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# GCHS Weekly

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## *Boys take home 7th at state cross country meet*

*by: Kannon Flores*

The Garden City High School boys cross country team ran the UIL State Championship meet at Round Rock on Saturday, hoping to end the season on a high note. The day started with Thomas Hillger leading the pack, taking 19th place with an impressive time of 17:44. Right behind him was Kannon Flores in 37th place, who clocked in at 18:10. Next was Korbin Cervantes, crossing the finish line at 18:46 to take 60th. Cooper Baker came next, running a 19:54 to secure 108th place, followed by Clayton Hillger, who earned 130th with a time of 21:06. After Clayton, Cade Baker ran a 22:07 to earn 142nd place. To round off this historic season was Rene Cano, who crossed the finish line at 22:23 to take 147th place and earned 7th place overall as a team. This was the final race of the season, and the boys hope to carry this momentum forward and repeat their success next year.








## *School hosts annual Veterans Day Program*

*by: Sydnee Gully*

On Wednesday last week, the community and school came together to celebrate Veterans Day with the annual Veterans Day Program. At the program, elementary students sang to recognize and show appreciation to our veterans. Additionally, National Honor Society officers spoke about what it means to be a veteran and how to recognize and show appreciation for them and the time they served our country.

After the program. veterans and family were invited to the cafeteria to enjoy a delicious lunch and cake.

## ‘Where Are You Going Wednesday?’

*by: Sydnee Gully*

Students and staff celebrated 'Where Are You Going Wednesday?' again by wearing their favorite college or career merch. This event helps students think about their future plans each month and get them involved in thinking about future career plans.

## Lady Kats take on Greenwood

*by: Kyleigh Roe*

The Garden City Lady Kat JV and varsity basketball teams recently took the court against Greenwood for a preseason scrimmage. Greenwood brought two JV teams, giving the Lady Kats additional opportunities to compete and gain valuable experience.

The scrimmage allowed players to work on their skills, build team chemistry, and prepare for the upcoming basketball season. It also gave coaches an opportunity to see what the teams have been working on and identify areas for improvement.

Overall, the scrimmage was a great learning experience for both the JV and varsity teams. Opportunities like this help players grow individually while bringing the entire Lady Kat basketball program closer together. The experience provided a positive start to the season and helped build excitement for the games ahead.



## *Staff Spotlight*

*by: Sydnee Gully*

This week, we are shining the spotlight on one of out CTE teachers - Mr. Hauser. Mr Hauser has been at Garden City for several years teaching agricultural education and taking on the responsibilities as one of the advisors of the Glasscock County FFA program. During his time here, he has noticed that his favorite part of Garden City is the community.

"My favorite part about working at this school is the support, students, and small school environment," Hauser said. "The opportunities the school has allowed us to pursue are incredibly unique, and I will never be able to provide enough thanks for that."

Additionally, he loves the students and how well the students and staff are taken care of.

He stated, "I tell people all the time that the first job I took is likely the best job I'll ever have."

Before teaching, Hauser attended Potomac State College of West Virginia for two years before transferring to West Virginia University for two years to study agriculture education. To finish off his education, he attended the University of Kentucky for two year to pursue a masters in Community and Leadership development. However, this wasn't always his plan.

"For the first 12 years of my life, I was convinced I was going to go into engineering," Hauser said. "I had been heavily involved in robotics and STEM through middle school and the beginnings of high school, so I was ready to continue into that field after high school."

However, when he was introduced to agriculture education and FFA in high school, the involvement in those classes and organization ultimately led him to choose a career in teaching.

During high school, Hauser noted one teacher that really stood out to him.

"My favorite teacher, outside of my dad, who was my ag teacher, was Coach Eakle. He had a way of making a complex subject such as Chemistry very relatable and understandable. He was also my track coach, so I knew doing well in his class often meant a little less running," he said.

This year, Hauser is the most excited to see a number of new students get involved and grow. Additionally, his goal for the year is to have multiple students earn State FFA scholarships.

Finally, if Mr. Hauser could give some advice to his students, it would be: "Enjoy the moment and be present in them. I can vividly remember wishing some of my high school time away. We are all very quick to want to grow up. I wish I would have been more present in those moments and built stronger relationships. Enjoy these four years. There is so much good to take from them!"

Mr. Hauser has and continues to do so much for our school and students, so be sure to let him know how much we all appreciate him!




## *Students of the Week*

*by: Claire Eggemeyer*

This week we have three amazing students who are under the spotlight.

First up is junior Landry Baker, who wants to go to college to be an OB-GYN sonographer. Her favorite part about the school is the people and she stated that her role model is Jesus. When asked what her favorite class is, she said, “Yearbook and I’m looking forward to seeing all of my work in the pages.”

Baker’s goal for this year is to make it to the playoffs in basketball and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano. Her hobbies include playing with her brothers and her extracurriculars like Basketball, NHS, UIL, tennis, cross country, FFA, and student council. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “It was never that serious.”

Next up is senior Sophie Sullivan, who wants to attend a culinary institute to get her associates in food science, baking and pastry, and restaurant management and hospitality. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano and her favorite subject is culinary. When asked who her role mode is, she said, “My mom, because she’s always there for me no matter what I’m doing and she shows me that in the face of adversity you can do what you want to do.”

Sullivan’s favorite part about the school is the culture between the people and her biggest goal for this year is to make the most out of her senior year. Her hobbies include cooking, reading, and her extracurriculars like UIL, FCCLA, One Act Play, powerlifting, cross-country, track, NHS, student council, and barbeque. IF she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Always try to be in the moment and work hard at school because it does pay off.”

Last up is senior Ella Brinkley, who wants to do online school after high school to be a teacher. Her hobbies include hanging out with her friends and participating in cross country, basketball, track, tennis, FFA, one-act play, UIL, NHS, and student council. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My little brother, Shooter, because although he is my little brother he is a good kid and I look up to him a lot.”

Brinkley’s goal for this year is to get all A’s and B’s, and her favorite part of the school is the very committed basketball program. Her favorite teacher is her mom, Mrs. Brinkley, and her favorite subject is A&P. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Get involved with something like basketball because it has really helped me to grow my relationships with my friends.”

## Juniors, sophomores learn at Midland hospital

*by: Sydnee Gully*

Last week, the sophomores and a few juniors took a field trip to the hospital in Midland with Nurse Goodwin to have a great day at KEY driver's ed. Here, they learned so much about how to be a safe driver, how to help others be safe when they're in your car, and the dangers of driving distracted and under the influence. Additionally, they were able to take a brief tour of the hospital where they saw the trauma unit, experienced a real hospital environment, and learned more about the medical field.

This was a great opportunity for them, and they all got to have a great time!



**”IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT’S DONE” -NELSON MANDELA**

# Football dominates Fort Hancock, ends season on high note

*by: Sydnee Gully*

On Thursday night two weeks ago, the Bearkat football team traveled to Fort Hancock for their last game of the season. Every player was ready to finish the season strong and leave everything on the field for the last time this season.

With this energy and motivation, senior Brody Walts was quick to run the ball in for a touchdown, giving the Bearkats an early lead of 6-0. Then, after a stop on defense, Walts found the endzone again, and Cohen Batla made the kick to make the score 14-0. This same momentum was kept as the Bearkats scored two more touchdowns to make the score 28-0.

Fort Hancock finally fought back with a touchdown of their own to make the score 28-8. However, Walts was quick to find the endzone again, and Batla topped it off with a kick to bring the score to 36-8. Then, after another stop on defense for the Bearkats, Kelton Fuchs ran the ball in for a demanding touchdown, and Batla made the kick to make the score gap even bigger at 44-8.

On defense, Juan Barco had a strong play to stop the ball, forcing them to start possession at the 15 yard line. Still, Fort Hancock was able to fight through the Bearkat defense to score their second touchdown of the game and make the score 44-14.

To finish the half, Walts ran in for one more touchdown, making the score 52-14 going into the third quarter.

Coming out of halftime, the Beartkats kept their momentum as Walts quickly found the endzone again, making the score 58-14. However, Fort Hancock fought back with a touchdown of their own. Still, the Bearkats didn't let this stop their momentum. Wyatt Everett had a strong run to the endzone for another touchdown, making the score 64-29. Finally, to end the game, Walts recovered their fumble, giving the Bearkats another opportunity on offense. With this, Miles Colunga ran through their defense for the final touchdown of the Bearkats' season, ending the game early at 70-20.

The Bearkats had a great season full of great memories, incredible opportunities, and learning experiences.





# In the Classroom with Mrs. Wilburn

*by: Sydnee Gully*

Last week, Mrs. Wilburn's classroom was full of exciting hands-on activities and learning! In her chemistry class, they worked through different trends of the periodic table. First, they looked at a medical mystery and began trying to determine which element is responsible for causing the illness each patient is experiencing.

Her physics students have been having a great time learning all about motion in two directions. With this, they have been using kinematics formulas to solve equations and explain projectile motion.

For IPC students, the classroom has been full of talk about the Law of Conservation of mass and balancing chemical equations.

Finally, her Anatomy and Physiology students finished up the unit over the muscular system by discussing the neuromuscular junction, antagonistic pairs of muscles, and looking at different major muscles. During the week, they did a chicken wing dissection to help them better understand the material, too. Now, they are getting ready to explore the nervous system!

## FFA competes at district, advances several to area

*by: Sydnee Gully*

FFA students went to showcase their skills that they have been developing since the beginning of the school year last Thursday at the district LDE contest. Top two placings advance to state. The results are below:

District Champions:

Ag Advocacy - Landry Baker, Joslyn Halfmann, Ella Brinkley

Ag Issues - Joslyn Halfmann, Bron chess, Katelyn Ezell, Tori Calloway, Tenly Hartl

Public Relations - Katie Braden, Sydnee Gully, Ivy Braden, Emily Easterling

Senior Spanish Creed - Ana Luna

Greenhand Quiz - Josiah Briseno, Bennett Hall, Caleb Easterling, Khloee Sanders

Senior Quiz - Zachary Wilson, Mia Romero, Cody Mueller, Tori Calloway

Radio Broadcasting - Sydnee Gully, Katie Braden, Emily Easterling

Job Interview - Ivy Braden

Second Place:

Job Interview - Grady Ivins

Senior Chapter Conducting - Cade Baker, Cooper Baker, Shooter Brinkley, Rene Cano, Korbin Cervantes, Masyn Dieringer, Duncan Cypert, Mia Romero

Greenhand Chapter Conducting - Caleb Easterling, Haldy Dieringer, Mackenzie Braden, Lilly Hillger, Emily Houston, Eniyah Talamantes, Khloee Sanders, Maddie Meyer

Third Place:

Radio Broadcasting - Ella Brinkley, Landry Baker, Grady Ivins

Fourth Place:

Ag Advocacy - Shooter Brinkley, Duncan Cypert, Harrison Little

Fifth Place:

Senior Quiz - Kannon Flores, Harrison Little, Grayson Marr, Roper Gass

Senior Spanish Creed - Samantha Cortes

Sixth Place:

Greenhand Quiz - Eli Eggemeyer, Bryson Jones, Toph Garcia, Maddie Meyer

Senior Skills - Clayton Hillger, Cohen Batla, Wyatt Everett, Braxton Dieringer

Other Participants:

Greenhand Creed - Mackenzie Braden

Senior Creed - Tenly Hartl

Senior Creed - Thomas Hillger

### Joke Of the week

**What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean beef!**



# WEEKLY MENU

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| SAUSAGE BISCUIT OR CEREAL & TOAST | BREAKFAST PIZZA OR CEREAL & TOAST | SAUSAGE KOLACHE & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST | PANCAKE ON A STICK & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST | DONUT & BACON OR CEREAL & TOAST |
| HOT DOG, CHILI, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, CHIPS, FRUIT, & A BROWNIE | TAQUITOS, SPANISH RICE, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, FRUIT, & PUDDING | PIZZA STICKS, MARINARA SAUCE, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, GARDEN SALAD, & FRUIT | TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, FRUIT, A ROLL, & PUMPKIN PIE | HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, CHIPS, & FRUIT |

## Boys Basketball competes in scrimmage vs Sands

*by: Sydnee Gully*

The boys basketball program kicked off their season with a scrimmage in Sands to compete against the Mustangs. Both JV and Varsity teams went in ready to show off their skills and execute.

Both teams played well. Although it was a scrimmage and a score wasn't kept, they still executed, played hard, and worked together. Both groups are showing a lot of promise for the upcoming season.

## Third grade attends farm tour, Braden presents

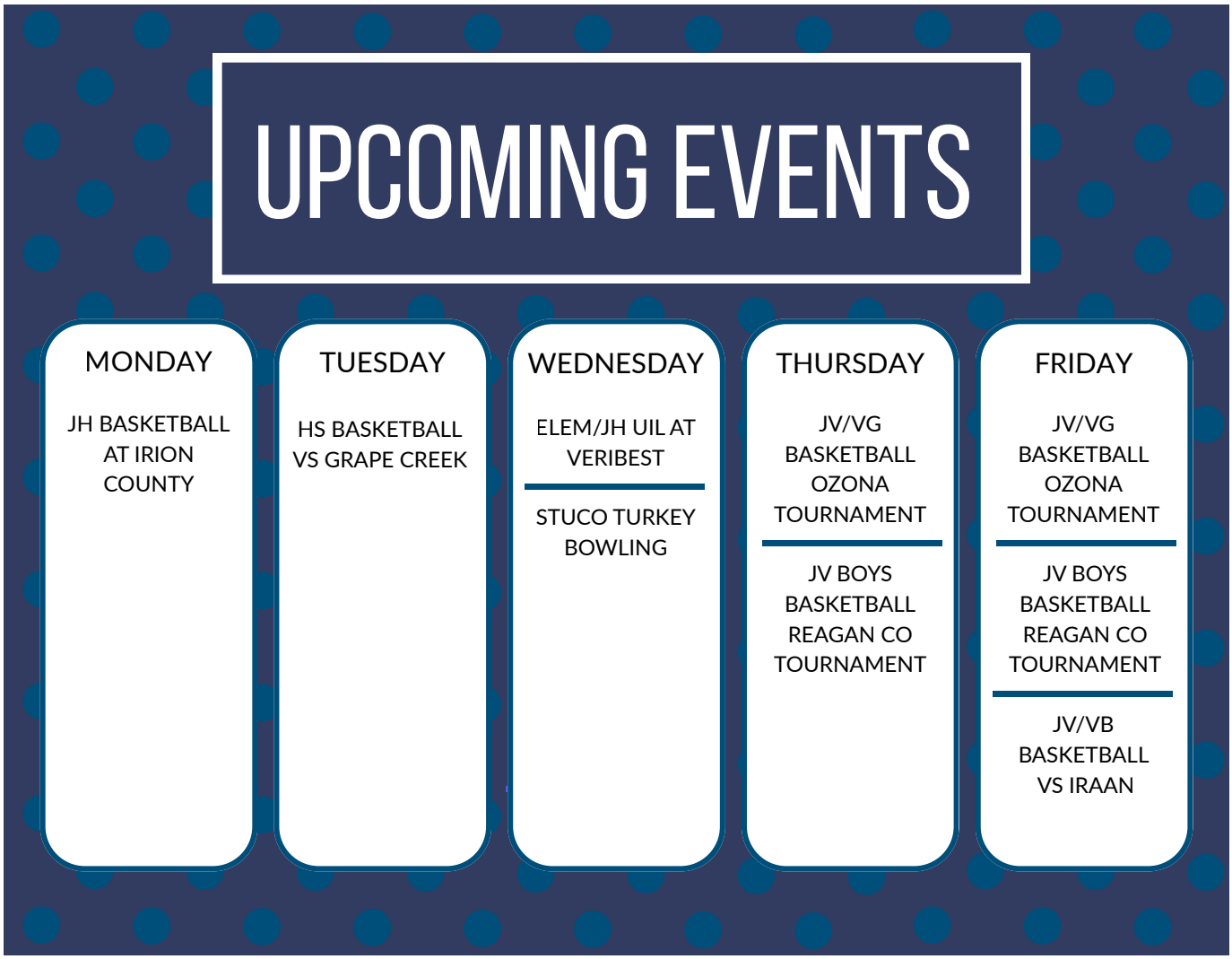
*by: Sydnee Gully*

Last week, the third grade class took a trip to the St. Lawrence Church to attend the annual farm tour. Here, they worked through different stations to learn more about farming and different parts of the industry.

At one of the stations, Katie Braden was giving a presentation about her SAE project where she manages and runs a 25 sow operation. Also, Katelyn Ezell gave a presentation.

Overall, it was a day full of learning and fun!






## Girls basketball kicks off season with first games

*by: Sydnee Gully*

Girls basketball started off their season with a couple of games in Eldorado. The JV squad (Tori Calloway, Jynsen Kemp, Dakeli Huerta, Masyn Dieringer, Reagan Hillger, Tenly Hartl) took the court first. They battled throughout the whole game, making big plays and going on runs when they needed it most. Ultimately, they were able to come out on top with a 30-23 win.

The varsity team (Ella Brinkley, Kyleigh Roe, Sydnee Gully, Landry Baker, Addi Goodwin, Brenly Schwartz, Joslyn Halfmann) took the court next, hoping to execute. They knew it was going to be an intense game, but they were ready. Still, they found themselves having to fight back after a slow start as they went into the third quarter down 12-21. With a quick halftime talk, they came out with energy in the third quarter and brough the score gap down to a single possession. Unfortunately, they weren't able to secure the win. Still, big plays were made on both sides of the ball throughout the game, and they went into practice the rest of the week knowing what they had to improve on.

With the learning experience from Tuesday night, the varsity hit the road again on Friday to face the Roby Lady Lions in Roby. The Lady Lions were on a winning streak, but the Lady Kats went in confident and ready to compete.

They used teamwork, communication, and preparation to shut down Roby's best drivers, shooters, and post player. With their lock-down defense, they went into halftime with the Lions only having scored 8 points. Then, they continued to execute throughout the second half to end the game with a score of 41-19 in the Lady Kats' favor. They showed a tremendous amount of growth from one game to the next, and they will continue to work hard to have a successful season.

This week, they are looking to face Grape Creek at home on Tuesday. Then, they will end the week in Odessa with their first tournament of the season!


THE LEGEND OF THE
MISSING SNACK
Operation: Snack Theft
Issue #2
Same goal. New plan. Bigger cheese.
1. The Plan
Step one: distract the dragon with cheese!
Brilliant. Simple.
And cheesy!
2. The Cheese Arrives
Behold! The finest cheese in all the realms!
3. The Dragon Notices
SNIFF SNIFF
CHEESE?!
4. A Question
Wait... is the dragon even hungry?
5. The Allergy
I'M ALLERGIC TO CHEESE!
ACHOO!
6. The Chase
MY CHEESE!
7. The Grab
That is NOT the plan!
8. The Outcome
DID YOU COME BACK WITH ANOTHER TERRIBLE PLAN?!
Operation Snack Theft: 0% successful. Cheese: 100% airborne.
Next Week...
THE WORLD'S WORST SPELL.