

# MARIANEWS

## 50 Years 1964-2014

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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## Happy Halloween!

### Peer Listener Induction

By Britney Zeigler

Here at Marian we have a group of students that are called peer listeners. These people took time out of their summer to go and learn how to be a peer listener. Mrs. Mary Matunis is the teacher in charge of picking out which students would be a good fit to be a peer listener. Peer Listeners are very special young men and young women. They act as role models to their fellow students. They sign a contract that they will be absolutely drug and alcohol free as long as they are Peer Listeners. They are students who unselfishly donate their time, energy, and skills to helping other students. Often students find it far easier to talk to another student than an adult. The peer listeners are here to listen when something happened and you need someone to come to. Whatever you say to them is kept between the two of you unless it's something very bad then they will tell a teacher. Our school is one of the schools that still have peer listeners. On September 11, 2014 a group of eleven students were inducted to be a peer listener during weekly mass. They were given pins as a badge of their position in the school as peer listener.



**From bottom row to top:** James K., Kayla R., Heather G., Mrs. Mary Matunis (Moderator), Taylor H., Nick K., Nicole A., Savanna K., Katherine H., Nicholas S., Joshua A., Christopher B. **Center:** Sierra V.

#### Upcoming events -

Nov. 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter begins  
Nov. 6 – Blue Activity  
Nov. 10 – Report Cards  
Nov. 12 – Ring Mass

Nov. 15 – Night at the Races  
Nov. 18 – Freshmen Elections  
Nov. 25 Gold Activity  
Nov. 27-Dec. 1 –Thanksgiving Holiday

Did I read that sign right?

The Farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.



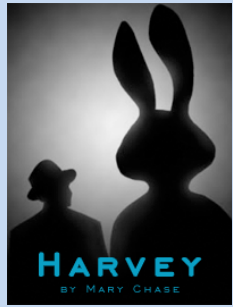
## Invisible Rabbit Seen

by Kayla Knepper

adventure in itself. People were trying to crowd into the small hallway that led to the stairs. But once we actually got to the balcony, it was only a matter of time until the spectacular show would begin.

The story of “Harvey” was a masterpiece that made you think that the invisible rabbit named Harvey was a real rabbit. The actors were excellent and they portrayed their roles very well. They made it very believable and amazing. When the play was over, I firmly believe that at least most of the senior class were in awe. It was an amazing play with a perfect story line.

Then we were on the way back going about our business of chitchatting and pretending not to be bored. It was all worth it however when we made it to McDonalds in Hometown. We all had a great day in general and I wouldn’t trade this experience for the world.



This year’s senior trip to DeSales University was a very interesting experience. We went to see the play, “Harvey”, a play centering on the life of Edward Dowd and his invisible six foot tall rabbit named Harvey. The trip there was full of laughs and the sharing of various odd snacks. When we got there, the play house was a bustle with many students, people and workers. Making it up to the balcony was an

## History of Marian 50 Years

In multiple articles we will look at the history of this school and some of the highlights throughout the year.

### Part 2: The New Building

The ground breaking for the new building took place on September 23, 1962 on a majestic site of forty acres in Hometown, Rush Township, PA. The new T-shaped building would be able to accommodate 1200 students with enough land in case of needed expansion. The dream of combining all the schools into one building became a reality on Sunday, August 23, 1964 when Marian High School was officially dedicated. The handsome new buff brick building consisted of two stories and a basement featuring large expanses of glass with a cast stone and aluminum trim.

A gleaming cross is embedded in the stone to the right of the front entrance and a striking life-size medallion of the Blessed Mother adorns the left. Sixteen classrooms and other rooms are aligned in a straight line to form the main part of the school with the huge gym-auditorium forming the stem in the T design. Supplementing the classrooms are: the family life center, locker and shower rooms, cafeteria, kitchen, faculty dining rooms, library, language lab, health suites, offices, broadcast room, drafting room, secretarial and typing rooms, chemistry-physics and biology laboratories, rest rooms, study halls and chapel. The first year there were 750 students encompassing 32 parishes in the East Schuylkill and Carbon Counties.

## Oktoberfest By: C.D. Shustack

Tell me, friend. Have you ever found yourself sitting at a large table of strange, yet delicious food while loud, bizarre activities run rampant around you? Are you surrounded by complete strangers, most of whom are doing said weird things? Well, you are not at your family reunion. Why would you think that? Then where are you exactly? Why, you, my lucky companion, are at Oktoberfest: A 16-day romp of fun, food, games and beer held in Munich, Germany.

This strange festival of fun and food began as a massive celebration to rejoice the marriage of Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on 12th October 1810. Yup, you heard right. Oktoberfest began as a wild reception party. But, it was actually just a simple party in front of the royal gates, with a horse race ending the grand party. In 1811, an agriculture show was added to boost popularity and in 1818 some of the first beer pubs were added along with some performers and carnival booths where prizes of fancy jewelry and other delights were your lucky prize. Foods such as roasts, pork and other delicious delicacies were showing up across the tables of the mad party.

### Essay Contest Winners

The Star Spangled Banner turned 200 in September. To celebrate, PNC bank ran an essay contest with the theme of the essay being “What Does the American Flag Mean to Me?” It was open to grade 5-12 and several of our members here at Marian won in the contest.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Annette Ritsko  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sarah Bauer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie –Christopher Miller and Abby O’Donnell

Congratulations to these great writers and notice all places were won by Marian students. Way to go!



### New Score Board



The Football Field is getting a new score board. Thanks to our sponsor St. Lukes Univeristy Health Network, not only have we gotten a new score board for football, but will also be getting a new basketball score board as well, all donated by St. Lukes. Let’s give a big Marian thanks you to this wonderful organization.



Oktoberfest today has become a world-famed festival, cementing its name among the minds of Germans, tourists or lucky college kids who came for the fun. Carousels, swing rides with neon lights and other festival rides offer a thrill to the patrons or children that can’t enjoy some of the festival’s best attributes. Unfortunately this celebration has seen its fair share of rotten turns of events. In 1980, a bomb set off by a right-wing student killed 13 people and 211 people were injured. Many people, some who can’t or just underestimate how much they can hold, get into drunken brawls amongst one another. But, whatever the past has had, people can look ahead and just enjoy a fun-filled romp through the valleys of Germany.

Now, even today, millions of people come to sit, laugh, drink and eat with friends or just themselves among the canopies of tents, the shrieking metal of coaster cars and the wild laughter of drunken fair-goers under bright blue skies in this bizarre but fun and wild, festival that is Oktoberfest.

And not just Germany, There are many Oktoberfest celebration right here in America especially where many Germans settled and brought their feast with them. But then again, any excuse for drinking can be found, Oktoberfest just fits very well.



## Retro Article

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### Tastes and Trends in Television

During its short history as a mass communication medium, television has held more than its share of fads.

In its early years, variety shows with big-name performers were the rage. Then that great American classic, the Western, hit the scene, followed by the medical mania. Shows like *Dr. Kildare* and *Ben Casey* were the hits of the season. Two years ago we watched the adventures of a family of country hicks who came to the big city. Stemming from the *Hillbillies* success and backed by popular demand, a wave of situation comedies flashed on the screen Monday through Friday during prime time with no letup on the weekends.

Monsters old and monsters new make TV one big horror show. But upon closer examination these witches, robots and other creatures actually seem friendly. They're trying to change their image from one of terror to one of humor – and they're succeeding in their effort. But as they enjoy this bubble of popularity they bravely succeeded in destroying the tradition of the old-fashioned horror story. Where once as little children, we shook with terror as a ghoulish nine-foot Frankenstein monster ravaged the city, today our little brothers and sisters laugh as the poor oaf blunders through one misadventure after another. Yes, today's monsters do not frighten children, but the quality of such shows and a good deal of everything else on TV has proved to be most frightening to many adult viewers. If the quality of such shows is lowered further, perhaps we can expect radio to enjoy a revival at some future date. Who knows, people might even start reading again.

## Volleyball Success Again

2014 Schuylkill League Champs!

Thursday night Oct. 16 the Fillies rolled to a 25-16, 25-11, 25-15 sweep of the Green Wave of Nativity in the title match at Martz Hall Making the Fillies the Schuylkill League Champs. This makes two in a row for the Fillies. Way to go! District championships are coming up. Good Luck girls and coach Fallabel!



## Homecoming

Homecoming was on Oct. 10, 2014. The Marian Colts football team played the Schuylkill Haven Hurricanes. The student body voted during the school day and the winners were: the king was Nico Agosti and the Queen was Lauren Neitz. To top off a successful evening, Marian beat the Hurricanes. Add another win notch in the win column.



## Student Council

by Gabby Smith

The Student Council at Marian Catholic High School is a very important organization. Despite the fact that they are only students, they get to make big decisions that affect the entire school. The student body votes for the students that run to be elected that they believe will serve best for our school. Four seniors are elected to represent the entire council along with four class officers for each class. In addition to class officers, there are also homeroom representatives in each homeroom of every class.

The 2014-2015 student council was elected last year and they were inducted in a special mass on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The four student council officers that were elected were President Michael Nicholson and the rest Kayla Rodick VP, Katie Healey, Treasurer, and Ashley Fannick, Secretary. All of the other class officers and homeroom representatives were elected as well. The freshman class will soon be including their elected members to the student council.



# October Celebrates the Beginning of the Space Race

By Sarah Bauer



On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the world's first artificial satellite: Sputnik I (*sputnik* is the Russian word for "fellow traveler"). It was the size of a basketball and spent 98 minutes orbiting Earth, but it changed the world.

This small device was the beginning of America's Space Race against the Soviet Union. Because of the Space Race, we have NASA, and there is an American flag on the moon. But why was it such a big motivator?

The 1950s were a troubling time. The fear of nuclear war hung over the heads of most Americans. It was the time of the Cold War, and anti-Communist feelings were very high. When The Soviet Union launched the tiny satellite, we were worried that it was only the prologue to a much more dangerous projectile: ballistic missiles.

This caught the attention of many people worldwide, especially America. It spurred the military and scientists to create new technology. This culminated in Explorer 1, the first American satellite, which discovered the radiation belts around Earth. There were many more Explorer craft, all scientific instruments that expanded our knowledge of what lay beyond our atmosphere.

NASA was created thanks to the Space Race. On October 1, 1958, the National Aeronautics and Space Act ("Space Act" for short) created NASA from several other government committees. Even though The Soviet Union was ahead of the race for a time (first man and woman in space, first spacecraft to land safely on the moon), we made a "giant leap" ahead of them by landing the first man on the moon.

NASA's significance wasn't only limited to outer space. A lot of the technologies they developed to get there are now in use on Earth. Scratch-resistant lenses use the same technology that protects astronauts' helmet visors. Impact-absorbing padding used to help spacecraft land safely (memory foam), now helps you sleep better. It also protects racecar drivers. If you've ever checked your temperature with an ear thermometer, you're using the same type of infrared sensor that measures the temperatures of stars.

None of these advancements would be possible if our scientists, military, and government hadn't combined forces in an effort to beat The Soviet Union in the Space Race. Sputnik I was that motivation America needed. It ushered in a technology boom that changed the world.

If you want to know more about how NASA impacts daily life go to: <http://www.space.com/11272-nasa-space-technology-spinoffs.html>

September of 1964 was the beginning of a new era for schools in our area. Marian, after being housed in the former high school buildings of St. Mary's H.S. in Coaldale, St. Ann's H.S. in Lansford, and St. Jerome's H.S. in Tamaqua, began classes in the new school in Hometown. On the public school scene, the students from Coaldale, Lansford, Summit Hill, and Nesquehoning High Schools began their first year together in Panther Valley H.S. referred to as The Jointure, housed in the former Lansford H.S.

On Friday September 11, 1964 before a crowd of approximately 7,000 fans Marian and Panther Valley squared off in the Lansford football stadium and the longest football rivalry for both schools had begun.

P.V. won that first game and it wasn't until 1976 that Marian beat the Panthers 32-0 for their first win against their archrivals. Since then Marian has dominated the series with the record now standing at 27-20-1 in favor of Marian. As an item of local sports history it is the only Thanksgiving game that either school ever played, which occurred in 1968 before a crowd of over 8,000 fans in the Panther Valley stadium.

In the early years of the rivalry, the majority of Marian students were from the communities in Panther Valley or Tamaqua. Today our Marian family comes from many different areas and often many of our current students aren't aware of the significance of this rivalry. To Panther Valley we are the „Ancient Enemy” and no matter what their final record for a season is, a victory over Marian means the season was a success. At Marian we must remember this and never take the Panthers for granted. This year's Colts and their fans helped revive our enthusiasm in this rivalry with a convincing 52-0 victory over the Panthers and a great student body turn out in the cheering section. Let's keep this up in future years!

## Memories of Marian-PV Rivalry

By Mr. Dougherty



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### *Marian Music Box*

By Tyler Hutta

**Wake Me Up .....When the test is over  
Let It Go .....Don't hold a grudge  
Best Day of my Life....Colts Win the  
Game**

**Where it's at .....Marian Catholic  
A Sky Full of Stars.....Marian Band  
Say Something.....Lets Go Big Blue  
Am I Wrong.....Marian is Strong  
Don't Tell Them .....Fillies are Coming**



## Spirit Week By: Alexi Zukas



Disney Character Day



Pajama Day

This month, Marian celebrated spirit week. Spirit week began on the 6<sup>th</sup> and ended on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Over the week, the Student Council was selling powder-puff shirts for the school. The week began on Monday with Dress Up as your Favorite Disney Character day. During that day, we all dressed up as our favorite Disney characters. The entire Junior class dressed up as 101 Dalmatians. Tuesday continued the week with Pajama day. Everyone came into school all comfy and cozy in their nightclothes, slippers, and Ugs. Wednesday resumed as College Shirt day. Everyone came in with sporting their favorite college. Ironically, most of the shirts were Penn State. Whenever someone passed Mr. Smith in the hall, I can imagine his fury building up, for he is a HUGE Notre Dame fan. Thursday that week was Class Color day. Seniors wore black, Juniors wore grey, Sophomores wore orange, and Freshmen wore green. The week ended with crazy blue and gold day on Friday. Everyone donned on their best blue and gold colors to show our school spirit. Throughout the week, there was a hallway decorating contest. The grades were tasked with the duty to decorate their hall with as much blue and gold as possible. Seniors wound up on top. That evening, Homecoming happened during the football game. The king and queen were Nico Agosti and Lauren Neitz. Congratulations to you both. I may only be a freshman, but this spirit week was starting out strong and set the bar high for years to come.

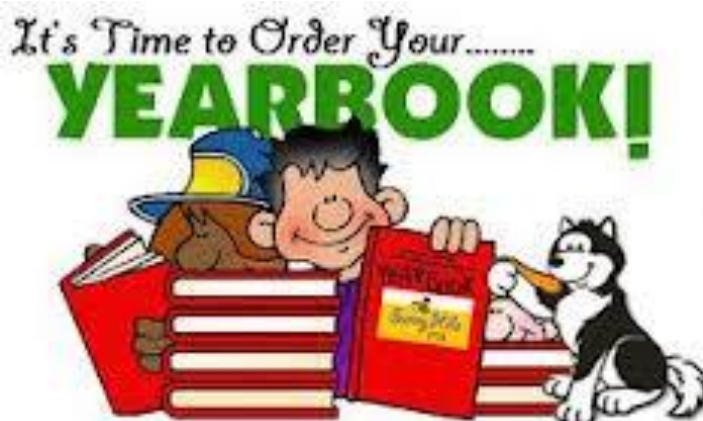
## Marian Football Comes Out Strong by Josh Skotek

This year's Marian Colts were fast out of the gate starting 3-0. Everything seemed perfect in Colt Country before falling to 3-3 after three straight tough losses. The mid way part of the season rolled around and the colts needed some bounce back wins against Schuylkill Haven and Mahoney. The Colts have improved to 5-3. Two games left in the year and the colts look to finish strong, and advance into district play



## Yearbook Time

It's that time of year again – Yearbooks! We always here the same things, why should I buy a yearbook? Students really don't appreciate how important a yearbook can be. Yearbooks promote a sense of school pride and unity. Students can take great pride in seeing themselves in a yearbook. They are also popular items to keep as people age. Looking back at past school years is a pleasant experience for many people, and it can help to promote good relationships between a school and its alumni. Let's face it, with the ease of taking pictures on your phone or ipod and keeping them forever in the cloud or on your computer it seems that yearbooks may be losing popularity. But how many people will sit in front of a computer for any time to look at pictures you took? The answer is few. But a yearbook sitting on your coffee table or bookshelf will be seen and explored. So sell those yearbook patrons and get yourself a yearbook. You won't regret it because yearbooks "Capture it All!"



# Looking Forward to a Bright Future

By: Annette Ritzko

Marian Catholic's Future Business Leaders of American club held their induction on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, during weekly Mass. During this induction new officers were installed and more than 60 members were inducted into Marian's chapter of FBLA. The current officers are Faith Befano as president, Kayla Rodick as vice president, Taylor Horvat as secretary, Rachel Meier as treasurer, Annette Ritzko as reporter, and Alison Walk as parliamentarian. For the first time, FBLA class representatives were also picked. The newly inducted representatives are Kathryn Healey for Seniors, Heather Getten for Juniors, Natalia Konitzer for Sophomores, and Aaron Srinivasan for Freshmen.

So far this year, Marian Catholic's FBLA club partnered up with Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital to raise Childhood Cancer awareness at their annual Gold out game, which was held on Friday, September 26, at the Men of Marian field. The theme

was "Fight Beneath the Friday Night Lights." FBLA sold gold t-shirts, baked goods, and fundraised for the cause. All proceeds were given to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Future plans for Marian Catholic's FBLA club include fundraising for the PAFBLA state project this year, which benefits "The Twilight Wish Foundation," an organization that grants wishes to honor and improve the lives of deserving seniors. FBLA also gives members the opportunity to compete in business related topics and if eligible, they could move onto a state and national level. All members are welcomed and encouraged to compete and be involved! A sweatpants fundraiser is currently being conducted to help defray the costs involved in competing. Sweatpants are a medium gray with "MARIAN" going down the leg; they are \$20 and their order forms can be found in room 210. As an added

bonus, they are gym class approved! No doubt we will be seeing great things from FBLA in the future!

