



Comet Tales Cassville High School

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Veteran's Day Program 2010

On Wednesday, November 11, 2010, the annual Veterans' Day Program took place in the elementary gym. The ceremony began with music by the high school band under the direction of Ms. Wood and Mr. Kulland greeted everyone with his welcome speech.

Shortly after, the colors were posted by members of the VFW Post 7080 and the American Legion Post 352. Reverend John Meinholdz gave the invocation before Scott Schnering, Student Council president, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Sondreal's third grade class sang patriotic songs for the audience.

Ms. Ferguson directed the junior high and high school chorus and handbell choir in performing a musical interlude. S.T.A.R.S. then performed a patriotic presentation entitled *Remembrance* to demonstrate the struggles faced by

those who serve our country and their families.

Sergeant Zach Fischer, a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, was this year's guest speaker. Zach spoke about his experience as a member of the Army and the importance of Veteran's Day.

Jared Kasten, commander of VFW Post 7080, then awarded the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners. A \$200 U.S. Savings Bond was awarded to Rachel Ackerman for first place in the Voice of Democracy competition. Walker Gotzinger received a \$200 Savings Bond for first place in the Patriot Pen competition, while Danielle Ackerman received a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond for second place in the competition.

The program ended with the firing squad giving the 21-gun salute during a moment of silence to honor fallen soldiers. The colors were retired and the band played a final song to conclude the ceremony.



Sergeant Zach Fischer spoke about the importance of Veteran's Day



Members of S.T.A.R.S. perform "Remembrance"



Members of the VFW Post 7080 and the American Legion Post 352 posting the colors



First Place Winner of Voice of Democracy, Rachel Ackerman; First Place Winner of Patriots Pen, Walker Gotzinger; Second Place Winner, Danielle Ackerman pictured with Jared Kasten who handed out the awards





Cassville High School Presents: 25 Years of Broadway

The Cassville High school's play, *25 Years of Broadway*, was performed Saturday Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. This year's play was a musical review of some of the highlights from the last **25 Years of Broadway** shows that we have seen on the Cassville High School stage. Favorite songs from *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sound of Music*, *Cinderella*, *Grease*, and several other popular shows were performed. The cast did an outstanding job! *25 Years of Broadway* received a standing ovation for their wonderful performance. The standing ovation was a first for Cassville High School's productions.

High school cast members were: Rachel Ackerman, Nolan Ackerman, Grace Ballweg, Maddie Bode, Paige Hampton, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Greg Kutterna, Isaiah Okey, Chase Pebworth, Hannah Rupp, Rachel Stohs, Jennifer Tanaka, and Katie Williams.

Junior High school cast members were: Danielle Ackerman, Brielle Baliff, Ally Clauer, Dani Evans, Walker Gotzinger, Kami Kedley, Hunter Kisting, Rylie Laufenberg, Brittany Markley, and Dillon Vogt.

Elementary school cast members were: Christal Bean, Blake Borcharding, Whitney Churchill, Jaden Giesen, Levi Hampton, Melody Hampton, Nick Hampton, Lindsey Hudson, Chloe Hurt, Moira Kasper-Thiesen, Cody Klein in 5K, Erynn Little, Kennedy McMillan, Gabe Martel, Sierra Mumm, Nicky Murray, Shania Peacock, Curtis Tanaka, Laura Walker, and Brittany Wiederholt.

The show was directed by Christy Anderson, Noel Ferguson, and Koreena Wood. The crew for lights and stage managers were Jared Kartman, Brandon Laufenberg, and Jon Mish.

Thank you for all your hard work!



Kasten Visits World Civ Class

November 17th was National GIS Day, and the students in Ms. Paulson's World Civilizations class had a guest speaker to help teach them about this day. Jared Kasten, a member of the class of 2000 from CHS, spoke to the students about GIS Day and presented information to the students how GIS is being used in the field of business, urban planning and historical research. GIS, or Geographic Information System is a computer-based system that makes and uses spatial data. Mr. Kasten will

graduate with a Bachelors degree in Geography and a GIS Minor this December, from U.W. Platteville.



2009-2010
Yearbooks for
Sale

There are still
several yearbooks
for sale!

Cost: \$40
See Mrs. Oswald

NHS Blood Drive

On October 27th the Cassville NHS held their annual blood drive in the elementary gym. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center provides the blood for Dubuque, Platteville, and Lancaster hospitals. Cassville High School set a goal at 40 pints and only donated 36. Six people were rejected due to a bad heart rate or a bad reaction. Whether these students were able to give or not, NHS still appreciated the effort by Cassville's students. Every pint that was donated could help three people, which our 36 pints could possibly help a little over 100 people. Cassville High school got \$285 in grant money for every pint. Thanks to all the

people who gave blood, NHS is now able to pay a speaker to come in February.



Promoting Character Education

What is WeCare? WeCare is a student leadership team to promote character education. WeCare stands for We're Energetic Caring Adolescents Reaching Out to Everyone. The leaders of this group are Rachel Ackerman and Brandon Laufenberg. One of the activities that the students have done is organize a birthday club. Another activity that was done was poster making that Maddie Bode and Emily Koch took charge of. Walker Gotzinger and Brad Klein were the leaders of the activity "Random Acts of Kindness."

Krista Weiseler and Hannah Rupp were in charge of the activity "Social Skills" that will help students get a better understanding of how to act in society and with the public. Other participants in this organization are: Jenna Friesen, Rylie Laufenberg, Katie Williams, Courtney Williams, and Jennifer Tanaka. Mrs. Bernhardt is the mentor and creator of this group. Mrs. Bernhardt is still interested in taking more participants.



Forensics

Forensics is back in action! The coaches for this year's Forensics team are Mr. Casey and Mr. Corbett. The team consists of: Shelbie Ackerman, Grace Ballweg, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Chase Pebworth, Paige Hampton, Rachel Ackerman, Hannah Rupp, Maddie Bode, Chance Morley, and Scott Schnering. Below is the calendar for the 2011 Forensics Team.

February 5
Sun Prairie

February 21
Sub-District

March 12
Conference @
Pecatonica

March 26
District @ Platteville

April 15
State @ Madison



Fall Sports Wrap - Up



Football

2nd Team All-Conference

Scott Schnering (Team Receiver)
Jordan Fure (Linebacker)
Chance Morley (Defensive End)
Isaiah Okey (Safety + HM Quarter Back)

Honorable Mention

Cory Tanaka (Defensive Back)



Volleyball

1st Team All-Conference

Faye Demes

Honorable Mention

Paige Hampton
Tiffany Junk



National FFA Convention

The National Convention was held over October 20 through 23 at Indianapolis, Indiana. The students that were able to attend this event were Kevin Seng, Josh D. Mumm, Nathan Baliff, Mitchell Junk, Brianna Esser, and Emily Koch. Students along with Mr. Uppena rode on a charter bus with other schools from around the area to the convention and hotel they stayed at. They spent two nights and three days at the convention seeing many different tourist attractions. On the way to the convention, the students went to Fair Oaks Dairy. Fair Oaks Dairy is a large dairy operation of nine different farms with a total of 30,000 dairy cattle. Secondly, the students

attended the opening ceremony of the National Convention and listened to a guest speaker. Immediately after, the students walked to the Lucas Oil Stadium to listen to Easton Corben and Lady Antebellum play live. The student spent the rest of their time visiting Good's Candy Shop, a family operated apple orchard and the career show.

After the convention the students commented that this was a very enjoyable trip and recommend that others should take up the opportunity and go.



New Assistant Wrestling Coach Looks Promising

This year's wrestling head coach is Adam Guthrie and the assistant coach Robert Fuelling. We welcome our very own Robert Duerst as another assistant coach this season. The coaches had eleven wrestlers show up for the first day of practice on November 15th. Among these eleven were Cassville's Kevin Seng (senior) and his younger brother David Seng (freshmen).

Robert Duerst, science instructor, is the newest member of the Cassville School District. He was a wrestler when he was in high school and loves the sport. When asked what he looked forward to as a coach, he replied that he "enjoys the look of satisfaction when someone works hard for what they want and then achieves it."

The first practice was very encouraging to Asst. Coach Duerst. Robert Duerst commented that he was "very impressed with how hard the wrestlers pushed themselves." Freshmen wrestler David Seng was very impressive to Coach Duerst. Near the end of practice the boys were running laps up and down the stairs with weights. David was

impressively carrying 25% of his body weight for ten minutes straight and never stopped!

Little time is remaining before the first wrestling competition of the season on December 2nd. Coach Duerst predicts a winning record for the season and looks to be extremely excited for the season. Senior Kevin Seng looks forward to a strong, injury free, and healthy season. Kevin's outlook for the season is "to go to state." Kevin is expecting a lot out of newcomers. With little experience, the freshmen will need to work extremely hard and show their dedication.



Students of the Month

Mathematics
Jared Kartman

Social Studies
Walker Gotzinger
Danielle Ackerman

Foreign Language
Chris Meier

Most Improved
Brianna Esser

Science
Gage Cederquist



Boys' Basketball Gets Underway

As winter is approaching, boys' basketball is getting into full-swing. Coach Dennis Uppena enters his 26th season as head varsity coach and Mr. Jake Bernetzke is beginning his third season as JV coach.

This year's varsity team consists of: Cory Tanaka, Isaiah Okey, Mitchell Junk, Chance Morley, Scott Schnering, Ryan Mergen, Jordan Fure, Josh D. Mumm, Garrett Schauff, and Ty Kartman. The JV team consists of: Vince Reynolds, Cole Adams, Elijah Okey, Austin Mellem, Gage Kauffman, Brett Little, Ryan Kirschbaum, Codi Schwab, and Nolan Ackerman.

The boys will open up the season on November 29 at Fennimore. The Comets will round out 2010 with the following games: December 6 at Seneca, December 9 vs. Shullsburg, December 14 at River Ridge, December 17 vs. Benton, December 20 vs. Wauzeka, and the holiday tournament at Cassville.



JH Basketball Begins

This year, the Junior High girls and boys basketball season has just gotten underway. The Girl's team consists of Ally Clauer, Jenna Baliff, Brielle Baliff, Danielle Ackerman, Rylie Laufenberg, Hunter Kisting, Bailie Becwar, Andrea Okey, Kami Kedley, and Payton Brinkman. They have had a rough start to their season so far, starting at (0-4), but they look to turn things around in the second half of the season. They are being coached by Patti Okey with the help of Jill Friesen.

The Boy's team consisting of Brad Klein, Jared Kartman, Caleb Dahse, Dakota Reynolds, James Haas, Gabe Phillips, Walker Gotzinger, Luke Baliff (6th), and Will Baliff (6th) has not started their season yet. They are having two 6th graders play on their team to help them out due to small numbers. The coach of our JH boy's team is Joe Uppena. They are looking towards a positive season this year and hoping to get a good start by winning their first game.

Girls' Basketball Ready to Get Started

As volleyball comes to a close, the Cassville girls are ready to start basketball. Paul Wedig enters his first season as head varsity coach, hoping to improve from last season. The varsity team consists of: Paige Hampton, Jessica Winkers, Katie Mumm, Faye Demes, Tiffany Junk, Erin Mergen, Saige Bierman, Shelbie Ackerman, and Rachel Ackerman.

Also in his first season, JV coach Adam Wedig hopes for a great season. The JV team consists of Jenny Tanaka, Jenna Friesen, Mariana Neves, Aneta Brasenova, Cecilie Nyhus, Hannah Rupp, and Ana Clara Pereira.

To end 2010, the girls will play the following games: November 30 vs. Southwestern, December 3 at Seneca, December 7 vs. Benton, December 10 at Belmont, December 16 at Highland, December 28 at the Riverdale Tournament, and December 30 vs. Ithaca.



Happy
Thanksgiving
from the
Newspaper
Staff!

**Be sure to check out the new Cassville
School District Website!!**
www.cassvillesd.k12.wi.us



Book Club "Books the Other Channel"

The book club is advised by Ms. Studnicka. She chose "Books the Other Channel" as the name of the book club because she believes television has more of an influence on students than books. There are twenty members of the Cassville Book Club: Jenna Baliff, Ally Clauer, Hunter Kisting, Dani Evans, Dakota Reynolds, Brielle Baliff, Rylie Laufenberg, Walker Gotzinger, Kami Kedley, Zoe Gotzinger, Tyler Koehler, Brittany Markley, Jenny Tanaka, Brett Little, Brandon Laufenberg, Elijah

Okey, Codi Schwab, Rachel Ackerman, Maddie Bode, and Mrs. Halverson. Ms. Studnicka gives the members a list of books to choose from, each member chooses a book to read that fits their interests. The book club meets the first Wednesday of every month. At their meetings the members discuss what they are reading and how it connects to Character Education. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 3rd, students are welcome to join!

Business Education News

- On Wednesday, November 3 the Second Grade students worked with Desktop Publishing students to find and print clipart for their binder projects about themselves. Erik Ahlman photographed and video taped for this project. Cecilie Nyhus and Aneta Brasenova created a glog which can be viewed by going to the Cassville School District Website and Mrs. Oswald's Website.
- Desktop Publishing students Brooke Becwar and Ryan Mergen have worked with Kindergarten, 4th Grade and Elementary Phy. Ed. students video taping and taking photos for their Beaver Project. The Beaver Project glog can be viewed at the Cassville School District Website and Mrs. Oswald's Website.
- 8th Grade Students have been busy working on Social Studies projects for Ms. Paulson in collaboration with Mrs. Oswald. For their History: Past, Present, and Future project, they created a PowerPoint which included video of several interviews with community members about Cassville's past, present and future. 8th Graders also created large tabloid posters for several area veterans which were on display for Veterans Day and given to the veterans that were present that day.
- Paige Hampton and Aneta Brasenova—Desktop Publishing students—created personalized book report pages for 5th Grade students which included each student's photo and plenty of notebook lines to write each of their book reports!
- Information Processing students are in the process of creating glogs (webpages) about Cassville's Veterans Day event....Keep an eye out at the new Cassville School District website for posting of these glogs!
- The 2010-2011 Yearbook Theme has been chosen by the yearbook staff! Students brainstormed in groups to develop four different themes which they then voted on. The students chose: **Painting Memories.**
- To keep up with Business Education News at Cassville High School, continue to look to the new Cassville School District's website at www.cassvillesd.k12.wi.us. By clicking on the High School and Middle School Tab/Teaching Staff and then scrolling down to click on Mrs. Oswald's website, you will continue to find new postings there for students in Business Ed. courses.
- Jim Hampton of Bloomington Farmer's Mutual Insurance spoke to Mrs. Oswald's Personal Finance class on Auto and Home Insurance on Tuesday, November 16.

Anne McIntyre Talks to Business Ed. Students

On Thursday October 21, Anne McIntyre, Senior Career Development Coordinator from Herzing University Campus came to visit. Anne spoke to Mrs. Oswald's 8th Grade Computer Applications class about Neurolinguistics. Neurolinguistics explores non-verbal communication and how much is communicated through body language, voice, and facial expressions. The Information Processing class learned about Rewards of a Degree in Technology. Mrs. Oswald's Personal Finance class learned about Plastic Piranha, which is America's credit card use and how credit cards positively and negatively affect people's futures.

Desktop Students Working
with the 2nd Grade...



Wise Beyond Their Years

by Bruce Boyum, School Counselor, and the CHS Class of 2016

Those of you who made your way through the public school system are aware that the 7th Grade guidance curriculum includes a quarter-long sex education class. I really love all of my job, but I must admit that this class is the *highlight* of my day for the duration of that quarter. Those of you who have had this class might remember that it covered a lot more than “where babies come from.” Relationships, dating, family expectations, family planning, STDs, and sexual abuse are some of the topics addressed.

Every class has their own personality. This year I was especially impressed with the maturity and sensibilities of the seventh grade students. Granted, they lack dating experience, no doubt have distorted perceptions of how everything is suppose to be based on what they see and hear in the media, are looking forward to whatever limited opportunities their parents and our community offer for social interaction when you must rely on parent/sibling transportation or your bicycle, and . . . let’s face it, they are twelve, turning thirteen.

But, I have to admit that this year’s seventh grade class is an exceptional group! Their response to one of my assignments was so “on target” that I believed it worthy to submit to Comet Tales for publication. The students were asked to develop some rules for dating, (as they look forward to this important social activity). While some of their suggestions reflect the innocence of their lack of dating experience thus far, I believe, every single rule might be something that all of you who are dating might benefit from. Perhaps you will see an item on the list that someone you know might especially have reason to embrace. The following is a list of seventh grade’s dos and don’ts that I think, many of you will agree, show . . . wisdom beyond their years.

Rules for Successful Dating (according to the class of 2016)

Dating Do's

- Be Clean and Respectful
- Be Kind
- Be Honest
- Talk about “reasonable” topics
- Be on time & be ready
- Go someplace reasonable & appropriate
- Like similar things
- Be helpful
- Have a good sense of humor
- Date near your own age
- Have similar interests
- Get to know them well first
- Take a shower before time
- Use deodorant
- Be polite to parents
- Offer to help pay
- Use your manners
- Be smart
- Have a nice personality
- Be yourself
- Pay attention to the other person
- Hold hands – if you want to ask
- Comb your hair
- Get home on time
- Stay with the group
- Follow rules
- Be patient
- Look good
- Think before you open your mouth
- Listen to your date and talk to them
- Care about your date

Dating Don'ts

- Be mean
- Flirt with others when with date
- Talk on the phone the whole date
- Ignore your date
- Offend your date or his/her family
- Be rude
- Call it a date – that gets weird
- Be disrespectful
- Be impatient
- Be late
- Stay out too late
- Get out of control
- Get into trouble
- Pressure your date
- Get out of your comfort zone
- Be obnoxious
- Arrive all gross
- Expect your date to pay for everything
- Date someone way older
- Be rude to his/her family
- Go too fast
- Be alone together
- Go off by yourselves
- Be a slob
- Lie
- Talk about perverted things
- Be late and messy
- Assume that the answer is always yes
- Go somewhere creepy or dangerous
- Try to be someone you’re not

Mr. Boyum's Additions

- **Don't include alcohol or other drugs on a date.**
- **Do speak up if you're worried, scared, uncomfortable, angry.**
- **Follow your conscience.**