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The Cometary

## On the water

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What does Mr. Ladd's natural resources class do? Really, what don't they do! His class, contrived of about 20 students, often starts the period off by launching their canoes or kayaks into the school's pond. With two to a canoe, the students hold races, paddle the perimeter, and have a chance to observe nature. Various students and Mr. Ladd himself have mentioned a few scenarios involving races resulting in shrieking students and teetering canoes. However, there has yet to be an overturned canoe. Knock on wood.

Along with outdoor activities,
Mr. Ladd also gives his students the opportunity to get their boating certificate. After completing an online course, students are granted their boater's certification and
are capable of operating a boat


Race! Ashtyn Waite (left) and Wyatt Warner (right) paddle towards shore.
has his students learning how to measure the weight of garbage. They calculated the total waste of the school's food after the two lunches. The leftover food weighed between 50 and 100 pounds. With recycling in mind, the natural resources class is trying to come up with a good economical way to discard the trash Mr. Ladd is fervently on the hunt for somebody with a pot-bellied garbage disposal. He believes a swine is the solution for the school's waste conflict. If you just so happen to own a hungry pig, feel free to email Mr. Ladd!
The natural resources class is a great way for students to get outdoors and learn about ways we can improve our planet, city, and school.

## Notes from Mrs. Sanborn - school counselor

## Attention Seniors

Get help paying for college! The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2022-2023 school yea ecame available October 1. Students hould use 2020 tax year data to complet he forms. Once a student submits his/ her FAFSA, financial aid estimates from campuses can be processed. The FAFSA application is available at https://fafsa ed.gov/. Ro
Receive free on-site assistance completing your FAFSA during a College Goal Wisconsin event. Local events
will be held in Rice Lake at Northwood College (1900 College Drive) on Monday, October 25. This event is open to the open to the public, regard
of where you plan to attend
college, and starts at 6 p.m. For more information and what to bring, visit

## FAIFSA

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## Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

End of first trimester The final day of the first trimester is Friday, November 19. It is very important that students have all of their classwork completed by the end of the day on the 19th.

## Second trimester

The second trimester will begin on Monday, November 29. Students should check their schedules over the break because everyon's schedule will change. This includes potentially your lunch time as well.
Thanksgiving break Students will not have school Monday, November 22 through Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving Break. We hope everyone has a nice holiday and a safe hunt - for deer or Black Friday deals.
Veterans Day Ceremony The high school and middle school will host an in person Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 9:40. Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held outside on the football field. After
he ceremony, a small receptions for vet- Yearbook orders rans will be hosted by members of the Future Business Leaders of America club. Academic and Career Planning (ACP)
The Department of Public Instruction requires all schools throughout the state W Wisconsin to work with students in grades 6-12 on Academic and Career Planning activities. Students at the high school did goal setting at the beginning of the school year and they will do a variety of other activities throughout the year, such as interest inventories, college and tech school visits, and career explorations. The complete Academic and Career plan can be found on the district website.
Class rings and graduation announcements
Each year members of the sophomore and senior classes meet with a representa ive from Jostens to pick out and order class rings and graduation announcements. Seniors are also fitted for caps and gowns. This meeting will take place by the end of October.

To order this year's yearbook, ther are two easy options.

1. Go to www.jostensyear books.com and order online You may pay with a credit card.
2. Fill out the form and bring it and your money to Mrs. Hopkins.
Order forms were distributed in homerooms and are available in the high school office. To order directly, go to www.jostensyearbooks.com. Cost at this time is $\$ 55$. Until October 29, four free icons are available with the purchase of a line of personalization. See Mrs. Hopkins with additional questions. Don't miss out
Senior yearbook pics Please bring two senior and two baby pictures to Mrs. Hopkins by November 19 to be included in the yearbook's special senior section. Pic tures may either be emailed to chopkins@cameron.k12.wi.us or brough in to be scanned. Pictures will be returned.

## Logrolling!

When you think of logrolling, what comes to mind? Most probably one wouldn't imagine a tall, thin freshman girl running on a floating felled tree. However, this is exactly what CHS freshman Katie Shilts does--and she's good at it. The whole Shilts family is involved in the sport. Each summer, they travel to various competitions throughout Wisconsin, all in different categories depending on their age.
Though logrolling is not a very well-known sport, it has existed for a long time in Wisconsin. Mrs. Shilts explained, "[Logrolling]started as a sport in the evenings after lumberjacks had worked moving logs down the river all day." They challenged each other to see who could stay on a log the longest." Logrolling matches begin with two people standing on either end of a log. Those new in the sport wear shoes and run on carpeted logs,
which allow for easier grip. Those with more experience wear spiked shoes and run on uncovered logs. Typically, a match is the best out of five falls, and the larger the log, the easier it is to roll on.
Every year, Hayward hosts the World Lumberjack Competition, where people from around the world come to compete in logrolling. Kati Shilts and her sister, Reece, have been competing for five years now and each have placed at the World Lumberjack Competition. Mrs Shilts said the key to remaining on the $\log$ is to have fast feet, and to always be moving. Her daughter, Katie, said, "Logrolling takes more endurance than people think Sometimes you're rolling on the log for ten minutes. More people should compete. It's fun!'
So picture it -- the Shilts family on a log, rolling as fast as they can! What a great image.


Rolling, rolling, rolling. Katie Shilts and her sister, Reece, practice log rolling.

## Sports in Brief

Volleyball
Coach: Val Pumala
Seniors: Maddie Wall, Brooklyn Moravitz, Elena Martinson, Julia Eck Briana Klabunde


Dance
Coach: Melissa Longmire
Seniors: Lacy Johnson, Zen Jacobson, Hailey Johnson


Football
Coach: Dan Henken
Seniors: Jeremy Benck, Wyatt
Warner, Ashtyn Waite, Caleb Gillett (missing)


Cross Country
Coach: Dave Gerber
Seniors: Brittany Breed, Tanner Gerber, Cali Romsos, Taylor Severt, Mady Robel, Hailey Mikolon


## Comet football

Be a team, be the most excited to play, be the best at doing your job by Ethan Gifford
"Winners never quit, quitters never win," said the infamous NFL football coach Vince Lombardi. Last year, the Cameron football program had some success and created a foundation for the Comets to build upon. This year, Coach Henken tried something new for the program--he took the team to Bemidji State for a three day camp. This camp helped the Comets get ready for their upcoming season with many scrimmages against Minnesota teams. The camp based the experience on what it would be like to be a college football player. After the camp, the Comets were inspired and had a goal to do something they haven't done in 5 years--earn another game to play or, in other words, make it to playoffs.
As the season progressed, the team realized this would be a tough goal to reach as the Comets have an extremely young team and many of the starters are getting their first feel on Varsity. However, the Comets' determined seniors gave everything they had on the field to help teach the underclassmen.
Senior guard and middle
linebacker, Ashtyn Waite, reflected on the year, "The difference this year is the position I'm in with the pressure of people looking up to me,


Feeling good. The Comets were excited to play Chetek-Weyerhaeuser and won the game 14-12, this was the first win on the field in 4 years.
I want to be the ideal role model and pass it down to the underclassman. I hope I can make a difference in this program." Ashtyn was a leader since the first day of camp and set the tone for the program.
Another successful senior tight end and outside linebacker, Caleb Gillett, commented on the season, "I think we have one of the better coaching staffs in the area, but our four seniors make the staff work with coming up with game plans. I would do anything to go back and


Srong Comet defense. Captain and leader of defense Ashtyn Waite gets the defense set agianst the Northwestern Tigers.
start over as a freshman and there are only a couple things I would change. I would put more time into lifting and bettering myself physically and I would have put a greater effort towards bringing the team together. There is a sense of pride you feel when you win with 30 or 40 guys on the field." Caleb's advice to the younger guys is for them to take every opportunity they can get to play football because it is the most rewarding sport, in his opinion.
"Our first ever win on the new field was something I will never forget. I was happy to be there--as a group we really played for each other and felt like we did something special for the town," said senior outside-linebacker and tight end Jeremy Benck.
Cameron football is getting better every game. With the help of the strong senior leadership, the future is looking good. The Heart 'O' North better watch out because the Comets are back!

## Go loco for Hoco!

## by Ashley Schamberger

The week we all had been anticipating finally arrived -HOMECOMING! Homecoming week in the Cameron High School consisted of many events and dress up days in efforts to win the Spirit Stick. This award is decided based on a system of points. Whichever class racks up the highest amount of points based on various events would win the Spirit Stick. The Spirit Stick symbolizes the class that has the greatest teamwork and spirit As past years have proved, this fight for the stick can get quite rowdy! CHS's Student Council organized the week's events. This year's dress-up days consisted of U.S.A., Country vs Country Club, Class Color Day, Rave, and lastly, Comet Pride Day. Dress up days allowed the students to rack up some extra points in


Fore! Juniors Gretta Hall, Sarah Weber, Jordyn Allen, and Carli Wilson dressed up as country club ladies on Tuesday.
efforts to gain the Spirit Stick.
The week started off with a friendly, competitive Kahoot, created by Henry Pike. The questions consisted of various trivia about Wisconsin, Cameron history, HON mascots, and railroad history for our opponents Friday. The Kahoot points were decided based on the accumulative position of each grade The rankings from first to fourth


Senior royalty. Homecoming court members include Jeremy Benck, Wyatt Warner, Caleb Gillett, Tanner Gerber, Ashtyn Waite, Brooklyn Moravitz, Elena Martinson, Taylor Severt,
Madison Wall, and Cali Romos.
were seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

Afterwards, the senior homecoming court was announced. The court members consisted of Madison Wall, Brooklyn Moravitz, Elena Martison, Cali Romsos, Taylor Severt, Jeremy Benck, Tanner Gerber, Ashtyn Waite, Caleb Gillett, and Wyatt Warner--who all reigned for the entire week in their sashes and crowns.

As the week continued, Wednesday held the boys Powder Puff volleyball tournament. The boys dressed up in their kneepads and took to the volleyball court ready to bump, set, and spike. The tournament started with the freshmen playing the seniors and the sophomores playing the juniors. The winners of both games faced off for first and second. The losers determined third and fourth. In the end, the sophomore boys came out victorious over all followed by--in


Sophomores take the win. The sophomore boys hold up a "W" as they take home the gold in Powder Puff.
numerical order--seniors, juniors, and freshmen

Friday ended the week with a pep assembly containing various competitions such as "hungry hippo," "balloon stomp," an impairment goggles obstacle course, a makeover race, and "finish the lyrics" game. The students were even graced with a dance performed by teachers and staff At the end of the assembly, the Student Council announced th queen and king. Brooklyn Moravitz and Ashtyn Waite were declared royalty. Proceeding the pep rally, were the final two events--a dance performance by the Cameron Pom and Dance team and girls Powder Puff football. In the end, the senior girls came up victorious, scoring the last available points for the Spirit Stick. But, the reigning championsthe senior class-came up short with he juniors (Class of 2023) winning the Spirit stick. Friday night was the long-awaited football game against the Spooner Rails. The game was a hard-fought match, but didn't end in


Dazzled up! Cameron seniors get dressed up ready to tear up the dance floor at their last bomecoming.

## he Comets favor.

Saturday concluded homecoming week with an outrageous amount of dancing and a tremendous amount f fun. The dance was a nice way to end the week and celebrate the annual homecoming game. \#ripourcalves

## Blooming butterflies

## by Eden Dellinger

Over the several months of
quarantine in the Spring and
Summer of 2020, raising caterpillars into butterflies became a worldwide internet trend. The world became very aware of the impact humans have on our environment and decided to take action. Butterflieslike bees and moths-benefit the environment through pollination and population control of different plant and insect species.
In Mrs. Jen Groskopf's classroom, you can find an enclosure at the front containing beautiful Monarch


Drink up. The milkweed leaves absorb the water in these test tubes. Mrs. Groskopf replaces these with fresh water every day for the caterpillars.
butterflies. Just a week prior, they were lively caterpillars, munching on milkweed leaves, preparing to form cocoons. When Mrs. Groskopf first received the little caterpillars, they were hardly as long as a pinkynail. She couldn't believe they would ultimately transform into the beautiful butterflies they are today. The entire process took a little over three weeks and Mrs. Groskopf's language arts class had the opportunity to observe their growth from start-to-finish and will be writing stories based on the


Hungry caterpillar. This caterpillar climb the branch towards a milkweed leaf. The caterpillars quadrupled in size within the first
48 hours.


Monarch at last. The beautiful butterfies emerged within weeks of the process. Students uriting abo it in he bls slas
process and what they saw. At the end of every day, Mrs. Groskopf takes the time to clean out the butterflies' enclosure, replacing the paper towel, water, and milkweed leaves. She plans on upgrading to something larger to allow them to spread their wings more, in the event they are unable to be released right away due to lack of food for the butterflies outside.

## Trick or treat

As a service project this Halloween season, the Cameron National Honor Society members will be trick-ortreating for canned goods. All proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Pantry and Kitchen in Rice Lake. The food will be made and served to those in need in our local community. So, when shopping for your treats, please stock up on your canned goods! Thank you.

## "32 Strong"

## by Julia Eck

" 32 strong"-this is the motto for the 2021-22 Cameron Girls Volleyball team. The motto entails that as a team they are all pushing each other to be the best version of themselves. The seniors this year are Julia Eck, Elena Martinson, Brooke Moravitz, Madison Wall, and Briana Klabunde. They have been described as well structured, determined, and scrappy.
Ever since the school moved into the Heart 'O' North conference, the team has been playing against a lot of Division 1 and 2 teams. The girls have been able to keep up with the higher competition. Almost every single weekend included a tournament for the Comets. The Stout Sprawl was a two-day tournament with 40 teams total, including the Comets.
When asking the seniors what kind of advice they would give the girls who still have years left in the program, right side hitter Elena Martinson said, "Always believe in yourself and each other, trust is key to being a team."

There's a wall there. The girls felt unstoppable after Julia Eck put up a huge block against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser.

Ace. Senior Maddie Wall serves an ace while dominating Barron.

Middle hitter Julia Eck, agreed with Elena on always having trust within your team. Her advice would be, "Make sure you have the right team chemistry. To help with this you have to learn to let go and not hold grudges. When things get stressful, remember why you started the sport and who you play for."
Other seniors interviewed were the aggressive libero, Maddie Wall,


and strong hitter, Brooke Moravitz. Their advice to others is, "Never take anything for granted and cherish the little things because by the time you blink, it's all gone."
The lady Comets are always ready for their next competition, all while being excited for the future and are curious to where their volleyball season is going to take them. Meanwhile, they're staying " 32

## 1,022 serves

Briana Klabunde served her 1,000th playable serve this season... only miss ing 22
serves!
Wow.


Congrats, Briana.

## Happy Feet

by Mathias Weber

Run, run, run! With the season running down to its final stretch, the Cameron High School cross country team is one of the best in the Heart 'O' North conference. "The girls have won the last three invitationals, and have a good chance of making it to State," head coach David Gerber said. Seniors Brittany Breed and Taylor Severt have medaled in each race this season, and constant top fives from both girls have helped the Comets going into Regionals. The girls have also welcomed six new girls to the team, including two foreign exchange students-Mavi Carrescia, who is from Italy, and Anna Thomas, who hails from Germany "The coaches are super nice and supportive. I will definitely miss it when the season is over," Anna said.
Don't discredit the boys, though The boys team won the Ashland meet on September 23, their first win of the season. Senior Tanner Gerber has led the charge through


Boomin' Boys! Carter Cherney, Wenzel Segebrecht, Chase Hauck, Hayden Hince, Jacob Pearsoomin boys! Carter Cherney, Tanner Gerber show off their Asbland title. posing after a victory.

Pearson and sophomore Hayden Hince continuing to improve. The freshmen, Carter Cherney, Wenzel Segebrecht, Ryker Ebert, and Chase Hauck, are new to cross country.


Country champions! (Top) Alyssa Kuffel, Hailey Mikolon, Brittany Breed, Cali Romsos, Taylor Severt, Mady Robel, (Bottom) Cora Romsos, Lexi Kuffel, Maddie Severt, and Mavi Carrescia

They may have been thrown into the fire of the race setting, but they have exceeded expectations. The team is firing on all cylinders, with conference on October 12 (took 2nd place) and Sectionals on October 23. The girls look to make a State run and with this pace, they have a good chance to do it. The boys have a tough uphill battle in front of them, but with their motivation, we believe in them. They are a serious threat for the Regional title.
Collectively, the cross country team is getting better with every step they take and are looking foward to the rest of the season!

Good luck at your sectional meet!

## Careers are everywhere

Career opportunities were abundant as Cameron High School students visited the Barron County Career Fair held at the fairgrounds on September 27. CHSers visited booths by the police department, sheriff's department, Northwood College, Rice Lake Weighing, PUSH, and many others. Students were allowed to operate equipment, pound nails, and resuscitate a distressed patient. Additionally, by the time students boarded the bus to go back to school, their goodie bags were filled with candy and other fun gadgets. Junior


Siding on. Senior Hailey Mikolon learned how to side a house at the BUILD MY FUTURE event.
 to intubate on a practice patient at the Barron County Career Day.


Yellow is your color. Students interested thilding careers attended the BUILD MY FUTURE event and had a great time.
Devon Tasker said, "I learned a bit. I siding, roofing, framing, welding, especially liked the fire trailer because masonry, plumbing, electrical, truck it was actually burning!" driving simulation, bucket truck lifts Not many days later, thirty-two students, along with Mr. Ladd and Mrs. Sanborn, attended the BUILD MY FUTURE event sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Home Builders Association held at the fairgrounds in Glenwood City. Students participated in hands-on activities sponsored by businesses and Northwood Technical College and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Activities included


Dig it. Freshman Wyatt Swan practiced on the excavator at the Barron County Career Day.

## New kids on the block

## by Ethan Gifford

Cameron welcomes new foreign friends every chance they get. Not only do these exchange students learn and experience American culture but they also create bonds with Cameron's wonderful student body. This year Cameron welcomed three foreign exchange students, Tom Oelhaf from Germany, Anna Thomas from Germany, and Mavi Carrescia from Italy. The welcoming families include The Kuffels, The Leschisns, and The Gilletts.
The three students arrived in Wisconsin in August. Early on, they started making an impact at Cameron by interacting in one traditional American activity sports. When Tom first learned he was going to America, he started training for football. Anna and Mavi stuck together and joined cross country.
Junior Anna Thomas is from Frankfurt, Germany, and is staying with the Leschisin family. She has no siblings and she lives with her parents and grandparents. Anna wanted to come to America to improve her English, and to experience the American culture. The first difference she acknowledged


Ready to kick. Tom was this year's kicker and was a positive motivator on the team.
was that the size of her home city compared to the small village of Cameron is quite different. She came from a population of 800,000 into a population of just under 2,000. Another difference in school is the organized sports. "The biggest difference is in German schools is we generally don't have organized sports and most certainly we don't have as much school spirit. It is more focused on academics," said Anna. Her favorite American food is cheese curds. Anna is extremely excited to celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving and experience the new culture.
Junior Tom Olheaf is from Berkheim, Wurttemberg, and lives with the Gillett family. He has one twin brother and two dogs, Aria and Amy. Tom wanted to come to America to meet new people and improve his English.The first difference Tom noticed in America is the size of things. Everything in America is bigger. The roads, stores, and, of course, food proportions. This one was thing that Tom wishes he could bring to Germany. Tom's favorite foods so far in America are burgers and steak. Tom loves the experience and hopes to see a NFL game in the near future.
Mavi Carrescia is from Turin Italy, and is living with the Kuffel family. She has a younger brother. Mavi wanted to come to America to improve her English and experience our culture. She noticed a huge difference in America compared to Italy but she likes the difference and the new scenery. Mavi also noticed the distance is more spaced out compared to Italy as well as that public transportation is really non-existent here. Mavi really likes
the organized sporting events in school and wishes they could have something like that back in Italy. She can not wait to see what the future holds and is loving the American experience.
These foreign students are making a huge impact on school and our community, and will always be our foreign friends. We hope that our host families keep giving them an amazing experience and show them the culture in America. We also plan to learn as much from them as we hope they learn from us.
Welcome to America -- and welcome to Cameron, Wisconsin!
 TO OUR MAVII

anca Mavi is welcomed bo
her host family, Alyssa and Lexi Kuffel, at the


Say cheese. Anna and her host sisters, Sydney Olivi Leschis, greet one another at the airport when Anna flew in

