

# Comet Courier

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## *From the Office of the Superintendent*

Welcome back, Comets!!!! Cassville Schools have been in session for almost two months and our sports seasons since the middle of August. All of our teams have been working hard this fall and are coming on strong to end the season and get ready for the playoffs! Great job this year football, cross-country, trap shooting, and volleyball athletes and coaches. Thank you for your sportsmanship and positive representation of the Cassville School and community. Here's to a great finish!!!

I am pleased to welcome four foreign exchange students joining us. Lucas Moreno Lell (Argentina), Lucia Zarza (Spain), Janire Arnaiz Peña (Spain), and Luis Grohmann Linares (Spain) have become our newest Cassville Comets. All of them bring a wonderful culture, personal experiences, and worldly insight to everyone here in Cassville. Welcome and thank you for coming here! New staff joining us this year are Erica Maahs, Madison Vande Hey, Angele Walsh, Brek Schneider, Eric Amweg, and Hilary Baker. As always we miss those who left, but these additions are doing a great job and we are fortunate to have had each of them join our district. Thank you!

We are in our ninth year of the character education

initiative. This year's theme is "Unleash Your Superpowers". Our four virtues this year are Acceptance, Appreciation, Balance, and Dedication. Each quarter focuses around one virtue and all students in K-12 do a mixture of activities, lessons, fundraisers, and community connections to promote this district wide initiative.

Students this fall have excelled in Homecoming activities, several regional and state competitions, and participated in many assemblies/filed trips. Thank you to all of the students and staff that have organized, fundraised, and dedicated their time for these events to be possible.

Friday October 12, K-12 classes practiced safety procedures. In the morning, grades 4K-6 did exiting procedures for an internal threat or for times where staff/students need to exit the building other than for a fire. Students and staff all did an excellent job.

We had a great start this fall and it looks to be another excellent year for Cassville Schools!

**John Luster**  
Superintendent/Principal

## *Welcome Back Students!*

Welcome back! Between fall sports and preparing for our annual musical, the first couple of months have been very busy! Playoffs and regionals for fall sports are upon us, winter sports are right around the corner, and the musical is a few short weeks away. Good luck to our performers and athletes! A big thanks to everyone who comes out to support our many activities. We sincerely appreciate the sportsmanship and positive behavior that we've seen from our spectators and players; please remember that YOU represent who we are and what we stand for at CHS.

I am pleased to introduce all of our new students this year – Isabel Adams, Olivia Adams, Dynasia Bogus, Allison Ihm, Caden Kartman, Austin Rauch, Makenzie Wiest, Janire Arnaiz Pena, Luis Grohmann Linares, Lucas Mariano Moreno Lell, and Lucia Zarza Legido. It is also great to see all of our new 4K students.

Welcome to our school!

We will continue to develop character throughout our school and community, and this year's theme is "Unleashing Your Super Powers." Each quarter we will introduce a new word to promote our theme, and we've selected acceptance, appreciation, balance, and dedication. Throughout the school year, our students will do a combination of activities, lessons, fundraisers, and community connections to promote this district-wide initiative.

We are off to a great start and I hope you all have a great year. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Chad Infield**  
Dean of Students/Activities Director

# High School News



## English

### American Literature

Juniors have just completed making storyboards for lines from Shakespeare's play As You Like It. They are currently researching ideas for analytical papers and will be scheduling conferences with Mrs. Bernhardt to discuss improvements to their final papers. They will then be reading The Crucible and studying the dark period in American history involving the Salem Witchcraft Trials.

### Senior Communication

Students in this course are earning three college credits for Written Communication through SWTC. They are learning how technical writing is different from other types of writing in its emphasis on writing for the needs of the audience. The class will be starting a project on business communication by researching business etiquette in a foreign country and developing a brochure for a group of Americans to give them knowledge of customs and traditions while working abroad.

### Public Speaking

Students in Mrs. Bernhardt's public speaking class are also earning three college credits in Speech at SWTC. Recently, they have finished preparing a poem to be recited for a special occasion. With Halloween coming soon, they are selecting to work on monologues and/or ensembles of stories to share with elementary school children.

### Composition 10

Students in Mrs. Bernhardt's sophomore English class have been studying the issues of plagiarism in our society. They are just beginning a new unit on strengthening word attack skills by studying meanings of prefixes, suffixes, and root words. These skills will aid them in recognizing and decoding more unfamiliar words they encounter.

### Personal Note from Mrs. Bernhardt

Mrs. Bernhardt is embarking on her own special journey this school year. She has decided that after 42 years of teaching in the village of Cassville, 30 in the high school, she will be retiring at the end of this school year. After some reflection on her career, she has determined to make this school year a celebration of joy. She encourages students and community members to follow her on this journey by reading her blog found in the district's web page. A link can be found on the staff page: [smbenhardt.blogspot.com](http://smbenhardt.blogspot.com)

## Pink Night

Every year, during October, the Cassville and Potosi volleyball programs team up to raise awareness for Breast Cancer with a "Dig Pink" game. October is breast cancer awareness month so it is important to the girls to take this opportunity to



support the fighters, admire the survivors and honor the taken by raising money. The varsity volleyball team painted pumpkins, volleyball moms and community members donated, baked and decorated cookies and the two teams signed a pink volleyball, which ended up being auctioned for \$400! To make a perfect night even more perfect, the Comets defeated Potosi in three sets!

## 5-12th Grade Physical Education

Mr. Reising's 5-12 Physical Education classes have been dodging rain storms in an attempt to get outdoors and exercise.

The classes trained for the annual homecoming volleyball tournament and also participated in eclipse ball, a combination of volleyball and tennis.

Students completed the Presidential Fitness challenge, which consisted of the sit-and-reach, pull-ups/arm hang, shuttle run and curl-ups. The PACER challenge has replaced the mile run, which stands for Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run. The objective of the PACER is to run as long as possible while keeping a specific pace. Students run back and forth a 20-meter space at a pace that gets faster each minute.

We are still hoping to get outside and participate in flag football, soccer, and speedball.

## 9th Grade Health

9th grade Health students are giving presentations on a wide variety of interesting topics. Following the presentations they will be taught hands-only CPR and basic First Aid.

## Personal Fitness

Personal Fitness classes continue to do the TeamBuildr workout. TeamBuildr is a very challenging, intense workout and has a wide variety of lifts and exercises that vary each day. The students are really doing well in the personal fitness room and the numbers have really increased from last year.

## Band

This year started off with a new director, Mr. Amweg. It was an early Homecoming Parade, and the groups are already working on an



amazing performance for Veterans Day on November 9th, and Christmas Concerts on December 9th (MS/HS). The Band is looking forward to an exciting year of Music Performance.

## FFA

This quarter, the Cassville FFA took eight students to the 2019 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.



These students were Levi Hampton, AJ Butler, Jade McDonald, Anna Kartman, Britney Boxrucker, Melody Hampton, Cassidy Hyer-Kemerling, and Breanna Donaldson. These students had the opportunity to attend

the FFA Career Fair and Expo, listen to the CEO of John Deere speak at the second general session, and attend tours at Garfield Observatory, Caterpillar, RDM Aquaculture, and the National FFA Center.



They also went to a haunted house and saw Garth Brooks live in concert. The week was filled with excitement! The Cassville



FFA has also been busy with their annual FFA Fruit Sale. Along with a visit from the Wisconsin State FFA Vice-President, Amber Patterson. Students had the opportunity to work on their team building and leadership skills.



## Agriculture

In the classroom, agricultural students have been hard at work. In Ag 1, students are currently learning the ins and outs of soil science. The Large Animal Science class just finished their dairy unit and have started on the beef unit. Horticulture is learning about the different parts of plants, such as stems, roots, leaves, and flower. Wildlife is currently learning how to track animals via prints and scat. Finally, Welding has completed their safety and industry unit and are now able to head out into the shop and start projects.

### Elementary Agriculture

The elementary students have been learning about California Almond Production and the United States Pumpkin Production. The upper elementary have done some hands-on experiments and are enjoying the science and math behind agriculture. The younger elementary students are always eager to learn more and they ask amazing questions.

### 8th Grade Computer Applications

The 8th Grade students are finishing up their one quarter of Computer Applications with Mrs. Martin. They start everyday of class with a typing speed test - with a box over their hands so they can't look at the keys! Speeds have really improved from the first of the quarter. Students also learned about the Microsoft Office Suite this Quarter and even let their creative sides go wild in Microsoft Paint!



Picture by Jessa Fure

### Information Processing

The Freshmen learned all about Google Apps during the 1st Quarter, including: Google Docs, Google Drive, Google Sheets, Google Pages, Google Forms and Google Slides! They are finishing the Quarter by taking a test of everything they have learned.

### Intro to Business

Intro to Business students are learning about ethics in the workplace and how cultures play into ethics. The students are currently working on a project where they are researching ethics, customs, and cultures in different countries in the following areas: appointments, business dress, conversation, gift giving, prosperous entertaining and public behavior. They have to explain how ethical practices differ between the USA and the country that they have chosen.

## *NHS Officers*

President - Kyran Brinkman

Vice President - Kierstin Adams

Secretary/Treasurer - Madison  
Kirschbaum

## *Student Council Officers*

President - Kierstin Adams

Vice President - Madison Kirschbaum

Secretary/Treasurer - Kyran Brinkman

## Business Club News

This year's Business Club consists of nine members: Seniors Madison Kirschbaum, Brianna Ploessl, Melody Hampton, Lucia Zara, Luis Llinares, and Janire Arnaiz; Juniors Skyler Bartels and Grace Vogt; and Sophomore AJ Butler. These students have been given the task of promoting and posting to the school's Facebook page, Comet Nation. Comet Nation is one of the school's avenues for allowing parents and community members to see what the students are doing at school. It also promotes school's upcoming games and events.

Business Club also works with the community of Cassville in promoting business and events on the Mississippi Magic Facebook page and is currently looking for businesses to partner up with help with marketing and promotion.

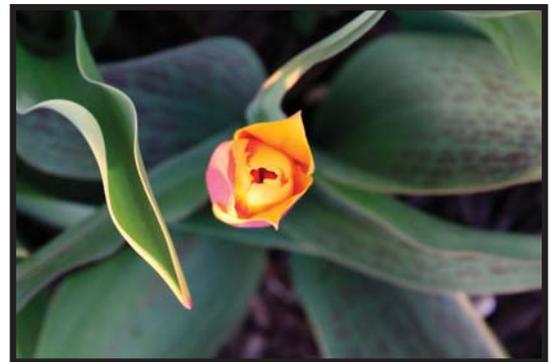
Business Club also manages Comet Corner during the morning before school selling water, granola bars, chips, hot Keurig Beverages, and many more goodies! This year Business Club will be selling Pop Sockets, Strawberries and Yard Signs during the upcoming weeks and months to help fundraise for their Business Trip to Chicago in the spring.

## Desktop Publishing Photo Contest Winners



1st - Brianna Ploessl

"Ring of fire"



1st - Skyler Raymond Bartels

"Orange or Pink?"



3rd - Grace Vogt

"Painted skies"

# 2018 Homecoming Re-cap

This year's homecoming theme was "Cardinal Catastrophe". With all of the activities, the students had a lot of fun this week. This year's class with the most homecoming points and winner of the spirit award is: **The Seniors!**

## Contests

The themes for the Dress- Up Days included: Color day, Teacher Look-Alike day, Hawaiian/Tourist day, and Crazy Hair day. The Seniors won overall for the dress days.

Cheer Competition- Winners: Sophomores

Float- Winners: Seniors

Spirit Board- Winners: Juniors

Windows- Winners: Sophomores

Walls- Winners: Sophomores

Spirit Award- Winners: Seniors

## Court

Freshmen- Mackenzie Wiest and Austin Rauch

Sophomores- Jade McDonald and Levi Hampton

Juniors- Grace Vogt and Carter Matousek

Seniors- Madison Kirschbaum and Brennan Mellem

King and Queen- Colin Esser and Kyran Brinkman

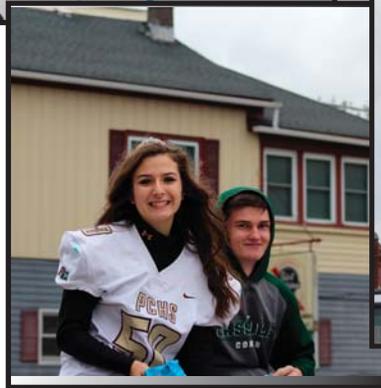
## Sports Awards

Mr. Ugly- Kaleb Hauk

Ms. Digger- Kasha Vogt

Mr. & Ms. Cruisin'- Dylan Duvall and Ally Ihm

Mr. & Ms. Claybuster- Sam Ihm and Melody Hampton



## Homecoming continued...

Dan Cooper loved the town of Cassville, he was born and raised here. Cooper loved his hometown till his death on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at the age of 70. Dan Cooper was remembered and recognized for all his hard work and dedication he gave to Cassville School in our Homecoming Parade. Cassville School honored Dan Cooper by driving a bus through the parade with his photo and a banner on it. We thank him for his 30 years of custodian, groundskeeper and volunteer fire department work here in Cassville. It wasn't until after his retirement, "Coop", became a bus driver for us for many years.



Beverly Boyum was this year's parade marshal. Mrs. Boyum every year taught fourth graders about Wisconsin. A big portion of it was her teaching children about Nelson Dewey in our home town. She would take her students every year to Stone field so they could learn about how children back then were taught and how they went to school. They even got to tour Nelson Dewey's home. After (years worked here) years of teaching the students here, she retired in (year here). She was a wonderful teacher to many students, and she deserves to be recognized for all her hard work and dedication to Cassville Schools!



## Fall Sports Rewind

### Cheerleader from Bow to Toe!

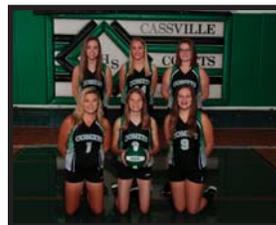
This 2018-2019 season is the second year the cheerleading team has been combined with Potosi. The cheerleading squad consists of: Cassidy-Kemerling-Hyer, Ashley Williams, Katie Pluemer, Breanna Donaldson, and Chloe Hurt. The group is coached by Katie Hauk and Tara Nix. Watch for these girls at this year's upcoming home Football and Basketball games!

### Volleyball Girls 2018 Season

**Varsity:** The Varsity Volleyball Team is coached by third year coach, Jacob Berntezke. This year's varsity team consists of Madison Kirschbaum, Kasha Vogt, Kierstin Adam, Kyran Brinkman, Grace Vogt, Lydia Reynolds, Jade McDonald, Anna Kartman, Laura Walker, and Samantha Bartles. The varsity had a total of three conference wins this year. Two of these wins were over the Potosi Chieftains and the other win was over the Belmont Braves. Their conference season ended with a two game winning streak. The second to last game was against Potosi at home on their very own Dig Pink Night and the last home game against the Belmont Braves they won was on Senior Night. The two Juniors prepared very emotional speeches that had each of the seniors in tears as they had to play their last game on their home court. After a very rewarding week, they had to start playoffs the following week against Southwestern. Unfortunately they lost, but the Lady Comets had a very good season.



**Junior Varsity:** The Junior Varsity Team is coached by first year coach Rebecca Mai. This year's JV Team consists of Samantha Bartels, Laura Walker, Ally Ihm, MaKenzie Wiest, Lexi Radloff, Janire Arnaiz, and Lucia Zarza. The team only had two returning players from last year, Samantha Bartels and Laura Walker, and the rest of the players were freshmen along with two foreign exchange students. Both of the foreign exchange students, Janire and Lucy, had never played volleyball before coming to the United States. Although they didn't come out of the season with any conference wins, they still had a lot of accomplishments. The team worked a lot on communication skills on the court along with keeping each other positive while playing the game.



**Junior High Volleyball:** The Junior High Volleyball team is coached by Madelyn Nix, one of last year's Cassville High School graduate. Her team was very young this year consisting of only one eighth grader, Abby Tasker, and five seventh graders, Kenzi Mergen, Hannah Infield, Skyler Miles, Irelyn Brinkman, and Trista Curran. As a result of their team being so small, Madelyn also pulled up Riley Infield from sixth grade. Going into the season, Madelyn and her team knew they were going to face some tough challenges as a result of having a young team, having some girls that have never played before, and having to play some bigger schools throughout the season. As their season is coming to an end, they have an overall record of 9 wins and 11 losses. Their biggest accomplishment this season was almost beating the undefeated team in their league twice. Both games they played against this team were very close. Madelyn stated that even though they lost that night, the players had a lot of energy and determination and they all walked away feeling like winners that night.

**Believe**

2018 was the second year of the Potosi-Cassville co-op. With head coach Mark Seigert and the help of



Chad Infield, Tony Leibfried, Jason Edge, Brent Curtis, and Jacob Green, the Chieftains finished the season with an 8-3 record overall and 5-2 in conference.

The highlight of the Chieftains' season was definitely their win at Cassville over the undefeated Bangor Cardinals, who's last regular season loss wasn't since 2013. This win earned the Chieftains the spot of Wissports' "Team of The Week", with the help of everyone who voted for them. Even though we were competing against school's twice the size as us, we won with almost 1,000 votes more than the runner-up.

In the post season, the Chieftains dominated their first opponent, Living Word Lutheran with a score of 51-19. In level 2, they traveled to South Wayne to play the undefeated Black Hawk Warriors. Although the outcome wasn't what they wished for, the Chieftains didn't make it an easy win for the Warriors, keeping them at only 6 points.



**Cross Country**

This season there were two new members on the Comet Cross Country Team; Luis Grohmann and Ally Ihm. Dylan Duvall and Ashley Williams completed the team with Coach Jen Bernetzke returning for another season. Coach Bernetzke reflects on the season. "This season was very challenging. They



ventured one of the most difficult races of the state; North Crawford's Goat Hill. In addition, many races were much more difficult because of the mud caused by the rain. Every race was a new challenge for them. Not for Dylan and Ashley as they raced most of them last

year, so they could tell their experiences running this hard races to Luis and Ally. Ally had the best time for girls and Luis for boys, but the four of them did a great job. Cross country is a very undervalued sport. You have to put a lot of effort, both physically and mentally during a long time. Not only when doing the race; also in the preparation before the race and in the recovery after it. You can't imagine how many cramps this guys got during these months. But all this effort is reflected on the results that these wonderful athletes had."



**Trap Shooting**

The 2018 Fall Trap Shooting Team finished the fall season in 5th place.

Hunter Knotwell finished 2nd place in conference and 9th place overall in the tournament. He ended the season with a 23.4 average. Melody Hampton finished 8th over in conference (female), with a 16.9 average.

Another accomplishment to acknowledge is that Hunter Knotwell shot four - 25 straights this season!



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Skyler Miles

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Kasha Vogt

**Science**  
Nick Hampton

*Teen of the Week*  
Kasha Vogt

*Students of  
the Month*



**October**

**Information Processing**  
Olivia Adams

**Computer Applications**  
Abby Douglas

**Personal Finance**  
Kaleb Hauk

**Teacher Assistant**  
Skyler Bartels

**Technology Education**  
Colin Esser

**Art 2D**  
Madison Kirschbaum

**Large Animal Science**  
Janire Arnaiz

**Wildlife**  
Colin Esser

*Teen of the Week*  
Colin Esser

# Elementary News

## 5k Learns About Fall

The 5K students have been busy learning about Fall, Wisconsin Wildlife, and Halloween. They are posing in front of some ladybugs they made while learning about insects in the fall. The students also took a trip to Vesperman Farms on October 24.



## Mayor Visit

The first and second grades were visited by the Mayor, Keevin Williams, on October 16th. Both classes have been learning about community and government in Social Studies.

The students were very excited to ask questions they created with their new knowledge. They learned many new things about what a mayor does and our community.



We would like to thank Mr. Williams for sharing his time and knowledge with us!

## Author Tim Fox Visits Cassville

Tim Fox, the author of Journey's: An Ice Age Adventure and A Place for You, came to Cassville Elementary School. The Title 1 program sponsored the Family Literacy Night on Thursday, October 25th. Each family in attendance received one of his books for free from the district. Tim led an interactive presentation with families. He personally autographed books, presented a slideshow presentation, and even had families creating a mastodon out of props! It was a fun-filled event!



## Special Student

Denim is our school counselor's seeing-eye dog in training. The whole elementary got the chance to meet Denim and pet her. The kids got to see some of the things she would do when she is working to assist a blind person. They also learned what to do when she is working and the importance of ignoring her while she is working. They had a blast meeting her and we are looking forward to see how far Denim will come!



**Cassville High School  
Music Department**  
Presents

*Footloose* the musical

Based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford  
Stage Adaptation by Dean Pitchford and Walter Robbie  
Music by Tom Snow  
Lyrics By Dean Pitchford  
Book by Doug Wright  
Additional Music by: Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman

**Cassville High School Show Times:**  
Friday, November 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.

**Cassville High School Gymnasium**  
Admission: \$5.00 adults  
\$3.00 children 12 & under  
(Parental Guidance is encouraged for students 12 and under.)



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