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At prom on May 3, Clear Creek students strike a pose at the U of I Athletic Hall of Fame. Far left: Jack Murray ('14), Giselle Ray ('15), Center: Miles Lucas ('15), Lauren Judge ('15), Far Right: Travis Bowman ('15), and, Kelsey Hall. Photo by Christine Maas

Students participate in community clean up day

By Josh Meade

On Friday May 2 the Clear Creek Amana Student Assistance Team and the Win With Wellness group went out in the community to help the elderly with spring clean up. Mark Hovey, the CCA high school counselor said, "this concept began 15 years ago." As the leader of the SAT group, he helps student organize the annual commu-

nity clean up day. There are 40-50 students that are involved in the program. They go to houses of the elderly and help them with chores such as yard work, house cleaning, and any other chores that they may have trouble with. This occurs all over Johnson county, according to Hovey. He feels that this is a way for students to give back to the community. Students volunteer their free

time to the elderly. Membership to these groups is obtained through getting good grades and involvement in school activities. Hovey said the best part, "For helping in the community clean up it builds up relationships with the elderly."

Clear Creek Amana student Logan Davis ('15) said the best part of helping out is "Raking leaves with friends then having

pizza after the clean up."

Community cleanup is great program that helps the elderly by providing help that is cost free. It helps to build relationships in the community and teaches students that it is important to volunteer and support the area where they live.

Comedian Hypnotist returns to Clear Creek Amana

By Joel Burzacott

Steve Meade, comedian hypnotist, has been entertaining and motivating people around the nation since 1994. He has performed for large corporations, universities, smaller colleges, casinos, and numerous high school fundraisers. He has been performing for Clear Creek Amana, his old high school, for six years.

"The show was extremely well received, it was incredible. We hope that we can do the show every year, people really enjoy it," said Band advisor John Smith.

The show went spectacularly. Meade hypnotized volunteers to think they were going to Jamaica. Not only that,

but Meade made the volunteers think they had really bad toe jam, drink juice that caused laughter and happiness, made some guys think they were supermodels, and turned all of the volunteers into superheroes.

"What makes the show different, fun, and exciting to watch is the honest, often hilarious, reactions of the participants," said Jenn Broghammer, F.A.M.E. secretary.

"I knew I was [on stage], it felt like I was there, but it felt like I was dreaming," said previously hypnotized volunteer Josh Meade ('16).

Meade even put some post-hypnotic suggestions (commands that the hypnotized follow after they wake) on the volunteers; making everyone think they got a very im-

portant call on their shoes. Overall the show was great, with each escapade leaving the audience in stitches.

"Afterwards I had a lot of energy, I also had a bad taste in my mouth from the imaginary juice that we drank," said previously hypnotized volunteer Wesley Smith ('17).

All of the proceeds from the show go to the F.A.M.E organization and, ultimately, to the band for additional instruments, licensing costs and other equipment. Most of the money goes towards marching band equipment, color guard, and sheet music. All in all, the show made close to 1000 dollars for the school.

"Steve Meade is my hero," said audience member Sam Watts ('15), in response to the show.

Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Program offered at CCA

By Lyndsey Elliott

The ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Program is being offered exclusively to Clear Creek Amana students by Kirkwood Community College. The plan is for Kirkwood to build a Regional Center on the University of Iowa Campus in the Fall of 2015. Before that time, however, CCA students will work together to build a building on CCA's campus, pending school board approval.

The ACE Program is currently taught by Steve Hanisch, a Kirkwood instructor. The Kirkwood ACE Career Academy allows students to explore the career field of the construction industry, including design, and engineering. Any student who is looking for earning some college credit in high school, should take these classes.

Normally, there are 12 to 16 students enrolled during each semester. If students would like to enroll in any of the ACE Program classes, they should talk to Mark Hovey, Clear Creek Amana High School Counselor, or advisory teacher. "Most students also take the ACE Program classes for two semesters, so they can finish the academy in one school year," said Hanisch.

For the 2014-2015 school year ACE classes will be offered at the scene shop through Clear Creek Amana High School. When the regional center opens in the Fall of 2015 students will be able to take a bus to and from the building.

Many students often wonder if there are any prerequisites to sign up for this program. There are currently no requirements to take this class. "You also do not need any

construction experience," said Hanisch.

The ACE Program is offered to any high school in the Grant Wood AEA Area #10. There are currently two other regional centers in the # 10 area, one in Linn County, the other in Washington County, and of course the third being built in Johnson County. "The U of I regional center will be mainly filled with students from Johnson and Iowa counties, as well as some students from southern Linn county," Hanisch stated.

In this class students will be exploring a variety of skills that are used throughout the construction industry. The explore engineering, design, plans and specifications reading, project based, team oriented, hands-on construction and the skilled construction trades.

Hanisch would also like to include: "Most students graduate from high school

never having considered that right now over 1 million jobs in the construction industry go unfilled because no one has the skills to do the work. We call this the skills gap. Most students also are not aware that most of the men and women currently in the construction industry are over the age of 45. That means that in the next 15 years most of them are going to retire. That will open up millions of more jobs in this industry. Many of these jobs offer paid, college equivalent training with pay packages that include health insurance benefits and pensions. Many people in the skilled trades make 2-3 times the local median income without ever incurring a college student loan. Gaining a better understanding is as simple as taking some fun classes that offer a break from the traditional classroom, while working on proj-

35 students get inducted into National Honor Society

By Sheyanne Koethe

Noel Dalmaso and the NHS council have been very busy over the past couple of months recognizing and inspecting all the new NHS candidates.

National Honors Society is the most exclusive club here at CCA. Students have to be a junior in your second semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in order to even be eligible for NHS. Although this requirement makes you eligible, it doesn't mean that you are in. It's a very long and complicated process to pick new members of the club. All

new candidates have to fill out an application packet. This packet includes an essay, a recommendation from a CCAHS teacher, a couple student pledge sheets, and an information packet that includes information about extra-curricular activities, clubs, and volunteer activities throughout high school.

From there, the candidates stand in front of the NHS faculty council which consists of 3-5 CCAHS teachers. Those teachers interview the students, look over their application packets, then vote on each student's membership based on four principal characteristics: leadership, scholarship,

service and character. The process begins in February and is considered "finished" each year at the induction ceremony which is when new members (juniors) are inducted, and old members (seniors) are recognized as successfully completing NHS. Seniors also get the privilege of wearing the gold cords at graduation, which symbolizes their involvement in NHS. "It [the NHS selection process] wasn't an easy one but I can understand why," said one of the newest inductees, Lauren Stopko ('15).

The number of members completely depends on the junior class size; there are usually 20-40

new students accepted each year. This year, 35 junior members will join the already inducted 18 senior members. When students are accepted, they remain a member to the end of your senior year unless they violate the pledge.

"It is a good idea to join NHS because it recognizes you for your academic and behavioral effort in high school and helps you learn how to further promote the 4 pillars of NHS both within your school district and in your life in general," said Noel Dalmaso, Spanish teacher and NHS sponsor.

According to the school website the designed purpose for NHS

is... "To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character, responsibility and attitudes in pupils of Clear Creek Amana High School."

"I hope to get more involved in the community and become a better student throughout my experience of being in NHS," said Stopko.

The new officers are President: Trevor Toy ('15), Vice President: Jenna Watts ('15), Secretary: Emily Wieland ('15), and Treasurer: Nile Rourke ('15).

Blood Drive Clear Creek Amana High School is having another blood drive in the atrium on May 12. It goes from 9 to 2 p.m. Appointments are encouraged. Sign up in the office. You must be at least 16 to donate. Please note that it is important to be well hydrated and it is recommended to increase the salt in your diet the day before you donate. All donors will receive a free t-shirt!

TTrivia Night On May 16 at 7 p.m, Win with Wellness and SAT/INTERACT are hosting a Trivia Night. It will take place in the high school commons. To register, get a form from the office or Noel Dalmaso. Teams must have 8 people. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign up to raise money for a local charity and have a good time.

Art Club Starting May 5, Clear Creek Amanas Herky is finally on display at Liberty Centre, W. Cherry St. in North Liberty, by the pond. This was made possible with the help of the Art club and their teacher, Mary Pat Hanson-Karstens.

"Fifteen Art Club members spent over 100 collaborative hours creating this Herky which shows a variety of images of Iowa surrounded with designs inspired by the Art of Zentangle. They have made CCA very proud," said Hanson about the Herky update.

The Herky's will be on parade from May 5 until September. When the parade ends, the statues will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and the money will go towards United Way of Johnson County.

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THE BATTLESHIP

Clear Creek Amana Sports



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Boys' soccer wins last 7 of 10 matches

At the home boys' soccer game on April 7, Jon Jacobson defends the ball against three Mid Prairie boys.

Photo by Julianna Henkle



By Sheyanne Koethe

The Clear Creek Amana Boys' soccer team has won 7 out of their last 10 matches, beating Monticello, Anamosa, Benton, Ottumwa, Marion, Williamsburg and Vinton-Shellsburg.

The game against Monticello on April 15 was the Clippers' first win this season, they won 2-0. Jon Jacobson ('15) scoring both goals for Clear Creek. The Clippers felt like they needed something to build off of and this was the game to do it, winning their next two matches.

The next win for Clear Creek was two days later, against Anamosa. Clear Creek won this match 4-1. Jacobson lead the team with two goals. David Calderon ('14) and Anthony Pocasangre ('15) were next, each with a goal.

The Clippers then went on to

win their third game in a row, defeating Benton. Jacobson and Pierre Buffard ('15) both scored a goal this game; the game ended 2-1.

The streak then came to an end with Center Point-Urbana. The Pointers defeated CCA 0-1.

A couple of tie-ups started off the second half of the season. The first tie of the season was Indianola, CCA tied them 1-1, Jacobson with the only goal this game for Clear Creek. The next game was also a tie, against Pella, with the final score being 1-1, Jacobson with the only goal for Clear Creek.

The Clippers then went on to win four straight. Their first hit was against Ottumwa where Andrew Beckler ('14) made his first goal of the season. Jacobson also had a goal this game, the Clippers finished the game 3-2.

Wahlert hired as new dance coach

By Nicolette Rohret

Clear Creek Amana Dance team tryouts took place April 25. Dancers had an additional practice on April 23 for two hours in the high school gym. The new coach, Ashley Wahlert, taught Jazz, Poms, and Hip Hop for the tryout that lasted from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Wahlert has been coaching dance at the high school and college level for 2 years now. She has also been teaching for 3 years at Debut Dance Studio in North Liberty; teaching jazz, tap, lyrical, acro, dance team, and hip hop. Wahlert was on the Iowa Dance Team for 3 years while she attended the University of Iowa. She even danced in high school and at a dance studio in Des Moines since she was 3. When she found out that former dance coaches Jill Santee and Beth Hahn were resigning and CCA needed a new coach for the team, she saw a chance to have her own team. Wahlert said, "As I have been assisting the Iowa Dance Team, it has been an amazing experience but I am ready to have my own team. I love working with high school aged dancers, and I believe that I will be able to use my previous experience to mold and grow this team over the next few years."

Dance team member Rachel Beckler ('15) is, "excited to find out how the dance team will turn out this year." Beckler said her favorite part about dance team is competing at state and spending the day with the members of the dance team. Beckler hopes that dance will be taken more seriously this year and that the team itself will have a better dynamic. Her major goal in dance team this year is to contribute to the choreographing of the dances.

Wahlert easily explained some ways she would be able to make major changes in the dance team's performance. They included, "holding quite a few summer practices to strengthen the team's technique and improve their conditioning level which are both very important for a competitive dance team. During the summer the team can expect to look forward to attending a UDA dance camp which will allow them to improve their memory, choreography exposure, and dance technique while allowing the entire team to bond with each other." She is, "also working with the athletic department and other local dance teams to increase the school's and public's exposure of the dance team by giving the girls more performance opportunities (i.e. more football games, a state preview night with local schools, etc.). This will also help the team become more prepared for state competition." Wahlert even added that she plans, "on implementing a morning technique practice each week during the school year so the team can continue to improve technically throughout the season."

Dance team member Katlyn Ernst ('17) said she is, "excited for a new change in pace and to learn new things knowing this coach has a lot of dance background." Ernst also said she, "really likes (Wahlert) and the positive energy she gives off to all the dancers, even saying she is very easy to talk to and that she can't wait to learn what this new coach knows." Ernst's major goal for the new dance season is to be able to master her triple turn.

If you needed a reason to tryout for dance team, Wahlert has six. Some include getting to go to state dance competition and performing at basketball and football games (plus pep assemblies.) There will be new uniforms, dance wear, and warm ups. The dancers will be able to go to summer dance camp and learn different varieties of dance styles and techniques. All of this while making new memories with all your dance teammates. Dance team is available to anyone in the range of 9-12 grade. Wahlert said, "I really look forward to meeting all of the young, enthusiastic dancers who come to tryout for this team! With good attitudes and passion for dance, you won't expect anything less than a fun and rewarding season." One of her favorite quotes is, "Dance for yourself, if someone understands, good. If not, no matter, go right on doing what you love" Lois Hurst.

Girls' soccer maintain winning record

By Ethan Schutterle

Clear Creek Amana Girls soccer has won 6 out of 7 games.

CCA defeated Vinton-Shellsburg, 7-1, at Tiffin on April 14. Hannah Bormann ('17) had the leading number of goals with 4. Kelsey Hall ('15) lead the team on goal attempts. She had 10 attempts against the Vikings.

CCA beat Benton 7-0, April 22 at Tiffin. Kaitlin Riggle ('17) had the highest percent of goal attempts. H. Bormann had hat trick (3 goals) and was scorer. Emma Bormann ('14), Kelsey Hall, ('15), Bailey Mooney ('15) and Riggle also scored that match.

CCA Girls soccer fell to Center Point-Urbana 0-1

on April 24 at Center Point. H. Bormann had 6 goal attempts. Mooney said "Even though we lost, I think it helped us grow as a team."

The Clippers were victorious against Marion 4-0 on April 29 at Marion. Hall and E. Bormann had the leading number of goal attempts, each with 9.

Williamsburg was defeated by CCA 3-0 on May 2 at Williamsburg. H. Bormann had the leading number of shots on goal with 4. Hall had 9 goal attempts, the leading number.

According to Mooney, CCA girls soccer has improved from last year and soccer's a good workout and its fun to play.

Mooney said, "My favorite thing about Soccer is playing with people I like."

Boys track run well at home meet

By Joel Burzacott

The Clear Creek Amana Boys' track team did well last Thursday at the Pacha Relays. They came in fourth out of nine schools. "We did well, despite all the injuries we had," said Head Boys' Track coach Anthony Brack.

The sprinters did pretty well in the meet. In the 100 meter, Daniel Goldsmith ('16) got 5th with a time of 11.87. In the 200 meter, Tanner Bandy ('15) got 3rd with a time of 23.33. In the 400 meter Bandy snagged 1st place with a time of 52.10. Clear Creek Amana also had 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relay teams that came in 5th, 8th and 12th place, respectively.

The distance crew also did great in the meet. In the 800 meter Jack Murray ('14) came in 1st with a time of 2:06, Murray also came in 2nd in the mile,

with a time of 4:41.

In the two mile, Kage Hinricks ('16), came in 7th, with a time of 11:37. Distance also had 4x800 and 1600 meter medley teams that came in 7th and 5th, respectively.

"It felt good winning in front of the crowd," said Murray.

CCA field did excellent as well. Drew Wagner ('15), placed 3rd in shot put, with a distance of 50', and 12th in discus, with a distance of 109' and 8". Cooper Seacrest-Seelman ('16) came in 4th in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.39, Seacrest-Seelman also came in 5th, in the 400 meter hurdles. The CCA shuttle hurdle team came in 4th. Cory Siders ('17) got 7th place in the long jump, with a distance of 19' 2". Bandy scored 5' 10" in the high jump to gain 2nd place.

Shuttle hurdle, shot put qualify for Drake

By Lyndsey Elliott

Clear Creek Amana Girls' Track team has done very well so far this season. Some of the team members had qualified for Drake Relays, held in Des Moines.

On Tuesday April 22, 2014 CCA Girls' Track participated in the Mt. Pleasant Relays. Medalists include: Molly Villhauer ('14) shot put, Mia Smith ('15), Celine Fender ('14), Corrine Schwarting ('16), and Natalie Brimeyer ('15) in the shuttle relay. Tyhesia Simpson ('14), Fender, Megan Lukas ('16), and Brimeyer in sprint medley. "Congratulations to all who ran

well," said Coach Astor.

CCA Girls' Track participated in the Drake Relays over the last weekend in April. "Smith and Villhauer both performed very well in their own individual events." Coach Astor stated. Smith, Fender, Schwarting, and Brimeyer got third in the shuttle hurdle relay.

On Thursday May 1, 2014 CCA Girls' Track participated in the Pacha Relays. Medalists include: Smith, Fender, Brant, Schwarting, and Brimeyer in the shuttle hurdle relay. Brant, Schwarting, and Brimeyer ran in the 4x200 relay. Brimeyer and Smith in also ran in the 100m hur-

dles. Villhauer placed in shot put, Fender, Simpson, Brimeyer, and Brant in the sprint medley. "Our team performed well," said Astor.

At the WaMaC Meet, Villhauer got third place in shot out with a distance of 39 feet and four inches. The shuttle hurdle relay continued to dominate, by winning the relay by over two seconds. The 4x200m relay also took first. Brimeyer took third in the 100m hurdles. In the sprint medley relay, the Clippers placed third with the time of 1:54.19. As a team the Clippers tied for sixth place, with Anamosa.

Golf seasons set for WaMaC super meet

By Joel Burzacott

Both Clear Creek Amana Boys' and Girls' Golf teams are well into their seasons now. The girls' team has competed in six meets. The Boys' team has competed in eight meets. Now with the WaMaC divisional meet done, the teams have the WaMaC super meet to look forward to.

The girls' golf varsity players have done pretty well in their meets this year. Their averages are: Gabi Scarpa ('14) with 53.7, Kaitlin VanVoorst ('14) with

54.34, Sarah McGrath ('15) with 55.38, Anna Johnson ('14) with 60.1, Whitney Schutterle ('14) with 64.18, Nicole Davis ('15) with 64.75, and Haley Mouglin ('15) with 73.75. They have a team average of 238.5 points.

The boys' team has also done well so far this year. Their averages are: Jacob Klingeman ('14) with 45.39, Nolan Navara ('16) with 46.19, Cal Miller ('16) with 47.49, Dylan Wolfe ('15) with 47.99, Killian Walters ('15) with 52.79, Zak Caldwell ('15) with 53.10, and Collyn Schulte ('16) with 53.31. They have a team average of 186.46 points.