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GREAT EIGHT: THE END OF A GREAT SEASON

E. Matier

On Friday, March 1, the Greeley Central's girls basketball team (24-2) were set to travel to Broomfield to take on the Holy Family Tigers (21-5) in the Elite 8 of the 4A CHSAA state playoffs. Despite the Wildcats having a better record, the Tigers were seeded higher, ranked 2nd in state compared to our 7th place ranking. Because of our lower rank, the Wildcats had to play away for the first time in the tournament.

Coming off of a 38-42 come-back victory, there was an immense amount of anticipation for what was to come in the Great 8 game. Fans from Greeley Central were excited to make the hour drive to Holy Family High School to support our girls through what was destined to be the toughest game of the season. About 25 students and 8 cheerleaders hopped on a spirit bus and drove down as a part of the team's supporters. When they arrived, the students on the bus were welcomed by at least 30 more students who drove down individually.

With the stands packed and fans buzzing with anticipation, all that was left was to play the basketball game. The refs lined up both teams on at midcourt and were ready for the opening tip-off. Senior Aubree Raimer jumped up and won the tip for the Wildcats. Despite the early possession, the Cats quickly fell to a 2-9 deficit, and the game was an uphill battle from there. The first quarter ended with our ladies trailing 13-4. Our lady Wildcats were not going to go out without a fight and closed the gap 13-15 at the end of the first half.

Unfortunately, the first half surge was not enough to tame the Tigers. Holy Family continued to apply pressure; throughout the 3rd and 4th quarters they expand their lead and ended up winning the game 42-52. The Wildcat loss marked not only the end of our playoff push but an end to the basketball season. The GCHS girls basketball team finished their season ranked top 8 in the 4A classification and Northern Conference champions. As a school, we are proud of the accomplishments of our basketball teams this year and look forward to seeing a team picture of the 2018-2019 girls basketball team hanging in the Hall of Champions on the first floor.



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CIRCUS MANIA

S. Rotter

This year, the GCHS Thespian troupe 657 is really pushing themselves with the upcoming show *Barnum*. Students are learning new skills as well as multitasking. This show highlights the diversity at Greeley Central and shows off all of the different talents that the performers have. Take it from Savana Long, a freshmen performer, who is both singing and acting in the musical while also playing in the pit. Long shared, "It's a really great show that shows off diversity and highlights new talent and is very flexible." Long seemed very excited to show off what the troupe has been working on even though it's stressful.

Credit: Thespian Troupe 657



On another note, Freshman Casbah Parlin also has some opinions on the show. Casbah is very excited for the show saying, "I can't wait to show our epic acquaintances what we've been working on." Along with this he is very thankful for the great assistance saying, "I find the arts specialists that coordinated this are very skillful and I have learned from each of them." Parlin is also thankful for the opportunity that has been given to them and though he has a minor role as a clown, he is going to make the most of it. So Wildcats, this is gonna be a musical for the ages hosting diversity and great talent. Come see *Barnum*, showing April 28 through the 30 and April 4 through the 6.



ADJUSTING TO SOMETHING NEW

S. Aldridge



Photo Credit: Stacia Aldridge

Sean Scribbick is the Assistant Principal for tenth-grade students and Student Assessment Coordinator here at Greeley Central High School. After teaching for ten years, he was hired into the position of Assistant Principal just this year.

According to Mr. Scribbick, the transition was, "A lot different, you don't have a set schedule. You can have plans for a day, but if there are issues everything changes." He mentioned how he had been very interested in the position and "wanted to challenge himself." When asked if he enjoyed being Assistant Principal more than a teacher, he described the pros and cons of both saying, "They are both rewarding, but you don't get to see the students [as an AP], so you have to associate yourself a little more to keep the relationships," he explains. He has gone from having a class in the science wing to having an office next to the principal. Scribbick kept repeating: "There are awesome people in the office. They make our jobs easier." After this year's experience, he will continue looking forward to his future as Assistant Principal at Greeley Central.

LOOKING TO LEVERAGE SEMINAR TIME: A NEW SCHEDULE IN THE WORKS

B. Molina

After much speculation, a new bell schedule has been proposed to the superintendent and could possibly be put into effect as early as next year. Of course it is too early for anything to be set in stone, however several changes have been brought to the table.

The school is looking into having multiple seminar sessions and could be looking into adding two more seminar meeting times to the week along with the current Thursday seminar meeting. However, a new schedule will introduce a few problems for its creators. For one, if the seminar is changed to after lunch, students will most likely treat it as a longer lunch and refuse to show up. If it is moved to seventh block the same would happen and many students would choose to leave school early.



The placement of this class could be difficult; with resistance to breaking old habits, students could all together reject the idea. On the contrary, a new seminar schedule is in order. Many students would benefit from extra help, and teachers would be given more time to schedule meetings with students. This proposed schedule would also give students the time to make up tests/quizzes and work on homework, overall improving their grades. The details still have to be ironed out, however next semester expect changes to occur.

Sports

WILDCATS TAKE THE L THAT ENDS THEIR SEASON

K. Hale

On Wednesday, February 27, the boys' basketball team went to Lewis Palmer High School to play the sweet 16 (3rd round) playoff game. The boys had a great season with a record of 16 wins and 10 losses overall. T

he first 2 playoff games the boys had played against teams ranked lower than them. This 3rd game, the boys had to play the number 1 team in state- the boys went into the game ready to play. Ben Kingsford, a sophomore varsity player, said his "mindset going into the game was very focused," he continued to say, "I knew that if my team and I were focused and gave it everything we had, that we would like the results." Although they fought hard, the boys did not get the results they wanted. Kingsford said "After the game, we were all pretty emotional and just disappointed. We knew that was not us that played in that game."

This was a sad ending to a good season but the boys will hopefully be back and better than ever next season.

Credit: Greeley Central Girls Basketball Twitter



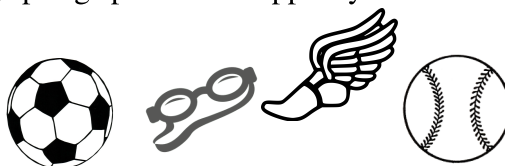
GEARING UP FOR SPRING SPORTS

D. Lucero

The sun is coming out and it's getting warmer again which means it's time for spring sports. This includes Baseball, girl's soccer, girl's tennis, track, and swimming -A lot of students are excited about their upcoming seasons. Official practices started on Feb 25th and Greeley Central has a lot of good athletes who are more than ready and some who are preparing for their last season and sport of their high school career.

Morgan Gonzales, a junior at GCHS participates in girls soccer. She plays varsity for our school. "I am excited about the upcoming season because we have lots of new players and some different schools on our schedule," says Gonzales. Girls soccer went 1-14 last year, but Gonzales doesn't let that negatively impact her and the sport she loves. "Last season could've been a lot better, but we learn from those losses to become better. I also just have a gut feeling that this season is gonna be different," explains Gonzales. Her favorite part of soccer is the friends and memories she has made. Make sure you Wildcats go out and support our girls soccer team!

Track is one of the biggest spring sports that really let student-athletes shine as an individual. Lots of participants and lots of different events in track, It makes it interesting because of all the diversity in track. Greeley Central has had a lot of past students shine in this sport. Eric Church, a senior at GCHS, is getting ready for the last track season of his high school career. Church explains, "I am excited to spend my last time in a high school sport competing, and I feel like I will do really good this season." Church runs hurdles and sometimes relays. Church says his favorite part of track is, "The feeling you get as you line up for your race!" He's not that sad about it being his last season though. "I did it to help me out with football which is my main focus," Church explains. To all the wild cats that have thought about joining a sport but haven't, be brave and put yourself out there. There are many different sports you can shine in and make sure you check out the upcoming spring sports and Support your fellow Wild Cats as they compete. Let's have a good season Cats!



NHL TRADE DEADLINE

E. Matier

On Monday, February 25th, the NHL helped the annual trade deadline. This date marks the last day that trades can be made between teams. The team you have after the 25th is the team that you finish the season with, this keeps teams from making a big trade or buy days before the playoffs; it more or less prevents from teams building a "super team" days before the end of the season. Many major trades occurred: the Senators trade 4 players to the Columbus Blue Jackets for only draft picks and prospects, the Predators acquiring both Brian Boyle and Wayne Simonds; however, to me, the largest story was the Colorado Avalanche acquiring Derick Brassard from the Florida Panthers for a 2020 3rd round draft pick.

The night of the 25th, the Avalanche played the Panthers. The trade between the two teams occurred only two hours before the game. Brassard flew to Colorado as a Panther and played the game against them. With minutes before warm-ups, Brassard was in the equipment room in Pepsi Center rushing to get his name on his Jersey. It was rare seeing a player playing his first game with a new team against their former team. To complete the story, Brassard scored against the Panthers to secure the win for the Avalanche.

Credit: NHL Youtube



Brassard after scoring his first goal for the Avalanche against his former team

Congratulations to All Our Cats Who Competed in State Playoff and Championship Events

Girls Basketball

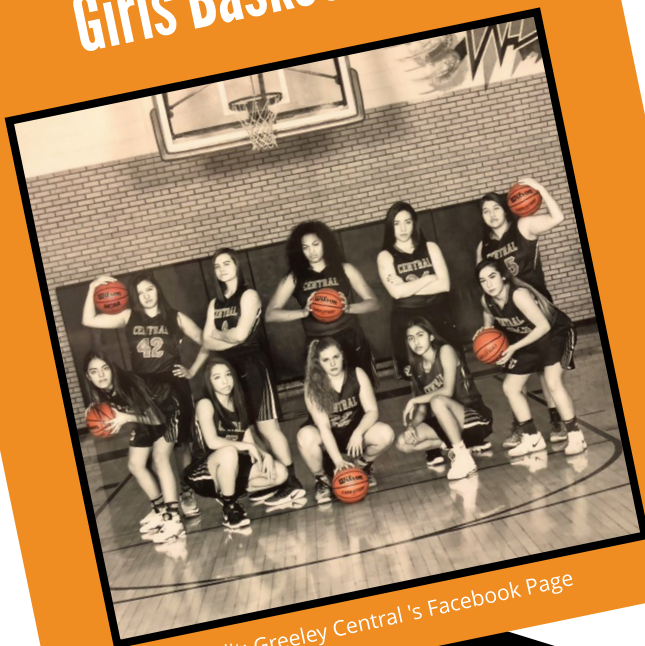


Photo Credit: Greeley Central's Facebook Page

Boys Basketball

Photo Credit: Austin Knox



Wrestling



Photo Credit: Greeley Central's Facebook Page

Unified Basketball



Credit: Dolly Steffen



Credit: 9 News Sports

Athlete of the the Week

Andrew Alirez GCHS senior is one of the most exceptional athletes in the history of Central. He is a 4-time state champion in wrestling at 152 lbs. Alirez won the title with a pin becoming the first Weld County four time state champ. This is an outstanding accomplishment among many others of Alirez's such as competing in the Junior Pan Am Games and winning gold and being ranked 1st nationally in his weight category. Alirez is truly one of the greatest Cats to walk these halls.



Artist of the Week

Marvin Tercero is an incredibly talented freshman artist at Central. Tercero is involved in Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Pep Band; every band class offered at Central where Tercero plays Alto and Tenor saxophone. Tercero's favorite part of Central is "The people are really nice and everyone has school spirit." Make sure to look for Tercero at the next band concert



Club of the Week

Though it's not a traditional "club", Newspaper is an all-inclusive organization that supports and fosters the growth of aspiring journalists. Newspaper is available to any student who wish to apply and who has a C or higher in English 9 or 10. If taken for a full year, newspaper is worth a FULL English credit. We publish 1-2 issues per month and writers are responsible for 2 articles. Newspaper is a really fun class that everyone should take and experience.



Student of the Week

Rudi Herrig is an incredibly intelligent freshman at Central. Herrig is currently taking AP Psych, Honors English 10, APES, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Trig and participated in Marching Band. Yes, you read that right, a freshman in Honors English 10. Herrig's favorite part of Central is the arts magnet program and how serious the arts students are in being good.

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ZION'S SHOE MALFUNCTION

T. Menard

The Duke vs. UNC basketball game was one of the most anticipated games this year for college basketball. Tickets were averaged around \$3,296, approaching super level prices. The stadium was sold out; even former president Barack Obama and director Spike Lee were in attendance. Thousands of fans were watching both on TV and in person all to see the top prospect in the NCAA: Zion Williamson. Williamson, projected to go first in the NBA draft, was more than ready to ball out against this long time rival. Teamed up with other top ten prospects, RJ Barrett and Cam Reddish, Williamson had all eyes on him.

However, 33 seconds after tip off, the world watched in shock as Williamson was seen dribbling with the ball when he took a sharp turn and busted through his shoe! Yes, you read that right, Williamson stopped so hard that his foot actually broke through the shoe he was wearing. The shoes he was wearing were the Nike PG 2.5, one of the signature shoes in Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George's line. After fans heard about the injury, (a sprained knee) caused by the faulty shoe, Nike's stock took a 1.1 billion dollar drop, according to cbs.org.

After such a shocking event to the college sports world, arguments have been going on debating if high school players should be able to move on to the pros without having to go to college. Sophomore, Junior Guzman said, "You should be able to go straight to the NBA from high school. There is less of a risk of getting hurt if you go straight to the league." Quoted in the ESPN Instagram page, basketball legend who went straight from high school to the league, Kobe Bryant, said, "Players should be able to choose and decide what the hell they want to do, to be honest. Whether they want to go to college or not really depends on you." If Zion were to sit out for the rest of the season in order to rehabilitate his knee, he could lose out on his scholarship he was awarded at Duke.

Credit: Fox News

JUSSIE SMOLLETT: A LIAR

E. Voigt

On January 29, of 2019, *Empire* Actor Jussie Smollett filed a police report shortly after an alleged attack. Smollett told police he was walking home when two men poured an unknown chemical substance on him and yelled racial and homophobic slurs. On February 14, Smollett spoke up about the assault in an interview on ABC's *Good Morning America*. The following day, police questioned the two brothers behind the attack when they told police Smollett had paid them to attack him. Then, Chicago police started to get suspicious about the attack against the actor. On February 20, a jury indicted Smollett on charges of filing a false police report and he turned himself in the following day. Smollett paid the two brothers \$3,500 in a check to fake an attack on him so he could get attention. Chicago Police Superintendent, Eddie Johnson, said Smollett wanted to draw attention because he was dissatisfied with his salary from his tv show. (*People.com*) Greeley Central senior Lucio Avalos said, "I think he staged it for attention. That's the reason everyone does things. It's to get your name out there. Today, society's greatest fear is going unnoticed." Smollett did draw attention to himself, but not in the positive way he wanted. There is a chance that he ended his own career with his show being affected as well. Senior Esmeralda Olmos said, "Yes, it will. His presence meant a lot to the LGBTQ community and it's going to change the ending season." Smollett could be facing one to three years in jail for staging this attack and filing a false police report. He attempted to bring awareness to himself and get paid more, but he will end up spending lots of time in jail and ruining his career.

Photo Credit: Chicago Police Department



A NATIONAL EMERGENCY?

B. Molina

After the conclusion of the stalemate in Congress earlier this month along with the government shutdown, the Trump administration declared a national emergency after being refused the requested funding for his border wall. Congress had granted him \$1.375 billion for the wall, far short of the \$7 billion requested. After declaring a national emergency, President Trump will be pulling from a number of sources, along with two defense funds to help fund his wall promised in his 2016 presidential campaign. \$3.6 billion budgeted for military construction, \$2.5 billion from Counter-Narcotics programs, and \$600 million from a Treasury Department asset forfeiture fund. When combined with the \$1.375 billion granted from congress, he will have approximately \$8 billion to put towards the construction of a wall along the U.S/Mexico border. Facing scrutiny from both the majority in Congress and the Democratic party, his decision will most likely be challenged by lawmakers and activists on the left and could possibly find itself in court. It is questioned whether he has overstepped his executive power or if his decision can be justified or not. Under the national emergency Act of 1976, the acting president is granted expanded executive power in a national emergency. This enhanced executive power allows him to quickly respond to that event or crisis by pulling money from multiple federal sources to help fund the effort. However, although having expanded authorities the justification for their enactment must be identified and authorized by Congress. If refused, another power struggle between the president and Congress, along with another government shutdown could be just over the horizon.

Photo Credit: Google Images



NEW TWILIGHT ZONE?

S. Rotter

It was November 3, during the NFL Super Bowl when an ominous message came over the screen. It was a commercial for the upcoming Twilight Zone airing April 1. The new show will be hosted by Jordan Peele. The commercial showed Peele walking through an empty Mercedes Benz stadium, the eeriness of the scene was very off-putting and was confusing to most people. A door then appeared in the middle of the stadium, as the very famous twilight zone theme started playing, and the twilight zone logo appeared on the screen. This super bowl ad took most viewers off guard and raised a lot of questions such as, what will the show runners do with the show? How will Peele do as the host? And what will the show be like? GCHS teacher Mr. Burch has most of the same questions saying, "I'm really excited to see what they do with the show, I watched the 80's version and I think Jordan Peele will do a great job." Burch seems very interested and excited to see what they do with the show and so is the rest of America. So tune in to the Twilight Zone on Monday, April 1, I know I will.



Photo Credit: Flickr

TWO TOP ALL-STARS STAND BEFORE US

B. Monroy

Monet X Change and Trinity The Tuck are the next All-Stars in the Drag Race Hall of Fame. With these ladies being selected as the winners, a lot of drag race fans were mad and confused on why X Change and the Tuck won; and why in the world were there two winners instead of one.

The runner-ups, Naomi Smalls and Monique Heart, were close to the crown, but with the choice of Rupaul picking X Change and the Tuck to lipsync for the finale just didn't settle to some fans. Naomi Smalls, season 8 runner up and the tallest queen to walk through the "You Better Werk Room," and Monique Heart from season 10, worked so hard and fought their way to the very end of the competition.

When the final challenge was not only a singing and dancing challenge; but also a final four eleganza extravaganza runway look, it shook all of the queens. With all of the runway looks and the final four challenge, the best two statistically were; Naomi Smalls and Trinity the Tuck; their lyrics were the best and choreography was amazing. Drag race fans were very upset to see Smalls not make it to the final, but to see her grow as a drag queen was better than a crown to some. Monet X Change and Trinity The Tuck

winning All-Stars is such a huge accomplishment and their reactions were definitely priceless. Both of them are officially legacies in the Drag Race Hall of Fame.



ANALYZING BLACKFACE

E. Glynn

Racism is an issue being fought every day. Some people take any racist joke to heart while others can joke around with no hard feelings. Saturday Night Live is a late night show that like other comedies make fun of current issues. One of the skits is called “Blackface” which has appeared in multiple episodes. Blackface is when makeup is used by a non-black performer playing a black role. This skit has gotten so famous that other people watching the show dress up as blackface for Halloween. People are getting offended because people think it is racist and is not funny, no matter the circumstance. What exactly is wrong with wearing blackface? On Halloween, blackface is much more than just dark makeup used to enhance a costume, its American origins can be traced to minstrel shows. In the mid to late nineteenth century, white actors would routinely use black grease paint on their faces when depicting plantation slaves and free blacks on stage. The blackface caricatures that were staples of Minstrelsy took a firm hold in the American imagination and carried over into other mediums of entertainment.

Blackface has also been seen in Vaudeville Shows and on Broadway. black actors sometimes wore blackface too, white audiences didn't want to see them on the stage without it. If respect for people who had to live through a time when blackface went hand-in-hand with day-to-day hateful and discriminatory treatment isn't enough to keep you from wearing it, consider this: there's a case to be made that it's tied up with some of America's worst racial dynamics. Blackface reinforces the idea that black people are appropriate targets of ridicule and mockery and reminds us of stereotypes about black criminality, and danger. If you really cannot understand what's wrong with blackface, challenge yourself to figure out what seems so right about it. If you can't answer that, then you're still set on doing something predictable and kind of embarrassing, there are plenty of ridiculous topical costumes to choose from.

Editorial

GOT LICENSE ?

K. Hale

This may not be an issue for a lot of people, but to me, it's a big deal. Last issue, Emma Voigt, senior, wrote about how the parking lot at Central is too full which makes people park in places that are not officially spots. The main causes of this issue is the fact that there are many freshman and sophomores that drive without their license' or even permits. A sophomore with his permit, says “It's the only way I can get to school.” Although this may be true, there can be many consequences due to driving without a license. Using him as an example, if he was pulled over or got in an accident, the ticket and insurance would be significantly higher due to the fact that he does not have a legal license.

A simple solution to this epidemic is by creating a registration for parking. When registration happens before the next school year, the school could to create a way to have students with license' register for parking. Students who have not registered and park in the parking lot should be ticketed. This will reduce the number of cars that park illegally in the parking lot and causes fewer issues involving cars and the parking lot.

Students who drive without their license' create bigger, general issues not only around the school but also on the roads when they're driving around. Driving without knowledge of the road is very dangerous for yourself and other people, due to the fact that you do not know what you are doing. You can cause many more issues if you do not know how to properly drive on the streets. An issue in the parking lot is when cars are parked on the sides and not in spots, people driving to leave cannot see cars coming out of rows and can easily be hit or in a sort of accident.



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