

The Cougar Review

Holiday 2023

Ring in the New You

by GCSC Staff



As 2023 comes to a close and a new year unfolds, many individuals embark on the tradition of setting New Year's resolutions.

Weight loss and fitness goals consistently top the list of resolutions reflecting a desire for a healthier lifestyle. Gym memberships soar, and grocery carts fill with nutritious choices as people strive to make lasting changes in their well-being. Improved personal relationships also feature prominently in resolutions. Individuals pledge to spend more time with loved ones, nurture friendships, or even embark on new social adventures. GCSC student resolutions include: reduce stress, make new friends, stop worrying about what others say, and quit procrastinating.

Despite the optimism surrounding resolutions, statistics show that many are abandoned within a few weeks. The challenge lies in translating good intentions into consistent action. Setting realistic, measurable goals and cultivating a supportive environment can significantly increase the likelihood of success.

New Year's resolutions are a time-honored tradition. While achieving these goals may be challenging, the new year's dawn provides endless opportunities.



'Tis the Season!

by Addi Herrin

It's December, and you know what that means? Christmas time! The most wonderful time of the year. For Christians, it's a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Families and friends get together to give and receive presents.

If you are looking for fun Christmas festivities near us, we've got you covered!

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt!

Winner of USA Today's "Best Holiday Market" for the past three years, this Christmas Market is literally named the best! As you stroll the market, enjoy amazing German food and beverage options and shop for handcrafted German Christmas creations.

Winterlights at Newfields!

Walk around the beautifully lit Garden and historic Lily House. There are complimentary drink and food options available as well.

Christmas Nights of Lights!

At the Indiana State Fairgrounds, thousands of Christmas lights are on display! As you are driving by, make sure to turn your Christmas radio station on as some of the lights play through the music!





Shop Till You Drop

by Addison Brooks

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving and marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season in the US. It is a day to shop with family and friends. Almost every store offers wonderful sales on various items and clothing. Many people believe it was named "Black Friday" because it was the day retail stores got out of the red and into the black. However, the name came to prominence due to a logistical problem caused by the annual Army vs. Navy football game in Philadelphia during the 1960s. Nowadays, Black Friday is a big shopping holiday. When people hear "Black Friday," they instantly think of sales. Stores used to open up at midnight, but they have changed the time to 5 am over the years. There are usually long lines of people waiting outside of the store to get in and grab what they need. Sometimes, fights even break out between people who want the same deal.

I usually go Black Friday shopping every year. I enjoy the experience of being out late and seeing everyone get excited. This year, I woke up at 5:30 and went shopping with a friend. We first stopped at Target, and it wasn't very busy that early, but within 15-20 minutes, people started piling in, and it got busy very quickly. After Target, we made our way over to Hamilton Town Center. By 6:30, there were already all kinds of people out and about. We shopped around Hamilton Town Center for nearly two hours before going elsewhere. We got through most of the stores and the lines faster than expected. After Hamilton Town Center, we went to Marshalls, Kohls, and TJ Maxx. We returned to Target for a second round, which was ten times busier than earlier that morning. After Target, I returned to my house for a bit and then went back out later that evening with my mom. We returned to Hamilton Town Center for a bit and got more stuff. I had walked thirteen hours and was exhausted when I got home. Overall, I had a great experience and enjoyed every minute of it.

If you have never gone Black Friday shopping, you should definitely give it a try. However, I highly suggest it only if you enjoy being around people and waiting in lines for a long time. It is just a fun experience if you ask me. Next time Black Friday comes around, go out with your friends and have a good time!



Everything's Coming Up Christmas

By Emma Flynn

Ah, Christmas, the time of year when we all feel like jolly elves spreading holiday cheer! High schoolers Emma Hammelman (9) and Cooper Schmitt (11) are catching the festive bug, and we can't blame them! Emma's favorite memory of Christmas is a hilarious one: "We went to get a Christmas tree, but my dad forgot his measuring tape. So, we ended up with a monster tree that bent against the ceiling. It was so funny!" Cooper agrees that the best part is family time, but when should the holiday decorating kick-off? Emma and Cooper say, "As soon as Thanksgiving is over!" But, hold up! Some folks say Christmas tunes should be banned until December, but why? Other music genres don't have time restrictions, so why should Christmas music be confined to one month? Let's face it, we all get a little giddy as December dawns, and we all know the holiday spirit is about to be in full swing!



"A MADrigal Dinner" by Stone Oliver

Greenfield's choir program is one of the most significant non-sport extracurriculars at GCSC. As part of their Christmas festivities, the choir holds three dinners over a weekend, featuring the tenor-based choir and the treble choir as servers and the Madrigal choir as performers. The show includes a variety of songs, comedy, and a delightful 3-course meal.

Kiera Hope, a Madrigal choir member throughout her high school career, has always attended the dinner. I had the opportunity to speak with her about the event. When asked about the dinners' overall purpose, Kiera said, "It's a means to raise money for the choir, showcase Madrigal's talent, and provide a fun evening for everyone." When asked why people should attend the dinner, Kiera replied, "It's a great way to show the choir's appreciation for everyone, and who doesn't enjoy some food and entertainment?"

The choir program is a testament to the diversity at GCSC, beyond football or basketball. The first show night is on December 8th, and the entire program would appreciate a good showing. I am excited to attend and hope to see you there, too!



The Madrigal Choir

The Gift of Fur

by Shaela Creech

The holiday season is often a time of indulgence, with a frenzy of shopping and decorating. However, it's crucial to remember the significance of giving to those in need. One way to make a positive impact is by providing a loving home to a pet in need. The companionship and unconditional love a pet can offer is undoubtedly priceless and can transform not only the animal's life but also the human's.

The ASPCA, a leading advocate for these beautiful creatures, encourages pet adoption during the holidays. Their research reveals that nearly nine out of ten pets adopted during this season remain with their new guardians, creating a timeless bond rooted in love and compassion. Such magic is a precious gift that echoes through the ages.

Beyond adoption, there are many ways to support shelter animals, such as volunteering your time, donating supplies or money. Even a small contribution can go a long way in ensuring these creatures receive the care and attention they deserve.

As we embrace the spirit of the holiday season, let us remember the true meaning of generosity and compassion. By extending our love and kindness to our furry friends, we can create a brighter future for all beings.



Local Animal Shelters: Hancock County Humane Society 317- 462- 5404

Hours:

Saturday

10 AM-2 PM

Tuesday

5:30-7:30 PM

Partners for Animal Welfare Society

313-318-9483

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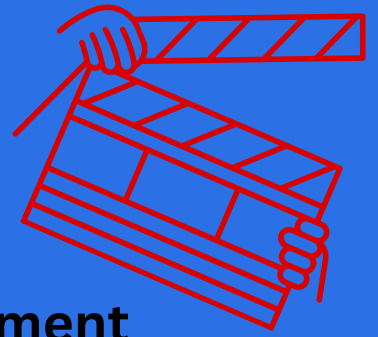
Saturday

2 PM-5 PM

Tuesday

4 PM-7 PM





Rumors Delivers Unforgettable Entertainment

by GCSC Staff

GC Drama debuted its season with a performance of "Rumors," and it was an evening filled with uproarious laughter and sheer delight. Neil Simon's classic comedy was brought to life with such finesse and energy that it was thoroughly entertaining from start to finish.

The production's success is undoubtedly owed to the outstanding ensemble cast that masterfully navigated the intricacies of Simon's witty script. Each performer delivered their lines with impeccable timing, creating a symphony of humor that resonated throughout the theater. The chemistry among the cast members was palpable, enhancing the comedic dynamics and ensuring the audience was swept away in the absurdity of the plot.

The set design and staging were nothing short of brilliant. The play unfolds in a luxurious home, and the attention to detail in recreating the opulence of the setting is commendable. The seamless transitions between scenes kept the pace lively, contributing to the overall sense of anticipation and chaos central to the play's charm.

The audience's laughter was infectious, and the communal experience of enjoying such a well-executed comedy added to the overall enjoyment of the evening. "Rumors" managed to capture the essence of Neil Simon's comedic genius, providing a much-needed escape from the challenges of everyday life.

Next up for GC Drama, The Iliad, The Odyssey, and All of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes, scheduled for January 13-15, 2024. If it is anything like Rumors, you won't want to miss it!



Rumors performers playing rock, paper, scissors: Jordan Kuker, Josie Joyner, and Madisyn Bayne.



Rumors performers: Jack, Whitback, Anna Bernhardt, Josie Joyner, and Alek Plisinski



Hoops Season is Upon Us

By Chaney Brown

As the winter chill creeps in, a familiar thrill awakens in the hearts of our community - it's basketball season! The courts come alive with the sound of cheers and the thud of bouncing balls, as we gather to support our beloved teams and revel in the joy of the sport.

This year, our Cougars are poised to forge ahead after a triumphant season last year. With seasoned players like Braylon Mullins (11), Braden Robertson (12), and Boston Willard (11) leading the charge, the team is brimming with determination and grit, ready to take on any challenge that comes their way.

Braylon, who had a stellar summer, earning multiple division one offers in a short span of time, is set to take the lead this season. His teammates, a group of dedicated and hard-working boys, stand by his side, ready to lend a hand whenever needed.

The season kicked off on November 21st with a resounding win against Beech Grove, clinching the Matt English Trophy in the process.

Here's to our boys, may they continue to dazzle us with their skill and prowess on the court!



Dallas Freeman, Braden Robertson, and Jake Hinton accept the Matt English Trophy after a victory at Beech Grove.

Dialogue with David

Senior Spotlight: Braden Robertson By David Wasson

Meet Braden Robertson, a current senior at GCHS. When asked about his extracurricular activities, he shared that basketball is his passion, which he has played since his freshman year. He also added that he doesn't participate in other sports or activities.

Braden is excited about the ongoing basketball season and looks forward to attending prom and graduating later this year. While he hasn't made any concrete plans for his future yet, he's keeping his options open.

When asked what advice he would give underclassmen, Braden emphasized not taking high school for granted, as it goes by quickly.

For high school students, senior year is a significant period, and it can be a defining moment in life that shapes their future perspectives.



Braden sets up to take a shot during the Beech Grove game

2024



COMING UP

Finals: **December 20 - Gold 2, 3, 4**
 December 21 - Blue 2, 3, 4
 December 22 - Blue 1, Gold 1

Winter Break: **December 25 - January 5**

Beginning of
2nd Semester: **January 8**

MLK Jr. Holiday: **No School**



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