus Okey.

The lighting crew included Jared Kartman, Brandon Laufenberg, and Dakota Reynolds.

The performances went wonderfully and were greatly enjoyed by the audience. The senior cast members would like to thank everyone who supported them and Ms. Wood for being their director.

Good job musical members!



Mr. & Mrs. Mayor



The Cat & Mayzie



Sour Kangaroo



Gertrude, the Elephant Bird, and Horton



The Cat & JoJo

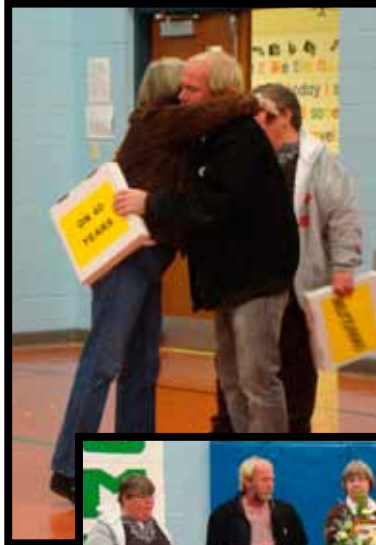
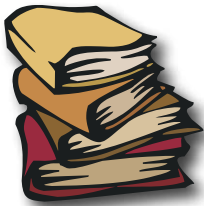


Full Cast

# American Education Week

American Education Week was celebrated the week of November 14-18. Mr. Kulland provided cheese and cracker trays for all teachers at elementary and high school which was much appreciated.

The highlight of the week was Friday, November 18th, when Mrs. Kremer was honored for her 40 years of teaching in the Cassville School District. Several of her very first second graders--John Okey, Monique Johnstone, and Tim Hampton--were present to help her celebrate this event!



## A Salute to Our Veterans

On Friday, November 11, students, faculty, and community members gathered in the high school gym for the annual Veteran's Day Program. After the Posting of Colors, Pastor Don Zahurance gave the invocation and then Mr. Casey, the guest speaker, gave a heartfelt speech about the sacrifices of veteran's and their importance.

The winners of the Patriot's Pen competition, Rylie Laufenberg and Kennedy McMillan, were rewarded for their accomplishments. Rylie won first place and received a \$200 savings bond. Kennedy won second place and received a \$150 savings bond.

The band, directed by Ms. Wood, and handbell choir, directed by Ms. Ferguson, also added to the program with their musical performances.



**Patriot's Pen winners: Rylie Laufenberg & Kennedy McMillan**

# Fall Sports Wrap Up

## Volleyball



**All Conference winners:** Tiffany Junk, Harley Anderson, and Krista Wieseler. **MVP:** Tiffany Junk



**Captains:** Krista Wieseler, Saige Bierman, and Erin Mergen.



**Lady Comet Award:** Saige Bierman and Erin Mergen.

## Football



**All Conference winners:** Nathan Baliff, Chance Clauer, Dakota Bernhardt, Dallas Bernhardt, Chris Meier, and Jacob Haas.



**MVP:** Dallas Bernhardt

**Captain:** Dakota Bernhardt

**Most Improved:** Jacob Haas



**Hustle Player:** Elijah Okey

## Cross Country

**At Right:**  
**1st Team All Conference winner**  
**with a 4th place finish at**  
**Conference Meet:** Jenna Friesen



**Wieseler - 3**

# NHS Blood Drive Results

This year's blood drive, sponsored by our National Honor Society, was very successful! We were able to obtain twenty-eight pints of blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. From these twenty-eight pints, we received \$286. The NHS will be using this money to benefit the student body later in the year.

Next year, the NHS will be having their blood drive in the month

of January instead of October. The reason for this is that the Red Cross also has a blood drive in October in Cassville. Some donations were hindered because of the closeness of the two drives.

The NHS would like to thank all of the community members, students, teachers, and other staff who were able to take the time to help out!



# Globe University Visits the Classroom

Tony Beyer from Globe University spoke to Mrs. Oswald's Personal Finance and Mrs. Bernhardt's Jr. Literature classes 6th hour on Thursday, November 17. The topic of the presentation was "Destination Success" that focused on setting effective, "SMART" goals to promote student success. "SMART" goals

are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound. The presentation was both interactive and enjoyable for students.

Mr. Beyer also spoke to Mrs. Oswald's 9th Desktop Publishing class on Team-Building, and Mrs. Bernhardt's 3rd Hour English 10, 4th Hour Sr. Communications, and 8th Hour Jr. Literature classes on Team-Building & International Business.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



### Spanish

Andrew Ihm

### Algebra

Zoe Gotzinger

### English

Blake Barcherding

### Social Studies

Will Baliff

### Chemistry

Tiffany Junk

### Good Citizen

Rachel Ackerman



## NOVEMBER 2011

# Lady Comets Basketball Starts Season

This year's 2011-2012 girls basketball season started off on Wednesday, November 16th. The head coach this year is Travis Beer. This is his first year ever coaching basketball. Lady Comets are suffering small numbers this year and therefore there will only be one varsity team—no junior varsity. The team consists of one senior, one junior, three sophomores, two freshmen, and three foreign exchange students. They include

the following: Stephanie Muench, Krystal Phillips, Cheyenne Mumm, Jenna Friesen, Jennifer Tanaka, Destiny Cederquist, Zoe Gotzinger, Greta Citelli, Tatiana Baumworcel, and Zoé Carron. The Lady Comets have their first scrimmage at Lancaster tonight. Their first conference game is December 16th at Highland. Good luck Lady Comets, finish the year strong!

## 2011 Girls Basketball Schedule

11/22 @Lancaster  
11/29 @ Southwestern Wi.  
12/22 @ Highland  
12/22 VS Belmont  
12/27 Holiday Tournament  
@ Riverdale  
12/29 @ Ithica

# Comets Boy's Basketball Starts Season with Young Team



This year's varsity boys basketball team is coached by Dennis Uppena and the JV boys basketball team is coached by Jacob Bernetzke. Practice started Wednesday, November 16. If you would like to join, you can, but get there as soon as possible so you can get to learning everything. There are fewer boys on the team than in past

years and we need everyone to go out that can. It is a very fun sport.

The boys will be participating in the scrimmage with Potosi, Boscobel, and Lancaster on November 21st and their first game is Home vs. Fennimore on November 21. Come support the boys!

## 2011 Boys Basketball Schedule

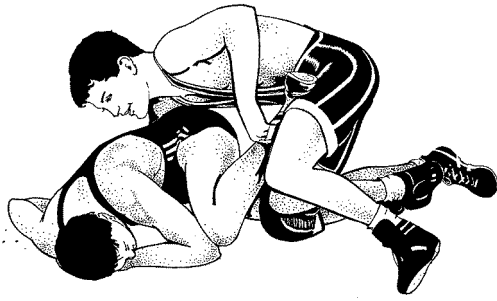
11/21@ Lancaster  
11/28 VS Fennimore  
12/5 VS Seneca  
12/9 VS Potosi  
12/15 @ Highland  
12/20 VS Shullsburg  
12/22 @ Weston  
12/28 Holiday Tournament  
@ Brookwood

# Happy Thanksgiving

**From:  
The Newspaper Staff!**



# Cassville-River Ridge Wrestling



Cassville Wrestling is once again joining the River Ridge Timberwolves to compete for the season. This year there are five students from Cassville that are out for wrestling. These students include: David Seng, Dillon Vogt, Noah Fure, and Luke Kirschbaum. David Seng is the only returning member from previous seasons. The wrestling coach is Adam Guthrie. Good luck Cassville-River Ridge Wrestlers!



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## JH Comet Basketball Begin Season

### JH Girls

The Junior High girls' basketball team has already started off their season. Although they suffered a tough loss of their first game against Sinsinowa, the girls came back to win a close game versus River Ridge last Thursday. Coach Patty Okey likes to look at the positives of her team. "We have good numbers this year," she says. The girls on the team include: Andrea Okey, Bailie Becwar, Taylor Ploessl, Payton Brinkman, Ally Clauer, Danielle Ackerman, Brielle Baliff, Rylie Laufenberg, Kennedy McMillan, Whitney Churchill, Shania Peacock, Brittany Weiderholt, and Tessa Reynolds. The girls' basketball team is in the Catholic game system, but the girls also play against several public schools. Good luck Lady Comets!



### JH Boys

Junior High boys' basketball team is starting off on the positive side as the players are looking forward to beginning their season. These players include: Caleb Dahse, James Haas, Will Baliff, Dakota Reynolds, Jared Kartman, and Walker Gotzinger. The boys have also set a high goal of having an undefeated season. They look forward to starting the season with a good coach and new offense strategies. The Junior High boys' coach Mark Kartman stated, "The boys are very hardworking, and we have a good outlook of the season. Unfortunately we have very few members of the team, so the season will be tough and challenging to earn wins." In addition, the boys hope to have a great deal of support for their team. The Junior High boys will not start off their season with any games until after Thanksgiving break. Good Luck Boys!

# Students Visit National River Museum

On Friday, October 28th, 2011, Mr. Jenkins and 7th & 9th graders, and Bio II students took a trip to The National River Museum Trip in Dubuque, Iowa. Chaperones for the trip included Mr. Lavelle and Jackie Williams. When the students arrived, they were taken on a two-hour guided tour around the museum. After the guided tour and eating lunch, the students were shown a 4-D movie about dinosaurs. The students were allowed to walk around on their own for another two hours and look at more exhibits. Finally the group returned to school at the end of the day in hopes of having another fun learning experience like they had at the river museum.



## Desktop Students Create Thursday's Child Newspaper

Desktop Publishing student Grace Ballweg with assistance from Stephanie Muench and Kelsea Kirschbaum under the direction of their instructor Mrs. Oswald once again joined with Thursday's Child to create their annual newsletter. For 26 years Thursday's Child has made wishes come true for thousands of seriously ill children living within and/or treated within southwest and south central Wisconsin, thanks to the generous support it has received from so many good people. Ms. Ferguson is one of the directors of this organization.



## Middle Students Show Off Their Talents

Ms. Wood and some of her Middle School band members had another successful Honors Band this year. Honors band took place at Shullsburg on November 3rd with eight other schools within our conference joining us. The students that attended were Payton Brinkman, Andrea Okey, Rylie Laufenberg, Danielle Ackerman, Dakota Reynolds, and Jared Kartman.

These honors band participants rehearsed all day while

they were at Shullsburg. During the rehearsal time they had time practicing with the group and then they also had time to practice with their own instrument section. Some of the groups' favorite pieces that they performed were "Great Locomotive Chase" by Robert W. Smith and "Dr. Rockenstein" by Steve Hodges. These hard working Middle School students did a wonderful job performing. We hope to continue having Cassville participate in opportunities like this.