

C-FC 3K and 4K Registration

C-FC Elementary proudly welcomed its newest Pirates as 40 eager 3K and 4K students braved the rain to attend Registration Night! A special shoutout to Mrs. Fischer and her Childhood Development class for keeping siblings entertained with fun activities in the Commons. With such an exciting start, the future at C-FC is looking brighter than ever!



Biology

Biology students have been diving into the fascinating world of DNA, exploring its structure and function! Student's brought their learning to life by building DNA models with K'Nex and completing the replication process. Some groups even combined their models to create a longer DNA strand getting closer to the real thing, which stretches about 6 feet long inside a single cell!



Honors Band – Mr. Zalewski had the incredible opportunity to take Mia Bagniewski, Zoe Tepovich, Adelyn Kramer, and Joseph Thompson to participate in the Couleeland Honors Band! This prestigious ensemble brings together the best musicians from 14 schools for a full day of music-making. After hours of dedicated rehearsal, these students showcased their hard work with a fantastic performance for their families at the Blair-Taylor School Auditorium.



Boy Basketball – Regional Champs, Sectional Champs & STATE bound!

With wins over Pittsville 64-50 and Loyal 52-39 the boys basketball team are regional champions!



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C-FC's Grayden Barum leans into a layup attempt vs. Osseo-Fairchild.



C-FC handles backcourt pressure from O-F in the Pirates' final regular season home game.

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C-FC boys finish regular season strong

by Coach Jesse Cyrus

The Cochrane-Fountain City boys basketball team closed out the regular season with two more Dairyland Conference wins last week.

On Monday, Feb. 24, the Pirates hosted Osseo-Fairchild for their regular season home finale. The Pirates came away with a victory by a score of 72-57.

The Pirates were led by Porter Ehrat, who scored 25 points while adding seven rebounds and seven assists. Cameron Lipinski added 14 points of his own as Grayden Barum and Reed Schmidknecht also added 11 points each.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, the

Pirates traveled to Alma Center Lincoln to round out their regular season.

At Lincoln, the Pirates were led by Lipinski with 16 points. Ehrat added 14 points as did Barum, also with 14, to finish off the regular season with a 64-53 victory over the Hornets.

The two victories improved the Pirates' record to 22-2 overall and 20-0 in conference.

For the playoffs, the Pirates, who received the No. 1 seed and a first round bye, will host the winner of Tuesday's match-up between No. 9 Alma/Pepin and No. 8 Pittsville this coming Friday night, March 7, in the second round of the playoffs.

C-FC boys take regional title with pair of postseason victories

by Coach Jesse Cyrus and Beth Kraft

The Cochrane-Fountain City boys basketball team (24-2) continued its dominant season into the postseason last week, earning a first round bye to await the winner of Tuesday's first round match-ups.

Following Tuesday's game, the Pirates began their playoffs on Friday night,

March 7, hosting No. 8 Pittsville. The Pirates came out strong and continued throughout the night, winning by a final score of 77-30.

C-FC led 41-22 at the break and held Pittsville to just eight points in the second half to cruise to the regional semifinal victory.

The Pirates shot a blistering 54 percent from the field led by senior Cameron Lipinski, who scored a career-high 37 points—including seven made 3-pointers. Porter Ehrat added 15 points followed by Grayden Barum with 11 points to round out the leading scorers.

Lipinski grabbed a team-high nine rebounds in the game while Ehrat added a solid stat line of seven assists, six rebounds and three steals.

With the victory, the Pirates hosted No. 4 Loyal on Saturday night, March 8, for the regional championship.

At the half, the Pirates trailed by four, 24-20, but a strong second half would turn the tide and the Pirates pulled away late for a victory by a final score of 57-43.

The Pirates again had a solid night shooting, hitting nearly half of their shots from the field. Lipinski again topped the scoring column with 22 points followed by Aidan Lisowski with 11 points while Ehrat scored nine and Barum chipped in with eight as well.

Lipinski was tops on the glass with eight rebounds followed by Ehrat with six boards. Reed Schmidknecht also contributed with seven assists, five points and two steals.

The victory would give the Pirates their first Regional Championship since 2017 when C-FC defeated Fennimore and advanced all the way to the sectional final.

C-FC will now face No. 2 Columbus Catholic on Thursday, March 13, in the section-

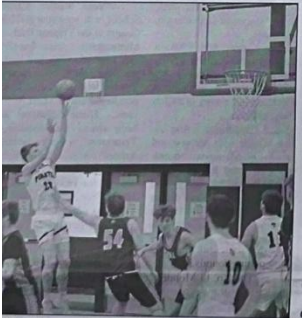
al semifinal at Osseo-Fairchild. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

A win would send the Pirates to contend for a trip to the WIAA D5 State Tournament, facing the winner of the No. 2 Royall/No. 4 North

Crawford game in the sectional final on Saturday.



Cameron Lipinski converts a reverse layup for a pair of his career-high 37 points vs. Pittsville.



Grayden Barum rises up for a baseline jumper.



The C-FC boys celebrate receiving their regional championship plaque.



C-FC's stout interior defense forces a pass out of the post during Saturday's regional final vs. Loyal.

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C-FC students compete at State FBLA, three advance to Nationals

-Submitted article

Junior high students from Cochrane-Fountain City demonstrated exceptional business acumen and leadership skills at this year's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference, with three students advancing to the national competition.

In an impressive showing, particularly noteworthy as seven of the eight competitors were first-time participants, the students competed across various business-focused categories. The two-day conference, held Sunday and Monday, showcased

young business talent from across the state.

Zoe Tepovich captured first place honors in the Exploring Leadership category, demonstrating outstanding knowledge of leadership principles and practices. The dynamic duo of Maci Ward and Norah Lisowski secured fourth place in Business Etiquette, highlighting their understanding of professional conduct and business protocols.

These outstanding achievements have earned Tepovich, Ward, and Lisowski spots at the prestigious FBLA National Conference, scheduled for late June in

Anaheim, California. There, they will represent their school and state while competing against top business students from across the nation.

We're especially proud of our students' accomplishments this year. With most of our competitors being first-time participants, their success demonstrates both their natural talent and dedicated preparation.

The FBLA program continues to prepare students for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs.



C-FC junior high FBLA members who competed at State include (pictured, left to right) Aidan Snyder, Andee Renchin, Ella Abramson, Zoe Tepovich, Maci Ward, Norah Lisowski, and Jasmine McKitney. Not pictured—Kailey Knight.

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Dittrich receives WI Dairy Athlete of the Month honor

C-FC senior is area's second this year to be recognized for balancing demands of dairy farming, school activities

by Beth Kraft

Buffalo County's farming families are drawing statewide attention to start off the year.

That's because Cochrane-Fountain City senior Cecelia Dittrich was named a Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the Month for February—just one month after Mondovi's Carter Heike earned the statewide honor for January.

The fifth sibling of the

seven Dittrich children, Cecelia pitches in on the family dairy farm, Anchorage Acres in the Waumandee area, and is a three-sport athlete at C-FC in cross country, basketball, and track & field. She's also active in the C-FC FFA chapter and is a long-time member of the Golden Hornets 4-H Club.

The Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the Month, sponsored by WisSports.net (WSN) in partnership with Dairy Farm-

ers of Wisconsin (DFW), aims to connect consumers with Wisconsin's dedicated dairy farmers and the youth who grow and raise food for their local communities.

Cecelia Dittrich and Christopher Gunst of Weyauwega-Fremont High School were named the Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the Month awardees for February.

Between school, sports, other extracurriculars, part-time jobs, duties on the farm, and her dairy show schedule, it's impressive to see how Cecelia has managed to excel in so many areas.

Farm work is a part of her daily life as Cecelia and her family care for the farm's 100 registered Holstein dairy cows and a host of young-stock. Cecelia takes charge of caring for the farm's newborn calves, which involves feeding them in the morning and at night and keeping bedding fresh. She also lends a hand with milking in the farm's double six milking parlor, picking up two relief shifts per week.

Milk from Anchorage

Acres goes to Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery where it is made into cheese.

In addition to regular chores, Cecelia also has a passion for showing dairy cows and even raises her own trio of Jerseys exclusively for the show arena.

The Dittrich siblings have been a constant force in the local dairy show scene for years, and Cecelia says she wanted to do something different by bringing Jersey cows into the mix with the family's Holsteins.

"I love working with the animals and take great pride in my own animals," Cecelia said.

She is a regular in front of the barn-themed backdrop at the annual Buffalo County Fair, earning several top awards in the fair's 2024 Dairy Show including Senior Grand Champion Jersey and Senior Dairy Showmanship. She also shows at district and state shows, competing with Buffalo County Jr. Holsteins at the District 2 Holstein Show and also at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair.



Cochrane-Fountain City High School senior Cecelia Dittrich was recently named a Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the Month by WSN and the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. The award aims to honor high school student-athletes who are active in both farming and varsity athletics.

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A three-sport athlete at C-FC, Cecelia Dittrich's speed is most evident on the track where she has garnered all-conference honors and advanced to WIAA regionals and sectionals in multiple events.

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Dittrich WI Dairy Athlete -Continued from front—

Through FFA, she took fifth place for State Dairy Handler in 2022 and was a member of the World Dairy Expo Dairy Judging 15th place team last year.

In athletics Cecelia excels in track & field in particular, competing in long jump, sprint events, and the high jump. She holds the school record in the indoor 55 meter dash and has received multiple all-Dairyland Conference individual awards with her senior track season still in front of her this spring.

As a junior, Cecelia advanced to the WIAA Division 3 Sectionals in the 100 meter dash, long jump, and she was a member of the girls 4x400 and 4x200 meter relay teams.

She also helped the C-FC girls track team win a WIAA D3 regional championship in 2023, secure a runner-up finish in 2024, and was a member of the girls basketball team's Dairyland Conference championship squad with an undefeated 13-0 record in 2023-24, advancing to the sectional final.

Cecelia plans to continue her track & field career at Winona State University next year.

The Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and WSN are recognizing high school student-athletes who are actively involved on a Wisconsin dairy farm and participate in at least one WIAA-sanctioned varsity sport. Dairy is a vital part of the economy in nearly every Wisconsin county, whether urban or rural.



Cecelia Dittrich competes during a Buffalo County Fair Dairy Show class. She's very active in the local and regional dairy show scene, exhibiting Holstein and Jersey cows.

Family-owned farms, dairy processors and dairy-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity while contributing to local income and tax revenues.

To view Cecelia's Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the

Month profile, read about other Wisconsin farmer-athletes, or to nominate a high school athlete for the Wisconsin Dairy Athlete of the Month honor, please visit www.wisports.net/wisconsin-dairy-athlete-of-the-month

C-FC girls knocked out in second round of tourney play

by Coach Rick Peterson

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the No. 6-ranked Cochrane-Fountain City girls basketball team hosted No. 11 seed Brookwood in the first round of the D5 playoffs.

C-FC held a slight 25-21 advantage at the half. However, they held Brookwood to just five points in the second half and won by a 39-26 score.

Kaelyn Comero led the Pirates with 15 points while Mackenzie Wenger added 11, and Addy Duellman

chipped in with five. Comero led the way with 11 boards, Macy Hunger had six, Aubrey Smith, Ana Knecht, and Cecelia Dittrich had five apiece, and Wenger grabbed four. Wenger, Duellman, and Comero each dished out three assists to lead the way.

On Friday, Feb. 28, the Pirates traveled to play No. 3 seed Kickapoo in a regional semifinal game. The first half went back and forth with the Pirates down by one at the half.

In the second half, the Pirates were down by nine with seven minutes left in the game. However, they fought back to pull within a score of 52-50 with less than 30 seconds remaining, eventually losing by a score of 57-52.

Comero led the Pirates with 17 points while Hunger, Wenger, and Duellman each had seven, and Ana

Knecht finished with six. Hunger had a huge night on the boards, leading the way with 18 rebounds. Comero grabbed eight, and Knecht and Dittrich had six and five, respectively. Wenger had five steals to lead the way and Comero had three.

With the loss, the Pirates finished the season with a 16-10 record.



Kaelyn Comero dribbles around a Kickapoo player.



Ana Knecht makes a layup during C-FC's regional semifinal game vs. Kickapoo.

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