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Bearkats make playoff run

by: Sydnee Gully

The Bearkats made a long, confident playoff run this year in basketball, advancing to the area round. After making it out of a high competitive district, they took on the Menard Yellowjackets at San Angelo Lakeview to start off the week.

They started the game with high energy, making incredible shots from behind the arc to make the score 24-7 ending the first period. They kept the same momentum leading up to halftime, only allowing Menard to score 9 points to make the score 38-16. Coming out of the half, they didn't let up their great passing, teamwork, and confidence. With this the third quarter ended at 48-23 in favor of the Bearkats. With sharp shooting and high defensive pressure, they were able to secure the demanding win at 60-31 and earn a Bi-District title.

The area matchup was more demanding as they took on the Buena Vista Longhorns. The Bearkats were prepared, ready to overcome the intense defensive pressure and execute on offense. However, after a tough fought battle, the Longhorns ended their season with a score of 46-33.

They boys ended their season with high heads, knowing they had learned so much and grown together.

Lady Kats show heart, end season with high heads

by: Sydnee Gully

Lady Kats end season with tough battle

On Monday night, the girls basketball team took on the Eula Pirates for the Regional Semifinal title. Going into the game, they knew it would be demanding and challenging to play against one of the best teams in the state.

The Lady Kats started off with energy, coming out with easy baskets scored on the tough defensive pressure. On defense, they were ready to execute and stop the Pirates from getting to the rim.

Going into halftime, the Lady Kats were only down by a few points. At the start of the third quarter, they came out ready to play hard, fighting for a longer season. Despite the togetherness, hard work, mental focus, and physical demand they went through, they ended the game down by only 9 points with a score of 46-37.

Although they didn't win, the team still showed a lot of heart on the court. With a senior heavy team, they were ready to leave it all on the court and play with everything they had.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we have two Bearkats who also happen to be very involved in the newspaper.

First up is junior Sydnee Gully who wants to attend University of Texas at Austin to work in media, whether it be writing or reporting. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano and her favorite class is yearbook. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My sister because she helps me make a lot of decisions and guides me through parts of my life.”

Gully’s biggest challenge this year has been balancing everything especially with editing this newspaper and her biggest accomplishment is starting this a successful school newspaper. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Don’t be afraid to take action, if there is something you want to do, do it.

Next is junior Bronc Gass who wants to attend Angelo State University to major in communications to take photos for major rodeos. His favorite teacher is also Mrs. Solano along with his favorite class, yearbook. When asked who his role model is, he said, “Brylon Frerich, because she is a person I look up to and she has helped me grow as a person.”

Gass’s biggest challenge has been getting all his photos uploaded and edited and his biggest accomplishment is getting a San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Internship. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Take every opportunity.”

Golf Kicks Season Off at Odessa Tournament

by: Sydnee Gully

The boys and girls golf teams competed in Odessa last Monday to kick off their season. Although they didn't have all team members due to basketball season still running, they were able to accomplish great things and represent the school well.

Gracie Raney, Sara Garvin, and Helen Marshall competed for the Lady Kats and all shot great beginning scores. For the boys, Rylan Cypert, Karson Lowery, Roberto Alamzan, Cohen Batla, and Waylyn Davis dominated the competition, scoring great and earning 1st as a team.

Overall, the golf teams are showing great promise for the upcoming season.



"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."
- Aristotle

Senior Spotlight



Camron Ulmer

College Plans:
Jacksonville Florida (Buisness)

What will you miss most about GC:
Coach Johnson

Go-to song:
Hold on Till May - Pierce the Veil

Involvement:
Powerlifting, OAP

Key people in your life:
My Grandpa

Advice to your freshman self:
“Get better grades”

Kyler Dieringer



College Plans:
Texas Tech (Ag Business, minor in media & communications)

What will you miss most about GC:
The people I grew up with and the great staff we have

Go-to song:
6 Months Later - Megan Moroney

Involvement:
CYO, StuCo, Texas 4H Livestock Ambassador, 4H, FFA

Key people in your life:
Family

Advice to your freshman self:
“Get involved early.”

National FFA Week is Celebrated

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, FFA students celebrated National FFA week in several ways. Across the country, FFA members are encouraged to celebrate FFA and spread positivity and FFA energy to others.

In the school, officers shared spotlight information about them on the school website. Additionally, teachers were given popcorn with a fun AG joke on it. Then, each day on the morning announcements, students were read interesting AG facts to learn more about agriculture. Finally, at Bearkat Buddies, younger students were read an AG based book before breaking off to read their normal book.

Overall, FFA week was a success as it was promoted throughout the school.



What do you call a woman with one leg?

- Eileen.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Marr was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! She has been a teacher and a coach for the past 7 years, and is currently the Garden City Superintendent, with this being her second year here.

Marr was inspired to start teaching because of the students and her drive to be a leader for them.

"As a former teacher and coach, I found myself wanting to impact more, which got me into leadership at the campus level," Marr said.

She stated that her biggest learning curve has been the things you aren't trained on and being ready to handle every situation.

"The things you don't expect. You've just got to be ready for anything, and you have not been trained on everything," she said.

Through these, however, Marr expressed that the most rewarding aspect is the children and being able to make connections with them.

"I love our kiddos, I love our employees, our community. From the babies in the day care to the seniors, when I see y'all make a personal connection, that's what makes me do this job every day," said Marr.

Mrs. Marr has worked so hard these past two years to keep our school functioning, as well as enjoyable. She never fails to show up for our students any time, place, or event, so be sure to give her a huge 'thank you' whenever you see her!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

HS GIRLS GOLF AT SHADY OAK

WALL MATH/SCIENCE MEET

Tuesday

Wednesday

DISTRICT OAP AT IRION COUNTY

VARSITY BOYS GOLF AT REAGAN COUNTY

Thursday

SAT (JR & SR)

JH GC BEARKAT RELAYS

Friday

HS GC BEARKAT RELAYS

Saturday

JH TMSCA QAULIFYING MEET

The Energy Bus

by: Sydnee Gully

The energy bus has had a major impact on so many students in the school. The principles and rules have become a huge part of life. Since the beginning of the school year, the energy bus has been promoted like crazy. There are posters in the hallway, the counselors come into classes to promote it, and students live it everyday. There's been a big change. There's been a lot less "I can't" and a lot more "let me keep trying." Before the energy bus, it seemed like it was hard to find the good in things. However, now students know that there is always an upside.

Overcoming High School Stress

by: Karly Baker

High school can be exciting, but it can also feel overwhelming with schoolwork, activities, and social pressure. One helpful strategy is learning to manage your time by breaking big assignments into smaller tasks and planning ahead. Taking care of your mental and physical health through sleep, exercise, and talking with trusted friends or adults can also make a big difference. It's important to remember that mistakes and challenges are part of learning, not signs of failure. Setting small goals for yourself can help you stay motivated and see your progress over time. Remember, you don't have to worry or deal with stress alone. There are many people in the community who want to help, and you can get through school and be okay.

In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Sydnee Gully

Things heated up in culinary classes last week as they worked on more kitchen skills. Each class focused on different components, making different meals and developing new skills. Then, later in the week, several students went to the Regional Convention in Abilene. here they found great success. Additionally, Holley Stiles and Landry Dieringer served as Regional Officers and spoke on stage to hundreds of students.

WEEKLY MENU

Monday

SAUSAGE & EGG MCMUFFIN OR CEREAL & TOAST

HOT DOGS, CHILI, OVEN FRIES, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, FRUIT, & A BROWNIE

Tuesday

FRENCH TOAST STICKS & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST

POPCORN CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A ROLL

Wednesday

PANCAKE ON A STICK & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST

NACHOS GRANDE, REFRIED BEANS, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, & FRUIT

Thursday

SCRAMBLED EGGS, BISCUIT, BACON, & GRAVY OR CEREAL & TOAST

BURRITO, WHITE QUESO, CORN, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, & FRUIT

Friday

DUTCH WAFFLE & BACON OR CEREAL & TOAST

CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA, CORN, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A RICE KRISPY TREAT



FCCLA Regional Conference

by: Holley Stiles

FCCLA members traveled to Abilene to compete in the Region I Leadership Conference, where students competed in a variety of events and showcased their leadership, skill, and dedication.

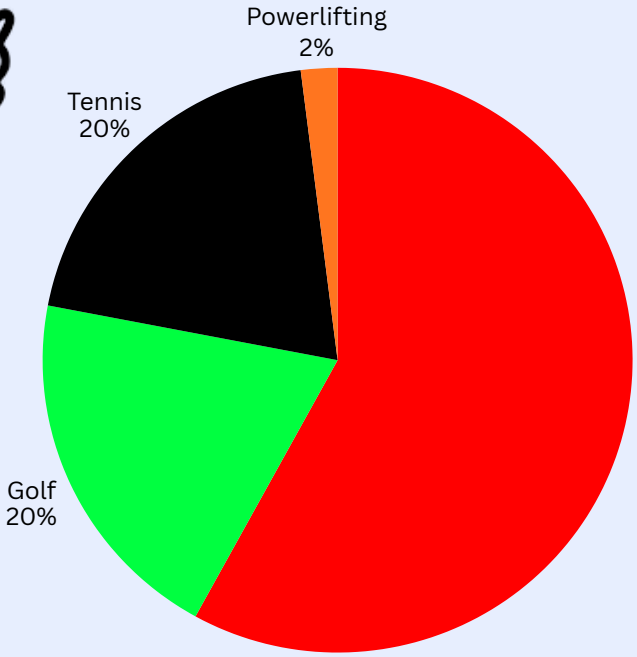
Throughout the conference, Garden City students participated in numerous STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, presenting projects that reflected months of preparation and hard work. Garden City FCCLA proudly brought home 27 state qualifiers, with these members advancing to compete in Dallas in April.

In addition to competing, Garden City's regional officers, Holley Stiles and Landry Dieringer, fulfilled their official duties throughout the conference. They helped lead sessions, assisted with event coordination, and represented Region I with professionalism and confidence. Landry Dieringer was also selected to serve as a State Officer for the 2026-2027 year, an incredible accomplishment that reflects her leadership and dedication to FCCLA.

The Region I Conference was a memorable experience for all who attended. Students returned home inspired, motivated, and excited to continue preparing for the upcoming state competition. Garden City FCCLA continues to uphold its tradition of excellence, leadership, and service both in and out of the classroom.

Student Poll, "What Is your favorite spring sport?"











Students show off hard work at San Antonio AG Mech

by: Sydnee Gully



After a successful show at San Angelo, AG mech students brought their projects to San Antonio for the annual AG Mechanics show. GC FFA brought 25 students to show 19 projects. Each student has spent countless hours in the shop, outside of class time, and on weekends to complete their projects and make them the best quality. This was shown as 14 projects earned a blue ribbon and 4 students placed in their class. At such a competitive show, this is incredibly impressive and shows the dedication of the students. Results are as follows:

1st in class: Caleb Stewart - 3 Point Hitch Mount Sprayer

2nd in class: Miles Halfmann and Waylyn Davis - Vacuum Corn Trailer

4th in class: Ivy Braden - Well Pulling Trailer