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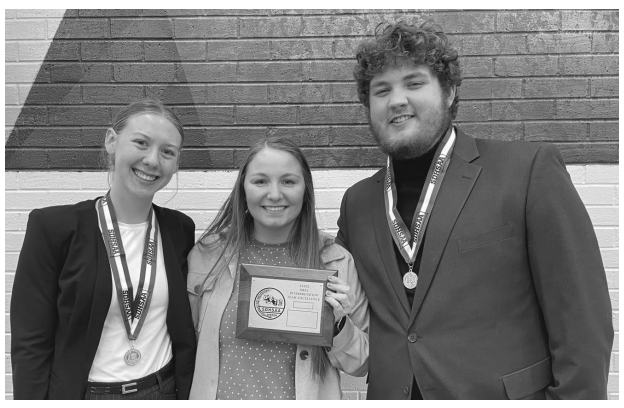
Canistota Oral Interp. Earns Team Award at State

By Staff Reporter: Lilli Schenkel

Canistota seniors Ellie Becker and Malachi Weber delivered excellent Oral Interp. performances last weekend in Watertown at the State Oral Interpretation Festival, representing our school with pride. Malachi Weber earned a Superior with Distinction rating for the second year in a row, an honor only awarded to a small number of students who received Superior marks from each judge. Malachi described the experience as meaningful, saying that he had a blast going and getting the time to hang out with the team. He said that it was a perfect way to end senior year on such a good note. Ellie Becker earned a Superior rating, a good achievement for her Oral Interp. journey. Ellie shared that she was grateful to attend the state competition and that she had worked hard for it all season by constantly practicing her piece with her coach and receiving feedback to help her improve. She also shared how her favorite part this year was performing and being passionate about what she was doing. She also highlighted the connections she formed with other contestants at the event. In addition to individual success, Canistota received a "Team Excellence Reward", recognizing the entire team's performance and commitment. Congratulations to Ellie, Malachi, and the entire Canistota Oral Interp. team on their hard work, dedication, and success this season.



Senior Spotlight: Camille Faircloth

By Staff Reporter: Ellia Hjermstead



Camille Faircloth is a senior here at Canistota High School. She was born in Tyler, Texas, and raised by her parents, Dawn and Michael. She has four other siblings, Gabe, Hailee, Rebekah, and Jacob. Camille is involved in the Canistota Skills Club. Her favorite high school class is English, and the thing she will miss most about high school is knowing that she will not be a kid anymore. Growing up to her is the greatest and saddest feeling. Camille's dream job is not specific, but she does know she wants to help people. She plans to be an Ultrasound Tech after high school. In fifteen years, Camille sees herself living in a southern state with the career of her dreams. When asked if she was prepared for the future, she is working on her CNA so she's able to work in the medical field. The person who has made the biggest impact on Camile's life is her boyfriend, who motivates her to strive for whatever she wants. Her advice to underclassmen is, no matter how bad you don't want to do your homework, do it. Organize your work by managing it with a calendar or ways to help you keep organized. Camille's hobbies include playing volleyball and reading. Her favorite food is the sugar cookies from Scooters, and she loves the Christmas season. Camille's favorite quote is, "It's hard to soar with the eagles when you're surrounded by turkeys." -Adam Sandler



Kindness Week: Hawk Family Unite

By Staff Reporter: Emma Carter

This week is Canistota kindness week. We celebrate this week by trying to spread kindness and happiness to our peers around us. Throughout the week, different things were done to spread kindness. On Monday, the goal was to make someone smile by writing a kind note and sending it their way, whether it was handing it to them or putting it on their lockers. On Tuesday. It was a lunchroom shake-up day. Students went and sat at different tables with people they don't normally talk to. Wednesday was Catching Kindness Day. Thursday was kindness chain day. Students took a link and wrote an encouraging message on it, growing the chain. At the end of the day the Hawk Kindness chain was hung up. Friday was Hawk Family Day. Students wore their Canistota pride and showed that our community is one. Thank you to the student council and National Honor Society for creating this week and making our school kinder every day!

Tieszen attends State FFA



Pictured Above: Katelyn Tieszen Earning 9th place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the State Competition on December 8th in Box Elder. Katelyn was a proud representative of Canistota showing off her strong work and wonderful communication skills. Congrats Katelyn!

Festival of Trees Brings Christmas Spirit

By Staff Reporter: Amelia Remacle

The snow was coming down, but the holiday festivities continued. This year, the Festival of Trees was on December 6th at the Legion. The Legion was filled with so much laughter and excitement all night. There was an awesome turnout with 18 big trees and 3 little trees. The winner for the big tree was the Canistota Music Department, and the little tree winner was Lia Mosley's tree. There were many activities for the people who braved the snow to come, including watching The Polar Express, a coloring contest, opportunities to win a door prize, and a scavenger hunt. Soup was served at 5:00 pm. Santa and The Grinch arrived at 5:30. Santa handed out amazing squish mallows donated by Dan and Ashley. At 7:00 pm, everyone went out to the town's Christmas tree to see it light up. Bingo started at 7:30. Thank you to the Festival of Trees committee, April Spicer, Cathee Bruinsma, Kristi Knox, Tracey Merrill, and all of the other people who volunteered and gave up their time to make this special event possible!



Pictured Above: The Canistota Band tree who won the big tree contest at the festival of trees.

Wrestling Season Underway

By Staff Reporter: Miles Belt-Hanson

The Canistota Hawks are excited to announce their wrestling team for the 2025-2026 season, showcasing a talented group of athletes ranging from 7th to 11th grade. The team includes 7th graders Millie Sarmiento-Lagunes, Adley Evenson, and Owen Stockwell; 8th graders Eli Remacle, Colt Evenson, and Trinity Small; freshmen Regan Sadine and Robby Knochenmus; and sophomores Wyatt Carter and Koda Popkes. The junior class is represented by Emma Carter, Will Globke, and Joshua Popkes Jr. We also want to acknowledge our dedicated statisticians, Taya Bunger and Lilli Schenkel. Leading the team is Head Coach Joshua Popkes Sr., with support from Assistant Coach Joey Latsha. Upcoming matches include the Chester Triangular on December 19th, and the Madison Invite on December 20th.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 16th
JH BBB vs. Colman-Egan (home)- 4 pm
JV GBB vs. Colman-Egan (home)- 6 pm
V. GBB vs. Colman-Egan (home)- 7 pm
Wednesday, December 17th
Winter Sport Pictures
Thursday, December 18th
JV BBB vs. Freeman (home)- 6pm
V. BBB vs. Freeman (home)- 7:15pm
Friday, December 19th
End of 1st Semester
Boys and Girls Wrestling- Chester Triangular
JV GBB vs. Bridgewater-Emery (home)
V. GBB vs. Bridgewater-Emery (home)
Saturday, December 20th
Boys and Girls Wrestling- Madison Invite-9:30 am
V. GBB-River City Classic (away)-1pm
V.BBB-River City Classic (away)-3pm
Monday, December 22nd
MCM JV/MS Wrestling Invite @Salem
JV BBB vs. Corsica-Stickney (home)
V. BBB vs. Corsica-Stickney (home)

REMINDER:
Winter break December 19th-January 5th No School

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