



## Right on target

### Generous donations give phy. ed. classes new archery options.

by Dominick Ottum

David Suzuki, known for his documentaries and books about nature and the environment, once said: “All those hours exploring the great outdoors made me more resilient and confident.” Since developing resilience and confidence is a primary goal for all humans, Mr. Ridout’s efforts to be awarded some recent grants for the physical education program are to be applauded.

These grants will allow students to spend more time exploring the great outdoors. They will have the chance to try out some new hunting equipment. Whitetails

Unlimited contributed \$750, SCI (Safari Club International) awarded an additional \$1,000, and the Wisconsin DNR donated seven bows.

When asked how he would use the funds from the grant, Mr. Ridout explained, “I will pay for 12 bows, some arrows, targets, and quivers, as well as an arrow curtain and a repair kit.”

Mr. Ridout had to put in some extra time in order to provide this additional opportunity for students who choose physical activities that focus on individual life fitness. After filling out the grant

applications, Mr. Ridout needed to write a letter explaining how the money would be used in the phy. ed. department.

“I plan on getting started with the new equipment right away during the 3rd trimester,” Mr. Ridout commented. “Although my individual sports class will focus on golf, I plan to introduce the archery equipment so that my students can develop skills in both of these popular Northwoods’ activities.”

Ironically, Mr. Ridout will also be polishing his skills with a bow and arrow as he instructs his students. “Although I am an outdoor enthusiast and enjoy almost every sport, I am not an archer. But, it’s never too late to learn! I know that there are a lot of students in my classes who will enjoy learning this lifelong activity.”

Thanks to Mr. Ridout, SCI Club International, Whitetails Unlimited, and the Wisconsin DNR, Cameron students will be able to carry on the Northwoods’ tradition of deer hunting that has been enjoyed by Wisconsinites since this state was first established.

Enjoy the new equipment while developing the confidence and resilience of the great outdoors experience. You’re right on target.



**Triumphant trio!** Mr. Mezmarich and Mr. Ridout accept a \$1000 grant from SCI to help fund archery equipment so that Cameron students can enjoy the great outdoors.

# Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

## Graduation

The 2018 Graduation celebration will be on Friday, May 25 beginning at 7 p.m. We invite you to come celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors that evening.

## End of year info

The last student day will be Friday, June 1. 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 here with all of their computer equipment.

Senior students will turn in their computers and begin the check-out process on Monday, May 21. Remaining students will turn in their computers and begin the checkout process on Friday, June 1. We ask that all student fees and fines be taken care of by the end of the year. Contact the high school office if you have questions.

## Coke Award



**Have a Coke and a smile.** The Student Council accepts a rebate check for over \$100 from Coca-Cola. The money will go to help fund some of the activities sponsored by Student Council.

## Academic

### Excellence Award

Cameron High School has named India Carpentier, daughter of Gerald and Sarah Carpentier, as its 2018 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholar. Each year the school names its top academic senior after the first semester and notifies the Higher Educational Aids Board, which offers the scholarship program, in an effort to encourage Wisconsin's top academic seniors to attend universities in the state. Students selected as Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholars will receive a tuition scholarship renewable for 4 years, worth \$2250 per year, as

long as a 3.0 grade point average is maintained at a Wisconsin public or private university. The State of Wisconsin took legislative action to provide tuition and fee scholarships to Wisconsin's top high school scholars beginning in the 1990-91 academic year and have done so each year since.

Congratulations, India.



**Top 10%.** The Top 10% for the Class of 2018 has been announced. The following students are being recognized for this accomplishment: Briana Ramos, India Carpentier, Gunner Wilder, Alexis Potvin, Kayla Gerber, and Ali Kringle.

## 2017-18 school year

Returning students will have their 2018-19 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 2018-19 school year.

# CHS clubs

by Richard Teetzel-Austin

Clubs are a main feature at our school with each club providing different activities and events that are available for anyone in the school to participate in. Here's what's happening with our various clubs around the school.

## FBLA

Currently, FBLA is working on obtaining a Gold Status at their State Leadership conference, which takes place in April. The Conference includes completing a Local Chapter Business Plan. Further, FBLA is attempting to earn a National Outstanding Chapter award. To achieve this award, they have to do a lot of small tasks, such as collecting books, reading to children in local hospitals, and so on.

On April 6, FBLA is also hosting the My Little Princess Dance. In addition to that, on April 18, FBLA plans to host their annual blood drive. They're planning to go to the State Leadership Conference in LaCrosse, and to help fund their trip to the Mall of America in April or May, FBLA is selling Seroogy's candy bars.

## The Spanish Club

The Spanish Club recently finished their annual Valentine's Day sales of chocolates and flowers. Now they are moving on to their biennial trip to Ecuador, that takes place



**Famous faces** *The members of the Spanish Club go to the elementary school to teach kindergarteners about the Spanish culture*

in June. They plan to be in Ecuador for 8 days. In May, the club will be heading to St. Paul for their annual trip to the Festival of Nations.

## Student Council

The Student Council recently wrapped up Winter Carnival, the BINGO game on Monday, and the Wednesday assembly. The next set of activities will take place during Teacher Appreciation Week, which starts May 7. Activities include a luncheon, a car wash, and various others. The

Student Council also plans to assist with the flag project at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery outside of Spooner in late May.

## FCCLA

Right now, FCCLA is working on delivering school store orders from last month. After that they plan to begin with the new school orders towards the end of March.

## FFA

FFA recently held their Sadie

Hawkins dance, which took place February 16 along with Winter Carnival. In March, their dodgeball tournament starts. After that, FFA will have plant sales, They will also will host another Sadie Hawkins dance for the middle school. The Ag. Olympics will be the finale of FFA's activities this year.

## FOR [Friends of Rachel]

In the recent past, FOR has placed candy canes and suckers on student's lockers. Now they plan to do golden coins for St. Patrick's Day. They also plan to bring back compliment boards, which will be boxes, and they are preplanning for Earth Day activities and to nursing homes visits.

## FCA [Fellowship of Christian Athletes]

Although FCA hasn't met all that much, there are still big plans. FCA is making plans to go bowling, see a Twins game, and much more. There are also plans to meet with the Rice Lake's FCA club.

Clubs are very busy doing a lot of neat things. Have a fabulous time with the end of the year celebrations and activities.



**Take a break.** *Members of FFA decorate for the Sadie Hawkins Dance.*

# Sports update

by Kaylee Thomson

## Girls Basketball

The girls' team had a fantastic season.

In the final rounds of their season, they had a fantastic winning streak. At their regional quarter-finals game, they beat Spring Valley by 41; at regional semifinals, they beat Unity, and then wiped the floor with St. Croix Falls at Regional Finals (on their home court!); and finished the season with a heartwrenching loss against Colfax by two points.

The most recent--and last--game was held in New Richmond against Colfax. It was a close game, but the girls ended with a loss. The seniors played their hearts out for (what they didn't know would be) their last game. The teamwork these girls have gained through this sport is unstoppable.

Additionally, their coach, Kim Weber, was named the 2017-2018 Central Lakeland Coach of the Year. Congratulations, what a HUGE accomplishment. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our girls varsity basketball team. We are so proud!

Although it may have been the last time they were on a



**Proud team.** The girls celebrate their Championship plaque proving that they are Regional champs.

high school court, we hope to see them winning some college games!

## Boys Basketball

The boys basketball season started out on a great note with multiple wins.

They started out regional quarter finals by beating St. Croix Falls 64-43 and proceeded to cream Cumberland 57-47, and finished with a loss to Clear Lake at Regional finals by 5 points.

Just as our girls players did, our senior boys have put their hearts and souls into the sport and we will definitely be seeing them on the college courts as they advance in their lives and in the sport.

## Dance

Our dance team once again made it to State! Regionals was held the first weekend of January in Prairie Farm, where the team placed 5th. They advanced on to state, which was held the first weekend of February in LaCrosse. The competition routines were put together by senior Haley Bossany and sophomore Mikki Gillett. Alongside the team, is new coach Lisa Drew and her assistant Casey Morgan helping the girls achieve their biggest dreams through dance and helping them get to the top.

Even though Haley danced her last dance, at least it was at state! "It has truly been an amazing experience being able to spend my high school career expressing myself

through dance," Haley stated. "These girls are incredibly talented and I can't wait to see what they whip up next year."

## Wrestling

It's been a good season for the wrestling crew. Placing 4th in conference were freshman Cole Romsos, sophomores Thomas Vought and Andrew Olson, and



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**Standing strong.** Wrestlers celebrate their strong showing at their Conference meet.

nior Ethan Utt; and placing 3rd were sophomores Remington Ladd and Jacob Gouine. At the regional meet held in Shell Lake, Cole Romsos placed 4th and Remington Ladd placed 2nd. This left Remington as a Sectional qualifier. In Sectionals, Ladd lost by decision to wrestler Marcus Brown, thus ending the season. The season may be over, however, there are still freestyle and greco practices going on. Wrestlers who participate have the chance to meet at the national freestyle greco tournament in Wisconsin Dells from May 5-6.

Our winter sports teams have accomplished great things this year and we can't wait to see what next year has in store.

# Stepping up and helping out

by Kaylee Thomson

Our NHS kids have been working hard recently to finish their community service projects. What have they been up to?

## Alexis Potvin

Alexis is one of the school's most well-known musicians. Music is a talent that many possess. While not all of us are able to play every brass instrument known to man--or even the triangle--we all have our own talents to show to the world.

For Alexis' project, she decided to host a variety show where students from all grades could come and show their own talents for a good cause. The variety show was hosted to support the Diabetes Institute Foundation. The show was held on February



**Can you guess?** Fellow NHS seniors Kayla Gerber and Ashley Salmonson helped India collect money for young mothers.

17 and raised almost \$250! There were acts varying from beatboxing to dancing and everything in between. What's better than being able to use your talents for the greater good?

## Colin Davis

As many have seen, Colin built an outdoor learning environment on the roof of the elementary school for staff and students to enjoy.

Adding to his already impactful contribution, Davis has taken to building butterfly houses that will be placed on the roof along with his other project.

He, along with a few other NHS members, painted the butterfly houses alongside the fourth graders on February 23.

"It's gonna be adorable, quite frankly," Colin adds.

## Carli Wanink

On February 25, Carli prepared spaghetti, garlic bread, and cookies to distribute at the Benjamin House in Rice Lake. "I'm going to bring the food to the Benjamin House and serve it to the families and people who live there," Carli says. The Benjamin House has been a huge target for donations in the past for not only NHS members, but other clubs such as Spanish Club and FCCLA.

## India Carpentier

When it comes to charity, speaking up for those who cannot do it themselves is often a large target. A large group providing an example is young mothers.

India Carpentier decided to help and held a "guess how much candy is in a baby bottle" activity in the high school commons for a

week. Each guess cost \$1 and all proceeds went to the Pregnancy Help Center in



**Fly away.** NHS members Colin Davis and Chris Schwarz assist Mrs. Brion's fourth grade class paint Colin's self-made butterfly houses.

Rice Lake. "You can get information about the center on their website!" India adds. Learn more about the Rice Lake Pregnancy Help Center at [www.pregnancy-helpricelake.org](http://www.pregnancy-helpricelake.org).

## Chris Schwarz

Speaking of children, Chris Schwarz decided to lend them a helping hand by donating books and toys for children to use in local clinics. He had large boxes around the school used to hold donations and an announcement placed to remind students and staff every day to donate.

"Kids get wild in waiting rooms," Schwarz explains, "so I thought I'd help them out and give them something to do while they wait." All donations to Chris' boxes will be distributed to surrounding hospitals such as the Mayo Health Clinic and Lakeview Medical Center.

Thanks for making a difference!

# Fun winter festivities

by Gunner Wilder

This year, the Cameron High School Student Council decided to make some changes to the Winter Carnival festivities. In the past, we have had dress up days, activities during lunch, and a dance to cap off the week. After multiple meetings and various ideas being considered, the Student Council decided it was best to dispose of dress-up days. Based on past participation, they thought it would be best to have a Bingo game on Wednesday, a “Heart Stealing” competition and schoolwide assembly on Thursday, and finally the activity day on Friday. This year’s assembly contained an assortment of partner and team games such as sibling quizzes and Cameron’s version of the Winter Olympics. When asked about his opinion on



**Brother, sister, battle.** Freshman Richie Murphy and junior Julia Murphy competed in the sibling quiz battle during the assembly on Friday.

the new Winter Carnival format senior Colin Davis said, “I thought it was a good idea. Most people

don’t participate in the dress up days, so it was fine to lose that. Also, the assembly was super fun. We should have those much more often, I think.”

The following day students had the option to go bowling, ice fishing, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or head to Eau Claire for a day at Action City. Last year was the first time Action City was an option for Cameron students. After having two busses full of Comets wanting to take part in the fun, the decision was made to offer the trip again this year. Once more, the attendance was outstanding. To end the week, the FFA hosted a Sadie Hawkins Dance. Students enjoyed the energy of the hoedown! All the activities were a big hit, and the students enjoyed the final day of Winter Carnival.

Happy Winter!



**Riveting relay.** Seniors Jordana Craveiro and Micayla Kirkland worked hard to get a win for the senior class during Cameron’s version of the “Winter Olympics”.



**Action-packed day.** Sophomores Melina Gravenhorst, Jenna Schwarz, and freshman Makenzie Schwarz participated in a fun-filled day at Action City in Eau Claire.



**Big catch.** Mr. Meznarich reeled in a fish he caught at the ice-fishing activity.



**Skiing frenzy.** Cameron students who chose to participate in skiing ran into “The Beast” on the trails.

# ACT-ivity day

by Micayla Kirkland



**Dress to impress.** The freshmen class dressed in gear for their possible future careers.

While the juniors were ACT testing, the sophomores and freshman were out to plan! The reason behind the freshmen and sophomores trips is related to the State Initiative, Academic and Career Planning (ACP), which encourages kids to take advantages of the opportunities to explore different career and career paths. This year the sophomores got to tour three different companies. They toured

Sweet Additions, ABC Truss, and Mosaic Telecom.

Sweet Addition makes syrups and sugars for other businesses. ABC Truss assembles trusses for many building. They make a truss every four minutes! Students learned that at Mosaic there are many of different careers available. Sophomore Mikelle Sayles said, "They do a lot more than

cell phones and internet. I was surprised."

The freshmen toured CVTC and UW Eau Claire. They learned about different fields and career paths. Freshman Austin Schoenecker said, "I enjoyed learning about welding and mechanical design career paths."

It was a successful day for all the classes and planning their futures.



**On the job.** One group of the sophomore class got all dressed up to go though Sweet Additions.

## Environmental learning experiences

by Amara Rodriguez

The environmental science class is learning about different industries and their effects on our atmosphere. In February, students visited a frac sand mine right off of Highway 8. The students learned how it's processed and its uses, such as obtaining oil. After, they were all asked to decide if frac mining has more negative or positive effects on the environment. To further their learn-



**Always be safe.** Students gear up in safety attire while on their tour.

ing, students went to the Barron County Incinerator. They learned all about recycling and its positive effects. The incinerator recycles 100 tons of waste per day. The energy is used for powering the utilities at Saputo Cheese factory and the remaining energy is sold to Excel Energy. Senior Zach Huffman said, "Both field trips were very cool experiences and helped



**Whole lotta recycling.** Students learn how the waste is recycled.

better my understanding of these topics."

The trips wouldn't have been possible without Mr. Haugan setting them up to give his students a cool way of learning about these topics rather than strictly text books and classroom discussion.

# All the way to state

by Amara Rodriguez

Fifty-one brave souls went out for forensics this year. Forensic members are required to do the number one thing most people are afraid of . . . public speaking. There are many different categories students can perform in, such as group interpretation, farrago, storytelling, prose, solo-acting, demonstration, and four-minute speeches. Each one of these events requires a different skill set, whether it be



**Way to go, girls.** Sophomore girls pose with their first place trophy they received in group interpretation at the Baldwin meet.

memorization, reading skills, being able to work well in a group or all of these three combined. Saturday, February 10 was the team's first practice meet in Baldwin. At the meet many of our students went home with medals. On February 17 the team had another successful practice meet in Menomonie where twelve students came home with a plaque. On March 13, the team traveled to Eau Claire for Districts. Thanks to the help of coaches Mrs. Hagen-Salm, Mrs. Pica, and Mrs. Forcey, each member did an outstanding job and everyone advanced on to State on April 21 at UW-Madison!

Forensics members aren't the



**Winners.** Students who placed at the Menomonie Invitational show off their plaques. These students placed in the top five in their category.

only ones going to state this year. Eight FBLA members will be competing at the State level on April 8-10 in La Crosse.

After many long hours of preparing and studying, the FBLA team traveled to St. Croix Central on February 3 for their Regional competition. Advancing to State are members Ashley Salmonson and Micaela Murphy in Broadcast Journalism, Haley Bosany and Meranda Richter

in eBusiness, Frankie Pica and Avery Krahenbuhl in Intro to Business Communication, Henry Huth in Agribusiness, and Kaylee Thomson in Journalism. Other medalists at Regionals included Eliza Anderson in Introduction to Public Speaking, and McCormick Davison, Luke Saffert, and Jake Salm in Sports Management.

We wish all of these students the best of luck as they bring their A-game to state this year.



**Shining stars.** FBLA members show off their hardware after competing at St. Croix Central for Regionals. They are Mrs. Hopkins, Eliza Anderson, Kaylee Thomson, Meranda Richter, Micaela Murphy, Ashley Salmonson, Avery Krahenbuhl, and Frankie Pica.

# The phenomenon of parenting

by Jordana Craveiro

Parenting is a heavily discussed subject, especially when talking about how you should raise a child. Everyone knows that parents exert enormous influence over their children's development. But how should you raise, influence, and take care of your child? A lot of parents ask themselves this question and hope they learn all about the phenomenon of having a child.

At CHS, the Child Development class gives an opportunity to learn how to understand children, to have stronger experiences and relationships with them, and to find the answers that most future parents ask themselves. Through this class,



**Playdough time.** Kiah plays with the kindergartners.

students explore the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of children; family, discipline, the value of play, TV and children, day care, and other issues related to children. This is the perfect class for students who plan to become a parent someday or even considering a career that involves working with children.

Mrs. Adams, the class teacher, affirms that it is amazing to be

able to teach students such important information. She even organized a field trip to the elementary school with her class so they could experience real

“Nobody has the instinct of being a good parent; parenting and parenthood are different things. This class teaches students all about a child life and how people should raise a baby. It teaches me and my classmates how to be a better parent.”

- Hannah Thomson

life with a child. Before the field trip, the students were separated in four groups. Each one had to plan an activity that involved physical, emotional and intellectual development for the kindergartners. When the class arrived at the elementary school, each group put their plans in action. One example of the activities was a hopscotch game, where

when kids jumped on a square, they had to read the word on the square. The kindergartners were all smiles. “This active learning helps in a child's development, and it is great that this class can put in practice what they had learned,” send Mrs. Adams.

Students believe this is an interesting class especially if you want to have kids in the future. According to one of the students, “Nobody has the instinct of being a good parent; parenting and parenthood are different things. This class teaches students all about a child's life and how people should raise a baby. It teaches me and my classmates how to be a better parent,” said Hannah Thomson. Being a parent is a big job!



**Jumping and learning.** Freshman student, Alyssa Guinto, jumps around with the kindergarten students as they learn words.

# Welcome to CHS

Recently, a few new faces have been seen in the halls of CHS. We welcome Ms. Helen Goosby, Mr. David Craft and Ms. Gina Fisher.

Helen Goosby is our new LMC aide. She graduated from Barron High School in 2011, and got her Associate's Degree in General Studies from UW-Barron County in 2014. Some other previous jobs include cashiering at Kohl's, waitressing at Perkins, and working in her family's business of copy machine experts. She currently works at the Cameron Public Library along with ours! She currently lives in Barron, and so far, has very much enjoyed her time at Cameron HS. She said, "Everyone, from the students



Welcome, Ms. Goosby!

to the staff, have been quite welcoming and kind. It may be a different atmosphere from the public library, but I still enjoy it the

same."

Some hobbies she enjoys are knitting/crocheting, baking, karate (she currently has her green/purple belt), and she is learning Welsh.

We have an intern at Cameron High School. Gina Fisher, a senior at Rice Lake High School, grew up in Haugen and plans to attend UW-River Falls for English education next fall.

Gina is finishing the required 70 hours of shadowing with Mrs. Sheri Hagen-Salm. Her first 50+ hours were in an elementary and middle school classroom at Rice Lake. Her adviser, Kelly Orr, a high school business education teacher, decided to give Gina a fresh perspective by sending her to neighboring Cameron for two hours a day to assist Mrs. Hagen-Salm with English Presentations and English IIB. She has helped create vocabulary lessons and



Learn a lot, Gina!

has been interviewed by a junior for a speech. Gina and Mrs. Hagen-Salm discuss classroom management, curriculum, reading comprehension, and more.

Mr. Craft is Mrs. Pica's student teacher. He graduated from the University of Alaska with a Bachelors degree, but grew up in Ocean Springs Mississippi. He is employed by the Shell Lake School District as an after-school teacher. Mr. Craft said, "I believe that all students have the capacity to learn and have a right to a quality education." Some of his hobbies include exploring technology, video games, Dungeons and Dragons, Pokemon GO, fish aquariums, and collecting historical artifacts.

Be sure to greet these new faces when you are in the hallways or classrooms. Welcome!



Good luck, Mr. Craft.

## Save a life - donate blood

FBLA will be hosting a blood drive on April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please see Mrs. Hopkins to sign up or go online to American Red Cross to sign up.



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# Congratulations!



Paul Mikolon and Julia Murphy made CHS history by competing at the State Power Lifting tournament in March. Paul took first place in his weight class and Julia took third place in hers. Congratulations to you both!



## Paul Mikolon and Julie Murphy