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Community celebrates annual 'Senior Night,' varsity football takes on Longhorns

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Friday night, the football team suited up to take on the Buena Vista Longhorns. For the seniors, it was the last time playing in Bearkat Stadium, and they made sure to make it a great game.

The evening started with 'Senior Night' where each senior was introduced and recognized. Then, the football game started.

Senior Brody Walts started off the game with a ton of energy as he ran the ball in for the first touchdown of the game. To top it off, Cohen Batla made the kick, making the score 8-0.

After a quick Longhorn touchdown to tie the score, Walts fought back with another touchdown, and Batla made the kick again to make it 16-8. Then, a strong Bearkat defense caused them to turn the ball over on downs, and with possession, Walts made a long pass to Nathan Garcia for the third Bearkat touchdown of the night. After Batla's made kick, the score was sitting at 24-8.

This same energy was kept throughout the whole night as Walts ran the ball in for five more touchdowns throughout the game. With the strong Bearkat defense keeping them to only four touchdowns, our momentum was kept the whole time. Additionally, senior Nick Howard ran the ball in to score his first touchdown of the season, and Kelton Fuchs made a long run to end the game with a score of 78-34.

This week, they are looking to make the long drive to Fort Hancock and take them on in a Thursday night thriller.



Build-off boys take home first place from Houston contest

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Thursday, 20 teams from across the state of Texas travelled to Houston to participate in the Houston trailer build off. Grady Ivins, Kelton Fuchs, Sterling Schwartz, and Caleb Stewart showed up ready to do their best and represent Glasscock County.

At the build off, each team brings their own equipment necessary to build a 12 foot utility trailer. They are given eight hours to construct the project, and they have to work hard to utilize their time. During this time, the teams are judged on teamwork, area cleanliness, and safety. Then, each trailer is judged for weld quality, squareness, and correct component installation.

After earning 5th place last year, the group was very excited to win the contest. After countless hours of preparation, planning, and construction, they were able to go home with great prizes, too.



Cross country teams compete at regionals, boys advance to state

by: Kannon Flores

The Garden City high school cross country teams traveled to Fort Worth recently to give it their all at the regional meet, resulting in a historic milestone for the school.

The girls team took the course first at 11:00 AM, led by Sophie Sullivan, who earned a 27th-place finish with a time of 14:02. Tori Calloway followed closely behind, crossing the line in 32nd place at 14:14, with Claire Eggemeyer right on her heels in 35th place at 14:22. Landry Baker secured 68th place with a time of 15:36, followed by Reagan Hillger in 76th place at 15:46. Ella Brinkley rounded out the squad, finishing 108th with a time of 17:17. This strong performance marks the end of a successful season for the girls, who look forward to returning to the course next year.

Next up was the boys team, who delivered a historic performance. Thomas Hillger led the pack, earning an impressive 6th place finish with an amazing time of 17:38. Kannon Flores crossed the finish line in 16th place at 18:32, followed shortly by Korbin Cervantes in 20th place at 18:48. Cooper Baker took 41st place with a time of 20:00, while Clayton Hillger finished 68th at 21:14. Cade Baker secured 97th place at 22:33, and Rene Cano rounded out the lineup in 111th place with a time of 23:26.

The boys outstanding combined efforts earned them 3rd place overall, punching their ticket to the state meet. This marks the first time in Garden City history that a boys cross country team has qualified for state. The Bearkats will continue their historic run in Round Rock on November 7.





Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we are looking at three amazing students.

First up is senior Ariel Cardona-Williams, who wants to go to college to do computer science. His goal for this year is to do good in all of his classes and get everything turned in on time. When asked who his role model is, he said, “My dad, because he is very hard working.”

Cardona-Williams' favorite part about school is all the teachers and in his free time he likes to play games and watch movies. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Garcia and his favorite subject is History. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Make sure you do all of your school work so you don’t get left behind.”

Next up is sophomore Dayani Chavez who wants to go to college to be a veterinarian. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano and her favorite subject is science. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My sister, because she inspires me.”

Chavez’s goal for this year is to make it to nationals in FCCLA and her favorite part of the school is that there are a bunch of activities. In her free time, she likes to bedazzle things and her extracurricular activities like FCCLA, tennis, and track. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Do your homework.”

Last up is sophomore Emmorie Espinoza, who wants to go to Texas Tech to be a nurse practitioner. In her free time she enjoys reading, coloring, and her extracurricular activities like cheerleading, tennis, and track. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My mom, because she helps me and I want to be just like her.”

Espinoza’s favorite teacher is Mrs. Morgan and her favorite subject is geometry. Her goal for this year is to get all A’s and B’s and her favorite part of the school is that you can be friends with anyone. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Stay on top of your work and never fall behind.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JH BASKETBALL AT HERMLEIGH	VARSITY GIRL BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGE VS GREENWOOD	CCMR: WHERE ARE YOU GOING WEDNESDAY?	JH/VARSITY FOOTBALL AT FORT HANCOCK	EARLY RELEASE

FFA students compete in New Home LDE Invitational

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, a group of FFA students travelled to New Home for their second LDE invitational of the year. There were students competing in Radio Broadcasting, Public Relations, Job Interview, Creed Speaking, and more.

The chapter walked away with some great accomplishments and critiques from judges. Now, they are working hard to prepare for the district contest new week.





Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Coach Ezell was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! She currently teaches junior high science, including sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. She also sponsors TUMSCA science, UIL science for junior high, and helps with tennis in the spring.

Coach Ezell started her college career at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), where she was part of the equestrian team. After taking some time away from school, she returned to college and finished her degree at UT Permian Basin.

"I started out right out of high school going to OPSU and I was on the equestrian team on a full ride scholarship and I decided that I knew more than the world did so I quit my last year," Ezell explained.

One teacher who made a huge impact on Coach Ezell was her second-grade teacher, Miss Ammons. After moving to a new school, she found out that she had dyslexia and struggled with reading, but Miss Ammons never made her feel different.

"She did not make me feel any less than and between her and my mom, they taught me how to read and I left second grade on a fourth grade reading level," she said.

Ezell is most excited about getting to continue teaching science this year and seeing the growth her students can make. In addition, she is also looking forward to helping with the FFA science fair in May alongside Mr. Hauser and Mrs. Pierce.

When asked what her favorite thing about working at Garden City was, her answer was simply the kids.

"The way they want to work for perfection and they push me further than I ever thought I could be," she explained.

If Coach Ezell had one piece of advice to give to her students, it would be this: "If you don't know, it's okay not to know, but it's not okay not to try."

Coach Ezell has already made such a positive impact on her students and continues to encourage them to push themselves and try their best. Be sure to give her a big 'thank you' when you see her!

JV Football dominates in Thursday night game

by: Claire Eggemeyer

The JV Football team traveled to Robert Lee on Thursday night to face off against the Steers. The game started at 7 p.m. and the Bearkats came out strong, feeling ready to win. All the players had a great game, including Ariel Espinoza with three touchdowns, Cade Baker with two touchdowns, Ethan Cox with one touchdown, and Harrison Little with one touchdown. However, offense wasn't all that mattered, as the defense including Riley Harbison and Shooter Brinkey kept the Steers from scoring. The night ended early with a 45-0 win for the Bearkats.

School celebrates 'Red Ribbon Week'

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, students across the school celebrated 'Red Ribbon Week.' This week encourages students to live a healthy, drug-free life and say "no" to drugs.

Every morning, a small group of Student Council officers joined the elementary for their morning assembly to give a small talk about what it means to be drug free and how to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

For the whole school, they were participating with dress-up days. The week started off with Red Shirt day where everybody wore red to support the cause. The rest of the week was full of Hawaiian day, pajama day, and hat day where students participated to show their support.



WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BLUEBERRY MUFFIN & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST	BREAKFAST PIZZA OR CEREAL & TOAST	OATMEAL, CINNAMON TOAST, & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST	SAUSAGE KOLACHE & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST	CINNAMON ROLL & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST
STEAK FINGERS, OVEN FRIES, GRAVY, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, GARDEN SALAD, FRUIT, A ROLL	CHICKEN SPAGHETTI, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & GARLIC BREAD	CRISPY TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, SPANISH RICE, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, & FRUIT	LASAGNA, VEGETABLE MEDLEY, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A ROLL	STUFFED PEPPERONI PRETZEL, BABY CARROTS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A COOKIE

Joke Of the week

Why did the orange stop halfway across the road?

It ran out of juice.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started”
-Mark Twain

In the Classroom with Mrs. Martin

By: Claire Eggemeyer

This week in Mrs. Martin's culinary class, students are cooking up some tasty recipes that are holiday themed.

In the baking and pastry classes, they are making haunted patisserie macarons and Poison Apple Entrements.

In the food science class, they are starting with monster meringues, then making zombie brain Jell-O. Then they are making glow in the dark tonic water cupcakes and finishing with a lab over density and viscosity.

In the BBQ class, they are making zombie hands BBQ meatloaf, mummy chicken jalapeno poppers, skull smash burgers, spiderweb BBQ chicken pizzas, and smoked monster s'mores.

In the Prostart 1 class, they are making jack-o-lantern stuffed calzones, mad scientist mac & cheese, witch's caldron soup & bread sculpture, spider web brownie cheesecake, and doing a halloween chopped challenge.

Lastly in the junior high class, they are making spider web pizzas, mummy dogs, rice krispie treats, and graveyard dirt cups.

In the Classroom with Mr. Hauser

by; Sydnee Gully

Last week, Mr. Hauser's classroom and shop classes were full of excitement as they learned and developed a great deal of different skills. Some students worked on honing their skills for upcoming FFA contests while others spent their time in the shops working on skills. In the classroom, nearly 40 students worked to see improvement in their respective contests that require memorizing scripts, answering questions, and more. With their second invitational contest on Tuesday, they were able to receive great feedback and develop these skills further.

In the shop, there are several fire pits, grills, and tables being built. Through these projects, students are able to develop their skills in project documentation, squaring, measuring, welding, and more.

For younger students, shop activity has been filled with making key organizers and working on steel jack-o-lanterns.

There's been a lot going on in Mr. Hauser's classroom, and everybody is just looking to continually improve their skills in whatever they are working on!