

GCHS Weekly

GARDEN CITY
HIGH SCHOOL

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National FFA Convention brings fun, success and new experiences

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, four FFA students spent their time in Indianapolis for the FFA National Convention. Ivy Braden attended workshops and sessions as an Area II officer, and Katie Braden, Bronc Gass, and Cody Howard attended as members. Additionally, after winning the state contest last year, Ana Luna went as a contestant in the Spanish Creed contest. Here, she was named a national semi-finalist! They each had their own unique experience, but they all had a great time getting to see Indianapolis, learn even more about FFA, and meet people from across the country!



Community celebrates annual Halloween Carnival

by: Sydnee Gully

On Saturday, the 4-H Club hosted its annual Halloween Carnival at the community center. The night started off with a costume contest, where people of all ages participated and had so much fun dressing up. Then, the games were opened, which included coke ring toss, go fish, a dunk tank, mini golf, suker pull, and much more. Overall, it was a night of fun for all ages and everyone had a blast.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we are putting two awesome students under the spotlight.

First up is freshman Jensyn Kemp who wants to go to Texas Tech University to be a sonographer or a dental hygienist. Her goal for this year is to succeed and get better in basketball and track. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My parents because they have taught me about my faith and that trusting in Jesus is the most important part of my life."

Kemp's favorite subject is Algebra and her favorite thing about the school is hanging out with her friends. Her hobbies include traveling, hanging out with friends, and her extracurriculars like FCCLA, UIL, FFA, Basketball, and Track. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Try your best and have fun."

Next up is sophomore Jacob Talamantes who wants to build 10 RV Parks so he can be an RV park owner. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and his favorite subject is athletics. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My dad, because he is a pretty cool guy."

Talamantes's goal for this year is to make it far in the basketball playoffs and his favorite part about the school is that we have a lot of substitute teachers. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, "Don't be a try-hard at school, it will get you nowhere in life."

In the Classroom with Mrs. Hoelscher

by: Emily Easterling

Last week, Mrs. Hoelscher kept her students busy learning essential math skills that they will carry with them through their school careers. In PreCal, students combined creativity with their knowledge of piecewise functions to create fun Halloween designs. They achieved this by using Desmos online graphing calculator to graph many different piecewise functions to eventually create a beautiful Halloween picture. Be sure to vote for a winner of these masterpieces outside of Mrs. Hoelchers door!

In Algebra II, students have been learning multiple methods to solve 3X3 systems of questions. In the previous weeks, they learned to solve them algebraically using substitution, elimination, or Gaussian elimination. Last week, they added to those methods and learned how to use their TI-84 calculators to solve systems using Inverse and Augmented Matrices and practiced by competing in a Matrix Relay Race.

For her Algebra I students, Mrs. Hoelcher finished their unit on Linear Equations and Inequalities by learning about Linear Function Transformation. Some students were also given an extension assignment where they were tasked to help design a new water park. With this, they were required to transform a cost model, analyze and compare different cost models, create their own plan, compare costs, and recommend which plan they believe the water park should use.

All in all, Mrs. Hoelscher has done an amazing job in class to not only teach her students valuable math skills, but also keep them entertained and having fun!



In the Classroom with Coach Hoch

by: Kyleigh Roe

Garden City students are expanding their creativity and preparing for upcoming performances through the fine arts programs led by Coach Hoch.

Elementary music students in pre-k through fifth grade are learning musical skills through singing, rhythm and movement. They are also preparing for the Veterans Day program, where they will honor veterans through music.

Junior high theatre students are designing costumes for Alice in Wonderland, experimenting with how different historical periods can change a character's appearance. Meanwhile, high school theatre students are developing their acting skills by focusing on character emotions, movement and storytelling.

With One Act Play season underway, the junior high cast is preparing Treasure Island for its December competition. The high school cast is also beginning rehearsals for The Garden After, an original play centered on family, memories and forgiveness.

Through these activities, students are learning valuable skills in teamwork, creativity and confidence as they prepare to showcase their talents.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Fryar was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! She is currently our academic coordinator where she helps Mrs. Hoelscher with student council as well as be responsible for CCMR data, CTE credits, scheduling, high school graduation credits, all things seniors, scholarships, and then helping everybody get career, college ready for their next steps.

Mrs. Fryar graduated from Lubbock Christian University with her bachelor's degree as a double major in English and Speech. After 22 years in the school system, she earned her master's degree through UT Tyler and became the academic coordinator at GC.

Growing up in a small farming community, Mrs. Fryar knew she wanted to be a teacher. After continuing down the education pathway, she found it was something she really enjoyed and was good.

"My dad farmed and ran cattle and I went to a really small school and I didn't really realize everything that was out there and available and so I think by default I became a teacher because that would give me summers off," she said.

Fryar had multiple amazing and impactful teachers throughout her school career, but two college professors really stuck out to her who helped to be the best that she could be.

"In college I had some professors who had hard conversations with me and really helped direct me and lead me so I think about Dr. Boyer and I think about Dr. Blassingame and the people that challenged me and made me better," she explained.

Mrs. Fryar's main goal for this year is to be able to successfully help with a new career prep program called College Contact.

"I'm super excited about that and just using that well and letting it help the students that are still struggling to figure out what they want to do," Mrs. Fryar said.

Her favorite part about working in GC is the community and the people that we surround ourselves with.

"We do outside activities together and I think that makes us like a family in more ways than a lot of places because we're together a lot which means we annoy each other a lot but it means that at the heart of it we've all got each other's back and we all care about one another," she explained.

If Mrs. Fryar had one piece of advice to give to students, it would be this: "We live in this social media land like outside expectation heavy world and at the end of the day you have to live with you and so be proud of who you are and be proud of your talents and have a growth mindset for the things that you want to change."

Mrs. Fryar has done so much for our school system, its organization, and especially our seniors. Please be sure to give her a huge 'thank you' when you see her!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a cute door?

Adorable!

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”
-Thomas A. Edison

Football faces Wildcats in thrilling Friday night showdown

by: Sydnee Gully

On Friday night, the Bearkats were in Grady to take on the Wildcats. They knew the game was going to be tough and demanding, but they were ready for the challenge.

The game started off fast-paced as the Wildcats scored on the opening drive and made the kick to make the score 8-0 in their favor. However, the Bearkats quickly bounced back as Miles Colunga returned their kickoff for a touchdown to put us on the Wildcat 24 yard line. With this momentum and opportunity, Brody Walts ran the ball in for a touchdown to make the score 8-6.

This same energy was kept for both teams. When Grady got the ball next, they ran the ball in for a touchdown and made the kick. However, again, Colunga had a great kick return. This time, he was able to find the endzone, too, and Cohen Batla topped the touchdown off with a made kick to make the score 16-14.

To end the first quarter, the Wildcats made a long pass for their third touchdown of the game, but strong Bearkat special teams was able to block their kick, making the score 22-14.

The second quarter had a similar momentum as the first was back-and-forth touchdowns. After six Wildcat touchdowns and a rushing touchdown by Colunga and an impressive pass from Walts to Nathan Garcia, the score was 62-28 to end the half.

The game ended in the third quarter as the Wildcats came out with momentum and energy. Now, the team is looking to take on the Buena Vista Longhorns this Friday at Bearkat Stadium. Before the game, fans will also celebrate 'Senior Night' as each senior gets to be recognized.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

NEW HOME FFA
INVITATIONAL

REGIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

JH/JV FOOTBALL
AT BUENA VISTA

FRIDAY

EARLY RELEASE

VARSITY
FOOTBALL VS
BUENA VISTA
(SENIOR NIGHT)

ANTON BUILD
OFF

WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY

FRENCH TOAST
STICKS & SAUSAGE
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

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

TUESDAY

PANCAKE ON A
STICK & YOGURT
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

POP CORN CHICKEN,
MAC & CHEESE,
GREEN BEANS,
GARDEN SALAD,
RANCH, FRUIT, & A
ROLL

WEDNESDAY

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

NACHOS GRANDE,
REFRIED BEANS,
ZESTY CUCUMBERS,
& FRUIT

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST
TAQUITO
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

SUB SANDWICH,
BABY CAROTS,
RANCH, CHIPS,
FRUIT, & A JELLO
CUP

FRIDAY

DUTCH WAFFLE &
BACON
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHEESE OR
PEPPERONI PIZZA,
CORN, BABY
CARROTS, RANCH,
FRUIT, & A COOKIE

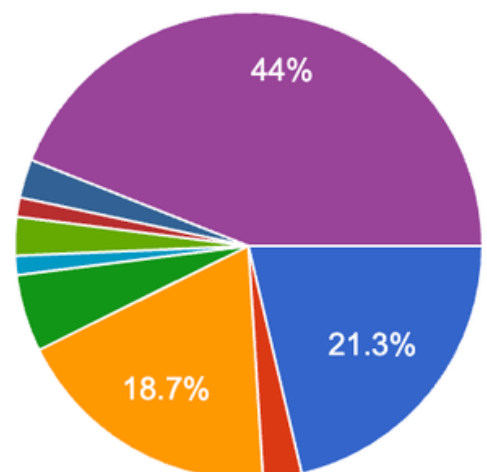
Student Council Hosts Haunted Halls

by: Sydnee Gully

On Sunday evening, the Student Council hosted 'Haunted Halls.' This event has been a tradition for years, and students always have a great time at it! This year, it was hosted in the old gym and the old gym locker rooms, giving the atmosphere an immediate "scary" feeling. There were several students and community members that showed up to support the Student Council and get into the Halloween spirit!

A poll was sent out to all secondary students and high school staff to see what Garden City think the "best" college football rivalry is.

- Michigan vs Ohio State
- Auburn vs Alabama
- Texas vs Oklahoma
- Army vs Navy
- USC vs Notre Dame
- Florida State vs Miami
- UCLA vs USC
- Florida vs Georgia
- Oregon vs Oregon State
- Alabama vs LSU
- Texas vs Texas A&M



Red Ribbon Week Dress Up Days:

Monday:	Wednesday:	Friday:
Red Shirt Day	Pajama Day	School Spirit Day (secondary)
Tuesday:	Thursday:	Book Character Day
Hawaiian Day	Hat Day	(elementary)

