

GCHS Weekly

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HIGH SCHOOL



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FFA, FCCLA presents to school board

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Monday, FFA and FCCLA groups attended the school board meeting to present on behalf of their chapters. The FFA Public Relations team kicked off the meeting with this year's public relations presentation. Public relations is a contest within FFA that allows a group of students to work together to write and memorize a script to teach a group about FFA. This year, the team consists of Sydnee Gully, Ivy Braden, Katie Braden, and Emily Easterling. They have been working hard to memorize all of their lines and movements that go along with the presentation for upcoming contests, and the school board meeting was a great way to start the year. They had a great presentation.

Next, the FCCLA group (Landry Dieringer, Sam Cortes, Lillian Yanez, Kyleigh Roe, Aubrey Halfmann, Ana Luna, and Mariana Munguia) took over to show the school board a powerpoint and discuss an overview of their recent events. They discussed the chapter's success at the national convention, Landry's role and opportunities as a state officer, and more.

Both of these groups joining the board meeting is a great way to show them what students have been working on!



New National Honor Society Inductees



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NHS Welcomes 12 New Junior Members

by: Landry Baker

Garden City High School's National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual induction ceremony Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. Twelve new junior members were inducted by current NHS seniors, officially welcoming them into the organization.

The new inductees were Landry Baker, Fabiola Deluna, Landry Dieringer, Kelton Fuchs, Addison Goodwin, Joslyn Halfmann, Grady Ivins, Abigail McNamara, Brenly Schwartz, Sterling Schwartz, Jesiah Talamantes and Zach Wilson.

The induction ceremony recognized the students as new members of NHS, an organization that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, service and character. The ceremony marked an important milestone for the juniors as they joined the organization and its commitment to these values.



FFA hosts annual invitational

by: Sydnee Gully

On Tuesday, FFA hosted its annual invitational for the LDE season. The chapter had some incredible performances for teams' first contests of the year, but they're still looking to improve.

There were several teams competing, including quiz teams, chapter conducting teams, radio broadcasting, public relations, creed speaking, job interview, and more. All of the teams showed some great promise for the upcoming season, with several earning top placings.

Now, they are looking over critiques from judges and studying up on extra materials for their next contest on October 27th.

BBQ competes in Monahans

by: Kyleigh Roe

The Garden City High School BBQ team traveled to Monahans to compete in the West Texas BBQ Bash. The team put its cooking skills to the test against other competitors, earning 7th place in chicken and 11th place in brisket. The competition gave the Bearcats an opportunity to showcase their hard work and continue gaining experience in barbecue competitions.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we are spotlighting two amazing students.

First up is junior Addi Goodwin, who wants to go to Texas Tech to be a hairdresser. Her favorite subject is yearbook and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My dad because he works hard."

Goodwin's favorite part of school is that she gets to hang out with her friends and her biggest goal is to make it out of district in basketball. Her favorite hobby is doing her nails and she is involved in cheer, basketball, track, NHS, UIL, tennis, and student council. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, "Have fun and do your best."

Next up is junior Deagan Williams, who wants to go to college and study either computer science or marine biology. His biggest goal for this year is to get all A's and his favorite part about the school is how close and connected everyone is. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My parents because they've done a lot for me."

Williams' favorite subject is algebra II and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano. His hobbies include 3D design and printing and his extracurriculars like one-act play and poetry. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Do your homework on time."

Last is sophomore Nathan Garcia who wants to go to Texas Tech to study engineering or fitness. His hobbies include playing his sports like football, basketball, tennis, and doing FFA. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My dad because he shows me what is right and wrong."

Garcia's biggest goal is to get all A's and B's and he is most looking forward to his chemistry class. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Garcia and his favorite part about the school is the sports. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, "Little things matter."



Staff Spotlight

by: Sydnee Gully

This week, Coach Wilburn was chosen to be featured on our staff spotlight! He has been in Garden City for years, and is looking forward to the year ahead.

In the classroom, Wilburn works as the junior high social studies teacher. However, he also stays busy all year as he is a football coach, basketball coach, and track coach. Additionally, he serves as the junior high Maps, Graphs, and Charts coach for UIL academics.

Although Coach Wilburn wanted to be an astronaut when he was younger, he ended up attending Angelo State University to major in history. Now, as he works as a social studies teacher, he takes a lot of inspiration from his favorite childhood teacher, Coach Richburg.

"Coach Richburg was my favorite teacher because he was really funny," Wilburn said.

Now that he's working in Garden City, he's found so many things that he loves about the school and town. However, there's one thing that stands out.

"Our color concept is tremendous," Wilburn said. "Red, black, and white. What's better than that?"

Although Wilburn isn't one to set a ton of goals, he always works and looks forward to having a great year. To go along with this, he wanted to give some advice to students, stating, "Don't be mean to each other."

Coach Wilburn plays such a huge role in our school, helping make students' and staff's days better, teaching junior high about social studies, and helping bring so many of our athletic programs to success. Next time you see him, make sure to tell him how grateful you are for him!

Varsity football faces Rankin

by: Sydnee Gully

On Friday night, the Rankin Red Devils came to town for the "Battle of the Belt." This rivalry has been going on for years, with each team fighting for the belt for a year. To start the game, senior Brody Walts ran the ball into the endzone for a touchdown, and Cohen Batla topped it off with a made kick to put the Bearkats ahead at 8-0. However, Rankin was quick to match this energy as they ran the ball in for a touchdown of their own, making the game tied at 8-8.

The back-and-forth momentum continued as Walts ran the ball in for another touchdown, giving the Bearkats a lead again at 14-8. Then, Garden City recovered an onside kick to give them possession again. Unfortunately, aggressive defense forced them to turn the ball over on downs, giving Rankin the opportunity with the ball again. With this, they scored another touchdown and made their kick to give them a slight lead at 14-16 to end the first quarter.

To start off the second quarter, Rankin came out with a lot of energy, making two touchdowns to take a greater lead at 14-32. However, the Bearkats fought back with a touchdown of their own as a long pass was made to junior Miles Colunga, and Batla made the kick. After another Rankin touchdown, the score was 22-32 at the end of the half.

Throughout the second half, this same momentum was kept by both teams. After one Rankin touchdown in the third quarter the score was brought to 22-48 to end the third quarter. Then, to start the last quarter, Walts ran the ball in for another touchdown, and Batla made the kick again to give the Bearkats a chance with the score at 30-48. Unfortunately, the Red Devils fought back with three touchdowns of their own, making the score gap bigger at 30-69.

The Bearkats fought back for the rest of the game as Walts scored the final touchdown of the game and Batla made the kick to make the score 38-69 when the final buzzer went off.

Although they didn't win, Garden City showed some real promise for upcoming games. They fought hard, never gave up, and showed off their skills on Friday night in an electric game. Now they're looking forward to this week's game in Grady to face the Wildcats for another intense showdown.



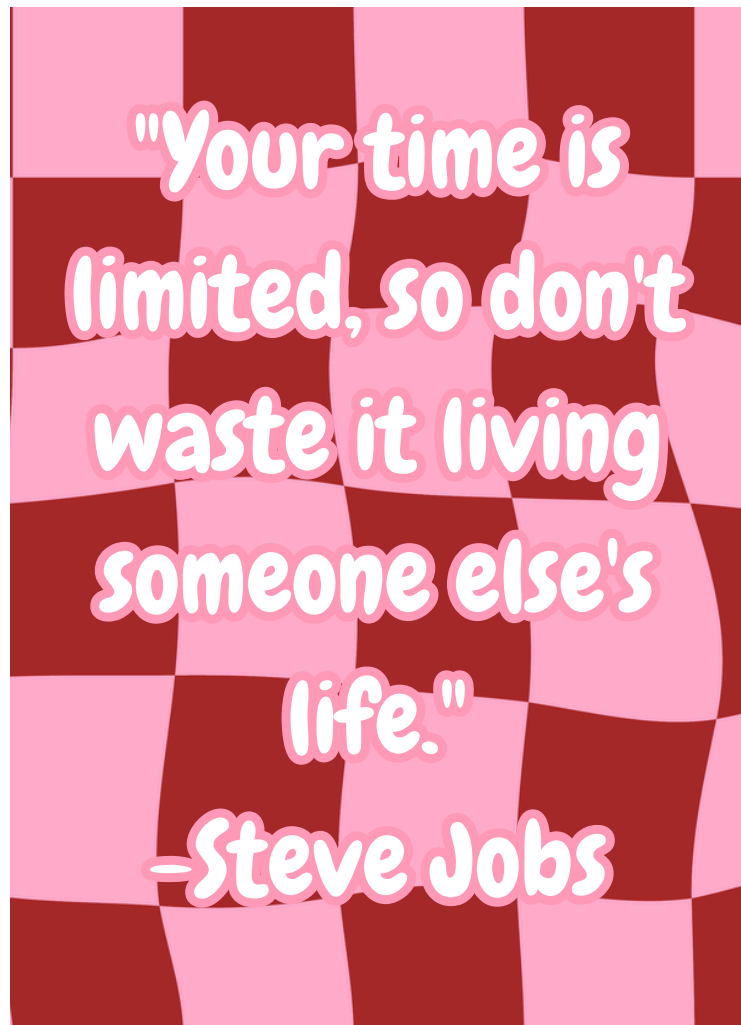
Cross country races at district, advances to next level

by: Kannon Flores

The high school cross country teams traveled to Mertzon on Wednesday, October 14, to compete in the district championship. The girls kicked off the day at 9:00 a.m. with an impressive team performance. Sophie Sullivan led the Lady Kats, securing an 8th-place finish with a time of 14:03. Closely behind her was Claire Eggemeyer in 10th place at 14:15, followed immediately by Tori Calloway in 11th place with a time of 14:43. Landry Baker crossed the finish line just a few seconds later to capture 19th place in 15:13. Reagan Hillger earned 23rd place with a time of 16:00, and Ella Brinkley rounded out the girls' squad in 26th place at 17:54. This amazing collective effort earned the girls 2nd place overall, punching their ticket to the regional meet.

The boys took the course next, delivering equally strong performances. Thomas Hillger led the pack for the boys, capturing 3rd place with a time of 18:32. Only a few seconds later, Kannon Flores crossed the line in 5th place at 18:45. Korbin Cervantes raced hard to secure 7th place in 19:07, while Clayton Hillger followed in 17th place with a time of 21:08. Cooper Baker claimed 22nd place at 21:43, with Rene Cano right behind in 25th place at 22:30. Rounding out the varsity boys was Cade Baker, who took 30th place with a time of 23:09.

Thanks to their combined efforts, the boys also finished as District Runner-Ups. Both teams will advance to compete at the regional championship on October 27th.



Brinkley, Dieringer speak at UIL Superconference

by: Kyleigh Roe

Garden City High School students Ella Brinkley and Landry Dieringer traveled to Midland to attend the UIL Super Conference, where they presented their prose speeches. The conference gave students the opportunity to learn more about their individual UIL events while gaining helpful tips and advice to improve their performance. By attending sessions and presenting their work, Brinkley and Dieringer were able to build confidence, strengthen their speaking skills, and gain a better understanding of what to expect at future competitions. The experience allowed both students to continue developing their abilities and prepare for the upcoming UIL season while representing Garden City High School.



WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY

BANANA NUT
MUFFIN & BACON
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

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

TUESDAY

PANCAKES &
SAUSAGE
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHEESY FRENCH
BREAD, MARINARA
SAUCE, GARDEN
SALAD, BABY
CARROTS, RANCH, &
FRUIT

WEDNESDAY

CHICKEN - N-
BISCUIT
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

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

THURSDAY

WAFFLES
& BACON
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CORN DOG, TATOR
TOTS, BABY
CARROTS, GARDEN
SALAD, RANCH,
FRUIT, & CAKE

FRIDAY

DONUT &
SAUSAGE
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN OR
CHEESE
QUESADILLA,
CHARRO BEANS,
ZESTY CUCUMBERS,
SPANISH RICE
FRUIT, & SNO-BALL
SALAD

In the Classroom with Mrs. Pierce

by: Sydnee Gully

This week, we're going to be taking a closer look at what was going on in Mrs. Pierce's class last week! She is involved in agriculture mechanics, principles of agriculture, and floral design classes to keep her day interesting!

Floral design students had a packed week as they completed their first fresh flower arrangement of the month. With this, they also discussed how to price their designs, giving students who are interested in this field a good idea of how to price future designs. On top of that, they began their floral design portfolios where they documented each arrangement with photos, a floral recipe, and reflections on what they are proud of and what they could improve. After their reflections, they finished the entry by evaluating and grading their own work. This exercise will play a big role in helping students keep track of what they complete throughout the year, and they can

continually improve with their reflections!

Finally, to wrap up the week, they began to explore the color wheel and color theory. Specifically, they looked into how these help floral designers create arrangements with balance, contrast, and visual appeal.

In Principles of Agriculture, students learned more about FFA while building hands-on skills in the shop. Their latest project has been a wooden key rack for an entryway. With this, students are responsible for measuring, accurately cutting, sanding, and assembling their boards using wood glue and finishing nails.

Finally, agriculture mechanics students have been preparing for contests, making progress on their ag mechanics projects, and putting their skills to work in a class "mini build-off" featuring metal jack-o'-lanterns.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a sleeping bull?

A bulldozer

JV Football plays Rankin in away game

by: Sydnee Gully

On Thursday night, the JV football team took on the Rankin Red Devils at their stadium. The weather was harsh and the Red Devils came ready to play, but the Bearkats were prepared for a tough rivalry game.

The game started with Rankin gaining momentum as they ran the ball in for a touchdown on their first possession. After making the one point conversion, the score was sitting at 7-0. Then, after some aggressive defensive plays by them, we were forced to turn the ball over on downs. They took this opportunity to score their second touchdown of the night and add on another one point conversion to make the score 14-0 in their favor.

A similar cycle continued over the next two sets of possessions, bringing the score to 28-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Going into the next quarter, the Bearkats tried to gain momentum with defensive stops and big offensive plays. With this mindset, Shooter Brinkley

offensive plays. With this mindset, Shooter Brinkley had an impressive pick, giving Garden City another opportunity on offense. Unfortunately, Rankin's defense was too strong, forcing us to turn the ball over on downs. Then, the Red Devils ran the ball in for another touchdown. During the one point conversion attempt, Riley Harbison made a big tackle to stop them from adding to the score, keeping it to 34-0.

This momentum led Cade Baker to make a long run play next time the Bearkats were on offense, giving them a first down and an opportunity to get closer to scoring. However, this momentum wasn't enough, and the game ended at half time with a score of 47-0.

Next week, the squad does not currently have a game scheduled, but they are hoping to improve and are looking forward to upcoming games. Look for updates on the school website to see if they have a game scheduled this week, and wish them luck!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

PSAT (JUNIORS)

WEDNESDAY

PSAT
(FRESHMEN)

THURSDAY

SAT (SENIORS)

JH PEP RALLY

JH/JV FOOTBALL
VS GRADY

FRIDAY

VARSITY
FOOTBALL AT
GRADY

In the Classroom with Mrs. Morgan

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week Mrs. Morgan's English classes are being spotlighted.

Starting with her English I class, students are reading *Animal Farm* to learn about the Russian Revolution. They are analyzing the characters, plot, and learning about major historical events.

In the English II class, students are reading *Fahrenheit 451* and analyzing plot points about book banning and book burning, connecting it to real-world situations where information is restricted and access to knowledge is suppressed.

Lastly, in English III, students are finishing Act III of *The Crucible*. They have done many activities such as picking a theme song that represents a character's personality and writing about how the lyrics connected to their behavior and development in the play.





Students celebrate 'Where Are You Going Wednesday?'

by: Claire Eggemeyer

On Wednesday, the students and staff participated in "Where are you going Wednesday?" Which is a college, career, military readiness day that encourages students to ask about future paths. All students who dress up are entered in a drawing for some post-secondary swag. The winners for this week were Cameron Ezell and M'Kynlee Harland.

