

GCHS Weekly

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL



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Bearkats secure playoff spot in last game of district play

by: Sydnee Gully

On Friday night, Bearkat fans traveled to Grady to watch the football team face the Grady Wildcats. Going into the game, everybody knew it was important as it determined if Garden City will be playoff bound this year.

After having a 2-1 record in district, the Bearkats had put themselves in a promising position. Still, they had to play a tough game to secure the spot.

The game started out with a rocky start for the Bearkats. The Wildcats ran the ball into the endzone for a touchdown, making the score 6-0 after Garden City blocked the kick.

The Bearkats bounced back with a touchdown run by sophomore Miles Colunga. Senior Waylyn Davis put us ahead with a made kick.

Next time Grady was on offense, the Bearkat defense put them under pressure, making them

fumble the ball. Luckily, senior Caleb Garza was there to recover it, giving another shot at offense.

With this possession, junior Brody Walts made a pass to Colunga for another Bearkat touchdown. Davis made the kick again, making a score gap at 16-6 to end the first quarter.

However, the Wildcats fought back early in the second quarter, scoring a touchdown and making the kick. Still, Walts was quick to add 6 more for the Bearkats next time they were on offense. Davis kept his streak, making his third kick of the game.

Grady kept the game going back and forth, scoring their third touchdown of the game. After blocking their kick, the Bearkats were still ahead at 24-20.

Next possession, Walts found a gap in the defense, running the ball to the endzone for a touchdown. Again, Davis made

the kick, making the score 32-20.

After another Wildcat touchdown and a big stop on defense for Grady, it was halftime. Garden City fans were left staring at a close score of 32-26, hoping the Bearkats would be able to maintain the lead.

The third quarter was full of more back and forth touchdowns. Walts scored 2 more touchdowns, and Grady added 6 more to their score. At the end of the quarter, the score was 46-32.

The Bearkats held Grady off through the fourth quarter, keeping them with 32 points to end the game. However, Walts was able to get another touchdown, and Davis made the kick. Then, senior Andres Huerta intercepted one of their passes to give the Bearkats possession again.

The game ended in favor of the Bearkats with a score of 54-32, securing a playoff spot. Next week, they will play the Whiteface Antelopes at 6 p.m. in Klondike.

“Meaning is
about
making a
difference,
not having an
audience.”
~ Adam Grant



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Coach Hall was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! Hall has been here for 9 years teaching freshman world geography, juniors U.S. history, and senior economics, while also coaching boys basketball and assisting with football and track.

Hall originally planned to become an athletic trainer, but after further knowledge, decided to change his major to something else having to do with sports.

"One time, I wanted to be a sports broadcaster, I just knew I wanted to be involved in sports somehow and so it just kind of led to coaching," Hall said.

Coach Hall expressed that his favorite part about working at G.C. is the kids.

"You can tell they're raised right, they have great work ethics, they always have manners everywhere they go, there's no discipline issues, and it's just great to have the kids and then the staff that I work with is awesome as well," Hall said

His biggest inspiration was his junior high football coach and his AG teacher.

"He was always there for me and so I would say he was the most inspirational person that led me to where I am today."

Coach Hall is excited for all of the upcoming seasons, ready to tackle them head-on. He is ready to see the outcome of football and basketball, as well as see the players succeed. Be sure to tell Coach Hall thank you for all of his hard work when you see him!

Lady kats dominate in season openers

by: Karly Baker

The Lady Kats basketball program opened their 2025 season in dominant fashion this week, as both the JV and Varsity squads started off 1-0 with convincing victories.

The JV Lady Kats set the tone early in their matchup against Roscoe, cruising to a 53-21 win. From tipoff, the JV team showed strong defensive pressure and excellent teamwork on both ends of the floor. Consistent scoring and hustle plays allowed them to pull away quickly, never giving Roscoe a chance to recover.

Following that impressive performance, the Varsity Lady Kats took the court against Colorado City, continuing the winning momentum. The Varsity team jumped out to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter,

setting the pace. By halftime, the Lady Kats had stretched their lead to 29-12, thanks to aggressive defense and good shooting.

The third quarter saw the Kats maintain control, heading into the fourth with a 40-17 advantage. Colorado City made a small push late in the game, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Lady Kats' lead. The final score stood at 47-28, sealing a strong season-opening win.

Both teams showcased depth, determination, and chemistry — a promising sign for the rest of the season. With energy like this, the Lady Kats look poised to make plenty of noise in the games to come. Their next game will be Tuesday the 11th versus Eldorado at home.



FCCLA competes in second invitational of season

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, the FCCLA chapter brought several students to compete at another Knowledge Bowl Contest. Compared to the week before, they showed real growth that will help them advance to the national level.

The students worked together to compete against different teams, answering questions pertaining to FCCLA. On each team, there is one member assigned to the different types of questions. Each member focuses on that subject during study times, expanding their knowledge on that part of the contest.

At the invitational, students showed off their hours of study time as they easily answered several questions correctly. They will continue to study and work hard in the contest, looking to show more growth as the year goes by.

What do you call Johnny
Cash's grandson?
~ Johnny Bitcoin.

JV wraps up season with exciting win

by: Sydnee Gully

The JV football team had a thrilling game last week against the Grady Wildcats. They played with a tremendous amount of heart and determination, giving them the opportunity to win.

Through the game, they encouraged each other and made some big plays that really made all the difference in the end.

When the time ran down, the score was in favor of the Bearkats at 57-45. They closed out the season on a positive note, giving them the confidence they'll need to go into next season.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week, there's another couple of Bearkats who have been doing outstanding things and deserve to be seen.

First up is freshman Katelyn Ezell, who you might find hanging out with her short horns in her free time. Her favorite subject is math and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Garcia. When asked who her role model is, she said, "My mom, because she has a happy life."

So far her biggest challenge this year has been high school basketball and her biggest accomplishment is having an 'A' in all of her classes. If she could give one piece of advice to other students it would be: "Do what makes you happy, not what others do."

Next is senior Andres Huerta, who wants to go to college for ranch management. In his free time, he likes to hang out with his friends. His biggest challenge so far has been his A&P class, but his favorite class is US Government. When asked who his biggest role model is, he said, "My dad, because he taught me how to work my whole life."

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher because of her ability to understand people. If he could give some advice it would be: "Don't let other people's opinions get to you."

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY

FAFSA NIGHT

TUESDAY

**VETERAN'S DAY
PROGRAM**

**JV/VG
BASKETBALL VS.
ELDORADO**

WEDNESDAY

**WHERE ARE
YOU GOING
WEDNESDAY?**

THURSDAY

**TSIA MATH
(11/12)**

**JH BASKETBALL
AT ROBERT LEE**

FRIDAY

**AG MECH
ENTRY NIGHT**

**VARSITY
FOOTBALL VS
WHITEFACE @
KLONDIKE**

SATURDAY

**JH B-BALL GRADY
TOURNAMENT**

**JV/VG B-BALL VS
HERMLEIGH**

**VIRTUAL UIL
MEET**

Implementing discipline in everyday lives

by: Claire Eggemeyer

As the newness and excitement of the start of the school year is long worn off, students are struggling to find motivation. Whether it be in sports, academics, or extracurriculars, having the 'want' to do things is becoming more of a challenge. Athletic Director Clayton Fryar wants us teens to know that losing motivation is a completely normal thing, and sometimes, you have to rely on discipline to get you where you want to go.

"I think it's important that we understand that there's seasons of life that we all go through,"

Fryar said, "I've heard Mrs. Fryar talk about how a third of your life is going to be awesome, a third of your life is going to be bad and a third of your life is just going to be okay. So when you are in those moments where it's great, appreciate and value those. When you're in those struggles, know that it's going to be better."

He also added that sometimes, we have to go back to the basics and look back at our core values to remember why we started.

"I don't always want to get up and work every day, but there's people counting on me, so it's

important for me to give them my best that I can," Fryar expressed. "The times that I'm mentally struggling or physically struggling, the discipline inside of me allows me to be who I need to be for other people."

For all the teens who feel discouraged, remind yourself that it's perfectly normal to feel like there's nothing keeping you motivated, and think back to your foundation of why you started. Coach Fryar says that the best thing you can remind yourself of is: "Don't look in the rearview mirror. Look ahead at where you are going."

Students expand knowledge at annual farm tour

by: Emily Easterling

Last Wednesday, third grade students traveled to the Saint Lawrence Gym and CO-OP to learn about agricultural production, livestock, and nutrition.

Texas 4-H MyPlate Ambassadors (juniors Ivy Braden, Emily Easterling, and Sydnee Gully) along with Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors (junior Katie Braden and senior Kyler Dieringer) held workshops teaching the students about their programs and goals.

"We taught six different groups of 3rd grade students about MyPlate and following government guidelines for a healthy lifestyle," Gully said.

The third grade students participated in 6 workshops learning about cotton production, MyPlate, sheep and goats, cattle and swine,

participated in 6 workshops learning about cotton production, MyPlate, sheep and goats, cattle and swine, corn production, and wildlife. Within these groups, leaders explained what their topic was and how it affects their daily lives.

"I hope that it really made an impact on the kids we were teaching and helped them not only learn about healthy lifestyles but also know how to implement it into their futures," Gully said.

Students stayed engaged throughout the day, completing fun activities and lessons. At the MyPlate and nutritional eating station, kids sorted through different foods to find which category they represented, while others played trivia games at the cattle and swine station.

At the end of the day, the third graders ate lunch under the Saint Lawrence pavilion and then watched an interesting video on cotton stripping. After the video, they all traveled to the cotton gin and watched that cotton be processed.



WHAT'S TRENDING

EDITION: FAVORITE LUNCH FOODS

STEAK FINGERS

HAMBURGER
MEAL DEAL

PIZZA

CHICKEN NUGGETS
WITH MAC & CHEESE

HAM AND CHEESE
CROSSIANT

MOZARELLA
STICKS

CHICKEN SPAGHETTI
& GARLIC BREAD

CHICKEN
PARMASEN

WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY

Pancakes & Sausage
or
Cereal & Toast

Chicken-N-Waffles,
Hash Brown, Baby
Carrots, Ranch,
Fruit, & a Chocolate
Chip Cookie

TUESDAY

Cherry Turnover
& Sausage
or
Cereal & Toast

Steak Fingers, Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Garden
Salad, Ranch
Fruit, & a Roll

WEDNESDAY

Waffles & Bacon
or
Cereal & Toast

Pepperoni Stuffed
Pretzels, Marinara
Sauce, Garden Salad,
Ranch
Baby Carrots, & Fruit

THURSDAY

Chicken-N-Biscuit
or
Cereal & Toast

Potato and Ham
Soup, Baby
Carrots, Ranch,
Fruit
Roll, & Jello

FRIDAY

Bagel Breakfast
Sandwich
or
Cereal & Toast

Beef Taquitos,
Charro Beans,
Zesty cucumbers,
Spanish Rice, &
Fruit

Announcements:

There will be a FAFSA event on November 10 in the cafeteria. An advisor from Howard college will be there to help anybody who would like some guidance. It is from 5:30-6:30. Please bring a device.

Students shine at District FFA Contest

by: Sydnee Gully

After months of hard work to memorize lines, study material, and learn about the FFA, students traveled to Coahoma to show off everything they've learned. The students went into the contest ready to compete against the fierce competition in the El Rancho District.

It was a busy day for everybody as they went from contest to contest and studied material in their free time. After going to the two invitational contests before, they also made sure to take each critique they've gotten into consideration.

In preparation for the meet,

they had practices early before school, during class time, or even after school. Although this made for long, tiring days, it proved to be rewarding when they walked away in places to advance to the area contest.

Glasscock County had 16 individuals or teams walk away with a banner. With this, several teams are looking ahead and chasing a banner at their next contest - area.

Overall, all of the students competed incredibly well and represented the school in the best way they could.



Lady Kats Show Strength in Tuesday Scrimmages

by: Karly Baker

The Lady Kats took the court Tuesday for the first time this season. They played a set of competitive scrimmages, playing UIL-regulated halves instead of full games. It was a valuable opportunity for both JV and Varsity to fine-tune their skills against strong competition.

The JV Lady Kats started the day strong, earning a solid win in their first matchup before facing a tough challenge against Greenwood's Varsity. Despite the loss, the team showed great effort and continued improvement throughout.

The Varsity Lady Kats opened with a close, hard-fought game against Sweetwater, coming up just short, before bouncing back with an impressive win over Greenwood's Varsity. Both performances highlighted the team's defensive intensity and balanced scoring.

Both squads demonstrated energy, teamwork, and focus - clear signs that the Lady Kats are gearing up for a promising season ahead.

In the Classroom: AG

by: Sydnee Gully

As the second 6 weeks are in full swing, students in the AG shop have been falling into routines. Working on their AG mechanics projects, practicing welding skills, and working on random projects has become a part of their everyday lives.

For FFA students, last week was big as they had the District LDE meet in Coahoma. Leading up to this, they spent countless hours memorizing lines, material, and building props. Their hard work paid off on Thursday as they went home with 16 banners.

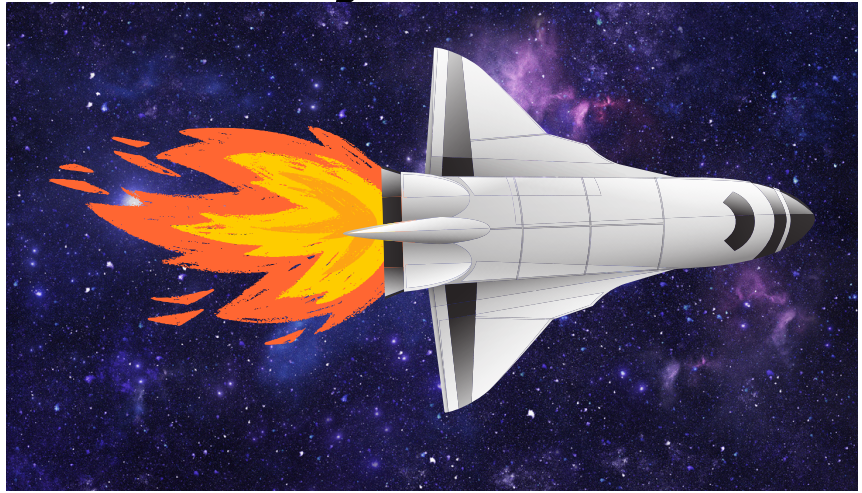
Outside of FFA, several students have been building their skill in the shop with a variety of woodworking and metal projects. Although they've faced several challenges, they've learned how to troubleshoot and fix the problems.

Additionally, some students have been working on different welding activities and working to get their welding certifications before graduation.

Overall, everybody has been working hard to be the most successful they can.

The Moon is cheese

By: Nick Howard



In the Classroom: Culinary

by: Holley Stiles

This week, culinary students turned up the heat in the kitchen, creating a delicious variety of dishes!

In ProStart, students showcased their breakfast skills with asparagus, mushroom & cheese omelets, freshly baked granola, and delicate crepes.

Over in Entrepreneurship, the menu was full of cozy fall flavors — from savory ham & cheese pinwheels and creamy butternut squash soup to perfectly tart mini lemon meringue pies.

The BBQ crew fired up the smokers for mouthwatering Smoked Chicken Lollipops and finally got to craft those long-awaited pizza and s'mores flatbreads.

Meanwhile, Intro to Culinary students kept things fresh and vibrant with lemon ginger fruit dip, herb garden veggie dip, and a colorful “vitality platter” loaded with fruits and veggies. They wrapped up the week on a sweet, cinnamon-scented note with dutch apple pancakes that were the perfect finale to a flavorful week!

Across the classes, students have been developing critical thinking skills and learning new skills in the kitchen. So far, they've had a great year!

