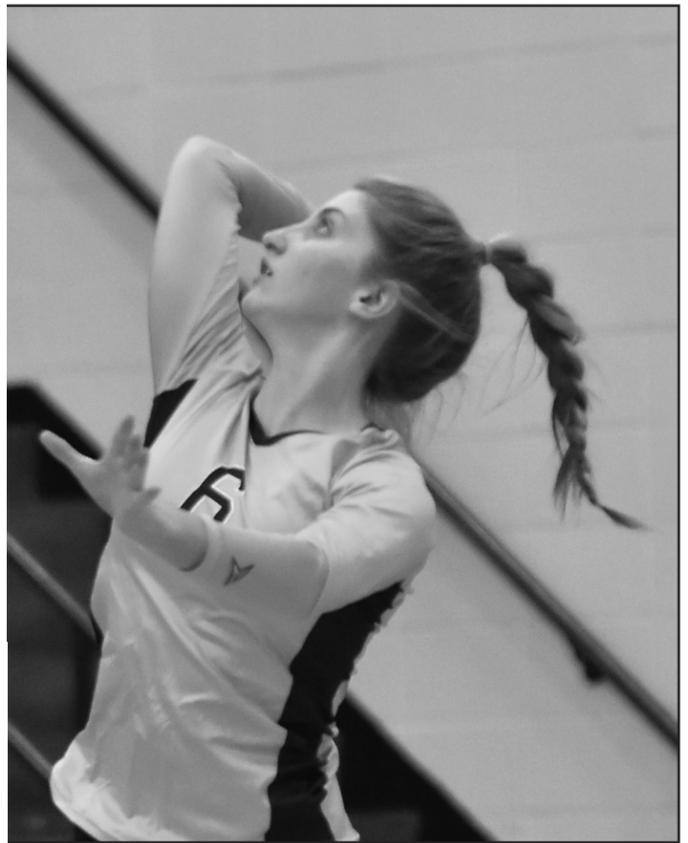




Eye-opening sports funding



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From the officials to uniforms to field upkeep, so much goes into the vast expense of school sports.

Interestingly, boys basketball seems to be the biggest money-maker for the overall athletic program when factoring in fan base versus expenses.

"Boys basketball brings the most profit year in and year out. We also give money to football because there is a ton of expenses that go into it," Athletic Director Rob Irwin said. "The money we get goes into equipment first of all. With the money we also are able to get new uniforms and keep everything looking nice. Officials and security are the things that really go for a lot of money. We

also have to pay workers for other things, like concession stands as well," he said.

Athletic Department and individual team fundraisers help finance new equipment and updated uniforms.

"We participate in all of our athletic fundraisers we can. We also do our letters that are just funded by money that goes straight into the volleyball program," Ms. Amanda Ratliff, volleyball coach, said.

Fundraisers enable the community to help out sports programs.

"Our big fundraiser as the football program is our discount cards. Money-wise, it varies on how much we get because we get 75 percent of each card profit. One of the biggest things we buy is just regular equipment. We provide practice jerseys, game socks, belts, mouthpiec-

es and all of that stuff. Our athletic department does a great job of supporting us," Mr. Mike Campbell, football coach, said.

Although athletes might complain about fundraisers, those activities benefit the overall program tremendously.

"Fundraisers go to nice uniforms, and it allows us to make sure we are good to get new things and stay up-to-date. Without the bingo and other activities, we probably couldn't get new things as often as we do and keep them nice," Mr. Irwin said.

These fundraisers help sports teams that bring in little or no money through fans or concessions.

"Cross country, golf, tennis and cheer don't bring any money to the school. Most times, we break even in track if we have enough home meets," Mr. Irwin said.

Wrestling staying in shape year round

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Wrestling is an intense sport that involves hours of practice every day of the week in order to compete.

With returning wrestlers -- junior Anthony Walker, senior Noah Willham and sophomore Tyler Maxwell -- GHS is preparing for a good season. Getting in shape comes differently for everyone; one way is to attend college meets.

"I went to two college meets over the summer. It was interesting seeing a lot of higher level guys performing," Maxwell said.

Preparing in advance for wrestling season is key. Many participate in club wrestling to prepare their bodies.

"I prepared in the off-season by wrestling for teams, like Greenwood and the Outlaws and going to tournaments," Walker said.

Most wrestlers have someone they look up to, an older sibling or coach or possibly even a parent.

"This sport is pretty intense. It gets competitive but what motivates me the most is my brother. He was a huge impact on how I perform. I want to be able to do just as good as he did," Willham said.

The first GHS wrestling match is Nov. 20 with a tournament at Beech Grove starting at 5:30 p.m.



Coach Annie Peters introduces herself at the call-out meeting. **Braelynn Dotson photo**



Swimmers met after school for information about the upcoming season. **Braelynn Dotson photo**

Swim team experiences major coaching shift

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The first swim practice will take place Monday, and there are some changes on deck.

With two new coaches, this year's swim season will bring a lot of new changes. One new coach, Mrs. Tami Nuhfer, was previously an assistant coach for the middle school team and is excited for the change.

"Coaching high school will enable me to continue participating in something I truly love while allowing me more time with my family," Coach Nuhfer said.

After the former head coach's resignation, current Greenwood Gators head coach, Mr. Ray Onisko, is ready to take charge.

"I am going to keep everything very high intensity and hold everybody to a higher standard discipline-wise and attendance-wise," he said.

With new seasons comes new swimmers. Incoming freshmen like Naomi Weaver, Lydia Johnson, and Jake Ellington will be a few of many to watch. Freshman Josi Chanley voiced her excitement on her first season.

"I have been swimming for four years now, and I am excited to meet new teammates," Chanley said.

New coach Annie Peters is a special education teacher at GHS and is excited to start coaching.

"I previously taught in Nebraska. I was the head coach there for four years at the high school," Peters said.

With the success of last year's team, the coaches plan to hit the ground running to continue that success.

"The expectation for this year is for everyone to work hard and at the end of the day hopefully we're looking at being on top at sectionals," Coach Onisko said.

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