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SUCCESSFUL CAN DRIVE

by Amanda Meroshek

Julie Barrow, a Sophomore, has been recovering from a long illness. To help with the mounting medical cost a can drive was held. It was sponsored by Student Senate and nearly \$1,700.00 was raised for the family. Not only did M.H.S. students and faculty help, but residents of Marion and local businesses also contributed to the drive with private donations and cans. The can drive showed the support of many students and how everyone was eager to help a fellow student.



The can drive sponsored by the sophomores was a great success. Presenting the check to Julie Barrow were Jessica Plpho, Michelle Casey, Jeni Rugg, Chad Zrudsky, and Anna Lensch.

MADRIGAL FEASTE

The annual Madrigal Feaste was presented December 19, 1994 at the Longbranch. Two hundred people enjoyed an evening of song, skits and dinner presented in the medieval manner. King Josh Sova and Queen Charity Henderson presided over the evening.



OUR TOWN: STUDENT PRODUCTION SLATED FOR JANUARY 12

by Cheyne Westergaard

This year there is a Thespian sponsored play called "Our Town". It will be performed on Thursday, January 12, at 7:30. The lead characters are Bryan Balvanz as George Gibbs, Sarah Robertson as Emily Webb, Sarah Jackson as Mrs. Webb, Matt Balk as Mr. Webb, Amanda Mott as Mrs. Gibbs, and Josh Sova as Mr. Gibbs. This play is a little different, the directors are students, Travis Clarke and Theresa Garthwaite. Travis says, "It's been good. Lots of teachers have helped us and sponsored us." Sarah Robertson, who plays Emily Webb says, "I like the variety of opinions that the student directors provide, but I don't think that they get the respect and cooperation that they deserve."

WINTER SPIRIT

Because of the busy winter season, the week of January 3 was the only time available for Winter Spirit Week. Although still recovering from winter break, students got into the spirit of the week with a victory over Linn-Mar in boys basketball. Also featured were the annual pom light routine, a dual wrestling meet, and another basketball game Friday evening. The WPA dance was held Saturday evening in the lounge.



One of the happiest groups during spirit week was the sophomore basketball team, who notched their first victory of the season.

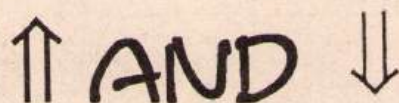


MHS students and their friends enjoyed the lounge decorated by the cheerleaders and poms.

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Opinion

THUMBS



Thumbs up to turkey.
Thumbs up to Yoo Hoo,
mmmmmm good!!!
Thumbs down to underclassmen
from band that come in to the
lounge and are noisy.
Thumbs down to juniors not
being able to have their own
hall.
Thumbs up to Chris because "it's
easier to do it in the dark".
Thumbs down to the school
lunches. What happened to the
food we had last year?
Thumbs up to Algebra II. Good
job Mr. Perkins.
Thumbs up to sophomores,
they're GROOVY.
Thumbs up to seniors. They're
really Keen.
Thumbs up to pickle ball, but I
wish I could play.
Thumbs up to girls basketball.
Thumbs down to the amount of
support that girls basketball
receives.
Thumbs down to skepticisms
when buying candy. Teachers
you don't have to buy them
from your fellow teachers, you
can buy them from students.
We don't spit in it.
Thumbs up to wrestling and the
great support it receives.
Thumbs up to the new wrestling
cheerleading vests.
Thumbs down to people who
keep taking my parking spot.
It's cold out there and I don't
feel like walking that extra
foot.
Thumbs down to having to
scrape windows in the morn-
ing.

Thumbs down to dry static hair
that sticks to your face.
Thumbs up to Boys Basketball
N'Stuff
Thumbs up to the SODA pizza
party. The pizza was good and
free.
Thumbs up to Mrs. Young and
her announcing abilities.
Thumbs up to the cheers and
poms. Good job gals and guy.
Thumbs down to people who
have to brag about doing
drugs. Do you think you're
cool?
Thumbs down to people with
negative attitudes about the
basketball games.
Thumbs up to the staff. They're
cool.
Thumbs up to people who have
to be so organized. Lighten up.
Thumbs down to parties getting
canceled.
Thumbs up to Junk Yard Dog.
Thumbs down to stinky feet.
Thumbs down to blisters, sore
backs, and wet socks.
Thumbs up to Christmas vaca-
tion.
Thumbs down to not having your
own government book.
Thumbs up to Miami Hurricanes.
Thumbs up to pheasant season
opening.
Thumbs up to Nine Inch Nails,
Tool, Pearl Jam, Smashing
Pumpkins, The Black Crows,
Helmet, Aprils Motel Room,
Stone Temple Pilots.
Thumbs down to the parking lot
not being plowed.
Thumbs up to the poms' light
routine.

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by Sarah Jackson

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SSS.....Like a train trip to sunny Florida, during Iowa winter.

SS.....Like tickets to WWE, right here in good ol' C.R.

S.....Like a night of board games with your grandparents.

ONLY YOU

Only You is an older movie and is already out of the theaters but it deserves more recognition than it received. Only You is a fairy tale about destiny, and the great lengths one woman will do to meet hers. Marisa Tomei was told by a gypsy, and a Ouija board that the man she is to marry is Damon Bradley. But when she is about to marry another man, her and a friend fly to Italy in search of Marisa's fate. In Italy they bump into Robert Downey Jr. who says he is Damon Bradley, which is to be found out that he was lying all in the name of love. Only You will go down in history as one of the greatest date movies of all time. SSSS

STREET FIGHTER

Jean Claude Van Damme may very well be the best looking man in Hollywood but this doesn't make up for the fact that he can't act. Street Fighter was made after the ever popular video game. The movie was plentiful in action and fighting as the bad guys tried to rule all the world and remove the lesser beings (memories of World War 2 and Hitler maybe?). Other than that their wasn't much to the story line. Not hardly worth \$5.75 but a good rental none the less. SS

DUMB AND DUMBER

This movie truly lived up to it's name. Jim Carrey and his buddy travel cross country in a dog mobile just to return Jim's true love her briefcase. The briefcase was full of money that was left for the kidnappers of this woman's husband. She was deeply surprised to find Jim (who actually just drove her to the airport) on her front step of her home in Aspen. Dumb and Dumber a moronic comedy that was outrageously funny. SS.5

RENTALS

Maverick S.5

The Client SSSS

Reservoir Dogs SSS.5

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WHAT THE STARS SAY YOUR FORECAST FOR JANUARY, 1995



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You're majorly bummed when your parents buy you gifts for school. Don't hold a grudge when an old friend finds a clique.



AQUARIUS 1/21 TO 2/19

Always the rebel you will take a stand at school, and your winter blues will get the boot.



PISCES 2/20 TO 3/20

Watch your tongue! You may hurt someone's feelings when you least expect it. Don't feel bad about asking a buddy for a favor.



ARIES 3/20 TO 4/20

Christmas brought you plenty of stress so sit back and relax. Then have a gabfest with your friends.



TAURUS 4/21 TO 5/21

Don't get jealous when you hear about a friend's good news. A hidden talent wins you praise.



GEMINI 5/22 TO 6/23

Be careful who you tell your secrets to, and watch the way you spend Daddy's money.



CANCER 6/22 TO 7/23

It's a prime time to be a leader, so chill out and don't be so touchy with the people around you.



LEO 7/24 TO 8/23

There's lots of fun ahead this winter so wake-up. Everyone will flip over your new Christmas presents.



VIRGO 8/24 TO 9/23

Don't overload. Be willing to ask for help when you need it. Even though Christmas is over stay in the gift giving mood.



LIBRA 9/24 TO 10/23

Be honest when someone asks for your opinion. Start setting goals now, time goes by faster than you think.



SCORPIO 10/24 TO 11/22

Don't underestimate your family they really can be fun. Others are impressed with your volunteerism.



SAGITTARIUS 11/23 TO 12/21

Now is the time to make finishing touches on things you started long ago. Don't force change- it will happen if it is meant to be.

THIEVERY

by Jessica Macal

With a recent flurry of stealing or "misplacing" of our possessions, people begin to wonder how safe are we here at MHS. Why is it that one minute your coat is on the bench, you turn to talk to friends and when you look back it's gone? It didn't just get up and walk away on its own, so did someone help it? After a short search and a threat of the lockers being opened, it returns. Was that fear of being caught, or a coincidence? Unfortunately, people aren't always honest, they are looking for possessions that are left unattended even for the slightest moment. After experiencing an incident of theft, Kelly Gongwer commented, "I don't understand what the purpose of stealing is." You can't even trust the people that you think you know, it just comes down to the fact that everything must be locked up. "People forget that this is High School and not grade school."

Thoughts By Him & Her

School support, bleacher creatures, cheering for the team - all these things can be a positive part of high school, but only if done constructively. When these things are abused, it reflects negatively on the person and the school.

Racial slang and lewd comments are often heard coming from the mouths of our supportive crowd. News flash for ya it embarrasses us and makes you look like an uneducated, ignorant fool.

You are almost out of high school and we would hope that you would be maturing and growing into the intelligent people we know you are. The future will not put up with your low class way of speaking.

Support for the team means just that - support, not being obnoxious just to be obnoxious. Cheer, yes - that's what the team wants. But be constructive, not destructive in your support.

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Features

WHAT'S HAPPENING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

by Greg Wilkinson
NHS

National Honor Society was selling candy to raise money to plant trees on the school grounds. They were also having a food drive for the Marion Food Pantry. The class that brings in the most food will have a free day at school. The winning class was the junior class. They are also under-way planning for the second annual Marion Carnival.

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate has been making plans for this years lock-in which will take place on March 10. They have also been working on the trading card raser.

They are working on a computer dating service, which consists of putting things down on a the computer about yourself and it will tell you who you should be dating.

SODA

Soda had a Christmas party in the month of December. They also spent their time wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the new mall in Cedar Rapids. They have also been organizing the post prom party. That will take place after prom this year. \$50.00 was also donated to the Julie Barrow fund.

FBLA

FBLA sold poinsettias to earn some money. They also went to Barnes and Noble Book Store in Cedar Rapids with Soda to wrap gifts for people who need extra help, like men for instance.

ACADEMIC

DECATHLON

Academic Decathlon had a meeting on Thursday January 4, to see who was all interested on being on the team. The team consists of nine people. They had a meeting on Thursday January 5, to talk about what it will be about. They will be studying different courses to compete with other schools in the upcoming months. The first

competition will be held at Jefferson High School.
by Nancy Chialfos

CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR

The 1994 Winter Concert was held on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium.

The Concert Band performed three pieces which were, "Prelude to Fugue in B flat Major," which is a transcription of a piece written by J.S. Bach for the organ, "A Celebration of Christmas," which is a combination of various Christmas carols including: "Joy to the World," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Come All Ye Faithful," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "The First Noel," "Silent Night," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." The final song they performed was "Sovereign Variants."

The 8th grade band played a selection of four pieces which were "Winchester March," "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Norwegian Lullaby," and "Winter Wonderland" featuring soloist Scott Stulken who is the section leader for the trumpets.

The Concert Choir also performed three pieces. These were "Gloria In Excelsis" by Vivaldi, an arrangement of "What Child Is This" featuring soloist David Walker, and an arrangement of "Winter Wonderland" featuring Chad Zrudsky.

The 8th grade choir also performed three pieces which were, "Brighten My Soul With Sunshine," "The Banana Boat" and "Riding the Train."

Band and choir members have sold candy to raise money for their trip to Nashville in March.

CAROLING

by Cheyne Westergaard

While busy preparing for the Winter Concert the choir also did other activities like Christmas Caroling at various locations in Marion and Cedar Rapids. The first stop was at the Longbranch on Saturday, December 3. Other locations are at Mentzer on Wednesday, December 14, in downtown Cedar Rapids on Thursday, December 15, and at Emerson School on Wednesday, December 21. Katie Nelson said, "I think the crowds really enjoyed the carolers and we had a lot of fun. I got a candy cane, too."

EARLY GRADS

by Bryce Peterson

Instead of graduating with the rest of the senior class in the spring many people are taking the option of early graduation after the first semester. A total of 18 people are graduating early. When asked why they wanted to graduate early many said because they wanted to get a full time job or work more hours at the job they already have, to save money for college. Some students were asked why they wanted to graduate early.

Maria Clark wanted to graduate early so she could earn money for college and be able to marry her boyfriend Brady Hite.

Paul Aljets wants to get a full time job to earn money for computers.

Jami Zdankus wants to earn money for a better apartment.

Rence Williams wants to graduate early because she hates school and wants to leave.

Tia Tallman wants to earn money for school and she doesn't like school anyway.



Some of the early grads gathered for a final photograph before leaving January 12. Those seniors who are graduating at the end of first semester are Paul Aljets, Maria Clark, Brook Fairbanks, Megan Fowler, Kelley McNamara, Michelle Mungoven, Janice Ocanosak, Bobby Orend, Cory Pelley, Brian Pisch, Brad Schroeder, Shannon Schuler, Cory Szabo, Tia Tallman, Christy Van Deusen, Renee Williams, Jami Zdankus.

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

QUEST FOR REST

by Amanda Meroshek

High School is a busy time in most peoples lives, you always seem to be trying to find time for something whether its time for your sports, various kinds of organizations, or the after school job during the week. On weekends there seems to be something going on all the time including partys or family commitments. After a busy day most of us would like to just come home, crash into bed, and sleep forever but the chances of that are unlikely. Maybe you have the opposite problem, and even if you wanted more sleep you couldn't because you are constantly awake. You're maybe the type that lays in bed for hours at night and just can't sleep, then when morning finally comes you can't wakeup, hit the snooze four or five times, and when

you struggle to get up you are late for school. Or there is the classic problem of trying to stay awake in class and putting yourself in all kinds of strange positions to stay awake but no matter what you do you end up blacking out and waking up minutes later with no idea of whats going on. Whatever the case may be too much, too little, or just not enough time we all need sleep and eventually you'll have and find the time. If you get to little, find the time to sleep. If you get to much motivate yourself to stay active. Not being able to sleep or getting to much sleep can both be signs of depression. For those who can't fall to sleep at night no matter what they do, could be suffering from insomnia, a sleeping disorder that is an inability to sleep especially when it's chronic.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JEFF KINNEY
By John Heald

Jeff Kinney is a senior who is involved in many activities, and excels in all of them. Jeff has been involved in football for four years, and was the starting quarterback on the varsity for two years. He has played basketball since he was a Freshman, and has started on the varsity since he was a Sophomore. Jeff has also been a starter on the baseball team since he was a Sophomore.

Jeff has been named to the second team All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-District football teams, first team All-Conference, and All-Metro, and third team All-State in basketball, and also received Honorable Mention All-Metro in baseball.

Jeff plans to attend Southeastern Community College in Burlington, where he plans to play basketball and hopes to receive an offer from a Division 1 school to play basketball for them.

Jeff's most memorable moment was this year in the Linn-Mar basketball game when he scored 39 points including two dunks, and one technical foul while beating the cross town rival for the first time since 1983. Jeff's most embarrassing moment also came in that game when he air balled a free throw and it wasn't even close.

Jeff enjoys playing basketball,



hanging out with his friends, and of course always doing his homework in his spare time.

BETH HATCH

by Leah Schneider

Senior, Beth Hatch is involved in many activities and her hard work in everything has paid off. She is one of the top students in her class and after graduating she will attend Central College and major in Pre-Med. In her Junior year she hopes to go to France to study. Beth is involved in volleyball, Soccer, Softball, is president of Student Senate, a member of SODA, NHS, is a Tutor and a student guide. She has received numerous awards for all the activities that she has been involved in. Beth's most memorable moment is riding on top of a corvette at homecoming, hoping she won't fall off. Her most embarrassing moment was when she tripped on the basketball court with no one around. She swore it was the black line, though! Beth's goals are to do well in school and be organized. She tries not to idealize anyone because they usually end up being a disappointment. In what spare time she has, Beth enjoys sleeping, eating, and being with her boyfriend, Eric.



SPORTS
SHORTS

8TH GRADE GIRL

by Jessica Macal

The eighth grade girls basketball team started out the year with 19 girls on the team. The girls were split into three teams. Their first of eight games was on Nov. 1, against West Delaware although all three teams lost, they showed what they could accomplish with good teamwork involved. On Nov. 10, the girls played Vinton with the A team losing 15-36. The B team won 21-15 and the C team won in overtime 18-15. Angie Martin had 9 points, and Sarah Young and Erin Grissom were the top rebounders. On Nov. 17, the Indians played two games

against Independence and lost 27-36, 13-34 with Sandy Bulman, Nikki Carsner, and Brandy Matheny being the top scorers. When the girls played on Nov. 22, the A team scored 20 points to the 32 points scored by Monticello. The B and C team both won 12-8, 20-2. Marytess Zamora scored 12 points, and Erin Grissom lead with 9 steals. Dec. 2, the girls played West Delaware, Sandy Bulman, and Brooke Ryther scored 6 points each with Sandy Bulman having 11 steals. Dec. 5, the girls played Monticello with the A team losing 26-28. The B and C team won 11-6, 25-2. Cassie Gardner had 14 points and Brooke Ryther trailed behind with 10

points. The girls defeated Benton Community 26-14, Sandy Bulman and Marytess Zamora had 6 points each. Erin Grissom and Sandy Bulman pulled down 22 rebounds. The girls wrapped up the season with three victories over Anamosa, on Dec. 15. Sandy Bulman scored 12 points, Brooke Ryther had 8 points. Sandy Bulman pulled down 13 rebounds. The girls showed great improvement as the season went on.

FRESHMAN GIRL

This years freshman girls basketball team is made up of only nine girls. Their new coach Chris Appleby was a little nervous with this being her first time working with freshman girls but commented that she has been very impressed and is proud of her girls. So far the girls are 0-3 this season. Their first game against Benton was a sad disappointing loss 38 -15.

Their second game things started to go Marion's way, at Independence when they scored 23 points and Heather Motter being their top scorer with 10 points. At their last game home against Monticello they made the Panthers work a little harder as they scored 29 points, Michelle Freeze with 11 points and Amber Hutchins with 6. Amber Hutchins says the team is having a lot of fun and thinks that things are going to be going better.

SOPHOMORE GIRL

Keeping their heads up the sophomore girls basketball team is pushing to get some wins. With their record of 0-8 the girls are still giving their best. New coach Audra Spies says, "the girls are improving and most important they are giving 100%." Their game against Prairie was a little shaky with the score 67-9 but with each game following they definitely improved against West Delaware a with score 57-24. They had a great game here at home against LaSalle with the teams two top scorers Kendra Hatcher, and Jessica Loge scoring 30 points. The girls toughest losses were against Linn-Mar 62-11, Vinton 64-8, and Benton 62-12. But with 9 games left the team is looking at being more aggressive and taking charge. Sophomore player Kate Parks believes if they hang in there and keep trying, things are going to change.

SOPHOMORE BOY

by Jenny Steffes

The Marion Sophomore boys basketball team started off their season December 2, in Monticello. They suffered a rough defeat by the score of 75-40. The team was lead in scoring by John Cannon who scored 12 points, Tyson Colvin had a solid game adding 8 points and 9 rebounds. Jason Osborn chipped in 9 points in the losing effort.

The Indians will take on West Delaware on December 9, starting at 6:15. It will be at home.

Just before the outstanding win by the Marion boys varsity basketball team against West Delaware, the sophomore team hosted their own game. West Delaware came out ahead, but the Indians stayed right along with them with the final score of 62-79. Chad Zrudsky had an outstanding game scoring 29 points. John Cannon added 12 points. It was Zrudsky on the great team effort having 7 assists, 3 steals, 1 block, and 6 rebounds. Adding to the rebound total were Tyson Colvin and Brian Dippel with 5 and 4 respectively. Colvin also added 3 blocks to the Indians defensive effort.

In the Indian's next game they traveled to South Tama. The Indians kept up with the Trojans until halftime, then wore down in the second half and losing by the score of 58-88. Once again it was Zrudsky on the offensive effort



Jessie Cook
'93 graduate of Monticello
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on beginning a college career
at Kirkwood

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scoring 20 points. John Cannon also had a strong effort pouring in 16 points, despite limited play due to an injury.

The Indians then traveled to Independence for their 4th game of the season. Still looking for their first win. They didn't get it, due in large part to a slow start, and lost 41-64. In limited action due to their involvement with varsity, Zrudsky and Shawn Bruce were still the top scorers with 12 and 11 points respectively. On the defensive effort it was Colvin with 7 rebounds and 3 blocks.

On Tuesday, December 20, Marion traveled to LaSalle for their 5th game of the season. Once again they left still looking for their first win after their 53-71 loss to the Lancers. John Cannon was the leading scorer of the game with 23 points. With limited play Chad Zrudsky and Tyson Colvin were still two of the three top scorers with 9 and 8 points respectively.

In their next game the Indians hosted Benton Community. The Indians stayed close with them for the whole game. At the end of the first quarter it was all tied up 18-18. But in the whole it was Benton Community over the Indians 54-61. Once again Cannon was the leading scorer with 17 points, Zrudsky followed right behind with 15. In the Indians' next game they will host Linn-Mar on January 3rd.

JV BASKETBALL

by Jenny Steffes

The Marion boys JV team started their season off with an impressive victory over a solid Benton team. Casey DeShaw led the Indians with 16 points in their 56-42 win. Chad Zrudsky and Tyson Colvin added 12 and 11 points respectively. James Parks also chipped in with an excellent defensive effort.

In Marion's second JV game the Indians feel short in a 55-68 loss to LaSalle. No official stats were available

HOLDING OUT FOR SUCCESS

by P. J. Schultz

The Marion Varsity Wrestling team started of the season with a disappointing loss to C.R. Washington. Marion started of the match by giving up a forfeit at 103. The first win came for the Indians when 119 pounder Rob Wiley pinned his man. The next victory came for Marion at 135 when senior Bryan Balvanz dominated his match for a 11-1 win. 145 pounder Jason Hatch then pinned his opponent in 3:37. Mike Kalkwarf recorded the third pin of the meet for the Indians in his 160 pound match. The Indians then gave up a forfeit at 171. Heavyweight Nate Werneburg then ended the meet on a positive note with his 8-5 victory. The final score was 42-25 in favor of C.R. Washington.

Marion then traveled to West Delaware for a tournament. The Indians took 5th place ahead of C.R. Washington, Oelwein, and Linn-Mar. Marion crowned two champions 135 pounder Bryan

balvanz and navyweight Werneburg. Mike Kalkwarf placed third at 160 and Rob Wiley placed 4th at 119.

The Marion wrestling team started of the WaMac season with a pair of close wins on Thursday, December 8. The Indians beat Benton Community by a score of 35-33 and Vinton-Shellsburg by a score of 36-31. Marion is now 2-0 in the WaMac conference. The Indians trailed going into the last match in both meets when senior heavyweight Nate Werneburg took over. Werneburg's victories, one a 1:02 pin, put the Indians in the lead. Senior 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz thought, "We could have been a little more aggressive, but I'm very pleased with the wins." Other Indians getting two wins were 103 pounder Kevin Schultz and 160

pounder Mike Kalkwarf. Both Kalkwarf and Schultz recorded a pin in under a minute, Schultz's being in 14 seconds. Four Indians - Wes Hilleshiem at 112, Rob Wiley at 119, Balvanz, and Travis Offerman at 140 recorded wins and also received forfeit. Wiley and Offerman won by fall.

The Indians then went to the Mt. Vernon Invitational where they placed 6th as a team. The Indians advanced two wrestlers to the finals, Nate Werneburg and Bryan Balvanz. Werneburg came out on top, but Balvanz lost his match in overtime. Three Indians placed forth; Kevin Schultz at 103, Wes Hillesheim at 112, and Mike Kalkwarf at 160.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Indians lost a pair of WaMac conference dual meets to Independence, 44-28 and LaSalle, 47-24, dropping to 2-2 their dual meet record in the WaMac. Five Indians won both their matches. Kevin Schultz looked impressive with a pair of

pins in his 103 pound weight class. 112 pounder Wes Hillesheim earned a 7-6 decision over LaSalle after pinning his Independence opponent in the first period. Senior 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz recorded a pin, and a hard fought 10-8 victory over LaSalle. Mike Kalkwarf pinned both his opponents in the first period, and Unbeaten heavyweight Nate Werneburg won a 12-2 decision against Independence to keep his unblemished record intact. Werneburg received a forfeit against LaSalle.

The Indians then went to Cascade for a dual meet tournament. The Indians bounced back from the tough defeats against Independence and LaSalle to place second in the tournament with a 3-1 record. The only loss for the Indians came at the hands of #1 ranked Columbus Junction. The Indians defeated Tipton, Cascade, and South Winneshiek/Turkey Valley. Marion Coach Bruce Weisinger said that it was "...the best performance so far this season. It was a total team effort as every wrestler had a key victory at some point during the day." The Indians crowned two individual champions, Bryan Balvanz and Nate Werneburg. Both Werneburg and Balvanz went undefeated on the day. Four Indians - Kevin Schultz, Wes Hillesheim, Rob Wiley, and Mike Kalkwarf - placed second.

In their first meet after the new year, the grapplers lost to Waterloo Columbus. At the Benton tourney, Werneburg placed first, Balvanz and Kalkwarf placed second, and Hilleshiem placed third. The team placed seventh out of eleven.

LOOKING FOR VICTORY

by Leah Schneider

The '94 girls varsity Basketball team is a young team with a lot of goals in mind. The team consists of 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 5 sophomores, and 1 freshman. They started the season at the Kennedy Jamboree on November 22. Kennedy came out on top defeating the Indians in the 2 quarters. Their next game was with Prairie on November 25 for their season opener. Andrea Wilson led scoring with 12 points and assists with 3 while Humiston, Jenny Hartl, and Meghan Turner all had 5 rebounds. But they were defeated 26-56. Next the Indians matched up with the Linn-Mar Lions being defeated 42-68. Kate Humiston scored 17 points and Wilson scored 14 points. Humiston was 3/4 from the free throw line while Karen Straub was 2/2. Humiston, Amy Bulman and Turner all had 4 rebounds. Than

on December 2, the Vinton Vikings traveled to face Marion where Humiston lead with 12 points and Wilson had 7 points and was 5/6 from the free throw line. Karen Straub has 7 rebounds and Turner had 5. Next the Indians headed to West Delaware only to be defeated 50-84. Freshman Kate Humiston led the Indians with 31 of their points including one three point shot and also having 5 assists. Amy Bulman and Andrea Wilson tied with 5 points a piece and Wilson led assists with 9 for the team. Leading rebounds were Karen Straub and Meghan Turner who each had 6. For their next game Marion hosted South Tama where they showed their hard work and narrowly missed getting their first victory. The final score being 38-49. The score was close the whole game and at one point in the 4th quarter they had their closest margin being behind by only 4 points but South Tama increased their lead in the final minutes of play. Wilson led scoring with 20 points, had 2 three pointers and 6 rebounds. Humiston had 10 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Then on December 16 Marion hosted Independence mustangs where they were defeated 39-55. The leading scorers were Kate Humiston who led with 14, Amy Bulman who had 9, and Jessica Loge with 7 points. Humiston was 4/5 from the free throw line and had 6 rebounds. Karen Straub led rebounds with 7 and Christine McLaughlin had 6. Senior, Meghan Turner says the season is "It's a lot of fun and better this year because the attitudes have improved so hopefully that will all payoff and we will win some games."

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THREE'S COMPANY by John Heald

The Marion Indians opened up the basketball season December 2, in Monticello with a devastating loss 66-63. Marion lost Jeff Kinney, their leading scorer from a year ago, only four minutes into the game as he had two technical fouls called against him. Trailing late in the first half Marion put together a run of 7 points going into halftime which vaulted them to a three point halftime lead 42-39. Marion seemed to be in control in the start of the second half but a scoring drought late in the end of the third quarter put Marion behind to start the fourth quarter by 5. Still trailing by 5 with nearly a minute to go John Heald hit a three pointer and was fouled on the play. After he converted the free throw Marion only trailed by one. After a Marion foul, Monticello converted on one free throw and Marion trailed by 2 with 20 seconds to go. Marion ended up with the ball with six seconds left were Heald's three point attempt didn't fall and Monticello got the rebound. A Monticello player went to the line after a Marion foul. The Monticello player made one out of two and with three seconds left Ben Meader's half court shot missed and Monticello was victorious. Marion was lead in scoring by John Heald who has 18 points, Ben Meader had 17, Josh Claypool had 13, and Mitch Long had 11.

The team had an offensive explosion December 9 as they defeated West Delaware handily by the score of 79-57. Marion's offense struggled in the first quarter but the Indians' still lead by a

point. Marion took a 13 point lead into halftime 42-29. The third quarter was a lot of the same as Marion started on its three point barrage as the Indians nailed 5 of their 10 three pointers in the third quarter. Marion was spurred on in the fourth period by Jeff Kinney's three dunks that put the game away for the Indians. Kinney led the Indians' in scoring with 20, Ben Meader added 17, John Heald recorded 16 along with nailing 4 three pointer, Casey DeShaw added 13 along with 3 three pointers. Josh Claypool helped out the Marion defensive effort by collecting 5 steals and pulling down 6 rebounds.

The team had two fine showings against two very tough conference foes on the road. Marion took on South Tama December 13 and lost a tough one 83-70. Marion battled Independence December 16 and won a close game 77-74. In the South Tama game the Trojans jumped out to a 10 point lead in the first quarter before Marion started to play their game. By halftime Marion had jumped to a three point lead 44-41. But in the third quarter the Marion offense sputtered and Marion fell behind by three to start the fourth quarter. With four minutes to go and still trailing by three 67-64 Marion lost both of their inside players and didn't have a player over six foot on the floor the final four minutes. Marion lost the game 83-70 but the game was much closer than the score tells. Marion was led in scoring by Jeff Kinney with 19, Ben Meader added 18, and John Heald chipped in 13.

At Independence the Indians set a school record for three pointers as Marion poured in 12. Marion jumped

to a 7 point halftime advantage 37-30. In the third quarter the Indians built a 15 point lead, but Independence came back to cut the lead to 1 point late in the fourth quarter. With 30 seconds to go Marion was up by 5 when Independence hit a shot and cut the lead to three. With seven seconds to go John Heald nailed two free throws to ice the game for the Indians. Marion's record went to 2-2 with the 77-74 victory. Marion was led in scoring by Jeff Kinney with 26, with 3 three pointers, John Heald had 21 points along with 4 three pointers, Ben Meader added 18 with 3 three pointers. Coach Ottosen said about the Independence victory, "This was a very big win for us. It proved that we can win close games and on the road."

The team faced off with WaMaC conference leader LaSalle Tuesday December 20. The Indians gave a valiant effort but ended up on the losing side of the ball in a 77-74 defeat. Marion went into halftime trailing for the first time this year 35-31. Marion battled back to lead at the end of the third quarter 54-53. Marion scored the first two points of the fourth quarter, but then went on a scoring drought and LaSalle rattled off 14 straight points. The Indians then charged back with a run of its own and knotted the score at 69. Trailing by one with 15 seconds to go, Jeff Kinney missed the front end of the one and one and LaSalle rebounded. LaSalle converted two free throws and Mitch Long's last second three pointer rimmed off. Marion was led by Josh Claypool who had a great game scoring 25 points, Jeff Kinney added 21, and Mitch Long 13.

Marion bounced back December 23, with a 66-57 victory over Benton Community. Marion seemed sluggish throughout the whole game but led at halftime 34-30. Marion bounced back and pulled away late in the fourth quarter with a late run. Marion was led in scoring by Kinney who had 17 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, Josh Claypool added 14 points and John Heald scored 10 for the Indians.

The Marion boys basketball team ended a streak that had stood since 1983. The Indians defeated Linn-Mar by the score of 92-85. The Marion Indians put on a show shooting 58 percent for the game, and Jeff Kinney had two dunks.

Marion got off to a quick start getting the crowd into the intra-city rivalry quickly as Kinney got both his dunks within the first three minutes of the game. Marion jumped out to a 23-18 lead at the end of the first quarter. John Heald and Kinney scored 17 of the Indians first quarter points and led the Indians throughout the entire game. Marion led 36-28 with 4:19 to go in the first half when Linn-Mar went on a run to take a 41-40 advantage. The score was knotted at 44 at halftime. Marion started out quickly in the third quarter too, as the Indians jumped out to a ten point lead 72-62 when Heald nailed one of his three three pointers. Linn-Mar got back within two points 83-81 with 1:15. Josh Claypool's three point play with 1:01 left sealed the game for the Indians. Marion was led by Jeff Kinney who scored 39 points along with 7 rebounds, John Heald scored 29 points, and Josh Claypool added 10 points along with 9 rebounds.

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