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# The Cometary



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## A final goodbye

by Ashley Schamberger

With the end of the school year approaching, it brings a sad goodbye to the Cameron High School Class of 2022. It has been a journey to see these fifty seniors grow as students, athletes, and people—we can't wait to see their future accomplishments. On behalf of the graduating class, the seniors in the publications class would like to send a huge thank you to the community, our families, and the staff throughout the District. We are tremendously grateful for the love and support we have received over the years and couldn't have done it without the guidance along the way.

The seniors have been through many ups and downs during our time at Cameron School District, however, we have always made it through together. Living in a smaller community, the graduating class understands what it's like to know every person in their grade. Most of the class has been together all thirteen years and have grown closer through sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities. This class has been given many opportunities to form bonds and unforgettable memories. Brooklyn Moravitz reflected on her 13 years at Cameron: "I have appreciated forming such meaningful bonds with my peers and teachers. Being enrolled in a small school within a tight-knit community has given me memories that I will cherish for a lifetime." Another loyal 13-year Comet student, Wyatt Warner, would like to add four items of advice to younger students, "Don't take school too seriously, join activities, listen to upper-classmen's advice, and make friends with teachers."

The Class of 2022 was fortunately able to finish their last year under normal conditions after the pandemic forced them to miss out in previous years. However, the class kept their heads held high and made it through the trying times. Even though it's hard to believe, the seniors have made it through their final year of school at Cameron. We enjoyed completing all our lasts together: dancing our hardest at Homecoming, competing in powderpuff events, cheering on our sports teams, door decorating, watching our beloved lone senior play on the court of the boys' basketball tournament in Madison, attending our last pep assem-

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# Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

## Graduation

The 2022 Graduation celebration will be on Friday, May 27 at 7 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the High School gym and there will not be a limit to the number of guests in attendance. We invite you to help us in celebrating this milestone achievement for our seniors!



## End of year info.

The last student day is Thursday, June 2. Students will have a full day of school. The morning will be spent returning materials, turning in their computers, and cleaning lockers. After lunch, students will have a variety of activities that they can select to participate in. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer vacation!



## Summer school

Information has been mailed to students who will need to attend summer school to earn credit for a required class that they were not successful in during the school year. The first session will run June 6 - June 24, and the second session will be July 18 - July 28. If you think you need summer school and did not get information, see Mr. Meznarich.

## 2022-2023 school year

Information regarding next school year will be mailed out to families in July. Student



schedules will become available via Skyward on August 1. Freshman Orientation will be Monday, August 29, and all students will report back on Tuesday, August 30.

## Athletic code meeting

There will be no large group athletic code meeting for students interested in participating in athletics next school year. There will be an athletic code presentation at the pre-season meeting held by each sport. Reminder to all athletes that even though school is out for the summer, you are still expected to adhere to the athletic code expectations.

## Athlete Registration

Students who are going to participate in athletics for the 2022-2023 school year need to register online to be eligible. The online registration



can be found under the athletics tab on the district website.

## 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 26 is the due date! Yearbooks are \$55 if you order by May 26—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 18 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 log-



ging into METH-OD TEST PREP on your Xelo school account.



blies, competing at all our last meets or competitions, and tearing up the dance floor at Prom. But we are ready to spend our last moments together on our class trip to Kalarahari, at our class picnic, and of

course, throwing our caps in the air at graduation.

After graduation, seniors have many plans whether it be attending college, taking a gap year, heading into the work force, or joining

the military. Regardless of what we decide, we know we will do great things. Go chase your dreams, Class of 2022.

Best of luck,

Seniors in the Publications Class



Then . . .



and now . . .



# Never miss a chance to dance

by Julia Eck

After all those hours of getting your hair done, painting on a magnificent makeup look, and posing with a big smile for the hundreds of needed pictures, some are ready to just get to Prom and dance their night away. The memories of last years Prom gets the adrenaline pumping and hearts racing doing the best they can to make sure, for some, that this Prom is as enchanted as they imagined it to be and the best yet.

The last two years, Prom has been held at The Mill in Chetek. The theme of this years Prom was Enchanted Forest. The Mill was already beautifully decorated with lights which made it easier for the Prom committee.



**Hot in here.** Some students went to grab some drinks in the lobby after dancing up a sweat.



**Royalty.** Newly crowned King Julian Pense and Queen Sydney Leschisin with former king and queen Reagan Bartsch and Erin Salm.

The 2022 Junior Court consisted of Jada Thompson and Zory Parker, Sydney Leschisin and Julian Pense, Maycee Heggedahl and Tom Oelhaf, Gretta Hall and Ethan Gifford, Jordyn Allen and Dan Eichman, Khalia Evans and Luke Salm, and lastly Zoe Rubenzer and Cayden Gifford.

Coronation was at 9:30 p.m. where Julian Pense was crowned king and Sydney Leschisin was crowned queen.

Every Cameron student knows that if you are going to the dance you are *going* to dance. The Comets never fail to have the best time even if it does include very sweaty



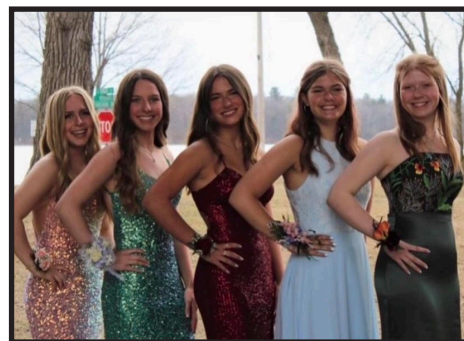
**Coming in hot.** These junior boys showed up in style with their red hot ride.

human beings. Although, this does mean that people like the music and wanted to dance.

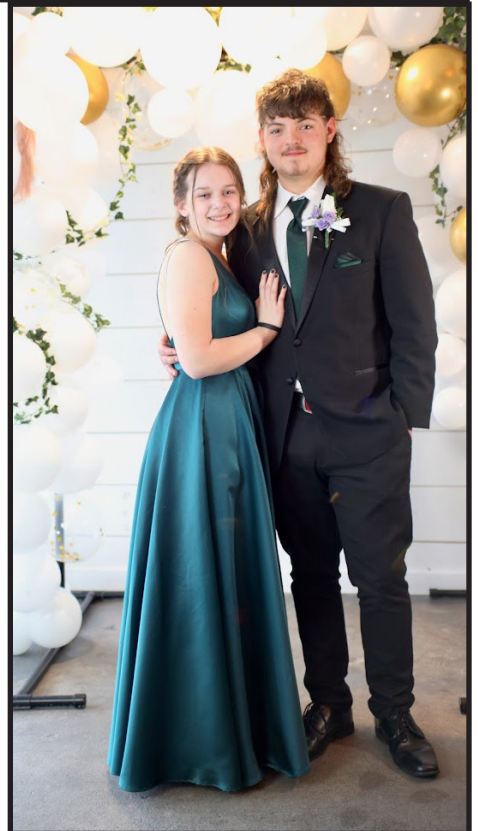
Prom, 2022 didn't disappoint. The hair and makeup may have suffered a bit, but the crowd had a ball!



**Life is a party.** Members of Prom court included Zory Parker, Luke Salm, Cayden Gifford, Tom Oelhaf, Julian Pense, Dan Eichman, Ethan Gifford, Jada Thompson, Khalia Evans, Zoe Rubenzer, Maycee Heggedahl, Sydney Leschisin, Jordyn Allen, and Gretta Hall.









# Success Starts Here

by Erin Salm

The National FBLA theme this year is Success Starts Here, and boy, does it! On March 27, CHS FBLA State qualifiers hopped on a bus bound for Madison. The State's three-day competition included the following Cameron students: Henry Pike, Sydney Leschisin, Mavi Carrescia, Anna Thomas, Erin Salm, Taylor Severt, Jasmine Gilles, Jami



**FBLA presidents/officers.** State FBLA parliamentarian for 2022, Henry Pike, stands with 2023 State FBLA Reporter, Sydney Leschisin. Henry also served as our chapter President and Sydney will be the upcoming chapter President.



**Vote!** Sydney Leschisin networks with students at the State FBLA Convention in Madison, while Chloe Wall, Evie Martinson, and Abby Salmonson help her campaign for the State Reporter position. Sydney won the election!

Folz, Evie Martinson, Chloe Wall, and Abby Salmonson,

Sydney Leschisin competed in Publication Design while also campaigning for Wisconsin State FBLA Reporter. Chloe Wall was Sydney's campaign manager, officially introducing Sydney to over 2,000 people before Sydney took the stage with her campaign speech.

The trip was a success indeed—with all competing members placing top ten in their categories. Evie, Chloe, and Abby took 6th in Broadcast Journalism and Erin, Taylor, and Jasmine took 9th place in Local Annual Chapter Business Report.

Advancing to Nationals in June is Henry Pike, (1st) in Banking and Financial Services; Jami Folz (4th) in Word Processing; Sydney Leschisin (3rd), as well as Anna Thomas and Mavi Carrescia for both International Business (4th) and Life Smarts. Sydney not only qualified in her event, but will also be representing Wisconsin on the State Officer Team after being elected State Reporter. Henry also took first place in the Who's Who category. This means that Henry is the #1 FBLA student in Wisconsin!

The trip was a blast, complete with



**Mr. Parliamentarian.** State FBLA parliamentarian for 2022, Henry Pike is introduced at the opening session of the 68th Annual State FBLA Conference.

hectic stops at Subway and Kwik Trip, a two-night, three-day stay at the Clarion Suites with plenty of campaigning, pool time, UberEats, and lots of networking.

This State Conference also completed Henry's official role as State Parliamentarian, where he led the State's formal meetings and worked with Team 68.

Thank you to our chapter advisor, Mrs. Hopkins! We appreciate all you do for us.



**Hanging out.** Regardless of everyone's busy schedules testing, performing, rehearsing, and campaigning, CHS FBLA State qualifiers got to enjoy a nice meal together in Madison.



# Madison or bust

by Ethan Gifford

Judges and participants used the word “grateful” at multiple meets throughout this Forensics year. For the past two years, Forensics has been canceled or

changed due to COVID-19. Last year, the team endured something new--online competitions. In addition, the kids didn't get the full State experience like previous years.

This year, the students excelled in competitions in their categories at in-person meets. The whole team went to Sub Districts, and eventually made it to Madison. This year 28

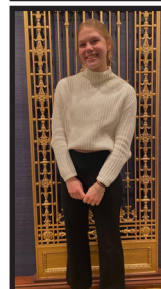
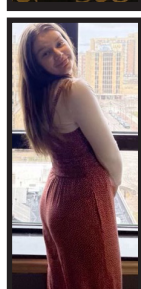
**“I was so happy to compete in forensics like I remembered from the past. My group and I had a great season finishing on top. I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys. Peace out! #4nb”**

**-Jeremy Benck**

members headed down to Madison with one goal on their mind: to win gold. To earn this medal, students needed to earn a perfect score (25) in their category. There are multiple categories to perform in which is an incredible opportunity to earn the perfect score. The State Results were **Gold:** Jeremy Benck, Ethan Gifford, Luke Salm, and Mikey Kuchera



**Hello, Madison!** The Forensics team took a picture in front of the capitol before the final meet.



(Group Interp); Brooklyn Moravitz (Prose); Henry Pike (Extemp); Sophia Griffin (Impromptu); Sephie Pica (Solo acting); Mavi Carrescia (Prose); Sarah Weber (Prose). **Silver:** Rylee Ladd (Farrago); Mady Robel (Poetry); Rachel Larson (Solo acting); Erin Salm, Kendra Crotteau, Taylor Severt, Jasmine Gilles, and Katelyn Dummer (Play acting); Maddie Severt and Mallory Duerkop (Play acting); Anna Thomas (Prose); Garin Melton, Sydney Leschian, Jordyn Allen, Zoe Rubenzer (Play acting). **Bronze:** Brooklyn Sjöholm and Madison Craine (Demonstration).

Along with the journey to State, the Comets Forensics team took place in some tournaments and earned a couple 1st place finishes in multiple categories. Additionally, this awesome group earned a “Distinction in Speech” award from the WHSFA (Wisconsin High School Forensics Association). This means, they placed in the top 30 of 300+ schools. WOW! Congrats to all.



# Batter, batter, swing!

by Mathias Weber

The Cameron Comets baseball team is looking for similar success that they found at the end of the season last year, winning regionals over the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs. Although last year's record of 6 wins and 15 losses doesn't come out and shock you, the 2022 team is looking to make a shockwave throughout the Heart O' North conference. Only losing two seniors from last year and having 10 returning varsity players, this Comet team is once again led by young talent. Nine of the 14 players are underclassmen while the four seniors are looking to lead the team to another sectional run this season.



**Making a play.** *Second Basemen Mathias Weber makes a play in Mauston vs. the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs.*

Sophomore Tyson Lucas led the team in pitching last season with a 5-3 record with a 2.91 ERA and struck out 80 hitters in total while earning 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference honors. With Nine games pitched already on the year he has surpassed 79 strikeouts, almost passing his last season totals.

Behind the plate, Senior Ashtyn Waite batted .295 with 11 RBI's last year, also earning 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference. Junior Luke Salm had the best fielding percentage in the outfield with a .933 having 14 putouts.

Last season the Comets had a difficult time with the strikeout bug; hitters struck out 151 times. Pitching had a combined total of a 8.40 ERA, and fielding had 41 total errors. They are looking to stop those errors with the combination of

**"Baseball has been apart of my life for as long as I can remember and I can't think of a better group of guys to finish it off with who have become my family."- Ashtyn Waite**

sophomore shortstop Kory Murray, second baseman Mathias Weber, and Wyatt Halverson, and third basemen Gannon Ebert and Brady Quinn to create a strong infield. While senior Reagan Bartsch, Luke Salm, and sophomore Kobe Sevals hold down the outfield. The Comets sit at 7-10 on the season as they look to find a hot steak to help end the month of May.

Meanwhile off the field, the Comet Youth Baseball program received a \$15,000 grant from the Minnesota Twins. The grant will be used to touch up Sportsman's Park in the center of the village so the Youth Baseball Program will fuel the future Comet batters.





# Swingin' softballers

by Mathias Weber

The Cameron Comets softball team entered an uncertain year as they lost two seniors from last year. As of May 18, the team sits at a 5-14 record for the season with wins over Ladysmith, Chetek, Barron and a very dominating victory over Ashland 12-2.

The Comets have a very bright future--and have two seniors, Cali Romsos and Ahna Andersen. Andersen reflected on this season by saying, "This year has been a rebuilding year for Cameron High School Softball. The relentless winter weather and slow start to the season has been a challenge, but the challenge has only brought us closer as a team. We are starting to see the togetherness bring us wins on the field and form the best harmony amongst players we have seen all season. I am so grateful to be a part of a team that believes in me as much as I believe in each one of them. I take pride in how far we have come and I have faith in how far we will go."

This team is very junior-heavy with six, three sophomores, and three freshmen rounding out the varsity team. Most of the team have had varsity experience from last season even though they lost a key player and pitcher Avery Krahenbuhl, last year due to graduation. One of this year's key players for the Comets is junior Gretta Hall. She has been tearing it up at the plate batting an average of .462 with two home runs. Junior Khalia Evans is batting .364 with a OBP (On Base Percentage) of .458, and Junior Zoe Rubenzer is third on the team in batting average with .250.

On the mound, junior Ashlie Falstad has led the team in pitching with 30.1 innings pitched and has thrown over 525 pitches and a record 30 strikeouts while Gretta Hall has pitched 11.2 innings and has 15 strikeouts.

The Comets are looking to build on momentum before the season winds down.

Good luck, Comets!



**Jumping for joy.** Khalia Evans, Sarah Weber, Ashlie Falstad, and Carli Wilson jump around Gretta Hall after she hit a home run.

## Sports in brief

### Track

Head Coach: David Martin

Seniors: Erin Salm, Taylor Severt, Jasmine Gilles, Justin Odenbreit, Brittany Breed, and Maddie Wall



Head Coach: Brett Sauve

Senior: Henry Pike



### Baseball

Head Coach: Tom Daniels

Seniors: Reagan Bartsch, Mathias Weber, Dylan Stuart, and Ashtyn Waite



### Softball

Head Coach: Andy Krahenbuhl

Seniors: Ahna Andersen and Cali Romsos





# Golfers and trackstars enter the season

by Julia Eck

Despite the cold weather causing a setback on matches, CHS golfers are powering through to bring home some wins. This year is finally a year without any restrictions such as, not being able to rake the sand pits and traps due to COVID-19 guidelines. With Mr. Brett Sauve coaching, as he has been for over 26 years, the golfers have a very experienced and wise coach.



**Fore.** Jacob Mezmarich patiently waits for the other golfers to putt their ball.

The golf team typically has a new roster every year, this year they have 11 golfers. For the past four years they have had their very loyal and talented golfer, Henry Pike. Kooper Mense and Kyle Nelson are also returners for the team. Freshman Jacob Mezmarich joins the varsity squad, as well.

Five members of the team have never golfed before, and three others have never golfed in a match. Coach Sauve stated, "Team goals for the year are to get one or two Comets on the All-Conference team and to make sectionals as a team again this year."



**Smile.** The 2022 Comet track team started the season at the University of Wisconsin Stout in Menomine.

Experience at coaching helm continues with the CHS track team, as Mr. Martin begins his 19th year. He has many track stars including the young freshman Lauren Pearson who was awarded with MVP Field Athlete of the meet when they competed at Chetek on April 19. She broke the indoor track record for high jump at the Comets very first track meet at the University

of River Falls soaring over the bar at a whopping 5'0 placing first in the event. During the same meet, she set a second indoor record in the 55-meter hurdles event finishing in 9.95 seconds and placing second.

Coach Martin has plenty to talk about for this team, "After coaching for so many seasons, I guess I have come to have high expectations of the athletes and the how they perform. With that being said, the team has a lot of talented athletes this season and they are capable of achieving some amazing things."

Maddie Wall and Taylor Severt qualified for the State track and field meet in 2019 and they have the potential to make another strong push through this year's tournament.

This year's boys will be led by returning sprinters/jumpers Caden Anderson and Cole Lundequam. Rounding out the talented boy's team

are Tanner Saffert, Westin Candler, Leo Luckert and Jacob Pearson.

We are excited about all the energy and knowledge they bring to the program.

Brittany Breed also has fully committed with her full ride to St. Kate's University of Minnesota for running cross country and track and field.

The Comets are some of the most hardworking and dedicated athletes and students. They continue to prove this every single meet

and with every single title they earn. The community is excited to see where these athletes go.



**Baby got track.** Lauren Pearson shows off her MVP plaque from her meet at Chetek.



**Givin' 'er beans.** Kiara prepares to launch the discus.



**Track stars.** Brittany Breed, Alyssa Kuffel, Taylor Severt, and Sydney Leschisin are all on the 4X4 relay team.



**Big future.** Brittany Breed signs with St. Kate's University for cross country and track.



# Comets giving back

by Erin Salm

This year's 2022 CHS Community Service Day consisted of many hardworking groups scattered throughout the county. Students raked leaves at the cemeteries, picked up trash along the highways and in the parks, beautified the school's curb appeal, painted and gardened at Living Water, and helped out at the Pioneer Museum. The groups were able to improve the community while having a good time working alongside friends and taking in the beautiful May sunshine.





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