



# The Cometary



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## A final goodbye

by Bree Rubenzer

As the school year comes to a close, Cameron High School says a bittersweet goodbye to the Class of 2021 seniors. It has been inspiring to watch these kids grow into responsible and kind young adults, and we are so excited to see what they'll accomplish in their bright futures.

Most of the seniors have been together for twelve years of school, but they are bonded by much more than academics. Clubs, extracurricular activities, and sports have all brought these seniors together and created unbreakable friendships throughout their time here at Cameron High School. Senior Meghan Fostvedt reflected on the past four years at Cameron High School with a heartfelt statement. "My favorite memories from high school would have to include homecoming week, agriculture day, and especially the teachers," she said. "I am excited to meet new people and explore the city in college, but I am probably most sad about having to leave the teachers who have helped me through high school. They have always been so supportive and they really are there for you. Leaving the little town of Cameron and having such a close relationship with most everyone here is a little bittersweet." Meghan concluded by saying, "High school went by way too fast. People always tell you it does, but you don't really believe it until you experience it yourself."

The seniors got many things taken away from them this year:

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# Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

## Graduation

The 2021 Graduation celebration will be on Friday, May 28 at 7pm. The ceremony will take place on the football field and there will not be a limit to the number of guests in attendance. If the weather is bad, the ceremony will be moved into the gym and only 6 guests per graduate will be permitted.

## End of year info.

The last student day will be Thursday, June 3. 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.

## Academic awards

The following students represent the top 10% for this year's graduating class: Matalie Anderson, Anna Eichman, Meghan Fostvedt, Henry Huth, Nick Johnson, Avery Krahenbuhl, Carly Lynch, Frankie Pica, Carter Richter and Bree Rubenzer.

## Academic Excellence and Technical Excellence Awardee

Each year school districts across Wisconsin select a representative for the Academic Excellence and Technical Excellence Scholarships. This year's representatives are:

**Frankie Pica for the Academic Excellence Scholarship**

**Tyler Larson for the Technical Excellence Scholarship**

## Summer school

Summer school will be offered to high school students who need to make up required classes that were not passed during the school year. Summer school will run in June. Dates and times are currently being determined. Information will be sent to those students who need to come in for summer school.

## 2021-22 school year

Returning students will have their 2021-22 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 2021-22 school year. Mark your calendars now for the start of next school year which will be Friday, August 27.

## Athletic code meeting

Students who are planning to participate in athletics will have their athletic code meeting during their sport pre season meeting. There will not be a single large group meeting. Also, students interested in sports next year will have to sign into their online registration account and register for next school year.

## Attention, Juniors

Summertime is a fine time to get out and tour perspective campuses before the busyness of fall kicks in. Check with your schools' availability for tours. Two great sites full of post-secondary campus information are: [uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu) and [wistechcolleges.org](http://wistechcolleges.org).

## 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](http://www.jostens.com) or get an order form in the office and return it and your payment to Mrs. Hopkins. May 27 is the due date! Yearbooks are \$55 if you order by May 27—if you wait, they are \$60.

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 19 to be included in the yearbook!

## ACT retest

Are you happy with your ACT score? Have you thought about retesting? There is a national test date set for July 17 (registration deadline – June 18) and another September 11 (registration deadline – August 6). Visit [www.act-student.org](http://www.act-student.org) to register. You will need to create an account and use your ACT ID # which is located at the top center of your March results sheet.

Don't forget! You can study for the exam by logging into METHOD TEST PREP on your Xello school account.



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homecoming week, dances, regular sports seasons, clubs, school activities, and bonding at the lunch table. However, they showed incredible tenacity and positivity this year, and truly made the best out of the pandemic. As they leave CHS, some of our graduates will head right to the workforce, some to the military, and others will continue their education, with some pursuing some very unique majors.

In the senior level advanced composition class taught by Mrs. Sheri Hagen-Salm, the seniors investigated their majors by preparing ten-page research essays on topics that relate to their future careers. The topics and authors included The National Corrupt Athletic Association by Richie Murphy; Inside the Mind of a

Psychopath by Tori Wintrone; The Boeing Max 737 by Henry Huth; The 2008 Financial Crisis by Nick Johnson; How Socioeconomic Factors Affect Oral Health and Access to Dental Health by Anna Eichman; The Differences Between Leadership Styles of Men and Women by Avery Krahenbuhl; Acne's Effect on Mental Health by Alivia Hall; Social Media: The Good, Bad, and the Ugly by Meghan Fostvedt; Hazelwood vs. Kuhlmeier and Its Effects on Schools by Emma Briese; How Drug Use Negatively Impacts a Pregnant Mother by Izzy Thompson; The Foster Care System and Trauma by Vanessa Odash; The 2000 South Carolina Primary by Addy Adams; The Ecological Impact of Chernobyl by Matali

Andersen; Tips for Becoming a Powerlifter by Josh Halverson; The Value of the National Park System by Tristen Holub; Sports Photography Techniques by Carly Lynch; Media Gatekeeping by Frankie Pica; Three Female Journalists Who Altered the Course of History by Bree Rubenzer; Teaching Students with Aspergers by Taylor Rundhaug; Mayan Rituals by Kyndra Schuebel; and Project MKUltra by Aiden Torok.

We wish the seniors the very best in all of their future endeavors and they will greatly be missed in the halls of Cameron High School. Their lively, friendly, and energetic personalities have been positive attributes to the betterment of the District. Best wishes, Class of 2021!



*Congratulations,  
Class of 2021*



# Soon to be elected

by Alyssa Guinto

A local Cameron High School student was selected to spend time with state government officials. He met state senators, legislative attorneys, and even did a simulation drafting bills. He is a school favorite with his blonde hair and amazing brain. Junior Henry Pike applied for the Wisconsin State Senate Youth Program back in December. He waited in anticipation for his application to be accepted. It was not only an application that he had to fill out, but also a resume highlighting his leadership skills and his involvement in his community.

Since he is a state officer of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), he already had some experience with leadership and community service. In fact he is not just a member, but also the president of CHS's chapter. He showed many of the members



**Win, win, winner.** Junior Henry Pike applied to be a part of the Wisconsin State Senate. His application was accepted.



**In action.** Next year's State Parliamentarian for FBLA, junior Henry Pike connects with 28 different schools across the state for his Wisconsin State Senate Youth Program.

his dedication to his role and his involvement in his community. Because of this, the club voted for Henry to become president for a second year. In addition to trying to do his best for the club and his school work, Pike waited to see if his application would get accepted.

It wasn't until mid-March when he finally received the news of his application being accepted. On a non-COVID year, he would have traveled to Madison, Wisconsin to meet in person with the legislators. However, this year, because

he was unable to meet in person, they decided to have Zoom meetings.

"I really enjoyed the whole experience, talking to the legislators, learning about new careers and becoming a more informed citizen, were all very impactful," stated Henry.

"When I am older, I would like to run for office. It's an amazing opportunity to be a lawmaker," he continued.

Though he still has a long way to go, with his hardwork and dedication, we will soon see him on his own campaign trail. One thing I know is that he already has one vote--mine.

"When I am older, I would like to run for office someday. I think and hope that I can make changes that help people and the world."

-Henry Pike





# Music makes the world go 'round

by Frankie Pica

Listen to the sweet sound of music! On May 10, the Cameron High School band and choir performed their first in-person concert of the school year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the music department was unable to hold live concerts throughout the year. Instead, band director Tyler Halverson and choir director Scott Jensen posted taped performances online. As restrictions loosened, the May 10, 2021 concert presented the first opportunity to perform live since the pandemic closed school in March 2020. Attendance was still limited; only family members were allowed to attend, and the concert was live-streamed online to those who couldn't watch in person.

During the concert, the band and choir directors recognized the seniors that have been in music for all four years of high school. Additionally, two of the senior members of the band were honored



**Ready for showtime.** The Cameron High School band was excited to play for a live audience. Included: McKenzie Johnson, Sophia Griffin, Emma Briese, Ella Randall, Brooke Briese, Savannah Saffert, Ashlie Falstad, Aurora Thompson, Rachel Larson, Kallei Stovern, Emma Halverson, Henry Huth, Elena Martinson, Kaylynn Ewald, Mykala Stovern, Hailey Mikolton, Alexander Williams, Katelyn Kohel, Carter Richter, Jamyne Schofield, Hannah Tadlock, Kaliana Prytz, Francesca Pica, Adelaide Adams, Nathan Getchell, Austin Schoenecker, Savannah Lilly, Cole Lundequum, Madeline Thomas, Maddie Gilles, Anthony Demulling, Kyndra Schuebel, Jacob Lembke, Jami Folz, Rylee Ladd, Mitchell Bourget, Sydney Leschisin, Joseph Potvin, Giuseppe Pica, Zen Jacobson, Nicholas Newland, Elisha Gillett, Brooklyn Moravitz, Katelyn Dummer, Makenzie Schwarz, Jacob Pearson, Tanner Saffert, and Katie Larson.

with prestigious awards. Baritone saxophone player Adelaide Adams earned the John Philip Sousa

Award for her skill and contributions to the band. Henry Huth, who plays clarinet for the concert band and tenor saxophone for the jazz band, earned the Arion Award for his musical talent and involvement. Both students received \$200 in addition to their awards.

After the concert band performed, the jazz band entertained the crowd with pieces they had been working on throughout the year. The jazz band is a group of dedicated musicians who practice during their study halls.

The band and choir members were excited for the opportunity to perform in person this year. The seniors were able to end their high school musical careers on a "high note." For the rest of the musicians, it was the first of many more magical musical memories.



**Super singers.** The Cameron High School choir performed live for the first time this year. Included: Ashlea Bossany, Brooke Briese, Emma Briese, Keara Butterfield, Madison Craine, Kendra Crotteau, Kylee Dahle, Katelyn Dummer, Samantha Freeborn, Nathan Getchell, Jasmine Gilles, Madison Gronski, Selena Hanson, Hannah Harrison, Jacob Hughes Odegaard, Alexandra Jerdee, Lacy Johnson, Briana Kisling, Behtany Kurshinsky, Aiden Kurtzhals, DeNae Lentz, Sydney Leschisin, Elena Martinson, Evelyn Martinson, Garin Melton, Anthony Mulvaney, Nicholas Newland, Justin Odenbreit, Aryn Ohlson, Taylor Ottum, Zory Parker, Sommer Pittman, Zoe Rubenzer, Savannah Saffert, Erin Salm, and Abigail Salmonson.



# Eye on the ball

by Frankie Pica

Cameron High School's softball and baseball teams kicked off the 2021 season on April 29. The COVID-19 pandemic pushed the start of the season back, but the teams are making the most of the different schedules.

Carly Lynch is one of the two seniors on the softball team. After the two junior players, all of the team members are underclassmen. "We're young and inexperienced," Carly laughed, "but the potential is there. If we're able to work through our mistakes, we'll do great things and have lots of fun. That's really important moving forward."

One of the most fun moments of the season was at the very first game. In the final inning, the Comets were down against Hayward by four runs. However, the team was able to come together and score five runs, winning the game in an impressive upset.

Carly is also grateful for her time playing with fellow senior and team pitcher Avery Krahenbuhl. "I've been catching for her since 6th grade," she said. "I'm fortunate that we're able to play together because that's been one of my favorite things to do throughout high school."

"Everytime I stay late during practice, she's willing to stay and practice with me," Avery said about Carly. "She



**Batter up!** Avery Krahenbuhl is one of two seniors on the softball team. She is also one of the team's pitchers.

always brings positive energy."

Carly's advice to younger players is to allow themselves to learn from the mistakes they make. "It's important to focus on getting better and not to get caught up in mistakes." She hopes that attitude will allow the team to grow and succeed in the weeks to come.

Coach Tom Daniels's baseball team is also quite young. Seniors Richard Murphy, Joshua Halverson act as mentors to the freshmen and sophomores, helping them gain experience and grow together as a team.

"The atmosphere of the team is so fun," said Richie

Murphy. A win against Ladysmith followed by a 6-1 rout of Spooner helped to boost morale. "Since we didn't have a season last year, we're just grateful for the opportunity to play."

For Richie, the COVID-19 pandemic showed that the team's time together is precious, and his advice to the underclassmen is to make the most of the opportunities that they have. "Enjoy every moment," Richie said. "You only get four years, and COVID showed that you might not even get that, so be thankful for every moment you can play."

The softball and baseball players continue to improve both as individual athletes and as teams as the season progresses. Good luck!



**Ready and waiting.** Joshua Halverson waits ready in the field. Josh and the other seniors have been role models for the younger baseball players.



# Springing into sports

by Kaleb Crotteau

Sports for Cameron High School this year were a little different than what they were in previous years due to COVID-19. Many people last year had to cancel their sports seasons entirely and some have had a late start to the season because of precautions and previous concerns of the virus.

Luckily, golf was one of the sports that was able to take place on time this year. Mr. Brett Sauve, is again coaching the golfers this year. With fourteen people joining the team, and only two being returnees, (Henry Pike and Julia Eck), it leaves plenty of room for improvement for golfers. There were some things that the golfers had to do differently this year due to the coronavirus, such as not being allowed to touch the bins, the new addition of sanitizing golf balls, and not raking the course sand traps when they were done.

Meanwhile, Mr. David Martin is coaching track again this year with a running total of eighteen years of coaching for the high school track

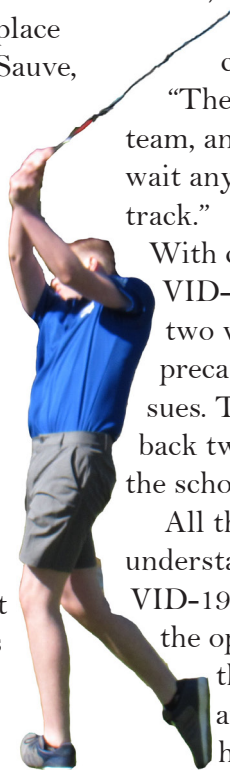
team. Due to the virus last year, they weren't able to compete at all. Despite that, the high school students were able to overcome that loss and are able to compete in track this year. Along with 34 other students, there were also two prior state qualifiers for track, (juniors Maddie Wall and Taylor Severt),

"Overall, this is a great crew," said Coach Martin, "They're an incredibly talented team, and the runners couldn't wait any longer to get back on the track."

With complications of COVID-19, the track team started two weeks late due to contact precaution days and other issues. The season is being pushed back two weeks after the end of the school year, as well.

All the golf and track athletes understand the concerns for COVID-19 and are very grateful for the opportunity to play sports this year. And with these amazing coaches, they're all hoping that there will be no more complications in the near future. Everyone is having fun and athletes are improving their skills.

**And swing!** Henry Pike is going for the swing in one of their first matches.



**Run, runners, run!** Cameron School runners make a dash for it hoping to win the event.

## Sports in brief

### Track

Coaches: David Martin, Dave Gerber, Ben Bard, Jamie Lehmann

Seniors: Alexander Wintone, Jordan Folz, Savannah Wood, Aurora Thompson



### Baseball

Coaches: Tom Daniels, Justin Duerkopf, Keith Gay, Ben Larson

Seniors: Dylan Foss, Joshua Halverson, Richie Murphy



### Softball

Coaches: Andy Krahenbuhl, Roger Olson, and Missy Weber

Seniors: Carly Lynch, Avery Krahnbuhl





# With nights like this, who needs the days?

by Chloe Strenke

I wish some nights lasted forever. I never thought we were going to have a dance with COVID-19. Myself and many others thought it was going to ruin the fun with us not being able to have Prom last year, but plans changed this year and we were allowed to have a Prom. It was a wonderful event for everyone who participated. Walking into the main entrance, students had their sparkling tickets to show off; there was plenty of help with setting up and cleaning up before and after prom. To the prom committee and the chaperones that attended, thank you for your great work! Not only did the music make everyone want to give it their all on the dance floor (thanks for that Mr. Ridout!); but the

lights, dancing, friends, and most importantly, the memories that everyone made during this event had an incredible impact. Masks were strongly encouraged but were not required and there were frequent uses of sanitizers around both rooms.

Everything got pretty heated and I'm not just talking about the dance moves! I'm talking about the room itself.

When students or staff were too hot, there was always the option of going outside and looking at the starry night sky. Anna Eichman and Richard Murphy were crowned senior Prom Queen and King. Juniors Erin Salm and Reagan Bartsch were voted Queen and King for the juniors.

Some of the night included crowd surfing (but not for too long), many slow dances, dresses full of sweat, and many

memories shared with friends. The Cupid Shuffle and Cha Cha Slide had almost everyone in the crowd jumping to their feet and getting their groove on.

There were so many memories shared amongst students: laughs, looks, couples, and friend groups. This event will never fade from our memories. It was an amazing night for everyone attending and couldn't have been any better!



**Keep calm and think prom.** *Erin Salm and Reagan Bartsch were so excited to be crowned Queen and King.*

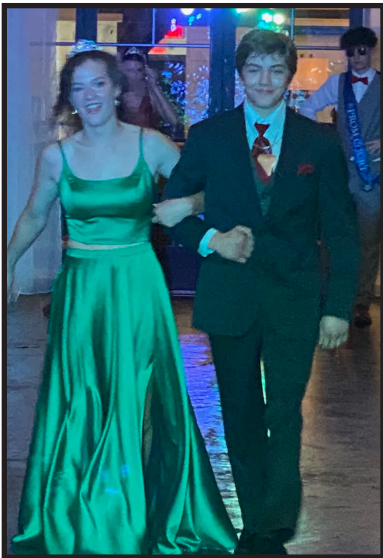


**Live for today, plan for tomorrow, party tonight.** *The junior prom court came in with style. Brooklyn Moravitz, Wyatt Warner, Eden Dellinger, Caleb Gillett, Madison Wall, Jeremy Benck, Erin Salm, Drew Brion, Mathias Weber, Brittany Breed, Tanner Gerber, and Taylor Severt were the members of the junior Prom court.*



**It might feel like the end, but it's really a new beginning.** *The senior prom court looking dazzling: Kamyree Heggedahl, Meghan Postvedt, Nick Johnson, Matali Andersen, Ian Payne, Anna Eichman, Austin Weis, Richard Murphy, Alex Myers, Avery Krahenbuhl, Mitchell Bourget, Alivia Hall, Josh Halverson, and Taylor Rundhaug.*







# Everybody, clean up

by Tristen Holub

"Nature is not a place to visit, it is home."~ Gary Snyder. Cameron High School students took this quote to heart on Friday, May 14 as they participated in their annual conservation day. They all signed up for different tasks in order to beautify and clean up the school grounds and surrounding areas. Some Cameron students worked on creating a decorative Comet

logo on the hillside between the high school and middle school buildings, with others did jobs involving cleaning up the Barron County Fairgrounds, cleaning up the school grounds, picking up litter on multiple highways, raking at the cemetery, working at beautifying the Pioneer Museum, painting at the middle school, landscaping around the schools, maintain-

ing the grounds at Sportsman's, Guy Spiers, and Babe Cook parks, cleaning up at Arland Gun Range, and completing some maintenance work at the Cameron baseball fields.

Completing all this work was gratifying for everyone who participated. Thanks to Mrs. Tammy Pacholke for organizing the event and to everyone who participated.









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