



Marching Band took placed 2nd in Chester last Friday. They are currently competing in Volga.

Blue Ink



Cross country individuals qualify for state meet

Girls tie for third as a team, lose on pusher

by **Mason Hofer**
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Last Thursday the cross country team participated in the Big East Conference tournament, a precursor to the region meet the following Thursday. This year the Big East Conference was held in Beresford, SD.

Both boys and girls from all levels, junior high through varsity, participated in this event.

On the girls side, sophomore Rachel Kindt led the Blue Dragon harriers with a time of 21:25, good enough for sixth place. Senior Carmen Bohl was right behind her, finishing in 21:27. Olivia Mullin finished 13th (22:19) and Madisen Nordstrom 22nd (23:58) to round out the top finishers. The girls team finished third in the conference behind Flandreau and Beresford.

On the JV side Sarah Welch continued her improvement, finishing 14th in a time of 20:17.

The boys took fourth as a team. Seventh grader Preston Bohl continued his place as a top finisher, grabbing sixth (18:18). Senior Ryan Fick shaved three minutes off his time when comparing to the last time he ran at Beresford. Fick finished 14th with a time of 19:20. Rounding out the



Boys all conference honorees after the meet in Beresford last Thursday. Preston Bohl (left) and Ryan Fick (right) were the two Blue Dragons to earn All-Conference status for the 2017 season.

Photo by Laura Mullin

team were Devon Leedy (19:34, eighth) and Jayse Miller (20:30, 24).

For the Big East Conference meet the top 15 finishers in each boys and girls earn all-conference status. On the girls side Kindt, C. Bohl, and Mullin all claimed that honor and they were joined by P. Bohl and Fick on the boys side.

The cross country team had to take that success into

their region meet last night. The harriers traveled to Sioux Valley in hopes of qualifying for the state meet next weekend in Rapid City.

Top three teams qualify for state as well as the top 20 individual times. Garretson's girls finished in a tie for third place but lost the tie breaker on a pusher.

However two girls qualified individually. Carmen Bohl finished 12th in a time of 21:24 and Rachel Kindt was eight seconds behind her in 14th place.

"Cross Country is just as much of a mental sport as it is physical" said sophomore runner Rachel Kindt.

The boys also were unable to qualify as a team, but Preston Bohl finished 13th in a time of 17:52, extending his season for one more week.



The Garretson Lady Blue Dragons qualified three girls for All-Conference last Thursday. Rachel Kindt (left), Olivia Mullin (middle), and Carmen Bohl (right) all placed within the top 15 to earn this honor.

Photo by Laura Mullin

Which '90s cartoon character are you

A fun, non-scientific personality quiz created by the journalism class

1. How do you handle an argument?

- A. State facts you can't deny
- B. Keep going until they realize I'm right
- C. Timidly try to get my point across but let them win
- D. Be sarcastic
- E. Confidently support my side

2. What is your favorite subject?

- A. Science
- B. Gym
- C. Study Hall
- D. Lunch
- E. Recess

3. Which animal are you most like?

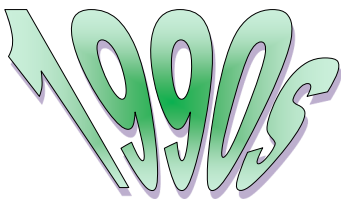
- A. Dolphin
- B. Hippo
- C. Squirrel
- D. Cat
- E. Lion

4. Which genre of movie do you prefer?

- A. Documentary
- B. Sports
- C. Romantics
- D. Drama
- E. Action

5. What is your first instinct if you are lost in the woods?

- A. Take out my compass
- B. Find someone for company
- C. Wait for help
- D. Freak out
- E. Search for a way out



Oral interpretation season underway

Seasoned speakers place well at Big East conference meet



The oral interp team traveled to Chester for the Big East Conference meet. This was the first tournament of the season, but the veteran squad confidently orated their pieces.

All four interpers who attended placed in their respective categories: Sylvia Larson, humorous (6th); Nobel Nothstine, poetry (3rd); Lana Braswell, serious (5th) and poetry (4th); Angel Larson, poetry (5th).

The next oral interp meet is Monday, October 16 in Lennox.

Photo submitted by Mr. Andrew TerWee

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Before erasers, bread was used to erase pencil marks.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Singing releases a large amount of endorphins in your brain and can make you feel better almost instantly.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do Italians eat on Friday the 13th?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Guess the next three letters in the series GTNTL.

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 13

- Marching Band @ Volga (10:00)
- FB @ Canistota (7:00)

Monday, October 16

- BEC Honor Choir @ Chester (9:30)
- Oral Interp @ Lennox (TBA)

Tuesday, October 17

- JV VB v. SF Lutheran (6:00)

Thursday, October 19

- FB Playoffs @ TBD (TBA)

Friday, October 20

- VB @ Howard (5:00/6:15/7:00)

Saturday, October 21

- State Cross Country @ Rapid City

Worth Mentioning

Marching Band is at their last competition today in Volga. They played last Friday in Chester and earned 2nd place.

All-State Choir participants completed a prep day yesterday at SDSU. Those same individuals will head to Chester on Monday for the Big East Conference honor choir.



JOKE: Fettuccini Afraid-o (Alfredo)

BRAINTEASER: I, T, S—The complete sequence is the first letter of every word in the sentence.

NBA season ready to take over the airwaves

Some major moves make for an interesting upcoming season

by **Mason Hofer**
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With the squeaks of brand new shoes, the ball soaring through the air with .2 seconds left on the clock, both teams tied up at 93. The ball bounces off the back of the rim and bangs in! NBA season is almost here.

This offseason is definitely a one to remember. After KD signed with Golden State last year, every playoff contender team scrambled to find additions so that they even have a chance to take down the warriors.

The Cleveland Cavaliers had an outstanding offseason, picking up stars like Isaiah Thomas, Derrick Rose, Dwyane Wade, and Jay Crowder. The Cavs pulled all this off while only losing all-star point guard Kyrie Irving.

Another team that improved during the offseason was the Oklahoma City Thunder. They picked up all-star small forwards, Paul George and Carmelo Anthony while only losing Victor Olidipo, and some bench players including Enes Kanter.

The Boston Celtics, adding Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward, are hoping for

redemption against the Cleveland Cavaliers this year after getting knocked out in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Other teams made moves to stay in or get into playoff contention: San Antonio Spurs, picked up small forward Rudy Gay; Houston Rockets, traded for Chris Paul; the local fan favorite Minnesota Timberwolves, picked up Jimmy Butler.

In addition to those moves, the NBA GM survey is in, these are always very interesting to read. A quick summary on projections for the upcoming season:

- MVP Winner: Lebron James 50%
- Best Franchise Starter: Karl Anthony Towns 29%
- Forces Opp. Coaches to make Adjustments: Lebron James 48%
- Breakout Season: Karl Anthony Towns 21%
- Point Guard: Steph Curry 62%
- Shooting Guard: James Harden 83%
- Small Forward: Lebron James 61%
- Power Forward: Anthony Davis 41%
- Center: Karl Anthony Towns 28%
- Rookie of the Year: Lonzo Ball 62%

As we are wrapping up the preseason/offseason more crazy things are soon to come. First Tip-Off is Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Celtics vs Cavaliers.

Digital education shared with students

Middle and high school students get reminded of their digital footprints

by **Isaiah Mader**
staff writer

Carroll Institute came to visit the Garretson Middle and High School on Thursday to talk to the students about cyber bullying and their digital footprint. The presentation covered a broad range of topics to inform about the dangers of the internet.

These include not only “stranger danger” and keeping your personal information off the internet but also issues with bullying, sexting, and permanent record of illegal activities.

With the rise in technology use over the past years, the risks involved have increased as well. Many minors do not know just how serious these issues can be and how badly they can impact their future. Anybody from colleges to employers can access anything you put on

social media or the internet which can prohibit opportunities down the road.

The assembly brought to light a lot of risks involved that can come out of illegal activities that happen on their cell phones or through different apps they may be using. The students learned a lot of new information that will hopefully impact their future for the better.



Carroll Institute presented on social media awareness, potential internet dangers, as well as possible repercussions of actions. While being aware that youth will utilize technology, it is important to be safe with it as well.

Only ‘90s’ babies will remember

This year’s senior class holds the last students who were born in the 1900s

by **Peyton Sage and Isaiah Miles Mader**
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The last of the ‘90s generation graduate from high school in May. While most of the class of 2018 was born in 2000, a handful were born in 1999.

Although this is only a one year gap,



there is something really distinctive about being able to say they were a ‘90s kid. Kids who grew up in the ‘90s or were rather born in the ‘90s hold a lot of nostalgia with television shows, toys, and the way things were.

Only 90’s kids remember the true hype of skip-its, Tamagotchi digital pets, Game Boys, Lisa Frank school supplies, and thinking Walkman’s were still cool to carry around.

“A lot of people tell me I’m not a ‘90s kids because I was only alive for four months of it, so I feel really under-appreciated and kind of like a minority,” Sylvia Larson said.

Even though the teens born in 1999 aren’t considered “true ‘90s kids,” they still enjoy saying that they were a part of such a cool, “hard knock” decade.

If 2000s kids thought life was hard, the class of 2018 had to look up home numbers in the Yellow Pages to call

friends, didn’t have electronics to play on so they were forced to entertain themselves another way, didn’t have the *Karate Kid* with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan, and they had to look up their answers in a textbook instead of their iPads.

Regardless of how things were, being born in 1999 is still way cooler than being born in the 2000s, because saying only “2000s kids will remember” just doesn’t roll off the tongue.

Today is your lucky day—or is it?

Friday the 13th gets blamed for many events but where did the fear of this day come from?

by **Heather Huether**
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Happy Friday the 13th! This year there were two occasions when this happened. January 13th and of course October 13th. Many people around the world are afraid of Friday the 13th but in other countries, there are other spooky days. For instance, in France they fear Friday the 17th because in France 13 is a lucky number. In Hispanic countries, they fear Tuesday the 13th. But why do so many people fear Friday the 13th?

There is no real reason why Friday the 13th is known as spooky, but there are plenty superstitions. Friday the 13th started with Christianity. Jesus was said to be crucified on this day, and there were 13 people at the last supper. Judas (Jesus’ apostle who betrayed Him) was said to be the 13th person to sit down at the table.

It wasn’t just bad for Christians. Many people believe it was the worst day even before Christ came along. The number 12 is historically considered completeness (12 months of the year, 12 zodiac signs, 12 hours of a clock etc.).

The number 13 is considered an irregular number.

Friday was also known as “Hangman’s day” because most public executions were held on this day.

On Friday, October 13th, 1307, the king of France (Philip IV) sentenced hundreds of the Knights Templar to death. Friday, September 13th, 1940, Buckingham Palace was hit by five German bombs. King George IV and Queen Elizabeth almost died. However, one royal staff was killed, plus the palace was destroyed. On Friday, October 13th, 1972, a Chilean Air Force plane was destroyed; only 16 people survived and were found two months later. They had to eat dead passengers to survive.

Most recent events include when the Costa Concordia Cruise came on ground on western coast of Italy on Friday, Jan. 13th, 2012. Thirty people ended up dying. And on Friday, Nov. 13th, 2015, there were seven ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) terror attacks on France, killing about 130 people.

Many people try to avoid going out on Friday the 13th. In 1976 New Yorker

Diaz Baxter was so afraid he decided to stay in bed. He then died when his apartment floor collapsed.

Scientists have actually came up with a word for the fear of Friday the 13th. Two actually, Paraskavedekatriaphobia and Friggatriskaidekaphobia. About 8% of Americans fear Friday the 13th. There are many symptoms for Paraskavedekatriaphobia. They include hyperventilation, rapid heart rate, nervous giggling, lightheadedness or dizziness, and refusing to leave the home on this day.

People may find excuses, cry, scream, or try to flee. Some more symptoms include indulging in ritualistic behavior for example, hanging shoes outside the window to repel evil, or eating garlic, or walking around the room 13 times. Many people who are paraskavedekatriaphobia often have thoughts of death or dying. There is even a center in Las Vegas Nevada that claims it can help cure this phobia.

There are many legends about Friday the 13th. If you cut your hair on this day someone in your family will soon die. Children born this day will be unlucky for the rest of their life. If a

funeral procession passes by you then you will be the next to die. And US President Roosevelt believed that it was unlucky to have 13 people eat together and the first to rise will have serious misfortune.

However, there is some good that can come of this day: weddings are cheaper as is flying. It is Easier to buy and sell a home. The Hollywood sign was unveiled Friday, July 13th, 1923. So it’s not all bad. In fact many people think Friday the 13th is usually a good day for them.

Dr. Caroline Watt of the University of Edinburgh said, “If people believe in the superstition of Friday the 13th then they believe they are in greater danger on that day. As a result they may be more anxious and distracted and this could lead to accidents. It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.”

Dr. Watt continued, “It is like telling someone they are cursed. If they believe they are, then they will worry, their blood pressure will go up and they put themselves at risk.”

So, are you part of the 8% who are paraskavedekatriaphobia? Or do you believe it’s just a normal day?



Mostly A: You are Dexter from *Dexter’s laboratory*. Your ingenuity & intellect

are unmatched, but sometimes you may have to reign it all in for the greater good.



Mostly B: You are Johnny Bravo from *Johnny Bravo*. Your cool confidence and impeccable hair are just some of the reasons people are attracted to you.



Mostly C: You are Arnold from *Hey Arnold*. You may be shy but your manners shine through and make you a person people like to have around.

Mostly D: You are Angelica from *Rugrats*. You are sassy, independent and know what you want.



Mostly E: You are Darkwing Duck from *Darkwing Duck*. You are brave and daring and are always searching for ways to be with and help people.



Football looks to extend win streak to three in final regular season game

Volleyball takes a set, but doesn't finish out the win

by Greg Arana
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Football:

The Blue Dragons stomped the Viborg-Hurley Cougars last Friday with a 77-25 win, due to the mercy rule which limits a team to a 50-point lead.

Garretson's special teams showcased their talent as senior Keisean Deehr-Thornton ran back the opening kickoff for an 81-yard touchdown.

Seniors Marc Rattenborg (130 yards rushing total) and Diontae Lymon (129 yards rushing total) led the ground attack with two touchdowns apiece.

Freshman Isaiah Robinson found the end zone three times with one rushing touchdown, one punt return, and one kickoff return.

The Garretson defense found a groove with senior Jack Konechne and junior Hayden Pierret earning eight tackles each, combining for one-third of the defensive stops on the night.

While the time of possession was fairly equal between the two teams (Viborg-Hurley, 24:39; Garretson, 23:21), Garretson's tough defense and effective offense (478 total yards) helped the Blue Dragons persevere.

The Blue Dragons (5-2) go on to play Canistota (5-2) tonight. Garretson looks to keep the momentum going from their last two wins to bring the "W" home today and keep the win streak into playoffs.

With two 5-2 teams playing each other tonight, it's going to be a battle especially since being the last regular season game. Both Canistota and Garretson's two blemishes come from the same teams: Baltic and Howard.

Currently Garretson is holding on to the four spot in the region, plac-



Marc Rattenborg dives across the line for one of the Garretson touchdowns last Friday against Viborg-Hurley as teammates (Drew Blosmo, #24; Dakota Johnson #55; Ben Konechne #40; Keisean Deehr-Thornton #3) celebrate and regroup for the PAT. Rattenborg rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns during that competition.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

ing them against Hamlin in the first round of playoffs, but that may change depending on the outcome of tonight's contest.

Volleyball:

The Garretson volleyball team (0-20) had three games this week: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

On Monday they played Madison and lost in three sets. Freshmen Kennedy Buckneberg and Lauren Heesch led the team offensively with five and four kills, respectively.

On Tuesday they had their last home game with a matchup against McCook Central/Montrose. Before the game the Blue Dragons celebrated their four seniors: Emily Schleuter (libero), Madi Northrup (OH/DS), Beth Schmidt (OH), and Logan Nussbaum (stats). Unfortunately they were unable to get the win on home court. Mattea Fiegen led with six kills while Schleuter picked up 13

digs and Peyton Hove had seven to add to her 16 assists.

Yesterday Garrets visited Tea Area but didn't come out on top despite winning the third set. Offensively the freshmen led the way. Heesch and Buckneberg put down six on the night while Fiegen paced the way with eight kills. Hove supported the cast with 26 assists while picking up five digs on the night. The Blue Dragon defense was led by Schleuter, tallying 30 digs on the night. Heesch (14), Buckneberg (9), and Jaelyn Benson (9) also made their defensive presence known.

The Blue Dragon's young volleyball team has improved a lot this year despite that not truly reflecting on their record.

Garretson now has a break in their schedule with all levels playing on Friday, October 20 in Howard. In the meantime, the JV will play a match at home on Tuesday, October 17 versus Sioux Falls Lutheran.



Emily Schleuter (#8) picks up one of her 13 digs against the McCook Central-Montrose offense during senior night on Tuesday. Schleuter, Madi Northrup, Beth Schmidt, and Logan Nussbaum were all celebrated for their contributions and leadership to the volleyball program.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Senior Spotlight

Emily Schleuter

SENIOR PROJECT:
Coaching 5th grade volleyball team

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Volleyball
Wrestling Stats
Football Stats

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:
I'll miss Mrs. B and I'll also miss teacher aiding the 3rd grade class

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend DSU to major in Elementary Education and hopefully continue my volleyball career



Senior Spotlight

Jazmin Gawarecki

SENIOR PROJECT:
Running a 5K

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Soccer
Softball
Football Stats

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:
Absolutely nothing except teacher aiding the 3rd grade class

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend SMSU for an undecided major

