

SOFTBALL



Freshman Bella Johnson returns the ball from the outfield. Central Hardin bombarded Green County with 18 hits and 21 runs in a home game for the Dragons last week.



Hayley Judd hangs on to the ball despite the Lady Bruin slide at home plate. Judd went three for three for the Lady Dragons, scoring three runs and two RBI's. Green County lost 21-8 to Central Hardin.



Tatum Caulk pitched all seven innings, giving up just two hits in the win over district rival Hart County.



Madi Squires takes the lead off first base in the game against Hart County. Green County scored in the first four innings to cruise to the 7-0 win.



Allie Burris had two hits, a double and a single, for the Lady Dragons. Green County lost 21-8, the only time this season they have given up double digit runs.



Madi Corbin is congratulated at home plate after hitting a home run against Central Hardin. Corbin also picked up two RBI's in the game.

Band: A silent season

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The current school year is in the final nine weeks of session for the 2020-2021 school year has been one of adaptation, compromise, and dedicated staff, teachers, coaches and students. Green County Marching Dragons competition season started with an adapted band camp during the summer: less time and more restrictions, with hopes competition season wouldn't be cancelled. After the cancellation announcement was released, the band, led by Nathan Willoughby, continued to work on their gift of music, they attended football and basketball games when permitted; a number of musicians successfully competed in virtual try-outs for All-District band, and the GC Indoor Ensemble recently competed virtually in the Tri-State Marching Arts TVMA's weekend three-event and scored a rating of Excellence in the Winds. Four seniors are nearing the end of their high school musical career, with a final performance May 4 at Green County High School. The community is invited to attend with the performance beginning 6 p.m. CT.

The seniors took a moment and reflected on a year of the unknown, disappointment, and hope.

Haley McCubbins joined concert band in sixth grade, and marching band and pep band in seventh grade. She is a percussionist in concert band/pep band and in marching band a member of the color guard. With her pinpoint accuracy spin of the flag and rifle, the member was named captain in 2018. Covid restrictions hit at the end of the first winter guard season for the school; in weeks to follow, the season was indefinitely suspended. McCubbins was still grateful for the time in winter guard and experience. The band followed every guideline possible to ensure a competition season. "I have been looking forward to having a competitive 'senior season' for several years. Sadly, with the restrictions that were still placed in the fall, we didn't get our 'normal' season," said McCubbins. "Thankfully, we were able to make up for that this winter/spring by competing in virtual competitions. Although it wasn't the same, I was able to feel a piece of normalcy during this, and I am so grateful that we were able to do everything we have done this school year." The senior will attend WKU in the fall to major in Health and Human Services with a hope of becoming a geriatric activity director while minor in Spanish plans. She continues with band and color guard,

reflecting on her fondest memories from band. "One of the fondest memories is being the feelings of pride you get when you're walking off of the field after performing," said McCubbins. "It feels great knowing I truly left my best work out on the field every chance I got." McCubbins expressed sincere gratitude for the previous and current color guard instructor. "They always pushed me to do my best, even when things got rough," said McCubbins. "I would also like to thank Mr. Willoughby for everything he has done for this program and for his students. He always pushes us to do our best in everything that we do, and he encourages us to make improvements in every run-through of a performance. I could not have been blessed with a better band director." As McCubbins' high school career nears completion, she wanted to remind other students to always be yourself. "Don't change who you are to please others. You are the only version of you out there in life; however, you are also the best you out there." Serenity Greer's school music resume includes seven years of concert band and five years as a member of the marching band. That is seven years invested in an art; the domino effect from Covid quickly changed everything for the senior.



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"The second we canceled our season it honestly felt like there was no reason to have a senior year anymore," said Greer. "COVID took a lot and then stripped us of something that meant so much. One moment it was there, then it was gone." An extended moment of disappointment never overshadowed the memories made during Greer's career. "The best [memory] would be that small window of time right before it was confirmed we made it to semi's," said Greer. "Then right after, the smiles and the tears, the feeling of achieving something we worked so hard for as a team and as a band family. That band bus ride back home was one of the best, too. We are

the Champions' was chanted several times throughout that night." Success of students is never a solo act. The senior credited and wanted to thank her arts teachers, Mr. Willoughby, Ms. Durham, and Ms. Kimbler. "They gave me a safe place to be myself and be expressive through the years," said Greer. "I will never be able to thank them enough for giving me that. 'Thank y'all for everything you've ever done. I'm really gonna miss you three.'" She plans to attend collage in the fall with a goal of becoming a psychiatric therapist in a mental health facility. As Greer ends her high school career, she wants to share the importance of music. "Music gives you

that break, that small amount of time to breathe. It's expressive and fun, you can laugh with it, cry with it, anything you feel can go into the music you listen to or create. That feeling you get. That amount of air you breathe in and let go when you're jamming out, that is important," said Greer. "So make it, sing it, play it, and all together feel it. You'll thank me later." This is part one of a three part band series. Next week's edition will feature band seniors Anna-belle Adams and Olivia Creason, followed by concert coverage. The seniors invite the community to attend their final concert May 4 beginning 6 p.m. CT at GCHS.