

# The VOX

## Marion High School

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# Saying Good-bye



Above: Mr. Bobe talks to the audience during a band concert earlier this year. Mr. Bobe often gave the crowd background on the songs they were performing.

Top Center: Ms. Martin helps senior Ashley Cory during Journalism class. Ms. Martin has been working with the InDesign program for many years and was often asked about the many obstacles students deal with while using this program.

## Friendships formed...



During play practice in the red gym, Mr. McMahon helps rehearse lines with Adam Mayer and Nick Walters. The red gym was used as practice so they knew where to be and at what time without being crowded on the auditorium stage.



The cast's energy seemed slow at first, with the long practices and small problems, but they pulled the show off with high energy and great emotions.



By: Brittney Railsback

As the school year comes to a close, we are saying good-bye to our beloved friends and teachers for the summer and the seniors for the year. However, for a few teachers, this routine no longer applies. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bobe, and Ms. Martin retire this year with a combined 100 years of teaching.

Ms. Martin leaves us this year, grateful in not having to do portfolios anymore, but will miss the teachers and students that she has met in her 29 years of teaching at Marion. Although she has put off retiring, it was only for one year. "I wanted to be here for Drew's senior year," stated Ms. Martin, who later added that it seemed to be the right time. After retiring, Ms. Martin is planning to move to Mexico to teach English and Drama in a school in Mexico.

Mr. Bailey is retiring with 27 years at MHS under his belt. Though he has not put off retiring, he agrees with Ms. Martin that this year seemed to be the right time. "I had, many years ago, set 35 total years as the top end of my career. I'm just staying true to what I stated; it's my time to do something different."

## Broadway Lullaby

By: Drew Martin

After many late nights, hard rehearsals, and intense days and nights of trying to memorize lines, the Marion Thespians put on two very well put together performances of Broadway Lullaby.

At the end of the show the orphans knock out both Freddy Flank and the orphanage ladies. After all the chaos is through, the girls finally earn their way to a successful career on Broadway. "The show was a ton of fun. I loved performing a character that isn't like me at all. After all the hard work I think the performances went really well, it was a fun and enjoyable experience," comments Jessie Jones about her last year with the spring play.

The spring play is a chance for many students from all grades and from different groups of people to get to know each other and put on a successful performance.

Mr. Bobe has also decided to resign after 31 years of teaching, 18 of those at MHS. "I'm too young to retire. I'm still trying to figure out what I should do when I grow up," comments Mr. Bobe about leaving MHS this year.

Though this year is Mr. Bailey's, Mr. Bobe's, and Ms. Martin's last, they will be remembered. "Ms. Martin has always known everything about speech, Spanish, and computers; she has helped

me immensely. She has been a best friend and colleague who gave me great advice, good ideas for my classes, and put up with

my sense of humor," stated Mr. Bates while remembering when they team-taught together.

With these teachers leaving, Dr. Thomas feels that even though we are losing them, other teachers will step forward in making up for what we lose when they retire. "Whenever you lose someone with as much experience as them, you lose a lot of great experience and dedication." This much is true, Ms. Martin, Mr. Bobe, and Mr. Bailey will be greatly missed with all the hard work that they have put into Marion High School.



Mr. Bailey hands out an award to senior Keeley Carson at Honors Night. Mr. Bailey retires after being at Marion for 27 years and has created many memories for himself as well as other staff and students.

## Many memories made...



Keeley Carsen, playing Lou McGrew, lectures Carla, played by Andrea Oldfield. McGrew was one of the ladies that ran the orphanage.



Shirley, played by Amanda Roberts, fights for Della, played by Lizz Smith, against the orphanage girls.



## Throughout the Years

By: Krisanne Ryther

Looking back on our past years at MISD, there have been a lot of memories that we will always have to look back on. Whether you failed a 6<sup>th</sup> grade math test or won P.E. student of the month three times, these memories will forever be etched into our minds. Graduation is soon approaching for the class of 2006, and it is now time to take a trip down memory lane.

Remember the young days at Starry and Emerson? Remember the fierce tetherball tournaments that went on everyday at all three of the



recesses? Or how about staying in one class all day long with the same teacher and the same classmates? These were the days that we first experienced life outside of our mother and father's arms. We literally grew up together and learned how to make friendships.

Some of us met our best friends in grade school and thought that we would wear our "BFF" lockets 'til death do us part, and for some it still may be like that, but for others it may be a shock that you even associated with that person ten years ago. Most of the girls were friends with girls and the boys were strictly friends with just boys because back then boys and girls both had cooties. The only remedy for them was "circle, circle, dot, dot, now you have your cooties shot.... circle, circle, square, square, now you have it everywhere.... circle, circle, knife, knife, now it lasts your whole life!" Can anyone imagine how horrible our lives would have been if we hadn't gotten our cooties shot?

We all may not have been friends with

everyone from our elementary school, but we stuck together on the first day of school at Vernon. The first recess was like West Side Story; Starry vs. Emerson style. At first it was like a war, but it only took about a week to make friends and adjust to the different classmates. Middle school was when we all came together as one whole class; these were the years that we got to know almost every person in our grade.

Looking back at the school days at VMS, they seemed extremely long because of the multiple class periods that we had. You had your Science, Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, Tech, and let's not forget about P.E. Remember the competitive dodge ball matches that would go down almost three times a week in the gym? Yeah, I'm talking about the ones with the bowling pins in the "lane" and the girls were the only ones allowed to block them. Sometime during the game, at least one girl would get pelted in the face and would have to go to the nurse for the infamous "ice-pack".

During our years at Vernon we went through a lot of "checks", SODA events, and Mr. Hoyt's daily announcements; we even survived ALL of the times that the building caught on fire which happened quite frequently. But for the most part, we were really good kids. Being rewarded by our middle school teachers with a ski trip in Galena, Illinois was a pretty big way to thank us for being such well-behaved students. When it was all said and done, we finished middle school on a good note



and were ready to take on high school.

The first day of high school was very traumatic for some of us, but for others it was just another school in a different location. Everyone remembers the huddle of us timid freshman crowded

around the office before the first bell rang. It's funny to think that every freshman class since then has done the same exact thing. In our first year we were bombarded by lunches that were differentiated by letters of the alphabet and announcements that were typed on paper instead of spoken over



the intercom.

In our early days at MHS, we had a real Snack Shack full of candy bars, Oatmeal Cream Pies, and Zebra Cakes. If we wouldn't have transitioned to healthy food we all would've had triple by-pass surgery by now, but every once in a while when fish sandwich is on the menu it's hard not to think about the goodies we once had. We will also never forget all of the Pie in the Face contests when we got to witness our teachers with key-lime pie all over themselves, and we will never miss all of the standardized testing that took place every year.

During our four years here we won three straight Homecoming Floats, ate hundreds of Chick-fil-A's, and experienced parking troubles, but we went through it all together. All of us have come a long way since the first day of school freshman year, and it's hard to believe that we are already looking up at our Senior Countdown in the cafeteria. It is now time for us to say good-bye to high school and move on with our lives, but we will always have these great memories to look back on.

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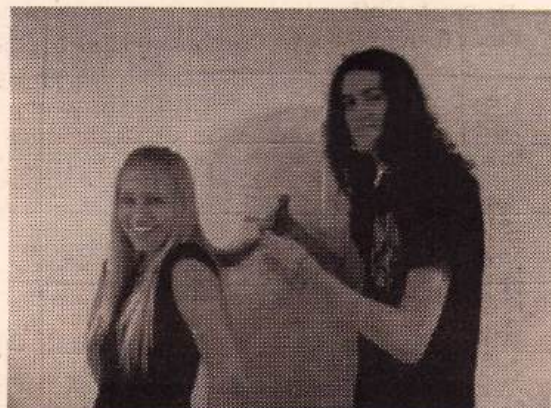
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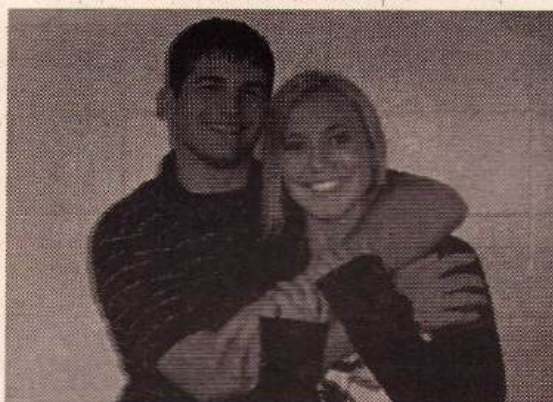


## Senior Hall of Fame



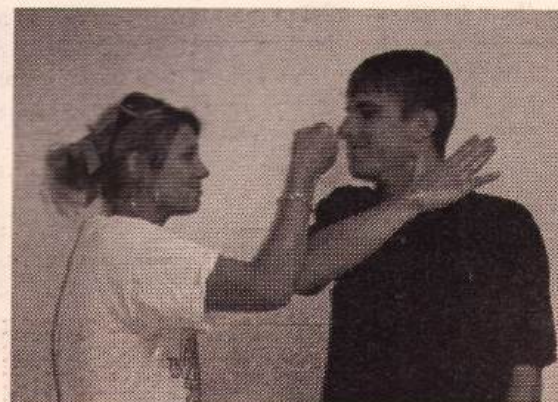
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Ashley Evans and Patrick Doubet



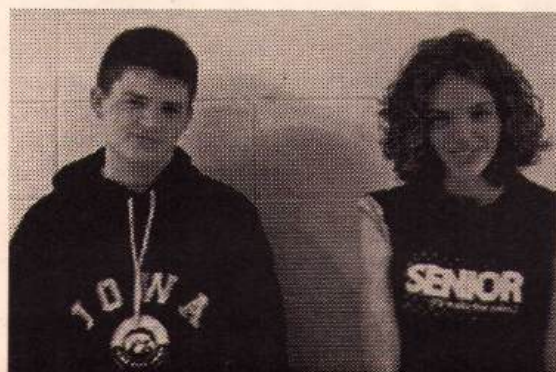
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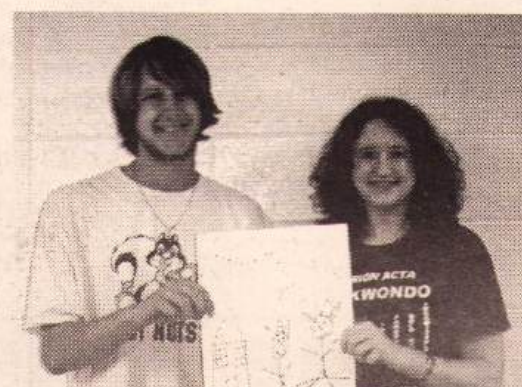
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Ashley Cory and Joey Swanson



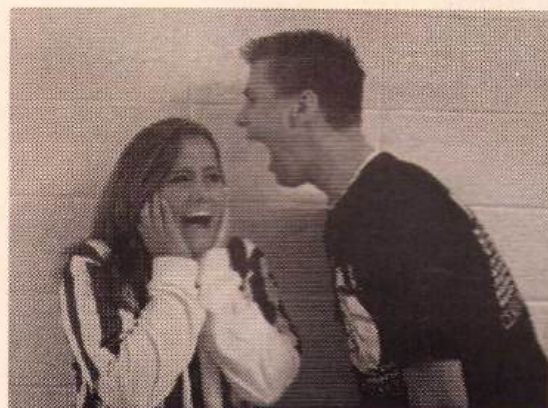
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Sarah Young and Brian Buh



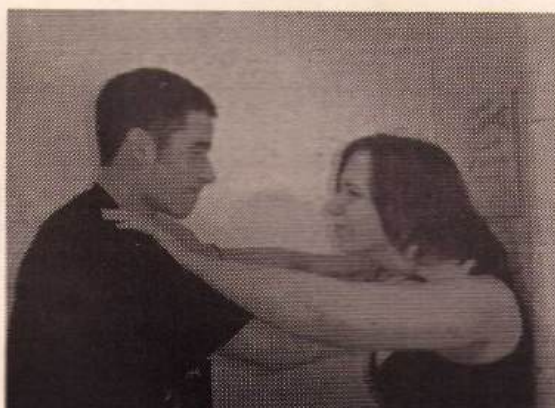
### Most Artistic

Matt Cronk and Serena Hanson



### Loudest/Most Talkative

Kailee Jordan and Zac Christensen



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### Class Clown

Niki Kiburz and Nick Walters



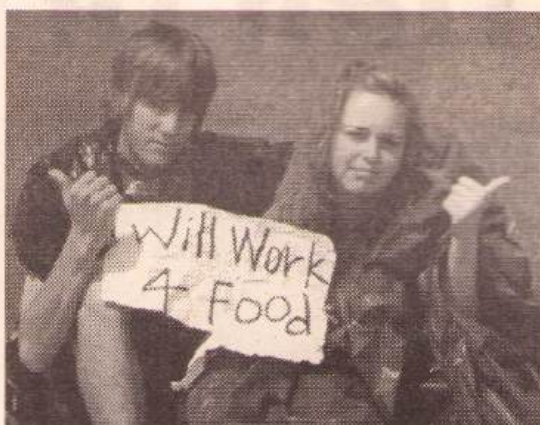
# Senior Hall of Fame

By: Kailee Jordan



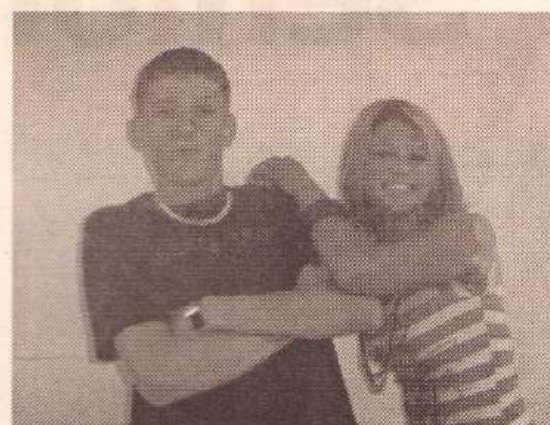
**Best Personality**

Sarah Young and Brian Buh



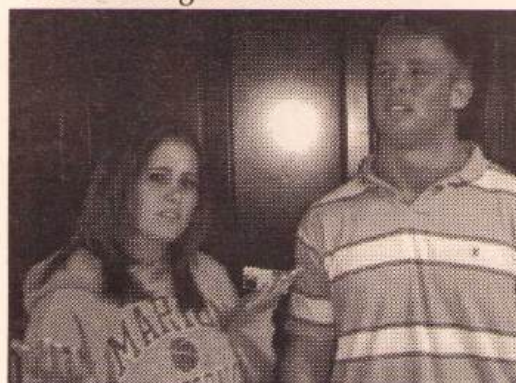
**Most Likely to Succeed**

Clancy Quinn and Laura Stulken



**Best Dressed**

Tim Cook and Ashley Sperry



**Spaciest/Most Gullible**

Kailee Jordan and Justin Schnieders



**Most School Spirit**

Krisanne Ryther and Zac Christensen

## Graduation Gifts

Being done with high school is nice and summer vacation is also something to look forward to, but one of the greatest things about graduating is the gifts!! We have just gone through thirteen years of school, taking uncountable tests, and with all the stress of graduating on our shoulders seniors deserve to get gifts; good gifts at that.

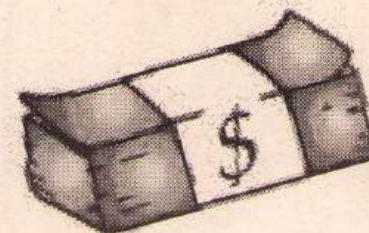
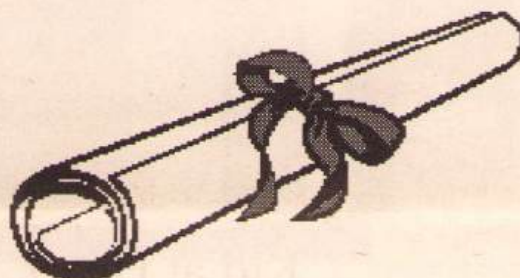
Some of the senior class was polled and asked what they wanted for graduation, and over half of the persons polled said they wanted money as a graduation gift. Along with money people wanted laptops, a new car, their parents to pay for college, gift cards, and a few other gifts.

A few seniors were asked specifically what they wanted for graduation and senior Dan Teff said, "I want a laptop because it will help me with

homework and I can burn CD's and DVD's after I leave." Crystal Harris said, "I want money so I can rent my own apartment." Derik Daubemier said, "An HP laptop because it will be very useful when it comes to college." Audrey Conner said, "I want money for college, an apartment, and a car."

Everybody loves to get a good gift, and after the hard work we put into school we definatley deserve good gifts. Graduation is a great time everybody is always so excited to be done with school, so receiving gifts only makes the event better. So, as you all go off to college hopefully you will be taking some nice gifts with you or a good chunk of change.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

By Carly Huffman

THE  
POSEIDON DA VINCI CODE

**Review:** Summer blockbusters are starting early this year. In the middle of May, *Poseidon* was released. It was loosely based on a famous 1972 disaster movie, but it's not exactly a remake. It's more of a remix.

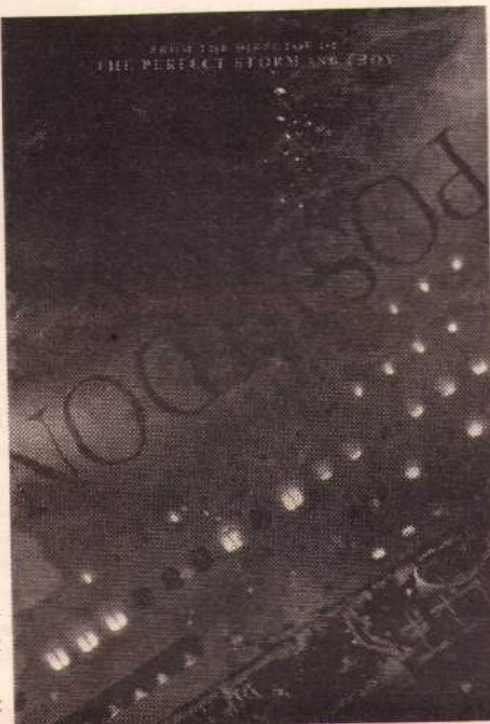
It is set on a big cruise ship on New Years Eve. In an exciting scene very early in the movie, a huge wave hits the boat and causes it to capsize. The captain instructs everyone to stay in the ballroom where the party is taking place, but some passengers decide to try to make it out on their own.

I didn't know exactly what to expect when I went into this movie, because I had never seen the original. It is pretty exciting, and it does its job of keeping you on the edge of your seat.

**What I think you'll like:** The graphics are great. It's very easy to believe that they are actually escaping from a boat.

**What I think you won't like:** It is just a series of escape scenes. There isn't much character development and the acting is nothing special.

**Why you should check it out:** It will get your heart pounding. It's worth a look.



**Preview:** It's always a risk to make a movie based on a popular book, and this one is no different. The *Da Vinci Code* is one of the best selling books of all time, and it is a great story to be made into a movie, but it has been controversial.

If you haven't read the book (you should, by the way) it's about searching for the Holy Grail. There are clues hidden in paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci. Symbologist Robert Langdon, played by Tom Hanks, gets involved in a quest to decode the clues.

**What I think you'll like:** Tom Hanks rarely makes movies that I don't want to see, and this one is based on one of the most addicting books I've ever read. Plus, it's directed by Ron Howard, who does great stuff.

**What I think you won't**

**like:** The book is way better than the movie, but the movie isn't horrible. They cut out a couple parts, and added random details that annoyed me.

**Why You Should Check It Out:** Whether you've read the book or not, I think this is a really interesting movie.

THE  
BREAK-UP

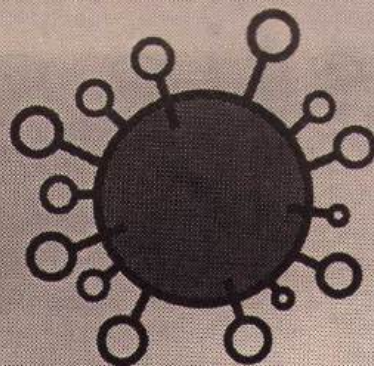
**Preview:** Following my tradition of reviewing a Jennifer Aniston movie in almost every Vox, I decided to give you a preview of a movie I'm very excited to see: *The Break Up*.

Aniston plays one half of a relationship that's ending. Vince Vaughn plays the other half. They decide that their relationship is over, but neither will move out of the house that

they share. Their friends and family try to get them to decide and move on.

Since the Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn romance was revealed, this movie has gotten a lot of hype, and it looks pretty funny.

**What I think you'll like:** I think it looks like a good summer date movie, and a harmless comedy.



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## Their Final Note

By: Amanda Grieder

This year at Choir large group contest, both choirs did an exceptional job. They started working hard throughout the year after the Holiday Concert in December. "Preparing for the contest wasn't easy. We take what we learned all year and put it all into the performance," said Kelly Cayton.

Each choir performed three pieces. Cantorei performed "My True Love Has My Heart", "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day", and "Hotaru Koi." "Hotaru Koi" was a Japanese Song they learned with help from the foreign exchange students. They received a division "I" superior rating for their performance. Concert Coral performed three songs also, Hark I hear the Harps Eternal, Go Where I Sent Thee,

and Bogorodiste Devo. Bogorodiste Devo is a Russian song that they learned for the contest. "It was hard learning the music because it was in a different language, but once we started it got a lot easier," said Bill Law. Concert Chorale received a division "II" excellent rating for their performance.



By: Amanda Grieder

Concert band participated in large group contest on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Preparing for the contest started long before the band members played. "Each of us started getting ready in band right after our winter concert. It took a long time but it paid off," said Laura Stulken. At the contest the band played two songs. They started with Fantasy On a Japanese Folk Song. This piece was a college level piece. "We have never played a



college level piece. We put in a lot of time and ended up with a great performance," said Mr. Bobe. The band played beautifully and ended up with three division I superior ratings. They worked hard and deserved it.

Even though the band ended up with a great year, each member left with a dissatisfying feeling. Mr. Bobe, director of marching, jazz, and concert band announced his resignation. After eighteen years of directing, he will be leaving and will be greatly missed.

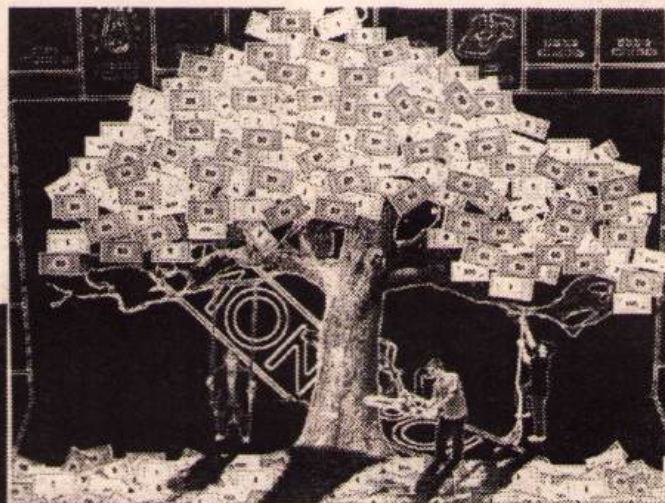
## Artistic Abilities

By: Brittney Railsback

WAMAC Art this year was filled with many new ideas and successes. WAMAC Art was held in Vinton this year, but the competition rotates from year to year. Marion High School went into the competition with Sarah Gard, Mark Gollnick, Mary Thompson, Tess Anderson, Ian LeBeau, Levi Dixon, Jordan Ruby, Ryan Dickinson, Tyler Daubenmeier, Sarah Young, Heather Rowe, Taylor Bantor, Sean Robinson, and Ian Barker. Though all competitors tried their hardest, only a few placed.

First place went to Mark Gollnick, with a project in Computer Graphics, second place went to both Taylor Bantor and Ian Barker; Bantor for a

Pastel work and Barker for a Mixed Media Drawing piece. And third place went to Sarah Gard in Ceramics, Sean Robinson in Pastel, and Mark Gollnick in Digital Imaging.

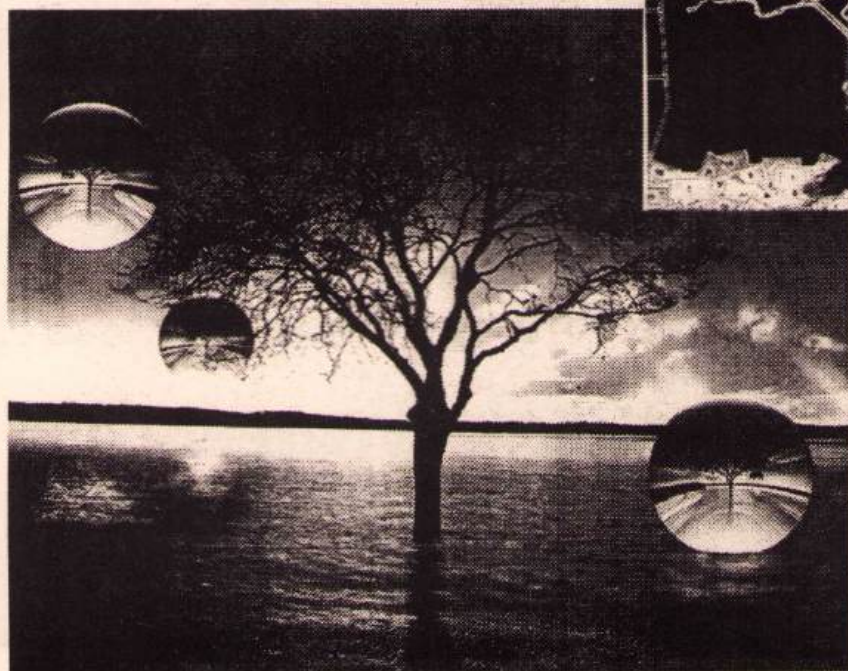


ABOVE: This piece of artwork, titled *Money Tree* by Ian LeBeau, was submitted in the Wamac Art Contest. LeBeau created this piece in Computer Graphics.

LEFT: *Tree Drops*, by Mark Gollnick, was entered in the Wamac Art Contest. Gollnick also entered another piece that placed third in the contest. To get artwork into the competition, you have to be recommended by your teacher, and then your piece has to make it through a series of voting to eliminate other artwork.

Although WAMAC is the final competition of the year, it is not the only one. There are two others, one held at Mount Mercy College and the other at Kirkwood Community College, both earlier this year.

Having so many students in all of the computer art classes and regular art classes, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Thornton, and Mrs. Thilges picked out the most dominant pieces and then had other teachers rate them, to narrow the competitors down to 15 students.



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# Honors Night

By Riley Quinn

US Army Scholar Athlete Awards ..... Krisanne Ryther, Ben Messerli  
 US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete ..... Sarah Young, Ben Messerli  
 & Scholastic Excellence Awards ..... Sarah Young  
 US Air Force Science and Math Awards ..... Nicole Cox, Kendra Gehman, Laura Stulken  
 Iowa Bar Assoc. Better Am Citizenship Award ..... Sarah Young  
 Mentzer Scholarships ..... Jennifer Noe, Clancy Quinn  
 Justin Turner Memorial Scholarship ..... Jennifer Noe, Laura Stulken, Clancy Quinn  
 Marion American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship ..... Brady Quinn  
 Senninger American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship ..... Brian Buh  
 Veridian Credit Union Scholarship ..... Ashley Cory  
 Marion American Legion Scholarship ..... Bailey Schindler, Clancy Quinn  
 Senninger American Legion Scholarship ..... Laura Stulken  
 Senninger Trojan Lodge Scholarship ..... Adam Spear  
 Hans Ebsen Memorial Scholarship ..... Steven Murray  
 St Pauls Church Leola Clark Scholarship ..... Kelly Cayton  
 Iowa Newspaper Foundation Scholarship ..... Ashley Evans  
 Linn Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship ..... Rick Scott  
 Marion Lodge #6 Scholarship ..... Eric D'Hooge  
 Marion Foundation Scholarships .....  
 Kelly Grishaber Memorial Scholarship ..... Brady Quinn  
 Jeff Rehnstrom Memorial Scholarship ..... Ashley Lagerquist  
 Mike McGrew Memorial Scholarship ..... Colin LeBeau  
 Jay White Memorial Scholarship ..... Brian Buh, Ben Messerli  
 Todd Little Memorial Scholarship ..... Adam Spear, Ben Messerli  
 Kiwanis Scholarship ..... Amber Scott  
 Marion East Rotary Scholarship ..... Ashley Evans  
 Hall of Fame Scholarship ..... Sarah Young  
 Fulbright Medallions Achievement in Foreign Language ..... Jennifer Noe, Kendra Gehman  
 MEA Rosa Rowen Memorial Scholarship ..... Emily Beadle, Ben Messerli, Brady Quinn  
 Silver Cords for Volunteerism ..... Emily Beadle, Sara Beaty, Madison Bliss, Kristi Brawner, Brian Buh,  
 Audrey Conner, Ashley Cory, Nicole Cox, Josh Davis, Eric D'Hooge,  
 Ashley Evans, Ryan Garman, Kendra Gehman, Crystal Harris, Nicole Henry,  
 Drew Hingtgen, Matt Holland, Amanda Jilek, Jessica Jones, Kailee Jordan,  
 Ashley Keppler, Niki Kiburz, Dillon Lacy, Ashley Lagerquist, Katie Lawson,  
 Drew Martin, Sam Mazuk, Mike McVeigh, Ben Messerli, Jennifer Noe,  
 Andrea Podoll, Brady Quinn, Clancy Quinn, Andrea Rose, Heather Rowe,  
 Erika Scheer, Bailey Schindler, Krystle Schoon, Amber Scott, Megan Schilling,  
 Rachel Soldner, Adam Spear, Krystle Sperry, Laura Stulken, Cassie Sweeney,  
 Jheri Thompson, Anthony Valvoda, Nick Walters, Tia Wheeler  
 Volunteer Award for Exemplary Service ..... Rachel Soldner  
 Youth Leadership for 3 Seasons ..... Luke Walters, Tara Carsner, Amanda Grieder,  
 Mackenzie Brown, Natalie Ryther  
 National Council on Youth Leadership Participants ..... Emily Beadle, Madison Bliss,  
 Brian Buh, Ashley Cory, Nicole Cox, Serena Hanson, Kailee Jordan,  
 Amanda Kruk, Shawna Leonard, Drew Martin, Ben Messerli, Jen Noe,  
 Andrea Podoll, Brady Quinn, Clancy Quinn, Heather Rowe, Krisanne Ryther,  
 Bailey Schindler, Amber Scott, Ashley Sperry, Laura Stulken  
 National Council on Youth Leadership Scholarships ..... Ashley Evans, Bill Law  
 Bausch & Lomb Science Awards ..... Cyrus Coffman  
 Science and Math Awards ..... Sara Beaty, Taylor Benter, Brian Buh, Nick Cannavo,  
 Kelly Cayton, Nicole Cox, Matt Cronk, Eric D'Hooge, Kendra Gehman, Israel Giribaldi, Serena  
 Hanson, Ben Koppedryer, Bill Law, Drew Martin, Jennifer Noe, Andrea Podoll, Clancy Quinn, Bailey  
 Schindler, Amber Scott, Laura Stulken, Hillary Youngman  
 WAMAC Art Competition Awards ..... Taylor Benter, Sean Robinson  
 Mt. Mercy College High School Art Award ..... Sarah Young  
 Kirkwood Career Academy Medalists ..... Kallie Horak, Jodi Moore, Adam Spear,  
 Tia Wheeler, Brian Scheer, Jesse Kirk  
 Journalism Awards ..... Ashley Cory, Nicole Cox, Ashley Evans, Shawna Leonard,  
 Aaron Lockwood, Drew Martin, Clancy Quinn

Humanities/Social Sciences Award ..... Austin Cudworth  
 Toyota Community Scholar ..... Ben Messerli  
 Character Counts Award ..... Ben Messerli  
 Better Business Bureau Integrity Award ..... Sarah Young  
 Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizenship Award" ..... Sarah Young  
 Des Moines Register Academic All State, MHS nominee ..... Laura Stulken  
 Governor's Scholar Recognition ..... Laura Stulken  
 Drug Free Schools Awards ..... Brian Buh, Audrey Conner, Eric D'Hooge, Ryan Garman,  
 Drew Hingtgen, Heather Rowe, Nick Walters  
 Outstanding Student Leader ..... Ashley Cory  
 Martin Luther King Student Leader Award ..... Ben Messerli  
 Arizona State University Scholarship ..... Dan Teff  
 Buena Vista University Merit & Social Science Scholarship ..... Aaron Lockwood  
 Central College Dean's & Theater Scholarships ..... Keeley Carson  
 Central College Presidential & Science Scholarships ..... Serena Hanson  
 Culver Stockton College Pillars Scholarship ..... Kendra Gehman  
 Iowa State University Academic Scholarships ..... Bill Law, Kelly Cayton, Taylor Benter  
 Kirkwood College VITAL Scholarships ..... Tori Kloubec, Michael McVeigh  
 Loras College Academic Scholarship ..... Drew Martin  
 Mt. Mercy College Scholarships ..... Jon Olivarez, Rachel Soldner, Andrea Podoll  
 NIACC Scholarship ..... Nick Walters  
 Truman State University Scholarships ..... Sara Beaty  
 University of Iowa Old Gold Scholarship ..... Laura Stulken  
 University of Iowa Business & Accounting Scholarship ..... Nicole Cox  
 University of Northern Iowa Academic Scholarships ..... Brady Quinn, Sam Mazuk, Sarah Young  
 Wartburg College Regent's Scholarship ..... Ashley Evans, Clancy Quinn, Ben Messerli  
 Excellence Medal and Scholarship ..... Tia Wheeler, Sara Beaty  
 Cedar Rapids Board of Realtors Scholarships ..... Krystle Schoon, Rick Scott  
 CR West Rotary Kirkwood Scholarship ..... Rick Scott  
 Cedar Rapids Women's Club Scholarship ..... Eric D'Hooge  
 DEMCO Library Services Scholarship ..... Michael Schmitt  
 Guardian Industries Education Foundation Scholarship ..... Krisanne Ryther  
 Cedar Valley Science Scholarship ..... Clancy Quinn  
 Elk's Most Valuable Student Scholarship ..... Ben Messerli  
 Eastern Iowa Valley St. Assoc Scholarship ..... Clancy Quinn  
 HyVee Foundation Scholarship ..... Ashley Evans  
 North American SALT Scholarship ..... Brian Buh  
 Tribal Scholarship ..... Ryan Garman  
 Medal of Merit ..... Sarah Young  
 Academic Honors Program ..... Sara Beaty, Taylor Benter, Brian Buh, Kelly Cayton,  
 Nicole Cox, Ashley Evans, Kendra Gehman, Serena Hanson, Ben Koppedryer,  
 Anna Lafontant, Bill Law, Kathryn Lawson, Jodi Moore, Jennifer Noe,  
 Andrea Podoll, Brady Quinn, Clancy Quinn, Bailey Schindler,  
 Laura Stulken, Sarah Young, Hillary Youngman  
 Bernie Saggau Award ..... Ben Messerli  
 Wendy's Heisman Award ..... Ashley Cory, Ben Messerli  
 Top 10 Scholars ..... Sara Beaty, Nicole Cox, Ashley Evans, Kendra Gehman, William Law  
 Kathryn Lawson, Jennifer Noe, Clancy Quinn, Bailey Schindler, Laura Stulken  
 KWWL - Best of the Class ..... Laura Stulken  
 National Honor Society Scholarships ..... Sara Beaty, Kelly Cayton, Sarah Young,  
 Kendra Gehman, Ben Messerli  
 National Honor Society Initiates ..... Kody Bellach, Keeley Carson, Austin Cudworth,  
 Levi Dixon, Casey Fangmann, Tiffany Fangmann, BJ Fish, Israel Giribaldi, Elliot Heim, Drew Hingtgen,  
 Ashley McCusker, Samantha Houseman, Ryan Immerfall,  
 Jacqueline Kane, Megan Meeks, Christine Mikkola, Cory Mohling, Zachary Putnam, Riley Quinn,  
 Brittney Railsback, Kiley Remington, Andrew Reynolds, Amanda Roberts, Sean Robinson, Katie Schult,  
 Tabitha Scott, Rachel N. Smith, Adam Spear,  
 Kris Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Kelsey Thornton, Derek VanDerMillen, Alicia Zanzie



Above: Ben Messerli accepts an award from Mr. Goettsch. Top left: Mr. Bailey hands Tia Wheeler an award for her artwork done throughout high school. Top center: National Honor Society officers Ben Koppedryer, Sarah Young, Krisanne Ryther and Bill Law explain the criteria for being inducted into NHS. Top right: Mr. Thornton hands Sarah Young one of her numerous awards that she received that night. Bottom right: Mrs. Grant announces the people who earned silver cords for volunteering 160 hours.



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Casey Andrews.....	Kirkwood
Chris Barry.....	NIACC/University of Iowa
Emily Beadle.....	University of Iowa
Sara Beaty.....	Truman State
Taylor Benter.....	Iowa State University
Zach Blazek.....	Kirkwood
Jessica Blazek.....	Cornell
Madison Bliss.....	Loras
Kristi Brawner.....	Hamilton
Brian Buh.....	University of Iowa
John Burhite.....	NIACC
Nick Cannavo.....	Wartburg
Keely Carson.....	Central
Kelly Cayton.....	Iowa State University
Zac Christensen.....	Kirkwood
Audrey Conner.....	Kirkwood
Tim Cook.....	Le Cordon Bleu (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
Ashley Cory.....	University of Northern Iowa
Nicole Cox.....	University of Iowa
Jordan Crane.....	Kirkwood
Matt Cronk.....	University of Iowa
Derik Daubenmier.....	Kirkwood
Josh Davis.....	Kirkwood
Ben DeLancey.....	Apprenticeship (sheet metal)
Matt DeLany.....	Kirkwood
Eric D'Hooge.....	Simpson
Patrick Doubet.....	Iowa State University
Melody Eiben.....	Kirkwood
Ashley Evans.....	Wartburg
Emily Garberson.....	Loras
Ryan Garman.....	University of Iowa
Kendra Gehman.....	Culver-Stockton
Israel Giribaldi-Mallada.....	University of Iowa
Brian Guler.....	Kirkwood
Eric Hanna.....	Iowa Central
Serena Hanson.....	Central
Crystal Harris.....	Kirkwood
Brian Heath.....	Kirkwood
Shane Heinrich.....	Kirkwood
Nicole Henry.....	Pivot Point (Chicago, Illinois)
Andrew Herring.....	Working
Jesse Heslop.....	Kirkwood
Drew Hingtgen.....	University of Northern Iowa
Matt Holland.....	Iowa Central
Kallie Horak.....	Undecided
Corey Hughes.....	Kirkwood
Keir James.....	Kirkwood
Amanda Jilek.....	Kirkwood
Erick Johnson.....	Kirkwood
Jessica Jones.....	Ozark Christian College
Kailee Jordan.....	Mount Mercy
Ashley Keppler.....	Iowa Wesleyan
Niki Kiburz.....	Kirkwood
Justin Kinney.....	University of Northern Iowa
Jesse Kirk.....	Kirkwood
Tori Kloubec.....	Kirkwood
Bryan Knutson.....	Working
Ben Koppedryer.....	University of Minnesota
Sheila Kramer.....	Unknown
Dillon Lacey.....	Unknown
Anna Lafontant.....	Buena Vista
Ashley Lagerquist.....	Kirkwood
Bill Law.....	Iowa State University
Katie Lawson.....	University of Iowa
Colin LeBeau.....	Carlson College of Massage Therapy
Shawna Leonard.....	Kirkwood
Kayla Levitan.....	Kirkwood or Working
Aaron Lockwood.....	Buena Vista
Katlyn Manuel.....	University of North Carolina
Drew Martin.....	Loras



Adam Mayer .....	United States Marine Corporation
Sam Mazuk .....	University of Northern Iowa
William McCall .....	Undecided
Michael McVeigh .....	MMI
James Merfeld .....	Kirkwood
Ben Messerli .....	Wartburg
Shannon Michels .....	Working
Jodi Moore .....	Iowa State University
Tiffany Morgan .....	Kirkwood or Working
Hailey Murdoch .....	Kirkwood
Steven Murray .....	Kirkwood
Ashley Murray .....	Cornell
Ashley Musil .....	Kirkwood
Megan Needham .....	Kirkwood
Jen Noe .....	Wartburg
Brandon O'Connell .....	University of Northern Iowa
Jon Olivarez .....	Mount Mercy
Jeremy Olmstead .....	Hamilton
Zac Ottaway .....	Moving to Arizona
Krunal Patel .....	Moving to Chicago for school
Andrea Podoll .....	Mount Mercy
Adam Post .....	Kirkwood
Jennifer Quigley .....	Kirkwood
Brady Quinn .....	University of Northern Iowa
Clancy Quinn .....	Wartburg
Amy Raygor .....	Kirkwood or Working
Andrea Rose .....	Kirkwood
Grayline Ross .....	University of Dubuque
Heather Rowe .....	Kirkwood
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Joey Swanson .....	Coe
Cassie Sweeney .....	Kirkwood
Jenni Taylor .....	Army
Dan Teff .....	Arizona State
Nicole Thielking .....	Kirkwood or Working
Justin Thomas .....	Kirkwood
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Anthony Valvoda .....	Iowa State University
Cali Wahe .....	Kirkwood or Working
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## Swinging Strong

By: Rachel N. Smith

The girl's tennis team has had an amazing season this spring. They have won their meets against Davenport Assumption, Mount Vernon, Western Dubuque, and Independence. They also placed third at the conference tournament. They improved from the 2005 season, where they placed fourth. At Wamac, Hannah Hart and Angela Bys both placed second for singles and doubles. Third places went to Lindsay and Kelly Cayton in both singles and doubles matches.

Kelly Cayton, a returning senior, is very proud of the girls. "My goals for this season were for everyone to play the best that they ever played. We worked hard in practice and were aggressive at meets. That's basically the way that we got bet-

ter this year."

Lindsay Cayton finished second place at Camanche and qualified to represent Marion in the State high school tennis tournament in Spencer, Iowa May 31 through June 2.

The boy's season has been just as successful as the girls. Though they started off with a loss at the Prairie Invite, they bounced back. They defeated teams like South Tama, Oelwein, Western Dubuque, and Mount Vernon. The boys pulled out a 4th place at the conference tournament. "This has been one of the best seasons that we have had," quoted Coach Foth about their overall record this season.

## Girls Tennis

MHS	Opponent	
7	W. Dubuque	2
8	South Tama	1
5	Independence	4
4	Maquoketa	5
33	Maquoketa	36
33	W. Dubuque	17
33	Independence	31
33	South Tama	18
33	Waterloo Columbus	54
3	Camanche	6
2	Maquoketa	7
8	Mount Vernon	1

## Boys Tennis

MHS	Opponent	
13	Maquoketa	21
13	Independence	18
13	Mount Vernon	8
13	South Tama	10
13	C.R. Jefferson	30
13	C.R. Prairie	26
13	C.R. Xavier	30
9	Mount Vernon	0
-	Camanche	-
6	Oelwein	3
8	W. Dubuque	1
2	Independence	7
9	Mount Vernon	0
30	Maquoketa	39
30	W. Dubuque	23
30	Independence	34
30	South Tama	11
30	Waterloo Columbus	52
1	Camanche	8
5	Oelwein	4
-	Tournament Stats	-

## "Foot to Track"

By: Brandon O'Connell

This year has been another outstanding season for both the girls' and boys' track team. The boys competed at every meet, including a second place finish at the conference meet and a second place finish at districts.

Top individual performers this year included Grayline Ross, who qualified for State in the 100 and 200 meter dash. Ross also won both of these events at districts and at the conference tournament. Nathan Nissen also qualified for state in the 1600 meter run after taking first in the event at Districts. Nate Wiley qualified for the 400 meter dash as well.

Other consistent runners and field event teammates included: Drew Martin in the 400 meter hurdles, Allen Reisner in the long jump, Tyler Hillesheim in the 100 meter dash, Anthony Valvoda in the discus, and Drew Clark in the shot put.

Overall the boys track team put in a lot of hard work, resulting in a lot of success both individually and as a team.

The girls' track team has also had another outstanding season, just like the boys. The girls had many returning var-

sity letter winners this year, but they also had a few very talented freshmen to add to the team.

Top performers for the girls' track team that qualified for state include: Jacqueline Kane in the 200 and 400 meter dash, Rachel N. Smith in the 1500 and 3000 meter run, Chelsea Burhite in the 800 meter run and 4 X 800, which also includes Madison Bliss, Monica Kelly, and Betsy Ryan. Other qualifiers include Sarah Young in the long jump, Alanah Johnson in the high jump, and the sprint medley team which includes: Jacqueline Kane, Sarah Young, Tara Carsner, and Brittney Thomas.

We wish both the girls and the boys the best of luck at the state meet.

## State Results:

BOYS:  
Nate Wiley: 6th place in the 400m  
Grayline Ross: 2nd place in the 100m dash

GIRLS:  
Jacqueline Kane: 4th in the 400m dash, 6th in the 200m dash, and sixth in the sprint medley. The sprint medley included: Tara Carsner, Brittney Thomas, Sarah Young, and Jacqueline Kane. They also broke the school record.  
Sarah Young: 5th in the long jump.

## Scoring Goals

By: Amanda Grieder

The MHS girl's soccer team has really showed that hard work and team work pay off. They have won three conference games and lost two. "The losses to Independence and Waterloo Columbus were tough games. It was fun to play those teams and I learned a lot," said Katie Schultz.



A lot of the girls have been doing some extra bonding outside of practice and games. Team bonfires and sleepovers have taken place almost every Friday night and a lot of the girls have gone to bond with each other. "I like to have sleepovers at my house. It really gives us time to bond as a team," said AJ Jilek.

Even though the girls have had an outstanding season, they have also had to face many injuries. One of the most missed players is Sara Beaty. Beaty has been the starting varsity keeper for the past three years. She has worked hard and is a returning captain this year. She was a huge asset to the team and each member has missed playing with her on the field. Covering Beatty's spot is Courtney Heims. "I'm really excited about being keeper this year. It's hard to fill Beatty's spot, but I hope I will do a good job," said Heims.

Boy's soccer has en-



dured a lot of changes this season. They started off the season with a completely different coach. Coach Hubble took over the spot of Coach Foote. Foote stepped down after last year's season, and after being the assistant, Hubble took his place. Each of the players has had an easy time adjusting to the change. "I don't really think it's any different because Coach Hubble was our assistant coach last year, and now it's basically the same just with out Coach Foote," said Nate Pickering.

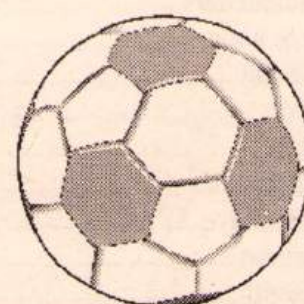
The team has accomplished a lot. They have had wins against West Delaware and Mt. Pleasant. Both of which were conference wins. It is half way through their season and there is much to come from boy's soccer.

## Boys Soccer

MHS	Opponent	
0	Benton	1
0	Anamosa	1
2	W. Delaware	0
1	Waterloo Columbus	3
2	W. Dubuque	3
-	Mount Pleasant	-
3	Monticello	1
5	Center Point	1
0	Independence	5
0	Mount Vernon	8

## Girls Soccer

MHS	Opponent	
0	Linn-Mar	7
1	South Tama	0
5	I.C. Regina	0
3	W. Delaware	0
0	Waterloo Columbus	1
5	W. Dubuque	0
2	Mount Vernon	1
6	Beckman	4
10	Anamosa	0
-	Tournament Stats	-



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# Road to Success

By: Matt Barnd and Patrick Tiernan

The baseball team is entering the 2006 season with high expectations and even higher hopes. Returning seven of nine starters from a season ago, there's plenty of experience and senior leadership to go around.

The 2006 captains are all seniors including Ben Messerli, Matt Holland, Eric Hanna, and Joey Swanson. All four are returning starters from last year along with juniors Tyler Hilleshiem, Josh Busenbark, and Kevin Shuver. Returning pitchers with varsity experience include junior Zeth Schau, senior Justin Schneiders, and sophomores Patrick Lala, and Ryan Clark, who add to the experienced line-up. The team looks to build off of last year's second place conference finish and number four ranking in the class 3A final poll and take it a step further. "We always have high expectations, especially after tying the school record for wins last season. We want to play well in the metro tournament, contend for a Wamac title, and be ready for a state tournament run by the end of the season," Coach Fish commented.

## 2006 Varsity Baseball Captains



**Ben Messerli**  
2005 all metro



**Matt Holland**  
2005 1st team all state



**Eric Hanna**  
2005 all metro



**Joey Swanson**  
2005 all-district

Many players have already been working towards these goals for many months. In addition to players working out on their own, approximately 25 players participated in the perfect game winter and spring leagues in January and February. A majority of the players have attended the optional open gyms on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout March and April as well. "We have several young men who have done a fantastic job this off-season," Coach Fish said about his team.

Official practice began May 1st and the first round of the Metro tournament was held at Marion on Monday, May 22nd against Kennedy. The team this year is loaded with talent and has a solid chance at a conference championship and possible state birth if progress and improvement continues.

## Competing Finishing Strong Fresh Start

By: Ben Messerli

The Marion girls' golf team had a season full of tough competition. They faced a tough field of 4A teams at the annual CRANDIC Meet. They've also faced a brutal Wamac schedule. The one thing that got them through their competition was their strong competitiveness. They never gave up and focused through all their nine or eighteen hole rounds. They need to stay focused and tough through every hole because a tournament could come down to one stroke. The Indians had an impressive finish at the Super Wamac meet where they finished a record 6<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams. They were led in the season by Krisanne Ryther with a 54.4 scoring average, and Rachel A. Smith with a 55.8 scoring average.



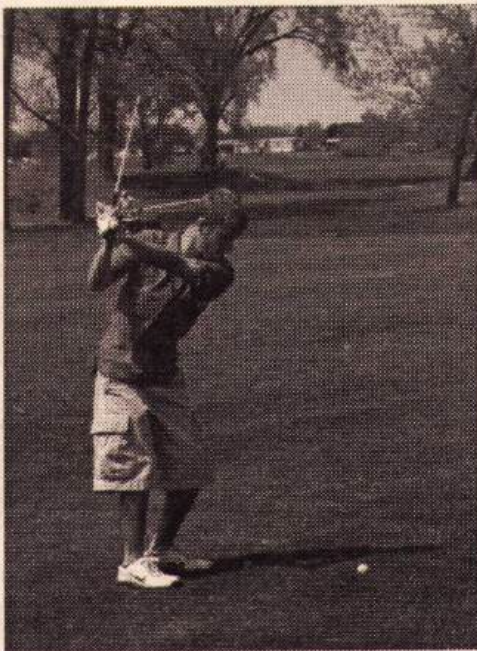
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By: Ben Messerli

The Marion golf team made major progress in the 2006 season. Every golfer from top to bottom



made great improvements. Marion won the last three tournaments of the regular season including their second Wamac title in a row. The Indians set a new school record for most tournament wins in a season with four.

The Indians' top three golfers, Ben Messerli, Brady Quinn, and Ben Cranny came up big down the stretch. Each of the three finished in the top ten at Wamac. Their stroke averages

are also some of the best in the Wamac at 39.5 for Messerli, 41.5 for Brady Quinn, and 41.7 for Cranny. Also, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Ruby, and David Simcox all came up big when needed. All three had a score count in the final tournaments. They will try to qualify for their second straight state birth.

By: Krisanne Ryther

The Softball season is already up and rolling and on their way to a successful year. The team lost two assistant coaches this year but just recently hired a new varsity assistant coach, Katie Strain. Coach Strain will be a very helpful addition to the team and to Coach Smith.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the softball team held a dance at Vernon Middle School to raise funds for new softball bats. The team holds this dance every year and always makes enough money for the upcoming season.

The softball team was hit hard by graduation last year by losing seven senior starters. The girls will try to rebuild this season and finish with a successful year.

**Top Left:** Sophomore Rachel A. Smith chips from the fringe at dual meet at Gardner golf course.

**Left:** Senior Krisanne Ryther puts on the number five green at Gardner golf course.

**Above:** Senior Brady Quinn prepares to hit the ball in his back swing at a meet.

**Below:** Senior Ben Messerli follows through and watches his ball after chipping.







**Name: Ryan Garman**

**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activities:** Football, Speech, Spring Play, NHS, SODA, Fall Musical, and Chamber Ensemble.  
**Season Highlight:** My whole season is a highlight. I enjoy every minute

of my playtime on the field.  
**Best High School Memory:** Too many to name. But, going to France and Spain my sophomore year during spring break was awesome.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The people and all my friends.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** You're better always early, than never late.  
**Future Plans:** Attend College at Iowa and major in business.



**Name: Ben DeLancey**

**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activities:** SODA  
**Season Highlight:** Scoring my first goal against Waterloo Columbus and then the news channel said it was Drew Hingtgen.

**Best High School Memory:** Going to concerts with my friends. I even got to meet a special someone at Rockstock.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The friends and classmates that I may never see again, and walking to class with my special someone.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Don't live life too seriously, sharks have over 32,000 teeth, banana!"  
**Future Plans:** An apprentice.



**Name: Nicole Henry**

**Main Activity:** Tennis  
**Other Activity:** Volleyball and SODA  
**Season Highlight:** Going to state and winning WaMaC, jumping up and down screaming in volleyball.

**Best High School Memory:** Rachel, Jheri, and I dressing up in random, crazy, and weird clothes and going to Wal-Mart at 1 in the morning.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Nice, friendly atmosphere, easy classes, and sports.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Treat others how you want to be treated."  
**Future Plans:** Go to Pivot Point, a cosmetology school in Chicago.



**Name: Grayline Ross**

**Main Activity:** Track  
**Season Highlight:** Breaking the school record in the 100-meter dash.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Friends.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Never

Doubt Yourself."  
**Future Plans:** Attend a four-year college, run track, and major in Criminal justice.



**Name: Jen Noe**

**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activities:** Band, Choir, Chamber Ensemble, CHAMPS, NHS, Thespians, Fall Musical, and Competitive Speech.  
**Season Highlight:** Breaking my two-year, no goal streak and scoring two goals

within three games.  
**Best High School Memory:** Smuggling skittles to the JV team during games and

watching Boogeyman with a team of girls screaming.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The familiarity of people and events and all of the people I've grown up with the last 13 years.  
**Future Plans:** Attend Wartburg to study Biology and partake in the Pre-Med program.



**Name: Shane Heinrich**

**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activities:** SODA  
**Season Highlight:** Freshman year I had a penalty kick and schooled Independence mustangs.  
**Best High School Memory:** First goal at South Tama.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** All my friends; such as Ben, Drew, Ryan, Matt, and Jayk.

**Future Plans:** Associates at Kirkwood then UNI.



**Name: Sara Beaty**

**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activities:** Band, Choir, Thespians, Musical/Follies tech crew, and Competitive Speech.  
**Season Highlight:** Playing Wahlert in third round districts last year; it was the farthest we've ever gotten.  
**Best High School Memory:** There was a band at Keeley's birthday party and they were so loud we couldn't hear my car horn

going off so the neighbors called the police. It continued to go off all night.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The people and the activities. Cast parties, soccer practices, and music trips.  
**Future Plans:** Go to Truman State University in Missouri.



**Name: Matt Holland**

**Main Activity:** Baseball  
**Season Highlight:** Making first team All-State as a junior, and tying the school record in wins as a team.  
**Best High School Memory:** My quest with Derek, Brady, and Zac getting my mega guz Mt. Dew on 1st Ave at 1:00 A.M. Two guys started knocking on the windows when we were stopped and Zac C started freaking out.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** My friends.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Live life to the fullest, don't regret anything."  
**Future Plans:** Go to Iowa Central for two years and play baseball then transfer to a D-1 school down south.

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**Name:** Brian Buh  
**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activity:** Choir, NHS, Spring Play, Musical, Cross Country, Speech, SODA, and Student Senate.  
**Season Highlight:** One time I tickled a kid during a game and he wasn't very happy with me.

**Best High School Memory:** I choose not to remember, but I guess I enjoyed pretty much everything.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Bailey Schindler and her beautiful smile.  
**Future Plans:** Going to Iowa to study political science.



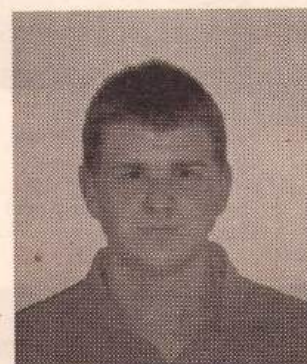
**Name:** Tamami Tokunaga  
**Main Activity:** Track  
**Other Activities:** Choir  
**Best High**

**School Memory:** Prom and post prom because I had never done neither of them and I really enjoyed them.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Friends especially the choir members and school dances.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Success is never final and failure never fatal."  
**Future Plans:** Go back to Japan, and go to college. I want to be an English teacher at the high school or an elementary teacher.



**Name:** Nattakit Pongtipleak  
**Main Activity:** Soccer  
**Other Activity:** Cross Country and Choir  
**Season Highlight:** Got a hat trick during the Mt. Pleasant game.

**Best High School Memory:** Everything that I have done.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I will miss Marion.  
**Future Plans:** Go back to Thailand.



**Name:** William McCall  
**Main Activity:** Tennis  
**Season Highlight:** When I won my only match of the season.  
**Best High School Memory:** Meeting the new people my first year here.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The teachers, friends, and the activities.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Love the sinner, hate the sin"  
**Future Plans:** Go to a community college for two years then to Raleigh, North Carolina and get a degree in animation.



**Name:** Kelly Cayton  
**Main Activity:** Tennis  
**Other Activities:** Football, Basketball, and Competition Cheerleading, Speech, Musical, and Choir.  
**Season Highlight:** When I got 2nd place at the 2006 Assumption tournament.

**Best High School Memory:** Having breakfast with my pals the mornings of ITEDS.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I will miss hanging out with all my friends, and having movie marathons.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Learn from the past, live in the present, and plan for the future."  
**Future Plans:** To attend Iowa State, be on the Co-ed cheerleading squad, and major in criminal justice.



**Name:** Adam Smith  
**Main Activity:** Baseball  
**Season Highlight:** Playing at Vets.  
**Best High School Memory:** Tailgating before football games.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Going to football and basketball games.  
**Future Plans:** Go to Kirkwood for two years.



Seniors Tamami Tokunaga, Nicole Cox, Madison Bliss, and Sarah Young are recognized at the Marion Invitational during Senior night.



Senior Brady Quinn, follows through with his putter at the Monticello course.



Grayline Ross and Ben Koppedryer run the curve during the 200 meter dash at districts.



Taylor Bentor prepares to serve the ball at a match at home.



Ben Koppedryer, Sarah Young, Krisanne Ryther, and Bill Law initiate members into NHS during Honors night.

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# Preparing, Dancing, and The After Party

By: Natalie Ryther

At 4:15 on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> there was no doubt that the junior class could pull it off; decorating was done and the fun was ready to begin. The juniors were a little hesitant on how they could make it work after some attended last years over the top prom, but they did. The gym was decorated with buildings in the background and street lamps in between, making it appear like the French Quarter. During the Grand March couples met in the middle of the walkway and walked through a beautiful gate wrapped with garland and then onto another walkway of cobblestone



which was lit with tiny lights. During the grand march the lighting went out a couple times, but

was quickly fixed with the help of Mr. Wake. Many girls were dressed in brightly colored dresses which connected well with the "Mardi Gras" theme. The girls were escorted by many of the boys dressed in white tuxes with bright vests.

"There were a lot of people there, it was a lot of fun and the music was good," quotes junior Megan Meeks.

Most years students leave before the dance is over, but this year many students stayed until the last song was played. Once again, prom ended with a success!



Junior, Micaela Kelley is escorted by Senior, Brady Quinn during the Grand March. During the Grand March, couples walked through an gate wrapped with garland.



Senior, Ashley Cory is escorted by Senior Brandon O'Connell. Cory was later solo after O'Connell got sick immediately after the Grand March.



Krystle Schoon and Serena Hanson compete against each other in the Bungee run at post prom. Post prom this year was held at the YMCA. Many students enjoyed the inflatable equipment to play on during the night.

By: Natalie Ryther

This was the 13th year Marion has held a post prom. Post prom was held at the Marion YMCA this year. The previous years they have tried the Bowling Alley, but it didn't hold the students' interest long. Last year it was held at the Play Station, but not many students signed up for it, so this year they switched it up again; back to the YMCA. There was a lot to do for students such as swimming, hot tubbing, bungee run, boxing, obstacle course, Nintendo, dance dance revolution, and much more. Many prizes were given throughout the night such as dvds, shirts, and gift certificates. Some larger prizes were also given at the end of the night including: microwaves, ipods, refrigerators, t.v.s, and d.v.d. players.

"I feel this was one of the most successful post proms due to the student turnout, parent support, business donations, and students having fun," commented S.O.D.A. advisor, Mrs. Hamous.

There were 197 students signed up to attend. Out of the 197 students 3 were a no show and 6 of the students left early. This years post prom seemed to have one of the most successful outcomes compared to past years.



Juniors Kody Bellach and Zeth Schau take a break from dancing and sit in front of the water fountain.



Senior Jodi Moore raises her hands in victory after defeating her opponent in boxing.



Seniors Kri-sanne Ryther, Ashley Evans, and Clancy Quinn check in before post prom.



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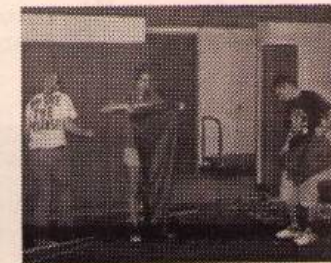
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Students from the junior class work together to decorate the gym for prom. Students spend all day working hard to make the gym look great for the night.



Katie Barkdoll, Melanie Kemmenn, and Kyle Thompson clean up after prom. Sophomores become eligible to miss school and decorate the upcoming year if they help out.



# Laptop Protection 101

By: Aaron Lockwood

With college very near for seniors, most of them will be either buying a laptop computer, or will be receiving one as part of their college tuition. However, for all of their glory, there are some things every student should be aware of after receiving their new computer that can help keep the computer, and all of its files safe.

## Anti-Virus:

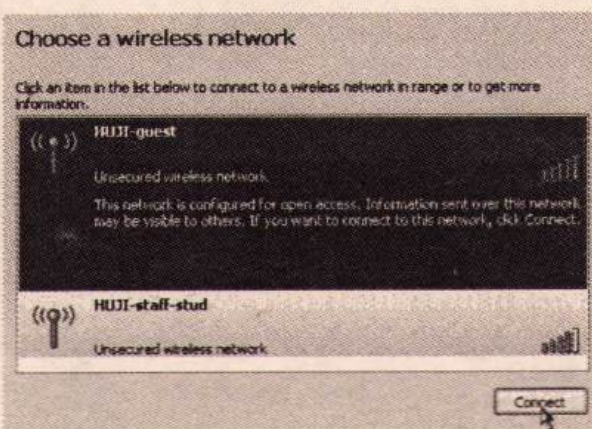
Most new laptop computers come with either Norton AntiVirus, or McAfee anti-virus programs. These will always have a 90 day or one year subscription that is activated at the time of the computer purchase. Once that subscription has run out it could cost \$30 - \$45 dollars to renew the subscription for another year. It is very important that you routinely run a virus scan on your computer. If you do a lot of web surfing, then it should be done at least once a week. Whenever the anti-virus program detects an active internet connection it will automatically download the latest virus definitions to keep your protection up to date. If you do not want to pay \$60 for an anti-virus program and the yearly subscription fee, there are also free downloadable programs that work just as well. The best being Avast! Anti-Virus, Avast! is completely free as long as the program is being used for personal, not business use.

## Wireless:

With the ever so portable laptop computer comes a whole new world of mystery to explore... Wireless Internet. It is everywhere nowadays, even at Burger Kings, Walmarts, and Panera Bread, and if you aren't careful with how you use it, you are placing your computer under unnecessary risks to catch viruses and to let unwanted people view your internet activity.

To activate your wireless connection, if on

a PC, first make sure your antenna is turned on, there is usually a switch on the right hand side of the computer, or it could be located along the top portion of the keyboard. Once the antenna is turned on there should be a light turned on to let you know. (Not all computers have an external switch to toggle on/off the wireless antenna, if there is no switch then the wireless connection is on by default.) If your computer is within the range of any wireless signal then there will be a little pop-up window by your clock in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. All you have to do is either click on that window, or right click on that icon and go to View Available Wireless Networks.



The next window will show you all the signals your computer can see. To connect all you do is click on the signal name and click the "connect" button. The only reason this would not work is if there is a little padlock icon by the signal name, this means that you will need a password to connect to the signal.

Make sure that you know and trust the source of the signal you are connecting too, because any and all internet activity can be monitored on the wireless network that you are connected to!

## Wireless Security:

More and more college campuses are starting to cover their whole campus with wireless internet, and if that is the case, the signal will already be secured. So the college will give you the necessary password information to get online. If however you are setting up your own wireless network, you will need a few things. First make sure that you have a router. A cable modem is NOT a router and cannot emit a wireless signal. Routers can cost anywhere from \$20-\$100 depending on the quality and features you want. They are very

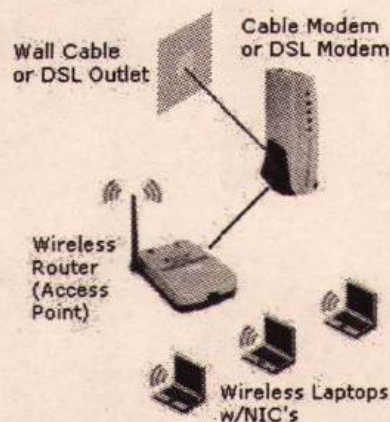
simple to hookup, you just follow the directions and plug your router into your pre-existing cable or DSL modem.

Why bother securing your wireless internet? The answer is because if you leave your wireless open to anyone that wants to connect, for each person connected they all share equally a portion of your internet connection, the more people connected, the slower it is for everyone. Also any illegal things done using the internet, or an internet connection don't get traced back to the person owning the computer, they get traced back to the person that owns the internet connection that committed the crimes. So always be aware of who might be using your internet, and the best way to do this is to secure your wireless.

## Steps to secure the connection:

Every router should have at least one form of encryption (security) this is usually in the form of WEP encryption (Wired Equivalent Privacy.) To find out you first have to login to your router, to do this, open your internet browser and in the address bar type in either 192.168.0.1 or 192.168.1.1, only one of these will work, it all depends on the brand of router you are using. You will then be taken to the interface for your router. Caution: Be careful what you change in here, make sure you know what changes you are making before you change them. There should be a section titled WEP, Security, or Wireless. All you have to do is select whether or not to activate the security and set a password. Once this is done you will need to have the correct password whenever you or someone else wants to connect to the internet.

Although it may sound complicated, it really isn't and the benefits far out way the potential risks involved with letting anyone connect to your wireless internet.



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