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Buildoff team competes in first competitions of season

by: Sydnee Gully

On Thursday, Caleb Stewart, Kelton Fuchs, Grady Ivins, and Sterling Schwartz woke up early to compete at the Coahoma build-off. This was their first contest of the year, and they were ready to take on the challenge. In the end, they placed 4th, barely missing out on the top three.

On Saturday, Caleb, Kelton, Grady, and Trevor Garcia went to compete in another competition in Lorenzo. Again, the group had similar goals, but this time, they were focusing on improving from the previous contest. In the end, they placed 5th against tough competition.

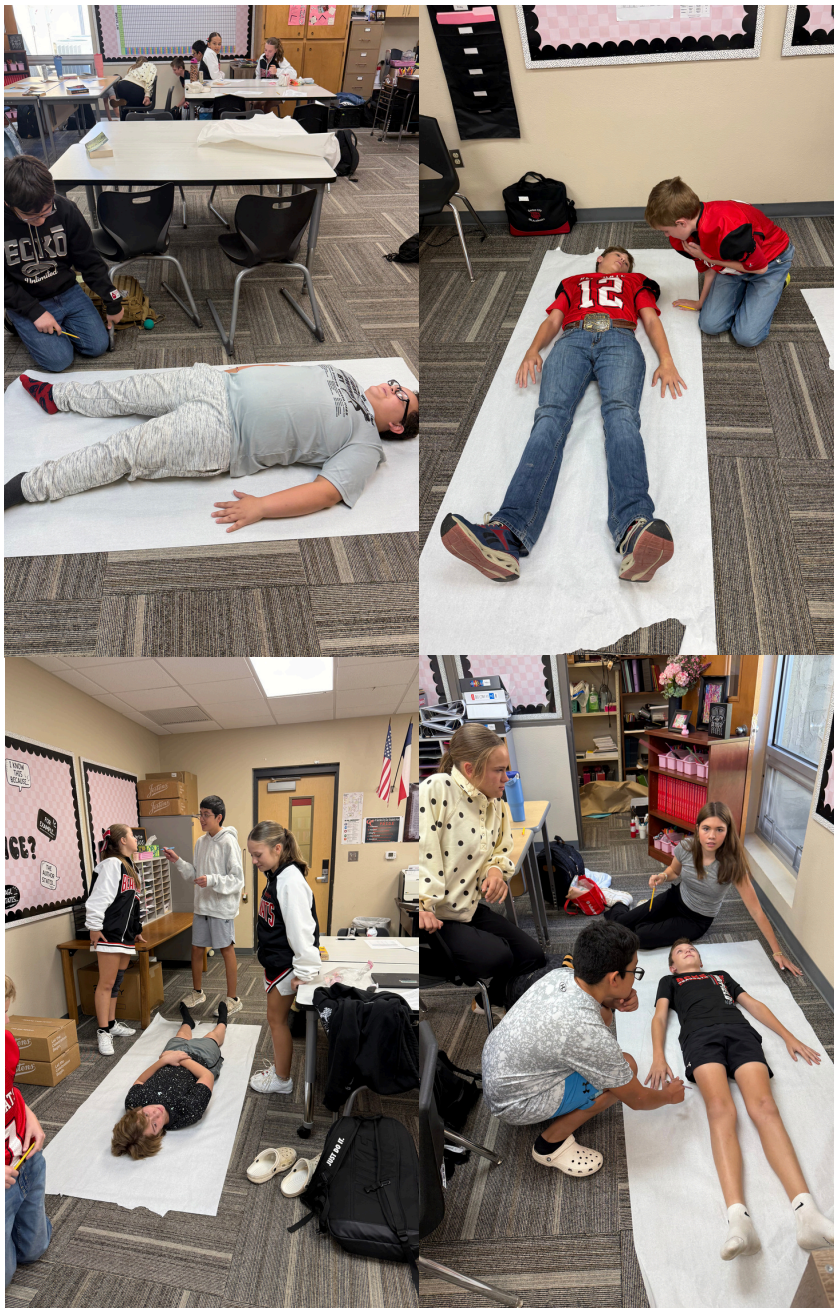
This week, a group is going to be traveling to San Antonio for another tough contest!





Joke of the Week

Why did the oreo go to the dentist?
Because he lost his filling



In the Classroom with Mrs. Solano

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Solano's class has been busy reading, analyzing characters, and writing.

Students are reading the novel Ghost by Jason Reynolds. As they read, they have started a Character Analysis Project where each group of students will choose a different character to analyze. They are completing a body biography which will focus on what represents and motivates the character, what the character wants to control, their fundamental beliefs, how the character is seen by others, what represents the character's inner self, and what the character learns throughout the story. In addition to this, they will also be writing an original poem about their character.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Garcia was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! She graduated from Angelo State University and currently teaches Spanish 1, 2, and 3 as well as coaches UIL junior high chess, art, and editorial, and high school journalism, ready writing, and social studies.

Mrs. Garcia's favorite teacher in high school was Mrs. Willis because of her constant support throughout the years.

"I'm gonna go with Ms. Willis because she was just always there for me and always encouraging," she stated.

She is most excited to watch her Spanish students succeed. She hopes for them to learn the language well and be able to effectively use it in their lives.

"I'm excited to see that my Spanish kiddos succeed and actually maybe grasp the Spanish language," Mrs. Garcia said.

Mrs. Garcia's favorite part about working in GC is the students and getting to interact with their personalities.

"The students, they are always so happy and just happy to be here for the most part," she said.

Lastly, if Mrs. Garcia had some advice to give to students, it would be this: "Make sure to study, but don't study to memorize, study to learn. It'll get you where you need to go."

Mrs. Garcia has done so much for our school, students, UIL program, and staff so please be sure to give her a huge 'thank you' when you see her!

WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SAUSAGE BISCUIT OR CEREAL & TOAST	PANCAKE ON A STICK & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST	SCRAMBLED EGGS, BISCUIT, GRAVY, & BACON OR CEREAL & TOAST	BREAKFAST BURRITO & A HASHBROWN OR CEREAL & TOAST	DONUT & BACON OR CEREAL & TOAST
MEAT & CHEESE CHALUPAS, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, CHARRO BEANS, SPANISH RICE, & FRUIT	CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH FRUIT, & A ROLL	PIZZA BAKED PASTA, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT ROLL, & A JELLO CUP	GRILLED CHEESE & HAM SANDWICH, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, TOMATO SOUP, CHIPS, FRUIT, & A COOKIE	HOT POCKET, GARDEN SALAD, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, FRUIT, & A COOKIE

Varsity Football takes on top ranked team

by: Claire Eggemeyer

On October 2nd, the Bearkat football team traveled to Gordon to play the Union Hill Bulldogs. The game started off at 6 p.m. and the Bearkats kicked off. The Bulldogs were quick to score, but the Bearkats fought on defense the best that they could. Brody Walts had several carries and, Juan Barco had a couple of receptions. Kelton Fuchs and Thomas Hillger both had a few good runs with the ball. Wyatt Everett and Rene Cano each had a bunch of good tackles. These are just a few of the highlights from the game; every single Bearkat left their heart on the field. Although the score ended at 0-51, the team only improved. The next game will be on October 16th, versus Rankin, and the Bearkarts are ready to dominate.

Girls basketball takes on week three of fall league games

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Monday, the Lady Kat basketball teams traveled to Greenwood for the third week of fall league. For the JV team, they were kicking off the league, and the varsity was looking to face even more competition.

The JV team faced off against Midland Lee for their first game. Unfortunately, after a close back and forth game, they ended up sling by only a few points. After that, they took on Andrews for their second game together this season. Here, they easily breezed past the pressure defense, earning an easy win.

On the varsity side, Seminole took on the Lady Kats. Despite the Lady Kats being connected, tough, and full of energy, Seminole took the win. Next, Garden City took on Odessa for the second time through the league. Again, they were showing promise through the game, but ended up suffering another loss.

This week, both teams are preparing to play the last games of the league. Here, they want to show the most improvement, and win or lose, prove that they will never give up.



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week, we have three great students to spotlight.

First up is senior Brody Walts, who wants to enter the work force after high school. His role model is his Dad, and he would like to be a cop because he likes to help people. When asked who his favorite teacher is, he said, “Mr. Hauser, because he is nice and I learn actual skills I’ll use in his class.

Walts’s biggest goal this year is to make it far in football and his favorite part about school is that everyone gets along. In his free time he likes to hunt, varmint call, and play football. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Just try and have fun in the things you do, the worse your attitude is, the more miserable you're going to be.”

Next up is junior Zach Wilson, who wants to go to college to get a degree in agribusiness. His favorite subject is math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Gass. When asked who his role model is, he said, “My dad because he shows me what it means to be a good person.”

Wilson’s biggest goal for this year is to do well in Number Sense and his favorite part about the school is how close-knit everyone is. His hobbies include shooting sports, video games, dominoes, and his extracurriculars like UIL, TMSCA, FFA, and 4-H. If he could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Put effort into something, and if you put enough into it, you should get something out of it.”

Last up is sophomore Kannon Flores, who wants to go to Texas A&M university to be a mechanical engineer. His biggest goal for this year is to make it to state in cross country and make it to regionals in track. When asked what his favorite part about school is, he said, “Meeting with all of my friends, and the food is pretty good.”

Flores’s favorite subject is math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher because of her kindness. HIs hobbies include soccer, Rubik’s cubes, and his extracurriculars like cross country, basketball, and track. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Just have fun because time goes by fast.”

Cross Country races in Ira meet

by: Kannon Flores

The high school cross country team traveled to Ira on Wednesday, September 30th, to compete in their final meet before district: the West Texas Wind Invitational. It was the boys team that ran first at 3:00 p.m. Thomas Hillger led the boys with a 3rd place finish (20:01), closely followed by Korbin Cervantes in 5th place (20:41). Kannon Flores secured 8th place (21:22), while Cooper Baker came in just a few seconds later to take 9th (21:59). Rounding out the team’s strong performance, Clayton Hillger placed 13th (22:46), Rene Cano took 20th(24:58), and Cade Baker finished 21st(25:09). The boys' great performance was enough to win the meet by 13 points.

The girls ran right after with a team that consisted of Sophie Sullivan who led the pack securing a 5th-place finish(14:31). She was followed by Tori Calloway in 9th place(15:16) and Claire Eggemeyer right behind her in 11th(15:32). Landry Baker finished 20th(16:57). followed a few seconds later by Reagon Hillger in 21st (17:11). Lastly was Ella Brinkley who crossed the line in 24th place(18:19). Their combined effort earned the girls a fantastic 2nd place overall. Both the boys and girls will compete next at Irion County on October 14th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		ACT (SENIORS) BRING YOU PARENTS TO LUNCH DAY	PRE ACT (JUNIORS) JV FOOTBALL VS BIG SPRING CHARTER SCHOOL	EARLY RELEASE BBQ - ODESSA CBA HIGH STEAKS

JV Football faces Borden County in Thursday night game

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, the JV football team traveled to Borden County to take on another talented JV team. They worked on making improvements from previous weeks, but struggled to find the endzone. In the end, they took a tough loss. Still, they gained valuable experience that they will take with them for the rest of the season.

Theater classes watch professional play

by: Sydnee Gully

Last week, theater classes were given the opportunity to travel to watch a professional play! A variety of students attended, including ones involved in One Act Play. They were all taking notes for their roles and spent time enjoying the play. This was a great opportunity for our students to see a professional career experience!

“Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it’s always your choice.”
~Wayne Dyer

Students attend College & Career Fair

by: Sydnee Gully

Every year, a group of juniors and seniors visit Howard College to attend the College and Career Fair. This year, a big group attended, hoping to see opportunities for their futures.

There were colleges from across the state that students had the chance to have conversations with and broaden their ideas for their future. They met with technical schools, 4 year universities, junior colleges, and more! Overall, it was a great experience for all of the students and they now have a better idea for the future!







In the Classroom with Mrs. Koenning

by: Sydnee Gully

Mrs. Koenning's math classes are developing important skills across each grade level.

In 6th grade, students are plotting points on a coordinate plane, while 6th Advanced students are converting between fractions, decimals, and percents and practicing multiplying and dividing fractions.

In 7th grade, students are solving two-step equations and writing equations from verbal phrases. 7th Advanced students are taking their skills further by determining the rate of change.

In 8th grade , students are learning to find the slope from graphs, tables, and ordered pairs. Through each grade level, Mrs. Koenning's classes continue building the math skills students need for more advanced concepts.