

Transcript of
"The Bear Facts"
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MATT: Buenos días! I'm Matt Erpelding!

NIKKI: And I'm Nikki Fickbohm! Welcome once again to "The Bear Facts", the weekly radio show that keeps you in touch with all the news from Bishop Garrigan High School.

MATT: Halloween is here again, and this year will be a special trick or treat for thirty-four Garrigan spooks who will be haunting the halls of the Mall of America next Monday. These students won a trip to the megamall as a reward for more than doubling their goal in the calendar drive last September. There are four freshmen, ten sophomores, ten juniors, and nine seniors making the trip, and they'll be joined by the top sellers from Seton Middle School. So watch out, Bloomington, Minnesota, because the ghouls and goblins from Garrigan are headed your way.

NIKKI: Several other students will be headed north later, but right now they're twiddling thir thumbs waiting for snow to fall. The top calendar sellers had a choice of heading to the Megamall or going skiing for a day, and the ski trip is waiting on the weather. We'll fill you in with more details once that date becomes final.

MATT: Last Saturday was a very successful day for the Bishop Garrigan Music Department. Several students travelled to Hampton to audition for the All-State Music Festival. Three of them were selected for the All-State Choir. They include seniors Jodi Elsbecker and Nicole Loebach, and a certain junior named Matt Erpelding. Three other students--_____, _____, and _____--had recall auditions, which means they came one step short of going all the way.

NIKKI: Other all-state auditioners were choir members Aaron Twalt, Daren Diers, Erica Menke, Sally Besch, Carla Grisham, Kelly McGuire, and Beth Loebach; as well as flautist Jessica Reising. Sara Thilges served as accompanist for the All-State auditioners. The All-State Festival will be held November 17th through 19th at Iowa State University in Ames. The highlight is a special concert at 7:30 on Saturday night, November 19th, at Hilton Coliseum. That showcase concert is traditionally broadcast Thanksgiving Day on Iowa Public Television.

MATT: Last weekend was also a busy time for several Garrigan religion students. Sister Janet Stelken organized a group of students to participate in National Make a Difference Day. The students spent the day raking leaves for elderly and disabled people around the Algona area. Several people commented that they really did make a difference, by doing work that had to be done.

NIKKI: It's time for report cards again, as Halloween marks the end of the first quarter of school. The traditional Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8th and 9th. Seton Grade School will have their conferences from 4 to 8pm, while at Garrigan the conferences will be from 6 to 9 at night.

MATT: Next Friday evening the curtain goes up on the comedy smash of the fall—"Pure as the Driven Snow . . . OR A Working Girl's Secret". That's the title of this year's Bishop Garrigan fall drama production. It's old-fashioned melodrama at its best, with the classic hero, villain, heroine, and a host of zany sidekicks. Mrs. Sue Ney is directing the show, which has been rehearsing for the past two months. Curtain time is at 7:30 next Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are just _____ dollars, and they're available from cast members or at the door. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll cheer, and you'll boo; so don't miss the chance to see this spectacular production.

NIKKI: Next weekend Garrigan will also be hosting the state's largest quiz bowl tournament. The Bishop Garrigan Invitational has grown from just eight teams three years ago, to fifty-one teams this year. About two hundred fifty competitors will answer questions in subjects ranging from history to science to fine arts to sports. It all starts next Saturday at 10am, and the public is welcome to attend.

MATT: This week our Senior Spotlight shines on Daren Diers and Bill Froehlich. Here with the details is Nick Reinhart

NICK: The Garrigan faculty recently named Daren Diers as this year's recipient of the D.A.R. Award. The award is for service, and Daren has a lot of that to his credit. He has worked on the tech crews for drama productions all through high school, and he also helps out with sound and lights at concerts, Homecoming, masses, and pretty much any other school event. Daren's favorite classes are EMT-A and Peer Helper. He has won several choir awards, and he's also been active in track. We wish the very best to Daren.

Bill Froehlich was one of this year's Homecoming king candidates. When we asked "Hot Rod" to comment on himself, he ended up writing a two-page essay—and he barely scratched the surface. Bill is an All-District football player, and his proudest accomplishment is being on the first Golden Bear team to beat West Bend/Mallard. He also enjoys basketball and track. While Bill plans to major in business in college—just in case—his real dream is to play for the Chicago Bears. Good luck, Bill!

NIKKI: Thanks, _____. Our calendar this week starts out with the Algona Chamber of Commerce's Autumnfest Craft Show which will be held today, jointly at Garrigan and Algona High. Tomorrow there's the CYO Youth Rally, and it's time to "fall back" as we begin Daylight Savings Time.

MATT: Monday is All Saints Day, and we'll have mass at Garrigan, remembering all the alumni who have died. Then Wednesday it's time to kick off our annual magazine drive.

NIKKI: Friday at 7:30 it's opening night for the melodrama, "Pure as the Driven Snow". Next Saturday there's the big quiz bowl tournament at Garrigan, and that night there's the encore performance of the fall play.

MATT: That's the "Bear Facts" for October. We invite you to read the Bishop Garrigan "Paw Prints" in this week's Algona Upper Des Moines newspaper. And, until next week, thanks for tuning in, and Happy Halloween from all of us at Bishop Garrigan High School!