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Conway royalty crowned

Cassie Vestal and Colby Vavruska named CHS Homecoming King and Queen

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The tradition of Homecoming was carried on again this year on Valentine's Day. The Conway High School boys' basketball team faced off against the Fair Grove Eagles.

Along with the game came other traditions. Every year, the grade levels choose a girl to represent them in the Homecoming court. They then choose their escort. For the freshman class, Gracie Vestal was selected and was escorted by Troy Replogle, sophomores were represented by Jewel Baldwin and Blake Mepham, and juniors picked Allyssa Nutt who chose Troy Earls as her escort.

Seniors pick four girls to represent them and again

they all choose their escorts. Ellie Archer escorted by Ryder Berger, Cassie Vestal and Colby Vavruska, Lilly Thurman and Dakotah Evans, and Claire Howe and Jimmy Shockley were all candidates.

Along with these representatives the high school boys and girls basketball players and high school cheerleaders are recognized and walk out onto the court. After this, all the Homecoming court royalty are announced and tell the crowd about themselves.

The day prior to Homecoming there are voting ballots at lunch where all high school students voted for who they want to be Homecoming King and Queen. These results are counted by Amber Myers and then

shredded and kept secret until the Homecoming game.

This year Cassie Vestal and Colby Vavruska received the most votes and were crowned king and queen of Homecoming 2020.

"It was a huge honor to receive this, and I'm happy that my peers think as highly of me as I do of them," Queen Cassie Vestal said. "It was awesome to get this with all my family and friends there to support me. Colby and I have been close friends since elementary, and I'm glad to have won it with him."

Although the Eagles boys basketball team came out on top against the Bears, everyone enjoyed the intense game and getting to see all the players be recognized as well as seeing the two seniors be crowned king and queen.



Conway Chronicles photo
Homecoming King Colby Vavruska and Queen Cassie Vestal pose for a picture with Jayse Neil, Landrye Cravens and Griffin Inman.

Five volleyball players named to all-academic team

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Last year after the volleyball season finished, Conway High School was informed that four of their players were awarded Academic All-State. Alexa Higbee, Megan Manley, Brandi Sloan, and Lilly Thurman all received this honor.

Since this season has come to an end, they received more information that five players met the qualifications for Academic All-State this year. Freshman Gibby Beckler, Callie Cornelison, and Katie Myers as well as juniors Alexa Higbee and Lakyn Shelton.

In order to qualify for Academic All-State for volleyball, you must obtain a 3.6 cumulative grade point

average (GPA) and play in 75 percent of the varsity games for that season.

One unique thing about the team is that it was made up of only freshmen and juniors; therefore, all players will be returning next season. There is also a lot of potential coming up in the next few years as well as key returners in order to keep this trend going and potentially even raise the stakes.

"Receiving this award as a freshman was really exciting. Since I got it this year, I know that I am capable of getting it the next three years as well," Freshman Gibby Beckler said. "I'm also really proud of my teammates that got it because I know they have worked really hard not only throughout the volleyball season, but, even



Conway Chronicles photo
Pictured, from left, are all state academic members Callie Cornelison, Lakyn Shelton, Gibby Beckler, Alexa Higbee and Katie Myers.

now that it's over, in their other sports. I'm excited for next season and honored to have gotten such a

great award." Conway High School went through a slump when it came to volleyball

over the past several years. This year they proved that they are ready to get back to business and improve

the program as a whole. They finished their season going 500 and managed to keep their grades at an exceptional rate.

"I think it is a compliment to the commitment of our players that they take their education seriously. It's tough to be a student athlete and budget their time accordingly. They don't make excuses, and they know what is expected of them. These girls will continue to put in their time and keep their grades up all while fulfilling their time as an athlete," head volleyball coach Tammy Beckler stated.

The Lady Bears are coming up on open gym and summer season activities, and they're ready to get in and keep getting better all while keeping their grades at high levels.

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