## Mystic 2016

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## BRAND SPANKIN" NEW <br> What's New?



What's new? This year many new and exciting changes took place at Cameron High School. From new policies to new staff and classes, we started the year off with quite an array of fresh and exciting elements. Over the summer, a new front office was built. It included a brand new double door system designed to make our school more secure. To provide all students and faculty members with a parking pass, and to use the parking lo more efficiently, numbers were painted on each spot and passes were sold with the corresponding numbers. We also welcomed quite a few new staff members this year, including two new counselors, Mr. Burks and Mrs Henry. Other new teachers included science teachers Mrs. Colson and Mr. Holder, and new business and marketing teacher Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Helton returned to CHS as the new credit recovery teacher. Furthering the sequence of our Project Lead the Way program, we added two new classes for this school year. Engineering has gained Aerospace Engineering, and Biomed has grown to include Medical Interventions. One of the most significant changes we've made was the opening of Cameron Veterans' Middle School. Moving into the school at the beginning of December provided new classrooms for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, as well as additional storage for the band room (now connected to both schools) and another gym for team practices, games, and tournaments. Our schools continue to grow and improve as we move farther into the 21st century.

## FRIENDS FROM AFAR Foreign Exchange



This year CHS welcomed three foreign exchange students: Patricia Maria lanez Carvia, Leonardo Moraes, and Jasmina Oreskova'. Coming from all corners of the globe asmina Oreskova. Coming from all corners of the globe hey enjoyed cultural ties and faced barriers, yet they all adjusted well. Coming from Spain, Brazil, and Slovakia, the brought different views about everyday life and embraced their cultural differences. Although the initial adjustment may have been a bit of a shock, the three seemed to adapt quickly. One major cultural difference is the obvious difference of languages. Although Jasmina has been taking English classes since her second year in school, Leo has only known the language from his three years of experience in high school classes. When asked about the contrast in education between America and Spain, Patricia told us, "The school system here is completely different. It's much easier, you have less stress, and you have more types of classes and you can choose your classes, choose things you like. The school is so different here, it's much better. I would love to have this school system in Spain."

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 From Slovakia, we welcome Jasmina exchange programs
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ahother world" said Jasmina about her


## DONATE



This year CHS again held a Fall Blood Drive. Many students signed up to donate blood. They were assigned different times and would go separately and get their blood taken by one of the nurses. FFA, CHS' largest group, sponsored the blood drive, which again proved a roaring success. Some students felt lightheaded following their donation. An FFA member would give them something to eat and drink. Mrs.Buller is in charge of the FFA blood drive and had some students help escort other students back to their classes just to make sure they got back to their classes safely. Cassandra 0'Dell said, "I think donating blood is a very good thing to do. Donating blood is an easy and hard thing to do."

## $\because H O M E C O M I N G$ Spirit Week



Who says we have to grow up? Mrs. Robinson said Spirit Week was much better than anticipated, but she worried because of the amount of planning ahead and this being her first time to manage Homecoming. STUCO president Mattie Chaney, who has been in the organization for the past four years, proved to be a great help with planning out events for the students to enjoy. This year the reward goes to the Freshman for being undefeated with the themes (and upsetting the seniors in the process). The traditional daily theme days for this years Spirit Week were: Monday, PJ Day; Tuesday, Redneck Day;
Wednesday, Opposite Day;
Thursday, Class theme day; and Friday Black and Gold day. All classes did amazing this year and students throughout the school enjoyed themselves. Once again, STUC0 provided a week filled with fun.


## DISNEY ON PARADE

Floats \& Parades


Disney inspired this year's spirit week.The students dressed up as Disney characters from the various movies
hat were designated the class themes. The freshmen went as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, sophomores as Toy Story tharacters, Juniors as The Little Mermaid and her friends, and seniors as Lilo and Stitch. On the Senior float, Iristan Wyckoff portrayed Stitch, while Sawyer Day filled the roll of Ariel for the Juniors. On the Sophomore floa Iyler White dressed up as Woody. Freshmen Ryley Baragary and Cameron Goble filled the roles of Minnie and Wyckoff. Juniors that were on the float this year was Sawyer Day. Sophomores that were on the float was Hannah Wilson, Ben Mcafee, Tyler Bruyer, Gabe Sykes, Mckenzie Brown, and Jessie Funk. Freshmen that were in the parade were Kayla Bricker, Matthew Eberhart, Lauren McBee, and Cody Sedgwick. Most of the underclassmen have friends" said freshman Kylynn Mallen. Float decorators included Shanya Callaway, Sawyer Bay, Amanda Viken Kylynn Mallen, Tanner Hermanson, and many more. The decorators this year have dedicated much of their free junior's third, and sophomores fourth.




## PLAY LIKE A GIRL Powder Puff

After three years, Cameron High School students were finally rewarded with a Homecoming Powder Puff game. The Seniors and the Freshmen teamed up against the Sophomores and Juniors. Eventually, after a long game, the Senior and Freshman team came out with the victory. With several successful football boys serving as coaches, including Levi Marlay and Tanner Gordon, both teams put up a fight and played exceptionally well.

CHS students were expecting the seniors in charge of the bonfire to make up for last year's rain out. Bonfire builders were given restrictions as to the height of the flames (six feet), and no wood could be delivered until 3:30pm on the afternoon of the bonfire, Thursday, October 8th. Senior Cotton Chubick said, "Honestly, we really had no clue作 $11: 00$ that day. Me and several others spent from the time we were able to leave searching for places to get wood and loading it." CHS seniors were ready to light up the football field parking lot with flames roaring high. The Cameron Dragon Marching Band played the CHS Fight Song as the boys brought their torches to the assembled pile of wood, ready to unleash their Dragon's fire.


## KING AND OUEEN <br> Homecoming Coronation



The homecoming court flanks newly-crowhed
king and queen Devin France and Keisha Rush


This year's homecoming court includes senior attendants Kaylea Gunn and Sam Pratt, Mattie Chaney and Trent Naylor, and Eastin McDowell and Sam Evans; freshman attendants Lexi Smith and Tyler Anderson, sophmore attendants Emily Ramsey and Sam West, and junior attendants Hannah Robinson and David Curtis. Seniors eisha Rush and Devin France earned their crowns as Homecoming King and Queen on October 9th during halftime of the Homecoming game. Earlier that day, the entire court took part in the traditional parade through downtown Cameron. The parade also featured class floats each grade decorated along with the fall sport floats. Homecoming royalty also took part in activities during the pep rally. Congratulations to Keisha Rush, Devin France and their court for the honor of representing fall athletes.



The Cameron Dragons took the field Friday October 9th hoping for a win, but came up short when the game ended with a 30-7 Benton victory. Even though we lost the game, the team played their hearts out and had a ended with a 30-7 Benton victory. Even though we lost the game, the team played their hearts out and had a good time with good friends which is all that really matters. The night was also filled with fun activities such as th marching band performance, our Cameron cheerleaders, and the Cameron Pom Squad which danced a routine
accompanied by the marching band. of course, the homecoming royalty was crowned during halftime. All in all homecoming night was a eventful fun night that people will hold in their memories forever.


## WE HAD A BALL HOMECOMING DANCE



After crowning Keisha Rush and Devin France as this year's royalty and all the excitement of the half time performances, the loss to the Cardinals left CHS fans at the Dave Goodwin Field disappointed. Saturday at 7:00 p.m. sharp CHS students flooded the high school gymnasium to vent their pent-up emotions over Friday night's loss. They released their frustration by dancing with their friends. This year the students enjoyed a photo booth for the first time at Homecoming. The booth came complete with props and script pads to make each of the photo strips unique. Individuals and groups took advantage of the opportunity to create their own photo memories for free as STUCO provided the booth. Amy Moore took the pictures in the photo booth at the-homecoming dance, which all the individuals really did enjoy using. Students enjoyed visiting with their at the -homecoming dance, which alt the indiduals really so good this year that all the revelers had a blast friends and dancing and taking pictures. The music was so good that he made homecoming king saying, dancing with their dates and friends. Devin France was shocked that he made homecoming king saying,
"Being in the parade was cool. Everybody waved and took pictures. I thought it was cool that Keisha and "Being in the parade was cool. Everybody waved and took pic
were originally chosen together and we were voted together."


The students of CHS are breaking it down and dancing it out in the spirit of courtwarming. As students from all grades come together and bond, they all have tons of fun and make unforgettable memories. With courtwarming, comes courtwarming royalty. 2016's courtwarming royalty consisted of six different couples, one freshman couple, one sophmore couple, one Junior couple, and three senior couples. The freshman couple this year was Elliot Turner and Elise Wenck. The Sophmore couple was Sam Morrison and McKenzie Davis. The Junior couple this year was Zane Farmer and Taylor Hughes. The three Senior couples were Tyler Gerber and Haley Evans, Nick Zittritsch and Sahara Huffman, and Andrew Pratt and Haley McClure. This years courtwarming king and queen were Tyler Gerber and Sahara Huffman.

"My favorite part about being nominated king was being a round everybody and school spirid."

- Tyler Gerber

Several girls including Taylor Urichahd Madison Davis dance With their friends.
2. Sahara Huffman, Jendrie Vah Brunt and Riley Calvert pose for a queck photo
3.CHS students boogie out on the dance floor
4. Jay Jowes busts a move on the middle of the
commons.
5. The Courtwarming attendants play an intense admendants play an entense
game to get to know their game to get to
partwers better.




## ANIMATRONICS

Engineering


Project Lead The Way Engineering enjoyed success in its second year. Mr. Girard not only helped the students create fun projects, but also had them document their work through reports and more traditional worksheet assessments. Student projects included propellers, cube puzzles, parachutes, and more. The program became so popular that three sections were held this year. Students who joined the program plan on continuing in the engineering career field throughout their lives. The program prepares members for college classes. Most members of the program also compete through the school's Engineering Club. In addition, students use their computer-guided equipment to produce products for sale such as holiday ornaments and laser-etched plaques





Project Lead The Way (PLTW) provides students with advanced classes to explore and experience various aspects of the healthcare field. There are four classes in the Biomed program, and each course is one full year. The classes are Principles of Biomedical Science (PBS), Human Body Systems (HBS), Medical Interventions (MI), and Biomedical Innovations (BI). Many students enrolled in the program strongly believe that PLTW has allowed them to gain the experience necessary to pursue the career of their choice, whether in the health care field or other scientific vocations.

As long as students have a strong passion to help others and to make the world a better place, then we can count on eeing them in the near future as our physicians, psychologists, radiologists, lab technicians, physical therapists, or any ith prefte bit of hard work and willowe these students can become the face future medicine and science.

Tana Anderson (president), Danuelle Sutton (vicepresident), Nicole Gidthens (treasurer), Chandler Neely
secretary), Abigail Robinson, Nicole Jackson, and
Kylyun Mallen (S TUCO Representatives), Destiny
Darrah (reporter), and Taylor Ramsey nistorian).



Art. This three letter word alone means something different to each individual. For some, it could mean writing terature or dancing. However, to these students, art meant drawing, painting, or sculpting. Most of them already excelled in creating art, while others still worked on learning techniques such as The Rule of Thirds, different shades of excelled in creating art, while others still worked on learning techniques such as The Rule of Thirds, different shad
colors, and gradients. Using what they learned, students applied these methods to their projects using a variety of different mediums such as Sharpies, colored pencils, watercolors, acrylic paint, and more.

Ms. Lewis taught her students that creating art is a process. First, students drew rough sketches of the picture or design they wish to create. After that, they drew it darker or used different media to enhance it further until they revealed the vision in their mind. Sometimes a student was not completely satisfied with their sketch so they would simply try a new approach.

Art is all about students experimenting and finding their own art style. Every project a student begins brings a sense of inspiration and motivation to the artist. And when the artist completes a project, it gives them a sense of

Everyday, as students walked to their classes, they passed by the various artworks displayed around the hallways, the library, and in the art room. Viewing these works of art, many came to realize that each piece took dedication, patience, and time to complete. Without these three qualities, a student would never be able to complete an art project. As long as students continue to search for inspiration and let their imaginations soar, all students can count on seeing amazing art projects displayed throughout the halls each and every year.

> "They [] painted a chair as a reptica of a painting or in the style of the [chosen] artist." -Ms. Lewis


1. Cevin Townsend and Justin
Gans cover their hands to use as
molds for their sculptures.
2. Jordan Ripley uses
watercolors to paint in her sketc
book.
3. Andy isstieb concentrates on
his multi medium art project.
4. Madalyn Lohman smites for the
camera as she finishes her
painting.
5. Derrick Estes working on his
hand sculpture.

 brought an international appeal to Cameron's Friday Night Lights! The ensemble's latest marching tunes revolved around a Latin theme. Mrs. Goodwin-Clark, one of the two directors for the band, said, "Mr. Duren and I listened to a lot of different music and we felt that this years theme fit the personality and playing style of the band." Selections ranged from the Mangione Opener, a blend of famous flugelhorn player Chuck Mangione greatest hits, to Evil Ways, a classic tune composed by Carlos Santana and immortalized during the Woodstock festival of 1969. The experience wasn't exclusive to Dave Goodwin Field as the marching band claimed first place at the MWSU homecoming parade in St. Joseph.

The fruits of the members' labor in band wasn't limited to music as Senior trumpeter John Rupert reflected on what his instrumental career has done for him. "I think [band] has helped me have more patience and learning to work hard on something continuously and becoming better at it." Mrs. Goodwin-Clark tops the season off with this comment, "You always look back and there are things you wish could've been done differently, but I feel that everyone had a good attitude, work ethic, and I think the band wrapped their brains around the music really well. It was a really successful season." In fact, one could say it was my caliente!

We're too good of a band to be wearing white socks!"
-Mr. Duren



As the year progressed, the leaves turned crisp and the weather got too cold for the pigskin, the band moved ndoors. It's indisputable that the marching band left it all on the field; however, the band doesn't stop there. In fact the majority of their yearly work is spent sharpening their abilities as individuals and as a group! Select members traveled across the state to participate in clinic bands, full group performances, and District or State level activities. Concert season started at the 54th annual Patriotic Concert and ended at the Band-0-Rama concert. What filled the gaps mostly consisted of preparing full group contests at Northwest Missouri State University. While at Maryville, the band received a "one" rating, the highest mark possible.
Solo and small ensemble contests were held in early April, and were graded on the same scale as large band contests. Students receiving a "one" rating traveled to the University of Missouri campus later that month. While performing their piece should be the emphasis, it's being with friends that made the trip memorable. "It was pretty awesome to be in Columbia for my first time, and also to play with the amazing kids who were in my ensemble" sophomore Thomas Hutton said.



## BEATS BY DRUMMERS

After marching ad the Missouri Western Homecomeng Parade, the drumteme, consisting of percussionists and eager volunteers from other Marching Festival in Trenton for a 9:30 p.m. formance. The drumtine received exceptional performance. The drumbure receved exceptoma
marks, placing 2ud out of the 8 class 3 schools marks, placing 2 ud out of the 8 class 3 schools
athending. This year marked the first time the ensemble implemented both a plot and theme to their performance. In the feature's opener, Bongo Lovie (Samuel Evan) performed white Salsa Sal (Jordan Bradford) anta gonized him. In seasons past, the drumtine performed only once, which was at competition. This year the ensemble received all
encoreand performed at the winter sports pep rally



Grand River Technical School offers a variety of programs for Juniors and Seniors including Auto Services, Building Trades, Business Technology, Career Independence, Child Care Services, Collision Technology, Computer Networking Tech, Computer Service Tech, Diesel Services Tech, EMT- Paramedic, Health Services Technology, Industrial Maintenance, and Industrial Welding. Vo Tech students attend the first three and a half classes at Cameron High School, then travel to The Grand River Technical School in Chillicothe where they stay until 3 p.m. They take the bus over to Vo Tech and have to eat their lunch on the bus. This is just one of the sacrifices they must make as the bus doesn't return until 3:30, making those on sports teams late for practice every day. Senior Justin Gans, who is in bus doesn't return until 3:30, making those on sports teams late for practice every day. Senior Justin Gans, who is in
the welding program, is one of the Vo Tech students involved in sports. He works it out thanks to the understanding of his coaches. When asked if it' hard to miss the first half of practice, Justin says, "No. I actually enjoy missing the first part of practice. It gets me out of running."

Vo Tech students have the option of earning college credit in certain programs. The Grand River Technical School has articulated agreements with several colleges. The program most students tend to utilize is North Central Missour College out of Trenton. Most students choose a program because they plan on working in the field after high school. Justin Gans picked the Welding program because he wanted to make a career out of it. Students' in his program have their welds graded on their appearance and strength.

"Vo Techis an experience and makes a bunch of friends. It has helped me be prepared to get a job a fleer high school." - Samantha Gericke


Our homework is your memories. Yearbook isn't just about taking a few pictures and slapping them down with a story and calling it good. Yearbook is about being committed and actually enjoying taking the pictures and interviewing people, even though we have to get out of our comfort zone. Not only is yearbook an academic class, but it is a great and memorable experience for all the Mystic staff members. There are two senior editors this year, Brianna Chastain and Maranda Neeley. This is Brianna and Maranda's second book they've created. Over the past years the Senior Editors have not been able to have the books completed and ready to pass out at the following registration. But,

 ere able to pass thent Thas studens registered his year. Now, afec comp.ong ast year's book hey had rarge hoes to fill, their own! They spent ime over the summer plank, and wonig oget the book prepped and ready to
 earbook publishers. But, this year the Cameron yearbook staff hosted the yearbook workshop, starting the year off stressfully. Thanks to a new publisher, the yearbook staff added a few new features including the ability to add videos to any page. Hundreds of hours went into creating the yearbook. Each and every yearbook member spent every spare minute working on their spreads to make sure it was completed on time. So enjoy our homework



Kelly Baker is not dechnically part of the yearbook staff. She doesht desigh spreads or take photos. Instead, she does something more emportant. Kelly started being a part of our family in 2015, when she desighed our t-shirtlogo. Then, in 2016, the senior editors wanted something more original for the front cover to fit their theme, "Dragon Tales." So, alokg with Mr. Calvert, they went to Kelly for her artustuc abulety again. They made suggestions and gave kelly what they wanted and she gave dhem exachly what dhey asked for. The Mystic staff will forever be grateful for kelly's contributions.

## GET THE SCOOP

## Newspaper



The Tank newspaper staff loves writing and getting down to business, but still makes time for some fun. Zoe Jones ays, "I think writing for the school and the community and being in a class with people who can write is always fun." says, "I think writing for the school and the community and being in a class with people who can write is always fun.
Journalism can be exciting as staff members must interview people and conduct research before writing their stories They work hard to meet deadlines for their weekly publication in the Cameron Citizen-Observer. Once a journalist writes a story, it must be edited to eliminate errors of content or style.

Tank staff members do have fun. This year they took Mrs.Robinson's breath away by giving her a special surprise birthday party. They gave Mrs. Robinson her favorite treats, red velvet cupcakes and Pepsi. The newspaper staff works hard, always pushing not only themselves, but each other to the limit to make sure the newspaper published each week reflects the highest quality possible.

"Stalker, journatist. What's the difference?" -Mrs.Robinson


1. Zach Moore, westerly Jones, and Slequawn Jomes discuss a story to make sure it is accurate.
2. Zach Moore, Gage Zeit, and ste'quawn Jones demonstrate the value of teamwork.
3. Gage Zeit effers advice to 2ach Moore on lis story.
4. Amanda Viken focuses on Cinissing ler story.
5. Zoe Jones edids Westerly jowes' Story with her. Editing creates a polished story


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## BUZZ IN



This year's academic team consisted of nine members who competed in eight meets. The varsity team only had one win this season, but finished just behind the leader in several meets. The junior varsity team had two wins, but also competed well with several close matches where they lost in sudden death battles. An academic match consists of four quarters of fifteen questions per quarter adding up to a total of sixty questions per match. The questions come from all disciplines of the curriculum and vary in complexity depending on the quarter of the match. Tossup questions, which are asked during the first and third quarters, could be from any category past or present. Bonus questions serve the same purpose at the start of the second and fourth quarters. Sophomore Judah Beasley says, "I enjoy the social studies and communication arts questions." However, like many team members, he prefers the questions he knows.


No rituals, no tactics, but when we dont know the answer and it's a person, we just say 'Smith.'"

- Judah Beastey
"Interact has shown me that our school and community can come together and do something great."
- Jordan knutter
 Addy Nible

1. Dylan Swindler and Garrett
Ramsey sign a thank you card
dedicated to Cameron policemen,
firemen, and mititary veterans.
2. Emily peterson and Drew Jessen
put together packages of sweets for
retired servicemen in Cameron.
3. Tanher Hermanson rakes up
leaves and sticks outside of the
women's sheller.
4. A few members get together with
the bags of leaves collected.
5. Whitey Heldenbrand helps clean the
yard at the women's sheller, one of
the group's service projects.



The Interact Club formed years ago with a goal of getting students involved in our community. The membership levels this year increased drastically compared to the past few years. With over 70 members in total, the group engaged in many new and larger projects throughout the year. While the club performed one significant project monthly, they also found various community events to help out with as they arose including throwing a dance for the workers at Clinco Sheltered Industries facility. As the school year proceeded, members completed large outside projects for the community such as cleaning the women's shelter and refurbishing the garden at the hospital. They also accomplished a collection of smaller projects indoors including baking sweets garden at the hospital. They also accomplished a collection of smaller projects indoors including baking Interact is sponsored by the Cameron Rotary Club, and the two groups often team up for projects and events together.



## CULTURE SHOCK Foreign Language Club



Going to different restaurants is a way for different people who are learning a new language to see how different cultures make and serve food, and how the cultures differ in other part of the world. The Foreign Language Club (FLC) enjoyed going to various restaurants and trying new foods. The club went to El Maguey and had a foreign-language movie night. The group participated in the Modern Language Day hosted by Missouri Western State University. The students also participated in language and cultural activities, and engaged in competitions. The Spanish III students, including Chandler Neely, Andrew Pratt, and Marissa Pina, and Spanish IV student Nathan Jackson attended the event which featured students from other schools from northwest Missouri. The day gave students the opportunity to see the diversity found in our part of Missouri.


"DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe" DECA advisor Mrs. Simpson stated. Dragon's management in high schools and colleges around the globe" DECA advisor Mrs. Simpson stated. Dragon's
Den gave DECA members the opportunity to apply their learning in the real world. The business, operating Den gave DECA members the opportunity to apply their learning in the real world. The business, operat
out of the concession stand, gave staff and students the opportunity to get their morning cup of coffee, out of the concession stand, gave staff and students the opportunity to get their morning cup of coffee,
muffins, and cookies, as well as various clothing items to help them represent CHS. As Madison Davis said, muffins, and cookies, as well as various clothing items to help them represent CHS. As Madison Davis said,
"Mrs. Simpson is doing amazingly well for her fist year." This was Madison's first year of DECA as well and she enjoyed learning and going through all the events and competitions with Mrs.Simpson. "She already knows so much about the organization and she has helped all of us members so much with everything" Madison explained. This year, DECA went to districts with six students, with two advancing to state. Madison and Mackenzie Davis' work finally paid off as they place third in districts with their Community Service project. "We did not place high enough to get to internationals. However, I'm proud of the girls who competed," said Mrs.Simpson. DECA members worked hard, and it is definitely showing. The program hopes to send more students to state next year and maybe even internationals.


## STATE



Mackenzie and Madison Davis earned the opportunity to go to state this year thanks to their third place finish in districts with their community service project The sisters organized the collection of Christmas presents and personal hygiene items by CVMS students for donation to needy families in the area. The 0peration Christmas Child project demonstrated for the judges their ability to serve the community in a leadership capacity. Even though they did not place high enoush to oo to internationals, they performed quite well for their first year of DECA lo go oo internationals, they performed quite well for heir first year of DECA, learning to be ling marketing, inance, hospitality, an management. Mackenzie and Madison might not have made it all the way this year, but they have learned so much, and by next year they will be even more prepared, both individually and together, to advance to internationals.

"BE DECA EPIC!"

- Mrs,Simpson




## LEAD OUT LOUD

FCCLA


Family, leadership, and kindness; these are just a few of the many positive values FCCLA members live by. From bonding at leadership conferences, to presenting and placing at star events, FCCLA members showed these values every day. FCCLA members helped children by teaching and even playing members showed these values every day. FCCLA members helped children by teaching and even playing community service to benefit those in their community, all while reaching out for new members so they could show others what leadership means so that everyone would participate.



FFA
Future Farmers of America (FFA), the largest student organization in the high school community, is a dynamic youth program within the agricultural education department that changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Traditional activities, such as Barnwarming and the FFA banquet, serve to teach members about FFA culture while developing lifelong relationships. This year many FFA teams placed in their division at districts. The Ag Mechanics, Asronomy, Entomology, Livestock, Floriculture, and Poultry teams went to state. Austin Heldenbrand received his state degree. State proficiency awards were granted to Austin Dotson, Natalie Eaton, James Evenson, Thad Fry, and Austin Heldenbrand. The program had an successful year overall.
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The FFA Officer Team 2. Claire Stuedle serves dinwer to new members and dheir famikes.

## 3. Addy Nible helps new members

 get fitted for their FFA dackets.Athendants wait in anticipation for the crowning of the Barnwarming Reyally. 5. These members each placed withen the top five undividual
at area contest. With five at area centest, with five
advancing to sta te through first place proficiency awards.


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Show choir is all about people who love to sing, dance, and put on a show for an audience. Every year "Lights, Cameron, Action" portrays some sort of a story or feeling. This year's theme, "Decent into Madness," began with "Crazy Train" by 0zzy 0sbourne, with lyrics that describe how the cast slowly descended into madness. The show featured large song and dance numbers mixed with individual and small-group performances.

All the students in this extracurricular program had a role to play. Because they put their all out on the stage and spent hours rehearsing the show many times to make it better, audiences and contest judges alike were astounded. This truly was a family that came together to make beautiful sounds, as well as amazing visual displays. The energy they exuded while singing and dancing astounded everyone who saw it. Not happy resting on their success from last year, this exur's wroup went back to the year's group went back to the same contest in Sedaiia and earned an even hairstyles and makeup, achieved by bringing in an outside designer to provide extra flair.



Noblesse Oblige: this phrase of French origin means, "Nobility Obligates," and serves as the NHS motto. However, as Mrs. Harper-Stemberger said, "The phrase is only as strong as its application." She served as the sponsor for the Cameron's NHS chapter, making her responsible for holding NHS students to this standard. As such, the application process for membership was rigorous with eligible students completing an application which is then voted on by a panel of teachers. Mrs. Harper-Stemberger said, "I [hold] a meeting with officers each month to ensure the chapter is student-driven." The group met approximately once a month during the school year to discuss upcoming events. Some of these events included trick-or-treating for canned goods, adopt-a-family, and Easter basket stuffing. "One of my favorites was a trash pick-up, [where we] drove across town in teams trying to see how much trash we can find to clean up Cameron" Chapter President Whitnee Ice said. The type of involvement didn't matter, as long as it helped the community, and prepared the upperclassmen for their lives after high school. Jared Meister reflected on his involvement with NHS. "I've earned a lot about helping other people. But mainly what l've taken from NHS is all the service projects that we've done, and just the large amount of ways that you can do something for somebody else."

## MIND OVER MATTER

If one were to look for an example of true commitment, search no further than NHS President Whitnee Ice, who has the rare condition "Hypermobile Ehlers Danlos Syndrome." "It's a connective tissue disorder" she said. "It affects the protein in collagen in my body from head to toe." Nonetheless, she still leads the regular meeting and participates in the group activities. She gives encouragement to others who have an illness, chronic or otherwise. "Try to stay positive, knowing that you can't
necessarily always fix it. Some conditions you can fix and some you
cannot. I've had to learn to cope and learn new hobbies, and adapt."



WE GOT THE BEAT! Pep Band


In the winter, Cameron High School shifted from a marching band to a pep band instead. The pep band played at winter pep rallies, and at girl's and boy's basketball games, typically one each weekend. The pep band didn't need to write and rehearse a marching show each week, and because basketball games were shorter than most football games, the pep band took less time than the marching band while still meeting during the first period of the day. This gave band students the opportunity to learn different playing techniques.


1. Clarimet players Baitey Caldwell, Brithey Hamm, hayla Hollingsworth, Thomas Hutton and Julia Walters play front and center during a halftime performance.
2. Charly Bates concentrates on her music White playcug the electric bass during a pep and performance.
3. Junior Tana Anderson and Freshman Grace Contey provide the low end on the tuba.



The mission statement of the Cameron High School's Student Council is, "To represent the interest of the student body in student-related issues. We work with the students, faculty, and administration to ensure the student body feels free to express their ideas and suggestions. Student Council promotes a positive relationship between the student body and school staff." While student council members dealt with serious student-body issues, they also had a ton of fun planning and executing school-wide events like Spirit Week and pep assemblies.



Coach. Hellon blindy shovels his way itrough a pie to find a piece of gum. 2. Salara Huffman and Nick Zitlritch meet on the court a fter being hominated for homecoming beung ho
royally.
3. Kaylea Gunhescorts Elli of Turne to the royal court line up
4. Dawson Cox and Justen Gans dance in the Mr. CHS pageant.
5. Levi Markey and Ty Pratt
partucipate in the Mr. CHS



With dedication, the Cameron Crazies thrived, pushing the Cameron sports teams to do their best. From freshman students all the way up to seniors enjoying their final year as a Cameron Crazy, they came together dressed up to scream, shout, and let it all out. Following the Cameron teams around, standing in the front row captains Tylin Pratt and Tryston Wyckoff got the crowd fired up to cheer on their favorite high school teams. Ty and Tryston both agreed on the importance of getting everyone on their feet and cheering. They didn't let anyone slack off. The support the Cameron Crazies gave to their local groups was recognized in area coache whis students, the CAMERON CRAZIES.



"Make sure, everyowe
knows they have to cheer
Dond led anyome slack. It
really does make a
difference in the games
and how everyome plays
if you get a fan base
going.

- Tylin Prath



The Cameron Pom Squad was an elite dance team consisting of ten girls who ate, slept, and breathed dance. These girls dedicated their lives to Pom. They practiced every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Their dance routines usually consisted of routines in the Hip Hop dance style. The team captains came up with the choreography and taught it to the other girls during practice. The squad traveled to different cities for competitions. They supported the football and basketball programs by performing at halftime. These girls worked hard to make every competition or performance routine the best ossible.


1. The Cameron Pom Seniors at their final football game.
2. Forming an inverted $V$, the pom Squad lets their hair loose during one of their routines.
3. The fom Squad forms a dance tine to lightight individual performances.
4. An echelon formation serves as the squad's final pose.
5. The pom Squad performs their senior routime on the football field.
6. Basketball fans get dreated to the squad shakin it loose.



It was difficult to be a part of an amazing group like cheer. There was no way to describe the feeling of trying out for the first time. Trying to remember the cheer and chant, and picking out the best jumps to show the judges, all the while hoping for the best possible outcome. Kennedy King said, "Every year of trying out, I have been just as nervous. Learning the cheer and chant gets easier over the years, but the nerves never go away." Once she was out on the field though, she loved the feeling of hitting stunts perfectly, and how the crowd went wild. The football cheer squad, according to Kaylea Gunn, didn't change much from her freshman year to her senior, saying, "Each year, our goal is to have the best squad we can." Football fans recognized just how hard this squad worked to keep up their spirits through a challenging football season.




FIELD GOALS


In the dictionary, the word "Goal" is defined as a place in which a ball is thrown, kicked, or hit into in order to score points in a game. This definition is also used to describe an objective a person wishes to achieve over a period of time. When it comes to football, our boys in black and gold did both. They not only did they strive to score touchdowns and field goals, but to achieve something greater. Each year, incoming freshmen have the opportunity to learn and grow together on the field. Based upon their experiences, they each set goals for themselves in order to improve their skills, and maybe one day, play football with the big boys on the varsity team.

This year, the freshmen were allowed to play side by side with the junior varsity team under a new mandate issued by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. Rather than having freshmen and junior varsity teams, schools now field a team called the C team consisting of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The team should improve and set higher standards for players so they can transition onto the varsity team someday.
"My goal this year is to score a couple sacks," Torren Boguslaw, a freshman who played right tackle, revealed In football, a player can score a sack by tackling an offensive player, usually the quarterback, behind the line of scrimmage before the ball can be passed or thrown. "I want to score multiple sacs and become better defensively," said Samuel Slaughter. He believes that as long as a player has heart and never gives up, he or she can
accomplish their goals. In the end, despite their different goals and skill sets, the C team football players managed to come together in order to play the sport they love the most. And with the collective effort and determination of the the team, they scored a win this season. However, the Cameron Dragons never really lost any game they played Together, the players improved and achieved their goals, and that was the biggest touchdown they could have scored.



This year football had some casualties including legs, wrists and other body parts. Senior Sam Pratt suffered a knee injury early in the season when a blow to the knee caused a contusion during the first game. Sidelined for the rest of the season, he stayed with the team to provide whatever leadership he could from the sidelines.
This injury set an ominous tone for the season as the Dragons struggled to win games. There were certainly moments of success and the Dragons played every game with passion, never giving up. Still, the year did not provide the team with the sense of accomplishment they had hoped for. However, the team gained valuable experience and with most players returning next year, the team looks for better seasons to come.



Justin Gans



Colby Gerber


Samuel Prat


Either go big or go home, right? Well, this season, the Cameron Dragons Cross Country team definitely went big by taking five runners to state. On Halloween night, while most students were dressing up in costumes, the Cross Country team dressed up in their uniforms and laced up their running shoes with their minds set on Districts. Every runner performed their best, including our five state qualifiers: senior Samuel Evans, sophomore Jacob Barbee, and freshmen Mackenzie Terhune, Abigail Robinson, and Nicole Jackson. After celebrating the victory, the five contestants headed to Jefferson City where the state held their competition this year. Along the way, the group enjoyed other activities such as touring the state capital and dining at Madison's, a local cafe. After that, it was off to work. Despite their success this year, the team agreed that each could have performed a little better. However, each of them agreed they gained a great deal this year. "I realized that it's important to perform at your best," Sam says. "But it's also important to look at the team aspect of cross country, and just enjoy being around your teammates." Whether it comes to a vigorous workout or just chilling at a cafe, the team managed to come together to appreciate their love for the sport, and that definitely makes each runner a winner.

Seniors
Samuel Evans: 17:06
Blake Gardner: 19:24
Jackson-Rowland-Ruffcorn: 18:54
Josh Schmitz: 20:05
Juniors
Lindsey Vaiciulis: 25:39
Sophomores
Jacob Barbee: 18:06
Tristan Michaelis: 19:14

Josh McMullen: 24:44 Josh Stevenson: 18:52 Alec Walser: 20:48

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Nicole Jackson: 20:58 Colton Pickeral: 23:41 Caleb Ramey: 21:48
Abigail Robinson: 22:39
Mackenzie Terhune: 22:18

## PERSONAL BESTS (5K)



"We all get along really well and support each other when we weed to." - Morgan Choatre.

## RAISING RACKETS

Girls' Tennis


Girls tennis faced many challenges this year, but came together as a family to support each other, on the court and off. The team record did not reflect the effort each of the girls put into their play. The team enjoyed their success at home, earning both of their wins on home court. Coach Lanny Wake focused on developing fundamentals in each of the girls. Going to state and getting invited to an invitational made Morgan Choate and Taylor Richardson have a better relationship. All three seniors made the most of the season to hone their skills while challenging themselves to be their best. Coach Wake was proud to have had them for their last season.



The 2015 girls golf team consisted of all first year golfers: Abby Ourth, Annie Eaton, Christiana Henley Hannah Brown, and Melina Davis. Although they are all new to the sport, their dedication made them a force to be reckoned with this year. Every day after school they were out putting their blood, sweat, and tears onto the course, even staying after practice to work on skills with which they struggled in order to be prepared for their next tournament.

Since they were such a small team and just at the start of becoming a very competitive team, their overall goal was to get people interested in golf to help grow the team. These girls are very much looking forward to many years of playing together and continuing to improve on their skills.


Without the help of Coach Meagan [Wolfe] we would not have been able to compete at the level we did having all been new to the sport." All the girls on the deam brought something to the table, helping each member becoming a bether player. Golf requeres each competitor to keep rack of the strokes (the number of shots) they use to complete eachhole. suwue holds the completed score card for the team.



Soccer, like most sports, has its own vernacular. Each move has a name, like the Nutmeg where a player kicks the ball between an opponent's leg. Another move, called the rainbow, involves putting the ball between the legs and kicking it over the head with the back of the calf. There are also moves named after people, like the Zico which is a ball fake designed to confuse the defenders on the direction of a kick. In addition to the terminology, soccer has two sets of rules, with some only applying to indoor soccer, such as rules governing how a keeper (goalie) can toss the ball back into the game.

The freshman and JV completed an amazing year of soccer as they focused on getting wins. Though they had some days where they experienced defeat, there were many victories as well. And they rejoiced for their wins. When they played, they played to win. The team took advantage of the talent developed by those who participate in year-round indoor soccer leagues. These team members didn't have to take time off because of weather. This gave them the opportunity to bring these experiences back to the Dragons, helping them improve their record.

> "Watch out for that Nutmeg!"

- Andrew Jackman
"If soccer was easy, everyone would play id." - Josh Taylor



This year's varsity lineup experienced a major overhaul, exchanging last years seniors for several newcomers ncluding Junior Joe Zinkand, and Seniors Zach Moore, Iy Pratt and Tanner Slover. "People were asking me if I was going to play and by the end of summer I decided to join the squad. Plus, since it's my senior year, I wanted to make號 Brunt explained, "We don't have near the experience we had last year. We're a very young team as far as soccer experience goes." The team went $5-11$ this season, showing a steady improvement from last year's squad. Early in the season, the varsity team traveled south for tournament play, beating Smithton and Lone Jack before losing the championship match to host Oak Grove.

Senior captains Trent Naylor and Andrew Pratt (AP) led the Dragons on the field. AP generally heading the offensive attacks, said, "It's great to know that I have this responsibility...to talk to the referees and voice issues the team may have." Trent expressed how humbling he views his position. "It's a lot different being a senior because normally I'm there to back up the [upperclassmen], but I feel like it's fallen more on my shoulders to help others and not jusi reinforce [the team's] opinion, but also voice my own." Throughout the season, the coaches and players had a unified objective-to keep enhancing their game. "We all want to get a few wins under our belts and and improve every game" Ty Pratt said. Coach Van Brunt concurred. "I hope we get more competitive. With the lack of experience, we have a lot to work on. Each practice and each game, just come out and get better" he said. As far as this season was concerned, the team definitely got better.


## "KeEeeeenpl"

As the keeper (or goatie), Junior Brandon Griesinger is responsibte for both stopping the shots andkicking the ballaway from the goal (heft). "I shade to one sideand take that angleaway from them." He said. "When I clear the ball, I scan the field to find someone who can get a good touch on the ball."



1. Moriah Rogers pitckes the ball Untike baseball, seffball pitchers dond use a mound
2. Kiersten Howell shows perfect balance mid swing.
3. kylynu Mallen watches the ball all the way to her glove. Perfect form
4. Margaret Dice swings just under a pidch showing just how challenging it is to get a hit.
5. Lexi Smith uses her body position
 to insure the ball stays on the infield.
6. Margret Dice must put some arc on the ball when making a long throw to ist base from 3rd.

The girls F/JV softball team had a good year. They played eight games in total, and worked hard in every one. The younger players not only honed their skills, but learned to work together as a team. Each player had responsibilities each time the ball was put in play, even if it was hit to another player. While not every game ended in victory, each game provided the girls the opportunity to learn, both from their successes and their mistakes. This new knowledge will help the program in the years to come.


## WE TAKE THE PLATE <br> Freshmen/JV Softball


"Team" is a collective noun that describes a group of people who come together to compete in an event or sport. When it comes to playing a hard game of softball, our Lady Dragons had no trouble bonding to make a "Team" in order to play the sport they love the most. Many of the players on the Cameron Dragons Softball team have played together for to play the sport they love the most. Many of the players on the Cameron Dragons Softball team have played together for
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Many of the girls have agreed that the team was like another family to them. Every year, it was difficult for them to watch the seniors play their last season before they headed off to college. But as players left, more players arrived, mostly freshman. The softball team welcomed the incoming ladies with open arms. Each girl was given the chance to prove themselves on the field in games and during practice. Freshmen Lexi Smith and Makayla Lee, through hard work arove themselves on the field in games and during practice. Freshmen Lexi Smith and Makayla Lee, inrough hard work
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1. Sophmore, Brittahy Seitz must deal with pitcles between 55 and 60 mph white heeping track of runmers on base
2. Freshman Makayla Lee gets in the ready position. She cannot leave the base until the pitcher releases the ball.
3. Malory Bashor must bring the ball into the infield quickly to keep the rumber from advancing
4. Madison Goble warms up
5. Moriah Rogers shows how to throw at 5. Morea
55 mph .



Cameron Lady Dragons volleyball team worked to learn new skills and perfect old ones. The program welcomed three new coaches this year. Brett Ewald, who came to Cameron from Trenton where he coached, took over as head coach. Ranelle Rhode, a former college volleyball player, and Melissa Robinson, language teacher and a former volleyball coach, served as assistant coaches. New players also joined the program including Grace Conley and Sadie Cooper who said they were, "Very passionate about volleyball," and "Ready to make new memories and experiences with the team as they bond, win, and develop new relationships" respectively.

With new coaches, came new strategies, new drills, and new intensity. Throughout the summer, the coaches arranged several summer leagues to participate in such as a Kearney Tournament League, and even took a team trip to Branson for yet another summer volleyball league. Once the season ended in early October, the coaches found another way to make an even better team, a club league. Tiffany Maloney, Emily Ramsey, Grace Conley, Savannah Robinson, Bianca Lopez, Lauren Peck, Lauren Neeley, Hailey Smith, and Paige Harper participated on the club team. During the club season, the team does several different drills to improve skills. The new coaches, drills, and relationships that grew throughout the season increase the expectations for next year's volleyball teams.



Bump, set, spike, the repetitive rhythm of a ball. You guessed it, you are at a CHS varsity volleyball game full of crazy fans and determined players. This season the girls welcomed new head coach Brett Ewald onto the court, as well as two freshman on the team. This helped the younger girls gain experience, while the seniors developed leadership skills. When asked what it was like being a freshman on the varsity team, freshman Claudia McIntire responded by saying, "Well, at first it was intimidating because they are all older than me, but now I get along with them really well. They have been really nice to me, and it has been really fun!" When asked how this season went, senior Eastin McDowell, who has played volleyball all four years of her high school career, said, "We've had our ups and downs, but overall, l'd say it's going pretty well."


## HOOP, THERE IT IS

Freshman/ JV Boys' Basketball


The role of players on the freshmen and junior varsity teams was to develop skills through drills and repetition. Muscle memory developed throughout the course of the season as the boys continued to work hard in practice and learned from each game experience. Many of these players will move on to the varsity team next year, while the remaining will continue to improve under the guidance of Coach Meyer.

Jackson Ruffcorn
Rowland



1. Cameron Dragons score a basket during a game against Richmond.
2. Matt Baker guards the ball with his eft had as he looks up the court for an opening
3. The team huddles to discuss strategy.
4. Dylan Swindler crosses center court, also known as the time tine
5.Trey Howell dribbles the ball up the court with a defender in tow. He has ten seconds to cross the time




The varsity basketball team worked hard throughout this challenging year, practicing five days a week and two hours each day. Young players saw much of the playing time. Each player gained valuable experience playing against much more veteran teams. This experience did not lead the team to a winning record this year, but should be invaluable to the program in the years to come. Jackson Rowland says "If he had to choose who the biggest rival of the team is it would have to be Hamilton." Even though this year was tough for the team they still pulled through it together.



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## BRING YOUR"A"GAME!

 Freshmen/ JV Girls Basketball

In order to play basketball successfully, players need to be determined to succeed, have a strong work ethic, and have a strong relationship with their teammates. It takes the efforts of twelve of our most ambitious girls in order to win game. The Lady Dragons Freshmen and JV basketball teams put one hundred percent of their effort into every game a game. The Lady Dragons Freshmen and JV basketball teams put one hundred percent of their efiort into every successful individuals, both on and off the court. Every girl believed that each of them combined makes them a force to be reckoned with, and each of them felt they possessed certain skills and qualities that allowed them to contribute to the eam's success.
No matter what happened on the court, whether the team won or lost, the girls gained experience in the end. The girls honed their skills even further throughout the season and become better players as a whole. This year, thanks to all of their hard work and sheer determination, the freshmen and $\mathrm{J} / \mathrm{V}$ girl's basketball teams brought their " A " game.


## SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS Varsity Girl's Basketball



The girl's varsity team entered the year at a crossroads with an odd mix of freshmen and senior filling out the roster. This led to many challenges, both on the road and at home. The team said goodbye to its four seniors who saw their productivity fall to a single win for their senior year, a $39-28$ victory over the Maryville seniors who saw their productivity fall to a single win for their senior year, a 39-28 victory over the Maryville
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younger players into the game to provide varsity game experience which will help the team in the long run. younger players into the game to provide varsity game experience which will help the te
Still, the girls showed character by playing hard to win each time they took to the floor.


Brianna
B'Grady



1. Briana OGrady dodges the opponents block.
2. Haley Evans searcles for a teammate to pass the ball to.
3. Hanuat Robinson athempts to block the opponent's slot.
4. The team works together to
5. The team works together
try to heep the Chellic othe player from scoring.
6. Eastin Mc Dowell challenges a Spooflound for a rebound

Dual Record: 27-5
Tournament Finiskes: Lee's Summit North-2ud, Harrisonville-4th, Crossroads Duals-4th, Midland Empere Conference-2ud, Olathe North-3rd, Districts-3rd, State-4th


## DOMINATE THE MAT Varsity/JV Wrestling



The junior varsity team finished the season with a 21-2 dual record. Many of these duals were against arsity teams. The team finished 3rd at the Polo Varsity dual tournament. Joe Bryant was named outstanding JV varsity teams. The team finished 3rd at the Polo Varsity dual tournament. Joe Bryant was named outstand
wrestler with a final overall record of $30-3$. Many of the JV wrestlers got experience on the varsity level. The junior varsity team showed a lot of heart this season and put in the time and effort to become great future varsity wresters.


"There may be people that have more tatent than you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you."

> - Derek Jeter

| Thophas Ramsedy pitcpes tol Nathafn Nelson onfan |
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| artificial infield, including the ynound and bedter's. box. |



Freshmen/JV Baseball
The freshmen and jv baseball teams played many teams throughout the season this year. They started heir season by getting the opportunity to play against Wyandotte High School at the T-Bone stadium thanks to Coach Moore's connections to the team. This was a great way, not only to start their season off, but to win and set the tone for the season. The freshmen and jv baseball teams also got the chance to go against the varsity team in the 100 th inning game which involves each player getting one pitch to hit or miss. The same, played for the first time this year, served as a fund raiser. "It was a highly successful fund raiser for our program" coach Moore said. The seach ent out daily quotes for motivation and confidence. The uote by Derek abe is one of Mr Moore's favorite, and he uses to help inspire the team. The freshmen and jv teams have worked hard this year and have improved so much from the beginning of season. Even if they lose a game, they keep their heads up and prepare to win the next one


What better way to start off the season with than a win? How about a win by 17 runs? The varsity team put more effort in this year and got pumped for every single game they played. Baseball isn't just about swinging a bat, fetching a ball, and running around the bases. It's about the bond between young men and their coaches. The boys became much closer this year, feeling more like a band of brothers than just a team playing baseball. Senior Colby Gerber has played varsity for three years. He says, "Playing in the CommunityAmerica Ballpark was a fun experience and the score was $20-3$ and it felt nice to start the season with a win."

New head coach Nathan Moore graduated in 2005 from Cameron High School and went to college a NNMSU. Coach Moore took over the baseball program this year hoping to change the culture by taking practice more seriously, getting more involved as a team, and becoming one unit with each player contributing. The varsity team consisted of twelve players made up of four seniors, seven juniors, and one sophomore. The players divided their time between the batting cages, where they worked on their hitting, and the field, where they worked on their defensive play




## KEEP ON SWINGING

 Boys Tennis

From singles to doubles, the Cameron High School boys tennis team, worked hard for a great season. Just joining the tennis team his junior year, Jared Mister, who joined as his older brother had, said he loved to play doubles with his buddy Andrew Pratt.

Tennis demands good sportsmanship, and the Dragon boys didn't disappoint their coach. Each member of the team worked as hard as he could to win his match, and then congratulated his opponent at the net regardless of the outcome.


Tennis-
The game of court


1. David Curtis shows his opponent respect by shaking his hand following their match.
2. Andrew Pratt must keep his eye on the ball and his feet behind the baseline white serving.
3. Robert Bremer, moves forward to return a volley.
4. Jared Mister follows through on his serve against Maryville
5. Tyler Auderson uses his teft arm to balance himself white serving
6.Gage Zeld, leaves his feet do put more power into his serve.
6. Jeffrey Anderson Charges the net with his concentration firmly on the approaching ball.




Shayna Calloway gets to live the best of both worlds by being the varsity goalie and a junior varsity field player. Being able to be both goalie and a field player shows the wide variety of skills Shayna has developed. In a day that both varsity and junior varsity play, Shayna plays and junior varsity play, Shayna plays up to 160 minutes between the two
games. All in all, Shayna Calloway holds this team together, both by her skills on the field and her personality in practice.
"It makes me feel honored that I get to play on bothteams as a Senior." -Shayna Calloway

The new freshman worked extremely hard this season. Many of the junior varsity girls got to play on the varsity team. This gave the girls more experience and instilled higher expectations for their play on varsity next season. The coaches this season were Michael Van Brunt, and Kaleb Kerr. Not only was the team working together to win matches, they were also working together to accomplish their goals. The girls wanted to win a district game and a total of ten games. They also planned on scoring a total of 35 goals. The team worked great with each other, and they enjoy traveling with each other to away games.


## ONE FAMILY



This season the Cameron High School Varsity Soccer team worked hard, and was possibly the best team Cameron has had in several years said head coach Michael Van Brunt. Having either games or practice everyday can put pressure on team members to keep their grades up, but Coach Van Brunt pushed them to keep a
cumulative team GPA of 3.5 as one of the team goals. The teammates pushed each other to achieve this goal. This was just an example of how close the team grew over the course of the season. The varsity soccer team competed in two tournaments this year, The Oak Grove and Excelsior Springs tournaments, placing in the top five in both.



Mackenzie Davis drives into ine ball on a corver kick.
2. The varsity starters line up a the beginning of the first home game of the season
3. Madison. Davis and Becca Anders on fight to get the ball from the opposing Deam.
+. Beccah Van Brunt and Lex Smith set the ball up after a goal. 5. Kaylin Campbell dribbles the ball towards the goal while Lexi smith holds off the oppowent.
6. Kaylin Campbell speeds the ball away from the opposing theam.



The Track and Field team enjoyed quite a bit of success this season. Many returning members of the team broke personal ecords. Even the freshman established above average personal records. Many of the seniors left a strong mark on the underclassmen who will follow their in their footsteps. Although the team will be losing eight seniors, the remaining members will step up to the plate as leaders for the next year and beyond. This year during the award banquet, a new award was given o senior Devin France called, "The Devin France Leadership Award" for exhibiting exceptional leadership and support for his teammates throughout the season, in practice and in meets. When asked how it felt to get his own award, Devin said, "It made me feel like I made an impact on my team and it felt good having an award named after me." Although this award will not be awarded every year, it will be awarded to whomever the coaches demonstrate exceptional leadership skills and serves as a great role model.


## BACK ON TRACK <br> Track \& Field



Senior, Nathan Jackson hasnd been able to run since his freshman year because of a simple fracture that ended up taking Nathan out for almost three years. When surgery didut go as planned, his foot ended up turning purple after he removed his cast. He was then on crutches because it hurt to walk, put on a shoe, or even put his foot in the water. Jackson went to several doctors, but went undiagnosed until he went to the Mayo
Ctinic in Rochester, Minnesota Where he was diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Na than then traveled to Children's Mercy Hospidal in Kansas City everyday for the wext two years for dreatment. And he stull completed his school work. In 2015, Jackson was allowed to run, although doctors doubted he would be abte to. Nathan ran distance races this season. He competred in the 1600 meter dash and the 3200 meter run, as well as the $4 \times 800$ and $4 \times 400$ a few times. When it hurts the worst, I hell myself to go harder and take it out on the pain" says Jackson. "Physically, it hurts to run, but mentally, it Joseph News-Press.


This year's Special Olympics Team consisted of 20 athletes. They competed in various events including football, basketball, bowling, and track and field. They participated in events at Dave Goodwin Field, Northwest Missouri State University, and Saint Joseph. They were joined by Andrew Pratt for their basketball tournament. Special Olympics allows the athletes to meet other students who won't judge them for their appearance or limited abilities. Most athletes compete to gain a sense of achievement, to renew old friendships, and to make new ones.
"Let me win. But if I cannot win, tet me be brave in the athempt." Special Olympics

## All Around Champs <br> Special Olympics













give my past self advice, I would say to not be afraid to try new things, be more outgoing, and DO NOT procrastinate as much as I did.
My favorite high school memory was cheering at state basketball. If I could change one thing
from my high school from my high sch career, I would interact with more people outside of my close-knit friends group.







Advice to myself would be to not be so focused on others．After high school I plan to become a Marine High school has helped me realize I don＇t want to be ordinary．



RUUSKANEN


My favorite high school memory was when I lettered in Tennis my sophomore year Advice I would give my past self would be to try harder at tennis and every activity that you participate．
My favorite high school memory is going to Walt Disney World in Florida to march in the parade march in the $\mathbf{p}$ with Cameron Dragon Band．Advic would tell myself o your best in chool．It＇s easy to tune out，but it＇s mportant and will be easier for senior classes．
After high school I plan to attend the University of Missouri to double major in music education and animal science to then attend the college of veterinary sciences to become a veterinarian．

Erica joined Cameron high school her freshman year， and was academically involved．



Advici l would

My favorite high school memory is hallway swimming and getting caught. Only the good die young. Advice I could tell my past self would be, "If you're ready to give up and your heart's about to break, remember that you're perfect. God makes no mistakes." -Bon Jow

Aaron was academically involved during high school and also attended Grand River Technical School in Chillicothe, MO.



school memory was
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