

GCHS Weekly

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HIGH SCHOOL

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Basketball finds success at Stanton

by: Karly Baker

This week, the Garden City Bearkats and Lady Kats traveled to 3A Stanton for another round of pre-season matchups.

The JV teams kicked off the night at 5:00 p.m. The Lady Kats came out strong, opening in a full-court press and never letting up, securing a dominant 48-31 win. The JV boys played a competitive game but ultimately fell to Stanton, 42-35. Despite the loss, they kept it close, and their season is still young with plenty of room to grow.

Varsity action brought success for both squads. The Varsity girls improved to 8-2 after overcoming a slow start and a two-point halftime deficit, pulling away for a steady 49-38 victory. The Varsity boys also battled through early struggles but fought back for a thrilling win, defeating Stanton 55-42 and moving to 1-3 on the season.

Overall, the Bearkats showcased their talent and resilience against a competitive 3A opponent on the road. With each game, both programs continue to build confidence and momentum heading deeper into the season.

“Until you value
yourself, you won’t
value your time.
Until you value your
time, you will not do
anything with it.”
~ M. Scott Peck



Students face fierce competition at state LDE contest, Luna wins state title

by: Sydnee Gully

A group of 10 students made the long drive to Huntsville on Thursday afternoon for 8 of them to compete in the Texas State LDE contest. They all showed up ready for the intense contest ahead of them.

Senior Tatum Braden started off the contest for Glasscock County as she filled out her application for the Job Interview contest Friday morning. Then, she joined the Chapter Conducting team consisting of seniors Karly Baker, Presley Jost, and Tatum, and juniors Ivy Braden, Sydnee Gully, Emily Easterling, and Katie Braden.

While they were waiting for the second part of Tatum's job interview contest, the chapter conducting team went over different problems and studied materials for their contest at 4:00.

In addition, 8th grader Ana Luna was preparing to give the presentation of a lifetime in the Greenhand Spanish Creed Speaking contest.

After all of the students had competed, they headed over the the awards ceremony where they would figure out who made finals. At the end of the night, Ana and Tatum were each announced as finalists in their contests. Additionally, the chapter conducting team was named a state semi-finalist.

On Saturday, the group had another early morning as they went to support the two finalists. Ana and Tatum both competed in the morning. From there, it was a waiting game until the awards ceremony at 3:00.

When this time finally came around, Tatum was announced as the 3rd place Job Interview competitor in the state. Then, Ana was named the state champion in her contest.

After celebrating, the students left Huntsville with 2 banners that not only showcase their incredible skills, but hold endless memories of the season.

The Guide to Building Healthy Habits

by: Emily Easterling

In a student's busy schedule, productivity is the key to success. Whatever age you are, developing habits will significantly strengthen your efficiency allowing for more success. While many habits are good, there are also bad ones that will take valuable time from your day without you even realizing it. It is very important to rule out the bad habits and replace them with good ones in order to succeed.

The first step to breaking a bad habit is to identify the trigger. Find what causes you to get off task, whether that be your phone, video games, or snacking, and determine what "reward" you get from it. Does it release stress, anxiety, or pose as a distraction from everyday tasks?

Once you find the trigger and the "reward" you receive from it, disrupt the routine. If every time you try to do homework, the video games seem to be calling your name, do your work in a different location. Breaking bad habits is never easy, but believe in your ability

to overcome it and you are sure to see the benefits.

After doing those steps, it is important to replace the old habit with a new, better one. Create a similar routine that is still rewarding, but in a more productive way; for example, instead of snacking when you get stressed out, take a short walk. Another simple way to extinguish the habit is to change your environment in order to make it more difficult to act on.

Lastly, set goals and track your progress. It is important that you see how far you've come and see a reward at the finish line to encourage you to keep persevering.

Removing bad habits and creating good ones will significantly improve your productivity throughout your life. When you consistently choose routines that support your goals, you set yourself up for long-term success. In the end, even small changes can shape a more focused, motivated, and productive version of yourself!

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

Over in the AG shop and classroom, things have been coming together as students work on different activities and projects.

In the classroom, students that advanced to state in LDEs worked on studying materials, running through mock interviews and meetings, and reciting the creed. They traveled to Sam Houston State University on Thursday to compete on Friday and Saturday.

In the shop, students continued to work through their AG mech projects for close and upcoming shows. Sophomore Trevor Garcia is close to finishing his fire pit, and freshman Cohen Batla has made similar progress on his pit.

Overall, things made great progress this past week.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Sanders was selected to be featured for our staff spotlight! She began working here in GC during the fall of 2020 as the librarian.

Sanders decided she wanted to be a librarian because of her love for children and the inspiration of her two sisters who are also educators. She expressed that her favorite part about working at Garden City is being with the kids and watching them grow throughout the year.

"Working with the kids and hearing the silly little statements that they make is awesome. My favorite part though is seeing them from the beginning, just the year's growth that they might achieve," Sanders said.

Mrs. Sanders' biggest challenge at GCISD is learning to be more flexible and how to deal with changes throughout the day, especially with the new location of the library. Even with the obstacles she's had to overcome, Sanders stated that the year has been very good so far.

"It's been a little hectic with the library being our new location, but we've overcome some obstacles and things are starting to flow a lot better, so it's been a good year," she said.

Her main goals for this year are to learn as much as she can in her position and grow in her ability to remain flexible and handle change.

Mrs. Sanders takes such good care of all of the students and the library, so be sure to give her a big 'thank you' when you see her!



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week, there are three bearkats who have gone above and beyond and deserved to be recognized.

First up is senior Tatum Braden, who wants to attend Texas A&M University and major in ag business. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Hauser along with her favorite subject, AG Mechanics. When asked who her role model is she said, "My grandpa, because not only did he give me my passion for agriculture, he is also the most giving person I know."

Braden's biggest challenge so far is staying on top of her school work with being out so much. Her biggest accomplishment is getting to serve as a Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholar. If she could give some advice to other students in high school it would be, "Never say no, always say yes to any opportunity because you might enjoy it."

Next is freshman Hayden Cox, who wants to attend Midland College to major in cosmetology. His favorite teacher is Coach Ezell and his favorite subject is theater. When asked who his role model is he said, "My mother, because she is very kind and has always been there for me."

Cox's biggest challenge has been trying not to start arguments with other students and his biggest goal is to succeed in life. If he could give some advice, it would be, "Always be nice."

Last is sophomore Abbigayle McNamara, who wants to attend college at Texas A&M to major in nursing. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Morgan and her favorite subject is history. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My uncle, because he is very disciplined and motivated."

McNamara's biggest challenge this year has been staying focused and her biggest accomplishment is making a 100 on her first Spanish test. If she could give some advice it would be, "Even when you think you are going to fail, just try your best."

Why did the escalator
going up never want to
touch the other escalator?
~ The other escalator was
always coming down with
something.

Basketball teams compete in Sands tournament

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Friday and Saturday, the JV boys, JV girls, and varsity boys traveled to Sands to take on several teams in their annual tournament. There were ups and downs for each team, but they all walked away confidently saying they learned something for the rest of the season.

The JV girls had an undefeated record through the days. First, they took on the Forsan Buffaloes. Against Frosan, they walked away with a win. Then, they faced the Lubbock Titans. With great execution, they won 47-17. Finally, for their last game, they faced the Crane Golden Cranes. They finished out with one more win at a score of 47-17 to improve their tournament and season record.

The JV boys faced some tough competition over the weekend. First, they played O'Donnell. After a tough game, they ended up losing. However, they were quick to bounce back in their next game against Roby, where they won with a score of 40-31. Finally, to end the tournament, they played a talented Greenwood team. Although they didn't end up on top, they still learned several things through the game.

Finally, the varsity boys took on similar teams. They started off playing O'Donnell. They ended up losing with a score of 52-60, but they focused on where they could improve for the next game. This focus proved to pay off when they took down Roby 47-40 the next game. Finally, they ended the tournament playing te Sterling City Eagles. After a close game and tough competition, they ended up losing 25-31.

Despite the numbers on the scoreboard, all of the teams showcased the skills they've been developing through hours in the gym, representing the school in a great way.

WEEKLY MENU

12/8 – 12/12

Monday

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN &
SAUSAGE
OR CEREAL & TOAST

STEAK FINGERS, GRAVY, OVEN
FRIES BABY CARROTS,
GARDEN SALAD, RANCH
FRUIT, & A ROLL

Tuesday

CHERRY TURNOVERS &
BACON
OR CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI, GREEN
BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH,
FRUIT, & GARLIC CHEESE TOAST

Wednesday

OATMEAL & CINNAMON TOAST
OR CEREAL & TOAST

CRISPY TACOS, REFRIED BEANS,
SPANISH RICE, ZESTY CUCUMBERS
FRUIT, & OREO COOKIES

Thursday

SAUSAGE KOLACHE & YOGURT OR
CEREAL & TOAST

LASAGNA, VEGETABLE MEDLEY,
GARDEN SALAD, RANCH,
FRUIT, & A ROLL

Friday

CINNAMON ROLL & SAUSAGE
OR CEREAL & TOAST

HAMBURGERS, LETTUCE, TOMATO,
PICKLES, BABY CARROTS, RANCH,
FRUIT, & CHIPS

In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Holley Stiles

GCISD culinary classrooms were filled with excitement and creativity this week as students returned from Thanksgiving Break and jumped straight into the holiday spirit. ProStart, Entrepreneurship, and Intro to Culinary students began constructing their annual Gingerbread Projects for the upcoming Glasscock County Gingerbread House Competition. The competition challenges students to design and build detailed gingerbread structures using advanced culinary and artistic skills. Students spend days baking, assembling, and decorating simple gingerbread dough into intricate structures of their choice. Once completed, the students' creations will be displayed to the public at Christmas at the Courthouse on December 13th, where the community will have the opportunity to vote on their personal favorite.

While the aroma of gingerbread fills the culinary classroom, the Meats/BBQ class is turning its focus toward mastering new techniques. They will be preparing and smoking ribs, crafting homemade skillet queso, and making chex mix on the Blackstone griddle. Students will also explore seafood preparation by grilling cedar plank salmon on the grill.

Together, these hands-on projects highlight the creativity, skill, and dedication of GCISD's culinary students. As students sharpen both their culinary techniques and their artistic abilities, they continue to bring flavor, innovation, and holiday spirit to the classroom and the community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of: 12/8 - 12/12

MONDAY

**JH OAP school
performance**

**JH Basketball
vs
Cornerstone**

TUESDAY

**JV/VB
basketball vs
Big Spring**

**JV/VG
basketball vs
Whitharal**

WEDNESDAY

**College Shirt
Day**

THURSDAY

**GC Booster
Club Klassic
Tournament**

FRIDAY

**GC Booster
Club Klassic
Tournament**

SATURDAY

**GC Booster
Club Klassic
Tournament**

The Energy Bus Principles Lead Students to Positive Lives

by: Sydnee Gully

From before school even began, staff has been implementing the new energy bus principles into their lives. Not only have they been showing growth in the classroom and setting great examples for students, they have also been making it a part of their every day lives.

For students, seeing role models act on the rules of the energy bus and see the positive effects have proved to be helpful. As of now, several students across the elementary, junior high, and high school have received bus tickets.

Bus tickets are handed out to students who go above and beyond with the energy bus principles. For example, holding a door open, sharing toys with fellow classmates, staying at the school late to help teachers or others, and showcasing positive actions through days help them earn a bus ticket.

Recently, the energy bus principles and rules have not only helped students be recognized through bus tickets, but also have the want to be positive and kind even when others aren't looking.

Overall, these rules have

become a great part of Bearkat culture and helped everybody grow in their personalities. The energy bus book and rules will hopefully follow students through their lives, extending beyond Garden City. With these important ideas being promoted, students are nearly guaranteed to know how to stay positive and work through adversity and bullies.

The energy bus promotes keeping positive mindsets even through tough times. With this mindset, students are set up for success as they navigate through the hardships of life.