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Garretson sends seven

Cross country runners battle the cold to round out their season

to state meet

by **Peyton Hove**
staff writer

This Saturday in Rapid City, the Garretson cross country team is taking on the state A meet. Last Thursday, Preston Bohl, Tayler Benson, Payton Campbell, Kylie Christensen, Lucie Frewaldt, Adair Hanisch, Makayla Heesch, (and Serie Risty as alternate) qualified for a ticket out west. Bohl has qualified all four years, and for many of the girls this is their third appearance.

“It felt good to qualify for state because this season hasn’t been the best for me running wise,” said freshman Makayla Heesch. Heesch suffered a calf injury this season, and has been out a couple of meets but is eager to run with her team and get a state plaque.

With regions and state being more than a week apart, Bohl and Heesch have strategies to not lose focus and keep their legs fresh.

“I’ve been taking miles easy and not running real hard to keep my legs from getting worn out,” stated Bohl.

“I’ve been drinking lots of water, getting used to the cold, and I have been trying not to really think about it being state,” said Heesch.

Bohl’s goal is to get a top ten finish and Heesch is hoping to finish top 20. Both agreed that it would be awesome if the team would place.

On Saturday, the girls team will run at 2:00 PM; Bohl will run at 2:30 PM; both times in Mountain Time. Be sure to wish them luck as they finish off their season hopeful to come home with some hardware.



Lucie Frewaldt and Serie Risty qualified for their first state cross country meet this year as members of the girls cross country team. The girls will run at 3:00 central time, pushed back from the original start time due to impending inclement weather.

This Week’s

Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The first jack-o-lanterns were carved from turnips and potatoes.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Easy way to decorate for Halloween: just wrap your door in white crepe paper. Zig zag wraps look like a mummy. For eyes just get two white paper plates and draw in pupils.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What kind of pants do ghosts wear?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.

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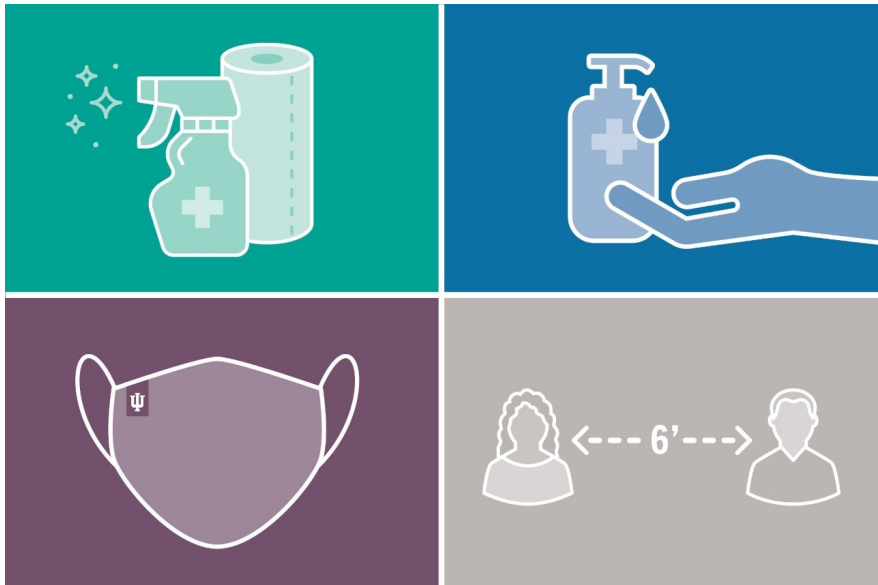
Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Halloween safety

You can celebrate the spooky holiday while staying aware of COVID

by **Oliviya Thornton**
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With Halloween just around the corner, it leaves people wondering about what they can do during this Halloween season, how to stay safe, or even what kind of costumes they could wear. Halloween may be looking different this year but there are still plenty of fun, safe and creative ideas to have fun with friends and family.



Planning on attending a Halloween gathering? Hosting and attending go hand in hand. If attending, follow the CDC considerations for attending an event or gathering. If you are going in person, the CDC recommend attending only outdoor events but if it is an indoor event, avoid crowded, poorly ventilated, and full enclosed indoor spaces and if possible increase the ventilation if there is little of it.

SAFETY MEASURES TO KEEP IN MIND

Thinking about hosting a Halloween party? When considering having a party, a host should follow the CDC tips for gatherings. A few tips are having as many of the activities outdoors instead of indoors, but if the party has to be held indoors avoid crowded, poorly ventilated, and fully enclosed indoor spaces. If this is not possible, consider increasing ventilation by opening windows and doors if weather permits.

Try to keep invites to a minimum and stay with invites to residents. Keep updated on COVID-19 cases and rules, and provide this information to the guests. Have the necessary rules set in place to keep them safe such as require masks at the gathering and encourage others to bring extra just in case someone forgets. It is also recommended to have plenty of sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol, and tissues. Implement social distancing as much as possible.

Contact the host about their plans to keep their guests safe and the rules they have implemented, bring hand sanitizer, wear and bring extra masks, and tissues. Do not swap masks with anyone.

Social distance from others who don’t live in the same household and limit close contact. Try to avoid using the bathrooms in incidents like these and limit the number of times activities involve the mask being taken off such as eating or drinking.

Whether attending or hosting, remember to properly wash down surfaces that were touched, wash and sanitize hands, and wash clothing that was worn at the event.

If there is a concern of exposure to someone with COVID-19, consider quarantining for 14 days and get tested for the virus.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 24**
 - Cross Country @ State in Rapid City (3:00-Girls, 3:30-Boys)
- Monday, October 26**
 - VB v. Sioux Valley (5:00/6:15/7:15)
- Tuesday, October 27**
 - JHVB v. Colman-Egan
 - VB v. Colman-Egan (5:00/6:00/7:00)
- Friday, October 30**
 - JHVB v. DR St. Mary’s (4:00/5:00)
 - VB v. DR St. Mary’s (6:15/7:15)
- Saturday, October 31**
 - Happy Halloween

Worth Mentioning

Thank you Blue Dragons for continuing to wear your mask properly (covering mouth and nose) and doing your part to keep yourself and others safe as well as keep us in the school. #BlueDragonPride

The Blue Dragons Football team ended their season yesterday. Garretson traveled to #1 Winner for the first round of 11B football playoffs. Winner will now play MCM next Thursday, October 29

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 33 Days Next break is November 25 through 29 —Thanksgiving break.

Mask up...it's not that hard to do

by **Rebekah Roth**
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Since the beginning of our 2020-2021 school year, there has been some controversy and conversations surrounding the new precautions due to COVID-19, specifically the mask requirement. Our school's students seem to be entirely divided between whether masks should be mandatory and whether they have been effective.

Regardless of stance, I personally believe that we as a school have been doing a sufficient job at keeping our masks on. Since the masking rule is new and different to everyone, I understand that it can be uncomfortable and forgettable. However, despite these disadvantages, it is crucial to keep up the good work.

In my opinion, masking during school hours is imperative until there is a cure or end to COVID-19. I believe it's the least we can do during this pandemic to avoid mass spread of the virus and keep everyone as healthy as possible. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises wearing a mask in public places where social distancing isn't possible, and one of these places is school, which is why I think it is so important.

During class, I have overheard students debating the effectiveness of masks. I'm aware that masks are not 100% efficient, but I suspect that it is a safe precaution to help keep students and teachers safe. Additionally, in perspective, our school has significantly less COVID-19 cases than other local schools without a mask requirement.

I have enjoyed my time back inside of school, and I would be devastated if school closed down because of a substantial increase in coronavirus cases among the students and staff. For me and many others, face-to-face learning inside of the classroom is much more adequate for our education and social interaction. Also, a closing of school would cancel many games and events, which would be disappointing to many athletes and others participating in school activities.

While most students have been diligently wearing their masks, there are some students, primarily in high school and middle school, who don't wear their masks properly or take them off whenever a teacher isn't supervising.

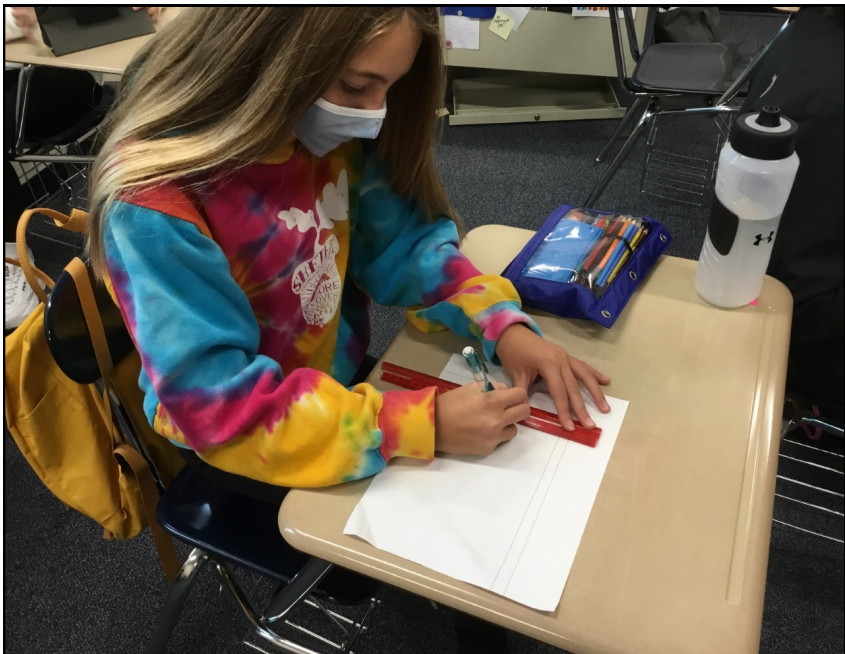
Although, the elementary students are almost always seen with their mask on above their nose. My thoughts are this; if a student as young as a kindergartner can easily keep their mask on properly, there's no reason any middle or high schooler should find keeping a mask on difficult. I wholeheartedly judge that wearing a mask is not that complicated.

Still, everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, and this is simply my personal opinion. As long as the masking policy continues, however, this is a rule to be abided by and executed with are full cooperation.



Wearing a mask, Sophomore Maverick Houg easily completes an Earth Science assignment on his iPad.

Photo by Rebekah Roth



7th grader Brooklyn Trudeau works on a project in Sra. Koskela's 7th grade Spanish class while using a mask.

Photo by Rebekah Roth



In Mrs. Liester's kindergarten classroom, Coyer Buchholz is seen wearing a mask while playing with other kindergarteners

Photo by Rebekah Roth

Volleyball close to post-season

by **Morgan Pierret**
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Volleyball has been on a roll. They are currently 16-3 with just one week left in the regular season.

Two out of the three games the Lady Blue Dragons have lost has been to the Parker Pheasants. The Pheasants (13-7) are currently ranked first in their region. The Pheasants are definitely the girls' biggest competition, but every set they've played against Parker has been close. If standings stay the way they are, the Blue Dragons will not have to play Parker unless both teams advance to state competition.

Volleyball's post season starts November 3. with the semi-finals on November 5. Teams that advance from there will be in the SoDak 16. The Lady Dragons are currently seeded second in their region, behind Sioux Falls Christian. If they keep this position, they will have a first round bye in the regional tournament.

Last year, the girls made it into the SoDak 16, but unfortunately lost. This year, they are hoping to make it one step further, to state. State this year will be held in Watertown November 19-21.

Kennedy Buckneberg, one of the team's seniors, said the girls need to work on their defense. She said they need to be smart with ball placement, so it can set up a good rest of the play for the girls. The teams is hoping to make it far this year with this strategy.

The girls have a busy schedule ahead of them for next week, with their last three regular season games, which are all played in the Dragons' Lair in Garretson. They play Sioux Valley on Monday, Colman-Egan on Tuesday, and Dell Rapids St. Mary on Friday.

Make sure you get out and support these girls, as this is one of the best records Garretson volleyball has had in years.

Blue Dragon Social Media

Keep in touch with what is happening in the school and with our Blue Dragon athletics.

- SCHOOL:** @GHSBlueDragons
- FOOTBALL:** @BlueDragonFB
- VOLLEYBALL:** @BlueDragonVB
- SOCCER:** @GarretsonSoccer
- BOYS BASKETBALL:** @BlueDragonBBB
- GIRLS BASKETBALL:** @BlueDragonHoops
- GOLF:** @ghs_golf2017

You can also follow the *Blue Ink* on snapchat at ghs_blueink

Garretson journalists earn honors

This is the time of year the students in yearbook and newspaper get to showcase their talents and learn from industry professionals at the South Dakota High School Press Convention. However, due to COVID the convention was held online this year. Garretson journalists were still noted for their excellence. Articles and photos could be submitted from the second half of last year through the first few weeks of this school year.

Receiving SUPERIOR awards in newswriting were Ma-

son Hofer and Kylie Uhl. SUPERIOR awards in photography when to Peyton Hove, Sam Shellum, and Noel Johnson.

EXCELLENT awards in newswriting went to Morgan Pierret, Rebekah Roth, Nobel Nothstine, and Kylie Uhl. While an EXCELLENT photography award was earned by Pierret.

Both the *Blue Ink* (newspaper) and *Dragon* (yearbook) received EXCELLENT awards this year as well.

What seasonal drink are you?

A non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class



1. How do you complete your homework?
- A. You are thorough, do a good job, and check off all the requirements. Additionally, you are willing to help others if they have questions.

B. You do it if you want to or think it is necessary. You may interject some funny answers instead of actual content.

C. You go above and beyond and then look for extra credit just in case. You never know when you might need/want it.

D. You get it done, turn it in, and be done with it. You don't share your answers with others. Your work is your work.
2. What is your dream vacation?
- A. Canada—It's full of nice people and has lots of tourist options without being too far out of your comfort zone.

B. Brazil—It's warm, festive, and full of energy. Go and let your personality shine

C. Backpacking Across Europe—It's there...why not see it all?

D. New York City—Take it or leave it but the unforgettable experience is there.
3. You are on a team, what is your job?
- A. Role player—You take advantage of opportunities but understand that others are there as well.

B. The Spark—You are the energy on the court; you aren't afraid to speak your mind, even to the officials.

C. Cheerleader/Captain—You are always supporting others and getting everyone involved

D. Bench—You are only there because you have to be there; Your parents make you go out for a sport.
4. What is your dream job?
- A. Teacher/Nurse—You help anyone who needs it

B. Lawyer—You aren't afraid to speak your mind and fight for what you believe

C. Social Media Guru—You are up to date on everything. You are a social influencer, have lots of followers, tweets, likes, and posts.

D. Accountant—You do your job well but don't necessarily desire the social aspects that come with other professions.
5. Who is your favorite musical artist?
- A. Queen or Aerosmith

B. Miley Cyrus or Cardi B

C. Taylor Swift or the Jonas Brothers

D. Billie Eilish or Kanye
6. What color car do you most want to drive?
- A. White or Blue

B. Red or Orange

C. Yellow or Purple

D. Black or Dark Green
7. What is your favorite movie genre?
- A. Comedy

B. Drama

C. Action

D. Horror

Look on Page 4 for what your ideal Halloween costume should be..



Lakers 2020 Champs

by Peyton Hove
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Almost two weeks ago on October 11, the Los Angeles Lakers were named 2020 NBA Champions. Lebron James and Anthony Davis brought the Lakers their first championship trophy in ten years, the Lakers have won a championship to start the last three decades.

James won MVP and became the first player to win three NBA championships with three different franchises. Davis became the first player to triumph in four major basketball competitions. Aside from his NBA title, he's now achieved an Olympic gold medal, FIBA Basketball World Cup, and a NCAA championship title.

The Lakers won game one, two, four, and six. Over the six games James tallied up 179 points and Davis followed with 150. Both are major forces for the Lakers; however, James expressed to Davis there is "More work to do," during Championship celebrations.

"I believe Lebron was a big factor in the championship because of his experience, but Anthony Davis also played a big factor," stated intense Lebron fan, Alex Stephenson.

"2020 has been a tragic and very difficult year in many years, with what happened on January 26, and I think Kobe and Gianna have guided this team the entire year. Kobe's voice is always in my head, always, every day, every minute. And I think to be able to- for Lebron, Anthony, Coach Vogel, myself and for Jeanie Buss, for us to be able to win this championship doesn't take away the sting of the loss, but what it does is it helps us add to their legacy," said Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka on what the championship means.

James posted (via instagram)- Hope I made you proud my brother!! Love and miss you Champ!! #BlackMamba 24-8-2. Stephen also shared his views on the championship with Kobe's death, "With the death of Kobe the past January, it impacted the Lakers huge. The Lakers played their heart out after they heard the horrible news and mamba mentality stuck with them the whole way to the championship."

The NBA finals were played at the Bubble at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida. Fans were not allowed to be a part of the games and cheer in person.

As of right now, the Lakers are number one in NBA Power Rankings: Way-too-early edition.



Monday: Put Drugs to Bed
Aka Pajamas

Tuesday: Put a CAP on Drugs
AKA Wear a Hat

Wednesday: BAND together Against Drugs
AKA Dress up as someone from your favorite band

TATU Dress up Days



Thursday: Team up Against Drugs
AKA Wear a jersey from you favorite team or if you play sport, wear your uniform

Friday: Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug free and you get to be what you want to be
AKA costume day, dress up in what you want

TATU hosts Red Ribbon Week

by Oliviyah Thornton
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Next week TATU will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week and invite you to join. They will have plenty of activities to participate in such as dress-up days, scavenger hunt, etc. Red Ribbon Week started after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Camarena died in 1985 when he was brutally murdered by a group of drug traffickers, which he was investigating in Mexico. After his death, people began to wear red ribbons to honor Kiki's sacrifice, an awareness symbol, and to emphasize the need for increased drug prevention efforts.

TATU encourages you to participate in saying no to tobacco and to take care of your body. Nicotine is a drug in all tobacco and vaping products.

Halloween safety cont'd

HALLOWEEN SAFETY WITH COSTUMES

When wearing a costume, do not use the costume mask to replace a cloth mask unless it has two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't have gaps. It's also important to keep in mind wearing a costume that implements wearing a mask. Wearing a cloth mask and a costume mask at the same time can be dangerous because it will make it hard to breathe. During Halloween attempt to limit contact with commonly touched surfaces, shared items, and touching people who don't live in the same household.



Costume Ideas

A few ideas for this Halloween season is to dress up as Among Us characters and this way friend-groups can easily dress up together. Other ideas are dressing up as doctors, nurses, really anyone in the medical field. By dressing up in medical costumes, masks can easily be implemented.

Other options are to dress up as a person on the biohazard cleaning crew. Dress from head to toe in biohazard equipment.

Wear regular scaring masks such as characters from Scream, Friday the 13th, Halloween, etc. Thinking of costumes that can easily have cloth masks implemented, can help with staying safe from COVID-19.

Trick-or-Treat Alternatives

Instead of going trick or treating, there are plenty of other fun, low-risk ideas to consider. It just takes some creativity and an open mind. Here are a few ideas to keep the spirit of the spooky season still alive and fun.



One idea is to host a virtual costume Halloween party. Host a virtual meeting with friends and family and participate in costume competitions, dress up, dancing, singing/karaoke, parade around the house, watch movies together/movie night, etc.

Another fun idea is to participate in Halloween's oldest tradition, decorating and carving pumpkins. This gives a chance for hosting an outdoor and social distancing activity. Friends can come over and participate in a carving pumpkins competition or another option is to hold it virtually as well.

Making fun and tasty treats is also an option to replace trick or treaty. Make creative Halloween-themed cookies or treats or find new recipes to try out to give a yummy experience. Setting up candy hide-and-seek can offer another activity instead of a trick or treating. Just like Easter with hiding candy eggs, the same can be done with wrapping up candy goody bags and hiding them throughout the house or yard. Changing it up a bit, it can be turned into a scavenger hunt full of clues of where the next bag of candy is hidden.

Go crazy with decorations this year. Christmas isn't the only holiday where decorating is allowed.

Taking ideas from others, here are a few from teachers and students who share what they plan on doing for Halloween this year.

- Molly Hulscher: "Eat candy."
- Gabe Johnson: "For this Halloween I plan on visiting a bunch of haunted houses and maybe watching a horror movie with some of my friends, and probably sitting by a bonfire with people that are close to me."
- Sarah Welch: "Going to a cattle show."
- Mr. Huemiller: "I plan on watching some of my favorite scary movies with a couple of friends and maybe hand out candy to trick or treaters!"
- Mrs. Stoltenberg: "Since Halloween is on a Saturday, hopefully, I will travel to see my grandkids in their costumes. I don't know if their town will be having the usual trick-or-treating, but I'm sure we'll take them at least to friends' houses."
- Adair Hanisch: "Hanging out with friends and going out trick or treating if it's not too cold and if COVID isn't too bad."
- Dylan Jessen: "Dress up as a BLT."

Halloween scares should only be from horror movies, scary clowns, monsters, ghosts, and haunted houses but this season has brought upon a new scare, COVID-19. With these recommendations, Halloween can resume back to its old traditions of scares and without the fear of getting sick from COVID-19. Remember to have fun and be safe and dress for the weather, it's going to be cold.

Senior Spotlight *Jake Schroeder*



Activities Involved In:
Basketball, Football, Baseball, Golf, NHS

Best Part of Senior Year:
Sports

What Will You Miss Most:
Hanging out with everybody and messing around

Plans for Next Year: Attend SDSU for an undecided major

Class of 2021

Quiz Results

What seasonal drink best matches your per-



If you got mostly A, you are a *PEPPERMINT HOT CHOCOLATE*. You just exude warmth and comfort. You are a genuinely nice person and accommodating to others. Your pleasant, helpful personality makes everyone excited to see you. You thrive in cooperative activities and love it when people just be nice and get along.



If you got mostly B, you are a *HOT APPLE CIDER*. You've got a little spice and you aren't afraid to show it. People know you for your sassy personality and you wear your true thoughts and feelings on your sleeve for everyone to see. You keep people grounded but also give sparks of energy and passion they need.



If you got mostly C, you are a *PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE*. Regardless if you love the actual drink, you appreciate it's magnetic nature. It, much like you, is the focus of conversation. You are very outgoing, not afraid to put yourself out there, and let your personality shine. You don't shy away from the limelight. There's nothing wrong with both doing your best and being the best.



If you got mostly D, you are *EGG-NOG*. Much like letter C, don't let your feelings toward the drink deter you. Eggnog is an acquired taste and something a little more unique. Different is good. If everyone was the same, life would be boring. You are content putting your energies into your interests and core group of friends, not needing approval from everyone along the way.

Game day dress up themes

Monday: VB v. Sioux valley—COSTUME/HALLOWEEN
Tuesday: VB v. Colman-Egan—WESTERN
Friday: VB v. DR. St. Mary's—CLASSIC PARENT

