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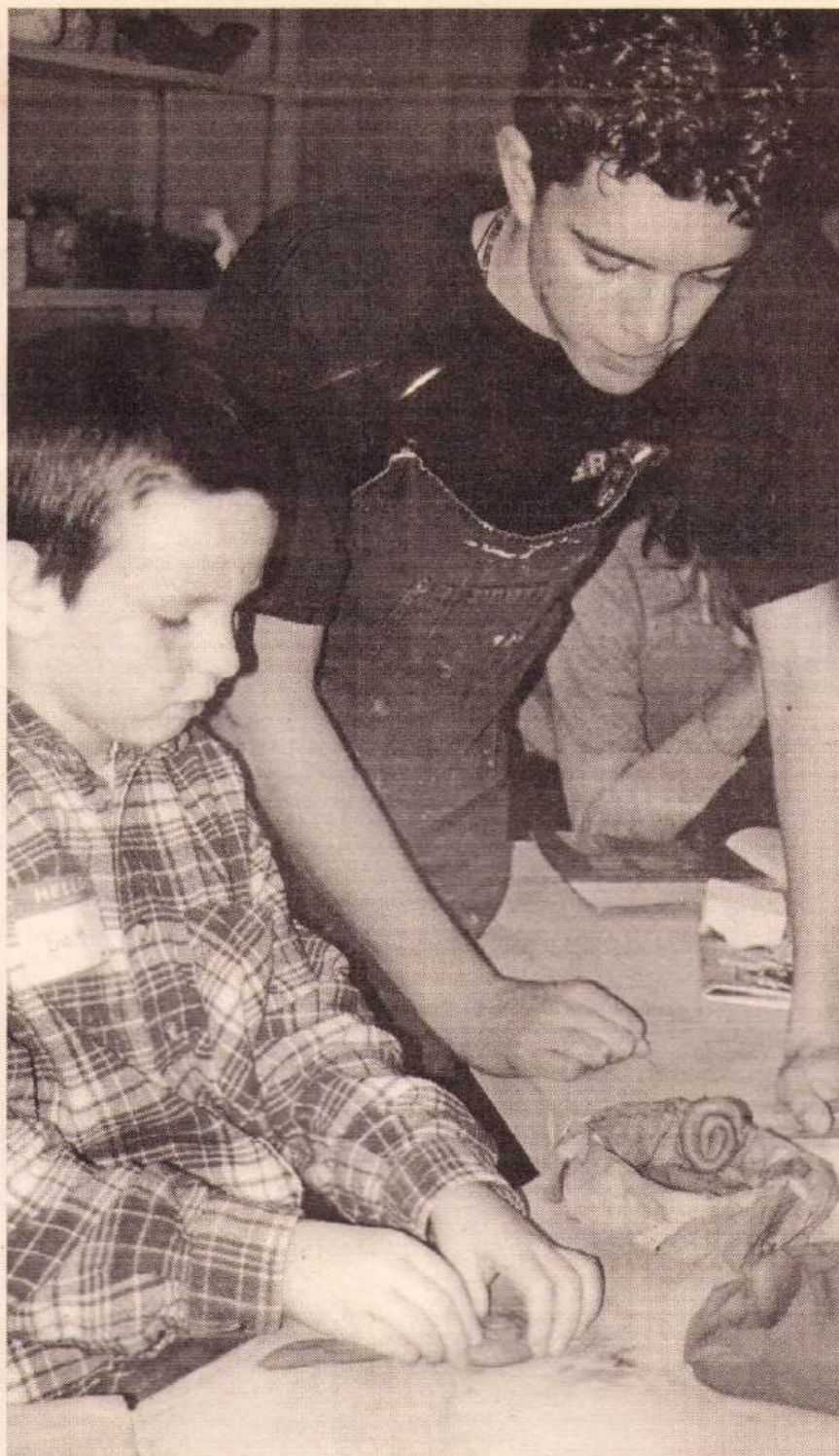
by Liz Esch

Could you believe that local high school students are raising thousands of dollars with their homework? They are through a project called Empty Bowls. Empty bowls is a project headed by Barb Shultz, the ceramics teacher at Marion High School. It involves the students making bowls to be sold at the Marion Arts festival. The proceeds go to the Marion Food Bank.

Marion students aren't the only ones who donate their bowls. This year there will be six professional potters donating their pieces along with thirty K-12 schools, three colleges and one nursing home. Last year the total amount earned was \$4,800.00. Over 1,300 bowls were sold. This year the bowls are expected to raise \$10,000. Empty bowls will be held on the third Saturday in May in the Depot at Marion Square during the Marion Arts Festival.

Ms. Barb Shultz explained that the idea originated in Michigan in 1991. She was immediately interested and began participating last year. The local third graders with help of the high school students make and donate their bowls. This is not the only volunteer project for Ms. Shultz. She also has her students help teach third graders at Emerson and has her students visit Nursing homes both for Drawing and Ceramics.

At this point over 2,500 bowls are planned to be made in the metro area. Through out the country over millions of dollars have already been raised and donated.



Brandon Nigg works with a 3rd grader from the project.

NOTES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROM

PROM IS SATURDAY - SO TAKE PAY
ATTENTION - - -

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PROM MORE
SUCCESSFUL

1. Don't worry about having the same dress as someone else. Hello, guys have the same tuxedos.
2. Have your pictures taken before dinner. If you spill then, who cares?
3. Don't worry about being late to the dance, be fashionably late. Just show up eventually.
4. Don't chew gum during the grand march
5. Smile and enjoy the grand march. This is not your funeral.
6. After the grand march, let yourself go and just have a good time
7. Have a sense of humor
8. Boys, you may take off your jacket, so don't wear a printed tee-shirt under your tux shirt.
9. It's a long night... don't pick fights-you will see them again on Monday
10. Don't hit on someone else's date. This tends to cause fights (refer to rule 9)

CAPITAL OPPORTUNITY

by Mike Balvanz & Jesse Kensinger

Capital Opportunity is a program that enhances students in America government and history. The main part of this program is the competition between other schools and students, in which the winners receive free educational trips to Washington D.C. Each school that is participating in this event is also given books and videos related to the American government.

There were nine local competitors, three of which are from Marion High School. The students participating are Monica Freese, Casey Steadman, Christina Wood. Each one of these students received a \$500 U.S. savings bond.

There are 15 national finalists that will receive framed certificates, the top 10 will win two free, week long trips to Washington D.C. (one for the student and one for the teacher), \$100 cash and some premium prizes.

MOVIE & VIDEO REVIEWS

By Jon Lien

THE MOD SQUAD

Rated R

If you've been trying to prove to yourself that you're psychic, this is the perfect experience for all you beginners (you may want to test your powers on shows like Full House or Teletubbies first to confirm your capabilities).

Start yourself off by predicting the ending (you may allow yourself to preview the first five minutes of the show before doing this), by six minutes into the show you will realize that you're prediction was definitely right. You're on your way now. Now plug your ears (this should be at most eight minutes into the show), make up the characters' dialogue; it will be fun to create your very own banal, angst-filled catch-phrases and easy-to-swallow one-liners (ex.- "Stuff it, officer!", "Look old man, I grew up in the projects, so don't tell me how it is...", "I hate my family, and the government!", "Whatever, Mom...", "I'm nine years old, but I just beat down a drug lord with his brief case!", "Enough corrupt government propaganda, officer!", "I'm unique, and rebellious!", "Taz and Elmo are cool, but stupid.", "I want to believe!", "Area 51, officer!"). After 30 minutes or so, unplug your ears. Yes, you've kept up with plot, and chances are you've even made yourself look and feel less stupid than both the writers and actors (note: if characters happen to repeat something you said, don't hate your life- you're officially psychic).

Leave a good 15 to 20 minutes before the show ends. This way you can avoid deja vu.

THE OTHER SISTER

(in observational foot-notes)

- Post-apocalyptic Life Goes On with a twist of uncomfortably funny sexual themes.
- (I've seen four minutes worth and I already have a bloody nose and no pulse).
- This movie makes me want to go blind and deaf.
- There are three other people in the audience, but two don't count because one is pacing back and forth in the aisle with matches and kerosene and whenever I become delusional I always see a mirage of a withered and crazy Aunt Jemima.
- My favorite part is when I can't feel my legs.
- The popcorn seems to taste better now that I have realized there is nothing left to live for.
- Juliette Lewis: The other sister?
- Umm, where's Corky?
- Final thoughts- I've been out of the movie for three days and the hurt will not stop... help...

THE RAGE: CARRIE II

Rated R

If you happened to like the original Carrie, you're in for a treat. A treat of death. This movie isn't worth a pair of fettered goat's kidneys.

The kid from Home Improvement that isn't J.T.T. or the other kid, stars as the "Villain"; a popular football player who makes love to many beautiful women- but basically he doesn't, I lied about the word "beautiful". He starts a fling with Rachel's (Carrie's Bizzaro-world equivalent) best friend and then she commits suicide because he is so smooth. Bear with me, it gets more confusing. So, now Rachel uses magical "powers" to get "revenge" on this so-called "kid". Wow, I'm impressed.

Throughout the film, segments of the original Carrie are shown. It further proves the stupidity of the writers- they were only mocking themselves. The Rage is a really good example of the "classic sequel": terrible everything.

RINGMASTER

by Matt Erkel

Rated R

This movie is based on the Jerry Springer talk show. I enjoy the talk show so I thought the movie would be at least a little entertaining, but I soon found out that I was sadly mistaken. The Springer movie lack that very tiny shred of reality that the television show maintained. The storylines in the movie were almost to believable in comparison to the show. If your looking for a Jerry Springer movie to rent I would bypass this lame attempt at cashing in on "Jerry Fever" and go for the slightly less lame Too Hot For TV video, which easier to find anyway.

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER.

Rated R

This 90 minute Gap ad made me want to wretch before the opening credits ended. It makes me sad to think that enough of us teenagers liked the first movie that it justified the making of a second movie. "I Still Know" did well in the box office which means that there will be the inevitable sequel to this crappy movie. It will have an equally brilliant title such as "I Kind of Remember What Happened Four Summers Ago" or "What Happened That One Summer? The College Years" or it may spawn a TV sitcom called "Remind Me Again What You Did Last Summer."

You may have notice I haven't said anything about the content of this movie. That is because there is none. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer" is just a bunch of kids running around getting scared and/or killed.

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THE HOUSE THAT CONSTRUCTION TECH BUILT

By Brett Sperry

For the past few years Marion and Linn-Mar have combined to make a class called Construction Tech. This class is made up of seven Linn-Mar students and seven Marion students as well. All of which are seniors. The class is taught by Marion High School industrial tech teach Mr. Weisinger.

Throughout the class you learn many traits that could come in handy in the future. Such as plumbing, electricity, roofing, drywalling, and much more. But the best trait you learn is the team work that needs to be done to accomplish a task. Another is how to make deadlines, because we only have one school year to finish the house and if not summer work is needed.

So far the house has come along so much. If you would have seen it at the beginning of the year and then now you would see the accomplishment we've worked for.



Marion members of the joint Linn-Mar-Marion Construction Tech. class are Aaron Massey, Brett Sperry, Jeff Nagel, Nathan Greene, Andrew Dooley, Justin Wright, Jon Easley.



With the help of Mr. Weisinger, Jeff Nagel and Jon Easley nail the woodwork into the walls. The open house for the Construction Tech house is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 5-8 pm and Sunday, May 16, 1-4 pm. The house is located at 755 Deerfield Dr., Marion.

WHAT'D YOU DO FOR SPRING BREAK?

by Ciara Chadek

Due to snow days our spring break was cut short by a day and a half but that didn't stop everyone from having fun, and doing what they wanted to do. Here are some of the things that people did over spring break.

- Isabela Lins- I visited the ISU campus, it was also my birthday over the week. I got to dye Easter eggs that is something that i have never done before.
- Jared Wright- I hung out with my friends, went to the movies, and went out to eat with my family for Easter.
- Meghan Salmon- I went to Florida for ten days. I mostly hung out at the beach and worked on my tan.
- Jake Blazek- I worked on my truck, and rode bikes all day.
- Mr. Doyle- I went to Atlanta, Georgia and went site-seeing. I saw many civil war sites and I went golfing. I also went and watched the PGA tour and got to see many celebrities.
- Mr. Fontenot- I went to the Mall of America. I bought a pair of shoes we mostly went to just walk around and look at it all. We also went up there to visit some of our friends.
- Wade Burrell- I hung out with my friend and went to the mall and stuff.

BODY

ART

By Andrea Welsh

Body piercing and tattooing are very popular forms of expression today for men and women of all ages. This is more acceptable in our society now than it was ten years ago or even five years ago for that matter. Anyone can pierce practically any part of their body, such as their tongue, lips, navel, nose, armpits, eyebrows, many parts of the ear, and other private areas just to name a few. However, there are serious health risks associated with this ever so popular trend.

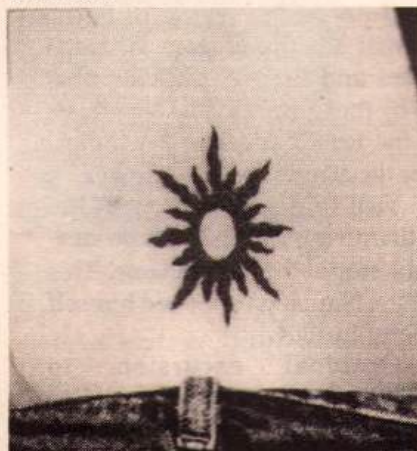
Piercing your tongue leaves you vulnerable to cracked teeth, infection and other bodily danger. For starters, the mouth is full of all kinds of bacteria, so piercing any part of it can trigger some nasty infections. When the tongue is punctured, it may swell to double its normal size. Some may grow so fat it becomes trapped against the roof on the mouth and push the epiglottis, a flap of tissue that keeps food from entering the lungs, against the back of the throat, cutting off air supply. There is also the risk of contracting hepatitis or HIV from unsterile needles. Dentists are starting to see many problems with tongue piercings, such as broken teeth, damaged taste buds, blood clots, patients choking on loose jewelry, impeded speech, and uncontrolled drooling.

Along with body piercing, tattoos are especially popular with ages 18-25. There has been more advances in the technology of tattoos. The ink used is not just blue Indian ink like it used to be. One can choose from many colors, or even make their own concoction of a color. They can have one color throughout the art or a variety of different colors.

There are many concerns that tattoo artists are not trained in health and safety precautions and that official rules to avoid possible transmission of infections, such as hepatitis B and C and HIV-1, are lacking. The new guidelines for the prevention of blood-borne viral diseases via tattooing and piercing are applicable to people working in tattooing centre and in the city councils. These councils are ultimately responsible for the health and safety in these centres. Although the risk of a viral transmission during tattooing or piercing appears to be minimal, the aim is to compel tattoo artists to follow the guidelines to reach a zero transmission risk.

The guidelines include how and where (on the body) each piercing or tattoo is done. The use of sterile equipment is recommended. In the case of tattoos, it is recommended that all pipes, needles, and inks be used only once. For piercing practices, jewelry must consist of stainless steel surgical material, 14-18 carat gold, or titanium. Also piercing pistols should be sterilized.

When someone is interested in getting some part of their body pierced or tattooed on, it is critical they know the safety precautions before acting upon their decision. If someone goes into their decision with some background knowledge, there is a better chance of those safety issues being enforced.



Tattoos such as this black sun on the back are becoming more popular with both males and females.



Piercing different parts of the face has become acceptable to many young people. JoliAnn DeLong has several ear piercings and an eyebrow piercing.

Flying TO FRANCE

by JoliAnn DeLong

While many of us are just beginning our summer vacation, a group of MHS students, teachers and other travelers will be setting off on an adventure to Europe. They will be on a ten-day trip to France. The following students will be setting off on June 7th to bus into Chicago and leave from there for London.

The trip costs will run almost \$2000. With this amount of money being spent, why go? Tim Busse said, "With this opportunity right in front of me, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to travel. Also, my mother agreed to the trip and a lot of my friends are going. I really want to see the Louvre and Jim Morrison's grave. I'm also looking forward to spending time on the Riviera."

Aaron Stewart	Angela Griffith
Ashley Heim	Ben Samuelson
Brad Feickert	Brian Kinnaird
Casey Steadman	Dan Stalkfleet
David Stulken	James Dennis
Jamie Lomas	Jeremy Cloven
Jesse Kensinger	Joey Haugsted
JoliAnn DeLong	Jon Lien
Josiah Buschlack	
Kari Reynolds	
Kiel Archer	
Lara Moellers	
Lenny Oberbroeckling	
Matt Erkel	
Lindsey Wright	
Misty Aldrich	
Mike Varney	
Michelle Tschudi	
Nitasha Fish	
Ryan Sunderman	
Sherry Hoover	
Stephanie Bender	
Tim Busse	Tim Wiley
Tim Wittkop	Ty Turner
Bill Hoke	Mike Balvanz

What will these students spend their days doing?

DAY 1

Over night flight to Great Britain. You will enjoy an estimated 15 hour flight over the Atlantic Ocean.

DAY 2

Arrival in London. After you clear through customs you will meet your bilingual EF Tour Director. A motor coach will pick you up and take you to check into your hotel. You will then stroll through the heart of London on the EF Walking Tour. This begins with a walk on the banks of the River Thames. Pass the former home of the writer, Rudyard Kipling. Then enter Trafalgar Square and continue on to Leicester Square. You will pass statues of William Shakespeare and Charles Chaplin and then proceed to London's China Town. Then end your tour at the Covent Gardens, where live musicians perform before

lively crowds.

DAY 3

Guided sightseeing of London. Your guided tour will take you past the major landmarks of Europe's largest city. You will receive a photo-stop at Big Ben and the House of Parliament. Visit Westminster Abbey and pass by St. Paul's Cathedral, Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Downing Street and Hyde Park. Then you can stand in front of the gates of Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard. Remember that if the flag is flown at full mast, the queen is at residence.

DAY 4

Tour director-led sightseeing of Canterbury. Take a journey through the Garden of England to Canterbury. Visit the towns magnificent

cent cathedral and see where the four of the kings knights murdered Archbishop, Thomas Becket.

English crossing to France. You will continue to Dover, where you will board a ferry to cross the English Channel. Look for the famous white cliffs of Dover as you approach the English shore.

Arrival in Paris. Upon arrival in Calais, continue on to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Lights.

DAY 5

Guided sightseeing of Paris. You will see the elegant Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. Pass by the Congrégation des Invalides, and the Ecole Militaire. Then marvel at the size of the Eiffel Tower.

Visit to the Notre-Dame. Recall the novels of Victor Hugo during the stop at the Notre-Dame. This is where Napoleon crowned himself emperor in 1804.

Optional excursion to Versailles. Join an optional trip to Versailles dream house of the Louis XIV. You can tour the Royal Apartments and walk through the historic

Hall of Mirrors and then stroll through the elegant gardens.

DAY 6

EF walking tour. Walk the tour of the Opera district. Then stroll by the official residence of the President of France and through the Place de la Concorde. Built to honor Louis XV. Then continue through the Tuileries.

Visit to the Louvre. The Louvre was built to defend the city in the 13th century, today the museum safeguards one of the world's greatest collections of art. Here you can view the Mona Lisa.

Night train to the French Riviera. You will enjoy the comfortable accommodations

the footsteps of the rich and famous as you stroll through the Vieille Ville and down the Promenade de Anglais. Then relax in the clear blue water of the Mediterranean.

Optional excursion to St. Paul de Vence. You have the option to be guided through the rustic hill town of St. Paul de Vence. Then admire the panoramic views of the Alps. Then have the opportunity to browse the boutiques and galleries all over the St. Paul de Vence.

DAY 9

Transfer via Italy. Departing from the Riviera in the early morning, you will cross the northernmost region of Italy as you make your way to Switzerland.

Arrival in Geneva. Arrive in the sophisticated Geneva, seat of the Protestant Reformation.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Geneva. Become acquainted with the center of international diplomacy. Pass the headquarters of the United Nations. Then continue passed the Lake-front of Lac Lemans.

DAY 10

Return home. Your tour director will assist you with the transfer to the airport where you will check in for your return home.

Not all students will return home after Day 10. Jamie Lomas and Nitasha Fish are extending their trip for three weeks and visiting Nitasha's brother in Germany. "It's going to be a really good experience to visit three countries in a month, and especially to spend three weeks in one country and really explore."

Mrs. Fredriksen commented that, "I'm excited that so many of our students will have this opportunity to be exposed to a different culture and language. I hope that this experience will open their minds and create in them a curiosity to learn about different cultures."

aboard
your
overnight
train bound
for the French
Riviera.

DAY 7

Arrival in the French Riviera. You will arrive on the coastline of the French Riviera- land of deep blue waters and waving palm trees.

Excursion to Monaco. You'll take a coastal drive along the cliff side roads of the French Riviera to the royal Monaco. Pass by the Monte-Carlo casino.

Visit the Eze. Travel to the cliff-top Eze and enjoy a guided tour of the perfume factory.

DAY 8

Tour Director-led sightseeing of Nice. You'll make yourself at home at the sea side resort. Walk in

ART NEWS

by Ciara Chadek

The art department has been very busy this year they have entered many contests and been in many exhibits. They were in the Kirkwood exhibit in February, the Cedar Rapids Art Museum exhibit in March, the Mt. Mercy exhibit which will be held on April, 16, last Friday they took a trip to UNI for scholarship day they will be sitting in on art classes there to decide if that is what they want to do. The Wamac exhibit is April 5-13 in Tama on April, 13 there will be a luncheon to announce the winners. Each exhibit usually consists of workshops for the students to go to, speakers, and a luncheon. The students show their work and they can win different prizes like, ribbons, money, or even scholarships. This year so far there has been one scholarship winner Anne Dietz was awarded a scholarship to Mt. Mercy. Congratulations!!!

Studying ON THEIR OWN

By: Isabela Lins

Here in Marion there is a kind of class that not everyone knows about, but that is really interesting. I'm talking about independent study. It makes possible for students to work on research and projects in certain areas such as Science, Industrial tech, and Art. The students have to ask the teachers in the area they choose to do it if they can, and most likely they will be able to do it. This is a great class that may work also as an alternative for advanced classes that you would like to take but they don't "fit" in your schedule.

Emily Baumert, a junior, is doing a Chemistry study with Mr. Sloan. "Mr. Sloan was the one who introduced it to me, and I thought it would be fun. It's a chance to get away from a normal class setting," said Emily. She also said that her project is about doing different experiments with DNA, and that she does it mainly on her own, but if there are questions she needs to ask she talks to Mr. Sloan. The fact that you can work in your own pace and you can decide what you want to do is good, but not having much teacher help may be a problem, is one of Mr. Sloan's comments.

In the science independent study, chemistry in this case, there are certain things that the student must do to keep up with the teacher's expectation and get graded on. After choosing a topic and start the project, the student has to turn in a journal with the results of testings and experiments on a regular basis. At the end of each project the methods, results, and other related things have to be presented to the teacher. Computer programs like the Hyper Studio are often used resources to do this part of the project, because it may make the presentation easier to make. "If you have an interest in science, this is a worthwhile project," is Mr. Sloan's advice.

If you are more of an artistic person, there are also chances for you to do independent studies. One of the options for this area is to do computer graphics projects. Bradley Tucker, senior, is producing 2D and 3D computer graphics and animations with sounds. "I decided to take independent study because I enjoy the creative freedom that it offers," he says. According to Bradley the main advantage of this kind of class is that you're free to work on any project you want, but if you're not self-motivated you may not be able to do it. When asked about what he would say to motivate other people he said, "If you don't mind working alone and are motivated enough to work outside of a structured class environment, then you should try it."

Mrs. Hoyt is the teacher in charge of Bradley for this project, and said that he is using our school's most advanced graphics softwares. What made her become an independent study teacher was that "some students flourish when they are able to create their own projects which are to difficult for large groups."

In the industrial arts area, there are students making projects on advanced woodworking. Mr. McLaughlin is the teacher in charge, and said that his independent study students are all working on their own individual projects that they found plans for and are fairly free to explore more advanced methods in constructing these projects. The problem with this kind of project is that sometimes they are done at the same time of the teacher's regular classes, so the teacher may not have enough time to spend with each student.

One of his students, sophomore Matt Miskell, is making a solid

oak dresser of drawers. In order to get this project done he refers to magazines about woods and to the teacher. He was told about this opportunity in the guidance office and the reason why he is doing an independent study project is that this was the only way he found to take woods and don't have to drop band/choir. Now that he is taking it, he thinks that it is a good chance experiment a different but interesting way of learning.

So, next time that you're organizing your classes schedule, take in consideration an independent study class. Talk to the teacher of the area of studies that you like best to discuss what projects you could do, and see what he/she can do for you. If you think that you're able to study on your own, this can be a wonderful and unique experience.



SPEAKING TO WIN

By: Isabela Lins

The speech season has ended, and most everyone is probably familiar with the Speech team. As time passed the kids on the team kept getting great ratings each time. In the individual district contest at Tipton our school had 14 performances, and 11 of them got I ratings! The other three didn't stay far behind; they got II ratings. Lisa Slatten participated in two categories, getting ratings I for her performance of the scripts that she wrote herself. Some of the other I ratings in this contest were by Meghan Redd, Crissie Wood, and Sara Hanson.

On March 20th there was the state contest. Six I ratings out of eleven performances was the record. One of the I ratings was Jaclyn Hugg. She did story telling. Her story about "The Animals and the Mitten" got the attention of everyone in the audience, even though there weren't any children there. Off the top of her head Sara Hanson did a great improvisation presentation, and received a I rating. Heidi Hanel, Kate Baumert, Jessica Sheer, and Nichole Martin got the I ratings that made the team's day as successful as it was.

THIRD TERM EARLY GRADUATES

Matt Bean-Planning on working at Walgreens fulltime.

Brad Carter-Work.

Nikki Carsner-Working fulltime at APac.

Jon Chrystal-Work.

Loren Cole-Going on a couple of vacations, and also working.

Emily McGuire-Working for her parents company.

John Nelson-Work.

Josh Plein-Start working days instead of nights and get an apartment with friends.

Activity Updates

SODA -

There will be one large group activity coming up (date/time TBA). The Celebration luncheon will be at the Longbranch to recognize SODA leaders in May. It will be held with the Linn Mar SODA members and the Rotary Group. In May, new leaders will be elected for next year. SODA is now concentrating on Post Prom, mostly collecting the prizes that will be given away at Post Prom. If there are any questions see Mrs. Putnam.

FBLA-

FBLA will be electing officers for next year (date/time TBA). If there are questions see Mrs. Young. At the State FBLA conference held April 9-10 at the Five Seasons Center, Derek Turner and Ryan Young placed fourth in Business Graphics and Aaron Stewart placed fifth in Computer Concepts. The chapter also received an award for having the chapter with the most increased membership and third place in Event Sponsorship.

Thespians-

Spring Play, Voice of the Prairie, April 30 and May 1.

NHS -

NHS will be cleaning roads in

April and May. Honor's Night ceremony will be held in the middle to end of May to initiate incoming members.

Win With Wellness -

The Win With Wellness book was due on Friday, April 9. The book has pictures and information telling what the Win With Wellness groups accomplished this year. They put on the Luau dance held the week before Spring Break. Through the dance they raised over \$500.00 in money (where half went to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization) and over 5 boxes of canned goods for the food pantry. The Environmental group went on a field trip to Blue Stem with Mrs. Menken's Vernon Middle School Science Club members. Win With Wellness is also adopting a family in the district who has nine kids in the family and needs toy and clothes.

CREATIVE Ink -

Still looking for a cover design. Are in the final phases of typing and editing. They are still taking submissions till the middle April. Everything needs to be in by the middle of April in order to start printing so the book is done for the senior participants by Graduation. If you have any questions see and talk to Mrs. Hoyt.

DEEP in THE H



by Morgan Leverett, Sherry Hoover, Kari Reynolds

On Friday March 26th, the choir and band students going to Texas left on three Greyhound buses around noon. After 17 hours, no sleep, and no showers, we finally arrived. Their first destination was Six Flags Fiesta Texas. All though the weather was nice in the morning by mid-afternoon it took a major turn. It was soon pouring rain and freezing cold. Despite the weather, most students managed to still have fun. We arrived at the hotel around 8:00PM.

After the long, sleepless bus ride the night before, and a long day at the amusement park all anyone wanted to do was relax in their hotel room and unpack. However due to the rain, it was decided to wait to get the luggage until the rain "lightens." Tired of waiting, at quarter to one, they all emerged into the rain to haul our luggage back into are apartment-loft like hotel rooms. Exhausted most decided to go to bed.

Even though the storm the night before threatened the next days plans the students were still up early Sunday morning, loading the buses for a day at Sea World by 8:15AM. The band performed five songs, including the National Anthem

at the entrance of Sea World. With a great performance the choir felt ready to perform. Around 11:00AM the choir performed five songs. With a minor tuning problem with the tenors, Miss Alcock had to start one of the songs over. Although everybody was surprised, the second time through sounded remarkably better. With the nicest weather this day throughout the whole week, students were ready to enjoy the sun, by enjoying Sea World to it's fullest. Many students expectations were met by Shamu's impressive performance. Leaving Sea World at 6:00PM they then looked for a grocery store for an hour and a half going the opposite way from the hotel! Finally arriving back at the hotel at 8:30PM students were ready to enjoy the hotels accommodations.

On the third day of the adventure the students enjoyed the historic aspect of San Antonio by visiting the Alamo. Followed by the Alamo was the Riverwalk. Students enjoyed shopping for souvenirs and being on their own for a few hours. Aquarian Springs was very informative on the plants and animals on the extinct list. This tour included a glass-bottom boat ride, touring a

candle making shop, and a museum. Coming back from a long day the students were welcomed by a pizza party. Many students decided to get ahead start on packing the last night and taking some final pictures at the suites.

Early the next morning the students all gathered once again around the familiar buses to store their luggage for the trip back home. Two hours later the buses arrived at the Sixth Floor Museum and JFK Memorial in Dallas, where the shooting of JFK occurred. This was not only educational for the students, but emotional for the chaperons that could personally remember this date in history. Supper was a new and exciting experience for most. Students were transported back into Medieval Times wearing crowns enjoying the finger-food feast.

The students then left for the voyage home around 9:30. After the last stop in Des Moines on Wednesday afternoon, students were more than ready to be back in Iowa. Finally, the students pulled into the high school parking lot around 4:00 to the welcome hugs and kisses of parents.

Stepping forward to perform a duet, juniors Molly Weber and Jenny Scheer play their piccolos in the hot Texas sun.



At Aquarian Springs, Dan Stalkfleet, Brian Kinnaird, Brendan Kelley and Jeremiah Howe listen o the guide talk about endangered species.

HEART OF TEXAS



After a great band performance, the choir warmed up for their chance to entertain. The choir sang five songs at Sea World.

Passing through the amusement park, Greta Nelson takes the time to feed the huge goldfish at Sea World.



Throughout the 17 hour bus ride to Texas, the students always seemed to be able to keep themselves entertained. Fernando Solis and Josiah Bushlack showed each other card tricks.



Before their performance, Adam Shelley and Matt Erkel take a break in the shade. The day the choir and band performed was the warmest day they spent in Texas, and the uniforms and robes added to the heat.

WHAT THE STARS SAY

by Greta Nelson and Annie Kinney

AIRES



Thanks to your ruler, Mars, in Scorpio, an expensive dream may be a reality by summer.

Get things in motion now. It's a great time to revisit ideas and make minor changes. You will impress teachers and authority figures. The new moon on the 17th is a great time for a pajama party. You and your friends can give each other makeovers.

TAURUS



With increasing responsibility, support from loved ones is needed. If tensions arise, communicate. You are confused about relationships. Romance gets intense around the 20th. Meet your friends for coffee and sort things out. Jealousy can start friction between you and your friends.

GEMINI

The stress of work has got you



cept!

down. This will not decrease in the coming months, so get organized! Set goals around the 13th. When a new guy/girl asks you out for dinner, accept!

CANCER



Expect romance to shimmer this month. It's time to reassess fitness goals, so make a new plan. Get a new look around the 15th to make your guy/girl crush on you even more.

LEO



Changes in home and family continue to be a focus. Responsibilities at work increase, so the support of a loved one is needed. Deception may find you mistrusting friends. Delay deep conversation until the middle of April. Don't be too cocky about the easy street you have been on lately.

VIRGO

The Mercury retrograde will disrupt your life this month you will move like a klutz, which will frustrate you. The love bug plays hide-n-seek this month. May will be a better month for romance. It's time to cut back on the sports and concentrate on the grades.



LIBRA

You will be evaluating your interactions with others. Doing Yoga or meditation around the 20th will help you see yourself in a different light. Your mind starts wandering this month. Check out the newest novels from the library and chill with some classical music.



SCORPIO

If you are flying solo, you will meet someone new the second week of this month. By the 20th you will be an item. You want everything now. It won't happen if you start pushing your guy/girl for a commitment. They will flee if you put on the pressure.



SAGITTARIUS

You will be argumentative this month, but a new romance will keep the phone and doorbell ringing! Your friends will want to plan a trip, but don't plan yet. You will



have three weeks of great fun now. It's time to start looking for a summer job. You will be a natural at the local park.

CAPRICORN

Spend the night at a friend's house if family tensions get out of hand. Get some library books and spend some time reading them with your boyfriend/girlfriend. Mom and Dad have hectic schedules and need your help with siblings this month. You have a tendency to daydream, so you may come up with a creative idea.



AQUARIUS

You are creating your own problems in relationships. Show a little more affection. Your parents will ask a little more devotion at the home scene. You and your friends may hit a little rough spot, but by the end of the month you will be back to normal. All your coming and goings are interfering with your homework, so don't have a fit if Mom insists for a stop sign at the front door.



PISCES

The full moon on the second illuminates differences. Unless opposites attract, this month may be difficult. Cupid taps you on the shoulder. You will spend a lot of time on the phone with friends who have relationship issues. If they don't follow your advice, it's their problem!



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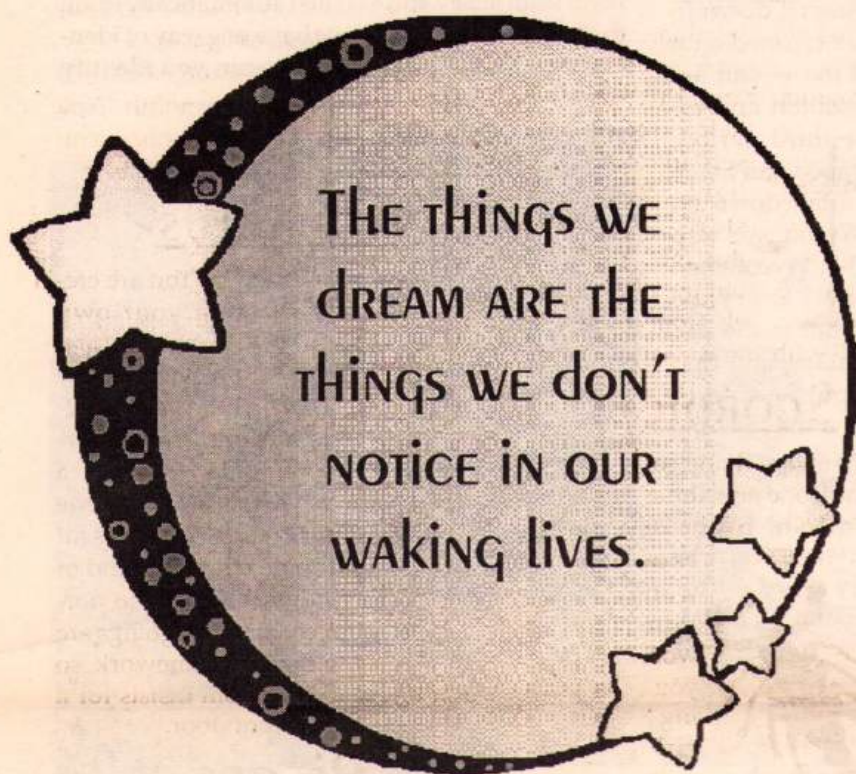
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THE MEANING of DREAMS

By: Amber Dippel

Have you ever wondered why you have some of the dreams that you have? Or if they even make any sense? In a lifetime, the average person will have more than 150,000 dreams. In our dreams, we can get images of happenings before they actually occur, because we have access to information in our dreams, for which we have not yet become consciously aware of.

There are many theories about why we dream. Sigmund Freud,



whose name is connected with dreams, has said: "Dreams are the result of repressed emotions and desires." Whether you agree with this or not, dreams can give us deep insights into our lives and these insights come to us in the form of dreams months, sometimes years, before we finally get to them in our waking lives. They give us insights into future possibilities, they help us solve problems, and even give us creative inspiration. The things we dream are the things we don't notice in our waking lives.

There are four types of dreams we have. Daily processing, problem-solving, psychological, and precognitive (ESP). Here are some of the dreams that people have quite frequently:

Falling: To dream that you sustain a fall, and are much frightened, denotes that you will undergo some great struggle, but will eventually rise to honor and wealth; but if you are injured in the fall, you will encounter hardships and loss of friends.

Dying: To dream of dying, foretells that you are threatened with evil from a source that has been contributed to your former advancement and enjoyment. To see others dying, forebodes general ill luck to you and to your friends. To dream that you are going to die, denotes that unfortunate inattention to your affairs will depreciate their value. Illness threatens to damage you also.

Anxiety: A dream of this kind is occasionally a good omen, denoting, after threatening states, success and rejuvenation of mind; but if the dreamer is anxious about some momentous affair, it indicates a disastrous combination of business and social states.

Revenge: To dream of taking revenge, is a sign of a weak and uncharitable nature, which, if not properly governed, will bring you troubles and loss of friends. If others revenge themselves on you, there will be much to fear from enemies.

Running: To dream of running in the company with others, is a sign that you will participate in some festivity, and you will find that your affairs are growing toward fortune. If you stumble or fall, you will lose property and reputation. Running alone, indicates that you will outstrip your friends in the race for wealth, and you will occupy a higher place in social life. If you run from danger, you will be threatened with losses, and you will despair of adjusting matters agreeably. To see others running, you will be oppressed by the threatened downfall of friends.

People dream of many different things, but of all the dreams we have, they all have some sort of a symbolic meaning to them. Even though you may not remember all of the dreams you have over night, they usually come to later on after seeing things that remind you of it.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS



NAME:
ALAN
STALAKER
Age: 17
Activity:
Tennis
Activity
Highlights:
It's a tie, al-

most winning a match last year, and in 10th grade I pegged the Western Dubuque kid.

Activity Goals: To win a match, two would be nice, then win state and be an All-American.

Biggest Thrill: My biggest non-cheap thrill will have to be having a BBQ at the Camanche Invitational.

Hobbies: Working and tennis

Starting Out: 2nd to last seed first two years, I was really bad.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't worry if you aren't the #1 or #2 player on the team early, and just hope a lot of people graduate.

Favorite Role-Model: Doug Hass and Justin Campbell, they gave me an opportunity to reach new horizons and expand myself every Friday.

Favorite Food: Cadberry cream eggs and green chili enchiladas.

Favorite Subject: French and Photography

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Desperado and Dazed and Confused
Favorite Book: Where the Wild Things Are

College/Future Plans: Go to France for a year and then to UNI.

NAME: JUSTIN CAMPBELL

Age: 18

Activity: Track

Activity Highlights: Running 2 miles in 10:38.

Activity Goals: Run 3200 under 10:15 and 1600 under 5 min.

Biggest Thrill: Winning WaMac trophy



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Country in
1996.
Hobbies:
Working,
running,
and hang-
ing with
friends.

Advice for Newcomers: Pine the Fjords and you will succeed.

Favorite Role-Model: Kenyans—they can run with the best of them.

Favorite Food: Godfather's Tuesday College/Future Plans: Kirkwood for two years and then transfer to Iowa State.



NAME:
DOUGLASS
HASS
Age: 17
Activity:
Track
Activity
Highlights:
Never
been in

track before.

Activity Goals: Go to state in the two mile.

Biggest Thrill: Conquering Neo-Geo at Godfather's, I will never spend that much money on a game again.

Hobbies: Eating, wrestling, and running.

Advice for Newcomers: Keep on pinning the Fjords.

Favorite Role-Model: Yuri Dolgoruky, he was a great runner and founded Moscow.

Favorite Food: Godfather's Tuesday

Favorite Subject: Opting hour

Favorite TV show/Movie: Nitro/Raw

Favorite Book: The Pizza Pie Slugger

College/Future Plans: Go to Central College



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Wycoff Third AT STATE

by Mike Balvanz

Marion's lone state qualifier junior Matt Wycoff, finished his season on a strong note. Wycoff, who was not ranked prior to the State Tournament, finished third in the class 2A 189 division. This was no piece of cake for Wycoff either. First round, Matt Wycoff had John Smith of South Tama, he pinned him in 2:38. By winning this match, he got his 100th win in his career and tied the school record of 42 wins in a season.

Matt's next match wasn't so easy, it against fifth-ranked Bart George of Norwalk, whose record was 37-1. Wycoff kept pretty close with him until the last period, when the score was 1-0. Wycoff was called for locked hands, which made the score 1-1, and then George escaped which made the score 2-1 in favor of George. Then with seconds left, Wycoff used all of his strength and bear hugged Bart George right to the mat for a two point take down which put him ahead by one for the victory with the score of 3-2. This match is the one that put Wycoff in the Marion record books with the most wins in a season.

Wycoff's third match was going to be a little different though. He was facing second ranked, undefeated Dustin DenHartog of Clear Lake. DenHartog proved that he should be ranked second in the state when he put Wycoff on his back. Nobody has done that to him all year. Wycoff got out, but eventually lost the match 4-11. Losing this match put Wycoff out of

the race for first, but that didn't mean he was out of the tournament. It just put Wycoff in the race for third place.

Matt's fourth match was against third ranked Blanchard Johnson III. The loss to DenHartog might have gotten to Wycoff, because he went out and pinned Johnson in 4:20. By winning that match, he found himself going up against Lee Russell for third place.

Lee Russell from Davenport Assumption was ranked fourth, but Wycoff had beat him prior to this match to win Districts. This was Wycoff's closest match yet. Wycoff took Russell down to start off the match, and then Russell escaped with the score 2-1. At the beginning of the second period, Wycoff picked the down position and escaped for one point. During the third period, Russell picked down, and then escaped and made the score 3-2. Russell then got a takedown on Matt to make the score 3-4. But Wycoff was also called for stalling and was behind 3-5. Wycoff then escaped and was behind by one. Everyone thought that the match was over, but in the last seconds Russell was called for stalling and that made the score tied at 5-5. This put them in to Sudden-Death overtime, that means the first one to score wins. Nobody was taken down in this period, so it all went to the coin flip. The coin flipped in Matt Wycoff's favor. He picked down and escaped in seconds. Everyone was so excited, but the second referee said they were out of bounds, so he had to start down again. On Matt's

second try he escaped just as fast and got the win. Winning this match gave Wycoff the third place finish.

About his first trip to state, Wycoff commented, "I tried not to think about all the people watching, but it was kind of hard to block it out of my mind. But I thought the support of the Marion fans was great. It really made me feel good about myself."

Then he was asked which match was his favorite, he answered, "My first match was my favorite because it didn't last very long and it was my 100th win. It was my first match ever at state, and I will always remember it."

Bruce Weisinger, the head wrestling coach was pleased with Matt's performance, and said, "Matt had a good tournament. He wrestled very smart against good competition. It's the way you would like to see the season end."

Congratulations to Matt Wycoff on his third place finish at state, his 100th win, and his 45-3 record of the season setting the season record of wins!

WHAT'S YOUR BAG?

by Ciara Chadek

If you look around people all around are identified in many ways. Maybe they have a unique sense of style or maybe a there wearing there team jersey and you just automatically think there on that team. Well we have one way of identifying people by there bags so can you identify who these bags belong to:



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THE "PLAYERS" BEHIND THE TEAMS

by Emily Baumert & Kristin Popovics

They sit on the bench. They don't practice. They never play. Instead, they write non-stop for 32 minutes. What provokes people to play the roles of basketball statisticians?

Megan Osborn says that she didn't want to play basketball, but wanted to somehow be associated with the team. She is part of the statistician staff for the varsity girls. She is pleased with the job.

"I get to go to every game and the bus rides are always fun," she said. She also appreciates how nice and grateful the coaches and players act toward her.

Kayla Bahl had similar intentions in that she wanted to be part of the basketball team. She enjoys cheering the girls on and really gets into the game. Although she has experienced the results of coaches under stress, she is always there, ready for anything.

Nitasha Fish and Sara Schroeder round out the Marion girls' basketball statisticians. Sara is happy to get locker signs for all the games and Nitasha is an avid fan of the team. They both

have fun watching the games and cheering.

A couple of down sides to stat-taking mentioned were the difficulty in keeping up with the game and getting home late on week nights.

Statisticians are a very important part of the team. They are skilled at what they do and offer the best support and encouragement. Assistant coach Corby Laube agrees. "The stats are very important for us to analyze our team's performance. Plus, they are important in order to keep accurate records for the record books. Our statisticians are outstanding. Not only do they do a very accurate job, they are also great students and people." The players also appreciate their efforts. Junior guard Nicole Burrell noted, "Our statisticians do a wonderful job of supporting the team and highlighting the strong points of our individual performances."

Derek Turner, the sophomore and varsity boys statistician, took on the job after being sidelined from sports-related injuries. "I still wanted to be a part of sports even if I couldn't play," he said. Derek is very busy with his commitment as a manager.

His duties consist of setting up practice equipment, filling water bottles, and sweeping the gym floor for the sophomores. Most impressively, he keeps track of all the sophomore stats and a large portion of the varsity stats. When asked how he is able to do all of this, he says, "The games go quickly with many things happening at once, but I just try my best. It's fun."

When asked about wrestling statisticians, Coach Fontenot gave one name—Erin Grissom. Erin keeps score for the matches and works hand in hand with the refs. Her job is vital as in if there is a disagreement in the scoring, she is the one who the refs go to. Coach Fontenot views Erin as "very responsible and enjoyable to have and she always keeps good composure."

So, don't always assume that a team is confined to coaches and players. There are some people you may forget about; the true heart of the team, the statisticians.

FOR SPORTS, SPRING IS JUST BEGINNING:

Boys Golf

By: Amber Dippel and Matt Haddy

The boys golf team has started practices, but as of this time have not had a meet yet. The team has three returning lettermen; Ben Bailey, Matt Messerli, and Jared Steger. The other three to make up the varsity team are as follows: Pete Messerli, Aaron Stewart, and Mike Varney. Starters for the JV team are Christ Norgaard, Brandon Nigg, Gabe Warrick, Justin Remington, Matt Haddy, and Jeremy Gruber. Their first golf meet is Monday April 12th against Independence.

Boys Track

by Mike balvanz and Jesse Kensinger

Boys track season has arrived and with a little fresh blood arriving. And with a new coach the boys are looking forward to another great season.

Coach Immerfall stepped down this year to relax a little bit and your very own gym teacher, Mr. Fish has decided to take over the open position. Coach Fish does know his way around the track having previously coached at Central City.

There are a lot of promising young freshmen sophomore track runners and they compose a majority of the 50 person team. Todd Little, J.J. Longerbeam, Tony Straub, Justin Campbell, and Ben Eilers provide the senior leadership.

This season the boys have had four meets, two which were indoor. Some indoor highlights have been; third place finish in the 4x800, Medley at the Metro meet at Coe. At the Wamac indoor meet they also had third place finishes in the same races.

The last few meets have been sort of a preparation for meets later to come. One thing that has given the Indians a tremendous amount of trouble would be the number of athletes not being able to compete for a variety of reasons, such as; Injuries, ineligibilities, spring break, and FBLA Conference.

But a few of the highlights on the outdoor part of the season would be 4x800 finishing forth along with Jesse Kensinger in the discus, and Tony Straub finished sixth in the High Jump, and Brett Forkner in the Long Jump.

Mr. Fish was asked what he thought about the season so far, and he commented, "It's frustrating but I understand, considering all of the young athletes on the team, but the goal is to make the whole team better athletes."

Girls Golf

by Brooke Ryther

The Marion High School girl's golf team hasn't had a meet yet, but they are ready to take on the Anamosa Raiders on April 16 at Squaw Creek. This year Marion hosts both the WAMAC and CRANDIC tourneys. The team is made up of two seniors Brooke Ryther and Monica Freese, two juniors Kristin Popivics and Sara Schroeder, and sophomore Libby McGuire. With these five girls talents and Coach Bob Miller the team has the potential for a successful season.

Girls Track

by Morgan Leverett

The Marion Girls first early bird track meet was the annual Coe Indoor Meet on March 12. First place finishers were Greta Nelson in the 55m, Emeily Baumert in the 1500m, Anna Kalkwarf, Jana Bradley, Leighann Freeman, and Nelson in the 4 X 200m, and Baumert in the 800. Team scores were not kept. The following week at the Cornell Indoor meet, Baumert set a new school record and meet record in the 1500m with a time of 5:06. Other first place finishers were Kalkwarf in the 400m and Baumert in the 800m.

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	BTN vs. West Dubuque T	4:00 p.m.		BGF vs Wat Columbus T	3:30
	GTR vs. Maquoketa Valley T	5:00 p.m.		GGF vs Xavier H	3:15
Tuesday, April 20	BTR vs. Prairie Inv. T	5:00 p.m.	Friday May 7	GTN vs Camanche H	4:00
Wed., April 21	Early Dismissal - District Inservice			B/G Co-ed track @ Mid-Prairie	5:00
	GGF vs. West Delaware T	4:00 p.m.	Saturday May 8	BTN vs Camanche T	9:00
Thurs., April 22	GGF @ Squaw Creek	10:30 a.m.		BGF South Tama Inv. T	8:30
	GTN vs. Indee T	4:00 p.m.	Monday, May 10	9/10 BTR Maquoketa T	5:00
	GTR Inv. H	5:00 p.m.		WaMac BGF @ Benton	
Friday, April 23	Drake Relays			WaMac GGF @ Monticello	
Saturday, April 24	GGF vs. Benton @ Tara Hills T	8:30 am		Girls' District Track	
Monday, April 26	BGF vs. Maquoketa T	1:00 pm	Tuesday, May 11	BTR @ Van Horne	5:00
	HS Spring Concert	7:00 pm		BTN Maquoketa T	4:00
	HS Gym			Spring Band	7:00
Tues., April 27	GTR @ Vinton	5:00	Wednesday, May 12	GTN Mt. Vernon T	4:00
	GGF vs. Prairie T			BTN Mt. Vernon H	4:00
Wed. April 28	GTN vs. Mt. Vernon T	4:00		GGF vs Monticello H	3:15
	BGF @ West Del.	4:00	Thursday, May 13	Honors Night	7:00pm
Thurs. April 29	GGF @ Vinton	4:00	Friday, May 14	Boys Sectional Golf @ Squaw Creek	
	GTN vs. Maquoketa T	4:00		GTR @ Mt. Vernon	
	BTR @ Vinton Inv.	4:00		GTN @ Maquoketa	
Friday April 30	NO SCHOOL AT HS			BTR @ Maquoketa Valley	
	BTR vs. Starmont @ Arlington	5:00	Tuesday, May 18	Wamac GTR & BTR Track H	4:30
	BGF @ Monticello	5:00	Thursday, May 20	Music Awards Banquet	
	Spring Play	7:00	Friday, May 21	Talent Show	7:00pm
Saturday May 1	Spring Play	7:00	Tuesday, May 25	8th Grade Spring Concert	7:00 pm
	GTN Camanche T	9:00		Auditorium	
Monday May 3	P/T Conf.	2-6 pm	Saturday, May 29	Graduation	7:00pm
	9/10 BTR vs. @ Troy Mills	5:00		Five Seasons Center	
	GGF vs. Center Pt. T	4:00	Saturday, June 5	Last Day for students	
Tuesday May 4	BTR Inv. H	5:00		10:55 Dismissal	
	GTR - Relays @ Maquoketa	5:00			

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