

Ganado ISD Smoke Signals

Special points of interest:

- Two Students win All-Region Band Honors
- Ganado Students Earn Many All-District Honors in Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country
- Elementary and Jr. High Students Score well in Academic UIL Competition at Tidehaven and Industrial
- Ganado begins providing extra help for TAKS, starting with the Elementary
- The Mighty Ganado ISD Band rings in the Holidays with a fantastic Christmas Concert

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Indians Change Footballs for Basketballs

By Maria Lara

The Ganado Indian Basketball Team is ready for their season. They started their season with a game November 29th against Sacred Heart. The Indians have also begun participating in tournaments. This year's head coach is Mike Flynn and the assistant coach is Kyle Shoppach. Drew Bridges and Colby Luera will be the managers for this year's season. The



seniors are Michael Lara, Brandon Mercer, and Dustin Staff. The juniors are Chris Green, Justin Peters, and Zach Petrash. The Sophomores are Hunter Hlavaty, Isaac Kuehn, Seth Labay, and Kolby Tegeler.

Good Luck in your basketball season, Indians!!!

Maidens Shooting Hoops for Victory

By Maria Lara

The Maiden Basketball Season has experienced tough competition as they have played in tournaments and have won five games on the season. The Maidens placed 2nd in the Refugio Tournament on Dec. 1st-3rd. On December 14th the Maidens played a very challenging game with every second and



action counting. The Maidens pulled out this exciting win against Louise. "The girls are improving, taking baby steps to the right directions", is how

Coach Flaniken describes the Ganado Maiden Basketball team.



Good Luck on the rest of your season Maiden Basketball!!!!

Maidens Earn 30AA All-District Honors

By: Maria Lara

The Volleyball Maidens made it a wrap with selections for All-District honors.

With strong competition the Maidens' hard work paid off. Honorable Mention All-District was earned by Ashley Bures. Academic All-District was earned by Kelsey Garza,

Lauryn Petrash, Donescia Hypolite, Ashley Bures, and Malory Staff. Second Team All-District honors were earned by



Kelsey Garza, Defensive Specialist, Lauryn Petrash, Outside Hitter, and Kelsey Strauss, Setter. Kandace Hicks, a senior, earned the Defensive Player of the Year for the Ganado Maiden Volleyball.

Congratulations for the GHS Volleyball District Selectors!!!

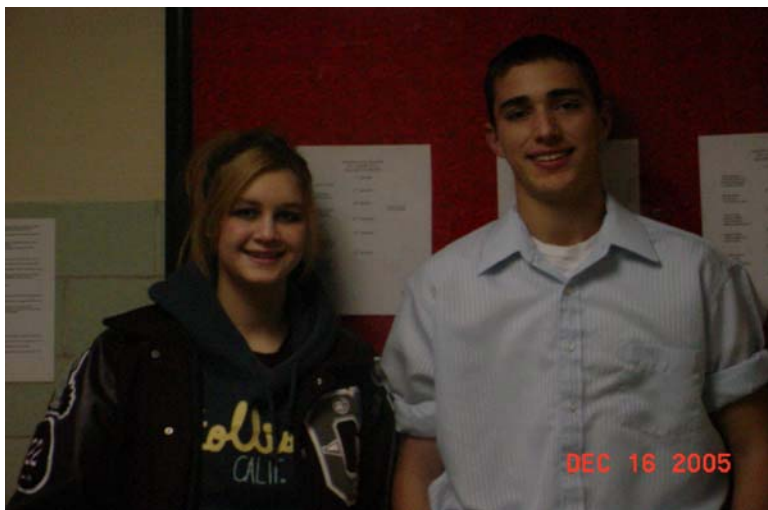


Band Students Placing at Region 3 Band Try Outs

By: Maria Lara

High School students from Ganado ISD participated in the All-Region 3 Band Try Outs December 3rd. Mandy Grudzieski, a junior, placed 10th chair and Brady Engelmohr, a sophomore, placed 19th chair in the trumpet selection.

Congratulations to Mandy Grudzieski and Brady Engelmohr!!!



Indians Earn All-District Honors

By Maria Lara

The Ganado Indian football team went two games deep in the playoffs this year. It took players with the desire to win in each game. Zeke Kuehn earned All-Academic Honors. Ryan Taylor earned Unanimous First Team Offense Tackle. Sam Samudio earned Unanimous First Team Offense Receiver, All-Academic, and Unanimous First Team Defense Secondary. Drew Bridges earned First Team Defensive Secondary and All-Academic Honors. Joseph Perez earned First Team



Defense Inside Linebacker. Preston Hicks earned Second Team Offense Center and All-Academic Honors. Dillon Lesak earned Second Team Offense Guards and All-Academic Honors. Michael Lara earned Second Team Offense Tackle and Second Team Defense Defensive End. Mauricio Ramos earned Second Team Offense Kicker.

Devon Morales was honored as the Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Isaac Kuehn was honored as the Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

Ganado Junior High Placing in the UIL Academic Meet

By: Maria Lara

The 7th graders and the 8th graders competed in the UIL Academic Meet held in Industrial. Students were in either, Oral Reading, Science, Social Studies, or Listening Skills.



The 7th grade winners were Candace Supak, 1st in Oral Reading, Macy Bearden, 4th in Oral Reading, Jacob Benavides, 4th in Listening Skills, Andrew Lozano, 5th in Science I, and Caitlin Rowe, 5th in Oral Reading.

The 8th grade winners were Katie Sherman, 1st in Social Studies, Allison Peters, 1st in Listening Skills, Haylee Gibbs, 3rd in Oral Reading, T.J. Biehle, 4th in Science II, Ashley Tegeler, 4th in Oral Reading, Nathan Black, 5th in Science II, and Bridget Janecek, 5th in Social Studies.



GHS Band Bringing Home the Christmas Spirit

By: Maria Lara

This year's Christmas spirit was brought to the community by the Ganado ISD Band Students. Students in bands from 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, High School, and Jazz band put on a performance for the community.

They played a variety of great Christmas songs. From Jingle Bells to In a Christmas Mood to I'll Be Home for Christmas

to I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas to Feliz Navidad. Each grade level took their turn to perform their Christmas songs.

Fantastic Job in performing in the Ganado Band Christmas concert!!!



Elementary Students Place High at UIL

By: Maria Lara

Ganado Elementary students from 2nd grade to 6th grade participated in the Academic UIL meet held in Tidehaven and Industrial. Students were either in Story Telling, Music Memory, Picture Memory, Oral Reading, Social Studies, Listening Skills, or Art. The following students placed in different events.

2nd grade: 1st place was Alix Luera, 3rd place was



Jacob Foltyn.

3rd grade: 2nd place was Emma Wiegand.

4th grade: 1st place was Billy Jones, 2nd place was Adrian Martinez, 3rd place was Dallana Zamudio.

5th grade: 1st place was Georgi Garza, Haylee Dees, Lauren Sulak, 2nd place was Angela Castillo, Shelby Luera.

6th grade: 1st place was Brooke Glover, Denton Lesak, Daniel Aguilar, 2nd places was Taylor Marroquin, Angell Gonzales, Brian Bubela, 3rd place was Chelsea DeLosSantos, Shelby Macha.



Ganado Elementary Staff and Students Preparing for TAKS

By: Maria Lara

The Elementary earned a "Recognized" rating from TEA last year and is already starting to build on that to try to



earn an "Exemplary" rating this year. The Ganado Elementary staff and students are preparing for TAKS, by reinforcing lessons given in class.

Some of the students are using the A+ program for reinforcement. In the reading part of the program, it helps them with context clues and summarization in passages. Some students commented that the program is fun, easy to use, and helpful for passing the TAKS test.



Selected Seniors Hold Mr. and Miss Honor

By: Maria Lara

Ganado High School students voted for Mr. and Miss GHS. Drew Bridges was named as Mr. GHS and Ashley Bures was named as Miss GHS.

Ashley is involved in many activities in school. She is in Volleyball, Powerlifting, the Head Cheerleader, the TAFE Secretary, the FFA Chaplain, in FCA, and the Yearbook Editor. After graduating from Ganado High School, she expects to attend Texas A&M University for a Business Degree and open a Boutique after graduation from there. Ashley admires Ganado ISD, "Ganado I.S.D is a wonderful place and I will truly miss my High School days, I look forward to sending my kids to my Old Alma Mater."

Drew Bridges is involved in varsity football, cross country, baseball, basketball manager, TAFE, and FCA. Drew would like to have a good family and be known as a hard and good-working person. After graduating from Ganado High School, he expects to attend Texas A&M University and study Aerospace Engineering. "I like how everybody knows everyone, and that I can be friends with everybody" is why Drew likes being part of Ganado ISD.



Congratulations to Drew Bridges and Ashley Bures!!!

Ganado ISD School Calendar

Please go online to www.ganadoisd.org for the latest information on calendar events. They are updated daily there.