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Track competes at GC relays

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, several students found success against tough competition from Midland TLCA, O'Donnell, Sands, Grape Creek, Grady, Hermleigh, Klondike, and Midland Holy Cross at the Garden City track meet.

The day started off with field events. In discus Riley Harbison competed well in the JV boys division. For varsity girls, Kaylee Garcia placed 1st, Ella Brinkley earned 6th place, Tori Anderson finished in 12th, and Katelyn Ezell got 13th. The varsity boys also had great finishes, with Nathan Garcia earning 1st place, Roberto Almazan finishing in 3th, and Nick Howard throwing for 5th. Over at high jump, Emily Easterling jumped an impressive 4'6" to tie for second place. In the boys division, Juan Barco placed 8th. Natalie Crownover competed in the long jump, where she got the team some points placing 6th. Pole vault athletes are also getting back into their routine. Addi Goodwin Vaulted to get 2nd place, Emily Easterling earned 4th, and Melanie Gomez and Brenly Schwartz competed well. In the boys division, Thomas Hilger swept the competition to get 1st place. Not far below him were his teammates Clayton Hillger (3rd) and Jacob Talamantes (4th). Finally, the throwers took over the shot put competition. Riley Harbison threw in the JV boys division and placed 5th. Kaylee Garcia found more success in the Varsity Girls division as she got 2nd place. Katelyn Ezell alos had a strong performance to place 7th, and Tori Anderson (14th) and Ella Brinkley (15th) threw well, too.

In the running events, Kannon Flores started the team off early in the 3200m run. Here, he showed a lot of effort and determination to place 3rd out of 10 varsity boys. Then, the full schedule of running events started with the 4x100m relay. The varsity girls team (Emily Easterling, Natalie Crownover, Claire Eggemeyer, Sydney Tomlinson) finished in 2nd place. The varsity boys team of Jacob Talamantes, Kelton Fuchs, Jesiah Talamantes, and Nathan Garcia also put up a strong fight to finish in 4th. In the 800m run, Emy Schwartz finished in 2nd in the varsity girls division, and Thomas Hillger ran a great race to finish in 3rd for the varsity boys. Clayton Hillger also ran an impressive time for that division. Then, the hurdlers took off with the varsity girls 100m hurdles. Addison Goodwin placed 1st, and Tori Anderson finished in 9th. In the JV boys 100m dash, Christ Garza (5th) and Luke Eggemeyer (11th) ran well. Natalie Crownover got



1st, Brenly Schwartz finished in 10th, Katelyn Ezell earned 12th, and Ali Perez finished in 16th in the varsity girls 100m. For the varsity boys, Miles Colunga ran to get 4th place and Nathan Garcia got 14th. The girls 4x200m relay competed well as they finished in 1st place. In the varsity girls 400m dash, Melanie Gomez finished in 10th, with Ali Perez right behind her in 11th. For the boys, Caleb Garza ran to get 4th, and Jesiah Talamantes got 7th. Sadie Fuchs and Tori Andersom dominated the varsity girls 300m hurdles, as Fuchs got 1st and Anderson finished 4th. In the JV boys 200m dash, Chris Garza ran an impressive 25.55 to finish in 3rd, and Luke Eggemeyer finished in 8th. The varsity girls division was full of fierce competition. Sydney Tomlinsongot 4th, Emily Easterling finished in 5th, Addison Goodwin ran for 10th, Brenly Schwartz got 12th, and Melanie Gomez ran for 17th. Miles Colunga took over the boys division to get first place, and Kelton Fuchs was right behind him to finish in 5th. In the 1600m run, Claire Eggemeyer (1st) and Sara Garvin (8th) ran well in the girls division, and Kannon Flores and Clayton Hillger ran for the varsity boys and placed 4th and 7th. Finally, the 4x400m relay teams took over for the last race. The girls team of Natalie Crownover, Sadie Fuchs, Sophia Sullivan, and Emy Schwartz dominated and finished 1st. The boys team with Caleb Garza, Jesiah Talamantes, Kelton Fuchs, and Thomas Hillger ran a great race to finish in 3rd.

With field events and running events combined, the boys JV team finished in 7th as a team, the varsity boys placed 3rd as a team, and the varsity girls earned the champion title of the meet.

Girls golf competes at tough contest

by: Sydnee Gully

The varsity girls gold team of Keegan Batla, Gracie Raney, Helen Marshall, and Joslyn Halfmann had an early morning last week as they continued the gold season at the Shady Oaks course. With a seven-and-a-half hour round, the girls were able to keep playing hard and representing the school well. They showed some real promise on such a difficult, long course.



Boys golf team goes to Big Lake tournament

by: Sydnee Gully

The Bearkat golf team traveled to Big Lake to continue their season with the growing team. They were all able to compete well, and 'Team 1' earned 2nd place. This team was made up of Waylyn Davis, who shot an 84, Karson Lowery (85), Brik Fryar (85), Rylan Cypert (89), and Sterling Schwartz (90). 'Team 2' also had an impressive day, with Cohen Batla shooting an 82, Thomas Hillger getting a 117, and Jayden Contreras shooting a 141.

All the golf boys are showing some real promise and effort this season. As they continue, they are looking for even more improvement, hoping to make their season as long as possible.





Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Hoelscher was chosen to be featured for Staff Spotlight! She currently teaches Algebra 1 and 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, proctors dual credit algebra and statistics, and is also the Student Council sponsor. Hoelcher has been teaching for 14 years, having been in Garden City for the past 4.

Mrs. Hoelscher has always known she wanted to teach, with her high school math teacher inspiring her to pursue a career in education.

“I have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little kid, but I also had an excellent high school math teacher that really inspired me,” Hoelscher said.

She expressed that the biggest challenge she has had to face this year is student absences.

“It's a good thing to be involved, but it is tough as a teacher to figure out how you're still going to teach the material that you have to get through, especially for my tested subject. So it just takes some creativity; I've utilized making videos and things where students can still learn when they're not in class,” she said.

Hoelcher further explained that her favorite part about working in G.C. is the lack of disciplinary issues. She loves how amazing her students are and the excellent parent involvement as well.

“My favorite part is that we don't have a lot of discipline issues, so I really get to focus on why I love this job, which is teaching kids and helping them understand math better,” Hoelscher said.

Mrs. has helped our students not only in math, but so much more. Be sure to give her a huge ‘thank you’ when you see her!

Senior Spotlight



Andres Huerta

Plans after high school:
Work force

What will you miss most about GC:
My friends

Go-to song:
A Tornado Warning - Turnpike Troubadours

Involvement:
OAP, football, XC

Key people in your life:
My parents

Advice to your freshman self:
“Stay positive, no matter what happens.”

Uziel Lopez



Plans after high school:
Work force

What will you miss most about GC:
The people

Go-to song:
7&7 - Turnpike Troubadours

Involvement:
Football, Tennis, NHS, StuCo, OAP

Key people in your life:
My family

Advice to your freshman self:
“Turn everytime in on time.”



Students of the Week

by: Sydnee Gully

This week, Helen Marshall and Claire Eggemeyer were chosen to be featured as students of the week.

Marshall hopes to attend Texas Tech University and major in AG business or AG communications. Here in GC, her favorite teachers are Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Hoelscher, and her favorite class is AG. Her role model is her dad because, "he's done a lot for me and he's made a lot for himself from nothing. I aspire to be like that."

As a junior, her biggest challenge has been trying to keep up with everything she has going on, especially her two dual credit courses. Through high school, her biggest accomplishment has been winning two state titles in golf. If she could give some advice to other students it would be, "just keep doing your best in school, but also make sure that you do stuff for yourself outside of school."

Next up is junior Claire Eggemeyer, who wants to attend Texas A&M to major in psychology. Her favorite teacher in Mrs. Solano, who teaches one of her favorite classes - yearbook. Another one of her favorite classes is Mrs. Morgan's English class.

Her biggest role model in life has been her aunt because of how she's helped her through her life journey. In high school, her biggest accomplishment has been earning 3rd place at state cross country this year because it shows how much work they all put into the sport. However, her biggest challenge this year has been trying to find motivation to do things. If she could give some advice to other students it would be, "Don't listen to what anybody says about you."

One Act Play wraps up successful season

by: Sydnee Gully

One Act Play cast and crew left early Wednesday morning to compete at the district contest in Irion County. The district is full of fierce, skillful competition. Still, they were able to put on a great performance, highlighting each of their personalities, their character's growth, and acting skills they've learned this season. Despite this, they fell just short of advancing.

Still, several actors were recognized for the outstanding work. The Outstanding Tech Award went to Kyleigh Roe, Mallory Latch and earned Honorable Mention All Star cast, and Ella Brinkley ended up with a spot on All Star Cast. These students put so much into their play, working for hours to improve even the smallest parts. Congratulations to all people who played a part in making their year as great as it was!



In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Holley Stiles

This week, students in culinary classes cooked up a wide variety of dishes. ProStart students explored both sweet and savory flavors, making Brown Sugar and Vanilla Yogurt Fruit Dip, Cashew Butter Braised Chicken, and mastering the art of grilling the perfect steak.

Entrepreneurship and Intro to Culinary students delighted in fun, easy-to-make snacks, including Grape Jelly Little Smokies, Ham & Cheese Tortilla Roll-Ups, and Cream Cheese Pickle Roll-Ups. Meanwhile, BBQ class students put their skills to work preparing Dutch Oven lasagna and perfectly cooked Chicken Wings.

WEEKLY MENU

Monday

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST

HAMBURGERS & FIXINGS, BABY CARROTS, RANCH CHIPS, FRUIT, & A CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

Tuesday

OATMEAL, CINNAMON TOAST, & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH FRUIT, & GARLIC TOAST

Wednesday

CHEESE TOAST & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST

CRISPY TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, SPANISH RICE, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, & FRUIT

Thursday

SAUSAGE KOLACHE & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST

STEAK FINGERS, OVEN FRIES, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, FRUIT ROLL, & CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA PUDDING

Friday

CINNAMON ROLL & BACON OR CEREAL & TOAST

FISH STICKS, MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH FRUIT, & SLICED BREAD

Junior High Track competes at home meet

by: Karly Baker

The junior high boys and girls competed at the 2026 Bearkat Relays with a very strong showing. The Garden City junior high girls were the team champions with 164 points, while the boys finished third overall with 121 points. Here are some highlights of the top three finishers from GC.

The Lady Kats were led by several top performances. Lilly Hillger won the 200 meter dash and ran on the second-place 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Masyn Dieringer won the high jump and finished second in the 200 meter dash, while Jynsen Kemp placed second in the 400 meter dash, second in the high jump, and third in the triple jump. Dakeli Huerta finished second in the 300 meter hurdles and fourth in the triple jump, and Khloee Sanders placed second in the 800 meter run and third in the 300 meter hurdles. Tenley Hartl also earned a first-place finish in the pole vault. In the field events, Ana Luna won the shot put and finished second in the discus.

The boys also had several strong performances. Shooter Brinkley won the discus and placed third in the high jump, while Ariel Espinosa won the shot put and finished third in the 400 meter dash. Korbin Cervantes placed second in the 2400 meter run and fifth in the 1600 meter run. Cade Baker placed second in the 200 meter dash and helped the 4x200 relay finish third. Rene Cano added third-place finishes in both the long jump and triple jump and placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles.

Garden City also had several strong relay finishes. The girls 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relay teams each placed second, while the boys 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relay teams all finished third.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

ANSON FFA INVITATIONAL

VARSITY BOYS GOLF AT QUICKSAND

Tuesday

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF AT QUICKSAND

Wednesday

SPRING ACT

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? (COLLEGE SHIRT DAY)

Thursday

HS POWERLIFTING AT POST

HS TENNIS AT BIG LAKE

JH TRACK AT ROBERT LEE

Friday

2nd GRADE RODEO

HS TRACK AT ROBERT LEE

Saturday

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

HOUSTON FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING

Tennis traveles to Big Spring

by: Sydnee Gully

The tennis team split in half as part of them competed in Big Spring on Thursday and the other half competed in Big Spring on Friday. This meet was full of tough competition, but the students took it as an opportunity to learn and get better.

On Thursday, Landry Baker and Sadie Fuchs competed in the girls doubles division where they got runners up. In girls singles, Addison Goodwin won the division. Dayani Chavez, Deegan Williams, and Riley also competed well.

On Friday, Grady ivins, Jesus Garcilita, Uziel Lopez, Trevor Garcia, Presley Jost, Lacy Seidenberger, Holley Stiles, Kyleigh Roe, and Landry Baker traveled from the second day. Presley and Lacy entered in the mixed doubles division, and they got runners up.

The tennis team is showing a lot of hope and promise for the upcoming season.

Bus Ticker Earners Take Adventure

by: Sydnee Gully

At the end of each 6 weeks, students who earned a bus ticket travel to Sterling City's Dairy Queen to get ice cream for this hard work in and outside of classrooms. For the 4th 6 weeks, there were several students that went because they were kind to one another, showed positive energy, and overall displayed what the energy bus is trying to achieve.

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

The AG shop has been full of learning new things, studying materials, and working through projects. Some students have been in the shop working to get their welds certified and improve their skills. Others have been working hard to look over and memorize CDE materials. With the first major contest being Monday, students are sure to be focused on their contest. Finally, some students are working on small projects in the shop.