

The Cometary



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A glorious graduation

by Hope Koepp

Graduation day is the biggest day of a high school senior's life. And that day is upon us. Graduation is a bittersweet time as senior students say goodbye to much of what they know and open a new door to their futures--for many, that door leads to college. But, not only does

graduation effect the students. It effects the teachers who have seen and helped the young people of Cameron learn and grow, and the parents who have raised and taught their children, helping them become who they are today. All of these people have many feelings that are surfacing. How are they feeling? The seniors were caught between two emotions: excited and stressed. Most said they were excited to get out into the world, discover their passions, and continue to

develop their character and work ethic while on the journey working toward their future goals and careers. The ones who said they were stressed went on to explain how they just wish they had more time to collect themselves and wrap up what needs to get done.

Graduation When I thought about my graduation, I was never sure how I would feel. It always seemed like a far off dream; Putting on my cap and gown.

We're all lined up in the hallway, And the orchestra is beginning to play. It's time to get this show on the road; The next stage of our lives begins today. --My Cap and Gown by Michele Meleen

The Class of 2019 is, all in all, excited to continue their journey to higher education or the work force. As of now, out of our 56 seniors, there are 43 students who plan on furthering their education, 8 who plan to go straight into the work force, 2 going into the military, and

> 1 student who plans to do mission work. We have future make-up artists, nurses, teachers, performance mechanics, business owners, and concrete layers among us.

> The 2019 senior class has worked hard over the years to get to where they're going. With each milestone met, a new one arises and this amazing class is ready to take each one head on. Congratulations, Cameron Class of 2019.



One last time. *The Comet seniors have experienced many last moments this year, including wearing pink and dominating in powderpuff football and volleyball at homecoming.*

Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

Graduation

The 2019 Graduation celebration will be on Friday, May 24, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. We invite you to come celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors that evening.

End of year info

The last student day will be Thursday, June 6. Students will have a full day of school. Students will be turning in their computers on that day, so it is extremely important that students are there with all of their computer equipment. All fines and fees should be taken care of prior to the end of school.

Summer school

There will be two sessions of summer school offered for students to earn back credit for classes they were unsuccessful in during the year. The first session will be in June, and the second session will be in August. Students eligible for summer school will be contacted directly.

Athletic Code Meeting

The mandatory athletic code meeting for all athletes and their parents participating during the 2019-20 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. There will be a fall sports meeting immediately following.

2019-20 school year

Returning students will have their 2019-20 schedules in hand prior to leaving for the summer. Our school schedule is based on student requests and, as such, changes to student schedules are not permitted. An informational letter will be sent out in July with more specifics for the 2019-20 school year. Mark your calendars now for the start of next school year which will be Wednesday, August 28. Please... Any schedule changes that you'd like done should be completed before you leave for summer break!

Attention, Juniors

Summertime is a fine time to get out and tour perspective campuses before the busyness of fall kicks in. To schedule a tour, visit the website of the campus of interest. Two great sites full of post-secondary campus information are: uwhelp.wisconsin.edu and wistechcolleges.org

ACT retest

Are you happy with your ACT score? Have you thought about retesting? There is a national test date set for July 13 (registration deadline – June 14) and another September 14 (registration deadline – August 16). Visit www. actstudent.org to register. You will need to create an account and use your ACT ID # which is located at the top center of your February results sheet. Get this

done so you're ready during application season – September 15 – December 1. Don't forget! You can



study for the exam by logging into TEST PREP on your Career Cruising school account.

Yearbook information

It's not too late to order your yearbook. Yearbooks are delivered in September and they include all the events from the entire school year--including graduation! You may order at www.jostens.com or get an order form in the office and return it and your payment to Mrs. Hopkins. May 29 is the due date!

Also, juniors should be thinking



about having their senior pictures taken in the summer months in order to meet the November deadline for next year's yearbook. Two senior pictures and two baby pictures will be due by November 22 to be included in the yearbook!

Badger State



Badger proud. Badger State occurs in the month of June. Boys attend Badger Boys State in Ripon while girls attend Badger Girls State in Oshkosh. During the week, each representative is assigned to a city, and together they set up their city, county, and state governments. This year, Cameron's representatives are August Brodt and Jenna Schwarz.

Let the creativity flow

by Hannah Richter

Edgar Degas once said "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." At the Cameron High School Art Show, this couldn't be more true. Every artist has a vision, and you will see it in their art pieces.

The art show is all about showing the public just how amazing these young artists really are. It is an opportunity to display the hard work they put in throughout the school year.

Each student is required to take Art I and Art II in order to get into Advanced Art. When in Advanced Art, each student has the opportunity to compete against each other for three awards. The three awards



Making a masterpiece. *Anna Jaeger is definitely the people's favorite artist!*



Artists, or dream makers? Ashley Hestad and Mikayla Schubel are the Best in Show artists at CHS for this 2019's art show!

are Best in Show, People's Choice, and Artist of the Year.

Mrs. Leschisin is proud of each of her students, especially her seniors! The seniors displaying artwork this year are Hannah Richter, Hope Koepp, Hannah Gillett, Caitlin Gillett, Kaylin Kargus, Karli Kilgore, Anna Jaeger, Grace Vincent, and Ashley Hestad. Other art students in the art show are Dylan Radtke, Eliza Anderson, Rylie Prytz, Katie Gilles, Peyton Frank, Araidia Vanderwyst, Kristen Oliver, Mikayla Schuebel, BreAnna Helt, and Renae Brion.

Once an artist, always an artist! These students work endlessly to create amazing art pieces, some work a trimester, and some worked all year long.

Every CHS student's art piece is



Artistry abounds Hope Koepp displays her creativity with "The Voice of Hurt" and "Flutter."





Artist of the Year. *Kaylin Kargus is the artist on fire!*

a masterpiece, and they've helped others see what they saw as they created each piece.



Chicken little. *Ashley Hestad's "Benji" is* based on her sister's pet chicken that she raised from her Animal Science class.

State success for Forensics and FBLA

April showers bring May flowers AND a lot of excitment to culminate the end of the forensics and FBLA years. Students attended their state conferences and took some some gold, silver, bronze, and even a trip to Nationals for FBLAer Henry Huth.

FBLA found themselves in Green Bay for their State conference and competed, participated in voting for our future State leaders, attended workshops, speakers, and two attended a Legacy Academy. Top eight winners in each event were announced and three CHS members were on stage. Alyssa Fotiadis placed 6th in Word Processing, Henry Pike was 8th in Economics, and Henry Huth took first place in Agribusiness and qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX in June.

Ending the year, they traveled to the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis and had lunch at the Rainforest Cafe. The senior leadership will be missed in our chapter!

Cameron had 54 kids on the forensics team this year. This is about 20% of our high school. Forty-two kids advanced to the State tournament. (Our freshmen weren't eligible to be on the state team.) There



Fun in Madison. Forensics students took to the streets of Madison for their State tournament. All 42 students brought home hardware!

were 340 schools participating at the WHSFA State tournament, and based on Cameron High School's performance there, they scored in the top 10%, earning CHS an Honorable Mention for Excellence in Speech.

There are very few opportunities for forensics coaches to brag, but this seems to be the time. We (Sheri Hagen-Salm, Sarah Pica, and Bambi Forcey) are very proud of the talented speakers we had on our team this year. Most importantly, the 18 seniors will take what they've learned from high school forensics and will be more confident and poised and professional in life.



Green Bay getaway. *Ten students attended the State Leadership Conference in Green Bay. They are Alyssa Fotiadis, Frankie Pica, Liza Anderson, Rylee Ladd, Sophie Griffin, Henry Pike, Jake Salm, McCormick Davison, Luke Saffert, and Henry Huth.*



Nationals or bust! Sophomore FBLA member Henry Huth took 1st in Agribusiness at the State Conference and advances to San Antonio for the National Leadership Conference.

Writing their stories

by Jake Salm

This trimester, Mrs. Hagen-Salm's Advanced Composition class will be writing their research papers on topics that relate to their future career paths. Advanced Composition is full of collegebound seniors who are looking to improve their writing ability before they head to their respective universities. While the students get to choose a topic that they find interesting, the paper will be the



Working hard. *The 3rd hour advanced composition class trying to meet their deadline.*

most difficult writing assignment they have faced in their high school careers as it is required to be 8-10 pages long. Students have to write about something that is related to their major; however, they are encour-



The circle group. *The 5th hour advanced composition class, sitting in their signature circle, doing research on their topics.*

aged to write about something they didn't know much about to ensure that they were actually interested in their future career choices. Nearing the end of his senior year and Advanced Composition class, Brandon Kurshinsky said, "I realized that writing a long research paper wasn't as bad as I thought. I have definitely improved my writing ability." These "Advanced Comperoonis," as Mrs. Hagen-Salm calls them, will learn many valuable writing lessons as the year comes to a close and certainly will improve their writing ability.

Student	Торіс
Kylie C.	Opioids Impact on Foster Care
McCormick D.	Chemical Warfare
Ashley H.	Writing Inclusivity/ Sensitivity
Zawadi H.	History of Soul Train
Hope K.	1930's Film
Jake S.	Armenian Genocide
Logan S.	Knee Injuries
Grace V.	Christianity in Lord of the Rings
Caitlin G.	Importance of Family Dinners
Hannah G.	Causes of Eating Disorders
Anna J.	Importance of Art Education
Sydney J.	The Homework Debate
Kaylin K.	Science & the Bible
Carley K.	Invasive Species
Brandon K.	Criminal Profiling
David M.	Health Benefits of Music Therapy
Julia M.	The "Freshman 15"
Luke S.	How to Invest in the Stock Market
Payton S.	D1 College Athletes Should Be Paid
Autumn T.	How to Start a Business in WI
Hannah Z.	Effects of Adoption and Divorce

College Major

Social Work Chemistry Editing Undecided Make-up Artist Social Studies/ESL Edu. Biology Film editing Occupational Therapy Kinesiology Undecided Elementary Edu. Youth Ministry Biology/Accounting **Criminal Justice** Nursing Education/Counseling Business Physical Edu. **Business** Family Law

College

UW-Barron County UW-Eau Claire UW-Madison **UW-Madison** WITC-Rice Lake **UW-Madison** UW-La Crosse North Technical UW-Eau Claire UW-Eau Claire UW-La Crosse Edgewood College Undecided **UW-Stevens Point** UW-Milwaukee **UW-Eau** Claire **UW-La** Crosse UW-Eau Claire **UW-Stevens Point** WITC-Rice Lake **UW-La** Crosse

A night in Hollywood

by Jekiah Manor

Hollywood came to the midwest this year at Cameron High School's junior prom. This years prom was held at the Elks Club in Rice Lake, where the juniors did an impressive job upholding their hollywood theme. Students danced the night



Young and in love! Junior Mikaya Byrne and girlfriend Marian, enjoyed a night in Hollywood.



away, the ladies in their ballgowns and the gentlemen in their tuxes.

Prom court walked the red carpet in the grand march. Once they all arrived on the stage, they braced themselves for the big moment. Mr. Ridout announced the king

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and queen, Brandon Groskopf, and Jamey Crotteau. Students laughed, danced, enjoyed popcorn, and spent time with friends. Prom was an extravagant success this year. Thank you, prom committe members, for all your hard work!







With the bros! Prom court members were Katie Gilles, Sierra Tatroe, Jekiah Manor, Jamey Crotteau, MiKayla Schuebel, Mikelle Sayles, Mikayla Gillett, Keegan Ferris, Leon Wingerath, Mark Daniels, Peyton Buzek, Brandon Groskopf, August Brodt, and Tyler Hensel.



Newly crowned! Jamey Crotteau was crowned queen, and Brandon Groskopf, king.



















One for the books . . .

by Kylie Crotteau

Softball season is now upon us, and with that brings great memories, smashing hits, and an all-around great start to the season. This year's season had a snowy start when the first four games of the season were canceled. But, due to the weather, the Comet softball girls had the opportunity to play at the St. Croix Valley Recreation Center in Stillwater (against Grantsburg) and in the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center (against Chetek).

The girls have has a great start to the season, having a total of 12 wins, 5 loses (Grantsburg x2, Clayton, Amery and Northwestern), and a tied game verses Amery which was called off during the 3rd inning due to weather conditions.

This season brought forward a new coach, Andy Krahenbuhl, and two returning coaches Roger Olsen and Missy Weber, with the return of the Comets manager, McKenzie Kohel. This year's lineup includes a mix of all sorts of talents and



Line 'em up. This group of amazing girls is ready for some tough competition.

abilities. The graduating 2019 seniors include Brianna Crotteau (who christened the new field with its first homerun), Sydney Lucas, and Kylie Crotteau. This year's juniors include Jamey Crotteau, Lexi Kringle, Mikelle Sayles, Eliza Anderson, and Bailey Engelstad. The sophomores stepping up to the plate this year are Carley Lynch, Addy Adams, Avery Kranhenbuhl, Alexa Baribeau, and Vanessa Odash. And, this year's freshman is Ahna Andersen.

The rest of the season is looking bright for this great group of girls, good luck on the rest of the season!

St. Croix Falls	WO 2
	W 9 - 2
Amery	T 4 - 4
Shell Lake	W 11 - 5
Barron	W 14 -4
Unity	W 12 - 2
Northwestern	L 3 - 12
Grantsburg	L7-11
Siren - Webster	W 7 - 0
Frederic - Luck	W 11 - 1
Clayton	W 4 -3
St. Croix Falls	W 10 -0
Shell Lake	W 9 - 1
Unity	W 15 - 0
Clayton	L2-7
Grantsburg	L1-11
Siren - Webster	W 4 - 0
Amery	L 3 - 5
Frederic - Luck	W 10 - 0



Swinging for the hills. Junior Lexi Kringle swings hard, sending the ball deep into left field.

Comet baseballers

by Jake Salm

The Cameron baseball team is heating up after a slower start to the season. They have beaten the conference leading Bruce Red Raiders. The team, due to the late snowfall, is still looking to make up a few games. The Comets are led by seniors Gavin Gifford, Logan Baribeau, and McCormick Davison all of whom have played baseball all four years in high school.

The baseball team, for the first time in years, has fielded enough players to have a JV team; how-



Fresh success. Freshman Ashtyn Waite is leading the team in batting average and starting at catcher for the Comets.

ever, the depth doesn't stop there. The team's pitching has been extremely solid featuring Mark Daniels with a 2.19 ERA and Mc-Cormick Davison with a 2.90 ERA. Logan Baribeau has also done well pitching this season—especially as of late. Along with the pitching, the outfield has displayed great talent. With speedsters Peyton Buzek (left field), Josh Halverson (center), and Austin Shoenecker (right field) in the outfield, very few fly balls go without being caught. Hitting is also beginning to pick up. Freshman catcher Ashtyn Waite is batting .429, followed by sophomore Josh Halverson batting .421 and McCormick Davison batting .364.

Along with the new season came a new coach. Mr. Tom Daniels took over as head coach of the high school team after coaching youth baseball for 10 years. Coach Daniels enjoys baseball because anyone can play, regardless of size, speed, or athleticism. The season—along with the future of Cameron baseball—is looking up. Coach Daniels would later say, "The kids that we have are a



Workin' hard or hardly workin'? Senior McCormick Davison and sophomore Josh Halverson preparing to step into the batter's box.

blast." The players and coaches are certainly having a great time in the sport they love, while competing at a high level with high expectations for the ending of this year and the years ahead. Congrats, baseballers, and good luck as you enter the playoffs.

Bringing the heat. Senior pitcher Logan Baribeau strikes out an opponent.

Career Day at CHS

Calling all students planning to get a job in the future (or now)! Cameron's FBLA hosted a Career Day and this year invited extra guests who were looking for a few good workers. Thirteen community members shared their careers with students to help them determine if this could be a job for them. Additionally, seven local employers had booths in the gym for students to check out. Hopeful employees could turn in resumes or pick up and fill out applications. Perhaps a few students gain employment and/ or an idea of what they would like to do (or not do) in their future.



Track is heating up

by Brett Johnson

The track is heating up! Coach Martin and Coach Gerber are very excited for this year's young team. There are 47 track athletes who came out for the team along with a new coach, Jamie Lehmann. She helps out with long distance running, the long jump, and triple jumps. What is also new to the Cameron Track Team is they have moved down to Division 3 this year. The team will also be hosting the Division 3 Sectionals meet for the first time in school history. There will be 40 teams attending that meet.

To start off the year, the Comets competed in three indoor meets at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Superior, and UW-Stout. For these meets there were two new records set, Payton Sevlas in the 55 meter hurdles and Brandon Groskopf in the 2 mile. The girls also won the Chippewa Falls McDonnell Indoor Meet which was held at UW-Eau Claire.



The squad. Long jumpers Logan, Payton, Taylor, and Maddie get ready to jump with Tori showing support.

Three new outdoor records were also set there with Payton Sevals in the 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles and long jump. At the Packy Paquette Invitational meet, Cameron was one of the top Division 3 schools to place. Also, Cam-



Run hard. Freshman Taylor Severt hands off to Senior Payton Sevals in their 4x200 meter relay.

eron was one of the top schools from Division 3 to place well for a team total at the Rice Lake meet. The team's upcoming meets including Regionals held at Frederick-

" Very young team, but very talented. All the coaches are very excited that Cameron gets to host the sectional meet. We hope to do very well at conference, regionals and sectionals." ~ Head Coach David Martin very well at conference, regionals

~ Head Coach David Martin

Luck, and Sectionals held here at Cameron. The top four athletes from each event then advance to State, which is held at UW-La Crosse. The Comets have a good chance advancing some athletes to state this year. We wish the best of luck to our Comet athletes as the season comes to an end.

Driving "fore" Madison

by Bryce Dummer

The golf team added 5 new freshmen to the roster this year including Briana Klabunde, Henry Pike, Julia Eck, Elena Martinson, and Hannah Hellendrung. The rest of the team consists of juniors Chase Secraw, Keegan Ferris, Dom Townsend, and 2018 golf state qualifier Brice Klabunde. The varsity team is coached by Mr. Brett Sauve with their home course at Turtle Back. Tom Moon coaches the junior varsity team with their home course at Pine Crest. Good luck, team!









Sports in brief

Track

Coaches: David Martin and Dave Gerber

Seniors: Tori Gerber, Hannah Gillett, Anna Jaeger, Brett Johnson, David Meznarich, Payton Sevals, and Logan Severt



Baseball

Coaches: Tom Daniels, Justin Duerkopf

Seniors: Logan Baribeau, McCormick Davison, and Gavin Gifford



Softball Coaches: Andy Krahenbuhl, Roger Olson, and Missy Weber Seniors: Brianna Crotteau, Kylie Crotteau, and Sydney Lucas



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