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MstM spends \$2.5 million

By Zach Streyffeler

The week of the Homecoming game is an exciting week for the Martensdale-St. Marys school and community. The week consists of the fun dress-up days, the ever popular and always exciting Homecoming parade and The Devil games. The Homecoming game itself is always something to look forward to. This year brought a wonderful and exciting new change, and that change was worth over \$2.5 million.

The new Martensdale-St. Marys Track and Field complex was that \$2.5 million difference. The project started in the spring of the last school year, and was made possible thanks to the one-cent sales tax.

This new addition to the school and community was greatly needed and a long time coming. The new sports complex offers a wonderful new turf field that looks better and is easier to play on than the regular dirt and grass field. The Track surrounding the new field will be a great improvement over the old, rock track which was the bane of many home track meets. In addition, the concession stand is beautifully designed to be able to serve many more customers at one time and still look great. The home bleachers are able to comfortably seat more people than the bleachers at the old field could have ever seated.

When interviewed about his opinion of the new football field, senior Weston Connor said, "The field is really cool. It's a lot softer and more fun to play on than the old field. It seemed like most of the team had a blast playing on it, even though we lost."

Cell phone policy: good or bad?

By Zach Streyffeler

The start of a new school year has its highs and lows. Students are able to see friends they may not have been able to see or talk to over the summer. Then there's the early mornings five days a week.

During the last school year there was news of other schools changing their cell phone policies and the idea soon took hold in our school as well. Last year during the fourth quarter the Student Council proposed the idea of a policy. The original idea was to allow students to use their phones before and after school, passing time and at lunch. When it was all said and done the Administration and the Student Council agreed upon a policy similar to the original.

This policy was that students could use their phone before school, up until the 8:20 bell and at lunch.

When asked his opinion, High School English teacher and Lunch Moderator Josh Moser stated, "I think it's a good compromise [and that the policy] allows freedom while maintaining a good balance." Former Student Council member Caitlin DePauw said, "I am satisfied with the current policy. It isn't exactly what we were trying for, but it's a big step in showing that the school Administration is willing to give students a little more freedom."

So even though the students have to deal with getting up early and homework again, this policy helps to raise some spirits.

Blood, guts and glory

By Emily Hutchison

The kickoff to homecoming proved once again to be a success. The annual Powderpuff game started off as a regular flag-football game; soon after things started to get very physical. With the Senior-Sophomore team pulling out with an early lead, the Freshman-Junior squad did everything they could to keep them from scoring. “The best thing about our team is that we looked more together,” said senior Megan Brown.

The Junior-Freshman squad, however, tried things that the Senior-Sophomores didn’t - they threw the ball. Even though the Junior-Freshman squad threw the ball, the Senior-Sophomore team still had more tackles. “My favorite part [of the game] was when Annika made a diving snag of a flag and hit her forehead on the field,” said senior coach Tiegen Wood. That just proves the sacrifices that the Senior-Sophomores made to win the ball game.

“My favorite part of the game was when P.J. kicked the ball, keeping Carrie from kicking a field goal,” said junior Sam Norris.

I asked junior Katie Butcher what her advice would be to underclassmen that are going to play Powderpuff in the future and she said, “Make touchdowns and prepare for pain.” With all the physical toughness and barriers that the Junior-Freshman squad gave, the Senior-Sophomores proved victorious (20-0) for the second year in a row.

Seniors Megan Brown and Tiegen Wood had just one thing left to say about the team-- Tiegen: “S to the 4th on three, 1...2...3...” Megan: “S to the 4th! [Sexy Seniors-Super Sophomores].” Although a success, with all the violence portrayed this year, the question still remains: will there be another?



Senior, Taylor Johnson, tries to juke Junior P.J. Estell at the annual Powderpuff game.

Last game on St. Marys field

By Pat Connor

On Friday, September 11, 2009 the Blue Devils played their last football game on the St. Marys field. They played Madrid, and gave it their all but Madrid came out victorious: 66-12.

When asked how he felt about coaching the last game on the St. Marys field, coach Randy Folkerts said, “It’s mixed emotions, I have a lot of memories on the St. Marys field, but I’m excited to play on the new field.” In regards to how he felt about the team’s effort in the game, Senior Kyle Wiedmann said, “I’m very happy with how the team played.” With the new athletic facility built in Martensdale, all the future games will be played there.

The Martensdale-St Marys athletic facility





Left: Senior Tieggen Wood stands ready to play at the annual Iron Man volleyball game

Spandex, boys and volleyball

By Emily Hutchison

The third annual Iron Man volleyball game occurred on Sunday, September 20. Coach Sam Norris, Freshman-Junior squad, said her favorite part of the game was “When Trent Verwers served but the Senior-Sophomores hit it right back over and he was still standing out of bounds and had to fall backwards to keep from getting hit.” The guys proved they could handle a volleyball as well as the girls by battling five matches against each other. You could see that the Senior-Sophomore squad were doing all they could, but the Freshman-Junior squad proved victorious for the third year in a row. Emotions were running high at this point. After the matches Tieggen Wood and Treyor Wood sat under the volleyball net refusing to move until they got a rematch.

Senior Tieggen Wood said, “The hardest part of playing was not going into or under the net.” There was a lot of net violations, but equally from both sides. Junior Sam Norris said that the hardest part was coaching “Because you can’t control the outcome, you can only tell them what to do.”

Ask any volleyball girl and they’ll tell you volleyball is hard and difficult. The boys are fortunate that Iron Man only comes once a year and will be a Homecoming tradition for many years to come.



Sophomores Beth Rucker and Paige Mullins feel the intensity during a time-out.

MstM pounds SEW

By Emily Hutchison

The MstM-SEW match-up was just one of two homecoming events played during the week. Throughout the Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity games, the Lady Blue Devils pulled out two wins and a tie.

This match-up was a major conference rival for MstM, but SEW bowed down to the Blue Devils with the JV winning in two matches, 21-7 and 21-11, and the Varsity winning in three matches, 25-15, 25-10 and 25-20.

I asked senior volleyball member Kati Gehringer how the girls looked and she said, “We looked a little shaky in the beginning, but we pulled through and won.” With the girls having a 10-6 record, this proves the determination that the Lady Blue Devils have to continue their winning record.

Quotables

“What was your favorite part about Homecoming week?”

Devil Games- Ray Kraber, 12th

Building floats- Cody Parisho, 8th

Dance- Chelsea Purcell, 9th

Dress up days- Cassi Lathrum, 11th

Being on the new field- Mr. Steve Goodale

Dressing up/having fun- Brianne Minard, 12th

Clash day- Shannon Snyder, 11th

Construction Day- Alex Kim, 7th

Devil games with my seminar- Mrs. Vivian Butcher

Senior Spotlights



Allen Brown, son of Rob and Brenda Brown of Matensdale, has been involved in football for four years, wrestling for four years, drama for four years, chorus for two years, band for four years and track for three years.

After high school Allen plans to attend SWICC to major in Agriculture. Allen's most memorable high school moments were doing the plays with "the rooster."



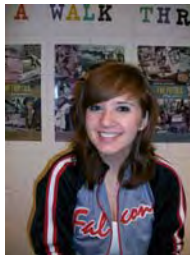
Megan Lynn Brown, daughter of Genise Mortale and Nathan Brown of St. Charles, has been involved in volleyball for three years, track for two years, NHS for two years, wrestling cheerleading, Journalism Broadcasting for one year and powderpuff for three years.

After high school Megan wants to attend medical school and major in pediatric nursing.



Pat Connor, son of Andy and Sharon Connor of Cumming, has been involved in yearbook and mass media for one year.

After high school Pat wants to get a well paying job and keep it for a long time. Pat's most memorable high school moments were all the great times he had with his friends.



Heather Brown, daughter of Daniel and Chris Murray of Cummings, has been involved in basketball for one year, band for two years, baseball manager for one year, football manager for two years, powderpuff for two years and yearbook for one year.

Heather's plans after high school include going to the University of Iowa to major in orthopedics. Her most memorable high school moment was going to Las Vegas on spring break with fellow classmate Jessica Jacobsen.



Ross Chilton, son of Doug and Marlene Chilton of Martensdale, has been involved in track for three years, football for two years, wrestling for two years, baseball for one year, chorus for two years and band for two years.

After high school Ross plans to go to college to play football and to become a salesman or a motivational speaker. Ross said his most memorable high school moment was breaking for tacks for a touchdown.

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