

Its Your VOX

May years ago in ancient Rome the latin term "vox", meaning "voice", first came into popular use. The early Roman government was very interested in representation of the people. Therefore, these people were anxious that the "vox populi", or "voice of the people", be heard. It has always been the will of our newspaper that the voice of the people, our students, be heard. It is for this reason that our newspaper is so-named the VOX.

Marion High School

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EDITORIAL . .

From the Editor Lounge

Lounge isn't what it used to be. At the beginning lounge was a privilege for the juniors and seniors. Freshman and sophomores looked forward to lounge as being a symbol of the upper classman. The stereo could be played during 1 lounge and the vending machines weren't in threat of being shut down. Now during lounge, the stereo can't be played because its too loud and the vending machines are in constant threat of being shut down because of the papers that are always on the tables and floor. Lounge is a time for the students to be able to talk freely to one another and to relax during a course of a day. But, now that the first semester is over and grades are coming out some, juniors and seniors are beginning to realize that lounge must also be used for studying once in awhile.

Lounge is a privilege and responsibility for the juniors and seniors and without proper respect many more of these privileges could be taken away.

The VOX

Band Business

By Donna Novey

As of late, the MHS band has been doing nothing but practicing, practicing, practicing. Actually they have been working quite hard, preparing for the many events they have been invited to play for. The first of these was the Wamac Band Festival held in Monticello on January 19. At this festival, two bands were formed; the sophomore-junior band and the senior band. Both bands were comprised of band students from the Wamac conference. They rehearsed all day before presenting a concert that evening. As it is every year, the Festival was a success.

Practice has also been going toward work on sensembles to get ready for contest. Students organized everything from duets to sextets and then these groups performed for the rest of the band. The purpose of organizing these ensembles was to complete grades for the first semester and to prepare students for contest. Hopefully, this early work on ensembles will show through at contest time.

Some up-coming events that the band is working on are the Washington High School Jazz Festival, the Tall Corn Festival, and the NEIBA solo and ensemble contest for junior high students (our ninth graders). Although there will be more information on these later, here is a short description of each.

The Washington High School Jazz Festival will be held on January 24 in Cedar. At this Festival our stage band will be going to try out for a chance to perform that evening and to receive pointers from Jerry Owen, Jazz instructor at Coe College. The stage band members are hoping to learn many things about jazz and the techniques of playing it.

In February the concert band will be traveling to UNI (Cedar Falls) to perform as a guest band at the Tall Corn Festival. While performing the band plans to make a recording as well as impress band directors and students from all over Iowa.

Also coming up in February is the NEIBA solo and ensemble contest. Many of our freshman band students will be attending this contest to gain one last bit of experience before State Contest in the spring.

As one can see, the band is not resting idle. They're working hard to accomplish success and prestige for the school as well as themselves. The VOX wishes them good luck in their attempt.

U.N. Club

By Dave Nash

If at sometime in the future you see the halls of M.H.S. invaded by a motley group in Cuban garb, don't be alarmed! It's only the Marion High Model U.N. delegation, representing Cuba.

Yes, our neighbors to the south, have the honor of being represented by our school's U.N. members, this year.

Draft resolutions have been submitted. The subjects are: the reconstruction of Indo-China and the energy crisis. The group will not know what selections have been chosen until February, when the final choices have been made.

Karen Jorgensen will accompany the group to U.N.I. in early April, for the meeting of all delegations.

S.E.S.

By Dave Nash

Through candy sales at the home athletic events, and assorted bake sales and garage sales, S.E.S. has made its' money quota for this year.

For what purpose exactly this money will be used for, is presently undecided.

The NCA evaluation team was quite interested in the S.E.S. group, at Marion. The team also expressed interest in the potential this group could have in all realms of education at Marion High.

At a staff meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, S.E.S. was discussed. Possibilities for the groups' expansion and its potential were on the agenda.

The clubs' leaders and other interested students and teachers have brought up many exciting suggestions for educational services in our school. These new ideas could possibly be included in the realm of S.E.S.

Just what are the potential qualities of a club like S.E.S.? Why don't you find out? It's not too late to join!

Contact Mr. Bates, Mrs. Walker, Sue Robins, Denise Knockle, or Dave Nash, if you're interested in an organization with many exciting and worthwhile goals.

SPEECH CLUB

By Dave Nash

A very busy Speech Club directed by Mrs. Abdo, has four selections in production this month.

They are: Choral Reading, with J. Barnes, C. Boots, C. Vesey, M. Timms, D. Morrow, C. Clark, K. Thompson, G. Lint, M. Pedersen, P. Anderson, J. Nissen, and G. Digney. The group is doing a take-off on the "sock-hop" from the movie, "American Graffiti."

"Rock Around the Clock," "Chantilly Lace," "At the Hop," are the numbers being read.

Reader's Theater, with M. Pedersen, T. Parman, T. Cerney, K. Wilson, D. Nash, J. Balcom, P. Anderson, S. Campbell, are doing a selection entitled, "Adaptation," an interesting version of a TV game show.

Duet Acting, with C. Boots and D. Nash, are doing a play by Terrence McNally, entitled "Next." This is about a middle-aged draftee, Debbie Melchers is directing the presentation.

The One Act Play, with M. Morgan, D. Melchers, K. Thompson, and K. Flugga, are doing the play, "The Box."

With many contests and programs in the very near future, Speech is really hustling. Good luck to all of the performers.

New Program--

This month the VOX was informed about a new program in the Cedar Rapids-Marion area. This program is called the YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD and is sponsored by the Collins Employees Credit Union. The YAB gives people (age 15-25) an opportunity to actively participate in some areas of credit unions, money management, etc.

If you are interested or want more information, contact Mr. Bates Rm. 25 or call Mr. Darrell Pierce, 393-9000.



MEET KAREN:

As I glance back through the ages of time, the past five months have been absolutely wonderful. 1973 was a year of anxious waiting for my placement somewhere in the States. It was a year filled with a South African autumn and winter, and an American summer and autumn. A year filled with experiences-both happy and sad. . . To think that five months have flown by, seems unusual. My year of living like an American began on the 20th day of July, 1973, when we, 72 South Africans, set foot on this wonderful country-the USA.

It wasn't long before we were taken into the arms of our families. Families who have made our AFS year a year of new ideas, excitement, and suspense. For me, my new home was at the Catstons. I no longer refer to it as my new home, it is my home. A trip to South Dakota filled my second week in the States. School started in late August, a time for making everlasting friendships, learning the American way of teaching, and participating in school activities. So much has happened during these months. . . Christmas and New Year came and went so quickly. Since this was my first white Christmas, it was an extra special one! As I close now, I am proud to say that I am a student of Marion High School, proud to be able to have the opportunity of living in a wonderful home and proud to be a "South African Iowan Student."

By Karen Jorgenson

MIA

By Jennie Balcom

It's been a long time since I was in the attic. A year ago Christmas, it was. And nothing's changed since then. Well, almost nothing.

Dad's death finished off Mary. Oh, she hung on for a year. But with no word about Tom, there was no reason for her to live. She's better off, I guess. But now I'm left with this house, with its dusty, gloomy attic and the memories.

There are boxes strewn about, with pieces of lives sticking out: clothes, books, toys Tom used as a boy. Lives stuffed in boxes.

That teddy bear looks almost like Jeff's. Jeff never saw his father. Tom was shot down two months after he was born. He's starting to ask questions now, but what do I tell him? I'm asking the same questions, and nobody will answer.

It was so much easier three years ago when Tom was first reported missing. After the initial shock had worn off, there were plenty of things to do. I wrote letters everywhere: my Congressman, the President, the Red Cross, Hanoi. Wives of POW's and MIA's banded together for support and strength. I didn't feel so alone.

We had the public's support too. POW bracelets were almost a fad; the "pawns of war" were constantly on people's minds.

But that's changed too. A year ago the headlines came: "PEACE" DECLARED IN INDO-CHINA. Some 500 POW's finally came home, and there were big welcomes and many parades and much rejoicing. But people have forgotten already. Not even a year and they've forgotten the hundreds of men whose fate is still unknown.

What hasn't changed, and what's important, is the fact that Tom is still missing, and I don't know any more than I did three years ago. What's important is that while I'm sitting in this attic remembering, across the nation hundreds of children are asking their mothers, "Where's my daddy? When's he coming back?"

What's important is the long silence that follows.

Are You Sick Of It?

By Jr.

Are you sick and tired of hearing about the energy crisis? Do you groan every time you see it in the headlines? Are you full up to here with the energy crisis on television and radio? Do you think if it all doesn't stop you might go crazy? Well, go crazy then, because it's NOT going to stop. This energy crisis will be a part of our lives for a long time.

Face the facts: you'll have to learn to live with the energy crisis. But your attitude towards it will make a difference in HOW you live with it. You obviously can solve this gigantic problem yourself. However, looking at it objectively will help. Many people take the stand that it's all a huge lie concocted by business men who want to get rich quick. Be sensible! This is too far fetched to be true. A scheme like that would be exposed by the press in a hurry. No-that's one stand on the energy crisis you shouldn't take.

Another stand is the belief that it's all exaggerated and blown out of proportion. Although this idea is a little more feasible, it is still far-fetched. The energy crisis is real and it's important. We definitely have a problem and it's just as bad as we think it is. Don't think the news has been exaggerated; you may be shocked when you discover the truth.

What should your attitude toward the energy crisis be, then? A sensible one. Accept the facts and do your part to help. Don't groan and complain-you're not sacrificing that much. Look at it as an inevitable factor in your life; a factor you can learn to live with.

FAMILY LIVING

By Joyce Suchsland

On December 20 and 21 the fifth hour Family Living class conducted a different and exciting experiment correlating with the subject, "Family Crises", which we were studying. The family crises was being "handicapped". Instead of Mrs. Mentzer, the teacher, leading class discussion, Pam Abernathy took over the hour letting us ask her any questions we might have about her handicap.

At the start of the hour, we were all given a handicap. Some of us couldn't bend any part of our arms, some didn't have any use of their hands, another person couldn't say anything but "ork", and I drew being blind. Everyone had to pretend that he or she had that particular handicap for the hour. It was pretty rough on some of the students, like myself. I wanted to see the people who couldn't move their arms or had no hands try to scratch their noses, if they needed to. I wanted to see my classmate who could say nothing but "ork" gyrate across the room trying to make himself understood when he had a question for Pam.

But some of the students were not affected by their handicaps at all. All we did that day was sit and talk, not using our bodies at all. Soe the next day, we again drew a handicap and were told to do a simple, everyday chore with it. One person who only had one leg, had to take down an ironing board. I couldn't see this, as I happened to pick being blind again, but I could hear it. Amid losing his balance whamming his head on the legs of the board, and using a few strong words that I won't repeat, he did a fine job.

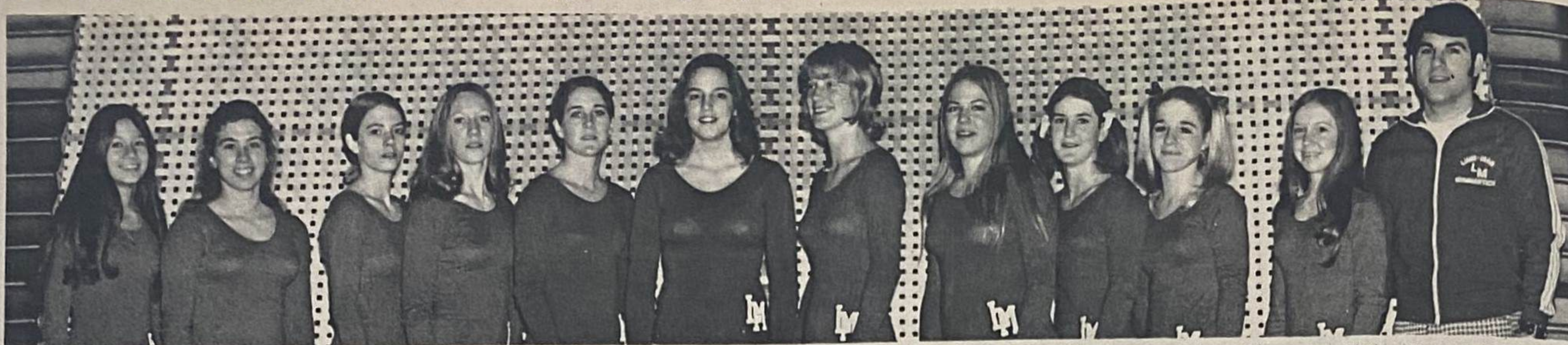
My chore was to set the table. I had to walk across the room to get the dishes and walk all the way back and set the table for one setting. My classmates were kind when I couldn't find my way around a chair. They guided me by voice. Otherwise, I was on my own. I had to do everything by touch. When I finished, I had set it nine inches from the edge of the table. I was told that except for the slight flaw, everything else was pretty much in the right place.

I believe we all learned something those two days. I think we learned more about how a handicapped person lives and how he feels. We learned not to take the ability to perform simple tasks (getting a drink of water, or getting out of bed) for granted. I know that I appreciate my sight more than ever since that experiment. How lucky most of us are to have full-functioning bodies. Take care of it. It's the only one you have.

Really?

She was the kind of a girl you'd like to bring home to mother-if you could trust father.

Y A B



LINN MAR VARSITY GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM from left to right, Sharon Bullock, Tina Thompson, Becky Novotny, Dana Messerly, Kelly Finn, Melissa Thompson, Cindy Gates, Molly Morrissey, Kathy Finn, Linda Welter, Laurie Linden and Coach Wayne Miller. Missing from the picture are Sheri Lamb and Karen Grenis.

Record-Setting L-M Girls' Gym Team Beats Marion, Wins Quad

The Lions of Linn-Mar, showing a great team balance, scored a run-away victory over their cross-town rival, Marion, in a dual gymnastic meet this past week. The Lions outscored the Indians in every event to win 145.95 (new school record) to 101.55.

"We got off to a fine start in the floor exercise event," declared Linn-Mar Coach Wayne Miller. The Lions captured the first six places, led by a 3-way tie for first between Laurie Linden, Becky Novotny, and Tina Thompson (5.7 score).

Following only 5 hundredths of a point behind the winners were Linda Welter and Melissa Thompson (5.65), Linn-Mar's sixth girl, Molly Morrissey, received a 5.6 score. "As you can see we have six girls, who on any given day, could come up with a victory for us," said Coach Miller. Linn-Mar outscored the Indians 22.75 to 15.50.

The balance beam event showed more of Linn-Mar's team depth as the Lions swept the top four spots, led by steady senior Becky Novotny, 1st place 6.75, Dana Messerly 6.35, Laurie Linden 6.

L. Thomas Sets Marks At Quincy

Leigh Thomas set new state and Iowa records in the 200 breaststroke at 2:49.561, Jan. 27 at Quincy, Illinois. She also earned a fourth place medal in the open 100 breast and a fifth in the 13-14 girls' 100 breast.

Kathy Thomas placed sixth in open 200 breast and Diane Thomas sixth in open 100 backstroke.

Leigh swam on the record-breaking medley relay teams with C. Swarzenruber, J. Happel and A. Jacobs (13-14 2:04.419) and J. Baty, S. Sherman and C. Swarzenruber (open 4:35.422).

Lions' Sophs Win a Pair; Record is 9-2

Linn-Mar's sophomore basketball team won a pair of games last week, including a 56-41 triumph over Benton Community to keep the Lions in contention for the East Central Iowa Conference title.

Coach Pat Nolan's young Lions moved their over-all record to 9-2 with the EC-IC triumph, as Chuck Harbaugh with 14 and Phil Bishop with 13 paved the way.

Linn-Mar also received support from Bob Sindelar and Von Hollingsworth with 8 markers each, while Benton's John Less led all scorers with 16.

Earlier in the week, the Lions ripped Mt. Vernon, 80-47, as three players scored in double figures.

Bishop led the Lions' attack with 18 points, while Sindelar and Dan Hartung chipped in with 10 markers apiece. Justin Simon was the long Mustang in double figures, as he hit 12 markers.

Y Basketball

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL
SIXTH GRADE--Royals 27-Warriors 26; Warriors 22-Pistons 16.

FIFTH GRADE--Bullets 15-Lakers 14; Bucks 21-76'ers 18; Celtics 20-Sonics 2.

STANDINGS

FIFTH GRADE
Bullets 4-0; Lakers 3-1; Bucks 2-2; 76'ers 1-2; Celtics 1-3; Sonics 0-3.

SIXTH GRADE
Royals 3-1; Knicks 2-1; Hawks 2-1; Warriors 1-2; Pistons 0-3.

25 and Sharon Bullock 6.1, rounded out the 4 top spots. The Lions scored 25.45 to the Indians 19.2.

Linn-Mar senior Linda Welter continued to excel in the vaulting event, scoring 5.5 and taking first place. She was followed by Tina Thompson of Linn-Mar and petite Pam Swearingen of Marion. The Lions again out-scored the Indians 18.20 to 15.75.

Going into the second half of the meet the Lions had things pretty well under control. Kelly Finn scoring her first win of the year for Linn-Mar won the uneven bars event scoring 6.3. Second place was teammate Dana Messerly 6.1 and 3rd

Divers Are 4th

Marion Y Swim Team Wins Dual

Marion divers placed fourth in a diving tourney at the Cedar Rapids Y on Saturday morning.

Dubuque had 64 points, Cedar Rapids YMCA 37, Vinton 35, Marion 19, Iowa City 14.

Two divers from the Marion Y won titles in one meter diving: 11 & 12 division, Greg Gilbertson 1st with 87.4 points; and Tom Fosdick won first place in 13 & 14 division with 110.7 points.

The Marion group won a dual meet against the Ellis Y, Saturday night. The boys won 202 to 59 for Ellis. Girls had 163 to Ellis' 78. Total score was 365 to 137.

Sarah Burns placed first in 25 free, 1st in 25 fly while Janey Stockton was 3rd in 25 free, and 2nd in 25 back. Michelle Burns, 2nd in 25 back, 1st in 25 breast and Christy Edwards was 3rd in 25 fly, Chris Christy Burns, 2nd in 25 breast. Michelle Burns, Sarah Burns, Janey Stockton, Christy Edwards placed 1st in 100 free relay.

Matt Smith placed 1st in 25 free, 1st in 25 breast and 1st in 25 fly; Reid Wood, 2nd 25 free, 1st 25 back and 2nd in 25 fly. Hal Hapgood, 3rd in 25 free, 2nd in 25 back, 2nd in 25 breast.

Lisa Smith was 1st in 100 free, 50 free, 100 IM; Leslie Gibson 2nd in 50 free, 1st in 50 back, 1st 100 free relay; Tracy Pickering 3 in 50 back 3rd in 50 breast. Sandra Gilbertson was 2nd in 50 fly, and 100 IM. Robin Ross placed 2nd in 50 breast, in 100 free relay, 1, Leslie Gibson, Robin Ross, Tracy Pickering, Sandra Gilbertson.

Tom Spartz was 1st in 50 free; Scott Halverson, 1st in 50 back and 100 IM; Rich Stockton 2nd in 50 free; Scott Edwards 2nd in 50 back; and 1 in 50 breast; Dave Peyton 2nd in 50 fly; Alan Roach, 2nd in 50 breast. in 100 medley relay, Scott Halverson, Scott Edwards, Dave Peyton, Tom Spartz, 1st; 100 free relay, 1st, Dave Peyton, Alan Roach, Hal Hapgood, Tom Spartz 200 medley relay, 1, Wayne Huebner, Scott Huebner, Ralph Gorton, Von Klopfenstein; 200 free relay, 1, David Gross, Von Klopfenstein, Greg Gilbertson, Rick Gilbertson.

David Gross placed 1 in 100 IM and 50 free; 100 free, Rich Gilbertson 1 and 1st in 50 fly; Scott Huebner 3 in 50 free; 1st in 50 back; while Wayne Huebner was 2nd in 100 IM and 2nd in 50 breast. Von Klopfenstein 1st in 50 breast. Ralph Gorton was 3rd in 100 free and Doug Peyton was 2nd in 50 back, 3rd in 50 breast and 2nd in 50 fly.

Tanya Roach 1 and Kelly Smith, 2nd, Katie Robbins 3 in 100 IM; Kelly Gibson 1st in 50 free, Kelly Smith 2nd; Barb Long 2nd and Robin Johnson 3 in 50 back; Katie Robbins 1, Robin Johnson, 50 breast; Barb Long, 1st in 50 fly; 100 free, Kelly Gibson 1, Tanya Roach 2nd; 200 free relay, Kelly Gibson, Barb Long, Kelly Smith, Tanya Roach, 1st.

Kristi Umsted, 1st in 50 free and 100 breast and 2nd in 100 fly; Lori Burns 1st

place went to Joan Bunting of Marion 4.9. Linn-Mar totaled 22.75 to Marion's 14.20.

Tumbling and trampoline produced a clean sweep for Linn-Mar. The Lions tumblers won the first six places led by Becky Novotny (6.95) and the trampolinist won the top three places, led by last year's state finalist Melissa Thompson.

The all-around (the composite score of the 4 Olympic events (1) floor exercise; (2) balance beam; (3) uneven parallel bars and (4) vaulting) was won by Laurie Linden of Linn-Mar; second was Pam Swearingen of Marion and 3rd, Melissa Thompson of Linn-Mar. Linden's winning score was 19.45.

QUAD MEET

Linn-Mar, improving with every competition, avenged last year's loss to powerful Iowa City High on their way to a quadrangular gymnastics meet victory. Linn-Mar totaled 121.25, followed by City High, 116.70; West High, 97.95 and Beckman, 62.40.

The Lions won 5 of 7 team events and took first in 3 individual events.

"This has to be one of our biggest girls gymnastics victory thus far at Linn-Mar," explained jubilant Linn-Mar Coach Miller. "We are just now coming around in athletics here at Linn-Mar and I'm pleased that our girls gymnastics is contributing to that success."

Outstanding Linn-Mar performances were turned in by Laurie Linden on beam (7.0), first place and two 3rd place finishes in tumbling and all-around; Melissa Thompson, 6.20 on trampoline and 1st place; Tina Thompson, 6.55 in floor exercise and 6.9 in tumbling both scores good at second place finishes; Dana Messerly, setting a school record of 6.45 on uneven bars and 1st place; and Linda Welter, despite very sore shins, set a school record of 5.75 in the vaulting event and took 2nd place.

The next Lion meet will be on Jan. 31 at home against Cedar Rapids Prairie. The meet will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held in the high school gym. The meet will be "Main Elementary Night" and all main students and their families will be allowed in free of charge.



A time to say thank you.

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