Work on new school continues to progress

Abigale Gellner
Editor

Three journalism students, Cassy Tricket, Kari Conaway and Abigale Gellner, toured the new high school Friday, Nov. 14 along with Mrs. Krista Yopp, Mrs. Kristi Venderlic and all school cooks. Superintendent Mike Wells led the tour which included walking through the majority of the high school.

Mr. Wells emphasized several interesting aspects of the new school including the science labs and the new greenhouse. “I know you hear a lot about the ball fields, but in the three science labs there is over a quarter million dollars worth of equipment. They will be state-of-the-art science rooms for our kids,” he said. He also said the new school will feature a $200,000 greenhouse. The greenhouse will include heated floors ensuring the utilization of the greenhouse year-round. Mrs. Venderlic, Attendance and Child Nutrition Director, stated that she would like the school system to actually buy meat, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers from agriculture students for use in school lunches.

In the way of new technology, the new school will include a “virtual room” where classes can Skype with college admissions and other people with whom students do not have opportunity to talk with directly. Also, lights at the new high school will turn on and off automatically in classrooms as they sense movement.

The school will feature a commons area where students will eat lunch. As part of the infrastructure of the school, several columns stand in the commons area. Mr. Wells plans to install tall tables around the columns, similar to pub tables. The columns will also feature electrical outlets to charge computers if needed.

Overall, the gym has almost reached the point of completion. The workers need only to put the coating on the floors and install the bleachers. Workers have installed individual showers in the locker rooms. The construction workers are currently finishing electrical work throughout the building. Workers have installed all lockers, which are much like the lockers we have now expect about half the height.

Students only have about one more month of anticipation before moving to the new school!

Students recognize area servicemen

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SMHS recognized veterans and current servicemen with an assembly organized by Mrs. Diane Corrigan Friday, Nov. 7.

The student body attended their first three classes as normal on the morning of the assembly, while a wreath laying took place at 9:45 and selected students greeted visitors arriving in anticipation of the event. At the beginning of fourth period, all students moved to the auditorium to honor those serving in the armed forces in our area.

Amber Elliott opened the assembly followed by Carlos and Manny Gutierrez who led the school and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SMHS Marching Band played “This is my Country,” a selection by Jacobs and Raye. After listening to the band, those in attendance watched a video which honored veterans and their families.

Following the video, Jinjer Nutter introduced Mrs. Linda Mayfield to the audience. Mrs. Mayfield gave a tribute to the veterans by telling of difficult circumstances which military families endure and joyful opportunities they await.

Selena Whipkey, Cooper Holmes, Sammi Clayton and Mykaela Handschumacher gave comments detailing the wars in American history followed by Kyle Taylor, Rachel Payton, Samantha Maidens and Riley Bennett. Thomas Kessinger and Braden Barnhart led the school and visitors in “Proud to be an American” by Lee Greenwood, the last song of the assembly.

On behalf of Student Council, Alex Gorrell and Abby Gellner encouraged the student body to write Christmas cards to servicemen. All cards are due Dec. 4, and there is a box in the office to place all completed cards. In closing, Nicholas Beaty thanked all for their attendance.

Workers have almost completed the gym of the new high school which will include three full-sized basketball courts. Workers have laid the hardwood and need only to finish the floor and bleachers. Photo by Cassy Trickett

Snapshot

With Thanksgiving coming up everyone is thinking about all the food that’ll be cooked. What’s your favorite holiday food? *167 polled

Thanksgiving

Stuff yourself silly and have a safe Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving break is Nov. 24-28. Take a few minutes to think about all for which you’re thankful. As The Argus staff, we are thankful for those who read our papers. We hope you enjoy this one!

Students: Where are you going to college?

• 38% answered, “I don’t know”
• 20% answered, “I’m not sure”

Before the Veterans Day assembly, immediate family members of veterans gathered at the south side of school for the wreath laying ceremony honoring the SMHS war dead. The wreath was laid by Mr. Paul Beaty with the assistance of Trampus and Cody Wolfe. Photo by Rachael Flanagan
Always Be Thankful

It’s hard to believe, but the first nine weeks is in the books. As we look forward to upcoming holidays and events, the first one is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has always been a favorite American holiday. Although there are activities such as hunting, Black Friday shopping, watching football games and, of course, eating, that is not what Thanksgiving is all about. There are three main factors that we strive to remember about the holiday.

Thanksgiving is about spending time with family. The life of a high school student can be very busy and stressful. Take advantage of the holiday break. Take time to do what you enjoy and focus on spending time with your family. They will appreciate it more than you think, and you will be glad you allowed time for it.

While enjoying your Thanksgiving holiday, take the time to remember the military. These brave men and women fighting for our country and protecting our way of life. Do a great deal for us; if we didn’t have them, we wouldn’t be able to enjoy the freedoms we have in this great nation. At some point during Thanksgiving break, we encourage everyone to take a moment and think about our armed forces. They are away from their families so that we can be with ours.

Thanksgiving Break is next week. School will not be in session. The move to the new school is getting closer and closer. What makes you thankful?

Happy Thanksgiving; perhaps this will be the best one yet!

Tristan Blankenship

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Cooper Holmes

Krista Yopp

Lacey Bach

Rachael Flanagan

Opinion

We take a “Behind the Screams” program. One of the dogs, Ziva, had worked with her mother, Abby Gellner. I can tell you that she is the only one from school who has worked with her mother. We shall call ourselves “Dumb and Dumber,” forgive me for making that joke. We actually have been preparing for this since there are not many roses left in the world. We had to do something. Since no one wants to write to us, I’ve been everywhere, man, and I’ve written this column, and I’m sad to say nobody has written to me yet. I think we can all agree that a real tour would be a nightmare. I didn’t get a chance to talk about the move to St. Mary’s Correctional Center, but I won’t waste any more time. You want to fit in here at the school, be part of the action. Bob tried to get into the “Salty Squarepants.” He’s a pretty good student. Don’t be alarmed with our obsession with movie quotes and SpongeBob.

If you have a column, you want to fit in here at the school, think about the time when SpongeBob Bob tried to get into the “Salty Squarepants.” He’s a pretty good student. Don’t be alarmed with our obsession with movie quotes and SpongeBob. You say to him “I (spit noise.)” What we’re saying is that it’s a pretty bad day. We recommend you prepare yourselves for the ride; it might be a wee bit bumpy! “Viewer discretion is advised.” Thank you.

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Carol Ann Swis, voice of Mr. Wolowitz on the Big Bang Theory,” pasado away after battling cancer.

School Events

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FRIDAYS are no longer Club Days. Clubs can still meet, but now members will have only half and renewal meetings during LIKES.

Student of the Month is being reinstated. Recognized students will be given their pin once on the wall plus prizes.

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The football team made it in the playoffs.

World Events

A Texas teacher was suspended from school after releasing a racist tweet.

As of right now, the United States is Ebola free.

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Dylan Hapay, senior

Thankful for life

Tonya Snook, freshman

What makes you thankful?

Thankful for my education.

I’m thankful to get a quality education.

Cameron Knowlton, freshman

Thankful for being driven

Braden Barnhart, sophomore

Thankful to be a part of St. Mary High School

Addison O’Brien, senior

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What makes you thankful?
**Lucy**

Michele Coleman is a photographer based out of Parkersburg. She takes portraits of people for their senior pictures, family, and new born sessions. Session costs vary, but are often well worth it.

Michele is a very easy person to work with, she welcomed me into her studio and was nothing but kind and compassionate to me. She makes the best of the best out of the person she is taking pictures of, and the end results are simply marvelous.

Her office is in downtown Parkersburg at 620 Market Street, Suite 100. If you want to Prom last year, she is just a block from the Parkersburg Art Center, across from the church. This makes her studio in a very prime location and very simple to get to. She offers what to wear guides and two sets of frequently asked questions for a close up and one for a photographer on her website. Her website is [http://www.michelecolemanphotography.com](http://www.michelecolemanphotography.com). It gives pricing guides for regular portraits, senior pictures and even headshots for families.

Her studio office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for day sessions, and Saturday and Sunday for 9 a.m., follow hour order pick up and ordering sessions. If you want to have a shooting session, give her a call at (304) 295-7427 because she does offer evening sessions a few days of the week.

Overall, Michele Coleman runs a very organized and professional photography business. However, she makes it fun and gains the best results possible.

**Los Hermanos**

Los Hermanos is a Mexican restaurant that recently opened up from the Galaxy along Route 2 in St. Mary’s. When I first heard the news I became happy, for now I wouldn’t have to drive to Parkersburg or Marietta just to get a decent enchilada. I’ve always been fond of Mexican food, and I was very keen to try another Mexican restaurant. However, the ending wasn’t exactly up to par, I still rate this movie four out of five stars.

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Turkeys have excellent hearing despite having no external ears. While they have a pair of cartilages that can be used as ear canal and, like a rabbit, can sift through all directions. This is probably why turkey hunting is such a hassle.

There is an urban legend that a farmer discovered his turkeys died by “drowning in rain.” They looked up at the sky when it started to pour. They “drowned” because they held their mouths open too long and took in too much water. This didn’t happen; turkeys are not that curious about Mother Nature’s rains.

The sad thing hanging from the turkey’s throat is called a wattle. It’s a piece of loose skin that helps turkeys make their signature gobble. Only males have this.

Only make turkeys can gobble; female turkeys click.

Full grown male turkeys are known as Tom turkeys. Females are called Hen turkeys. Young male turkeys are called Toms, for young male meat is stringy. Female turkeys (hens) have too much meat.

The first Thanksgiving dinner did not include turkey.

Many of us see thanksgiving as a time when we eat massive amounts of food, giving a grand feast then later on the day for consists of the well-known football game. But that wasn’t the first Thanksgiving meant.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9, 1621, and its purpose was to honor the Plymouth Colony the year before, before a very harsh winter. While celebrating their harvest, the colonists invited local Wampanoag Indians in their feast; this is why we see the colonial and Native Americans depicted together. More and more states began celebrating this holiday by the mid-1900s; the popularity rise even more in time went on.

During the Civil War, President Lincoln wanted to find a way to bring together the nation. During 1865 he gave his Thanksgiving Proclamation which stated the last Thursday in November was Thanksgiving. As time went on there was some controversy about the scheduling of the day. In 1941, Congress decreed that Thanksgiving would take place during the fourth Thursday in November, where it was been ever since.

**Easy ways to show thankfulness**

- Make someone a thank you card for what they do.
- Send out a positive social media post to someone.
- Give a small gift, such as gift cards, DVDs, food items, etc.
- Sponsor a family in need.
- Send out a military care package.
- Serve Thanksgiving dinner at a homeless shelter.
- Help out in community projects.
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Hunting is a very popular sport in St. Marys. There are just a few things you need to learn and understand first. Before you go out and shoot your very own snout of a buck, you need to know your weapon, surroundings and your prey. When bow hunting, remember to keep your tips sharp and to keep your pounds at a comfortable setting. When hunting, remember to keep your pounds and your equipment safe. If you are hunting with a partner, take a walkie-talkie or a throat mic to stay in contact at all times. Last, but not least, when in a tree stand, make sure you have yourself harnessed to the tree. Harnessing yourself to the tree will help avoid falling. When it comes to gutting your prized deer, you want to make sure it is a breeze. Keeping your knife in the sheath will prevent your knife from dulling. While you're out there, just make sure you never point a gun at another person, house or road. Another way to stay safe while hunting is to wear orange. Wearing orange will help with the confusion of other hunters. If you are practicing with a partner, try the same settings as you would at a shooting range, always be aware of your surroundings. If you are unable to provide yourself a target, there are other options out there. You could try shooting at a tree trunk or a low fence, always be aware of your surroundings.

Practice Makes Perfect

Perfecting your shooting skills before you head out in the woods is an important thing to do. When you are in your tree stand and see a big buck, you want to be sure to make a good shot so you can get a good supper and leave your components in the stand. Also, make sure that your gun is ALWAYS on safety when not in use and that you take out all bullets when you’re finished hunting. Get to know your area and most of all, have patience. This is a necessity of all hunters wanting to kill a wall hanging buck.

Safety, safety, safety. It can’t be stressed enough how important safety is when handling a gun. Guns can cause fatal mistakes which can lead to severe injuries if not handled properly. It is important to keep the gun on safety because the gun may go off without the hunter even pulling the trigger. You should always take precautions when using a gun because the gun may go off at any time. It is important to make sure you never point a gun at another person, house or road. Another way to stay safe while hunting is to wear orange. Wearing orange will help with the confusion of other hunters. If you are hunting with a partner, take a walkie-talkie or a throat mic to stay in contact at all times. Last, but not least, when in a tree stand, make sure you have yourself harnessed to the tree. Harnessing yourself to the tree will help avoid falling.

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When I went hunting one time, I didn’t realize until I was getting ready to shoot a deer that I had brought the wrong shells for my gun.

- Damian Boley, junior

Nothing unusual has ever really happened to me besides this one time when I went hunting a buck was so wide that when he tried to go through the barbed wire fence he got stuck and died.

- Olivia Taylor, senior

What is the most unusual thing that has happened to you while hunting?

"One time when I went hunting I had to use the bathroom really bad, but there was a deer that wouldn’t leave. He was there for so long that I had no other choice but to pee my pants!"

- Bradley Noland, freshman

"The most unusual thing that has happened to me would probably be when a squirrel climbed up my leg when I was sitting in my tree stand. I guess you could say I really was invisible in my camo."

- Brendan Miller, junior

Archery has become one of the most popular types of hunting in the twenty-first century. Archery is more challenging than hunting with a gun. It requires the target to be much closer. This particular type of hunting requires a hunter to know more about the type of animal they are hunting. To have a better chance at having a successful hunt, hunters need to also know about their equipment. The type of arrow, broad head or arrow rest you use can affect how the arrow hits the target, which could cause a problem when tracking the animal. When it comes to the sight, it can also cause problems if it isn’t sighted correctly. It helps if the shooter practices safe and consistent shooting techniques.

There are numerous things that must be in check to bow hunt. These things make archery the fun and challenging sport it is. Are you up for the challenge?
Black Friday sales began the day to shop, even better than those fast-  
minute Christmas sales. Some  
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**Shopping Tips**

1. Be prepared.
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6. Remember to ask yourself whether the great  
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- Kohl’s- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Macy’s- Sunday 9 a.m.
- K-mart- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Old Navy- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Target- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Urban Outfitters- Sunday 9 a.m.
- GameStop- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Sports Authority- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Macys- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Dick’s Sporting Goods- Sunday 9 a.m.
- Bass Pro Shop- Sunday 9 a.m.
Volleyball

Devils lose at home

ST. MARYS–Oct. 14 the Lady Devils hosted Parkersburg Catholic, who again had a dominating performance against St. Marys in three sets with scores of 11-25, 14-25 and 15-23. Sammi Clayton led the way for the Devils with eight kills as a part of the 15 assists recorded by Mikalyn Ellyson from the setter position. Handschumacher and Katie Bowersock both had six digs. Nichols and Mullenix both recorded six. Knight added another point.

Nichols led the team in kills with eight while Clayton also contributed 11 assists from her setter position.

The Lady Devils defeated Notre Dame with scores of 25-16, 25-22 and 25-18 for their last home game. The Lady Devils played up and down throughout the evening, second set 26-24. In the final set, the score was tied at 13 before Notre Dame went on to win the match 25-14.

Devils compete in LKC

WEST UNION–Oct. 25 the Lady Devils traveled to Doddridge County to play in the LKC playoff game. St. Marys played up and down throughout the evening, but finally dug down and dominated the deciding fifth set, which only plays to 15, to win the match. Scores of the sets were 25-20, 21-25, 25-13, 23-25, 15-7. Most noteworthy on the night was Ellyson’s 38 assists.

Girls lose a close one

PADEN CITY–Oct. 22 the Lady Devils traveled to Paden City. St. Marys played a nearly perfect set to win the opener 25-20. Clay Butte stepped up their game to win the match 14-25 in both the second and third sets. Ellyson had a nearly flawless night from the setter position with 27 assists, and freshman Natalie Putton added another seven. Clayton led the team with 12 kills. Nichols had six and Mullenix combined seven each while another four came from Knight. Handschumacher led the Lady Devils with six digs and scored three points. Ellyson served 10 serving points to lead all servers. Clayton contributed 8 points.

HUNDRED–Nov. 5 St Marys traveled to the Class A, Region 1, Section 2 Quarterfinals which was played at Hundred High School. Paden City defeated St. Marys 25-17, 25-12 and 25-15.

*stats were not available for all games.

On the court, the Varsity volleyball players get ready for the return. Photo by Kari Conaway

Football

St. Marys rolls over South Harrison

LOST CREEK–The Blue Devil football team made the long trip to U.S. Route 35 to take on the South Harrison Hawks Oct. 24. The Blue Devils came into the game ranked No. 1 and undefeated at 7-0 and the homesteading Hawks came in at 4-3. The Blue Devil team came out strong in the first quarter as Corey Stewart scored on a 21-yard run. A Watseki conversion gave the Blue Devils a 7-0 lead into halftime.

In the second quarter, the Hawks did a good job to control the ball. South Harrison scored again with 9:59 remaining in the half. The home team showed the scoreboard with 31 seconds remaining in the half. The score was 7-6 at this point in the second quarter.

The starting five points to give South Harrison the 21-7 halftime lead.

In the final stanza on another score with 10 remaining in the third in a five-yard touchdown run by Jeremy Pratt. The Blue Devils led 28-7 going into the final stanza. Pratt scored on runs of three and 55 yards, and St. Marys scored an easy 42-7 win over South Harrison.

With the win, the Blue Devils improved their record to 4-0 on the season. The Blue Devil defense amassed 248 yards making four scores. The passing game also went well as Parsons was 5-6 passing for 92 yards and a touchdown.

Blue dominance in battle of the Devils

ST. MARYS–The Blue Devils played host to the Ravenswood Red Devils on Halloween night. St. Marys came in sitting atop the Class A rankings and unbeaten on the season. The visiting Red Devils arrived with the contact on only one loss on the ledger and a top-ten ranking in Class AA. The game was televised by Network West Virginia, marking the third televised game St. Marys has played this year. Buckeyes of rain poured onto Imlay Field throughout the evening, making the conditions muddy and slippery for both squads.

St. Marys sticker first with a 67-yard pass by Pratt with 7:55 remaining in the opening quarter. Ravenswood answered the Blue Devil score with a 73-yard touchdown run, with 32 seconds left in the first quarter. The Blue Devil defense was read and the Blue Devils led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, both teams continued to struggle on offense. The Blue Devils managed one touchdown in the quarter and took a 12-7 lead into halftime.

In the third quarter, the St. Marys defense, continued its stellar play by making it hard for the Red Devils to even get first downs. Offensively, Pratt scored two more touchdowns as St. Marys stormed past Ravenswood for a hard-fought Blue Devil victory.

Pratt led the Blue Devil offense with 24 carries for 194 yards and four touchdowns. Stewart also had a good night on the ground as he tallied 77 yards on 15 carries. Parsons was 3-7 passing for 65 yards for the game.

Quarterfinal Round

vs. Moorefield Yellow Jackets Saturday @ 1:30

ST. MARYS–The Blue Devils played host to the Greenbrier West Cavaliers Oct. 28. The contest served as the final regular season game ever to be played at Imlay Field.

The game started out rough for the home team as the Cavaliers scored three times in the opening quarter. The Cavalier defense continued to stifle the Blue Devils in the second quarter, and they took a 13-0 lead going into halftime. In the second half, everything would change.

The Blue Devils got on the board midway through the third quarter on an 87-yard run by Pratt. On the next possession, the Blue Devils forced the Cavaliers to punt deep in their own territory. A fumble ended as Pratt recovered an onside kick for a St. Marys touchdown. St. Marys moved the ball down the field on their next possession, and Pratt scored on a 17-yard run to tie the game.

With the win, the purple and gold made school history with their second-straight undefeated regular season. They also clinched the No. 1 seed and earned home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Pratt led the Blue Devil rushing attack with 103 yards and three touchdowns. Parsons and Illar combined for 62 yards passing.

Blue Devils fry the Falcons

ST. MARYS–The Blue Devils played host to the Greenbrier West Falcons Saturday, Nov. 8. The No. 1 Blue Devils (11-0) will play host to the ninth-ranked Moorefield Yellow Jackets (9-2), 1:30 Saturday at the friendly confines of Imlay Field.
SMHS holds career fair

Rachel Snyder

Oct. 31 from 8:10 to 11:20 a.m. the career fair was held at SMHS. Each student signed up for four career classes they were interested in. There were 24 classes available in all. The classes took place in the morning; each group presentation lasted 30 minutes with 15 minutes left for questions.

The career day representatives included: Lea Ann Steele, nursing; John Butler, lawyer; Lesley Gearhart, oil and gas; Lindsay Kupfer, dental hygienist; Paul Beaty, police officer; Kim Bullinger, cosmetology; Michele Coleman, photography; Heather Straight, doctor; Vance Weekley, teacher; Danielle Stanley, probation officer; Bill Bosso, milwright; Andy Auxier, pharmacist; Renee Lamp, manager food service; Kendra Johnson, social worker/counselor; Sergeant Ellison Army recruiter, military; Kenton Blackwood, engineer; Adam Strimer, safety management; Ann Lyons, author; Jade Kalinofski, culinary arts; Jeremy Jeffers, WV Carpentry Training Center; Krissy Deughn and Tim Kuchne WVU-P, welder; John Bobo, technology; and Helen Wells, psychologist.

CYTEC Students of the Month

Once again, SMHS will be recognizing students for their accomplishments. The Student of the Month criteria includes character, leadership, service to school and community, attendance and achievement. The program is being sponsored by CYTEC.

September Students of the Month: Dalton Wigal and Amber Elliott with CYTEC representative Dave Powell

October Students of the Month: Jamie Maze and Abigale Gellner with CYTEC representative Dave Powell

Students begin applying to colleges

Wes Bayless

On the week of October 20-24, SMHS hosted college week for all senior students. College week allowed all seniors to apply to certain colleges with a waived application fee. This meant that it was free to apply to the selected colleges that participated.

West Liberty, West Virginia University of Parkersburg, Marshall, Glenville State College along with Ohio Valley University all participated. College week is not just for our high school; it was all around the state.

“I think it went well. We had a large number of students apply that normally wouldn’t due to the application fee being waved,” said Mrs. Laura Rinard, guidance counselor. “We had at least 15 students apply to each school. Also, many of the students who applied to Ohio Valley were accepted that same day.”

West Virginia Northern, West Virginia State and Davis and Elkins will be coming to school to talk to seniors at a later date. Marietta College visited with seniors last week.

Blue Devil Network goes live

Kari Conaway

This year, we added a new way to view events held here at SMHS. On the internet is a new web channel, Blue Devil Video Network, for anyone wanting to watch an event but can not make it to the event.

Since the beginning of the year, we have posted several assemblies and other videos for the public to view. The Homecoming parade, Homecoming highlights, LINKS class Homecoming videos, the Veteran’s Day assembly, 30 Club interviews, iBelieve assembly and the school’s Devil Nation News broadcast are all online.

Because of technical difficulties, we have not yet been able to stream live sporting events. Eventually we will be able to stream and allow people to pay per game or purchase a season pass. Some sporting events can be found on the channel.

How do you find the web channel? When you log on to pleasanścieoughschool.com, click on the Saint Marys High School tab, then on the left hand side there is a link called Blue Devils Video Network. Log on and check it out!

Cheerleaders compete at Regional

Cheyenne Girard

The cheerleading squad traveled to PHS Saturday, Nov. 8 for the Regional cheerleading competition. The cheerleading squad consist of Kelsey Butler, Kari Conaway, Marissa Cottrill, Abby Haught, Olivia Mooney and Lexi Sunderman. The 2014-2015 cheerleading squad is coached by Carol Binegar.

The cheerleaders have put hard work into their competition routine. After halftime of the game Saturday, Nov. 8, the cheerleaders headed for PHS. The cheerleaders earned eighth place out of 10 teams.

“My favorite part about the competition was meeting all the teams and seeing their routines” said Abby Haught, junior.

Theater class attends competition

Kari Conaway

Friday, Nov. 7, Mr. Dustin Turner’s Theatre class traveled to Bridgeport High School to compete in the 2014 West Virginia Thespian Association Theatre Competition. The cast performed the play “Asylum” in front of five other schools waiting to perform.

Bethany Blouir (Dinah), Ariel Burris (Kim), Kari Conaway (August), Hannah Williams (Laurie), Rilee Schoville (Geoffrey), and Karson Schneider (Kevin) all performed. They received a plaque and were awarded Best Conviction. Two members from each cast received special recognition for their performances. Conaway and Schoville were the winners for “Asylum.”

The class will not be performing the production for the school or community. They might compete in another competition in the spring.

Band ends marching season

Nicholas Beaty

They finished Runner-Up to the Richwood Lumberjack Express, a strictly military-style band with over 150 members in their band.

Julia Henegar placed second behind Richwood’s drum major. The band also brought home $250 for their runner-up status.

Cheyenne Girard demonstrates how to make banana foster. Photo by Hilla Morrell

Michelle Coleman tells the students about her job as a photographer. Photo by Cassy Trickett