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Halloween Edition
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Thrills and chills of the holiday season

By Pat Conner

The month of October promised. If you didn't get the chance to go this year, there's always next year. The scariest of all the haunted houses in Iowa, Stalkers, is closed this year for renovations, leaving Sleepy Hollow as the number one haunted house in Iowa. "It was the scariest haunted house I've ever been to in my life," said junior Brandon Robinson. Depending on which haunted house you went to, the wait varied for each. The average wait for Sleepy Hollow was 10 minutes, while the wait for White Water was 15 minutes. Even if you think they are scary, they are still a good way to spend a chilly October night.



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Production postponed

By Pat Conner

The Martens- even have a full cast flicts through extracur- thoughts on the last few dale-St Marys produc- until one month before ricular activities, it was months of production: tion of *The Crucible* the production," said difficult for the group "These last two months has been postponed senior Allen Brown to come together for haven't been a waste at from Nov. 6-7 to It wasn't only rehearsal. all." March 26-27 of 2010. the casting of the pro- Although the Practice for the The production was duction that set the production has been production will start up postponed for two main group back, but the cast postponed, the time that again in January to pre- reasons, extracurricular never had a chance to was used seemed suc- pare for the spring per- activities and cast rehearse the production cessful. Director, Mr. formance. members. "We didn't as a whole. With con- Josh Moser, stated his

M St. M finishes third

By Emily Hutchison

On Monday, Oct. 12, the Lady Devils competed in the first round of Conference Playoffs. The Lady Devils proved victorious in their games against visiting Corn- ing and Central Decatur. Coach Brian Spanhut discussed the girls' strength throughout the game: "We passed well and ran the offence well. If we pass well, we'll win."

Day two for the just lost aggressive- Lady Devils was a punch to the gut. After winning the first two matches against Nodaway Valley, the Lady Devils had victory in sight. Unfortunately, the Wolverines had a different idea. Nodaway came back and won the third match and the remaining two. That loss brought the girls' spirits to a low point. "We

Junior Mackenzie Morrison goes up for a kill.



A not-so-fairytale ending

By Emily Hutchison

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the Lady Devils competed in the first round of IGHSAU (Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union) Regional Volleyball against the Grandview Park Baptist Defenders. Coach Spanhut said his strategy was "to serve tough and to dig cross court", and that's exactly what they did.

The Lady Devils took the Defenders to five games. The game was tied 2-2 and the score was 10-14, Defenders. The Lady Devils' dreams of making state died with the drop of a volleyball. That gave Grandview the last

point they needed to advance to the next round. "We played well, but they just played better," said Coach Spanhut. Senior Captain, Megan Simms, said, "I'm very frustrated that the



Senior Megan Simms dives for a ball during a varsity match.

room after the game, emotions were high and girls were crying everywhere. There was no reason for them to be down because they played a tough game. "I'm very frustrated that the

Simms, Carrie Wood, Kelli Sherwood, and Taylor Johnson in the front row, the only height left is juniors Mackenzie Morrison and P.J. Estell. In regards to his senior players, Coach Spanhut had this to say: "It's been fun, and you're such a great group. I just wanted to wish you good luck."

Coach Spanhut said next year his offence will be more creative and move the hitters around because the team will look a lot shorter. Without seniors Megan

With eight seniors graduating, including four of the six starters, Coach Spanhut said next year his offence will

There are still high hopes for the future of M St. M volleyball. Don't be surprised if you see them in Cedar Rapids at the next State Tournament.

Cross Country finishes 2009 season

By Emily Hutchison

This year the cross country team had some hardships, with only five high school runners, four junior high runners, a brand new coach, and the flu.

This year's high school letter winners include Cassi Lathrum, Katie Butcher, Tim Snyder, Jamie Swihart and Zach Wood. Junior high consisted of Che-

noa Burton, Bailey Douglas, Paiten Gavin and Laura Laquement, along with Coach Justin Herrick.

With this limited roster, the flu took its toll on the team. At the Regional meet, only two runners competed, Tim and Katie. That just goes to show the precautions those two took to keep themselves healthy.

Some people think that cross country is a waste of time because all you do is run, but to others it's more than that; it's endurance and stamina. Sophomore Zach Wood said, "Cross country is fun, and more people need to go out."

Being a first time coach can't be that much of a breeze either. When asked

about his goals for the year, Coach Herrick said, "What I hope to achieve this season is to improve their abilities, not only in running but their character as well."

With all of his high school runners and two of his junior high runners returning, Coach Herrick will have a strong and experienced team in the future.

A look back at this year's Halloween



Quoteables

What is your favorite Halloween Costume?

Autumn Harper- “Mariachi Band player” 12th

Emma Ferin- “Witch” 9th

Deana Gyles- “Zombie” 10th

Hannah Shnurman- “I don’t know, I’ve never done Halloween Before.” 10th

Mrs. Butcher- “The Fat Old Man” Teacher

Kara Kibbe- “Pirate” 11th

Katrina Devore- “Bunny” 9th

Weston Connor- “Play Boy Bunny” 12th

Abby Jones- “Nurse” 9th

Mr. Herrick- “A Research Paper” Teacher

Senior Spotlight



Kelsie Brawdy is the daughter of Tamara Cox and Victor Brawdy of Des Moines. Kelsie has played in band for three years and has been in chorus all four years of high school.

Kelsie isn't sure about where she's going to attend college, but she is planning on going into an elementary degree of some sort.



Weston Connor is the son of Pat and Lisa Connor of Cumming. Throughout high school Weston has been in football and basketball for four years, track for two years, band for one year, and says that his most memorable moments were in Spanish III with fellow classmate Zach.

Weston is planning to continue his education at Iowa State University studying to become a Large Animal Veterinarian.



Frank L. Cook IV is the son of Karen and Frank Cook III of Martensdale. Frank has been in Drama for one year and has loved every moment of it. His most memorable high school moment was junior year when he was chosen for Home Coming court.

Frank's Future plans include traveling the world, joining the Peace Corps., and going to college.



Brad Croy is the son of Sharon Croy of Martensdale. This year for a school activity Brad has been a part of the Yearbook staff and has enjoyed it more than he thought he would. His most memorable moments have been times spent with his friends throughout high school.

Brads future plans are to work and make money to support himself.