



# Comet Tales Cassville High School

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## "Beating the Odds" Proves to be a Success

On February 28, 2011, Student Council, NHS, and WeCare hosted a character building day called "Beating the Odds" (B.T.O.). The school organizations wanted to plan a day to discuss alternative ways to have fun besides activities with drinking and drugs and raise awareness about the effects of drugs and alcohol. A great amount of planning took place to make the day a success.

The morning started off with the high school, junior high, and St. Charles seventh and eighth graders watching a performance about drunk driving performed by the Cassville High School S.T.A.R.S. group. Then the students watched the movie *The Ultimate Gift*. FFA donated popcorn that was sold while the movie was playing. Proceeds from the popcorn were donated to Olivia Baker. NHS and Student Council provided a morning nutrition break with fresh fruit, yogurt, and granola bars.

After the movie, students broke into groups to attend different sessions. The event's keynote speaker, Mike McGowan, spoke about different topics with each group. Topics ranged from life after high school to the use of prescription drugs. Mike speaks to schools and companies all over the area. In fact, he has even

spoke to the Green Bay Packers and other professional athletes. Three members from Grant County S.A.F.E. Coalition spoke to the groups about different issues that harm today's teens. Kathy Marty spoke about the use of illegal drugs, while teen tobacco use was the topic of Carol Thole's session. In addition, Tonia Wagner discussed the effects of underage drinking.

To break up the sitting and listening aspects of the sessions, the National Guard organized team building activities for the students. The member of the National Guard explained how the activities can compare to real-life situations and the key to communication.

The day ended with the student body gathering in the gym to watch a S.T.A.R.S. performance about love. Also, door prize winners were announced. Door prizes for the day were generously donated by local and regional businesses. The day was also made possible thanks to the members from last summer's Youth Leadership Conference. Some of those attendees helped write a mini grant that helped finance the day.

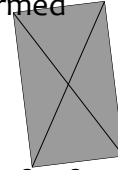


# High School Band Keeping Busy

Several members of the high school band have been very busy over the past month with Tri-State Honors Band and Conference Honors Band. Maddie Bode, Chase Pebworth, and Ms. Wood participated in the Tri-State Honors Band at UW-Platteville on February 19.

The concert was astounding and inspirational.

On March 1, Maddie Bode, Chase Pebworth, Adam Kirschbaum, and Katie Williams participated in Conference Honors Band. They performed an outstanding concert.



## Cassville Students Shine at District Solo and Ensemble Festival



Cassville Music students had an excellent day at the district solo and ensemble festival in Belmont on Saturday, March 26. A numerous amount of students performed in many different categories on Saturday. Their awards are as follows:

### Silver Medals:

- Logan Kartman, class C saxophone solo
- Madeline Bode, class B clarinet solo
- Grace Ballweg and Kelsea Kirschbaum, class A vocal duet.

### Gold Medals:

- Alex Hauk, class C euphonium solo
- Courtney Williams, class C vocal solo
- Jennifer Tanaka, class B vocal solo
- InJung Cho, class B vocal solo

- Rachel Ackerman, Harley Anderson, InJung Cho, Natalya Schwab, Jennifer Tanaka, and Krista Wieseler, class B vocal double trio
- Katie Williams, class B piano solo

### Starred 1sts going to State on April 30:

- Nolan Ackerman, Rachel Ackerman, Saige Bierman, InJung Cho, Faye Demes, Tricia Haverland, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Greg Kutterna, Kayla Mergen, Jon Mish, Stephanie Muench, Katie Mumm, Rachel Stohs, Tiffany Tarver, Krista Wieseler, and Courtney Williams, handbell performance.
- Jennifer Tanaka, Tiffany Tarver, and Katie Williams, vocal trio
- Chase Pebworth, tuba solo

Congratulations to everyone for a very fine day!

## Music in our Schools Month

Members of the high school and junior high band have been busy celebrating Music in our Schools Month. The high school and junior high band performed a concert for the elementary school students to celebrate national Music in our Schools Month. The concert took place March 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the elementary gym.

# We Care Updates



## Food Drive Update

Approximately 1,273 items and over \$460 was collected in the 2011 Cassville Food Drive!



## Social Skills Activities



During Homeroom on March 16 students practiced how to greet people from your grandmother to the President of United States of America.

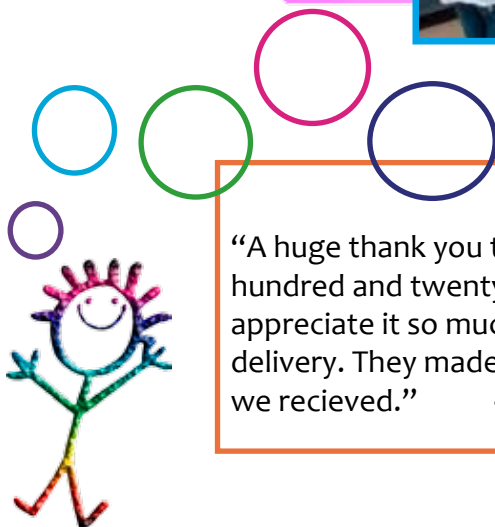


## Olivia Drive Update

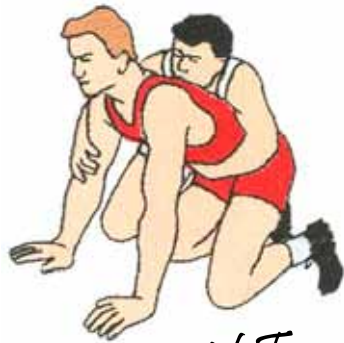
Student Council set aside half of the proceeds from two basketball concessions and 100% of the donations at those games to benefit the Olivia Baker Family. As a result, \$160 was raised to assist Olivia and her family. Mrs. Barton, Olivia's grandmother, also expressed how much Olivia enjoyed the Valentine cards. Olivia is learning to read and also loves to draw, so she took great delight in spreading the cards around the living room and reading each one. Students and staff -- thanks so much for your kindness and generosity!

## **Thank You From the Food Pantry**

"A huge thank you to everyone who worked on your food drive. One thousand three hundred and twenty-four pounds of food and \$460 is an awesome amount, and we appreciate it so much. A special thanks to the young men and Fire Department for the delivery. They made quick work of it. We are so grateful for all the wonderful support we recieved." --Judi Bembenek, Lancaster Association of Churches Food Pantry.

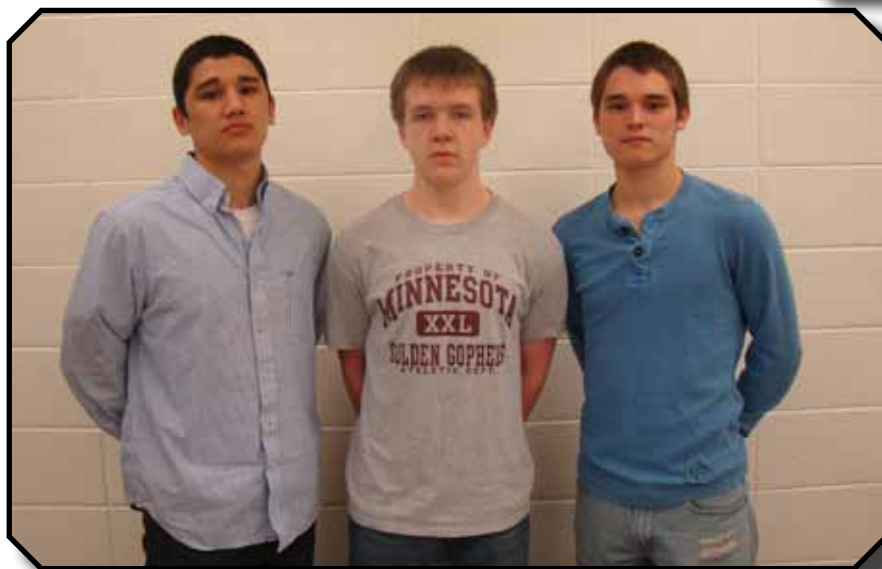


# Winter Sports Wrap - Up



## Wrestling

1st Team All - Conference  
David Seng



## Boys Basketball

1st Team All - Conference

Cory Tanaka  
Ty Kartman

All - Conference  
Honorable Mention  
Isaiah Okey

## Girls Basketball

All - Conference  
Honorable Mention

Katie Mumm  
Faye Demes

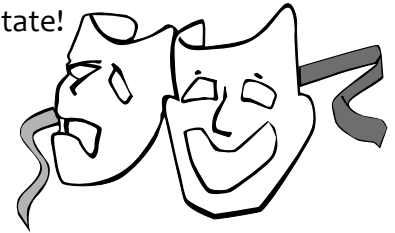


# Forensics: On the Way to State

The forensics team at Cassville High School is having a season to remember. Cassville High will be well represented at the State Forensics Meet. At the sub-district meet, nine students from CHS moved on to the district meet. Paige Hampton and Maddie Bode in play acting, Chase Pebworth and Courtney Williams

in separate demonstration performances, Grace Ballweg in prose, Kelsea Kirschbaum in solo humorous, Sean Murray and Adam Kirschbaum in four-minute, and Rachel Ackerman in poetry all advanced to the District Meet. At the District Meet, six of the nine participants moved on to the State Meet: Paige and Maddie,

Chase, Grace, Kelsea, and Rachel. The state Forensics Meet will be held in Madison on April 15. Good luck to the Forensics Team at State!



## Springin' into Track



As we come to an end for winter sports, we enter the spring season with track well on its way. Returning coaches for the varsity team are Laura Esser and Gary Corbett. New to the team are the managers, Zach Meier and Jim Bernhardt. The varsity team consists of 23 students which include the following: Jordan Fure, Paige Hampton, Faye Demes, Chance Morley, Kalen Cederquist, Kevin Seng, Saige Bierman, Stephanie Muench, Grace Ballweg, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Chris Meier, Dallas Bernhardt, Dakota Bernhardt, Chance Clauer, Gage Cederquist, Harley Anderson, Tiffany Junk, Maddie Bode, Justin Johnson, Jacob Haas, Logan Kartman, Jenna Friesen, and Gage Kaufman.

The Comets held their first home just this past Tuesday night on March 29. The boys and girls both recieved 2nd as the total of the points was added. For individual results, the boys and girls seemed to do an excellent job.

**Boy's Individual:**  
200 M. - Chris Meir 1st  
800 M. - Gage Cederquist 1st  
and Kevin Seng 3rd  
1600 M. - Gage Cederquist 3rd  
4X100 Relay - 1st (consisted of: Dakota Bernhardt, Kalen Cederquist, Dallas Bernhardt, and Chance Clauer)  
4X200 Relay - 1st (consisted of: Dakota Bernhardt, Chris Meier, Kalen Cederquist, and Chance Clauer)  
Shot Put - Dakota Bernhardt 2nd and Dallar Bernhardt 3rd

**Girl's Individual:**  
200 M. - Madeline Bode 2nd  
400 M. - Grace Ballweg 2nd  
and Tiffany Junk 3rd  
100 M. Hurdles - Jenna Friesen 2nd  
4X100 Relay - 1st (consisted of: Saige Bierman, Stephanie Muench, Faye Demes, and Madeline Bode)  
4X200 Relay - 1st (consisted of: Madeline Bode, Jenna Friesen, Stephanie Muench, and Faye Demes)  
4X400 Relay - 1st (consisted

of: Grace Ballweg, Faye Demes, Saige Bierman, and Jenna Friesen)

Shot Put - Tiffany Junk 2nd  
Discuses - Tiffany Junk 2nd  
High Jump - Faye Demes 2nd

Under the coaching of Jill Friesen, the Junior High track team has quite a few out. The team consists of eight girls and eight boys. These include: Andrea Okey, Payton Brinkman, Kami Kedley, Zoe Gotzinger, Jenna Baliff, Brielle Baliff, Bailie Becwar, Ally Clauer, Andrew Ihm, Walker Gotzinger, Jared Kartman, Dylan Johll, Tristan Reynolds, Luke Kirschbaum, Brad Klein, and Caleb Dahse. The Junior High track team has been working very hard and Coach Friesen has been pushing them to the best of their abilities. Coach Friesen says that pretty soon her squad of junior high members will be able to outrun the high school team.



# FFA UW-Platteville Contest

On March 24, eleven students from Cassville participated in the FFA Skills Contest held at the UW Platteville. They were divided into three groups - Agronomy, Livestock, and the Junior Dairy team. More than 1,800 students in Wisconsin registered for this event.

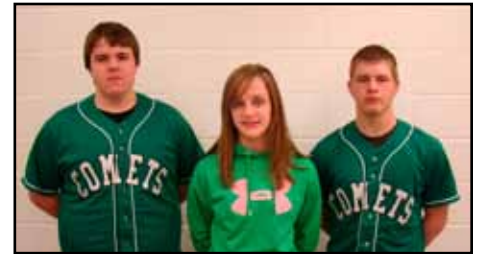
The Junior Dairy team won 23rd place out of 35 teams and 129 students. Adam Kirschbaum received 33rd place individually, Tiffany Junk-41st place, and Vince

Reynolds-120th place.

The livestock team placed 11th out of 61 teams and 237 individuals. Paige Hampton got 31st place, Kevin Seng-44th place, Maddie Bode-74th place, and Brianna Esser-148th place.

The Agronomy team placed 3rd out of 22 teams and 83 individuals. Jordan Fure received 1st place, Josh A. Mumm-11th place, Dalton Esser-35th place, Jacob Haas-39th place.

Congratulations to the Livestock and Agronomy teams who have advanced to the state competition that will be held on April 29 at the UW-Madison Agriculture Campus.



**Junior Dairy Team**



**State Bound Agronomy Team**



**State Bound Livestock Judging Team**

## Teen Conference

Students from S.T.A.R.S. and the WeCare had a chance to participate in the Teen Conference at Southwest Technical College on March 15, 2011. That day the students traveled to Southwest Technical College to listen to Rob Bell and Craig Culver from the "Culver's Restaurant" and they spoke about leadership skills, learning the importance of imaging, role modeling, decision making, and assertiveness. After the two speakers were done the group

listened to the band "Crush," which is a professional youth band from Bruce, Wisconsin. Students enjoyed the positive message of "Get Smart" and their amazing talent. Local Drama Troupes performed on various

topics using their creativity and entertainment skills. The WeCare and S.T.A.R.S. participants were thoroughly amazed at the powerful educational programs that the local drama troupes presented.



**Teen Conference Participants**

# Attention Seniors!

Yearbook Staff needs your Senior Portrait in a digital format! Bring in a CD or have your photographer email one to Mrs. Oswald (see her for details)

# Reality Check!

for all seniors is happening April 7, 2011  
Prairie du Chien Armory  
Leave at: 9:00 am  
Return at approximately: 2:15 pm

# Students of the Month



## February

Kelsea Kirschbaum  
American Literature

## March

Alison Vondrum  
Social Studies

Chase Peabworth  
Band

Katie Williams  
Good Student

Dakota Reynolds  
Science

Mamta White  
Special Services

Faye Demes  
Business Education

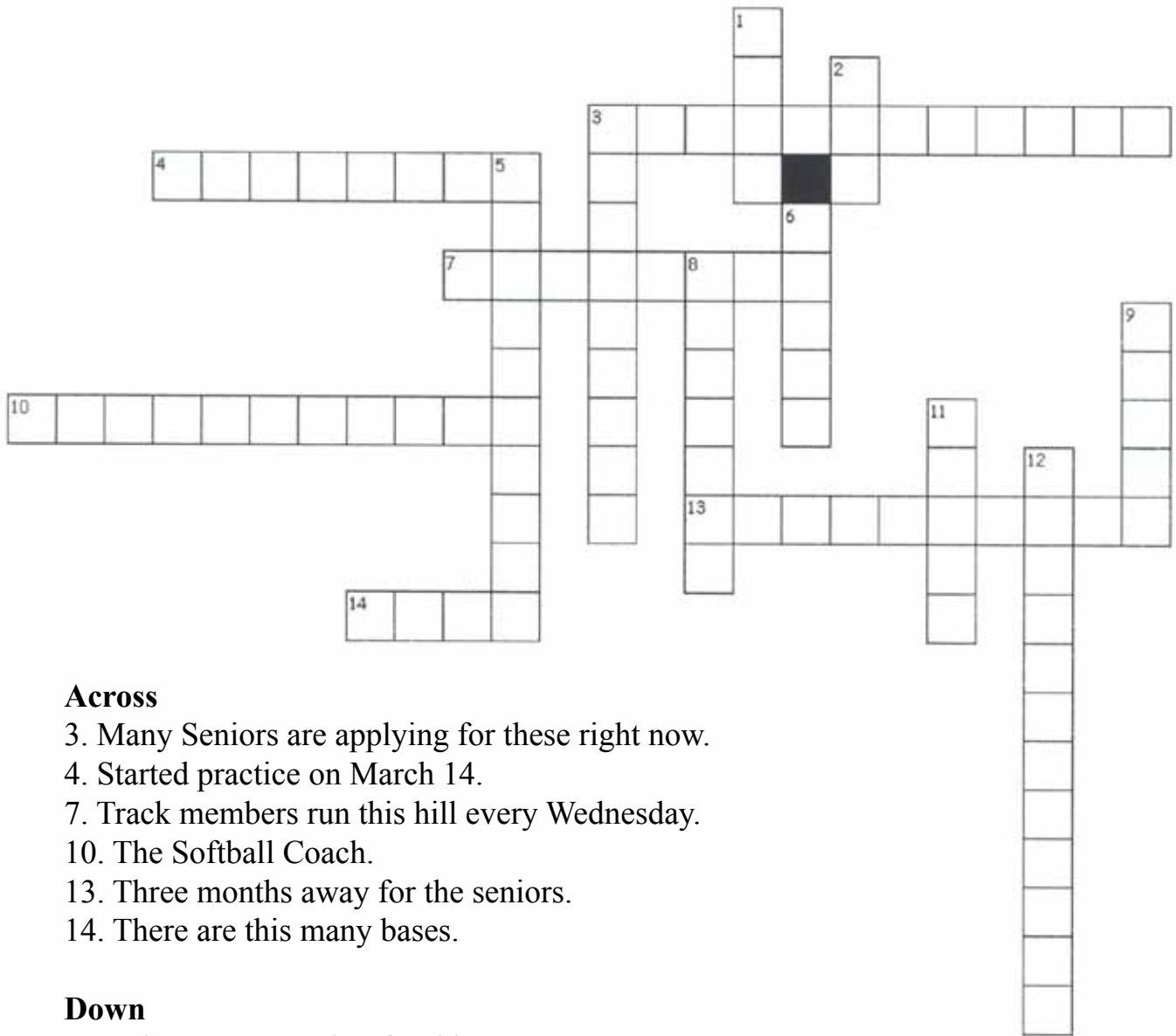
Jordan Fure  
Foreign Language

Kelsey Borcharding  
Teacher Assistant

Ryan Kirschbaum  
Social Studies



# Spring Cross Word Puzzle



## Across

3. Many Seniors are applying for these right now.
4. Started practice on March 14.
7. Track members run this hill every Wednesday.
10. The Softball Coach.
13. Three months away for the seniors.
14. There are this many bases.

## Down

1. Juniors are preparing for this.
2. Used to hit baseballs and softballs.
3. Used to time runners.
5. Head coach of the track team.
6. Baseball and softball players use these to catch balls.
8. There are seven of these in a baseball game.
9. Bird that comes back for spring.
11. Started practice on March 7.
12. Coach for Baseball.



# 2011 Yearbooks "Painting Memories"

- Cost is low price of \$40  
Down Payment of \$20 is required
- 96 Pages, ALL IN COLOR!
- Book is bigger than in previous years

- No Extras will be ordered this year, so make sure you order right away!
- Go to Mrs. Oswald's Homeroom to order.
- Sewn-in autograph section!



## Comics Created on MakeBelief Comics Website

Top: Al's Alarming Ad by Brooke Becwar and Cory Tanaka  
Bottom: Hammerfor by Ryan Mergen and Mitch Junk

