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Dakosty Calls It a Career

By Alec Whitaker

Long time Marian Catholic football coach Stan Dakosty announced during a press conference on Thursday December 8th that he will retire from coaching, but will still teach and be the Athletic Director at Marian. Dakosty, who was the head coach of the Colts for 40 years, said that it was a “very difficult” and “emotional” decision. He went on to reflect on his time as head coach, saying, “I’m proud of the program we built.” and “Medals and championships are great, but relationships is what it’s all about.” Coach Dakosty finished his press conference by saying, “It’s been a heck of a ride.”

Stan Dakosty leaves behind a legacy that includes 309 victories, 7 district titles, and the 1990 PIAA “A” State Championship. Dakosty has also sent 275 of his players to some level of college football and had a couple play in the National Football League. Coach Dakosty’s impact on students on and off the field can never be measured, but will surely be missed.

With his role as athletic Director, it will be Dakosty’s task to find the next head football coach at Marian Catholic, he said he hopes to have a candidate after the holidays.



COACH Stan Dakosty addresses the media during his retirement press conference on Thursday December 8th in the Marian Catholic cafeteria. (Photo by Casey Berger)

Upcoming events -

Jan 3 – Classes resume
Jan 12 – 13 – In-class exams
Jan 16 – Teacher In-service
Jan 17- 19 – exams - Early dismissal

Jan 23 – 3rd quarter begins
Jan 29 – Begin Catholic Schools Week
Jan 29 - Open House

Newspapers should proofread!

Homicide victims rarely talk to police.



School Group Donates to Local Animal Shelter!

By: Alise Shadle

P.A.W.S. recently donated a \$500.00 check to the Carbon County Animal Shelter of Nesquehoning before mass on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Head of the animal shelter, Tom Connors, accepted the check after Ms. Velekei, moderator of P.A.W.S., presented a speech stating what P.A.W.S. was and what was going to be happening during the presentation before mass. Soon after Ms. Velekei closed up her speech, Carbon County Commissioner Tom Gerhard and Tom Connors addressed the student body and expressed their gratitude for the generous donation. Following, two P.A.W.S. members presented the check to the recipients in honor of Carbon County Animal Shelter. P.A.W.S. will continue to fundraise throughout the rest of the school year.



LEFT, Tom Gerhard is standing next to P.A.W.S. members Kelli Hughes and Alise Shadle, while donating the check to

Tom Connors, head of Carbon County Animal Shelter, with moderator Ms. Velekei standing beside him. Standing in front of the school patron Mary to show their school support for volunteerism.

Giving Tree

By: Nathan Shiner

In the lobby of Marian High School is a Christmas tree, known as the Giving tree. The giving tree is to get presents to the needy children. Show your Christmas spirit and donate a gift to these children. The giving tree is a good way to help the less fortunate put a smile on their face when they get the gift. People place the tag on the tree with the present that the kid wants and whoever takes the tag buys the gifts.

We have a giving tree at Marian. You take a tag of the tree and buy a special gift. This is a good thing to help the children in need for example, the children in the hospital. This shows the spirit of giving to be found at Marian, the spirit of Christmas. May we all have that spirit all year though?



PRESENTS from the Giving Tree in Marian's lobby ready to be distributed to grateful children in need. All gifts donated by Marian students and faculty. (Picture Mrs. Costello)

Living Nativity at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Conyngham

BY: Casey Berger

The Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Conyngham had its 23rd Living Nativity scene on December 3rd and 4th of this month. The Living Nativity is quite a scene; it is to represent the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Living Nativity's are popular around Christmas time and can be found all over the country. If you've never been to one I think you should take the time to find one near you. As people drove through the nativity scene, people saw characters to represent who was there at the time of Jesus' birth such as, Mary, Joseph, 3 Wiseman, shepherds, angels,

and a bunch of animals. The living nativity does a great job to show you what the scene was like.



Photo by Casey Berger

MARY and Joseph with a donkey at the Living Nativity Scene in Conyngham.



THE ROAD leading to New Boston from Mahanoy City at sunset after a winter storm on November of 2016 photographed by Alise Shadle

Winter: Is It Really the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?

By: Alise Shadle

As of this month, the season of snow, ice, and two- hour delays is officially upon us. Especially in this area, attitudes towards winter differ as greatly as night and day. Students tend to love this time of year because of the shortened school schedules that accompany it. Marian junior, Michael Ecker stated in a recent interview regarding the fast-approaching season., “I simply cannot wait for winter! I think NEPA in the wintertime is absolutely beautiful, not to mention the school cancellations!” However, others aren’t so excited for this upcoming winter due to the bitter temperatures coming our way. Despite the glittering snow and dazzling icicles, winter in this area also brings us days well below freezing and inclement driving conditions. Notwithstanding personal opinions of the season, I believe it is almost unanimous that winter in Northeast Pennsylvania is a very special time of the year.

Hottest Christmas Toys of the Year.

Article By: Colin D. McCarrie

Every holiday season there are those certain gifts that every parent needs to get their hands on for their special person. Children’s toys are only getting more and more expensive especially those that are in high demand. On target.com the number one top toy this year is the “FurReal Friends Torch, My Blazin Dragon” stuffed animal which starts at \$79.99. This Fire Breathing plush toy is designed for children ages 4 and up and is currently on sale for \$59.99. If your Child is a little bit older “LEGO friends Amusement Park Bumper Cars” is another hot seller for children ages 8 – 12. This item is found on target with a retail price of \$39.99. For older kids, try the Nintendo classic edition. Teens can try out these 30 old classic games

and older folks can remember the hours spent with Mario, Donkey Kong, and Pacman. But this is already hard to find.



“FurReal Friends Torch, My Blazin Dragon”



“LEGO friends Amusement Park Bumper Cars”

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“Nintendo Nes classic”



Christmas at Marian

T'is the Season

By Tyler Dennison

T'is the season to be jolly. The teachers are showing their holiday spirit with decorations during the Christmas season. Check out the nativity set up at the chapel as seen below. Mrs. Costello has plenty of Christmas decorations in the library including a stuffed Santa, two small trees, and snoopy dog and even Achmed the dead terrorist is in a Christmas mood. Ms. Hydock has beautifully decorated her classroom door for Christmas in room 106 and Miss Rohart also has a Christmas wreath hanging from her office door, ready to greet you.



VISIT the chapel to see this beautiful nativity display



MS. ROHART'S wreath Jingles all the way!



MRS. COSTELLO'S Charlie Brown Tree?



OOH, jingle bombs, jingle bombs
U.S. soldiers shot me dead.
The only thing that I have left
is this towel up on my head.



THE GRINCH'S Max decorates the tree
on Ms. Hydock's door with her student's names



EVEN the Heritage Plaza screams Christmas

The Day of Infamy

By Thomas C. Fuccile

On December 7, 1941 around 8 a.m. you heard planes fly over the US naval base of Pearl Harbor. But these were not just any planes, they were Japanese fighter planes. The attack on the base lasted just two hours, but those two hours were awful. The Japanese were able to destroy almost 20 American naval vessels; this includes eight enormous battleships, and over three hundred planes. On this dark day we lost 2,000 brave soldiers and sailors. But on this date 75 years later we remember the brave men and women who died on that dreadful day.

During his speech President Franklin Roosevelt said that this day would remain a day of infamy. Even 75 years after the bombing of Pearl Harbor we still remember the lives lost on that tragic day. We shall always remember and honor the brave people who gave their lives for this great country we call home. I think I speak for all Americans when I say that we will never forget your sacrifice and bravery. We shall always remember you.



ABOVE is the Pearl Harbor Memorial, located in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is actually called the Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The walk way is located on top of the sunken USS Arizona.



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Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree”

by: Regina Cullen

During the month of December, the most common Christmas decoration is the traditional Christmas tree. The evergreen tree was an ancient symbol of life during the winter because it was one of the few trees that stayed green throughout the entire year. People of the time would decorate their homes during the winter season with evergreen branches as a sign of good health and life for the coming of the New Year. This eventually turned into the Christmas tree tradition. On December 1st, 2016 the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service held the 94th annual Christmas tree lighting in Washington D.C. Barack Obama, President of the United States, lit the tree spreading the message of peace and holiday spirit to the nation.



PICTURE from www.thedailybeast.com of President Barack Obama speaking at the 2016 National Christmas tree lighting in front of the White House in Washington D.C.

Marian Music Box

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas..... – but

it's suppose to be hot this year

Let it Snow..... I need a day off!

O Little Town of Tamaqua, where our dear school resides

All I want for Christmas..... my acceptance letter

Joy to the World..... Christmas break is here.

Feliz Navidad..... exclaim all the Spanish students

I'll have a Blue Christmas ... if there's homework

FBLA Goes to Conference

By Hannah DeLeo

On Friday the 16th of December our FBLA went to Susquehanna. The bus left the school at 6:00 am and we got to Susquehanna University at 7:45. For those who didn't compete or take a test, they went to different workshops. We also ate at the school, where the food was really good. After we ate lunch that's when we found out who won their competitions. The following are the winners:

Banking & Financial Systems: 2nd place went to the team of Victoria Dutz, Quest Wilson, Alexandria Dutz

Business Calculations 5th place: EJ Kolonsky;

Business Ethics: 2nd place team of Olivia Eckert, Samantha Eroh, Mackayla Aucker

Computer Problem Solving: 1st place Kobie Arndt

Entrepreneurship: 1st place team of Aaron Srinivasan, Henry Kreisl, Michael Wiczak

FBLA Principles & Procedures: 5th place Alexander Kubishin

Health Care Administration: 2nd place Megan Ferrello

Introduction to Business Communication:

2nd place Thomas Betterly;

4th place Andraya Pikitus

Introduction to information Technology:

3rd place Nolan Rehrig

Marketing: 1st place team of Carolyn Mehallo, Julia Kreisl, Maria Pastorella

Public Speaking II: 1st Place Joseph Maguschak

Sports & Entertainment Management:

2nd place team of Natalia Konitzer, Nicole Capparell, Christina Capparell.

Placed but not eligible for state conference:

Client Service: 2nd place Clarissa Colondo

Graphic Design: 3rd place team of Joseph Jordan, Sarah Berube, Emily Roberti
Congratulations to all!



SARAH Berube, even though she was in a group herself, not all of our members were present so she went up for another member.

2ND PLACE Banking & Financial Systems: team of Victoria Dutz, Quest Wilson, and Alexandria Dutz.

Christmas Spirit Comes to Marian in Song

By Preston Biros

On the night of December 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. the spectacular Marian Catholic Christmas concert was starting. The music department practiced for months for this one special night. The Marian gym was set up spectacularly for this wonderful show. The show began with Mr. Brimmer, music director, giving a brief introduction and then the band began to play "Christmas Bell Fantasy", "Suite from The Nutcracker", and finally ending the first half with "Concert Suite from The Polar Express." During the intermission, everyone one could take some type of dessert in entrance of the school.

After the intermission, a 50/50 was announced with the winner of the prize seemed to be a grandfather of one of the students, then two more raffles went off for a Poinsettia in which Ann Biros won, and when the lottery ticket prize when off it got silent then in some way Mrs. Costello won.

Then Mr. Brimmer introduced our piano man, Ben Ferko, for a solo of Jingle Bells. The chorus, butterflies in the stomach took their places in front of the stage when the lights went dark for the second half. Mr. Brimmer went up and talked about how the band and chorus worked hard for this. Then went on with the first song "Christmas... In About Three Minutes" which consisted of 23 songs in one, "White Winter Hymnal", "Patman, Noel", "The Manger Held It All", then the grand Finale "O Holy Night" in which Alumni came in and sang with the chorus. The band and chorus did an astounding job. At the end Mr. Brimmer got a present from the kids which was a light up baton, a Coke a Cola Bottle, and finally a amazing "Band Dad" shirt. The show was phenomenal.



SMALL band but GREAT sound!

HEAVENLY
voices
of the chorus



Mini-THON® Theme Reveal

By: Cassie Casella

On March 18th of 2017 Marian Catholic will be hosting our Second Annual Mini-THON® to support Four Diamonds. On December 7, 2016 we had a “100 Days to Thon” kickoff to reveal the theme. The foundation pays for 100% of family’s medical bills not covered by insurance. The 2016-17 theme has been decided as ‘May the CURE be with you,’ pretty special if you ask me.

Four Diamonds has risen \$23 million since 1993, inspires more than 70,000 students and 235 schools; all of these things bring hope to families in need of support for bills and cutting-edge research. During the 2015-16 school year \$505 million was raised enabling things like these to be provided:

- 300 hours of Music Therapy = \$7,500
- 20 days of outpatient clinic = \$3,000
- 100 spinal tap procedures = \$100,000
- 20 pieces of research equipment = \$300,000
- 25 research experiments = \$18,700
- 5 research labs with 5 researchers for a year = \$3,253,725

With a team of our dedicated students, help of Mrs. Patton, and speaker of Four Diamonds ,Alek Tomazin ,nothing will stand in the way of our goal. The 2016-17 goal is \$12,000 in 12 hours, a goal we all hope to meet, with the help of all of you!

Mini-THON® asks that everyone find a way to participate. You’ll have a fun time, dance, get food, AND help families in need. See you at Mini-THON® this March!



(Cassie Casella)
MISS Alek Tomazin
talking to us about
the foundation in
Marian gym.

JARRED Maylath and Jake
McNelis playing a game set
up to kick off the THON in
Marian gym.
(Cassie Casella)



(Cassie Casella)
STUDENTS playing more
games set up by the THON
committee in Marian gym.

From the MARIANEWS staff
Merry Christmas!