

GCHS Weekly

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HIGH SCHOOL

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Seidenberger, Jost advance to state tennis

by: Holley Stiles

Lacy Seidenberger and Presley Jost put together an impressive run at the regional tennis tournament in mixed doubles, finishing in 2nd place and qualifying for the state tournament.

Throughout the competition, they showed strong teamwork and stayed steady under pressure. They worked through several tough matches, using good communication and smart shot placement to stay ahead of their opponents. Each round tested them more, but they kept pushing and found ways to win when it mattered most.

After advancing to the championship match, Seidenberger and Jost fought hard in a close battle. Even though they came up just short of the regional title, their performance earned them a well-deserved runner-up finish.

Now, they'll turn their attention to preparing for state, where they'll compete against some of the best teams in Texas. Their regional success has set them up with momentum going into the next stage of the season.



Students compete at regional UIL

by: Sydnee Gully

The regional UIL contest was on Saturday, April 24 and 25 at Angelo State University.

The computer science team made up of Karson Lowery, Caleb Garza, and Roberto Almazan competed on Friday. They took their written exam first, then moved onto coding as a team. In the end, they finished as the 4th place team, and Lowery was 10th individually.

On Saturday, all other teams showed up for a busy day of contests.

In math events, the number sense team finished 1st overall, securing a spot at state. Presley Jost placed 1st, Ivy Braden finished 2nd, Karly Baker was 4th, and Tatum Braden ended in 6th. The mathematics team made up of the same people placed 3rd overall. Ivy finished in 3rd, giving her a trip to state. Additionally, Presley placed 9th, and Tatum and Karly competed well. The calculator team had an impressive showing to finish as the

3rd place team. Ivy Braden placed 4th, clinching the spot as 1st alternate to state. Presley Jost finished in 7th, Tatum Braden ended in 9th, and Zach Wilson contributed.

In speaking events, Ella Brinkley and Landry Dieringer competed in the prose contest. Ella made finals, and spoke very well to advance to state as she placed 1st overall.

In ready writing, Joslyn Halfmann, Sydnee Gully, and Emily Easterling all had impressive essays, but just missed placing in the top six.

Finally, in journalism events, Brenly Schwartz placed 5th in feature writing, Jasmine Nunez finished 6th in headline writing, and Holley Stiles advanced to state in copy editing by placing 2nd.

Overall, all of the students put in their best effort, and state qualifiers will continue working hard to compete the best they can at state.



Boys gold practices for upcoming state tournament

by: Karly Baker

This past weekend, the Garden City High School boys golf team traveled to Austin for their state practice round. The team consists of Brik Fryar, Karson Lowery, Rylan Cypert, Waylyn Davis, and Cohen Batla.

They left early on Saturday, 4/25, and played a practice round at the Crystal Falls Golf Course to prepare for the upcoming state tournament. The team will compete for the state title on April 27–28 after qualifying for the first time in several years, after placing second in Region Two, marking a major accomplishment for the program.

The Crystal Falls course is known for being challenging, with large hills making the practice round an important opportunity for the team to get familiar with the difficult conditions they may face during competition.

Sunday, the team also took part in a fun outing of putt-putt golf as a reward for qualifying for state and to help them relax before competition begins. Overall, the experience gave the players both preparation and a chance to enjoy time together before competing at the state level.

What did the
pencil say to
the
sharpener?
— "Stop going
in circles and
get to the
point".



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, the cafeteria staff was chosen to be featured for our staff spotlight! One of the members - Mrs. McKinnon - has worked here at Garden City for the past 48 years, serving as the elementary secretary and Food Service Director, alongside the other ladies, Lisa Gonzalez, Ediana Sotelo, Anna Almazon, and Alma DeLuna.

McKinnon was originally the elementary secretary, but wanting a change, she ended up switching to her current position.

"I think I was just ready for a change, and I still wanted to be at school. So when the job came open, and they asked me if I wanted it, I kind of jumped on it," she said

The cafeteria ladies do their best to keep things interesting in the cafeteria. Earlier in the year, they prepared a Super Bowl-themed lunch, and last week, they held their annual concession stand-style lunch.

"We did a Super Bowl theme, and tomorrow we're doing our concession stand style lunch with the hot dogs," McKinnon said.

In addition to serving as Food Service Director, Mrs. McKinnon also helps out with the football and basketball concession stands.

"I just like to have fun with the kids. That's my main thing is I like to be with the kids. And that's why I enjoy the concession stand too," McKinnon expressed.

The cafeteria ladies do so much for our school, staff, and community, so be sure to give them a big 'thank you' when you see them!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Karson
Lowery

Rylan
Cypert

**College Plans:**

South Plains (mechanical engineering)

What will you miss most about GC:

Sports

Go-to song:

The Night Out - Martin Solveig

Involvement:

Golf, StuCo, NHS, UIL

Key people in your life:

My parents

Advice to your freshman self:

“Don’t stop lifting and play golf smarter.”

College Plans:

South Plains (buisness)

What will you miss most about GC:

My Dad

Go-to song:

Lessons Learned - Tracey Lawrence

Involvement:

StuCo, Golf, Football, 4H

Key people in your life:

My dad, brother, and grandparents

Advice to your freshman self:

“Listen more.”



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we have two students who are under the spotlight.

First up is sophomore Deagen Williams who wants to go to college where there will be a good biology or engineering path. His favorite teacher is Coach Fryar and his favorite class is Geometry. When asked who his role model is, he said, "My father because he's taught me a bunch of different things growing up and how to live life the best way."

Williams' biggest accomplishment is advancing in chemistry farther than he thought he would, which he also stated was his biggest challenge this year. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, "Don't get lazy with your work and continuously try no matter what."

The other student is sophomore Jesiah Talamantes who wants to attend Texas Tech University to major in mechanical engineering. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and his favorite class is Algebra. When asked who his role model is, he said, "Jesus, because he's my Lord and savior."

Talamantes' biggest accomplishment is making it out of district in basketball and his biggest goal is to go to state in the four by four relay. If he could give some advice to other students in high school it would be, "Don't do drugs and keep your AC above 68."

Self-help: Motivation

by: Landry Baker

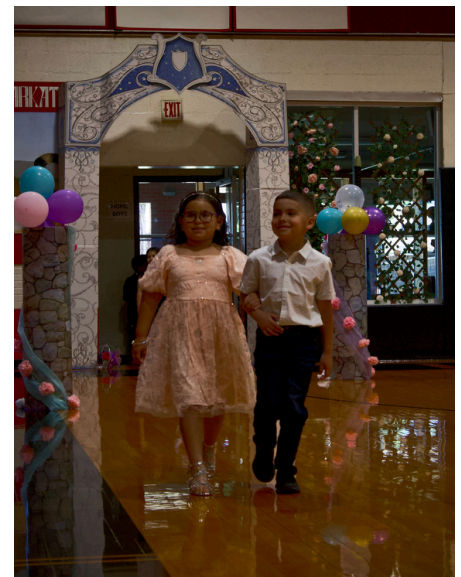
Some days, even the simplest tasks feel impossible, but those are the moments when motivation matters most. Motivation isn't something that always shows up, in fact, it often disappears just as responsibilities begin to pile up. Many people wait to feel motivated before taking action, but that mindset can hold them back. Students at the University of Pennsylvania have found that "motivation forms our daily routines, determining what we eat, how often we exercise, and how much time we dedicate to scrolling social media." In other words, motivation doesn't just influence what we do, it shapes how we live. However, motivation isn't something you have to wait for, you can create it. Starting with small tasks, you can build momentum and make larger responsibilities feel less overwhelming. Changing your environment, setting clear goals, and limiting distractions can also help you focus. Ultimately, taking action, even when you don't feel ready, is often the first step to building the motivation you're looking for.

"It always seems impossible until it's done."
— Nelson Mandela

Elementary celebrates first grade ball

by: Sydnee Gully

On Friday, the first grade hosted its annual First Grade Ball. This special event gives the little Bearkats a chance to have a dance of their own. It consists of a short walk with their date, a few dances (one with a parent) and refreshments afterwards. Year after year, the first grade ball fails to disappoint, as the excitement is shown in every smile. Dressed up and full of joy, the little Bearkats had a great time making memories they won't forget.



WEEKLY MENU

Monday

SAUSAGE BISCUIT
OR CEREAL & TOAST

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

Tuesday

PANCAKE ON A STICK & YOGURT
OR CEREAL & TOAST

PIG-N-BLANKET, CORN, BABY
CARROTS, GARDEN SALAD,
RANCH, FRUIT, & OREO
COOKIES

Wednesday

CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFIN
& SAUSAGE OR
CEREAL & TOAST

SAUSAGE WRAP, PINTO
BEANS, BABY CARROTS,
RANCH, FRUIT, JELLO CUP

Thursday

BREAKFAST BURRITO & HASH
BROWN OR CEREAL & TOAST

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

Friday

NO SCHOOL

Students compete in state CDEs

by: Sydnee Gully

Several FFA CDE students wrapped up the season with state contests last weekend. Multiple teams competed, earning top placings and showing real growth from the beginning of the season.

Students started off with the Sam Houston State University State CDEs.

The marketing plan team was in a competitive room as they were in the first heat. Here, they placed 6th, just missing a spot in finals.

The farm business management team had an impressive showing, finishing as the fourth best team in the state. Ivy Braden placed 9th individually, Tatum Braden got 12th, Zach Wilson ended in 17th, and Presley Jost earned 33rd.

Ag Tech and Mechanical systems contestants Caleb Stewart, Grady Ivins, Sterling Schwartz, and Kelton Fuchs were able to place 21st out of 36 teams. Stewart finished 37th, Ivins placed 48th, Schwartz earned 120th, and Fuchs got 133rd.

Finally, the finish off SHSU, the Ag Sales team placed 34th. Helen Marshall placed 76th individually, Katie Braden followed in 94th, Aubrey Halfmann finished in 131st, and Reagan Hillger contributed in 143rd.

The next day, Livestock Judging and Vet Science teams went to compete at the Texas A&M University State CDEs. The vet science team with Jayden Contreras, Kenzy Parker, Kyler Dieringer, and Reagan Hillger competed incredibly well, earning 81st as a team.

Then the livestock judging placed 35th out of 97 teams. Miles Halfmann led in 57th, Katie Braden followed in 103rd, Lacy Seidenberger placed 235th, and Masyn Dieringer ended up in 378th.

Overall, every team competed incredibly well. Several teams saw growth from area to state, and now, students are looking ahead at the SDE season, hoping to find even greater success.

STUDENT SURVEY

FAVORITE SNACK

BEEF JERKEY

HOT FRIES

PRINGLES

STRING CHEESE

BBQ CHIPS

NUTELLA STICKS

SKINNY POP

FRIED MOZZARELLA
STICKS

POPCORN

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

Ag students had a busy week as several were working towards state CDE contests at the end of the week. In the shop, students were working on a variety of projects, and some were working towards getting their welding certification. Additionally, there is another round of state CDE contests next weekend, and students were practicing materials for those.

With the district banquet being this week, there were some students writing and memorizing speeches to run for a district, area, or state officer position. Finally, district officers were working to finalize plans for the district banquet.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

HS BOYS STATE GOLF

Tuesday

HS BOYS STATE GOLF

FFA DISTRICT BANQUET

SECRETARY'S DAY

Wednesday

SENIOR CPR/FIRST AID

Thursday

LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
INTERVIEWS

HISTORIC SCHOLARSHIP
INTERVIEWS

Friday

HS REGIONAL TRACK

TEXAS TECH STATE CDE

STATE HS BBQ COOKOFF

Saturday

HS REGIONAL TRACK

TEXAS TECH STATE CDE

STATE HS BBQ COOKOFF

In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Kyleigh Roe

In culinary classes, students are learning and practicing icing piping techniques as they prepare for upcoming projects. Soon, they will learn basketweave and leaf tips while baking and decorating cupcakes. In BBQ class, students are making a variety of dishes such as Monte Cristo sandwiches, sausage wraps, chicken fajitas, stir fry ramen, and tortellini with meatballs. For their final project grade, all classes except BBQ will compete in an individual "Cupcake Wars" challenge. Students will create their cupcake displays at home, while the cupcakes will be baked and decorated in class.

