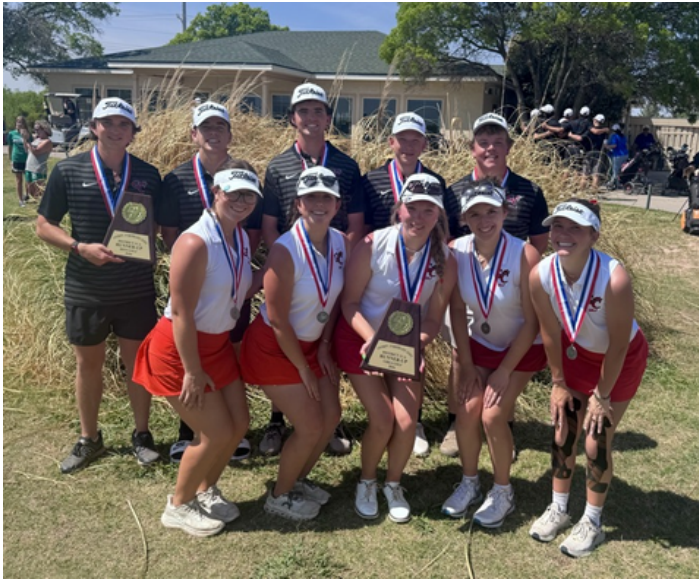


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Garden City Golf Teams Shine at District Quicksand

by: Karly Baker

The Garden City Bearkats and Lady Kats golf teams delivered an impressive performance at the recent district tournament held at Quicksand, with both teams earning runner-up finishes and multiple individual honors, advancing to regional play.

Leading the way for the boys team, Cohen Batla secured an outstanding second-place individual finish, carding rounds of 81 and 84 for a total score of 165. Strong contributions also came from Karson Lowery (181), Brik Fryar (171), Rylan Cypert (177), and Waylyn Davis (190), bringing the team's total to 693 and earning them second place overall.

The Garden City girls' team matched that success with a second-place finish of their own. Keegan Batla also captured second place individually, shooting an impressive 168 total (86 and 82). She was supported by Helen Marshall (224), Gracie Raney (222), Joslyn Halfmann (210), and Karly Baker (256), as the team finished with a combined score of 824.

With both teams performing at a high level and multiple athletes earning top individual placements, Garden City proved its strength and depth at Quicksand. As the regional tournament approaches the Bearkats and Lady Kats look well-prepared to build on their success and compete for top honors.

Tennis competes at district meet

by: Landry Baker

At the District Tennis Tournament, Garden City athletes battled through a long, hot day of competition. Lacy Seidenberger and Presley Jost won mixed doubles and advanced to regionals. Uziel Lopez placed third in boys singles, while Addi Goodwin, and Sadie Fuchs and Landry Baker each finished fourth in their events. The Garden City girls team also earned runner-up honors overall. Other competitors included Grady Ivins and Trevor Garcia, Jesus Garcilita, Emmorie Espinosa and Vallory Espinosa, Holley Stiles, and Kaitlyn Ezell and Nathan Garcia, who all represented Garden City with effort.

In JV results, Bronc Gass and Kyleigh Roe were district champions, and Luke Eggemeyer placed third in boys singles.

Overall, it was a strong showing for Garden City, with one team moving on to regionals.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we have three awesome students that are getting recognized.

First up is junior Juan Barco, who wants to go to college at Angelo State University and be in the work force after college. His favorite teacher is Coach Wilburn and his favorite class is history. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My Dad, because he taught be everything I know now."

Barco's biggest accomplishment was making it to the playoffs in basketball and his biggest challenge is keeping his grades up. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Don't stop trying."

Next is junior Cody Howard, who is planning on going to Tulsa Welding School, and then after that going to Carpentry School in Ohio. He says that all of his teachers are his favorite and his favorite class is Ag. When asked who his role model is, he said, "Auggie Frasco, because he's an amazing guy and he is very close to God."

Howard's biggest accomplishment was joining ag mech and his biggest challenge has been finding time to do his projects. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Don't give up."

Lastly we have sophomore Zachary Wilson who wants to go to college at Texas A&M University to be a Marine Biologist. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and his favorite class is Algebra II. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My Dad, because he inspires me to be a better person and shows me how I should live."

Wilson's biggest accomplishment is winning UIL science at the Texas Tech invitational and his biggest challenge has been chemistry and english. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Work hard, because it will pay off."

Junior High track competes at district

by: Karly Baker

Garden City Junior High capped off its track season with an impressive showing at the District 11A Meet on March 30, earning second place in both the boys and girls A divisions while showcasing depth across nearly every event.

The Bearkats boys team finished with 137 points, behind Water Valley's 165, while the Lady Bearkats scored 127 points, again placing second behind Blackwell. In the girls B division, Garden City finished second as well with 39 points, rounding out a successful day for the program.

"They did really well... we had a lot of good PRs," said Coach Bozeman. "Everybody really pulled their weight."

That balance was evident throughout the meet, as Garden City athletes contributed points in distance races, sprints, relays, and field events.

On the boys side, Korbin Cervantes led the distance crew, winning the 1600-meter run and placing third in the 2400. Duncan Cypert had a standout meet, capturing gold in both the 110-meter hurdles and pole vault while also placing fourth in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the long jump.

Field events proved to be a major strength, with Shooter Brinkley winning the high jump and discus while adding a third-place finish in the shot put. Rene Cano added another gold medal in the 300 hurdles and placed third in the triple jump.

Additional scoring came from Ariel Espinosa, who finished second in the shot put and fourth in the 400, while Caleb Easterling (5th pole vault, 6th 300 hurdles) and Eli Eggemeyer (6th pole vault) added key points. Victor Torres placed sixth in the 100 meters, and relay teams featuring Cade Baker, Cooper Baker, Cypert, Cano, Espinosa, Torres, and Brinkley placed third in both the 4x200 and 4x400 relays, as well as third in the 4x100.

The Lady Bearkats matched that success with strong performances across the board. Jynsen Kemp was a top scorer, winning the 400 meters and high jump while placing second in the triple jump. Lilly Hillger added a district title in the 200 meters, along with third in the long jump and sixth in the pole vault.

In distance events, Khloee Sanders placed second in the 800. Dakeli Huerta earned third in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the triple jump, while Ana Luna took third in the shot put and sixth in discus.

Garden City's depth continued with Tenley Hartl (2nd pole vault, 6th long jump), Masyn Dieringer (2nd high jump), Reagan Hillger (5th 100 hurdles, 6th 300 hurdles), and Hadly Dieringer (6th 100, 5th 400). Relay teams featuring Hillger, Kemp, Huerta, Dieringer, and others earned second in the 4x100 and second in the 4x400, along with additional points in the 4x200. In the girls B division, Garden City's younger athletes continued the trend of strong performances. Eniyah Talamantes placed fourth in the 100, third in the 200, and second in the triple jump. Mariana Mungia contributed with a third-place finish in the discus, fourth in the shot put, and also placed in both sprint events. Emily Houston added points with third in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

Beyond the medals and team finishes, coaches emphasized the growth shown throughout the season.

"It's about beating what you did last week," Bozeman said. "And I think a lot of our guys understood that."

That mindset, paired with consistent effort, stood out as the defining theme of the season.

"The athletes learned how to compete to make themselves better," added Coach Johnson. "They also learned how to get out of their comfort zone and push themselves."

With multiple district champions, strong relay performances, and contributions from nearly every athlete on the roster, Garden City closed its season with a clear foundation for continued success.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Roberto
Almazon

Caleb
Garza



College Plans:

Angelo State (Criminal Justice)

What will you miss most about GC:

Hanging out with friends

Go-to song:

No one else like me - Red Clay Strays

Involvement:

Football, track, golf, NHS, StuCo, UIL

Key people in your life:

My older brothers

Advice to your freshman self:

“Look dangerous, feel dangerous, be dangerous. rawr.”

College Plans:

Angelo State (Exercise science)

What will you miss most about GC:

The community

Go-to song:

Gone, Gone, Gone - Philip Philips

Involvement:

Football, track, UIL, NHS, FFA, StuCo

Key people in your life:

Family and friends

Advice to your freshman self:

“You can always try a little bit harder.”

Garden City Golf Teams Shine at District Quicksand

by: Karly Baker

FFA students involved in career development events (CDEs) had another busy week as they spent last Wednesday in San Angelo at the university's invitational contest. The school was hosting several contests, allowing several students to go participate.

Kelton Fuchs, Sterling Schwartz, and Caleb Stewart placed second as a team in cotton judging, with Caleb placing 1st, Schwartz in 14th, and Fuchs in 17th.

In the entomology contest, Sydnee Gully, Emily Easterling, Sophie Sullivan, and Gracie Raney showed strong scores to place 8th out of 31 teams. As individuals, Gully placed 16th, Easterling was in 21st, Sullivan earned 39th place, and Raney contributed in 61st.

The farm business management team with Tatum Braden (2nd), Ivy Braden (3rd), and Zachary Wilson (4th) swept the competition to place 1st overall. Helen Marshall and Tori Anderson entered horse judging as individuals. Marshall finished in 42nd and Anderson earned 180th place out of a tough group of competitors.

In livestock judging, Miles Halfmann and Masyn Dieringer had impressive showings as individuals as Halfmann finished in 8th place and Dieringer placed 76th.

Caleb Garza, Shooter Brinkley, Waylyn Davis, and Victor Torres showed improvement in Milk Quality as they placed 11th as a team. Garza led in 41st place. Then, Brinkley placed 46th, and Davis was right behind him in 48th. Finally, Torres placed 56th. The plant ID team also had an impressive contest as they finished in 4th place. The team was made up of Harrison Little (11th), Roper Gass (12th), Braxton Dieringer (14th), Grayson Marr (15th), and Caleb Easterling (17th).

In vet science, the team of Ivy Braden, Tatum Braden, Kyler Dieringer, Jayden Contreras, Katie Braden, and Reagan Hillger placed 19th. Ivy placed 38th, Tatum finished in 55th, Kyler earned 149th, 160th place went to Jayden, Katie was in 166th, and Reagan finished in 202nd.

AG teacher Ashley Pierce noted the experience it gave the students, saying, "I think a lot of progress was made today. It was really fun to see how all of the teams came together, and it really helped us see how things will shape up as we close in on the area contest."

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

In the ag shop and classroom, students have been improving a variety of skills as they participate in several activities. Junior high students have been working to build cornhole boards, focusing on wood-working skills. Floral design students have been doing mock bouquets for a wedding, and high school classes have been working on prepping their welds for certification purposes. Additionally, all students have been working to prepare for CDE and SDE contests that are in full swing.

What did the shark say
when he ate the
clownfish?
- This tastes a little funny.

Student Perspective:

The Energy Bus

by: Sydnee Gully

The energy bus has been having a positive effect on students' lives across the whole school. Positive posters in the hallways, students and teachers attitudes, and energy bus teachings have been promoting the principles, making the environment at school more positive. Junior Emily Easterling said, "I feel like the positive energy is really motivating to get things done and treat each other in a positive way."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

HS TRACK:
DISTRICT @ VERIBEST

Wednesday

JR HIGH RLA STAAR TEST
TARLETON AREA CDE
(FFA)

Thursday

FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
3/4/5 RLA STAAR TEST

Friday

FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
COLOR RUN
EARLY RELEASE
STATE FFA APPLIED
ENGINEERING

Saturday

FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
JH STATE TMSCA
TEXAS TECH CDE
INVITATIONAL (FFA)

Dealing with High School Stress

by: Kyleigh Roe

High school can be exciting, but it can also be stressful. Between assignments, extracurricular activities, and personal responsibilities, many students feel pressure to keep up. This is where self-help becomes important. Self-help is all about finding simple ways to improve your daily life and take better care of yourself.

One way students can practice self-help is by building healthy habits. This can include staying active, eating balanced meals, and getting enough rest each night. These habits not only improve physical health but also help students stay focused and energized throughout the day. Another helpful strategy is staying organized. Keeping track of assignments and deadlines can prevent last-minute stress and make schoolwork feel more manageable.

Self-help also involves taking care of your mental health. It's important to recognize when you need a break and give yourself time to recharge. Activities like listening to music, spending time with friends, or enjoying a hobby can help reduce stress. Staying positive and reminding yourself that it's okay to make mistakes can also improve confidence.

In the end, self-help is about making choices that support your well-being. Even small changes can lead to big improvements over time. By focusing on self-care and personal growth, students can create a healthier, more balanced lifestyle.

In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Holley Stiles

Students in the culinary programs have been busy in the classroom, gaining hands-on experience by preparing a variety of classic and creative dishes. In ProStart classes, students made flavorful breakfast burritos, rich carrot cake topped with cream cheese icing, and flourless chocolate cake. Meanwhile, those in Entrepreneurship and Intro to Culinary explored crowd-pleasing items such as cheddar corn dog muffins, egg salad sandwiches, cheese fries, and deviled eggs.

In Meats and BBQ, students expanded their skills with hearty meals including breakfast burritos, Philly cheesesteak sandwiches, biscuits and gravy, and chicken lo mein. FCCLA students are also finalizing their projects and preparing to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Dallas next week.

WEEKLY MENU

Monday

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH
& FIXINGS, OVEN FRIES, BABY
CARROTS, RANCH, & FRUIT

Wednesday

WAFFLES & BACON OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN-N-WAFFLES, HASH
BROWN, BABY CARROTS, RANCH,
FRUIT, & A SUGAR COOKIE

Thursday

CHICKEN-N-BISCUIT
OR CEREAL & TOAST

HAM & CHEESE SUB SANDWICH &
FIXINGS, BABY CARROTS, RANCH,
CHIPS, & A FRUIT ROLLUP

Friday

DONUT & SAUSAGE OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CORN DOG, TATOR TOTS, BABY
CARROTS, RANCH, FRUIT, & A
CARNIVAL COOKIE

Staff Spotlight

by: Sydnee Gully



This week, Coach Flores was chosen to be featured on our Staff Spotlight! She has been teaching for eight years, all at Garden City. Currently, she does elementary PE, junior high basketball, junior high and high school cross country, and high school track. Growing up, she was inspired by several things to be a teacher, leading her to where she is now.

"I love sports and athletics and a lot of important coaches and teachers empowered me to pursue this career."

Through her time teaching, she's faced a few challenges. However, she always looks for the positive side to things.

"There's always something to work on, so there's always different challenges that life can present you," she said. "But I've really just enjoyed the whole process."

Flores loves seeing the kids grow, stating that it brings her joy more than anything she does. Additionally, she loves Garden City specifically because of how great the kids are.

Coach Flores does so much with all of the students, so be sure to tell her 'thank you' for everything!

"A lot of people give up just before they're about to make it. You know you never know when that next obstacle is going to be the last one."
- Chuck Norris