



COUGAR REVIEW

MARCH



Logan cheering the team on.



IT'S BIGGER THAN SWIMMING

By Molly Cofer

On Jan. 27, beloved swim coach Emily Logan passed away after a long battle with Leiomyosarcoma, a kind of cancer. She continues to live on through her work at Greenfield-Central High School, with hundreds of lives brightened by her time as a coach; GCHS will not forget her.

Logan was an exceptional coach, winning Indiana Coach of the Year several times, leading GCHS swim to sectionals and regionals countless times, and gaining several plaques showing off her prowess. Logan was a phenomenal coach, largely in part due to her passion for the sport and her athletes.

Throughout her 18 years as a coach, Logan inspired many swimmers and divers at GCHS, GCAT swim, and Mt Vernon. One way she did this was through her motivational letters before sectionals each year. Logan did everything she could to make each and every swimmer and student feel appreciated. In an IndyStar interview, her husband, Mark Logan, said, "For her, it was easy," Mark said. "She knew what to say, where it probably would have taken me four times, five times as long to do the same thing. It was worth it – all the time that she put into them." With every stroke of the pen, she highlighted swimmers' individuality, making each and everyone feel special.



ST PATRICK'S DAY

By Azaiyah Cook



St. Patrick's Day is a beloved holiday on Mar. 17, but few people actually know why we celebrate it. Originally, a man would go around trying to spread Christianity, but nowadays, people celebrate by going around and wearing green. If someone isn't wearing green, then they get pinched. The holiday was originally celebrated by the Irish but has since been spread out all over the world. Make sure to wear some green if you don't want a pinch this year!



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

SPINNING THE GLOBE

By: Juliann Jones

There are seven continents, 195 countries, thousands of ethnic groups, 7,139 languages, and over 10,000 religions; no one can know everything about everywhere. The point of International Week is to diversify one's identity by learning about others: their culture, food, and music are all defining factors of a person.



Señora Amador is one of the most influential language teachers Greenfield-Central offers. She teaches history, culture, and, obviously, the Romance language, Español. When asked about International Week, she said, “

Princesse Navarre, a Greenfield student born in Haiti, said, “I'd like people to understand that Haitian culture is vibrant and deeply rooted in community and resilience.” The beautiful traditions of Haiti are a symbol of the nation's pride, despite the historical hardships. When asked about things she wished people would understand, Navarre said, “Recognizing [community and culture] helps foster respect and appreciation for our experiences rather than judging us solely by [our] economic or political hardships.” She hopes for more international students to come to Greenfield-Central and celebrate their cultures.



By taking the opportunity to learn during International Week, you can not only change your perspective but become more considerate of others. Cougars, be proud of where you came from: if you were born in Hancock Hospital, in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, or anywhere else, your identity makes up who you are; be proud to show where you came from!



WRESTLING STATE

STEPPING OFF THE MAT

By Trinitee Fitz

The boy's wrestling season has officially come to an end, and what an incredible journey it has been! This group of athletes showcases amazing talent and dedication throughout the season. In an interview with Owen Howell, a senior on the team, he shared some heartfelt thoughts about his experience. He said, "I'm not going to forget my teammates and coaches from this last ride. Other than the freshmen, I didn't meet many new people."

Howell truly appreciates everyone he has met during his time at Greenfield-Central, highlighting the strong bonds formed through their shared experiences. Owen also reflected on the challenges that come with the sport. He stated, "Losing is just part of the game; what really matters is standing up and working harder after a loss." This perspective shows his unwavering dedication to wrestling and his commitment to personal growth. Rather than dwelling on setbacks, he focuses on how to improve and push through difficulties, which is a valuable lesson for everyone.

In addition to his teammates, Howell looks up to his coaches as important figures in his life. "I admire Coach Holden and Coach Stanley; they've been great role models for me." Their guidance and support have been instrumental in shaping his wrestling career."

Howell recognizes how much their coaching has impacted not just his skills on the mat but also his character and work ethic off the mat.

As the season wraps up, it's clear that the experiences and lessons learned will stay with Howell and his teammates for years to come. The friendships formed, and the challenges faced together will be cherished memories forever.



Senior wrestler, Owen Howell



CHEER & BASKETBALL

NATIONAL DEBUT

BY ELLIE KETCHEN



The GCHS cheer team at nationals

The GCHS cheerleading team qualified for nationals, and on February 6th, they left for the competition in Florida at ESPN Sports. There were three rounds, and they did not win, but they still performed very well. Junior Olivia Cleveland said, "I think that it went well for our first year going, but there are some things we can work on." For their routine, she said that they did some stunts, pieces, and tumbling. The cheerleaders left early on Thursday morning and competed on Friday. Since they did not advance, they didn't go to day two, but they got to go to Disney for two days. They came back late on Monday, February 10th.

They got a lot of time to hang out and get to know each other. Cleveland mentioned that it was a great experience, saying, "My favorite part was probably all of the team bonding because we were gone for five days, and we spent a lot of time together and got to know each other really well." The cheerleading team always helps bring school spirit wherever they are, and next year, we will root for them to go back to nationals!

THE FINAL BUZZER

BY GRACIE SPURLING

As the Greenfield-Central girls' basketball season comes to an end, the team reflects on their journey filled with hard work, determination, and unforgettable memories. This season has shown the players' dedication and the support from their coaches, families, and fans. The team faced numerous challenges in each game, shaping the players to push themselves to the very end. Senior Madison Sonsini has vastly improved throughout the season, averaging 15 points per game, and senior Chaney Brown is not far behind with 11.4 points.

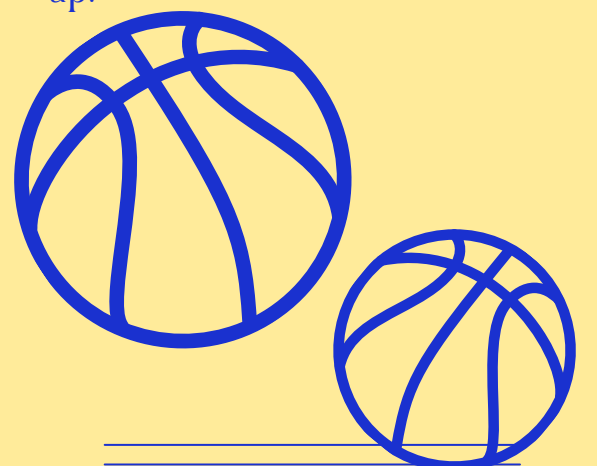
The final game of the season was bittersweet. Overall, they had a successful season with 16 wins and only 8 losses. The 8 seniors, Brooklyn McConnell, Madison Sonsini, Chaney Brown, Addison Herrin, Kynsey Hasty, Josie White, and Leilani Forshey, in particular, felt the weight of this final game, knowing it marked the end of their high school basketball careers. Their leadership and passion have left a lasting impact on the underclassmen who will carry the torch forward.

Coach Bradley Key reflected on the season, "As the girls' basketball season ends, it's important to celebrate the journey rather than just the destination. The friendships, lessons, and memories made will stay with the players long after the final buzzer. The community's support has been outstanding, and the team looks forward to coming back even stronger next season!" Junior Juliann Jones recalled her favorite memory, "We wrapped Coach Key's office for his birthday. It was right before he got his 200th win."

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Coach Bradley Key's office after the girl's basketball team "wrapped" it up.





BASKETBALL

MARCH MADNESS

By: Juliann Jones

Everyone knows that March is the peak time for basketball, and Hoosier State is the number one place in the country. The Greenfield-Central Cougars were previously battling it out for the number one spot in the state; however, due to a close game against Lawrence North, the ranking has fallen to 7th overall in accordance with MaxPreps. Will the history-making Greenfield-Central team claw their way back up to tie for the number one spot or cave under the undeniable pressure?



Senior night was on February 22, celebrating seven graduating seniors. Braylon Mullins, Boston Willard, Dallas Freeman, Mikey Johnson, Cooper Robertson, Brady Johnson, and Carter Rankins are closing their athletic careers at Greenfield-Central. An energetic senior, Mikey Johnson, said in an interview, "I'd like for us to be remembered as sectional champs; last year, we lost, but this year, that's not an option." Playing their last regular season game on Feb., 26, the Cougars have broken a plethora of records: Mr. Assist, 2,000 points for Braylon Mullins, most winning seasons, and a new All-Time Leading Scorer, Braylon Mullins. As the regular season is coming to a close, sectionals are fast approaching.



Boys team poses with student section after titled conference champs. Photo Credits: John Kennedy



HOMETOWN HEROES

BACK-TO-BACK RECORDS BROKEN

By: Juliann Jones

Division I commit and four-year varsity starter Braylon Mullins is closing out his high school career at Greenfield-Central. Averaging 33 points per game, Mullins is now the number 1 leading scorer in school history. Recently breaking 2,000 points, Mullins claims another record. In an interview with his coach, Josh Mullins, he spoke on their family and team philosophy: "Everyone has "Talent" hidden inside, but what are you willing to do to separate yourself?". The 6'5 senior will be continuing his athletic career at the University of Connecticut. He is one of three McDonald's All-Americans headed to play for UConn in the fall. Mullins' continuing to lead his team into back-to-back conference wins is a remarkable accomplishment. Aiming for the sectional championship, the Cougars battle their first round against Pendleton Heights on March 4. Can this five-star athlete continue to prove his hometown glory?



Team photo celebrating Mullins McDonald's award graphic for Willard's new school record



Another new school record was claimed by Greenfield-Central men's basketball team, specifically Boston Willard. The 35-year-old record has fallen to the senior varsity player, claiming the title of Mr. Assist. Willard has had over 150 assists in one season, topping the 1990 record set by Sam Creekmore. The dynamic point guard leads the team in assists, but that's not all. Commanding the floor, Willard has led the Cougars to a 20-3 season. With a new name carved into the books, the Greenfield-Central sensation continues to impress.



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

TAKE A SWING INTO THE SEASON

By **Trinitee Fitz**

The moment we've all been waiting for is finally here—softball and baseball season is back, and it's time to have some fun! This is the perfect opportunity to gather your friends, grab your bats, and get ready to swing for the fences! Let's make this season not just good but truly amazing by coming together and enjoying every moment on the field.

Make sure to mark your calendars because important dates are coming up! Softball tryouts will take place on March 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. If it is raining, then it will be in fieldhouse from 4 to 6 PM the 1st week and 6 to 8 pm the second week. This is your chance to show off your skills, work as a team, and see how far you can go. Baseball is in season too, Don't forget that baseball tryouts are scheduled for March 17. Everyone is welcome, and we can't wait to see what you bring to the team!

It's important for all of us to unite as one big family and support our Cougars during this exciting time! Whether you're stepping onto the field as a player or cheering enthusiastically from the stands, your presence makes a difference. Together, we can create unforgettable memories, build strong friendships, and show our school spirit. So, gather your gear, bring your excitement, and let's rally together to make this season the best one yet!





BOWLING

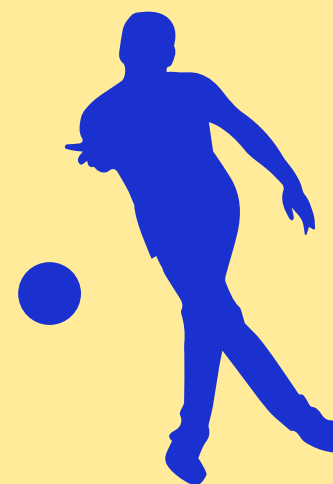
STRIKING SUCCESS

By Molly Cofer



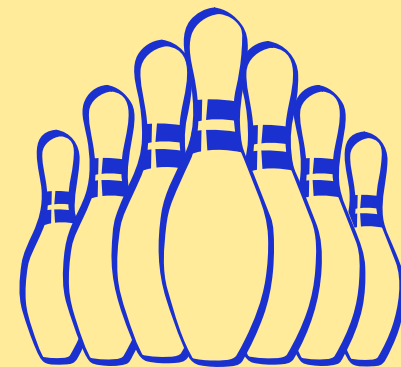
GCHS bowling team hoisting their trophy after a state win.

Deep breaths as they step up to the line, bending down and tossing the ball, eagerly watching the ball roll down the lane, and finally, the sound of clattering pins and a cheering team.

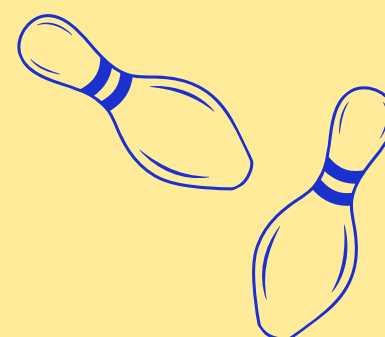


The Greenfield-Central bowling team felt overjoyed to take home the title of state champs at the Indiana High School Bowling tournament. The team bowled 12 games and racked up a pin total of 2,447, allowing them to win the boy's division.

GCHS has a unique team consisting of Cody Campbell, Brayden McPherson, Jaylen Ball, Corbin Elliot, Nathan Robbins, Blake Campbell, and Alyssa Cash. Cash joined the boy's team when not enough girls wanted to play to create a boy's team. She ended up being a driving force on the team, being called the best spare-shooter on the team by Campbell.



Coming up next, the Cougars have a Conference Clash and a Grudge Match against the other Indianapolis area conferences. If they do well, they will compete in the national tournament.





BOYS TRACK & FIELD

EVERY SECOND COUNTS

By GCHS Cougar Review Staff



The gun goes off, and in a blur of muscle and determination, they explode from the blocks. What is the difference between glory and heartbreak? Mere hundredths of a second. Track and field isn't just a sport—it's a battle against time and the limits of human potential. From the sprints to the grueling endurance races, each event tells a story of resilience and the relentless pursuit of speed. But what separates the good from the great? In a sport where every fraction of a second counts, the answer lies in a mix of raw talent, relentless training, and the ability to perform under pressure. Step onto the track, and you step into a world where every stride, every breath, and every heartbeat could mean the difference between victory and defeat.

After last season's state champ, Elliot Ryba, and Hancock County Field Athlete of the Year, a new era of athletes are ready to claim the podium. Under the guidance of Coach Aaron Smith, the team has been sharpening their skills, pushing through workouts, and fine-tuning their technique to maximize every possible advantage. Now, as the season opener approaches, anticipation is at an all-time high.

When asked about goals, senior Peter Hummel said, "I want to help the younger guys grow their character aspects more than anything. Coach Smith has always emphasized the ideas of excellence, integrity, and servant leadership, which goes beyond running. We still have a pretty young group with a high ceiling, so I want to see them grow into men who excel in their sport." As with any sport, there are usually challenges to overcome. Senior Isaac Bertly spoke about the personal and team struggles, "Personally, I am faced with the challenge of being slow. I've never been the fastest runner, and my challenge has always been to work just as hard as everyone else when they get faster, and I get injured. Our team as a whole always struggles with injuries. They constantly wipe out members of our team, but overall we have done a rather good job this year at avoiding them for the most part. We do have a few athletes injured currently, and it is very frustrating to see that." Each athlete has a unique way of preparing for a race. Junior David Wasson shared his pre-race routine, "I listen to the same playlist, eat two PB&Js, put my legs up to flush out lactic acid, and finish with a handful of fruit snacks." Whether it's setting goals, overcoming challenges, or sticking to pre-race rituals, one thing is certain—when the starting gun fires, the boys' track team will be ready.

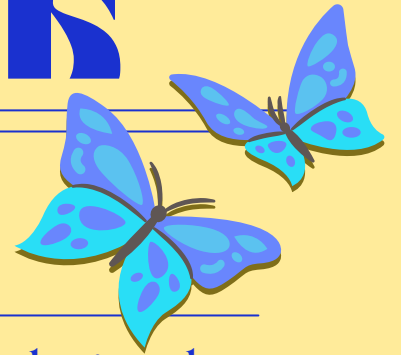
The Red Devil Classic HSR Qualifier #1 on Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 AM, will set the stage for what promises to be an electrifying season. The stakes couldn't be higher with new faces stepping up and eager to leave their mark. Will this be the year records fall and new champions rise? One thing is certain—every race will be a fight to the finish.



COUGAR TALK

SPRING BREAK

By Kamarina Davis



This month, Cougar Talk spoke to students about their plans for spring break. Whether it's spending it with family or a group of friends, GCHS students share their plans for this yearly spring break it's starting to get warm out.

Trinitee Fitz- freshman

What are you doing over spring break?

"I'm going to Texas."

Who are you spending spring break with?

"My mom and step-dad."

Are you going out of state?

"Yes, I'm going to Texas."

What was your favorite memory from your previous spring break and what did you do?

"I went to Florida, I went shopping and swimming and tanned."



Brookelynn Lanning- sophomore

What are you doing over spring break?

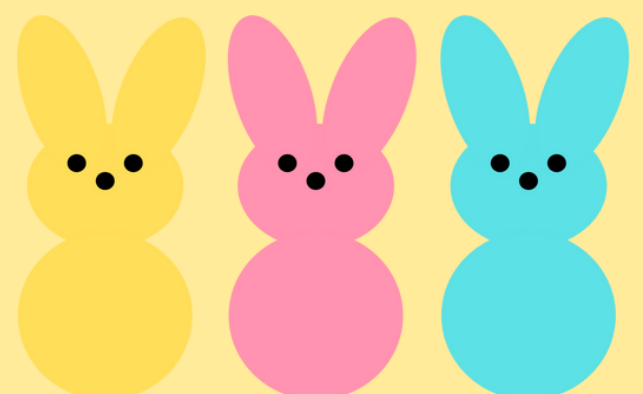
"Hanging out with my brothers and cousins, working."

Who are you spending spring break with?

"My family and friends."

What is your favorite spring break and what did you do?

"I usually go places over summer break not spring, so I usually just stay home, sometimes go to Chicago or something though."

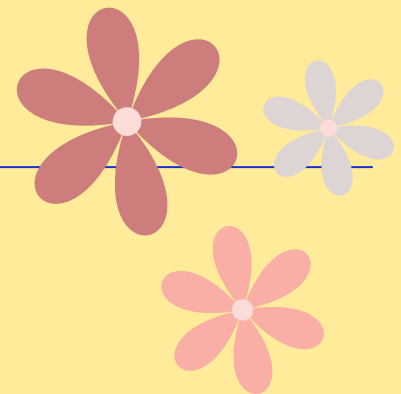




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Addison Blomberg junior

What are you doing over spring break?
 "I'm going to Illinois to see my friend."
 Who are you spending spring break with?
 "Family and friends"
 What are you doing in this state?
 "Seeing my best friend and family then going to the beach."
 What is your favorite spring break and what did you do? "Going on vacation"



Malcolm bell- senior

What are you doing over spring break?
 "Sleeping, and maybe going out with friends and parties."
 Who are you spending spring break with?
 "My friends and my family"
 What is your favorite spring break and what did you do? "I went to a water resort with my family."

