

GCHS Weekly

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Tennis competes at Big Lake

by: Kyleigh Roe

The tennis team traveled to Big Lake on Thursday to compete in a competitive tournament against several area schools. The event gave players the opportunity to test their skills, gain match experience, and represent their school on the court.

Throughout the day, athletes competed in both singles and doubles matches, showing determination and teamwork. Landry Baker and Sadie Fuchs played several long matches, leading them to be runners up for the girls doubles division. Addison Goodwin won multiple matches and ended up placing fourth in the girls singles division. Grady Ivins, Trevor Garcia, Dayani Chavez, Holley Stiles, Kyleigh Roe, Bronc Gass, Ella Brinkley, Clayton Hillger, Deegan Williams, and Riley Harbison also competed in the tournament.

On Friday, another group traveled to compete in the second day of the tournament. Presley Jost and Lacy Seidenberger entered in the mixed double division where they earned the champion title. Jesus and Uziel also competed this day, adding more students to gain experience and get more practice.

For several team members, the tournament was an important chance to build confidence and improve their game. Coaches were proud of the effort shown by the team, highlighting the athletes' sportsmanship and perseverance.

Although the competition was challenging, the experience in Big Lake helped the players grow and prepare for future matches. The team looks forward to continuing the season and applying what they learned from the tournament.

Garcia lifts at Regional Powerlifting Meet, earns top placing

by: Sydnee Gully

Sophomore Trevor Garcia has been going to several powerlifting contests over the past few months. He's seen some great competition, grown stronger, and earned several awards. Last weekend, he competed at the regional meet in Post and placed 10th overall. He lifted an impressive 440-pound total in the 114-pound weight class. This achievement is a showcase of the early mornings, hard work, and mental strength he's gone through this season. He represented the school in an incredible way, showing determination, discipline, and grit. If you see him, make sure to congratulate him on this incredible accomplishment!





*Not
Pictured:
Riley
Harbison*

Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we have a couple of Bearcats who have been doing amazing things at school and are ready to be recognized.

First up is sophomore Landry Dieringer, who wants to go to college at Texas Tech University and major in nursing. Her favorite teacher is her mom, Laura Deiringer, and her favorite class is English. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My parents, because they are good people and they're raising me to be a good person."

Dieringer's biggest challenge has been trying to balance schoolwork with extracurriculars like FCCLA, and her biggest accomplishment is making the State Council in FCCLA. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Try new things because you don't know what opportunities it's going to open for you."

Next is freshman Riley Harbison, who wants to work in landscaping after high school. His favorite teacher is Coach Fryar, along with his favorite class, biology. When asked who his role model is, he said, "Mike Mintzer. He was more logical than just purely going at it."

Harbison's biggest challenge this year has been grades and lifting light. His biggest accomplishment is deadlifting 385 pounds. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, "Even if the grades look bad, don't quit. Focus on academics before sports."

Bearcats Finish Second at Tournament, Lowery Claims Individual Title

by: Karly Baker

The Bearcat boys' golf team had a strong showing at their recent tournament held at Quicksand Golf Course, finishing second overall as a team and bringing home the individual championship. With clear skies and comfortable temperatures, the weather created nearly perfect conditions for a day on the course.

As a team, the Bearcats placed second overall, finishing just behind the 2A Miles team. Several golfers contributed solid rounds to help secure the runner-up finish.

Leading the way for Garden City was Karson Lowery, who shot an impressive 73 to claim first place individually and earn tournament champion honors. Lowery's steady play throughout the round helped pace the Bearcats on a successful day.

Cohen followed with an 80, while Brik posted an 87. Rylan added a 92, Waylyn shot a 95, and both Roberto and Sterling finished with rounds of 97.

The strong performances across the lineup helped the Bearcats put together a competitive team score and continue building momentum for the season. It was a great day for Bearcat golf, highlighted by Lowery's individual victory and the team's second-place finish.



"If you tell the truth, you
don't have to remember
anything."
— Mark Twain

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Mallory
Latch

David
Salazar

**College Plans:**

Angelo State (Nursing)

What will you miss most about GC:

The friends

Go-to song:

All the things she said - t.A.T.u.

Involvement:

OAP, UIL, StuCo

Key people in your life:

Mom, Dad, Grace Divine, Lee Yanez

Advice to your freshman self:

"Get out there and worry about your grades."

Plans after high school:

Work force

What will you miss most about GC:

Hanging out with my friends, not taking things seriously

Go-to song:

Step on me - The Cardigans

Involvement:

OAP

Key people in your life:

Dad

Advice to your freshman self:

"Take things seriously, don't mess around."

Track Teams compete at Robert Lee meet

by: Kyleigh Roe

The Garden City track teams delivered an impressive showing at the Robert Lee track meet, highlighted by several podium finishes, a new school record, and a first-place team finish for the varsity boys.

In the varsity boys division, the Bearkats captured the team championship, led by a record-breaking performance from Miles Colunga. Colunga sprinted to first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.71, setting a new school record in the event. Bronc Gass also earned a first-place finish, winning the 300-meter hurdles in 46.75.

Garden City found success in the field events as well. Roberto Alamazon claimed first place in the shot put with a throw of 44'-3¾, while Nick Howard finished second at 42'-4½. Alamazon also took second place in discus with a throw of 113'-2. Other varsity boys highlights included Thomas Hillger placing second in the 800-

meter run (2:12) and third in pole vault (11'-6). Kannon Flores added distance points with a fourth-place finish in the 1600 meters (5:20) and fifth in the 3200 meters (12:16). Juan Barco placed fifth in high jump (5'-2), while Gass added a sixth-place finish in the triple jump (36'-3).

The Bearkats also performed well in the relays, finishing second in the 4x100 relay (45.80), fifth in the 4x200 relay (1:39), and second in the 4x400 relay (3:43).

On the girls side, the LadyKats varsity team placed third overall. Natalie Crownover led the team with a first-place finish in the 100-meter dash in 12.68. The LadyKats relay teams also had a strong day, finishing second in the 4x100 relay (51.56), third in the 4x200 relay (1:54), and first in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:40.

Distance runner Claire Eggemeyer placed second in the 1600-meter run (6:10). In the hurdles, Sadie Fuchs took third in

the 300-meter hurdles (53.46), while Tori Anderson finished fifth (59.87). Addi Goodwin placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (18.87) and second in pole vault (8'-6), with Emily Easterling finishing fourth in pole vault (5'-6). In the throwing events, Kaylee Garcia placed third in shot put (30'-1¾) and second in discus (97'-3), while Anderson added a fifth-place finish in shot put (26'-11¾).

The Garden City junior varsity athletes also posted several solid results. Riley Harbison finished fifth in shot put (29'-11¾) and fifth in discus (69'-10). Katelyn Ezell earned sixth in the 100-meter dash (14.84) and third in the 200-meter dash (31.75), while Dayani Chavez took third in the 400-meter dash (1:18) and Mel Gomez finished fourth (1:20).

With multiple top finishes and a new school record, the Bearkats and LadyKats continue to build momentum as the track season progresses.



How do
you make a
Swiss roll?
— Push
him down
a hill!

Students Celebrate Monthly 'Where Are You Going Wednesday?'

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week, the Bearkats participated in "Where Are You Going Wednesday" to support college and career readiness. Students were encouraged to wear a cap or t-shirt in support of their favorite college, technical school, or branch of the military. This is a great way for students to see all their college options and really think about their future.

Eighth grade student Cade Baker expressed, "I really

enjoyed looking at all my options for college although I am pretty set on going to Texas Tech." His classmate, Tinley Hartl agreed, saying, "It really makes me think about my future," she explained, "I can watch the high school kids and realize that my future is right around the corner."

The Bearkats' future is certainly looking bright as they explore post-high school careers.



School Hosts Annual Second Grade Rodeo

by: Karly Baker

Excitement filled the air this week as second graders participated in their highly anticipated annual rodeo, a fun tradition that brought together creativity, teamwork, and a little bit of friendly competition before the start of spring break.

The event began with students proudly showing off their handmade cardboard horses. Each student built and decorated their own horse, complete with colorful saddles, yarn manes, and painted designs. Once the horses were ready, the young cowboys and cowgirls climbed inside and prepared for a day of ranch-style activities.

Students rotated through several stations designed to give them a taste of life on the ranch. One of the most popular activities was milking a "cow," where students practiced their skills using a pretend cow set up just for the occasion. Another favorite was the barrel race, where riders guided their cardboard horses around barrels as quickly as

possible, cheered on by teachers, parents, and classmates. Laughter and cheers echoed throughout the area as students tried their best at each activity, encouraging one another along the way. The rodeo spirit continued with a lively group dance where students invited friends and family to join them. Together they danced to the classic tune "Cotton-Eyed Joe," filling the room with clapping, laughter, and plenty of energetic moves.

After the dancing wrapped up, everyone gathered for a warm meal to finish the day. Families and staff shared bowls of homemade potato soup and chili, a perfect way to wind down after the busy afternoon.

With full stomachs and big smiles, students said their goodbyes and headed off to begin their spring break. The second grade rodeo once again proved to be a memorable event, combining creativity, community, and a whole lot of cowboy fun.



Student Work: Editorial

For UIL academics, Landry Baker competes in the editorial writing contest. This year, she's gone to several meets and found great success. The work below is one of her practice pieces.

Should Schools Add Recess For Older Students?

by: Landry Baker

Starting next year, many middle and high schools are considering adding recess back into the school day. This change would give students a short break to move, socialize, and reset their focus. The school board should add daily recess for older students.

The school board should vote in favor of this proposal.

Adding recess to the school day will improve the focus and academic performances of middle and high school students. These students spend hours sitting at their desks and working. A short break for physical activity would help students return to their desks feeling refreshed and ready to learn.

Recess would also support students' mental health and social development. School can be stressful because of tests, homework, and extracurricular activities. A break during the day would reduce stress and allow students to spend time with friends. Having time to relax can create a more positive school environment.

Those against this proposal argue that middle and high school students are too old for recess. However, students of all ages benefit from breaks and physical activity. Even adults take breaks during work to stay productive. Recess does not mean students are acting childish. It simply means that students are giving time for their brain to recharge.

Adding recess to middle and high schools is a simple change that could make a big difference. It would improve focus, reduce stress, and create a healthier learning environment. The school board should approve this proposal.

★ STUDENT SURVEY ★

FAVORITE ARTIST EDITION

WAYLON WYATT

FRANK OCEAN

TAYLOR SWIFT

BAD BUNNY

ELLA LANGLEY

TREATY OAK REVIVAL

OLIVIA RODRIGO

BOB DYLAN

KEITH WHITLEY

In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Holley Stiles

Students in the culinary classroom stayed busy this week preparing a wide variety of dishes across several classes. In ProStart, students practiced advanced cooking techniques while making Chicken Piccata, Seared Catfish, and California Rolls. Entrepreneurship and Intro to Culinary students focused on simple and popular foods, preparing Grilled Hot Dogs, Pizza Bagels, and Mini Calzones. Meanwhile, students in the Meats and BBQ class worked on grilling skills and bold flavors by making Grilled Hot Dogs, Spicy Coconut Grilled Chicken, Carne Asada Tacos, and Grilled Cabbage Steaks. These hands-on lessons continue to help students build confidence and develop real-world culinary skills in the kitchen!



CDE Season Kicks Off at Anson

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Monday, FFA students had an early morning as they traveled to the annual Anson FFA CDE contest. For this meet, the cotton judging team, entomology team, and milk quality team traveled to face the impressive competition.

The cotton team with Grady Ivins, Caleb Stewart, Kelton Fuchs, and Sterling Schwartz was able to find success early in their season as they earned first place overall. The entomology team made up of Sophie Sullivan, Sydnee Gully, Gracie Raney, Emily Easterling, and Clayton Hillger also had a great showing as they placed 5th out of skilled teams. Finally, the milk quality team with Ella Brinkley, Shooter Brinkley, Caleb Garza, and Victor Torres showed some real promise for the upcoming season as they placed fourth.

These teams showed a lot of potential for the rest of the CDE season. They will continue to learn materials, get more exposure, and practice so they can compete the best they can.



In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week in AG, students were focusing on CDE materials and learned speeches for the upcoming SDE season. Students were spread out working on a variety of different contests such as Farm Business Management, Vet Tech, AG Sales, Entomology, Cotton, Milk Quality, and many more. So far, some of these teams have entered in online contests where they've found great success. With this, they're showing a lot of promise for the upcoming season.

In addition, members have been looking to grow their speaking abilities through speaking contests. In preparation, they're memorizing speeches for the district contest in hopes of advancing the area.

Finally, in the shop, students have been working on different welding projects and small projects. On top of that, they were checking their show projects one last time before the AG mech show in Houston.

Students spread Energy Bus Principles throughout school

by: Sydnee Gully

The energy bus principles were shining last week in school as several students serving on Superintendent Ambassador teams have been focusing on culture, instruction, and construction. To increase morale among the staff, the culture group went to each teacher and gave them a small gift to show their appreciation. With this, students were able to give their teachers thanks and show how much they mean to them.

