



COUGAR REVIEW

APRIL

Prom night

ENTANGLED IN THE LIGHTS

By Gracie Spurling

As Greenfield-Central High School is preparing for a magical night with the Tangled-themed prom, students can't wait for the enchanting experience inspired by the beloved Disney movie. The event will take place on April 12 at the beautifully decorated Embassy Suites in Noblesville, where they aim to capture the feel of Rapunzel's story.

Students are excited as the clock clicks closer to time. The excitement intensifies at the sight of every promposal! While prom is only one night, the excitement and preparation begin way before the event itself. Students get to pick the perfect outfit, including lots of shopping, planning, and anticipation. Prom goes beyond dress shopping and taking pictures. This night celebrates the strong bonds and friendships students have built along the way. It serves as an opportunity for students to reflect on their high school experiences, cherish their memories, and start a new chapter in their lives. The night is filled with lots of laughter, dancing, and the joy of being surrounded by friends one last time before graduation. Finally, prom is a celebration of youth and a stepping stone into the future, wrapping up students' high school careers and blending nostalgia with the thrill of new beginnings. As students dance the night away, they create lasting memories that they will carry with them long after graduation.





JAG JOB FAIR

THE PATH TO SUCCESS

By: Molly Cofer



Looking to explore new job opportunities? The Greenfield-Central JAG Job Fair is the perfect place to connect with local companies for high schoolers looking for a new career path.

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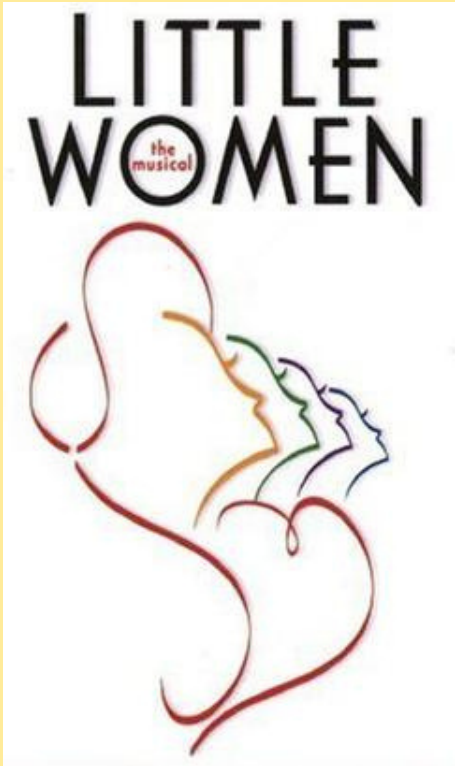
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MUSICAL

LITTLE WOMEN, BIG DREAMS

By Molly Cofer



Coming up on May 1, the Greenfield-Central Drama Department will have the first showing of their rendition of the musical Little Women.

The musical, led by Sarah Paul as Jo March, is an adaptation of the bestselling book of the same name by Louisa May Alcott. The story follows four sisters: Jo, Meg (Megan Bundy), Beth (Alayna Gustin), and Amy March (Caily Michalisko). Jo is working to get her stories published while navigating ever-changing family dynamics.

This will be the first musical in the new auditorium, and everyone is excited to try it out. “I’m most excited to be in the new auditorium and use all the facilities and the new fly system,” says Ruby Wilson, a tech head in the Greenfield-Central Drama Department. The actors are also excited about all the new facilities. Eli Hendrix, a freshman actor, says, “It’ll be really cool to see how they incorporate [the new fly mechanics] in the show.” The fly mechanism is one of several new systems in the freshly built auditorium alongside the new stage, seating, and more.

The team is excited to present this new show. Hendrix says, “The performance of the song Five Forever is going to be fun [for audiences].” The Drama Department is working hard to put on an amazing show with four showings, starting on May 1 and ending on May 4. Make sure to purchase tickets when they go on sale!





EASTER

EASTER HOLIDAY

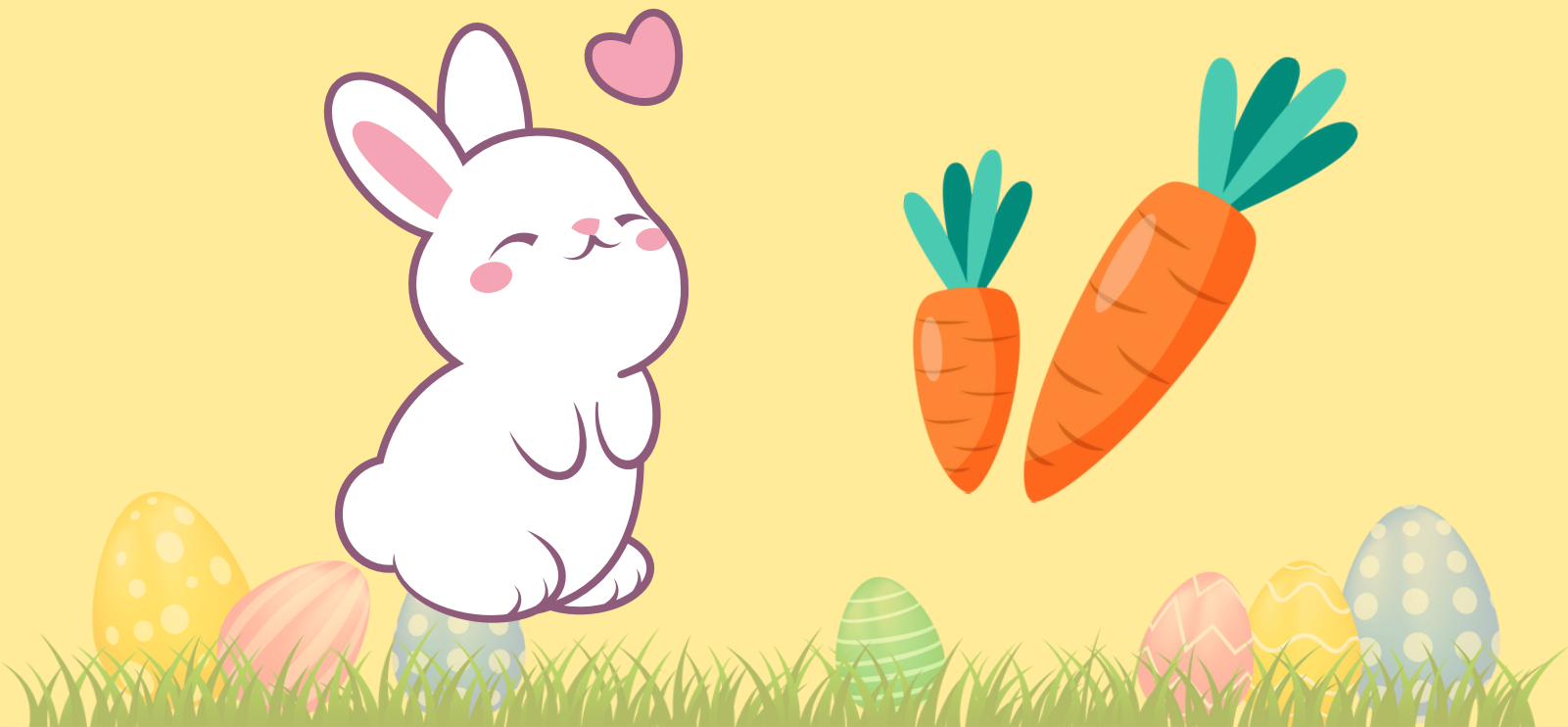
BY ELLIE KETCHEN

Easter is a popular holiday known for Easter egg hunts and receiving loads of candy.

Families gather together to celebrate the holiday and spend time with each other. This year, Americans are estimated to spend almost 3.1 billion on Easter, making it the second-largest candy-buying holiday after Halloween. The most popular candies are chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans, and candy-coated eggs.

Easter originates from the Christian religion, where Jesus was tortured and then crucified. He was dead in his tomb for three days before he was resurrected. The day he was tortured is known as Good Friday, which is always the Friday before Easter Sunday, and this year, it will be April 18th, while Easter Sunday will be April 20th. Freshman Melanie Thompson shared that her family has a tradition of putting presents in Easter baskets and hiding them for her and her siblings to find. Her favorite Easter tradition is the Easter egg hunt they do with regular eggs, and special eggs. Aspen Wiswell said that her family's tradition is going to their church's Easter service, and that is her favorite part of Easter.

This Easter, it is important to remember the reason for the holiday, and not the candy and egg hunts, but Jesus, who died on the cross for us all.

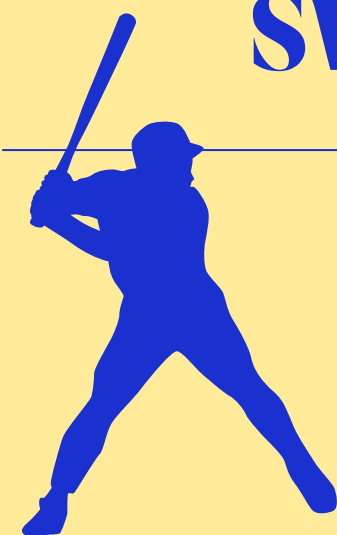




BASEBALL

SWINGING INTO SPRING

By: Mrs. Ruch, Jake Oakley, and Cougar Review /Staff



As the crack of the bat echoes through the air, the Greenfield-Central Cougars baseball team is getting ready to step onto the diamond with one goal in mind—victory. The Cougars are set to open their season at home against Lapel High School on April 1 at 6:00 PM. With high expectations and a hunger for success, the team is eager to hit the field and begin their quest for a sectional title.

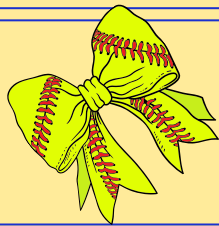
Freshman pitcher Chase Antel expressed his determination for the season, emphasizing the importance of capturing the sectional championship. “Our goal is to win sectionals this year,” Antel stated confidently. To stay prepared, he follows a rigorous pre-game routine that includes dynamic stretches, running, and working with plyo balls and resistance bands. Beyond the season opener, Antel is especially looking forward to the matchup against rival New Palestine, a game that always brings extra intensity and excitement. Senior Nick Flench, a second baseman and outfielder, echoed Antel’s sentiments about the team’s main objective. “Winning sectionals has been a big goal for us, especially since we came so close last year,” he said. The team has been putting in the work to achieve that goal, committing to intense workouts, two-a-day practices, and team bonding activities to strengthen their chemistry and focus.

Senior Dylan Luther also has high ambitions for the season, setting his sights on winning not only sectionals but also the conference, with a goal of securing at least 20 wins. Luther is looking beyond high school baseball as well, expressing excitement about playing at the collegiate level at Huntington University. “All the hard work and practice will set me up to compete in college,” he shared.

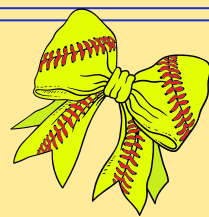
With their eyes on the prize and a strong foundation of preparation, the Cougars are ready to leave it all on the field. As they take on Lapel to begin their journey, fans can expect a season full of grit, determination, and the relentless pursuit of success.



Cougar Baseball bonding over breakfast at Cracker Barrel.
Photo credit: Facebook



SOFTBALL



FIELDING FOR THE FUTURE

By: Trinitee Fitz

The softball season is getting into full swing, bringing excitement and determination to both the Junior Varsity (JV) and varsity teams as they prepare for their upcoming games. Players from both teams can be found on the field daily, dedicating countless hours to improving their batting, fielding, and teamwork skills during intensive practice sessions.

Coach Heckley, the head coach of the JV team, has developed a comprehensive approach to developing his athletes. His coaching philosophy centers on three main goals: preparing these promising players for their eventual transition to the varsity level, instilling the importance of giving maximum effort during every game situation, and teaching valuable life lessons that extend beyond the softball diamond. These lessons include teamwork, dedication, and perseverance - skills that will serve the players well in their academic and personal lives. As the team looks ahead to their season schedule, Coach Heckley talked about his thrill about their first matchup against Hamilton Southeastern. He views this opening game as more than just a competition; it's a valuable opportunity to evaluate the team's current abilities, identify areas that need refinement, and set specific goals for improvement throughout the season, as well as to see where they are as a team.

When asked about the challenges he faces as a coach, Heckley thoughtfully shared that his most significant task is helping each individual player reach their maximum potential - a goal that requires constant attention, patience, and dedication to understanding each athlete's unique strengths and areas for growth. With strong leadership at the helm and a roster full of players who are eager to learn and improve, the team approaches this season with a combination of excitement, optimism, and determination to achieve their goals both individually and as a unified team.



The 2025 Varsity Lady Cougars ready to put down a fight.



Lady Cougars take on Lapel on March 31.



TRACK

WHERE DETERMINATION MEETS SPEED

By Aziyah Cook

As track and field season begins at GCHS, students showcase their talents across various events that test speed, strength, and agility. This historic sport dates back to 776 B.C. in ancient Greece, where it was featured in the first Olympic Games. Track and field encompasses three main categories:

Running Events:

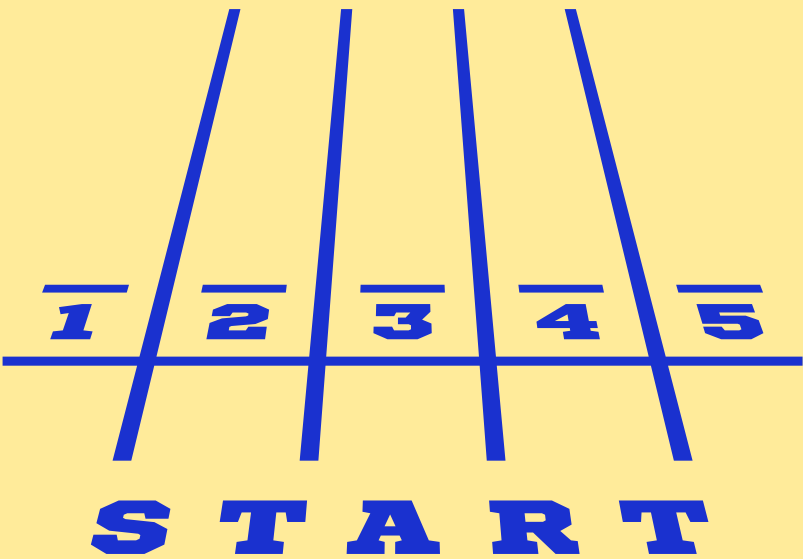
- Sprints (100m, 200m, 400m)
- Middle Distance (800m, 1500m)
- Distance (5000m, 10000m, marathons)
- Relay Races (4x100m, 4x400m)

Jumping Events:

- High Jump: Athletes leap over a raised bar
- Long Jump: Athletes aim for maximum horizontal distance
- Triple Jump: A combination of hop, step, and jump

From the explosive power of sprints to the graceful soaring of jumps, each event celebrates what the human body can achieve. Athletes push their limits, striving for personal best in speed, distance, or height. The sport perfectly combines individual excellence with team spirit, especially in relay events where athletes must work together.

Track and field truly embodies the spirit of athletic competition, challenging participants to reach new heights, break records, and discover their full potential.





COACHING

PASSING THE TORCH

By Juliann Jones

A few familiar faces are waving goodbye from Greenfield-Central. Mr. Josh Holden is closing out his career as head wrestling coach and beloved health teacher at Greenfield-Central.

Holden coached for GC for 20 years; he claimed over 300 titles and sent a multitude of student-athletes to the biggest mat in the state. Not only was he a brilliant coach, but he was appreciated by his athletes. Freshman— Hunter Jones— spoke about his short time with Holden, “He was awesome, the type of coach and athlete you want to be like.”

20 seasons as Head Coach, over 300 dual meet victories, 39 state qualifiers, 26 state medalists, and even a state champion. Medals and victories are not all, though; Coach Holden’s lasting impact will decorate the halls along with the trophies he brought home.



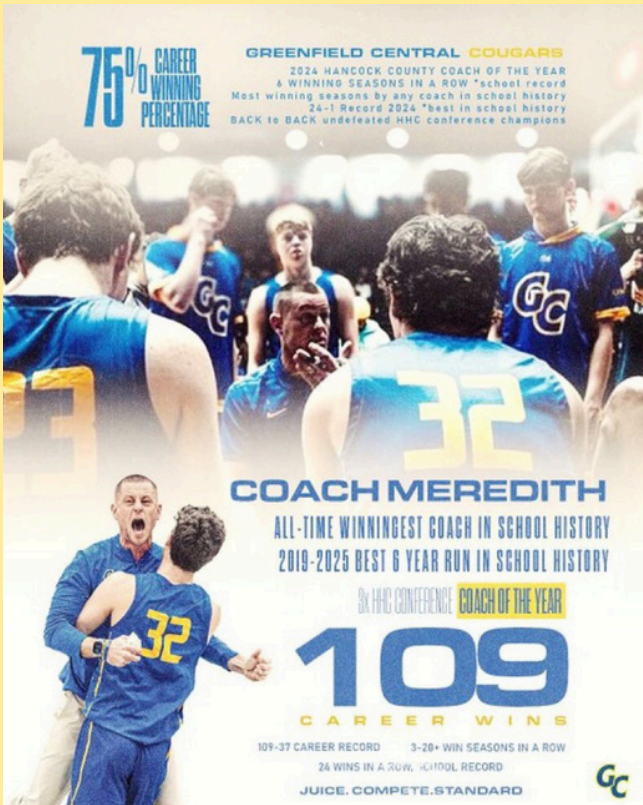
A LASTING LEGACY

By Juliann Jones

Juice, Compete, Standard: the motto of the Greenfield-Central Boys Basketball team. Head coach Luke Meredith waves goodbye to his all-time winning legacy.

The three-time Hoosier Heritage Conference Coach of the Year is closing out his coaching career after three back-to-back record-breaking seasons. With over 100 career wins, Meredith is resigning from multiple best records in school history, 24 wins in a row, three 20+ winning seasons, and 75% career winning.

He thanks the players and coaches for the grind and love that has been shown. He’s grateful for all the support and buy-in the GC Juice program had and looks forward to the upcoming seasons. Thank you, coaches, bring the Juice!

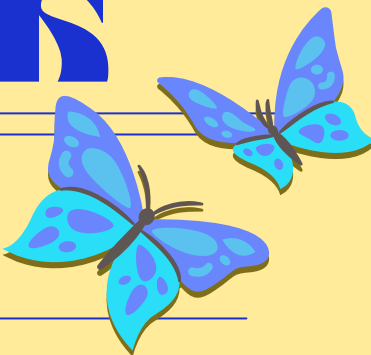
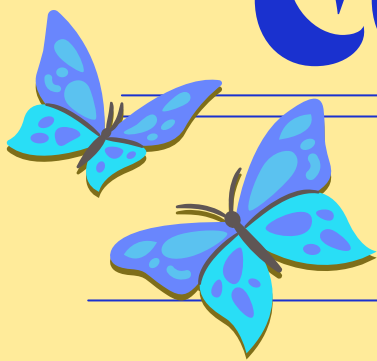




COUGAR TALK

APRIL FOOLS

By Kamarina Davis



This month, Cougar Talk spoke to students about their favorite April Fools prank or someone they made a prank on.

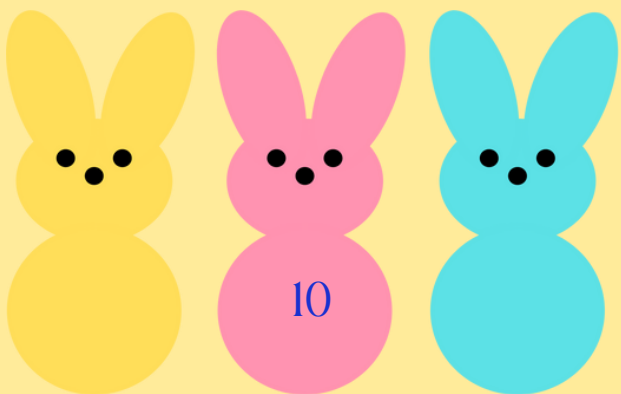
Blaklei Bragdon - freshman
What’s your favorite April Fools prank someone did on you or you did?

“One year, my friend pretended to get a tattoo of a giant cartoon character on their arm. They even had a fake artist do the design and everything! It looked super realistic, and everyone freaked out.”



Robin Morgan - sophomore
What’s your favorite April Fools prank someone did on you or you did?

“One time, my friend put googly eyes on everything in the fridge! Like, all the food had these silly eyes staring back at us. It was so random but totally cracked us up.”

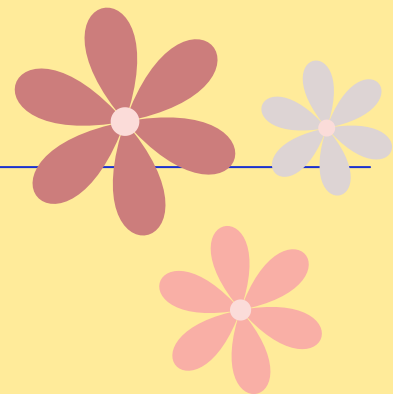




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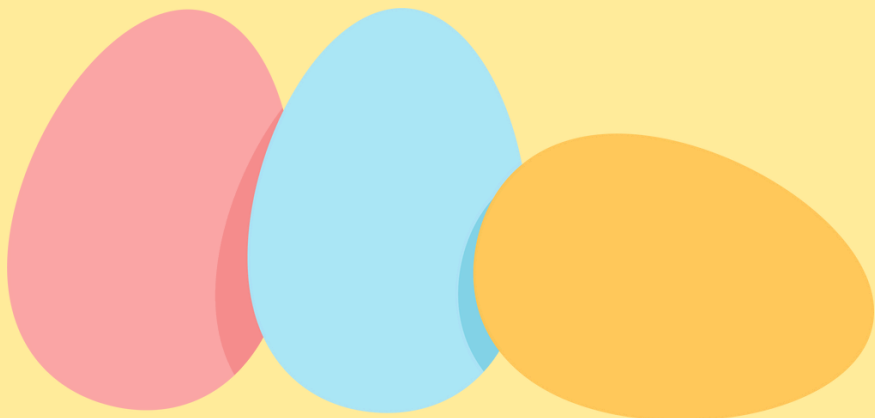
Jayse Swails - junior
What’s your favorite April Fools prank someone did on you or you did?

“So, my mom wrapped up a bunch of empty boxes and put them under the tree for Christmas. Everyone was super excited, but when they opened them, it was just more empty boxes! The look on their faces was priceless.”



Mikey Johnson - senior
What’s your favorite April Fools prank someone did on you or you did?

“On April Fools Day, I decided to prank my friend by putting a whoopee cushion on their chair. When they sat down, it made the loudest noise! Everyone cracked up, and they turned bright red. We spent the rest of the day talking about it.”





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