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ROSE Award goes to Randy Rudebusch

Randy Rudebusch was the recipient of the 2017 ROSE Award. The award is given to recognize individuals who promote excellence in the youth of Castlewood.

A person nominating Randy for this award stated, "An excellent candidate for this award is Randy Rudebusch. He is an exceptional school custodian, helping to keep the school looking beautiful, inside and out. He also has to clean up after everything, good or bad, which is something not too many people could do.

"To all he has contact with, Randy is a very pleasant and humble person. I have substituted many times at school and Randy has always crossed my mind as a wonderful candidate for this award, just by all the wonderful (See Rose Award, page 2)



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARN CODING through a programmable robot mouse that they have to code to get through a maze and find the cheese. From the left are Easton Ries, Brylee Rudebusch, Carver Horn, Celia Kenyon and Bentley Popham.

STEM Robot Mouse Coding Set purchased with CEF grant

A 2017-18 Innovative Education Grant of \$209 was awarded to network administrator and computer teacher Leslie Tvedt, who is working to expand the makerspace program with more tools for kindergarten through second grade students. The grant was used to purchase a STEM Robot Mouse Coding Set, allowing students to create a step-by-step path for the programmable robot mouse. STEM is an acronym for the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Students press the directional arrow buttons to program the sequence of steps, then watch as the mouse scurries through to find the wedge of cheese. They use programming techniques to

get the mouse to the cheese. In addition to younger students, the robot mouse coding set can be used by the code club which was recently organized at the school.

Tvedt said the program will help students "tap into their creativity and process knowledge base." They will have to design the maze for the mouse and then "use their problem solving skills to program the mouse to make it through the maze."

"Hopefully we will create an interest in programming and working with STEM activities," Tvedt added. "This project will build a foundation for programming skills for our younger students."

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I would like to support the Castlewood Education Foundation in making educational opportunities available to children within the Castlewood School District.

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ROSE Award

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things I have observed. Praise the Lord for people like Randy.”

In presenting the award, Kathy Pommer, CEF secretary, thanked Rudebusch for his service and for making “a difference in our school, in our community and in the lives of our children.”

All individuals are eligible for nomination for the ROSE award, which is given annually, including school staff, community members and business leaders.



CEF SECRETARY KATHY POMMER presents the 2017 ROSE Award to custodian Randy Rudebusch.

Staff Appreciation Lunch held in May during Teacher Appreciation Week

CEF hosted a Staff Appreciation Lunch on May 2, 2017, for all staff members in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

THANKYOU, teachers and staff, for your service to the students of

the Castlewood School District and commitment to work together with our school board, families and the community to build a foundation for life for our students.

CEF grants funded by a variety of endeavors

During the past year, \$533.20 was generated from our aluminum can recycling project. Since the project began, \$4,962 has been raised. We want to thank the community for their support of this project and a special thanks to Gary Gabur, JW Rolloff, for hauling the cans to Watertown for us. Recycling really does make a difference.

We held a CEF Night at a home basketball game as a fund raiser in 2017. We served pizza, had a hoop shoot contest, a 3-point shot contest and a 50/50 card game, raising \$836.

Warrior Wear sales provided \$1,000 in funding for CEF projects. It is operated by the board members.

Warrior Wear gear to be sold online midsummer

CEF has a Warrior Wear store located in the Castlewood school. We sell shirts for football, volleyball, and boys and girls basketball.

Check out the flyers we send out with students in August and November. Also, starting midsummer, Warrior Wear gear will be available online through A&D Graphics, with proceeds still going to the foundation. Watch the CEF website and Warrior Wear Facebook page for more details.

Foundation Board Members

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Who administers the foundation?

The foundation is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors which operates independently of the Castlewood School District. Directors, who are drawn from the community and alumni, meet regularly and function in accordance with adopted by-laws.

We are always looking for new individuals to serve on the Castlewood Education Foundation board. If you have an interest in being a part of the foundation, please contact us through a board member.

The S.D. Community Foundation handles major donations to the Castlewood Education Foundation. This association allows us to receive gifts of real estate, securities and cash.

We hope you will consider the Castlewood Education Foundation when making charitable donations this year and estate planning decisions for future years.

In Memory Of...

Jida Salonen Aaberg, '38 <i>by Mort and Karen Schooley, Ron and Myrle Cummings and Jeff and Lesa Dahl</i>	Gladys Haug, '36 <i>by Mort and Karen Schooley</i>
Marjorie Amacher Morcom, '43 <i>by Mary Amacher</i>	Jacob Dahl, '13 <i>by Richard and Lois Wiarda and the Class of 2013</i>
Dean Seppala, '64 <i>by Steve Miller</i>	Agnes Greenfield <i>by Myrle Cummings</i>
Jeanne Wiarda Odenbach, '71 <i>by Cecil Wiarda</i>	Nancy Dahl <i>by Mort and Karen Schooley</i>
Larry Ching, '59 <i>by Bill Ching</i>	Melanie Carroll, '92 <i>by Tom and Deb McEldowney</i>
Roxann Bruinsma Kemink, '79 <i>by Jeff Kemink, Doug and Molly VanMetre, Wanita Bullert and the Wells Fargo Foundation</i>	Dave Prohl <i>by Mort and Karen Schooley</i>
Dale Byer, '57 <i>by Loyd Poppen</i>	Jerry and Bernice Junker <i>by Lonny Junker, Linda Buri and Lois Wiarda</i>
	<i>We are grateful for the generous gifts to the Castlewood Education Foundation given in memory of loved ones.</i>

CEF mission is investing in the future of our students

The Castlewood Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization whose mission is to enhance, enrich and encourage educational opportunities for all students in the Castlewood School District.

We believe public education excellence is vital and should be attainable for all. We are dedicated to uniting the efforts of alumni, local business owners, commercial groups and individuals in supporting our public school.



Members of the first-place team were Todd Gottsleben, Kali Gottsleben, Brett Denman and Jerry Denman.



Second flight winners were Gary Wiseman, Scott Engels, Rick Russman and Scooter Johnson

10th annual golf tourney proceeds benefit local students

Fifty-six golfers participated in the 10th annual Castlewood Education Foundation Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 17, at the Castlewood Golf Course.

Flight winners are pictured above. The biggest winners, however, are the students of the Castlewood School District. Tournament proceeds, totaling \$6,618, allow us to fund Innovative Education Grants to teachers,

classroom field trips, funds for music and the arts, and scholarships to graduating seniors.

Pin prizes winners were Carson Borer, Todd Gottsleben, Nik Polly, Cary Wiseman, Kali Gottsleben, Jake Edmundson, Rick Russman, Lance Craig, Lori Kiihl and Ryan Walsh.

Mark your calendars for the 11th annual golf tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Tournament sponsors - Thank you for your support!!

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Soulful Creations - Target
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Other Donations

CastleArts Design - Castlewood Locker
Joy Bruinsma - Lynn & Sandy Hoitsma

CEF awards \$5k scholarships to nine seniors

The Castlewood Education Foundation presented nine \$500 scholarships to 2017 Castlewood High School graduating seniors. Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Brooke Bruinsma, daughter of Clint and Sarah Bruinsma; Jarica

Camin, daughter of Jennifer Block; Costner Ching, son of Jeff and Tamra Ching;

Dalton Eng, son of Tonya Schmit and Pete Eng; Richard Fischer, son of Rod and Joann Fischer; Logan Gabur, son of Robin Gabur and Gary Gabur;

Angela Hupf, daughter of Bernie Hupf and Randy Hupf; Tara McEldowney, daughter of Tom and Deb McEldowney; and Mariah Soebbing-Volk, daughter of Joe and Heidi Volk.

Several sponsored scholarships were also awarded by CEF.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THROUGH THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

went to (at left, front row) Angela Hupf, Brooke Bruinsma, Mariah Soebbing-Volk and Tara McEldowney; (back row) Dalton Eng, Richard Fischer, Logan Gabur and Jarica Camin; and (above) Costner Ching.

Wiardas direct Monsanto donation to CEF

Hamlin County farmers Richard and Lois Wiarda have won the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation from the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, to the Castlewood Education Foundation.

The foundation will direct the funds to the Jacob Dahl Memorial Scholarship. Dahl, a 2013 graduate of Castlewood High School and a classmate and friend of Wiardas' son Case, was killed in an automobile accident in 2014. The Dahl (*See Monsanto donation, page 4*)



Jarred, Lesa and Jeff Dahl accept a \$2,500 Monsanto donation from Lois and Richard Wiarda, far right. The donation went to the Jacob Dahl Memorial Scholarship fund.



Jeff Kemink and Mariah Soebbing-Volk

Roxann Bruinsma Kemink Memorial Scholarship

Mariah Soebbing-Volk was the recipient of the \$1,000 Roxann Bruinsma Kemink Memorial Scholarship. Jeff Kemink (Class of 1977), along with his children Andrea and Austin, established the scholarship in memory of their wife and mother, Roxann (Class of 1979).

Did you know?

The word ROSE in ROSE Award stands for "Recognizing Outstanding Service to Education."

Monsanto

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scholarship is endowed through the S.D. Community Foundation and provides a \$500 annual scholarship to a graduating senior.

The Grow Communities program's purpose is to make a positive impact in rural areas by partnering with farmers to support the causes that are important to them in their communities. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to win a \$2,500 donation that they direct to a local nonprofit.

Since the program began in 2010, farmers have directed more than \$26 million in donations across a broad cross-section of organizations that reflect the makeup and character

of rural America, including food banks, emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs and many others.

"Farmers have directed funds to more than 8,000 community organizations across rural America since Grow Communities began," Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president, said. "Farmers are truly committed to this program because they see the difference the donation makes in their community."

Visit www.GrowCommunities.com for more information or to see a complete list of the 2017 American's Farmers Grow Communities recipients.



Logan Gabur and Dalton Eng

Junker Family Scholarship

The foundation announced two recipients would each receive a \$500 Junker Family Scholarship given by Lonny Junker (Class of 1969), Linda Junker Buri (Class of 1971) and Lois Junker Wiarda (Class of 1973) in memory of their parents, Gerald and Bernice Junker. The scholarships were awarded to Logan Gabur and Dalton Eng.



KINDERGARTENERS BOSTYN RUML AND OLIVIA HEMEN have fun with a coding set purchased with CEF grant funds.

Seppala Family Scholarship



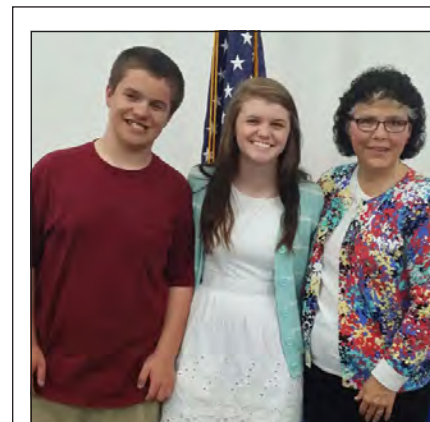
Brooke Bruinsma

Brooke Bruinsma received the \$500 Seppala Family Scholarship given by Dorothy Seppala Schooley (Class of 1954) and Lynn (Class of 1964) and Joan Seppala in memory of their parents, Elmer and Lillian Seppala and brother Dean (Class of 1964).

Larry and Beverly Meyer Family Scholarship



Tara McEldowney



Jarred Dahl, Angela Hupf and Lesa Cummings Dahl

Jacob Dahl Memorial Scholarship

The \$500 Jacob Dahl Memorial Scholarship went to Angela Hupf. The scholarship is given by Jeff and Lesa Cummings Dahl (Class of 1978), along with their son Jarred, in memory of their son Jacob (Class of 2013).

Gaylord Hoftiezer and Marjorie Hoftiezer O'Brien Memorial Scholarships

Richard Fischer received the \$1,000 Gaylord Hoftiezer Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the Castlewood Historical Society in memory of Gaylord Hoftiezer (Class of 1948) through a generous bequest, the Gaylord Hoftiezer Endowment Fund, made to the society by Gaylord's estate in 2014.

Angela Hupf was the recipient of the \$1,000 Marjorie Hoftiezer O'Brien Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established

Tara McEldowney was awarded the \$500 Larry and Beverly Meyer Family Scholarship given by Larry Meyer (Class of 1956) in honor of his wife, Beverly (Rose) Meyer (Class of 1956).

by the Castlewood Historical Society in memory of Marjorie Hoftiezer O'Brien (Class of 1938) in recognition of her efforts to establish the Gaylord Hoftiezer Endowment Fund with the Castlewood Historical Society in 2014.



Richard Fischer and Angela Hupf