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Fall tennis season starts up

by: Sydnee Gully

Tennis season kicked off this past week in Big Spring for a JV tournament. Jesus Garcilita, Uziel Lopez, Riley Harbison and Deagan Williams traveled to the meet to show off their hard work and skills.

The day was long and full of tough matches and competition. With this, Lopez competed well in the Boys Singles division, and Garcilita finished as the Boys Singles Champion.

In boys doubles, Harbison and Williams teamed up to make a confident and challenging pair. They also competed hard and ended the day with more experience.

Overall, the teams had a total 5-3 record for the day. They left with a lot of new information and confidence for the rest of the season.





JV Basketball Named Tournament Champions

by: Sydnee Gully

The JV Girls basketball team traveled to Borden county to compete in a tough tournament last weekend.

They started on Thursday, opening against Klondike. In this game, they got a commanding victory of 49-10 to set the stage for the rest of the tournament. Then, at 11:30, they took on Sundown to determine if they would play in the championship game. They led the game in all aspects, winning 64-17 and getting a 2-0 record for the day.

On Saturday, they took on Jayton for the tournament title. After a closer match, they were able to come out on top for the win at 41-28. They played a solid three games with togetherness, toughness, and love for the game.

Their record for the season is now 21-2 and 5-1 in district.

Varsity Basketball competes with Veribest

by: Karly Baker

The Bearkats traveled to Veribest this past Tuesday to continue district play. The Garden City Lady Kats continued their dominant season as they moved into the second round of district play. Although the JV teams did not compete, the varsity girls took center stage with an impressive 59–16 victory. The win improved their district record to a perfect 9–0, further solidifying their position as a top contender as district play continues.

The varsity boys took the floor following the Lady Kats' victory and battled hard throughout the night. Garden City stayed competitive and showed strong defensive effort, but ultimately fell to their opponent by a score of 32–47. Despite the setback, the Bearkats continue to fight through a challenging district schedule. The loss moves their district record to 4–3, keeping them in the mix as they look to continue district play.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

Another week, another group of Bearkats who are going above and beyond at school.

First up is sophomore Landy Baker who wants to go to Texas Tech university to become a scuba diving instructor. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and her favorite class is Algebra II. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My dad, because he works really hard.”

Baker’s biggest goal this year is to make all A’s and her biggest accomplishment is passing Spanish. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Just remember, in 6 or 7 years life will get better.”

Next up is freshman Clayton Hillger, who wants to go to Texas A&M university to study aviation. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Garcia and his favorite class is Spanish. When asked who his role model is, he said, “My great uncle because he has an airplane.”

His biggest challenge is trying to get good grades and his biggest accomplishment is flying one of the planes at the homecoming flyover. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Don’t be afraid to try new things.”

Last is sophomore Addi Goodwin who wants to attend Texas Tech University to get her business degree. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and her favorite class is culinary. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My dad, because he works really hard.”

Goodwin’s biggest challenge has been her Chemistry class and her biggest accomplishment is getting all A’s. If she could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Always make sure to try your best.”

Basketball serves community

by: Sydnee Gully

On Thursday, the Varsity Girls Basketball Team went to St. Lawrence Church to help unload the food truck. This is a community service project that different groups and organizations around the school have been doing every month, and for January, the girls took over.

They helped organize food and load them into the cars of those in need. Then, they helped pick up. Overall, it was a great experience for the students.



Student Interviews: How the Energy Bus has Affected Life

by: Sydnee Gully

As school progresses and the second semester is in full swing, many students can struggle to remember to stay positive and keep spirits high. However, with the energy bus being promoted around the school, there's an easy reminder to follow those guidelines.

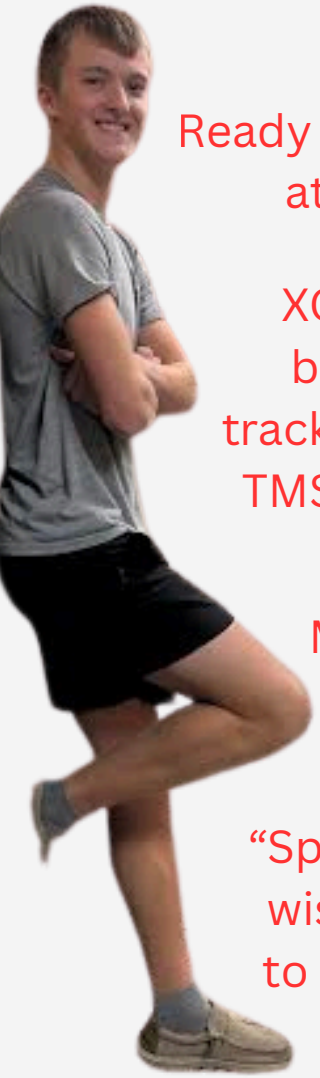
"I just walk through the hallways and see how much positive energy goes around," junior Ella Brinkley said. "You can just see all of the encouragement that the students and even teachers give to one another."

With the energy bus being a vital part of life at school, remembering the rules outside of school can prove to be difficult. Still, Brinkley is able to keep her life positive and be kind to others.

"It's really transformed my life outside of school, too," she said. "Really just seeing all of the positivity at school makes me want to make an effort to take it outside of school and just show the world how much positivity can do."

Senior Spotlight

Presley Jost		Waylyn Davis
Texas A&M (Kinesiology)	College Plans	Texas Tech (AG Buisness)
My class	What you will miss most about GC	Small town vibe
Ready to go! by Panic at the Disco	Go to song	Godspeed by Zach Bryan
XC, football, basketball, track, tennis, UIL, TMSCA, FFA, 4H	Involvement	Football, golf, FFA, 4H
My family	Key people in your life	My family
“Spend your time wisely and stick to your morals.”	Advice to your freshman self	“Don’t be antisocial and get out of your comfort zone.”





UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STAAR Benchmark	STAAR Benchmark	STAAR Benchmark	STAAR Benchmark	No School/ Staff Dev.
JH Basketball vs. Irion County	HS Basketball at Blackwell		San Angelo Ag Mech Show	San Angelo Ag Mech Show
OAP Clinic at Big Lake			HS Tennis at Big Lake	

SATURDAY		
	San Angelo Ag Mech Show	San Angelo Public Speaking Contest

Practicing Gratitude

by: Claire Eggemeyer

"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for." - Zig Ziglar

As school starts up again and we busy ourselves in academics and extracurriculars, it's common that we forget to slow down and think about what we're grateful for. Maybe we're too caught up on the bad in our lives that it begins to stress us out. Or maybe we're just too rushed that we don't even notice how often we downplay the positives that appear in our lives.

If we all stopped for a moment each day to truly think about everything with a positive attitude and just acknowledge what you have, rather than what we don't, we could bring great changes to our lives! Gratitude, no matter how small, can act as a protective layer against stress and even enhance our mental well-being. Scientists have studied the relationship between gratitude and reduced anxiety, and fortunately, if you stay consistent, you can immensely reduce your anxiety.

There's a few different common ways you can start to implement gratitude into your daily routine. The first one is gratitude journaling. This consists of writing down three things you are grateful for each day. This will help you focus on the good things that you have, rather than what you don't.

Another one is using a gratitude jar. Each day you can write down one thing you're grateful for on a piece of paper and put it in a jar to review later. This method is a fun way to look back on everything you're grateful for.

The last one is reflection, often at the end of the day, where you reflect on all the positive things that happened throughout your day. This is another good way to recall positive thoughts.

Although these are the most common ways, it is certainly not limited to just these. Challenge yourself to show gratitude in your life, and you will definitely enjoy the positive outcomes!

Basketball faces Water Valley, girls celebrate senior night

by: Karly Baker

Garden City basketball tipped off Friday night with a strong showing from the JV boys, who set the tone early with a 49–27 victory. The Bearkats controlled the pace of the game and built momentum heading into varsity action. The JV girls did not compete, as they were participating in the Borden County JV Tournament.

The Lady Kats had their sentimental senior night and immediately proceeded to deliver an impressive 64–9 win in front of the home crowd. The varsity girls dominated on both ends of the floor, and all seven seniors found the scoring column in a special celebration of their final season. The win highlighted the team's depth, chemistry, and continued success in district play.

The varsity boys followed with a tough matchup against Water Valley, the district's first-place team with only one district loss entering the night. Garden City battled throughout the contest but ultimately fell 45–22. Despite the loss, the Bearkats gained valuable experience against top-tier district competition.

With the results from the night, the Lady Kats remain perfect at 10–0 in district play, while the Bearkats move to 4–4 as district action continues.



Why did the crab cross the road?

- It didn't—it used the sidewalk.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Coach Ezell has been chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! This is her second year here at GC and her 10th year teaching. She teaches junior high science and is loving it so far!

Coach E was inspired to teach because of her desire to be the teacher she wanted her children to have.

"I wanted to be the kind of teacher I hoped my kids had," Ezell said.

Her biggest challenge this year has been balancing the workload between all of her classes, but is overcoming it very well.

"Trying to get ready for three different labs every single Tuesday is pretty difficult, but the kids are so good it's hard to even see that as a negative because I love them," she said.

Coach E expressed that her favorite part about working at Garden City is the overall community and the people here.

"I love the kids, they're amazing. I love the small classes, I love the community of teachers that we have here in Garden City," she said.

Coach Ezell has been such a wonderful part of this community since she got here so be sure to show your appreciation when you see her!

WEEKLY MENU

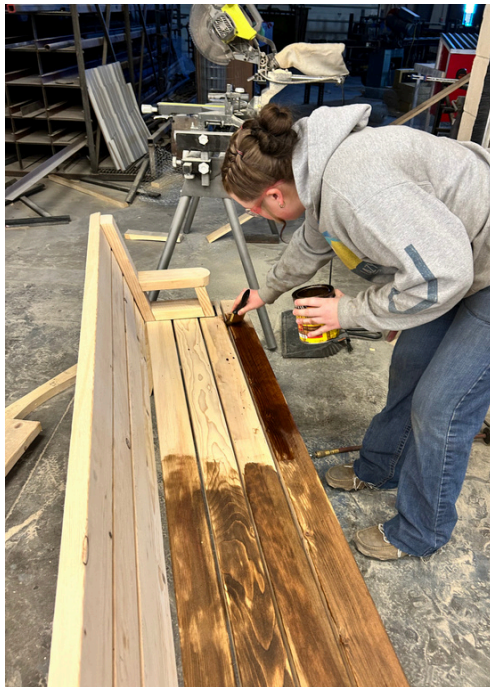
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
blueberry muffin & sausage or cereal & toast	oatmeal, cinnamon toast, & yogurt or cereal & toast	sausage kolache & yogurt or cereal & toast	cinnamon roll & sausage or cereal & toast	student holiday
chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, ranch, garlic toast, & fruit	crispy tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, zesty cucumbers, taco sauce, & fruit	lasagna, vegetable medley, garden salad, ranch, roll, & fruit	hamburgers and fixings, baby carrots, ranch, chips, fruit, & a carnival cookie	staff inservice

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

With the San Angelo AG Mechanics Show being next week, the shop is in full preparation mode to get projects completed, painted/stained, and show books completed. Several projects have been completed, so students are working to put together all of the components of the book. This includes a bill of materials, pictures taken throughout the process of building, an abstract, acknowledgements, and several other things.

Aside from projects, students have been working to write and memorize speeches for the upcoming SDE season, and others have been practicing material for the CDE season.



"I am happy because I'm grateful. I choose to be grateful. That gratitude allows me to be happy."
- Will Arnett