

# Carroll cross country sweeps HHC

The cross country program at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High did something it has never done before - won all four team championship titles in cross country during the same season. Coach Mike Miller's high school teams won both

boys' and girls' team titles last Thursday while Coach Matt Benner's junior high teams came back on Friday and won both as well.

"The entire coaching staff is very proud of what this year's teams have accom-

plished so far," said Miller. "The varsity is looking forward to competing in this year's tourney. We have been training hard all season in preparation for the state tournament series and hope to be running in late October. Our

program has grown this year to 52 runners which includes not only the high school but junior high. We try every year to put our best foot forward from the beginning to the end of the season. This year is no different."

Currently the boys' team is ranked 8th in the small school coaches' poll and carries a 125-30 record into the Lafayette Harrison Sectional.

The girls' are currently ranked 3rd in the small school poll and have a 130-

19 record as they prepare for the tourney.



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## Cougars fall in sectional

### Finish with best ever record

Carroll's Varsity Soccer Team finished its best season ever last Thursday night. The Cougars drew Northwestern for the first game in the sectional. They gave their best effort but came up short, 6-2.

Northwestern came into the game with a 12-3-1 record, having outscored their opponents 97-14 during the season. The Cougars gave them more than they expected but the end result was a loss for the Cougars.

Carroll's two goals were the first ever scored by Car-

roll in a sectional after being shut-out the previous three years. Chase Meade scored the first goal for the Cougars with an assist from Michael Myer. Myer got a goal of his own on a direct kick for the second score.

"The Cougars trailed the whole game but showed what this team was all about and never quit," said Coach Dave Falkenberg.

The Cougars finished the season with a 13-4 record, set several records, and new accomplishments for the

four-year soccer program. This year's team set a new record for wins in a season, beating the previous best by 3 wins. It was their first time winning conference; previous best was third place. Chase Meade set a personal record of most goals in a season with 28 on the year besting the previous record held by Antonio Delgado by 1 goal.

The Cougars say good-bye to eight seniors including Meade, Justin Moffitt, Cody Abdon, Sam Parker, Kiel

Lester, Steven Arendsen, Alisha Hedrick and Amber Hughes.

"The Cougars did gain a lot of experience this year for their younger players including starting four freshmen and two juniors in the sectional game," added Falkenberg.

"I am sad to see the seniors go. This group was special to me as it was the first class I have had all the way through. Cody Abdon and Justin Moffitt were the two freshmen on the team my

first year and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow up and mature over the four years. It was amazing this year to see the eight seniors and two juniors mix with the seven freshman and five sophomores. There were never issues between the classes. It was awesome and truly a testament to the quality of individuals these kids are. This year was a great experience all around."

## Cougars bounce back, hold off Falcons

By Mike Hoffman  
Contributing sportswriter

The Cougars bounced back from a disappointing loss last week to defeat the Frontier Falcons 28-17 in a non-conference game.

"I can't say enough about our kids," Carroll Coach Steve Keown said. "This was our sixth win, and it equals the wins we've had over the last three years combined."

Carroll kicked off to Frontier, who picked up a first down. The Falcons were forced to punt. The Cougars moved the ball and picked up two quick first downs. On a bad exchange the Cougars fumbled the ball. The Falcons recovered and moved the ball to the 15-yard line, running out of downs. They elected to try a 29-yard field goal which was good by Dylan Sterrett to put the Falcons up 3-0 with 1:21 left in the first quarter.

The Falcons, known for their trick plays, tried an offside kick on the kickoff. It worked. The ball hit a Carroll player and a Falcon fell on it. On a Falcon fumble the Cougars got the ball right back.

The Cougars wasted no time and marched down the field with Ben Bennington scoring on a 2-yard run. Skylar Bagwell's PAT kick was good and the score was 7-3 CHS.

The (6-2) Cougars scored all of their points in the second and third quarters and built a 28-3 lead before the (3-5) Falcons came storming back.

Riley Eller went to work and

directed a two-minute drill to perfection. The Cougars scored just before halftime to go up 14-3. Eller connected with Carson Spesard on a 44-yard pass and followed that up with a 24-yard pass to Drew Yoder. That set up Bennington's second TD, a 2-yard run with 40.7 seconds left at halftime.

Carroll's 14 points in the second quarter was a blow to the Falcon defense that kept the Cougars in check over the first

24 minutes. At the start of the third quarter Bagwell went around the end and went 63 yards for Carroll's third score. The Cougars were up 21-3 after Bagwell's PAT kick.

A strong defensive stand by the Cougars kept the Falcons from moving the ball. At the 5:39 (3) mark on the clock, Eller found Primmer Zook on a 50-yard TD pass. Bagwell's PAT kick was good. 28-3 CHS.

Falcon quarterback Dylan Sterrett was beginning to find his groove when he connected with Rigdon on a 30-yard TD pass. The PAT kick was good. 28-10, CHS.

On Frontier's next drive Sterrett struck quickly as he started throwing bombs and hit Neary with a 38-yard pass. With 5:18 left in the game, Sterrett found Neary for an 18-yard TD catch. The score was 28-17 with the Falcons on the move.

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**Powering through for the score**  
Carroll running back #32 Ben Bennington earns a touchdown with a strong second effort lunge Friday night against Frontier. Blocking on the play were #12 Skylar Bagwell and #73 Drake Harper. Bennington scored two running TDs to help the Cougars defeat the Falcons 28-17. Bill Stauffer photo

## Oracles still searching for win

By Todd Swank  
Contributing sportswriter

While the weather was perfect the Oracle football was not. Benton Central made sure that the Oracles will go into their final regular season game of the year still searching for their first win. Benton Central dealt Delphi a 50-7 defeat.

The Bison needed less than five minutes to put Delphi on the defensive after going ahead 7-0 on a 20-yard pass play from QB Sam Power to Tanner Hahn. Just over three minutes later the Oracles were down by two touchdowns when Power and Hahn teamed up again, this time for 42 yards. Brad Roth blocked the extra point on the Bison second TD. At the end of one period the Oracles had a mere two yards of offense while the Bison had run up 121.

Power opened the second quarter with another TD pass. This time Chad Burton was on the receiving end of a 22-yard strike. The Oracle offense was forced to punt without recording a first

down for the fourth consecutive possession. While the offense was unable to operate, the defense finally stepped up and forced a turnover when Braden Atwood stopped a sure first down with an open field tackle forcing BC into a passing situation on a fourth down attempt. The pass fell incomplete. This play gave the Oracles some momentum. They tallied their first, first down when Justin Salyer ran for 13 yards to move the ball into the Bison end of the field. The rally was short lived though, on fourth and 11 a pass fell incomplete to turn the ball back over to BC.

A high snap on the next Oracle punt attempt was too high for Salyer to handle and it sailed into the end zone. Salyer got to the ball first and wisely kicked it out of the end zone for a safety rather than let the Bison have an easy touchdown. The score stood at 22-0.

After kicking off from the 20 the Oracles were in trouble again when the Bison started a drive from the Oracle 46-yard line. BC's Hahn

immediately extended the lead to 29-0 when he ran untouched for 46 yards.

The host Bison were not done yet in the first half. They got the ball at the Oracle 45-yard line with 23 seconds remaining. Two completions later the score was 36-0 at halftime.

In the second half Delphi finally stopped the Bison, forcing a field goal try which was wide right. A run by Derek Bradshaw gave the Oracles their second first down of the game but they could not sustain a drive and punted. BC promptly scored again, this time on two plays. It was 43-0. BC scored its 50th and final point late in the third quarter.

Karson Bender would score a TD for Delphi midway through the fourth on a 70-yard run down the left sideline to avert the shutout.

The season finale will be at Tipton Friday with a 7:30 p.m. start. The Oracles will host the first round of the sectional on Oct. 25 against the Seeger Patriots

## Delphi woman to receive national FFA honor

Comet staff report

Tracie Egger of Delphi was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond their daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

Members of the national FFA Board of Directors approved Egger's nomination. She will receive her honor during an onstage presentation at the 81st National FFA Convention to be held Oct. 22-25 in Indianapolis. All re-



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ipients will receive a certificate and medal and their names will be permanently recorded.

Egger is assistant director of Academic Programs in Agriculture at Purdue University. She serves as a liaison to the National FFA and helps with various facets of the annual National FFA Convention.

She helps secure volunteer judges for the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event. She also serves as coach of the Clinton Prairie FFA Horse Judging Team and is an active member of the Clinton Prairie FFA Alumni.

A volunteer judge for District V FFA Leadership contests, Eggers has mentored and coached numerous young FFA members to many state and national accomplishments.

## Simmons is National FFA Officer Candidate

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Desiray Simmons will represent Indiana at the 81st National FFA convention as the state's National Officer Candidate.

She was chosen by the Indiana association this past summer after going through many rigorous interviews.

A 2006 Carroll High School graduate, Simmons postponed her post secondary education to serve as the 2006-2007 Indiana FFA Northern Region Vice President.

She is currently a sophomore at Purdue University, majoring in Agricultural Education. As a Purdue student, she completed a study abroad program in Jamaica, served as Boiler Gold Rush Team leader last fall, and was selected and serves as an Ambassador for Purdue's College of Agriculture.

National FFA convention will be Oct. 22-25 in Indianapolis. On the last day of convention, six new national officers will be elected to serve a one-year term. A nine-member nominating committee will conduct interviews Oct. 19-24. Each candidate will be evaluated on his or her skills and knowledge and must demonstrate the following competencies consistently: communication, team player, areas of knowledge, organization, character, passion for success, influence and critical thinking.

Today there are 507,763 FFA members representing all 50 states, Puerto Rico and



Simmons

the Virgin Islands. Each state may nominate one candidate to vie for a national office position.

Simmons is the daughter of Jeff and Michelle Simmons of Bringhurst. Steve and Melissa Keown served as her FFA advisors and mentors at Carroll High School.

Travis Martin also will be representing the Carroll chapter as a National FFA Delegate. He will be participating on committees, helping to make decisions that will affect the national organization over the next year. He was chosen after a set of interviews that he participated in during the Indiana State Fair.

Chandler Keown has been nominated to serve on the 10x15 Teacher Recruitment Task Force Focus Group sponsored by the National Association of Agriculture Educators and the National FFA. The purpose of this project is to better understand why individuals choose agricultural education as a major in college and intend to become agriculture teachers. The task force is studying this topic so future demands for highly qualified agriculture teachers can be fulfilled.

Individuals participating in the Agriscience Fair are: Maizie Wickersham, Kayleigh Bordner, Brady Wiles, Dylan Hamilton, Josh Barnes, Aaron Spesard, Jonathan Bush, Jill Griffin, and Carly Yoder. They will compete against teams and members from across the United States.

**Carroll Cougar Players of the Week**

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**Defense** R. Eller

**Sp Team** D Huckstep  
**Scout** J. Barnes

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