

GCHS Weekly

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HIGH SCHOOL



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FFA program kicks season off with cookout kickoff party

by: Emily Easterling

Last Tuesday GC FFA had their beginning of the year kickoff party! Members ranging from 8th grade to senior gathered together to have a meal, play games, and get to know each other. Incoming members had the opportunity to discuss contests with the older members and learn more about the program. The chapter officers introduced themselves to the group and explained what they would be doing for the year and how they would be assisting the chapter. Everybody spent time learning more about FFA and the endless opportunities it offers, and members decided which contests they would be interested in for the upcoming year. The evening ended in a competitive game of cornhole and many memories made! Overall, all of the students are super excited for the things FFA will bring this year!



Seniors start painting parking spots

by: Sydnee Gully

This year's group of seniors have been having fun investing their time in senior festivities. So far, they've gathered for 'Senior Sunrise' and several have started painting their parking spots. Painting parking spots senior year is a fun tradition that schools across the nation take part in for seniors to show off their personalities through a place that is theirs: their parking spot. Each year, seniors have fun with this tradition. This year, several groups are going up to school together to spend time with each other while they paint. If you're a senior and are interested in painting your parking spot, go ahead and get ready to do it! A few spots seniors have painted so far are shown.

New Policies in Place for Upcoming Year

by: Sydnee Gully

This year, there are some new rules, or old rules being enforced in different ways, to help improve the school environment and student safety.

First, new doors were installed with a new key security system to ensure they all work properly and are the safest for students. Also, tardies are being taken more seriously to make sure students are making the most of the time in the classroom. This way, students will be more motivated to get to class on time.

Additionally, students are being kept out of hallways during class to avoid people roaming the halls. This way, they're going to be in class for more time, maximizing their learning time and keeping them safer.

There are some other rules being enforced this year, but they're all in the interest of keeping everyone safe and ensuring students are learning during their time at school!





Cross Country races hard at second meet of season

by: Sydnee Gully

The cross country teams took on a Big Spring course last Saturday. They all ran incredibly well, racing to improve their times and compete well as teams. The meet was full of extremely competitive schools in both divisions, but our teams were able to place well. The girls team made up of Tori Anderson, Landry Baker, Ella Brinkley, Claire Eggemeyer, Sophie Sullivan, and Reagan Hillger raced to place 3rd as a team. On the boys side, Clayton Hillger, Kannon Flores, Cade Baker, Cooper Baker, Thomas Hillger, Corbin Cervantes, and Shooter Brinkley's times added up to finish in 10th place as a team.

Both teams will continue working hard this week to prepare for their meet on Wednesday in Iraan. If you want to come out and support, show up Wednesday morning and cheer them on!



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mr. Bryant was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! This is his third year here as the school counselor for grades pre-k through 12th. After graduating from Coahoma High School, Bryant attended college at Hardin-Simmons for a semester, Howard college for two years, and lastly Sul Ross State University where he earned three degrees including a bachelor's and master's in English as well as master's in school counseling.

Bryant explained that his favorite and most influential teacher in high school was Coach Conely. He loved how much Conley made him feel appreciated and enjoyed the amazing stories he had to tell.

"His class was so much fun because he had led such an interesting life and would tell us all these really interesting stories and we would all just be engaged with him," he said.

He also expressed how he is most excited to get to know all of the students more this year and interact more with the community.

"Even if it was just a, hey, howdy, hello, or what'd you do this summer, I spoke with everyone. They spoke with me, so I feel like I'm being more accepted by the community," he stated.

Mr. Bryant's favorite part about working in GC is working with the students and getting to see all of their amazing qualities.

"I think y'all are phenomenal and I really want to appreciate that and celebrate that more and let y'all know that more. That, hey, I see you, I recognize you. Thank you for being great, responsible young people here," Bryant said

Mr. Bryant does so much for the school, community, and students so be sure to give him a huge 'thank you' this week! He also has some amazing advice for everyone, "Leave yourself notes that say something to you, that speak to you. When times get hard in your life, put these somewhere where you're going to see them every day, like your bathroom mirror, wherever you're going to see it. When days get tough, your future self will thank you for this."



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week, we have three seniors who are under the spotlight.

First up is the editor of this newspaper, Sydnee Gully, who wants to major in journalism, to later work in publishing. When asked who her favorite teacher is, she said, "Mrs. Solano because she really cares about us." Her biggest goal is to pick the right college to go to and her role model is her mom.

Gully stated that her favorite part of our school is the way we were raised to have close friendships with everybody. In her free time, she enjoys reading and her extracurriculars including yearbook, basketball, student council, and more. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, "Don't put too many things on your plate to where you overwhelm yourself."

Next up is Ivy Braden who wants to attend either Texas Tech or Texas A&M University to major in the business field, that way when she grows up she can do something math and agriculture related. One of her favorite hobbies is baking, but she is also very involved in basketball, UIL, FFA, and more. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My Dad because of how hard working he is and how much effort he puts into making connections with us."

Braden's favorite teacher is Mrs. Solano and her favorite subject is math, although she is very excited about A&P. Her goals for this year are to pick the right college and maintain her class rank. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Focus on your mental aspect of high school, so you can be passionate about what you do and avoid burnout."

Last up is Claire Eggemeyer, who is unsure of what college she wants to attend, but knows she wants to major in marketing. Her favorite part about Garden City is the way everyone can lift each other up, and she is most looking forward to track season. When asked who her role model is, she said, "Mrs. Wilburn, because I really like the way she handles things."

Eggemeyer's favorite class is yearbook, and her goal for this year is to become the most positive version of herself. In her free time, she enjoys running and participating in track, 4-H, cross country, and more. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, "You're never going to get anywhere if you're constantly beating yourself up, so look at the positives."

JOKE OF THE WEEK

**What do you
call a row of
rabbits
hopping away?
A receding hare
line!**

Back to School Recap: What's Been Happening?

by: Sydnee Gully

As we go into the 3rd week of school, let's take a look back on the first couple weeks of school to see all of the fun students and staff have been having!

Students were welcomed back during the first week of school with open mindsets from teachers and staff. Additionally, different programs have been kicking off their programs by introducing students to all of their opportunities and meetings.

As the year continues, students are becoming more excited to dive deeper into their classes and learn new things!

WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY

SAUSAGE
BISCUIT
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

MEAT & CHEESE
CHALUPAS,
CHARRO BEANS,
ZESTY
CUCUMBERS,
SPANISH RICE,
& FRUIT

TUESDAY

PANCAKE ON A
STICK & YOGURT
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN PARMESAN,
SPAGHETTI
NOODLES, GREEN
BEANS, GARDEN
SALAD, RANCH,
FRUIT, & A
BREADSTICK

WEDNESDAY

CHERRY
TURNOVERS
& SAUSAGE
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

PIG-N-BLANKET,
CORN, BABY
CARROTS, RANCH,
FRUIT, & A JELLO
CUP

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST
BURRITO &
HASHBROWN
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN NUGGETS,
MASHED
POTATOES, GRAVY,
GREEN BEANS,
GARDEN SALAD,
RANCH
FRUIT, & A ROLL

FRIDAY

DONUT &
BACON
OR
CEREAL & TOAST

GRILLED CHEESE
AND HAM
SANDWICHES,
BABY CARROTS,
RANCH, TOMATO
SOUP, CHIPS, &
FRUIT

***"We can't become what we need to be
by remaining what we are."
— Oprah Winfrey***

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/31

DISTRICT FFA
FALL MEETING

9/1

JH FOOTBALL VS
O'DONNELL

9/2

JH/HS XC AT
IRAAN
FFA GREENHAND
CAMP

9/3

JV/V FOOTBALL
AT O'DONNELL

Varsity Football Competes Well Against Water Valley

by: Sydnee Gully

After a long rain delay on Thursday night, the JV's football game against Water Valley was cancelled. However, as the storm cleared up, the varsity squad was able to take the field to take on one of the top teams in the state.

The boys started off the game with great momentum. They put up a great fight against the Wildcats, but weren't able to stop them and ended up down in the first quarter. Then, going into the second quarter, the boys came out more connected on both sides of the ball. They were focused on the Wildcats' plays and were doing a great job of reading their defense. However, still, by the end of the half, the Bearkats were down.

Going into the third quarter, the Bearkats came out with energy, ready to take down Water Valley. However, after coming up just short a couple of times and turning the ball over on downs, they weren't able to keep up. The game ended short with a score of 63-14 in favor of Water Valley.

Next week, they're going to take on O'Donnell at their place for another Thursday night showdown. They're looking to improve on anything they can in hopes of coming out on top.



In the Classroom with Coach Ezell

by: Sydnee Gully

This week, we're taking a look into Coach E's class to see what they're learning! Coach E teaches junior high science, and each grade is going over something new, different, and fun!

Eighth grade students are working on classifying matter into mixtures, homogeneous or heterogeneous. They made slime in a lab to actually see these properties come to life, too.

In 7th grade, they are also working on comparing and contrasting the differences in elements and compounds. Additionally, they are learning how to write like a chemist by looking at how atoms can be combined to chemically form molecules.

Sixth graders are also looking at classifying matter, but in a little different way. They've reviewed solids, liquids, and gases, but they really looked into how temperature is related to the amount of energy particles in states of matter. Then, they moved to classifying by calculating density. First, they looked at measuring mass and volume of materials. Then, they used the density formula to determine if the material will sink or float in the liquid. Finally, once they had a "prediction," they were able to test it!

Last week, Coach E's classroom was full of learning and fun as students learned about so many different things and participated in several different labs. This week, they're going to continue learning new things, and the students are super excited!



In the Classroom with Mrs. Wilburn

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we are taking a closer look at what is happening in Mrs. Wilburn's classroom.

In her Intro to Physics and Chemistry class they have been covering atomic structure and learning about reactions between a Hydrogen and Helium balloon when a flame is introduced. They did a fun lab with M&M's to create a Bohr model to help visualize.

In her chemistry class, students have been covering lab safety and practicing measurements. They also started an investigation on a lab explosion to contribute to the new information.

In her physics class, students are learning the introduction to motion, and did a vector quest activity on the playground to learn more about distance and displacement.

Lastly, in her Anatomy and Physiology class, they are learning all about the body systems. They even had an autopsy lab where they dissected a banana and practiced their vocabulary.

