



Comet Courier

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Finishing strong!

I hope that the last months of school will continue to bring us warm temperatures and sunshine. Students are continuing to do a great job in both the classroom and in their extracurricular activities. Seniors attended the Reality Check April 3 and saw first-hand how fast money goes away when paying for needs and wants. The F.F.A. will be starting their annual plant/flower sales Saturday, May 11. Our students guided by staff, Mr. Infield, and Ms. Stratton are doing an excellent job working through the state testing for grades 3-11. Nice job and thank you parents for helping us with this task!

Dylan Duvall, Ashley Williams, Melody Hampton, Breanna Donaldson, and Kryan Brinkman each qualified for the state forensics competition this spring. Kryan Brinkman and Melody Hampton also qualified in state solo ensemble. These finalists each brought home a truckload of Gold and silver medals at state! These state qualifiers will perform on May 2, during our Fine Arts/MS-HS Concert. This night will undoubtedly be full of great performances. Please join us. Nice job and congratulations everyone!

It is hard to believe that, in a few short weeks, another school year will be in the books. It will be a busy last month, but the finish line is near!

I'd like to take a moment to wish all of the seniors the best of luck, as you close a big chapter in your lives. The month and year that you thought would never get here has somehow arrived in the blink of an eye, ready or not. Our hope is that your time at CHS has proven to be memorable, and that you've learned more than academics while here. Life is upon you and your possibilities are endless, so go make a difference. I will sincerely miss all of you and feel fortunate to have been a part of your journey.

As a reminder, Class Night will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 in the high school gymnasium, and the graduation ceremony is to be held on Saturday, May 18th, at 1:00. Congratulations, graduates! The last day of school for the Elementary students is on May 30th. The Spring Jamboree will begin at 10:00 with the elementary concert, followed by awards.

Our spring teams are doing a wonderful job. Thank you to all the athletes and coaches for your hard work and sportsmanship. The Co-op set up with Potosi has allowed both schools and teams to become more competitive while also allowing us all to know our neighbors to the south a little bit better.

The final month of school is a big one for all of our students, but of course, the seniors will rise to the top in regards to their final days here in the halls of Cassville High School. We wish them the best and look forward to all the great things they will do here in Cassville and abroad! Class night will be on Wednesday, May 15 and our graduates will receive their diplomas Saturday, May 18, starting at 1:30 p.m. Final Exams in the high school will be on May 29 and 30. The last day for all students will be on May 30 with a 1:00 dismissal. Have a great summer everyone!

John Luster
Superintendent/Principal

Once these are finished, the students will meet with their classroom teacher and return for a cookout (let's hope for nice weather!). Thank you to everyone who has done the necessary planning!

Our school will again offer summer rec for students in grades 1-8, which will begin June 3rd and run until July 25th. Summer is a great time to spend with your friends, but try and remember to make some memories with your families, as well...it goes fast! Have a great vacation!

Chad Infield
Dean of Students



High School News

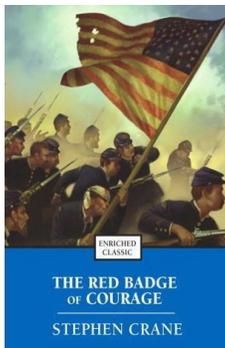


Senior Communication

The seniors have been working hard on their final project - mock interviews. In preparation, they have been studying how to make a good impression in a job interview, as well as how to use the technique called "The Humble Brag." Anyone in the building on May 14 and May 15 will be seeing some highly professional-looking people coming into school for mock job interviews. Mrs. Bernhardt hopes that the students will learn valuable lessons about how to compete in the job market and find a great job in the future.

American Literature

The juniors have just finished reading *The Red Badge of Courage*, the story of a Civil War youth who overcomes an act of cowardice when he retreats from a battle. Despite his act of cowardice, he gains the confidence to become a hero in the strife. Students will also begin working on portfolios to be used in their future education and job interviews. Before the year is over, they will be reading some lighter Mark Twain stories and finish reading the play *Of Mice and Men*.



Composition 10

The foreign exchange students and the sophomores have been divided into two different novel groups. One is reading *The Grapes of Wrath*, and the other is reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. They are all learning about the difficulties of living through the Great Depression. In *The Grapes of Wrath*, students are studying the Joad Family, who seek a better opportunity in California when they become displaced due to the Dust Bowl. In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, students are reading about the injustice of the killing of Tom Robinson, a poor innocent black man accused of raping a white woman.



Speech

Students in speech class are composing and recording PSA's (public service announcements). Their final speeches include writing a graduation address or writing about a personal experience or pet peeve. Students have certainly gained a lot of confidence in their public speaking skills since September and have honed their writing craft to deliver some very memorable speeches

Student Council

Student Council will be wrapping up the year by honoring the teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day, May 7. They will be electing new officers and working on themes and t-shirt designs for the 2019 Homecoming Game versus Pecatonica/Argyle.

Mrs. Bernhardt's Rapidly Approaching Retirement

Like the seniors, Mrs. Bernhardt is counting down the days to May 31. After 42 years of teaching in the community of Cassville, she and her husband Rob will be spending more time with family and traveling. She has set up a special bulletin board outside her room that displays all the things she's looking forward to in retirement.

NHS Induction

NHS Induction Ceremony was held on April 24th at J&J Sandbar. The speaker was Beth McGorry, a youth leadership mentor in Dubuque. This night celebrated the 4 pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. We welcomed aboard 4 new members: AJ Butler, Britney Boxrucker, Anna Kartman, and Jade McDonald. Welcome aboard!



Forensics

This year Cassville's forensics team had a wide variety of topics and categories, from an informative speeches about the Patriot Act and horses in agriculture to ghost stories in prose to tough topics such as death in farrago, our team displayed their talents at multiple contests this year. At the 124th Wisconsin High School State Forensics contest, Kyran Brinkman and Melody Hampton brought home gold medals for perfect scores of 25 out of 25. Ashley Williams and Breanna Donaldson brought home silver awards and Dylan Duvall brought home a bronze. Thank you very much to everyone who participated in forensics this year, and Mrs. Jacobson hopes to see both new and returning participants for next year's forensics season when Cassville will host the sub-district contest.



Business Club Chicago Trip

On March 28th and 29th, Cassville High School Business Club along with Mrs. Martin traveled to Chicago for their annual trip. They departed from Cassville at 6:00 a.m. arriving in Chicago, Illinois. Throughout these two days the students visited the John Hancock Building and the new 360 Chicago Observation Deck, the Federal Reserve, and Navy Pier. On Thursday evening, students enjoyed a three course meal at Petterinos, an Italian inspired restaurant. Students were also able to shop the many stores on Michigan Avenue and learned to hail cabs from on destination to another. Many special memories were made on this trip that will last a lifetime



Yearbook Winners

During the month of January, the Yearbook staff started their ad sales campaign to help pay for the 2019 yearbook. The staff set a goal of \$4,500 and surpassed that goal and made a total of \$4,805 in ads. A pizza party was awarded to the staff for exceeding their goal. A free yearbook will be given to the top three ad salesmen. Coming in first was Skyler Bartels, selling a total of \$1,030 in ads. The second top seller was Madison Kirschbaum with a total of \$580 in sales and the third place winner was Janire Arnaiz, selling \$480 in sales.



FFA News

The Cassville FFA Alumni had a very successful Pancake Breakfast supporting our FFA graduating senior scholarships. We would like to thank everyone who attended. The FFA Alumni also held their annual Gun Raffle and the results are as followed:

- Henry Silver Eagle 22 Mag: Jaxon Kasten
- \$100 Cassville Cash: Jeff Glass
- \$100 Cassville Cash: Dan Glassmaker
- \$100 Cassville Cash: Irelyn Kasten
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Travis Gratton
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Doug Schauff
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Doug Fure
- \$50 Cassville Cash: James Tennesen
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Mike Shields
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Lee Hampton
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Bill Hauk
- \$50 Cassville Cash: Braden Fishnick

On April 23nd, a young flock of chicks entered the Cassville High School Ag Department. Just 21 days before, 30 eggs were placed into an incubator. They were kept at a constant temperature of 38°C for 3 weeks. At the end

of their incubation period, everyone sat and waited for the eggs to crack. By the end of the day and into the next night, 22 of the 30 eggs were successfully fertilized and incubated. During their growing phases, agriculture classes got the chance to learn about the growing process of chicks. A few lucky classes were even able to candle



(flashlight) the eggs, and see the moving growing chick inside. Some of these chicks will make their way to Mrs. Hammerly's personal coop, while others are available, with parent permission, to take home. On May 9th, 20 FFA and Ag students attended the UW-

Platteville CDE Soil Judging Contest. This was the first Soil Judging contest of the season. We will be attending many more competitions this summer. Results will be posted on the Comet Nation Facebook Page!

Wow! Spring is already here and summer weather is already knocking on our door. The year's Annual FFA Plant Sale will be held May 11th, 2019 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The students have been working hard and we have a HUGE variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables, soil, and yard décor made by the welding class students. Regular hours of operations will be Monday – Friday 3:00 – 5:30pm until flowers are gone.



Trip to Cpsta Rica!

On June 14th, nine Spanish Club students will be traveling to various places in Costa Rica until June 21st. These students include: Dalton Pojar, AJ Butler, Dylan Duvall, Kyran Brinkman, Kierstin Adams, Madison Kirschbaum, Brianna Ploessl, Grace Vogt, and Ashley Williams. Chaperones are Ms. Mai and Suzanne Brinkman. These students have been fundraising toward the \$2,300 cost since the end of last school year. Over half of the needed funds were provided generously by the Cassville Lion's Club, the Cassville Lioness Club, the Cassville Public School Foundation, ADM, and the Cassville Community themselves.



This trip is for students to practice their Spanish language skills, and learn about various features of Costa Rican culture. Each of the eight days we are gone are planned out, and we will be traveling around the country quite a bit. Some of the activities that we will be doing include visiting a coffee and pineapple farm, learning about the chocolate-making process, spending time in the rainforest, ziplining, and visiting a beautiful beachfront national park. Most importantly, we will be participating in a volunteering event at an orphanage and a school, and will have an afternoon to interact with the kids. We will also be getting a cooking lesson, and learning how to salsa dance! The students and chaperones are very excited for this entire experience!

Senior Trip

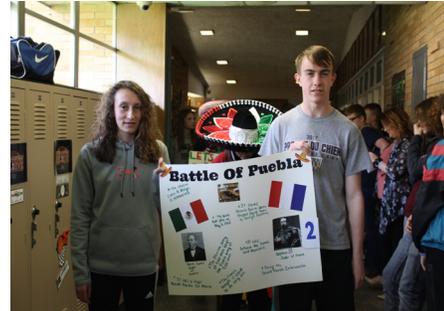
The seniors spend a great day doing paintball, then they went to The West Town Mall and had dinner at Olive Garden. It was a great day!



Cinco de Mayo

Over the last couple weeks, Spanish I and II students worked on posters and floats for our annual Cinco de Mayo Parade, which was held on Tuesday, May 7th during RTI. Winners in each of the classes were voted by teachers and are listed below:

Spanish I: Cody Klein and Olivia Adams



Spanish II: Britney Boxrucker and Sami Bartels



Reality Check

On Wednesday, April 3rd, fifteen Cassville High School seniors participated in the 17th Annual Reality Check at Prairie du Chien High School. Reality Check is a realistic financial simulation where students receive a paycheck for the occupation they have chosen to pursue. Throughout the simulation, they pay for bills that would normally pop up in a one-month scenario in addition to choosing housing, a vehicle, and a fate card which could make or break them. Local law enforcement and nursing staff were also on hand at the activity to hand out various tickets and unexpected real-life circumstances.



Prom 2019: Alice in Wonderland

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, grades 9-12 took part in the annual junior prom from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The theme this year's prom was "Alice in Wonderland." On Friday, May 3, 2019, the juniors decorated J&J's Sandbar. Students had a blast dancing to music by Jared Baker. The photographer of the night was Melissa Okey.

Prom Court consisted of Skyler Bartles, Breanna Donaldson, Ezra Okey, Logan Churchill, Rebecca Fure, Curtis Tanaka, Dylan Duvall, Cassidy Hyer-Kemerling, Sam Ihm, Lydia Reynolds, Colin Johll, Kendra Rouse, Brandon Klein, Grace Vogt, Carter Matousek, Brenna Wheeler, Corey Meier, and Ashley Williams. Prom King and Queen were Corey Meier and Omara Myers.. Miniture King and Queen were Caleb Nemitz and Evelyn Mish. There was no post-prom this year.



Sports

Junior High Track

There are nine members in our team: Ruby Roe, Kalie Jo Potter, Hannah Infield, Abby Tasker, Shane Okey, Aiden Thoma, Adison Tasker, Braden Fishnick and Eli Adams. They are coached by Holly Fishnick. All athletes have been practicing hard and learning techniques. Our season started off slowly with weather canceling or postponing meets, but we are finishing up with a busy last couple of weeks. All are hoping to break personal records in their events!



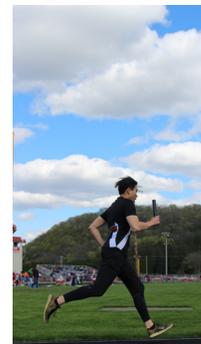
Trap Shooting

- > After 2 weeks of competition Cassville is in 3rd place in their conference.
- > There are 7 schools in our conference. Other schools: Clintonville, Drummond, North Crawford, Plymouth, Randolph, Waterloo.
- > 16 shooters on the team: Dylan Ackerman, Eli Adams, Cheyenne Abel, AJ Butler, Braden Fishnick, Bryce Galle, Melody Hampton, Nick Hampton, Sam Ihm, Evan Kirschbaum, Evelyn Kirschbaum, David Lenz, Austin Rauch, Heath Rauch, Ahlix Reed, and Danny Schmitz.



High School Track

This is the first year for the new co-op of Cassville-Potosi (CP) Track. The coaching staff consists of: Head Coaches: Tina McDonald and Jake Reuter; Assistant Coaches: Brent McDonald, Jacob Borman, Andrew Freeman and Adam Hess. The girls team consists of the following Cassville athletes: Lucia Zarza, Kasha Vogt, Kyran Brinkman, Ashley Williams, Lydia Reynolds, Cassidy Hyer, Breanna Donaldson, Laura Walker, Jade McDonald, Anna Kartman, Chloe Hurt, Jaiden Ackerman, Ally Ihm and Olivia Adams. The boys team consists of the following Cassville athletes: Gavin Thoma, Caleb Koch, Colin Esser, Ty Bausch, Bosco, Dylan Duvall, Andrew Butler, Cody Klein and Kyle Klein. Our track managers are Janire Pena, Madi Kirschbaum and Asiah McDonald. We have a lot of depth and VERY talented athletes on the team. Colin Esser recently took 4 Gold medals at the Fennimore Invitational in Long Jump, Discus, 200 meter relay and the 4X100 meter relay; Anna Kartman and Lydia Reynolds have each broken the school record in Triple Jump; and Ashley Williams and Dylan Duvall are leading the way in hurdle races. Our athletes continue to PR their times in most events. We undoubtedly have many athletes that will advance to the Sectional Meet and hopefully some State qualifiers. This first year of Cassville-Potosi track and field has been a fun and exciting ride and hopefully will for years to come. Best of luck to these athletes in the upcoming weeks!



Baseball

This is the first year the baseball team is combined with Potosi, with them as the host team. The team is coached by Tony Leibfried, who is being assisted by Elijah Okey. The team consists of the seniors Mason Infield, Kaleb Hauk, Brennan Mellem, and sophomores Levi Hampton and Cameron Schmitz. The team is holding a 0-7 record in conference and a 0-11 overall. The managers and stat takers are Grace Vogt and Melody Hampton. Good luck on the rest of the season

Upcoming Games!

5/9 Var. @Shulls/Benton-----5:00 p.m.
5/10 var. @Barneveld-----4:30 p.m.
5/10 JV @ River Ridge-----4:30 p.m.
5/11 @Pecatonica-----10:00 a.m.
5/13 Var. @River Valley-----5:00 p.m.
5/13 JV vs. Cuba City @Cassville-----4:30 p.m.
5/16 JV vs. De Soto @Cassville-----4:30 p.m.
5/17 Var. @Mont/Albany-----4:30 p.m.
5/20 JV @PDC-----5:00 p.m.
5/20 Var. @Blackhawk (DH)-----4:30p.m.
5/21 Var. @Mineral Point-----4:30 p.m.



Elementary News



5K

The 5K students have been writing sentences and reading books. They talked about kindness and each wrote a sentence about how they show kindness. Their bulletin board sends the message, "Let Kindness Be Your Superpower!". The students are excited about their field trip to Majestic Dairy with the 4K students!



5K Works with the High School

On May 2, Mrs. Reynolds and her 5K students visited Mrs. Martin's Desktop Publishing class to create special posters and print them for Mother's day. Both high school students and the 5K students had a great time!



SENIOR PLANS

Student	School/Plans	Major
Kierstin Adams	Clarke University	Nursing
Janire Arnaiz	College in Spain	Design
Ty Bausch	Loras College	Exercise Science & Kinesiology
Kyran Brinkman	Loras College	Biomedical Engineering
Colin Esser	Southwest Technical College	Welding
Melody Hampton	Bradley University	Political Science
Kaleb Hauk	UW-Platteville	Civil Engineering
Mason Infield	WWTC	Architectural Technology
Madison Kirschbaum	Clarke University	Nursing
Caleb Koch	Southwest Technical College	Graphic & Web Design
Luis Grohmann	College in Spain	Business
Gabriel Martel	Hawkeye College	Microbiology
Brennan Mellem	Southwest Technical College	Welding
Brianna Ploessl	UW- La Crosse	Psychology
Dalton Pojar	Work	None
Hunter Theisen	Southwest Technical College	Welding/ Automotive Eng. Tech
Gavin Thoma	Southwest Technical College	Electro-Mechanic
Nok Hin Tong	College in Washington	Mechatronics Engineering
Kasha Vogt	Clarke University	Physical Therapy
Lucia Zarza	College in Spain	Business Administration or politics

Goodluck to the Class of 2019!

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What is ICES

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Students have their own medical insurance and adequate spending money to cover all personal expenses, such as school fees, clothing, entertainment, and travel.

ICES Host Families

Our host families come in all shapes and sizes including single parents, empty-nesters, and families with young children or teens. They live in cities, suburbs, small towns, and even on farms.

As a host family, you provide room & board and loving parental guidance. Your exchange student will learn about the American family by living as a member of your family, including fun, laughter & sharing, as well as chores.

Rewards of Hosting

Host family members learn about a foreign country and its culture from the perspective of an exchange student. They share in the evolving process of bringing the world closer together and promoting peace through understanding. Most of all, host families gain a new son or daughter, brother or sister, with whom to share love and friendship that will last a lifetime!

We need host families in Cassville!
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