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Win With Wellness team members take charge of the admission table, ready to take the money and give everyone a Luau umbrella.

LUAU FUN

by Samantha Cook

On March 20th, from 8 to 11 pm, Marion High School held the first-ever Luau Dance. The Luau Dance was sponsored by the Win With Wellness Team as their "good deed" to the school, with one-half of the proceeds going to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters and the rest to buy gifts for area businesses showing appreciation for their support. And with the Win With Wellness budget being a little short on money, the WWW students all pitched in some of their own money to provide a DJ.

Despite a lot of students having already left on vacation for Spring Break, many of the students who remained showed up to dance the night away. All of the students hard work and planning seemed appreciated by the many students who participated. "It was really fun, the DJ was good, and everyone seemed really relaxed and danced, we need a Luau next year for sure!" Sara Derby commented on the dance.

Wellness team members Sara Derby and Katie Schuver sent the Tuesday afternoon of the luau decorating the lounge in a tropical motif.



"THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK"

by Krista Wheat

The Marion High School Drama Department performed "The Diary of Anne Frank" on March 14th & 15th, in memory of Anne Frank and the thousands of other Jews who perished during the Holocaust. The setting of the play was during WWII and immediately after the War. The place, Secret Annex.

The last full length play was Wild Oats, in 1994. The Director, Sherryl Gaffney-Paige responded with, "The cast and crew did a good job portraying the drama. It was difficult to put on because of the seriousness of the drama, and the cast responded well."

Alison Kraus enjoyed the show saying, "It realistically portrayed

Anne Franks life and I thought the performers did a wonderful job with such dramatic material."

Karen Hoover thought that the play was informative and educational and that the performers did a good job showing fear.

Mr. Frank	Chad Zrudsky
Miep	Keri Hansen
Mrs. Van Daan	Katy Boyer
Mr. Van Daan	Aaron Rogers
Peter Van Daan	Dan Johnson
Mrs. Frank	Kate Parks
Margot Frank	Christine Akers
Anne Frank	Nitasha Fish
Mr. Kraler	Matt Balk
Mr. Dussel	Cory Rubel
Mouschi, the cat	Bluto Rogers



In the music room, cast members prepare for their performances and get made up for the stage. Boys with little experience with make up are helped by the other cast members, like Kate Parks assists Cory Rubel.

Cast members Katy Boyer, Aaron Rogers, Dan Johnson, Chad Zrudsky, Nitasha Fish, Christine Akers and Kate Parks portray the Franks and VanDaans at the beginning of their hiding time in the attic.

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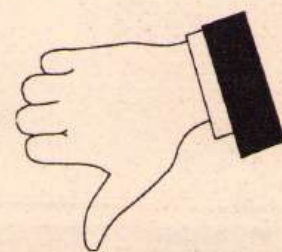
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THUMBS



THUMBS



Thumbs up to the sophomore boys winning their last four games in a row.

Thumbs down to girls with boyfriends flirting with other peoples' boyfriends.

Thumbs up to track getting started. Yay.

Thumbs up to spring break.

Thumbs down to backstabbers.

Thumbs up to the lock-in.

Thumbs up to the smell of new running shoes.

Mmmmmmm.....

Thumbs down to the year almost being over and the seniors leaving.

Thumbs down to being tired.

Thumbs up to Mr. Immerfall.

Thumbs up to spring.

Thumbs down to those people who could be really good track runners but slack off the whole time.

Thumbs down to people with nice hair, coloring it. Why? It looks fine as it is.

Thumbs down to having the feeling that someone is behind you and when you take a look there isn't.

Thumbs down to nail-biters.

Thumbs down to your \$70 dollar

jeans falling apart.

Thumbs down to people who actually pay \$70 dollars for a pair of jeans.

Thumbs down to seniors who go roller-skating to pick up chicks.

Thumbs up to M&M's. Especially the different colored ones for every occasion. They're cool. We don't have them in Wales, just the boring old colors.

Thumbs up to the computers in lab 59 with the cameras.

Thumbs up to people who back into teachers' cars in the Coe parking lot.

Thumbs up to talking pigs.

Thumbs up to Subway.

Thumbs down to people who let everyone else do the work.

Thumbs down to people who wear way too much cologne.

Thumbs down to people who

don't know what gender they are and fill out their computer dating thingymajigs wrong.

Thumbs down to friends that say they don't want you mad at them, then do nothing to prevent it, only things to egg it on.

Thumbs up to shorts, finally!

Thumbs up to being able to wear

sandals without socks.

Thumbs down to discrimination, no matter what the subject.

Thumbs up to all the Win With Wellness Team's hard work.

Thumbs up to Marion's first-ever LUAU!!! Great idea!!!

Thumbs down to people always correcting you.

Thumbs down to people who can't take constructive criticism.

Thumbs down to balding.

Thumbs down to people not writing any Thumbs Up Thumbs Down.

Thumbs down to people who think they can sing, but they can't. Surprise!!!

Thumbs down to your stomach growling.

Thumbs down to immature people.

Thumbs up to Hungry Hobo.

Thumbs up to Kate Humiston for making 1st Team All-Metro, unanimous selection for WaMaC, and 2nd Team All-State.

Thumbs up to fun teachers who don't constantly nag at you.

Thumbs up to Old Navy!!!

Thumbs up to paychecks!!!

Thumbs down to nosy people.

Thumbs down to woman beaters.

Thumbs up to the awesome locker signs, way to go Win With Wellness!

Thumbs down to squashing your pinky with a bowling ball.

Thumbs down to people who walk in lane one at the track. Get out of the way! We do ask nicely.

Thumbs down to sore legs.

Thumbs up to hot tubs. Ahhhhh!!!

Thumbs down to sharing a chair with someone else and them trying to hog the whole darn thing.

Thumbs down to people being stupid.

Thumbs down to bugs in your food.

Thumbs down to people who flirt too much.

Thumbs up to Mrs. Jackson.

Thumbs up to cooking in french class.

Thumbs down to snow and cold weather in April.

Thumbs up to 6th hour Human Biology.

Thumbs up to freedom.

Thumbs up to all those people 4.0 for the quarter.

Thumbs up to Tiger Woods.

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WHAT THE STARS SAY:

By Shawna Hall

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/20

You may have troubles making major decisions at the beginning of the month, but don't blow it out of proportion. Wait to make major decisions, triple check your calendar so you don't break promises and double book weekends.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 2, 15

AQUARIUS 1/21-2/19

You will get a major surprise around the 17th! Get ready for many unexpected things to happen, you just have to look in all of the right places. Your whole month will be very relaxed and calm, don't get worked up over little things that are worthless.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 1, 21, 22

PISCES 2/20-3/20

Weird things are happening, certain people are starting to be nice to you and you don't know why? You'll know who's really being sincere and who's only thinking of benefiting themselves. That special someone will start to show interest.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 5, 17

ARIES 3/21-4/20

You will be very defensive towards the beginning of the month. Perhaps, you're being over sensitive but don't worry, towards the 11th it'll all work out. You'll begin to do very well in school.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 5, 19

TAURUS 4/21-5/21

This month you'll do some serious bonding with you're buddies and your parents. You'll have a big desire for independence and you'll be superfocused!

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 10, 21

GEMINI 5/22-6/21

You will be very love centered this month! Indulging yourself in the things that you love will keep you feeling great! Don't get bent out of shape if everything doesn't go your way. It will all work out and fall into place very soon.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 12, 13, 24

CANCER 6/22-7/23

You won't be able to get enough of the "LOVE BUG" this month. You'll get along great with you parents and siblings. Your phone will be ringing off the hook, and your date book will be full. Go with it and have a BLAST.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 10, 26

LEO 7/24-8/23

You might feel a bit depressed this month. Focus on something that you have been neglecting for a while such as school. Don't worry, you'll be for a big change! You will love the change and adapt very well.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 13, 18

VIRGO 8/24-9/23

This month you will feel very blunt and honest. Your bravery is very high this month so go for it! But don't let this honesty and bravery get out of control and ruin a friendship. Something that you've been waiting for will finally happen around the 27th.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 2, 16

LIBRA 9/24-10/23

You'll be tempted to spend a lot of money in the next four weeks, but hold off and save it until you really need the cash. A small misunderstanding may cause you to feel down, but everything will be straightened out soon so cheer up!

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 12, 17, 20

SCORPIO 10/24-11/22

You will have the desire to try something new this month, but try not to make it something to crazy. While you're in an enthusiastic mood, tackle those huge tasks. A big surprise will come your way around the 30th, keep your eyes open wide.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 2, 24, 30

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21

Something will worry you this month but will work itself out by the 20th so relax. Your whole month will be unpredictable and full of turns and twists. Roll with the punches as they're thrown. You'll receive a large cash bonus soon, but spend it wisely or you'll be broke.

LUCKY LOVE DAYS: 1, 29

A MATTER OF SURVIVAL

by Steve Godecke

In my last column, I shared my insight into the twisted minds of various authority figures. Now it is time to discuss how to "get ahead" in life. This can be achieved in many different ways. I will share the top five.

1. *Surround yourself with total morons.* This is very much to your advantage. Having idiots around you all the time makes you look twice as smart as you really are, and you get the added bonus of being able to blame them when something goes wrong! So if you can, go to schools where the average student I.Q. is lower than the average G.P.A., and get a job in an exceptionally clueless profession (try being a Human Resources Manager). Then you will rise to the top. You will get all the money, all the power, and all the glory! There is only one exception to this rule: DO NOT MARRY A MORON!!!!!! She/he will mess up your finances and be a major impediment to success!!!!

2. *Know the right people.* This can hardly be emphasized enough. How do you think anyone gets anywhere? Let's face it, the world is full of bribery, blackmail, deceit, and people who are out to get you at any cost. Never pass up an opportunity to kiss up to the people above you - teachers, principals, bosses, public officials, and ESPECIALLY cops. It might come in handy someday.

3. *When in doubt, be malicious.* If you want money and power, you must be willing to use them cruelly and without discrimination. People who still sleep with teddy bears are not going anywhere in this world. They are the ones you will be grinding under your heels as you climb to the top.

4. *Always keep up with the gossip.* It never hurts to get the dirt on your enemies. That way you can threaten them until they stop bothering you.

The fifth and final helpful hint is especially for high school students:

5. *When you don't know what to say, use big words.* You might be able to confuse your teachers into thinking you actually know what you're talking about. Let me give an example of this philosophy in action. The following is from an essay I wrote for a first-semester class (it got an A):

"the use of snow as a symbol of regeneration fore-shadows the redemptive power of the epiphany."

It is my genuine wish that this instructional medium will contribute to the material gain of its audience, well into the future.

NOW

by Tim Nash
LIAR LIAR

Starring: Jim Carrey
The best Jim Carrey movie out since *Dumb and Dumber*, *Liar Liar* is a hilarious comedy about a lawyer and his young son who makes a wish to keep his dad from lying. Soon Jim Carrey is spewing out the truth to anyone and every one no matter how rude or embarrassing the comment may be. Jim Carrey is certainly the best actor for this part because of his animated movements and eternally childlike manner. He's certainly needed a break since his last two movies *Ace Ventura II* and *The Cable Guy* didn't add up to anyone's expectations. This movie is stuffed with humor, a plot that follows through and Jim Carrey tying his face up in knots. What else do you need? If you're looking for a comedy that's actually funny, go see *Liar Liar*.

SHOWING

THE DEVILS OWN

Starring: Brad Pitt, and Harrison Ford

This is a dark thriller of opposing viewpoints. Brad Pitt plays an IRA terrorist who comes to New York to purchase a cargo of stinger missiles. He comes to live in the home of an Irish-American cop played by Harrison Ford. Pitt's character is a charming young Irishman on the outside but inside he's as cold as steel.

Harrison Ford's Irish-American Cop Tom O'Meara is a character who has an ardent affliction and repulsion against violence and does not want to get his family involved in Pitt's situation. Eventually these two come to a face off creating a very emotionally charged movie. Both actors do an outstanding job in turning this movie into a roller coaster ride of action and drama.

THE ENGLISH PATIENT

by Kevin A. Phan

The English Patient recounts the life of a WWII veteran and his intoxicating love affair with a lady he meets during the war. After a plane crash, the English Patient is severely wounded and grossly contorted after being burned in an airplane crash. He is then placed in a bed where he is left for death. It is there that he reflects upon his life and the love that he lost.

Though somewhat difficult to follow, the tale is imposing none the less. The film passes from past to present with relative ease, and the photography of 1945 WWII Italy is splendid. After enduring through this 2 3/4 hour (165 minute) epic of a movie, I left intrigued. The plot is both spellbinding and profound, though taking into considering how intricate and complex the plot is, and that the intended audience of the film was an older one, I truly question how very much, or truly very little I understood of the movie.

A NEW ERA

by John Cannon

Mrs. Gaffney-Paige is taking on quite a load in her first year here at Marion High.

Earlier in the year, she served as the head coach of the freshmen girls basketball team and at the same time, put on the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. And this spring, she took on the task of replacing Dan French as the head girls track coach. Remember that these are in addition to her normal class load.

While this may seem like a lot to some people, she has always been involved in a lot of activities ever since her days back at Starmont High. During high school she was involved in drama, basketball, track, softball, and student council.

Mrs. Gaffney-Paige had wanted to be a teacher for quite a while and has found that the coaching aspect has given her a way to be involved in a different type of contact with kids. It gives her the opportunity to be with them in an out of class setting, where kids feel more comfortable to talk with her one-on-one.

After her graduation from Mt. Mercy, Mrs. Gaffney-Paige taught at Anamosa and was coaching girls basketball for eight years and track for seven before transfer-

ring to MHS. At Mt. Mercy, she realized most of her strong classes were in English, so she chose to enter that department when she started teaching. "It's a challenge," she said of being a new teacher and all of the activities she's involved in. She says the new classes were hard to adjust to at first, and it makes her feel crazy sometimes. When asked if she had any advice for aspiring teachers she replied, "Work hard, get involved, and don't be afraid to have fun." These are three things that Mrs. Gaffney-Paige has defi-



"COUNTING" THE DAYS

by Johnse Bushlack

Mr. Perkins has been teaching mathematics at Marion for thirty six years and will be retiring after the completion of this school year. After retirement, he has no specific work plans, but will go fishing whenever he can. He will also go and watch his son coach football games, play with his granddaughters, and travel quite a bit.

Although he is excited about retiring, he did say that he would miss the faculty, his good friends, and the students. "The young people tend to grow on you and make you feel like you are young."

When he was just starting out, he wanted to be on the coaching staff, and the only way to be on the coaching staff was to be a teacher. That is one reason he got into teaching, and he also liked the effect the teachers had on the students. He wanted to have that effect, so he pursued it.

After being in the teaching business for thirty-six years, there will have been some big changes in the way things are run. One of the biggest changes he said was the recent technology boom. Technology doesn't have as big of an effect on the mathematics field, but that has changed quite a bit. The students attitude toward learning has also changed since he had started out. He says that they must not have the same educational goals as they did in the past. "It seems that the students had more discipline back then." He said, "You have to teach the way you learn it," and that "you can't fake what you teach, and if it works, go with it, if not change it." "You have to have your own style, and you can't copy other people."



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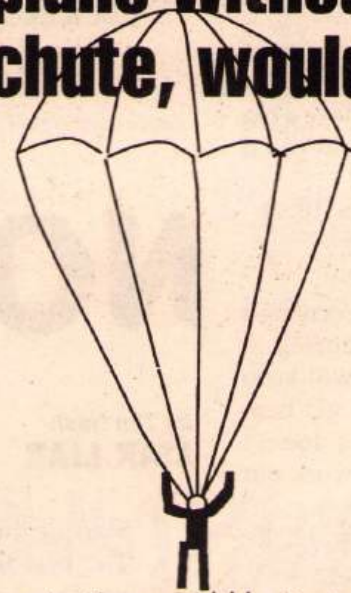
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ACTIVITY UPDATE

BAND

By: Tim Wiley

With only six practices after the jazz state contest, jazz one and two had yet another contest at Wartburg college in Waverly. After the two hour trip, Jazz two immediately had to set up, warm up, then perform. Their first number was Super Chief, with soloists Emily Meader, Justin Campbell, Brendan Kelley, Scott Stulken, and Dawnna LaBarr. Their second titled As Time Goes By, featured soloist Dawnna LaBarr. Their last song El Bandito, featured soloist Adam Fisher. They ended up placing sixteenth over all.

Jazz one later played Mulligan Stew, with soloists Adam Langfitt, Brandon Kacere, Chris Hanel, and the whole saxophone section. The next feature was When I Close My Eyes, featuring Dan Johnson. The next song, Matt Mattox, featuring Dave Jarrett and Tim Wiley. The last Spain, had soloist Dan Johnson. They ended up placing fourth.

The very next Tuesday, the concert band performed for the Parade of Bands concert at Vernon. Their first selection was songs from Queen, with soloist Adam Langfitt. They then played songs from the musical Cats, featuring Dan Johnson, Chris Hanel, Alison Kraus, and Dawnna LaBarr. Their last selection was Across The Plains, with soloist Ben Eilers, Dan Johnson, Dawnna LaBarr, and Jessi Sova. Band members also participated in state solo and ensemble contest April 5 in DeWitt.

FBLA

by: Matt Boggess

The gang in FBLA has been very busy lately. They just wrapped up an extensive candy drive to help raise money for the Iowa FBLA conference at the Five Seasons Center.

The group attended the 51st annual Iowa FBLA conference, April 4th and 5th. This years theme was "Spotlight on the Stars." The group left the high school at 7 a.m. on Friday morning to begin a busy day of competition. They were finally able to settle into their rooms at about 3 o'clock that afternoon. A dinner and dance were held that night in the grand ballroom of the Five. The next morning members were up as early as 6:30 a.m. to participate in events. The day wound up with an awards ceremony where two Marion students won awards, Jay Kurth won a fifth place certificate in a Business Law, and a third place trophy for his sales presentation on a Ford Mustang. Chris Raymond brought home a third place trophy for his knowledge of Current Business Events.

NHS

by John Cannon

In the month of March, the National Honor Society will concentrate on improving our school and surrounding areas. The Campus Improvement Committee will be meeting over the next few weeks to

discuss possible advancements to the campus. Road Cleanup will continue into May, with NHS members sanitizing our streets two more times before the end of the school year. On May 15, Honors Night will be held here at the high school. New members will be notified in early May, during a "Tapping" ceremony and induction ceremony at Honors Night.

SODA

by Bryan Hamilton

SODA just got done with the SODA ski trip which had a good turn out. Next year SODA would like to get two bus loads of people, if possible. SODA is now preparing for Post Prom, which will be held at Castle Lanes. Tickets will go on sale for post prom after spring break. In April SODA will have a fun night, and open gym. In May, SODA will recognize the officers at a lunch at the rodeo. Also in May, SODA will have a picnic with Linn Mar's SODA members.

STUDENT SENATE

by Jim Thomas

Beginning in the third week of April, the Student Senate is holding their annual Teacher Appreciation week. The Student Senate will be giving them meat and cheese, a pancake breakfast, veggies, candy, and cookies. They

will also decorate the teacher's lounge. They're doing this to show their appreciation towards the teachers. Also, on May 3rd, the Student Senate is also going to hold a softball tournament, for the students to just have a fun time with their friends before the summer. There will also be elections for new officers and carryovers for the classes.

CHOIR

by Jason Osborn

On April 5, members of the Marion High School Concert Choir participated in the WaMaC Solo and Ensemble Contest at Dewitt Central. Top performers were,

Solos - Dan Johnson

Solo - Chad Zrudsky,

Solo - Ted Warden

Duet - Chad Zrudsky and Dan Johnson

Men's Tri o- Ryan Lantz, Dan Johnson, and Chad Zrudsky.

Yet to come, for the Concert Choir are the Spring Concert on May 5, held here at the High School and the Large Group Contest at Benton on May 9.

The Jazz Choir will also be performing on April 17 at Indian Creek Country Club and again on April 28, which is a free jazz concert in the auditorium.

And to end the year, Choir Awards night will be held on May 22 to honor the achievements of the choir members throughout the year.

Senior choir members are currently deciding on what senior song to sing at graduation, the last performance of the year.



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UNEXCUSED ABSENCE DEFINITION: STUDENT MISSING 1 OR 2 PERIODS, OR LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT A VALID ACCEPTABLE REASON	1st Offense- 2 hours of Restitution 2nd Offense- 4 hours of Restitution 3rd Offense- 1 day Suspension and Parent/Guardian Conference 4th Offense- 3 days Suspension and Parent/Guardian Conference 5th Offense- Student presented to the Marion School Board with recommendation for	Missed Class=2 1/2 hour Saturday Detention. Missed Study Hall or Lounge=one demerit. 6 Demerits= detention. -Truancy=Automatic Saturday Detention. Continuation- can lead to a suspension.	1st Offense- 1 hour Saturday School to make up for each hour of missed class 2nd Offense- 2 hours of Saturday School and Parents Contacted 3rd Offense-Student dropped from roll with an "F"	-If a student misses 2 periods they are suspended for a day -After 2 unexcused absences in a class, the student is dropped from class roll -After 8 or 12 unexcused Or excused absences, a teacher may request the student to repeat the class
Truancy Definition: Student missing more than two periods of school without a valid acceptable reason.	Marion 1st Offense-4 hours of Restitution and Parent/Guardian Notification 2nd Offense-1 day Suspension and Parent/Guardian Conference 3rd Offense-3 days Suspension and Parent/Guardian Conference 4th Offense-Student presented to the Marion School Board with recommendation for expulsion	Regis Automatics Saturday detention (2 1/2 hours). If a student continues to miss, it could lead to suspension.	Linn Mar 1st Offense-Time Equivalent Detention. (One hour of Detention for every hour of missed class) 2nd Offense-3 days in-school suspension 3rd Offense-3 days out-of-school suspension 4th Offense-Recommendation for expulsion	Prairie -Truancy= Automatic Suspension -Can lead to the student being dropped from the roll -Teachers try to counsel a late student
Tardy Definition: Not on time to school or class without an acceptable reason	Marion 0-2 Tardies-no consequence 3-4 Tardies-1 hour of Restitution 5-6 Tardies-3 hours of Restitution 7 Tardies-4 hours of Restitution 8 Tardies-Student Suspended with a loss of all privileges for a semester and parent/guardian meeting prior to student's return to school	Regis -Teachers handle their own tardies with one of two steps: 1st step Student assigned an after school detention with Teacher 2nd step- Student is sent to the assistant principal who then assigns either a detention or a suspension -5 tardies are allowed without consequence per quarter to study halls or lounge periods. -6th is a demerit.	Linn-Mar 1-3 tardies - detention after school with teacher (30 minutes) 4 Tardies-See Principal (2 hours detention) 5 Tardies-2 hours Saturday in-school 6 Tardies-Parents Contacted and 1 day in-school suspension 7 Tardies-Parents Contacted and Student Dropped from class roll	Prairie -They decide what's best for each individual student depending on the reason for lateness - 2 Tardies Could equal an absence -Results range from possible detention to the student being dropped from class roll

Excuse #6: "I WAS IN THE BAND ROOM."

Excuse #8: "I Couldn't Find Anything To Wear."

Excuse #13: "I Was Late Because I Went Out To Breakfast And The Waitress Had A Broken Leg." Excuse Was Written On A Napkin.

Excuse #14: "My Brother..."

SO WHAT?!

WHAT DO THE TEACHERS THINK?

by Steve Godecke

Teachers generally agree that absences (whether they're excused or not) hurt students' performance and hold up lesson plans. Mr. Bates said, "Probably a small percentage of students miss on a regular basis, but it's

"THERE ARE JUST SOME EXPERIENCES IN THE CLASSROOM THAT CAN'T BE REPRODUCED WHEN YOU'RE GONE."

MR. CLARK

enough to slow up what you're trying to do." Mr. Virlee agreed and said that for a conscientious teacher who cares about students' education, it often means re-teaching missed material. Mrs. Bronson added that absences detract from discussions and that group work and demonstrations can't be made up.

Mr. Ehresman thinks there is a higher rate of absence now than when he was in school, and that this change has happened because parents are more lenient in letting students stay home. If this is true, then many "excused" absences are being excused for the wrong reasons.

One interviewed teacher, who asked to remain anonymous, said that he/she would prefer to choose which students will be gone on any given day.

Excuse #3: "My Alarm Clock Didn't Go Off."

#14
"My Clothes Weren't Dry In Time."

ABSENCES AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

by Bryan Hamilton

Mr. Bailey aided in a student-conducted study which showed the relation between absences and grade point average in the senior class. Results showed nearly all (89.6%) of the students who have a 3.0 or better GPA missed 5 or fewer days of school and only a small amount of these students (10.4%) missed more than 5 days. On the other hand, barely over half (58%) of the students who have a 2.9 or lower GPA missed only 5 or fewer days while the rest (42%) missed over 5 days. This directly shows that

Next year under block scheduling, if you miss one day, you will

"YOU DON'T GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING, BUDDY."

MR. WEISINGER

be missing twice the amount of class time that we have in one day right now. This will make it a lot harder to catch up when you are absent. Mr. Doyle said that he does not think the school policy about absences will change next year, but students will be reminded that good attendance will be more important.

Excuse #4:
"My Locker Was Stuck."

Excuse #5: "I Had A Dentist Appointment."

CHANGES IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICIES

by Jessica Sova

Department Board member, Forristal of that the guide-adopted by the ment of Education school attendance "a little 'Big him, but there was to seriously dis-

Over the years, stricter attendance policies have been accepted by many school districts in Iowa, but according to state officials, these policies are sometimes unreasonable. The fairness in attendance policies was questioned by the State Board of Education

"ABSENCES HURT EVERYONE."
MRS. GOLDSTEIN

of Education Gregory Macedonia said lines recently Iowa Department regarding policies seemed Brother' "to nothing for him agree with.

Excuse 10: "MY CAT JUMPED ON MY ALARM CLOCK AND TURNED IT OFF."

Excuse 2 "I Broke A Nail."

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cies were brought to the

Marie Schmidt. This 14-year-old Waterloo freshman was expelled from her school after running away from home for five days. She had been an honor roll student, but had trouble adjusting to high school. State officials say Waterloo did not offer acceptable alternatives to Schmidt. Iowa Department of Education Director Ted Stilwell said, "The main reason we've taken such a very long time to deal with this is because of its impact- not only in Waterloo but in other districts.

"Attendance is a sensitive issue," explains Mr. Doyle, who feels that "it is not [an educator's] goal to put people out on the street." He agrees with the new 14 point guideline which sets limits on how severe districts can be when disciplining absent students. These guidelines allow districts to enforce reasonable expectations of student behavior, provided that there are available educational alternatives. The ruling says that these new guidelines are merely meant to be guiding principles, not inflexible requirements.

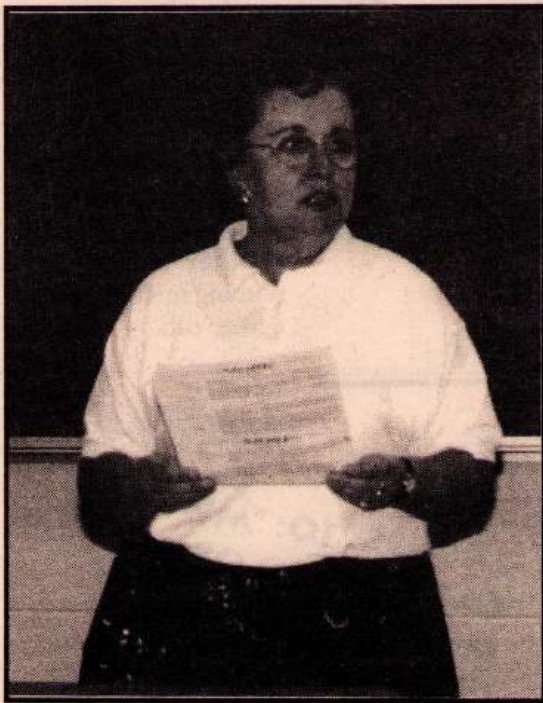
Excuse #7: "I Just Got Another Speeding Ticket."

Excuse #12: "I Was Gone From School To Go Into Town To Get My Ears Cleaned Out."

Excuse 9: "I Had A Bloody Nose."

Excuse #11: "I Was Too Tired To Get Out Of Bed."

MRS. BRONSON: LOOKING FORWARD TO A LIFE OF RETIREMENT



by Jessi Sovo

Mrs. Bronson began her teaching career at Marion High school in 1959. She recalls that she always enjoyed school and choose to teach because it is one of the few traditional occupations for women. Between 1963 and 1972, she took time off to become a full time homemaker and raise her three children. Since her return in '72, she has faithfully taught life skills classes to Marion students.

After this total of 29 years of teaching, Mrs. Bronson has decided to join in a life of

retirement with her husband who has been retired for three years. She will miss interacting with high school students because she says it, "Tends to keep you young and in touch with what's going on." She only sounded a little nervous at the thought of losing this connection and moving to Northern Minnesota where she and her husband designed and built a cabin near the Twin Cities.

Mrs. Bronson plans to spend time volunteering, and possibly substituting. She would like to spend more time traveling and gardening, but mainly she looks forward to making up her own schedule.

When asked what she will do after retiring, Mrs. Bronson cheerfully answers, "Anything I want!"

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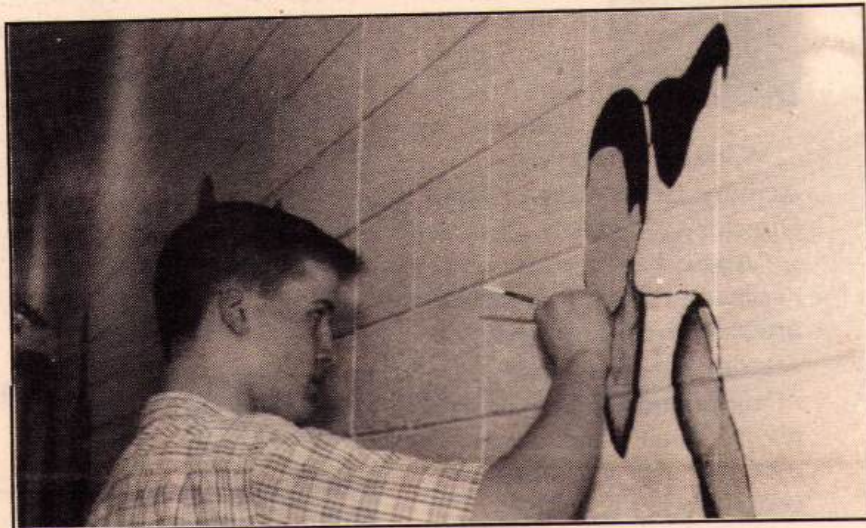
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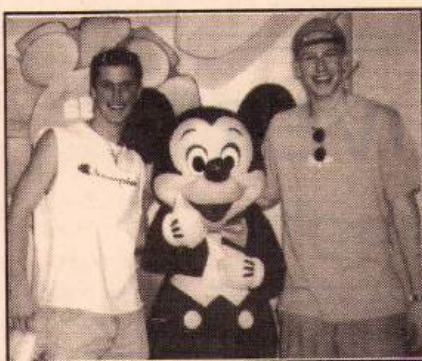
ART-BY JASON ENGELBART

by: Tim Wiley

Jason Engelbart started on the girls basketball painting on the East side of the gym by the weight room on December 20, 1996. It started as a class project, but now he is doing it voluntarily. He found a picture from a magazine that Mrs. Hoyt approved. He first traced the picture so he could fix mistakes. Then he used black paint, and colored the skin. Next he borrowed a basketball uniform and colored the picture's uniform. The face and the basketball will be last. He says nobody really gives him grief. "It's very stressful because I want it to be perfect. It's something that's going to be up there for a while and I don't want younger generations coming up here and saying it's bad," Jason stated. "I only have certain times I can work on it. I get things out, then as soon as I do I pretty much have to clean up right away. I don't get much time to work on it. Plus I get discouraged by people scratching or defacing it. So I spend more time cleaning instead of painting." He hopes to finish it by the end of the year.



The vocal and band students and chaperones say good bye as they leave on the 26-hour bus trip to Orlando. Three charter busses held the students and all their belongings.



Johnse Bushlack, Chris Raymond, Jason Osborn and Ryan Lantz spent much of their day on a quest for Mickey Mouse. Finally, at the end of the day, Johnse and Ryan found Mickey and had their picture taken with him.

FUN IN THE SUN

by Christine Akers and Tim Wiley

Fun in the sun in FLORIDA!! That is what the band and choir had been looking forward to for two years. Every other year the band and choir take a trip to another state to give the students a nice break. As an extra bonus, every four years the students are given a larger trip.

The choir students spent extra time and effort preparing for the trip. Every Monday and Friday morning at 7:30, they would meet and practice the songs that were to be sung at the Magic Kingdom in Disney World. Even some choir classes were dedicated to learning the music. The band also worked hard preparing for the trip, they took time to practice during their class period.

On Wednesday, March 19, the students gathered in front of the High school eagerly awaiting their departure. Friends and family came to see them off. Luggage was loaded, pictures were snapped, goodbyes were said, and they were Florida bound. The approximate time spent on the bus on the way down was a long 26 hours. With the cramped space, the students were more than willing to take of the pit stops in order to stretch their legs, use the restroom, and grab a few snacks for the road. They arrived at the Best Western Eastgate in Kissimmee, Florida around 8:00 pm. The students spent the rest of the night swimming, playing video games, or just lying around, tired from the long trip down.

The next day they arrived at Magic Kingdom at about 9:00 am.

They received last minute instructions, then were released from the clutches of the chaperones for the day. At 1:00 the band played four songs. Then at 4:30 the choir sang five songs. After that they had the whole day to do whatever. The next full day was spent at the Epcot Center. There they could do things from looking at our future and science to looking at different countries and cultures. The last day in Orlando they packed everything in the busses and went to Universal Studios. There they could see different movies. Some were like rides and some were 3D. They left at six o'clock at night to go to St. Petersburg. They arrived at the hotel later than they had hoped, however because of this the chaperones allowed the students to stay out an hour later than normal. Some students even had a chance to take a dip in the pool. The final day was spent on the beach where they could swim in salty water, sunbathe next to the gulf, or collect a variety of seashells. At 1:00, the adventure ended as they started their long 29 hour trip home again. On Tuesday, the busses took a detour to a outlet mall in Illinois, where the students were greeted by cold rainy weather. They were free to shop and stretch their legs for an hour and a half. At 5:30 pm, the busses pulled into the school parking lot, the long awaited vacation came to an end. They were greeted by family members, happy to see them home safely.



Chris Raymond, Jason Osborn, Ryan Lantz, Johnse Bushlack, Chad Zrudsky and David Walker give David Beccera a lift as the exchange student leaves to visit DisneyWorld, the All-American tourist attraction.



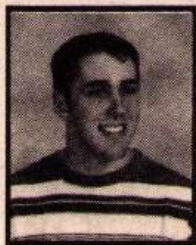
Christina Dietz, Carrie Scheer, Angie Kneeland and Chris John pretend to get slimed outside the Nickelodeon Studios at the Universal Studios theme park.



By Ryan Elliott
Name: Zach Bailey
Age: 17
Activity: Golf
Other Activities: Football, Baseball,

Choir.
Activity Highlights: Game tying hit against West Branch.
Activity Goals: To win WAMAC and go to state as a team.
Director's / Coach's Comment: Zach is the type of young man you want on your team. He is very hard working, coachable, and team oriented. Zach is a great representative of Marion and of his family.
Biggest Thrill: Sinking a sixty foot birdie putt at Maquoketa.
Hobbies: Basketball
Starting Out: My dad taking my brother and I to Squaw Creek.
Advice for New Comers: Have patience and keep your cool. Golf's a frustrating sport.
Favorite Role-Model: Greg Helmers
Favorite Food: Sunflower Seeds
Favorite Subject in School: Physics
Favorite T.V. Show: SportsCenter
Favorite Book: A Season Inside
College / Future Plans: Go to Kirkwood, then Iowa or Iowa St.

Name: Brian Dippel
Age: 18
Activity: Tennis



Other Activities: FBLA, Football, and Baseball.
Activity Highlights: Having the only winning record on a

varsity team last year.
Activity Goals: To have a winning record on varsity this year.
Biggest Thrill: Playing for Mr. Ferguson.
Hobbies: Sleeping and Eating.
Starting Out: Playing against Aaron Rogers and killing him.
Advice for new comers: Play Aaron Rogers to get your confidence up.
Favorite Role-Model: Richard Simmons
Favorite Food: Anything low in fat.
Favorite Subject in School: Personal Law
Favorite TV Show: The Howard Stern Show
Favorite Book: Miss America by Howard Stern.
College / Future Plans: To play baseball at Central College.



Name: Molly Grimm
Age: 18
Activity: Tennis
Other Activities: Volleyball, Wrestling

Manager, and FBLA.
Activity Goals: To be in the top six on our team and win a match.
Biggest Thrill: Being number two on the varsity singles team last year.
Hobbies: Reading and spend-

ing time with my friends and family.
Starting Out: My freshman year was the first time I had ever picked up a racket.
Advice for New Comers: Take lessons.
Favorite Role Model: My mom.
Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite Subject in School: Algebra II
Favorite TV Show: ER
Favorite Author: Dean Koontz
College / Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University.



Name: Angela Henry
Age: 18
Activity: Golf
Other Activities: Volleyball, Choir, Volunteering,

Working at Hy-Vee.
Activity Goals: Get to State.
Director's / Coach's Comment: "Angie has been a very pleasant person to be around during the golf season. She has made many friends, and has always done what was asked of her without any complaints. I'll certainly miss not having Angela around after this season. I can have nothing but fond memories of her time with us, and wish her the very best in the future."
Biggest Thrill: When my boyfriend and I went gambling in Wisconsin and we won.
Hobbies: Shopping, Being with friends, my boyfriend, collecting crystals, glass bunnies, and squash ville

mice.
Starting Out: I started my freshman year, and stayed with Golf and have enjoyed it ever since.
Advice for New Comers: Try golf! Play fair, have fun, and don't give up! We have a great coach who will teach you everything you need to know if you want to listen and learn.
Favorite Role Models: My parents, my two sisters (Colleen and Cynthia), my brother (Gary), and my best friend (Marciana).
Favorite Food: Peas, Broccoli, and Beef.
Favorite T.V. Show: Sisters, and Coach / Roseanne hour.
Favorite Subject in School: Choir and Psychology
Favorite Book: Bible bedtime stories.
College / Future Plans: Go to Kirkwood Community College for one year while majoring in Dental Assisting, and work part time at Hy-Vee while going to school.



Name: Dan Tschopp
Age: 18
Activity: Track
Other Activities: Football and Wrestling.

ting.
Activity Highlights: State 4 x 400 and Drake Relays.
Activity Goals: Win WAMAC as a team. Go to Drake in some track events. Go to State in more events.
Biggest Thrill: Passing the Beckman 4 x 400 anchor in the home stretch last year for first in the 4 x 400 and



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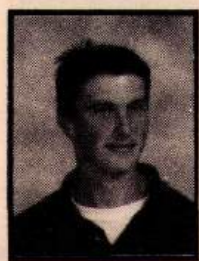
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Hobbies: Being outside, riding a bike, and lifting weights.
Starting Out: Don't be intimidated by anybody.
Advice for New Comers: Never be satisfied, keep getting better and working harder.
Favorite Role-Model: Tim Dwight
Favorite Food: Dave's insanity sauce on a fat dip chip.
Favorite Subject in School: Math and Science
Favorite T.V. Show: Home Improvement
Favorite Book: Tim Allen's autobiography
College / Future Plans: Go to a small four year school for two years of pre-engineering. Play football and track, then go to the University of Colorado for a degree in Hydrotechnical engineering.



Name: Johnse Buschlack
Age: 17
Activity: Golf
Other Activities: Basketball, Student senate, NHS, SODA, Choir,

Journalism
Activity Highlights: Playing Varsity in all four years, shooting a 37 against Lasalle last year at Squaw Creek to earn the medalist award for the meat. Beating Coach Messerli when I was a freshman
Activity goals: Win Wamac this year, go to state, and average in the 30's per nine holes.

Win all of our dual meets, and finish in the top two in all our tournaments
Biggest Thrill: Hitting a drive with the slightest hook right down the fairway. Or making a long hard breaking putt that drops in the cup from the side door

Hobbies: Golfing, Fishing, Hanging out with friends, going to movies, bowling, watching T.V., and singing
Starting out: Playing in my backyard, playing at Townhouse with John Cannon, Brian Dippel, and Justin Plein. I started playing when I was in sixth grade

Advice for Newcomers: Practice, Swing easy. Once you've developed a decent swing, trust in it.

Favorite Role-Model: Dennis Rodman, he doesn't care what people think of him. He's an original, and he can rebound like a mother

Favorite Food: Chicken, and Arby's Fries

Favorite Subject in School: Construction Tech, Field Biology

Favorite T.V. Show: The Late Show with David Letterman or the Preview channel

Favorite book: No one book stands out to me, maybe that's because I don't like to read, who knows
College/Future Plans: ISU, or UNI, I would like to pursue a degree in landscape architecture or design

Name: Tiffani Fredericksen
Age: 18
Activity: Golf
Other Activities: Volleyball Manager



us win meets
Activity Goals: win WAMAC and go to state
Biggest Thrill: The best feeling in the world is being out on a golf course and taking the first tee-off
Hobbies: Playing on the computer, and playing golf, swimming during the summer
Starting Out: I started out playing golf when I was a freshman. Before then I would go out with my grandfather and watch him
Advice for Newcomers: Don't worry what score you're going to get, instead go out to have fun and enjoy it
Favorite Role Model: My mother
Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite Subject in School: Ceramics
Favorite T.V. Show: 3rd Rock From the Sun
College/Future Plans: Start at Kirkwood for two years and then finish at a four year college



Jake Schuller
Age: 18
Activity: Track
Other Activities: Cross country Activity
Highlights: Conference champs, state qualifier 4 X 200 relay, first place in 4 X 200 and medley in conference meet
Activity Goals: Qualify for Drake, place in state, win conference meet
Coach's Comment: Jake was a state qualifier last year and has worked hard in the off season to be a state place winner. This year, Jake is one of our senior leaders and he does a great job! He is going to have a fun year and help us to another conference championship
Hobbies: Mountain biking, playing guitar, hanging out with friends
Starting out: In fourth grade I lost a race and that made me strive to be better
Advice for newcomers: Work hard, set goals, believe in yourself
Favorite Role-Model: Michael

Johnson
Favorite food: Lasagna
Favorite subject in school: English
Favorite T.V. show: Discovery Channel
Favorite Book: The Stand
College/Future Plans: Attend NIACC for two years, transfer to a university



Name: Jessica Loge
Age: 18
Activity: Tennis
Activity Highlights: Bus rides Activity
Goals: To win your match, help your team win the meet
Coach's Comment: Keep the ball in the court, just get your serves in
Biggest Thrill: Winning your match of the season
Starting Out: There is allot of work trying to hit the ball & keeping it in the court
Advice for newcomers: No matter what your skill level is come out. It's lots of fun
Favorite Role-Model: Martina Hingus
Favorite food: Tacos
Favorite subject in school: Chemistry
Favorite T.V. Show: SportsCenter
College/Future Plans: Attending ISU and hopefully get accepted into Vet School, then move to Arizona



Name: Kristen James
Age: 17
Activity: Tennis
Other Activities: Volleyball, NHS Activity
Goals: To win a match.
Biggest Thrill: Playing on varsity my first year out.
Hobbies: Going out with my friends and reading.
Starting Out: I started playing tennis in 10th grade.
Advice for New Comers: Go out for tennis to have fun. Always bring water and sunscreen to the meets. Food is also a necessity.
Favorite Role-model: My mom
Favorite Food: Twizzlers
Favorite Subject in School: Mixed Media
Favorite T.V. Show: ER
Favorite Author: Stephen King and Dean Koontz
College / Future Plans: Probably attend Luther College and major in Pre-medicine.

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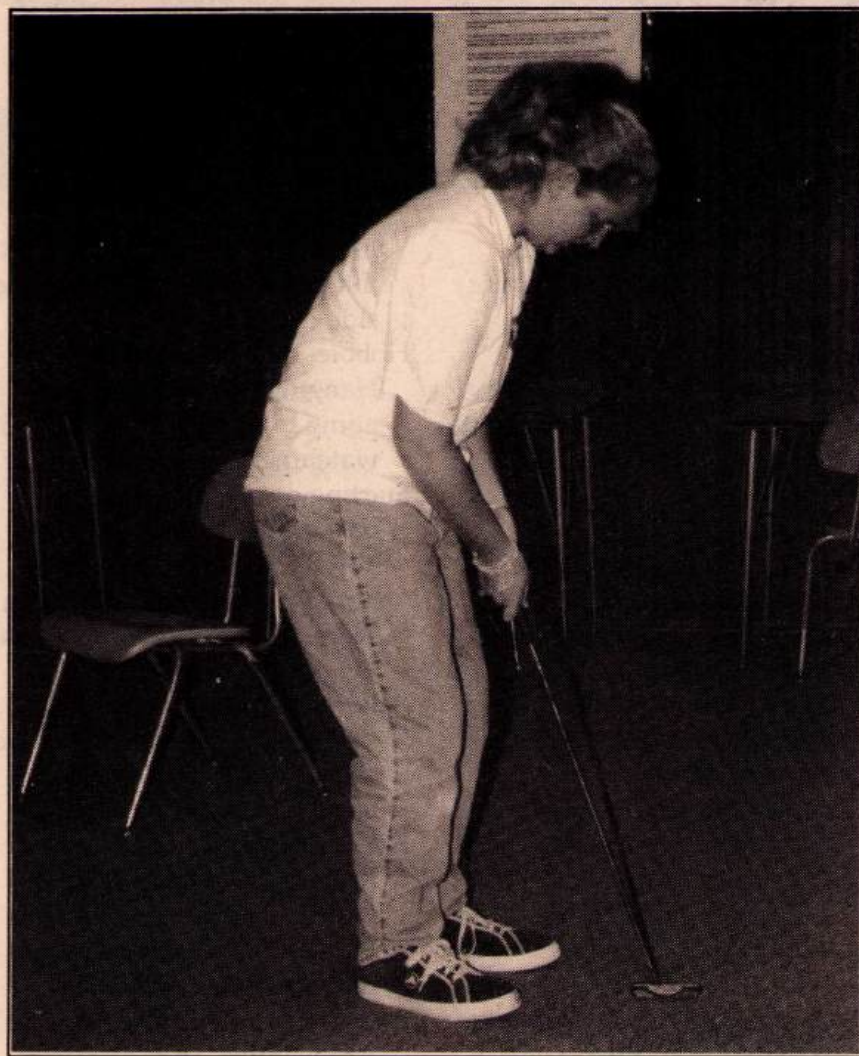
By Amber Dippel

APRIL

- 19..... 8:30 Boys Golf Washington, IA Invit.
..... 8th Girls Track Benton Relays
21..... Girls Track Maquoketa Valley @ Delhi
..... 4:00 Boys Golf here against Vinton
..... 4:00 Boys Tennis Western Dubuque @ Epworth
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis here against Western Dubuque
22..... Boys Track C.R. Prairie Invit.
..... 4:00 Girls Golf at Vinton
..... 8th Boys Track here against Anamosa/Tipton
24..... 5:00 Girls Track Marion Invit
..... 10:30 Girls Golf Crandic @ Twin Pines
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis @ Independence
25/26..... Boys and Girls Track Drake Relays
..... 8th Girls Track here against Independence
..... 8:30 Lady Bobcat Inv. @ Van Horne/Tara Hills
..... 8th Boys Track Tipton Relays
26..... Prom
28..... School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
29..... 5:00 Girls Track Vikette Invit. @ Van Horne
..... 1:00 Boys Golf at Maquoketa
..... 3:00 Girls Golf C.R. Prairie Invit.
30..... 4:00 Boys Tennis at Mount Vernon

MAY

- 1..... 5:00 Boys Track JV/V Viking Invit. @ Van Horne
..... 5:00 Girls Track Prairie Invit.
..... 4:00 Girls Golf Benton @ Tara Hills
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..... 4:00 Boys Tennis here against Maquoketa
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis at Maquoketa
2..... 5:00 Boys Track Starmont Inv. @ Arlington
..... 5:00 Girls Track West Del. Invit. @ Delhi
..... 3:15 Boys Golf here against DeWitt/Mont. Tri.
3..... 9:00 Girls Tennis Camanche Tourn.
5..... 5:00 Boys Track 9/10 North Linn Invit. @ Troy Mills
..... 3:00 Boys Golf here against West Delaware
..... 4:00 Girls Golf at Center Point
6..... 5:00 Boys Track Marion Invitational
..... 5:00 Girls Track Cardinal Relays @ Maquoketa
..... 3:00 Boys Golf at C.R. LaSalle
..... 8th Girls Track Vinton Relays
7..... 1:00 Boys Golf Monticello Tournament
..... 4:00 Girls Golf West Delaware JV/V
..... 8th Boys Track Marion Relays
8..... 4:00 Boys Golf Waterloo Columbus
..... 3:15 Girls Golf here against Anamosa @ Squaw Creek
9..... 5:00 Boys Track C.R. Jefferson Relays @ Kingston
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis here against Camanche
..... 8th Boys and Girls Track Anamosa Relays
10..... 8:30 Boys Golf against South Tama
..... 9:00 Boys Tennis at Camanche
..... 8th Boys and Girls Track Marion CoEd Relays
12..... School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
..... 10:00 Boys Golf WaMac @ West Del.
13..... 5:00 Boys Track Bobcat Relays @ Van Horne
..... 4:00 Boys Tennis at Maquoketa
14..... 4:00 Boys Tennis here against Mount Vernon
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis at Mount Vernon
15..... Honors Night
16..... Boys Track Maquoketa Valley @ Delhi
..... 5:00 Girls Track Mt. Vernon Invit.
..... Boys Golf Sectionals
..... 4:00 Girls Tennis here against Maquoketa
19..... 4:00 Girls Tennis here against South Tama
20..... 5:00 Boys Track WaMac @ Waterloo Columbus
..... 4:45 Girls Track WaMac @ Waterloo Columbus
21..... 12:55 p.m. Dismissal
23..... Last Day for Seniors
25..... Graduation - 3:00 - Paramount



Typical but still unwelcome Iowa weather has kept spring athletes like Tiffani Fredericksen indoors and cancelled some activities. Full spring sports coverage will be in the May issue of the Vox.

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