

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND CHANGING LIVES



Sam Meyer, junior, shows she cares by volunteering whenever she can during and out of school.

Sam Meyer, junior, makes time in her busy schedule to help out in the community

By Elizabeth Smiley [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

Friday night she goes to bed around two thirty or so after hanging out with friends all night. She somehow forces herself to wake up at six thirty in the morning to get ready for a long day of hard work. She is in on her way by seven thirty and at the volunteer center by eight. She works in a house until a short lunch break at noon and is back at one. By four it's time to go home, shower, and get ready for work.

Sam Meyer is a junior at Marion High School and she has attended Marion her entire life. She does a great amount of volunteer work through the school and for the community. Sam has been doing various volunteer jobs for roughly the past two years. She first became interested when she was asked if she would like to help out and since she has always enjoyed helping people she decided volunteering would be a great idea. She exclaimed, "I usually volunteer through the school and my church, Maranatha."

According to Sam, she usually volunteers with her friends and youth group. She has volunteered for the school, for teachers, at Starry, flood recovery, and other various jobs with her youth group. Sam elaborated, "I usually volunteer with my youth group one Saturday every month for the flood recovery, which is usually construction in the houses. We do insulation, drywall, painting, and whatever else the house manager needs done. We also do random jobs throughout the neighborhood like help rake leaves or shovel snow."

Sam does not only do volunteering, but is also in basketball and works at a local coffee shop, Mr. Beans. With her busy schedule it can be hard to

manage. According to Sam, "you just have to stay organized, and prioritize, if it becomes too much to handle just slow down or take a break."

Sam really enjoys volunteering and loves helping out. According to Sam, when volunteering she likes having fun and getting the chance to help people. Sam smiled, "My overall favorite part of volunteering is putting a smile on people's faces and really getting the chance to make a difference in people's lives."

Balancing a job, school, homework, basketball, family, friends, and volunteering can be a lot to handle and extremely hard to manage, but Sam loves keeping a busy schedule. Helping out in the community is also a big plus. She enjoys being able to get out there and take part in volunteering for the school and city. Sam commented, "The little things people do actually make a difference, the smallest things make a difference, and together everyone can make a difference and change the lives of others."

Give instead of get

Commentary

Just think, in just a couple of short weeks the holiday season will be upon us once again. People filling up with lots of good foods, parents frantically trying to buy the best and most advantaged products for their children, and advertisers trying to convince that little child to buy their product. However, what if this holiday season it was different? What if instead of receiving you give back to someone in need.

Many people every year don't get a Christmas because they can't afford it, or they don't really have a family. You and your family could be the ones to change that. After watching TV shows and hearing stories about someone not getting a Christmas because they can't afford it makes me feel really horrible. I imagine it's me sometimes and it's not fair, that they don't get one, but I do. So this year, like previous years, I've decided to donate what I can to help make sure they get a great holiday season.

Another option would include adopting a family. By adopting a family, you are sent a family (which are labeled by numbers), you also get to see a list of what each member wants for Christmas. You can then decide an amount to spend on the family you're given and buy as much as you can for that family. Once the gifts are bought, they are wrapped up and handed out to the families.

There are many ways in which you can donate. Starting with donating toys to either toy drives at stores or even one at a school if they have it. You can also donate food items, or even just money. Volunteering is a great way to help. Going to a local soup kitchen and helping serve food works too. Anything you can do to donate or help counts. It could give a much deserving family a great Christmas. To find out more about where to donate or volunteer go to www.linncounty.org and search "Resource Charts" or contact Linn County Community Services at (319) 892-5600.



By Danielle Tiernan [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

Jaelynn Koob, senior, tells of her thanksgiving traditions

By Carey Durns [Staff Writer]

She shuffles from her chair and goes over to the pie table. The tabletop is covered with a variety of pies, and she selects the Sweet Potato Pie. She walks over back to her seat and slumps down into the chair and slowly cuts the first bite.



Jaelynn Koob, senior

Jaelynn Koob, senior, always looks forward to Thanksgiving. She gets excited for it because of the family time and the good food that sits at the table for them to eat. Her family has an abundance of food. "There has to be a turkey, and there's duck or ham, sweet potato pie, potatoes,

asparagus, corn green bean casserole, and pumpkin, strawberry, rhubarb, and apple pie," she said enthused. Food is an important aspect of Thanksgiving for Jaelynn and her family.

When Jaelynn and her family gather at each other's house's, they do many things together. "The family gets together at a designated house and then we chill and eat a lot of turkey and pie," she expressed. The family has different options of where to spend their Thanksgiving. "We'll go to Davenport or Maquoketa," Jaelynn explained. This year, they have a set spot on where to go. "This year's at my house," she commented. There are many places where people can go to have a good time.

Whether people are with their whole family or just with some of them, they can always have a good time. For some people, Thanksgiving now is better than it was when they were younger, but for others like Jaelynn, it's not as great. "No, [it's not]. When I was younger, it

would be the whole family before my dad went to prison and now, I don't get to see half of the family I got to see," she emotionally said.

"When I was younger, it would be the whole family before my dad went to prison,"- Jaelynn Koob, senior

Thanksgiving takes on different meanings for different people and Jaelynn has her meaning of it. "[To me, Thanksgiving means] gathering so people can get together and eat a lot of food," Jaelynn pronounced. There are many takes on Thanksgiving.

There are many things that Jaelynn is looking forward to, including seeing the family and being with the cousins. Eating all the delicious food and spending time with the family is something that is always a fun thing to do.

With family gatherings approaching, a feast on the table, and having people at the house, Jaelynn is excited for Thanksgiving and can't wait.

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Positively perfect playgrounds taken away from kids

By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

As the bell rings, young, eager students rush out their classrooms, out those double doors, and onto the asphalt. From there it's all about status, the 3rd graders get the swings, the 4th grade girls own the gliders, the boys of the 5th grade are competing in a fierce game of tether-ball while the 5th grade girls walk the track, too cool for any of the childish things everyone else is doing. This awesome and amazing time is called recess and as a child it is one of the things held closest to your heart, next to the latest and most lethal Pokemon card that will help you achieve total and complete dominance!

As the young and eager student grows older and stressed out with the daily life that is high school. We soon forget the wonderful times we had when the days were long and stress free, the times when the playground was the place to be. When we weren't anyone until we had a spot to call our own at recess. As we look around town, there are many different types of playgrounds, but every playground is loved, by any individual who has ever slid down a slide, glided on a glider, or swung on a swing. Playgrounds are filled with the memories of our childhood. Looking back at a certain swing set or the jungle gym, the days of our youth come flooding back, so what happens when they take out the splendid old playground that was our

home for so many years, and they replace it with an ugly new plastic piece of crap? The students of our tremendous community get upset. With the town replacing the breathtaking tire wonderland that was the St. Joe's playground, and next taking out the magnificent metal sanctuary otherwise known as the Thomas Park playground. It appears that they don't seem to be on the same page that the kids of Marion are. We love playgrounds that make it easy for us to use our imagination. With a playground made completely out of tires, anything is possible. It could become the mountains of Joshland, or the base of super secret spy base that only the elite playgrounders know about. All that is being said is that, with these new playgrounds, none are one of a kind, they all look the exact same! It is terribly hard to become the creative geniuses that we are today.

So which one is next? The Indian creek playground? Or the F.M.I. playground? None of them are safe, any one of them could be taken from us at any moment. We need to go back to these playgrounds. Jump on that good ol' swing set. Glide once more on the blue and green gliders. It is now up to us, the students who once populated the very grounds of the almost haunting old playgrounds, to get the most use out of what was given to us as children. We need to get some good playing in before the inevitable



The Starry elementary school playground, one of the many different playgrounds that the kids of MHS grew up, is being redone and made safer.

happens. The dull and old (and amazing!) get bumped out by the new and shiny. All we can do is go back and remember all those little moments that make up the people we are today.

Cheesy goodness

By: Hannah Miller [Design Editor]

It's Thanksgiving and food is on everyone's minds. Everyone can't wait for Thanksgiving to come so they can stuff their faces without guilt and enjoy a day full of family, friends, and food. There are all kinds of Thanksgiving food, but the favorite among everyone would have to be potatoes.

There are many different kinds of potatoes recipes, but cheesy potatoes would have to be the best. Cheesy potatoes are my favorite. There are many recipes out there for them. I have tried many different recipes, but I would have to say my mother's is one of the best. They are a favorite among many of my friends. It is one of those really good recipes that is gone in a matter of minutes after it is made. They are cheesy and creamy. Melting in your mouth goodness that no other cheesy potatoes can live up to. The recipe, listed below, is an easy one to follow. Hope you enjoy!

Cheesy Potatoes

1 bag shredded hash browns (salt and pepper to taste)
1-cup sour cream
1 can cream or mushroom soup
1 small onion
1 2-cup pkg. shredded cheese
Optional: Crumbled bacon

Mix all ingredients together and cook in a slow cooker on low for two to three hours.

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Thanksgiving dinner-traditions are revealed

By: Ashlee Logsdon [Staff Writer]

With fall fully set in, there are few holidays that come with it. One of the most celebrated holidays every year is Thanksgiving. Every year, Thanksgiving brings all families together to celebrate their traditions.

With every family comes a new or different tradition, but what is the perfect tradition? There could be many different answers to this question, one could be spending it at home or maybe going out to eat. No tradition could top going to Grandma's house for pumpkin pie and a delicious roasted turkey with Grandma's famous homemade stuffing and those yummy biscuits.

At Grandma's, you can have your entire family there. Sitting around a fire, chatting with aunts, uncles, cousins, or simply eating so much you can't move.

Before lunch is served, all the guests show up little by little, bringing some kind of delicious baked good to munch on through out the day and to make the

final feast so much better.

When lunch is finally ready to eat, everyone gathers in the large kitchen and stands in line to grab some massive amounts of food. Everyone would settle around the big table and chat for hours while they eat their turkey.

After eating the biggest lunch, everyone would gather around the huge

Favorite Thanksgiving Traditions

- Going to Grandma's
- Going out to eat
- Spending time with distant relatives
- Stuffing your face with yummy Thanksgiving food
- Sharing past Thanksgiving stories

TV to watch the latest released movie while snacking on apple pie or pumpkin ice cream. After a long day of eating and chatting with family, everyone would say their goodbye and take off for the night.

Some people may not agree that this is the best tradition. They might like to just go to a restaurant with some close friends or family or stay home and just enjoy each other's company without eating with their big family, so it

depends on the person and the person's family's opinion on what they want to eat or where to eat at on Thanksgiving night whether it be Grandma's house with the whole gang or a nice restaurant with the people who are closest to them.

When going out to eat one doesn't get the homemade turkey or pecan pie.

They'd also be missing out on hours of talking with their family you don't get too see too often. When you're done eating at a restaurant, most might just go home and the celebration is over, but when they would be at Grandma's they would be spending the entire day eating every pie imaginable and enjoying their loved ones company. So, why the need to go out when you can go to Grandma's?

Whether a person's family likes to go out to eat dinner for Thanksgiving day or go to Grandma's house to enjoy a homemade turkey as long as a person makes Thanksgiving a day for them and their family it doesn't matter the tradition.

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IS THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT
A GOOD OR A BAD THING?
FIND OUT IN, "Technology takes
over schools."

Technology is now taking over schools

Are technology improvements creating a brighter future for students in the Marion District?

By: Danielle Tiernan [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

Technology is growing more and more rapidly now a days. It started with computers and then cell phones and now new advancements come out every couple of months or even years. Who would've thought? It would end up also advancing in schools, but is all this technology a good thing or a bad thing?

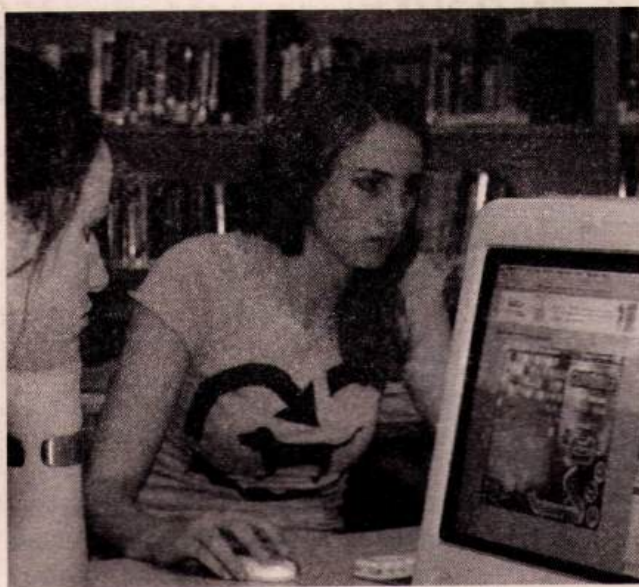
There are many new websites that are school friendly. Websites where you can chat with your other classmates about the book you're reading in a class or websites where if someone didn't read the chapter from a book you're reading, they can just go online and read the summary. Other websites are designed with you having to use your phones, which isn't good if you don't have a phone or you can't text, but all you do is text to the number it gives you and automatically after you send it your answer pops up on the screen.

Some technology isn't bad. There's

email in which someone can communicate with people they don't see very often or web chat with someone who is away a lot. Even websites where you can find people you haven't seen or talked to in a while and catch up with them.

Texts books are starting to become a thing of the past now, because everything is online. What about those who don't have Internet? They could possibly come in early or stay after to finish their homework or maybe teachers could keep a couple of textbooks for those who don't have access to internet or who cannot come in early or stay after.

There are also some downfalls to all



Liz Richmann and Chelsea Jones, both seniors, work in the Media Center work on the computers, the use on new technology is becoming vastly popular in our school district.

the technology. Since there is pretty much websites for anything and everything, there will always be the issue of cheating and plagiarizing. Many teachers are really good with catching those who try to cheat or plagiarize, but there's always the few that get away with it and are very proud they did. So those kids are going to keep cheating until they get caught and they might even do it afterwards too.

ITEDS are around the corner once again

By: Tylar Jansen [Activities Editor]

amorning, all week long, taking boring tests that some kids just fill in random bubbles just to get it over with. Seems pointless, right?

ITEDS seem way to repetitive. Take it once a year for 11 years. Seems ridiculous. The tests get harder as you get older and learn more information, but honestly if you're getting smarter why do you need to take the test to prove that?

Then when you're told that if you do a certain percentage better than you did the year before that you'd get some kind of reward. Now this seems like they just want us to kick butt in these tests to try to make the school look better, but in all

honestly some people take tests better than they actually do in school, so their tests scores might not reflect their actual ability in school. Yeah, many kids'

ITED TESTING SCHEDULE

Tues, 11/17- Reading, Math Concepts, Spelling.

Wed, 11/18- L.A., Vocab., Science

Thurs., 11/19- Social Studies, Math Comp., Sources of info.

grades reflect off them not caring or not doing their homework so they might have lower grades because of that, but if that kid doesn't like school or homework then what makes it better that they do good on the test? They know if they do well on the tests, that they get to stay home and miss a day of school? Seems like a bad idea.

Now on the positive side of these tests

is almost the same reason of the negative. Teachers and the state can look at a student's growth in the information they know from a year-to-year basis by not having to look into all the GPAs and grades.

For the students, they get a week to not have to work on schoolwork but take a test and push them selves to remember some of the knowledge they have learned over the past years, in school. Throw in that if they do well they get to stay home or get

free passes for football games.

These tests may just depend on a person's opinion on whether they like having to think hard for a week to skip a day of school, or if they don't care at all, and would rather not have to take these tests. Either way, ITEDS is just around the corner, again.

It's a time to give back

November 26th, 2009. Everyone is running around the house putting on their nicest jeans and sweaters, girls are primping their hair, and putting on make-up. Everyone is trying to look their best. It's time to go. Everyone jumps in the car and off they go. About forty-five minutes later they have reached their destination. They all hustle out of the car and approach the front door. As they walk inside the house the rich smell of turkey and pumpkin pie fills the crisp autumn air. Everyone is gathering around their dinner tables with their families. Oh yes, it's Thanksgiving.

When many people think of Thanksgiving the first thing that comes to mind is food. Of course mounds and mounds of delicious food on the dinner table is something to be excited about, but is that really what people should be thinking about around this time? No.

Food and Thanksgiving is like presents and Christmas. It's okay to be excited for the food and presents, but that's not what these holidays are supposed to be about. Turkey, potatoes, and pie shouldn't be anyone's main focus.

The meaning of Thanksgiving should be pretty self-explanatory. Think about it. Thanksgiving, it is time

to give thanks for the things one has and especially the people in their life. It's a time to be thankful and truly appreciate the people and things that one may take for granted on a day-to-day basis. It's easy for people as one to get so caught up in life they don't take the time to appreciate simple things in life or the simple things that people do for each other everyday.

In all honesty, I personally always get caught up with stuff and don't really take the time I should to thank people for the little things. I don't take the time to thank my parents, or family, friends, and teachers for everything they do for me. A lot of people especially don't take time for the things their parents or guardians do for them, such as providing them with a place to live, feeding them, and etc Although they may know you appreciate the things they do for you, it never hurts to say thank you or do something in return.

Being thankful isn't the only meaning of Thanksgiving, it's also about giving back. It's important to give back to the people around you and the people in your community. There are many ways one can give back. One could go vol-

unteer to pick up trash or volunteer at a soup kitchen... and don't worry a person doesn't have to go by themselves. They could volunteer with friends or family. Some families volunteer together around the community.

Volunteering isn't the only way one can give back. They could offer to help with Thanksgiving dinner, whether it be buying the groceries, setting the table, or cooking. If someone doesn't want the weight of possibly messing up Thanksgiving dinner, they could offer to make dinner another night of the week when the pressure isn't as high.

There are many ways that people can give back and give thanks. It doesn't have to be anything big, just simple little things to show appreciation to those around you. The meaning of Thanksgiving isn't about food, it's about realizing what one takes for granted and show their appreciation. This Thanksgiving don't focus too much on the food, but the things that truly matter.



By: Elizabeth Smiley [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

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NFL recap; two no-loss teams left

by: Paul Nash [Staff Writer]

It is another beautiful football season with two undefeated teams left. The New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts are the only teams still holding a perfect season. Both have had their share of close games and had to battle back a couple of times. This week the Colts will have to face the Texans who are rolling and should be one of the toughest games of the year for them. Will they both stay undefeated after another tuff week?

Last week another unbeaten fell to the ground as the Baltimore Ravens spanked Denver at home. Two weeks before the unbeaten Vikings lost in Pittsburgh and Brett Favres magic was stopped. Now this week the Bronco's will have something to prove as last year's super bowl champions will be coming to their house.

Now the actual rankings at the moment are New Orleans Saints in first, Indianapolis Colts in second, Minnesota Vikings in third, Denver Broncos sitting at fourth, New England Patriots at fifth, Cincinnati Bengals in sixth, Pittsburgh Steelers in seventh, Dallas Cowboys at eighth, Philadelphia Eagles at ninth, and then sitting back at tenth is the Baltimore Ravens. The race for first is very tight, but someone is going to have to knock off the Colts and the saints who look nearly impossible to stop as they always find a way to win.

Now one team who started up slow, but now is starting to find their identity is the Eagles. DeSean Jackson seems to keep finding ways to make big plays and get open. Also their rookie receiver Jeremy Maclin isn't bad either. Oh yeah not to mention LeSean McCoy and Brian Westbrook tend to

get something done on the ground. Even the full-back Weaver has been contributing. But when you have a guy like Donovan McNabb under center, everything seems to get easier. But wait, they still have Michael Vick sitting on the bench getting better in practice every week. This offense looks unstoppable at the moment and doesn't look like they are going to slow down anytime soon no matter whom the defense is.

Now even know the Atlanta Falcons have had some tough losses this season they aren't anyone to play with. Matt Ryan knows what it takes and knows how to make big plays. Ryan who did hold the best pass rating in the league for awhile is still one

of the top quarterbacks and will be in the National Football League for awhile. The Falcons as of right now look like they will be strong contenders for the NFL wild-card.

Now the Super Bowl Champions have just had a week off but, with four victories in a row coming out with momentum and intensity shouldn't be a

problem. Big Ben looks to go to Denver and pull out another win for his team. The Steeler defense will be looking to get after Kyle Orton force him to make bad throws and take a couple picks for six. Ladies and Gentlemen that will be a good one.

This year the NFL is filled with great football teams and all of them are hungry to get to that Super Bowl game. The battle continues as the going gets tougher as we near the post season. Everyone it's football season, Sunday is the best day of the week but, is it Monday night yet?

Top Thirty: Power Rankings for NFL

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| 1. New Orleans Saints | 16. San Diego Chargers |
| 2. Indianapolis Colts | 17. Chicago Bears |
| 3. Minnesota Vikings | 18. New York Jets |
| 4. Denver Broncos | 19. San Francisco 49ers |
| 5. New England Patriots | 20. Miami Dolphins |
| 6. Cincinnati Bengals | 21. Jacksonville Jaguars |
| 7. Pittsburgh Steelers | 22. Buffalo Bills |
| 8. Dallas Cowboys | 23. Carolina Panthers |
| 9. Philadelphia Eagles | 24. Seattle Seahawks |
| 10. Baltimore Ravens | 25. Washington Redskins |
| 11. Atlanta Falcons | 26. Tennessee Titans |
| 12. Green Bay Packers | 27. Oakland Raiders |
| 13. Arizona Cardinals | 28. Kansas City Chiefs |
| 14. Houston Texans | 29. Detroit Lions |
| 15. New York Giants | 30. St. Louis Rams |

Cross Country ends with an amazing run at State meet

by: Logan Tichy [Staff Writer]

This year the Cross-country team had a remarkable season. The boys were fortunate to make it to state with their hard work and determination during practices. The girls were not as fortunate with their 5th place position at districts; but that didn't put the girls self-esteem down, they were up against some tough competition. "Some of the best teams in the state are in our district, which makes it all the more harder." Says Mr. Thornton, head coach of Marion's Cross-country team.

During this season, the boy's varsity team placed 1st at several meets along with 2nd and 3rd place finishes. The girls did not win a single meet, but came close to winning many with their 2nd place finishes. The girl's team was lead by Alexis Timp who placed well in the top 15 at almost every meet.



Peter Rethwisch,
Freshman

"Even though we were a young team, Varsity boys and girls ended up doing good this season."

-Peter Rethwisch,
freshman

This year there are were 5 seniors who will be leaving, which will up the level of the varsity girls and varsity guys going to state next year. "Even though we were a young team, Varsity boys and girls ended up doing good this season," said freshman Peter Rethwisch.

The season highlight other

then being a state qualifier, was the Independence meet. The boys placed first along with the girls doing superb as well. Lets not forget about the JV teams that ran their little hearts out every single race. The boys JV team was made up of 16 boys, and the girls 6. This year was

one of the highest participant levels the coaches have seen in a while. While the JV team didn't always place at every single meet, they still did exceptionally well. "I think everyone did good this season, but personally I think I could've done better. I'm pumped for next year! It will be a fun season." Says sophomore Shea Smalley.

"We had a very successful season this year despite injuries and sickness. Making it to state was a great accomplishment, and even though we didn't do as good as we wanted to, it gives us something to shoot for next year." Says junior Nick Rael. Even though the season is over, everyone is now looking towards next season. And training like no other. The sport is expecting to have just as much, if not more participants next year.

Next year will be one of the best years so come out and watch cross-country. They will still be a young team, and hopefully both teams will make state. "Next year will be our year!" said Peter Rethwisch determinedly.

Fall cheer ends after a ra-ra-radiant season

by: Tyler Jansen [Activities Editor]

This year's fall cheerleading season seemed to go well. Every game the cheerleaders cheered their hearts out to try to pump up our crowd and get them excited for the game. Just because they weren't competing against other teams, doesn't mean the crowd and student section can't take a part, and cheer along with the cheerleading squad.

Cassandra Wolfe, sophomore, is on the cheerleading squad and feels the best part of being on the team is watching her fellow students cheering right along with them to root on the football team. "I would have to say my favorite part about being on the squad was getting so involved and getting the crowd to go wild for our boys," smiled Cassandra.

The cheerleading squad has been practicing for a long time during and even before the season actually started. "Our season is about two and a half months. It starts in August, and it ended in October, and the whole time we'd always try to be better to represent Marion," said Cassandra.

The cheerleading squad did a lot for the school including getting the whole crowd to have fun at the games. "The squads main goal is to just get everyone pumped up," said Cassandra. "We just like to go out there and have fun and hopefully get everyone else to do the same. I hope everyone thinks we did our job." Now that the seasons done, many of the girls are getting ready for winter cheer and according to Cassandra she and the other girls hope to see everyone out there cheering for Marion.



Cassandra Wolfe, sophomore, cheers for the Marion JV cheerleading squad. Her and the rest of the squad do their best to get the crowd pumped up for our football players.

Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping

TIPS FOR KEEPING IT FUN
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5. Start saving for 2009's holiday expenses this January. Determine what you need to save based on this year's expenditures and save a little each month. Cash-in-hand makes shopping even more fun!

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Girls basketball gunnin' for state

The girls' basketball team prepares for a hopefully successful and fun season.

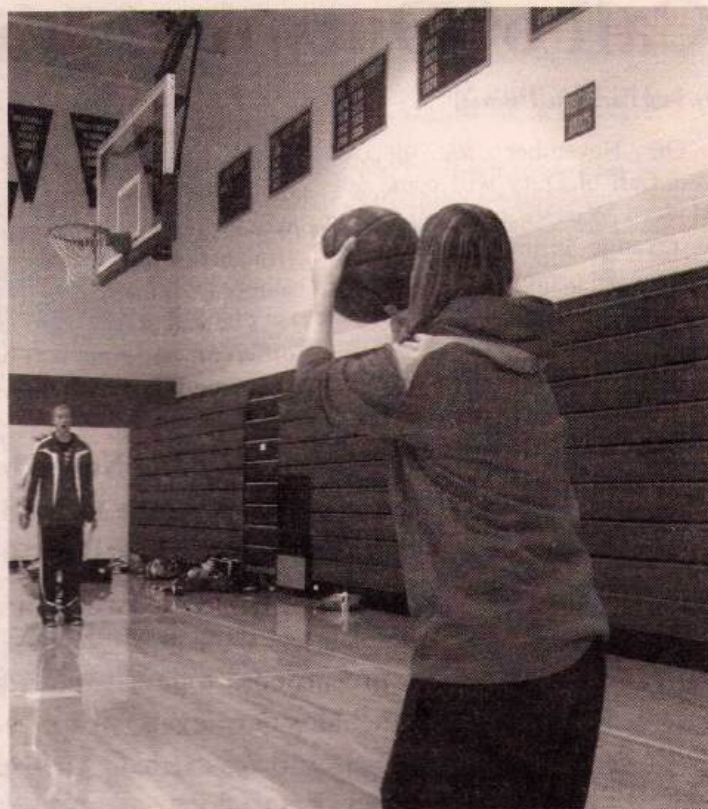
By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

The whistle's blown; a herd of players run the first line. Their shoes squeak as they turn and start running back to the base line, and repeat. Line after line after line. They run as fast as they can, sprinting with their hearts beating faster and faster. Here comes the last one, baseline to baseline, and back. They all finish strong. And now grasping for air, hands above their heads, they start to wonder what it's for. The answer: state.

Amanda Peterson, senior who plays point guard and forward, is one of the basketball players who has been conditioning to prepare for this year's basketball season. As the football team, cross-country, and volleyball team wind down their seasons, the girls basketball team here at Marion High School embark on their journey. It begins with summer lifting and open gyms. Shot after shot is either made or missed helping the players get one step closer to their dream. "We have had workouts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on just conditioning and getting better so we can be in shape for the start of the season and bonding during them also," explained Amanda.

Each player started playing basketball for a different reason. Each girl loves the game for a different reason. "My parents got me into it when I was little; I played outside my house," she stated. Amanda started playing basketball for a team in 3rd grade for the YMCA. "I love the game, I love playing this sport, and being with the team and sharing every moment with them," Amanda declared. The passion that each player has for the game transfers into team chemistry; the bonding that happens at practice, during the off season, and even off the court all adds to a team's dynamic, which then in turn helps them win games.

Now basketball isn't all fun and games. Amanda's least favorite part about basketball? "Practicing everyday for 3 hours, but that's how you get better, and I'm determined to win state and so is the team." Determination is also another key factor in a team's success. As the team puts in the blood, sweat, and tears to make their season a good one, the question is will they be any good? Will they be better than last year's team? "I think we will be even better this year, since last year we all got to play together," Amanda said. Well that's that. The prediction is that this year's team will be a successful one, doing all they can to get to and win state. of the community and the student body, and with that they will be unstoppable. This is the team to go all the way. Now this is the year to win state.



Amanda Peterson, senior, is practicing basketball to get ready for the girls season and hopefully win state this year. Practice is starting soon so she and many other girls are getting ready for the season.

Students of MHS reflect on Oklahoma

By: Tori Pratt [Ad. Editor]



"I thought it was very good and funny. I like the costumes and everyone did a good job,"
-Alexis Timp, sophomore



"It was fun and I learned a lot,"
-Mitchell Martens, freshman



"I thought it was very well put together. Tyler was a stud!"
-Dusty Albaugh, junior



"It was funny and exciting. It kept my interest!"
-Hannah Morris, freshman



"We encountered obstacles of illness, but we pulled through. Oklahoma was one of the best shows in recent years,"
-Ryan Brunner, senior



"Everyone did really good and it went really well, so well that they got a stand up ovation,"
-Kody Matthews, senior

Hard work pays off for volleyball team

By: Tylar Jansen [Activities Editor]

This year's volleyball team has worked hard to be where they are right now. Every practice, every game, they tried to show Marion and everyone else what true teamwork is and how teamwork can help you win and be a better team over all. Now that they won the three regional games, they are working towards state champs again.

This year's team had four captains, Maggie Murphy, Morgan Paige, Joanna Forkner, and Chelsea Jones, all seniors, who helped keep the team's spirits up.

Chelsea Jones, senior, said that this year they have improved a lot, and she hopes they can keep it up through state. "I really feel like we did a good job this year. It was a lot of fun and I hope we do good in state," said Chelsea.

As a school, everyone should go and support Marion's volleyball team in the state games coming up. Hopefully the title of state champs stays here at Marion, so next game, Wednesday November, 11th. Where black as we cheer on the team at the U.S. Cellular Center!



Chelsea Jones, senior, plays on Marion's varsity volleyball team and has helped the team make it to state.

Hard-fought victories for football team

By: Ahlee Logsdon [Staff Writer]

This year the Marion Indian football team played an amazing season! The Indians fought hard for their victories as they went head to head with teams in the district, winning every game, making them 8-0, leading to the playoffs.

The playoffs were one of the biggest highlights this season, at the first playoff game we got home field advantage against West Delaware, scoring 42 to 0. Leading us into the second playoff game, still with home field advantage, we went head to head against Decorah. The Indians did their best to win this game going into double overtime, but sadly lost when Decorah intercepted

the ball, ending this years football season.

The biggest highlight this year though is that the Marion Indian football team is ranked number 1 in the district, winning District Champs for 2009! Winning district champions has only happened four times in the previous 10 years. The Indians look forward to another good football season next year!



The Marion football team working hard to try to win game against Decorah.

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Call of Duty 6; the best of the best

By: Paul Nash [Staff Writer]

On November 10, 09 the best Call of Duty will come out. Modern Warfare two will be the best tango killing game of the century. It promises to make everyone who was disappointed with World at War ecstatic.

Some things to look forward to will be that the single player campaign will start where it left off from Call of Duty 4 Modern Warfare. The multiplayer will return better than before with new perks and enhancements. Plus there will be new Co-op mode called "Spec Ops", which will combine single player and addictive multiplayer modes.

The multiplayer modes are a continuation from Call of Duty 4 Modern Warfare as well. You will have the same familiar setting from before in Modern Warfare. The controls will offer the same comfort and you will feel like your

playing your beloved Call of Duty 4. There will be nine on nine instead of six on six. The UAV will depend on your weapon. Sentex will replace the frag grenades from before and will act as a sticky bomb.

The kill streaks are extremely different, but guns will be mostly the same. There will be 3,4,5,6,7,9,

best game of the year. People will be playing this game all night. The obsessed users of Call of Duty 6 will not stop playing this game for weeks. If people aren't obsessed with Call of Duty 6 they will be. Call of Duty 4 was game of the year. Call of Duty 6 will be the game of the decade, the century and best game in the history of video games.

The employee's at Game Stop said the day it comes out the marines would be at their store in Lindale mall.

They will be giving out free stuff and it will be a little party. The employee's will also be giving out tips about the game to try and give you a head start. Or there will be a special edition of the game that can be purchased for 120 dollars and you will be able to start out with double experience. That would be crazy!

Release date: November 10, 2009

Rating: 18 by BBFC

Vox's anticipated rating: 10 out of 10 stars!

-Call of Duty 6 Modern Warfare 2 can be pre-ordered today at the local gaming store.

-It includes new levels, weapons and perks, plus new rewards for kill streaks.

and 11 kill streaks. Then you will get options of crazy perks, chopper, air strike, or predator missiles. The new Predator missile will be camera operated and you will choose where to detonate it. This will all be unlocked as you rank up in the game.

On November 10, 2009 almost all Xbox users will be playing the

Amelia depicts heroic story in a fresh light

By: Hannah Miller [Design Editor]

Amelia is a well-done movie. It explains Amelia's life fantastically. Amelia Earhart was a woman way beyond her time. She accomplished things that no other woman accomplished in her lifetime. Amelia made it possible for women to fly planes today. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean. She was also almost the first woman and person to fly around the world with her navigator Fred Noonan until her plane disappeared somewhere over the Pacific Ocean, but during this journey she has accomplished person to fly to India.

Her disappearance is one of the most mysterious unsolved cases in history. Her disappearance before she could finish her journey has everyone wondering if those words have anything to do with her disappearance and if she meant to disappear. Many believe her plane was lost in the ocean because she ran out of fuel. Some think she was a spy for United States and was shot down and later executed by the Japanese because of it, or that is came back to the United States and staged as a American women in New Jersey.

There are many theories out there about what happened to Amelia Earhart and they are just theories, so we might never know what happen to Amelia on that horrible day. Even though she her last flight was a disaster, the rest of her flights went very well.

This movie was a very accurate account of Amelia's life. It starts on her last flight and her remembering everything that has happened. It flashes back and forward until her thoughts telling the story get to the last flight.

It is an interesting way to tell her story, but it gets confusing until the end where you learn the reason of why she is on the plane. The movie is a great movie, but is slow at times.

It shows an accurate count of what happened back than in her time. "Amelia" is a movie that would appeal more to the people that were around in her lifetime, but is still a good movie for young people to see to understand her story more.

People who love historic movies based on people's lives or anyone who is interested in learning just a little more about Amelia Earhart's life should go and see this movie. It will show anyone a very accurate count of her life and people of all ages will be able to understand her story just a little bit more.



The official Modern Warfare 2 title with a black and neon cover will be sure to grab attention. Look for the new game out on November 10th!

What's up the *Twilight* books and movie? Do they live up to all the blood-thirsty hype?



"It was an interesting series. I read it over the summer. I was enamored over it for a while, but now I'm over it,"
-Mr. Ferguson, English teacher



"I didn't see it because I thought it was dumb from the previews I saw,"
-Derrick Williams, sophomore



"I stopped reading it because it was slow and not for me,"
-Chelsea Burns, freshman



"I dislike *Twilight* with a passion because everyone obsess over it and because it doesn't make sense to me. I've tried to read it and I can't get into the book,"
-Lucas Larson, junior



"It was really good. I bought the movie as soon as it came out and watched it like ten times,"
-Kelsey Portwine, freshman



"I'm not interested in either the book or the movie, but the girl plays Bella is hot,"
-Steven Dalton, junior



"I don't like to read, but I like the movie. I've been trying to read the third book for the last two years,"
-Haley Cloven, senior



"I think the movies suck, but I like the books. She [the author] should've ended with the third one,"
-Jenna Salzbrenner, sophomore



"I love the books, but the movie is horrible,"
Ashley Neuhaus, freshman

The NY Yankees collect another World Series' title

Even though Phillies won the first in the Series it wasn't enough and Yankees win!

By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

With the crack of the bat, the World Series were off and running. And so were the Philadelphia Phillies who won the first game of the 2009 World Series by a big margin of 6 runs to only 1 lonely run from the New York Yankees. Phillies pitcher Cliff Lee, a newbie to the Philadelphia team, allowed only six hits. Lee also became only the second pitcher in World Series history to win a game by striking out 10 of the Yankees and allowing no walks, the first being Deacon Phillippe during the very first World Series in 1903. After their terrible and almost embarrassing loss on October 28th, the New York Yankees stepped their game up with a confidence boosting 3 to 1 run win over the Phil lies. The Yankees' investment in A.J. Burnett turned out to be a great one when he kept the Phillies from scoring for seven innings.

The wins kept coming for the New York Yankees, who won the next two games. The game on October 31, 8 runs to the Phillies 5. Then on the November 1st seven runs to the Phillies 4 runs. It looked like the Phillies were going down in flames. They had only one game left to stop the New York Yankees from winning the 2009 World Series. The Phillies did just that, narrowly

beating the New York Yankees 8 to 6 on the October 2nd game 5 event, with the help of two home-runs from Chase Utley. Then came game 6. Even with their win in game 5 the Philadelphia Phillies it wasn't enough

to get another game on the Yankees, and just like 26 times before, the New York Yankees won the World Series. The final game wasn't even a close one. The score was Philadelphia Phillies 3 New York Yankees 7. Hideki Matsui batted in 6 players, and Mariano Rivera got the last five outs.

It's New York's time to celebrate, they hold the beloved crown, and the Yankees are again champions like they have been so many times in the past. For all the Phillies fans out

there it's a year of disappointment following last years World Series win against Tampa. So what is next for the Phillies? It is time to work during the off season. The Phillies had to deal with 3 injured players J.C. Romero, Brett Myers, and Jamie Moyer. But like most teams, they have a contract and they can control every single player on the team so they will basically have the same team next year, and with that there is hope that they will return next year to the World Series and put up a fight for the title.

Fast Facts about the Yankees

- The Yankees' 27 World Series titles are the most in MLB history.
- The November 4th win marked the 6th time New York has defeated the defending champions in the World Series.
- The Yankees designated hitter Hideki Matsui drove in 6 runs, tying Bobby Richardson's record for the most RBIs in a World Series game.
- It was the 3rd time Mariano Rivera has pitched all three of the Yankees' series-clinching wins in a single year. He also did in 2000 and 1998.

MHS fans celebrate the Yankee's victory



"I knew the Yankees were going to win! It was an awesome game,"
-Alex Bleeker, senior



"I thought it was very exciting and even though the Yankees have all the money in the world the players are still classy,"
-Mr. Kettmann, counselor



"I hate the Yankees, so I was upset. Go Orioles!"
-Mrs. Herman, social studies teacher



"It was very exciting, and I wish the Yankees lost,"
-Alex Charipar, freshman

Jodi Picoult writes another great story

By: Danielle Tiernan [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

Jodi Picoult is the mastermind behind *My Sisters Keeper*, *Nineteen Minutes*, and *My Tenth Circle*, just to name a few. Her newest story has also become a best seller and it's sure not to disappoint!

In *Handle with Care*, parents Charlotte and Sean O'Keefe face a difficult decision. Their daughter Willow was born with Type III osteogenesis imperfecta, which is a disease where all the bones in the body break very easily. Willow and her sister, Amelia, cannot have a normal childhood because of Willow's condition. Amelia doesn't get to do fun things that often because their parents are worried Willow would get jealous.

On their first vacation as a family an accident occurs that leaves Willow in the hospital and Amelia in foster care all because Charlotte forgot to bring the doctors note

that said Willow had osteogenesis imperfecta. After that, Sean wants to get a lawyer to sue the people who put Amelia into foster care. Once they got to the lawyers, the lawyers realized they could sue Charlotte's doctor, for not telling her earlier about Willow's disease. The only problem is, Charlotte's doctor is her best friend. How do you sue your own best friend? That's the problem Charlotte is faced with.

The book is told from four different points of view, Amelia, Charlotte, Sean, and Marin, the lawyer, and it's written like a letter to Willow. Which is nice if you don't like to read it just in the view of one person. You get more of an idea about what's going on.

This story is one to check out for anyone who likes Jodi Picoult books. It has some hard words in it, but not very many. It's a book more for adults, but it's a very good book.

Bonfires at Biery's creates fall fun for friends

By: Hannah Shaffer [Opinion Editor]

Another Friday night brings another game; another victory. With all the excitement running in the air, with all the pride the student body once again takes in the football team, the night just can't end when the game does. There has to be more. One can't just take the adrenaline that another victory brings back home to sit around by them selves. A celebration is significantly needed.

Alyssa Biery, senior, knew just what to do. Alyssa has attended Marion her whole life and has taken great pride in the school and the community. One can usually find her showing off her school spirit dressed up at a football game, or

playing on the softball diamond, perhaps throwing for track, or even participating in activities like SODA. During the summer, Alyssa started having bonfires at her house, and began thinking it would not be a bad idea to start doing them after games. Sophomore year she started to. Every Friday brought something for the student body to look forward to. "It's mostly seniors, but it's an open invitation," Alyssa smiled. Starting sophomore year, attendance began at about 20 people, but now, they can expect up to 62 people. When they hit their highest number of people, Alyssa said, "I didn't even feel like I was at my house."

Alyssa explains her favorite part as, "Everyone comes together from all grades and there are no problems." A Finally, Alyssa says, "At the last one, I realized how much I was going to miss the bonfires and the people." Even though the football season ended, the seniors will always have the memories to hold on to.



Alyssa Biery, Senior

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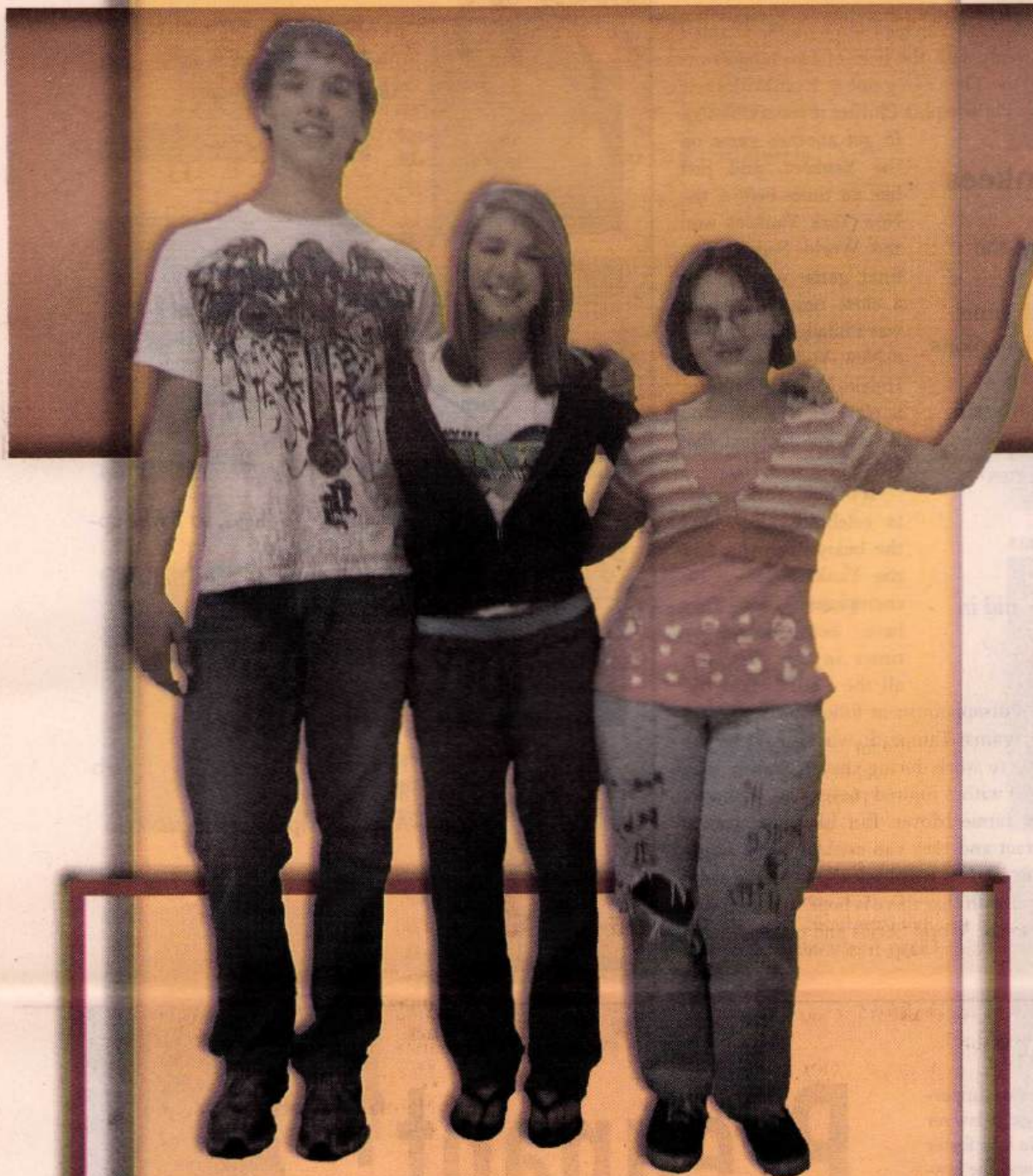
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By: Emily Palmer [Feature Editor]

When you can walk through your school with your head held high, unafraid, this usually means you feel safe and have great pride. Students take for granted all the things that make our school unique, special and safe. When someone walks down the hall they shouldn't have the constant fear of danger, violence or even death in the back of their minds. Every student deserves the right to walk down that hall and feel safe. Here at MHS this is never a problem, and that is just one more reason to be thankful for our great school.

Emily Cox, a freshman here at Marion has experienced bullying among other things at her old schools. "I've been bullied before," Emily says with a very distant look in her eyes. Emily says that even though there is sometimes name-calling or prejudices at our school it is almost always dealt with quickly and that's something she really appreciates.

"If we didn't have this school I would have to go to Lin-Mar!!!"

-Kaleb Tuetken, junior

What makes Marion different from these other High Schools, "We have classes on bullying, and there are always teachers in the halls or very close by," Emily clarified. When students take Teen Incites or Health, bullying is a topic that is covered. The more awareness that is giving to bullying the less it will show up in schools, or at least that is a goal.

Another factor for students to think about is the size of our school. "I think it's good," Emily adds with a smile. Students should be thankful that the school is the size it is, the bigger the school the more likely problems will occur for the obvious reasons that the larger the size the less monitored the halls will be.

Try to imagine having to walk through the doors of your school and having to go through metal detectors. Walking through the caf. and seeing police officers patrolling the area. The kid walking next you gets shoved to the ground, your hearts pounding in fear, that could have easily been you. "People need to think about their actions more often," Emily says sadly. Unfortunately Emily has been in situations like this. That's one reason she is thankful for our school.

You can be yourself, Marion is full of unique people, "For the most part people get along," States Emily. Emily plays in the Band here at Marion and she really enjoys it. That is yet another

reason to be thankful for our team.

Kaleb Tuetken, junior, is a member of the choir, football team, and many other activities at this school. He really feels that fighting for our school is a team effort.

"We don't want to be bullied," He thinks. "We want to be safe. Another reason to be thankful for our school spirit is that we can say with a loud voice, 'We are Marion!'"

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very open and honest.



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I'm thankful for Marion High School because...



"I'm Thankful that I'm graduating. I'm pumped for college woo woo!"
-Kacey Duncan, senior



"I'm thankful for the education they provide us because not every school has the same opportunities."
-Jessica Jakoubek, junior



"I'm thankful for this school because my friends are here and people aren't bullies."
-Carlee Tope, freshman



"I have learned a lot in the french room and from french class because now i can speak three languages instead of two."
-Zulena Verduzeo, senior



"I'm thankful for the school because I won't go into society being stupid."
-Allison Scott, sophomore



"I am thankful for my friends."
-Mitchell Martens, freshman



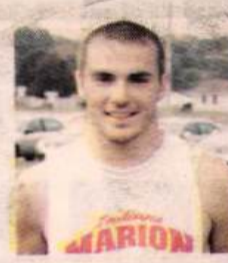
"I'm thankful for school because without it I wouldn't have a bright future to look forward to. There are so many people around the world who don't have the opportunity that we do, and I'm afraid this is something we all take for granted sometimes."
-Leslie Clapp, freshman



"I'm thankful for scout morehouse."
-Markus Newton, junior



"I am thankful for my cross team."
-Zack Burhite, junior



"I am thankful for the amazing teachers we have here at MHS and how blessed we are to have Mahtias Wright attending this school."
-Ryan McSweeny, senior

Thankful, you can get involved and feel like part of a

When Kaleb is a junior here at Marion. He is involved in wrestling. He is really thankful for our school for different reasons. One major reason, "If we didn't have Marion we would have to go to Lin-Mar!!!" exclaimed Kaleb. He says that the people in our school are fun to be around and that the atmosphere in our school is kept to a minimum. "We don't have too many fights at our school," Kaleb stated. "It's great that students can come to school and feel safe. One thing Kaleb loves about our school is how much we have and how we, "do very well in our sports" he smiles.

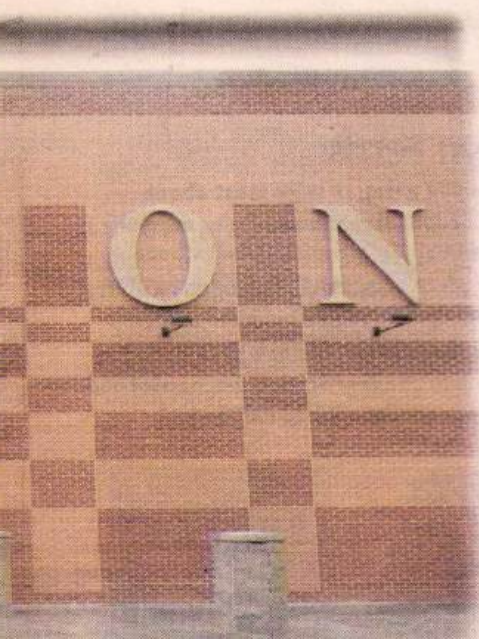
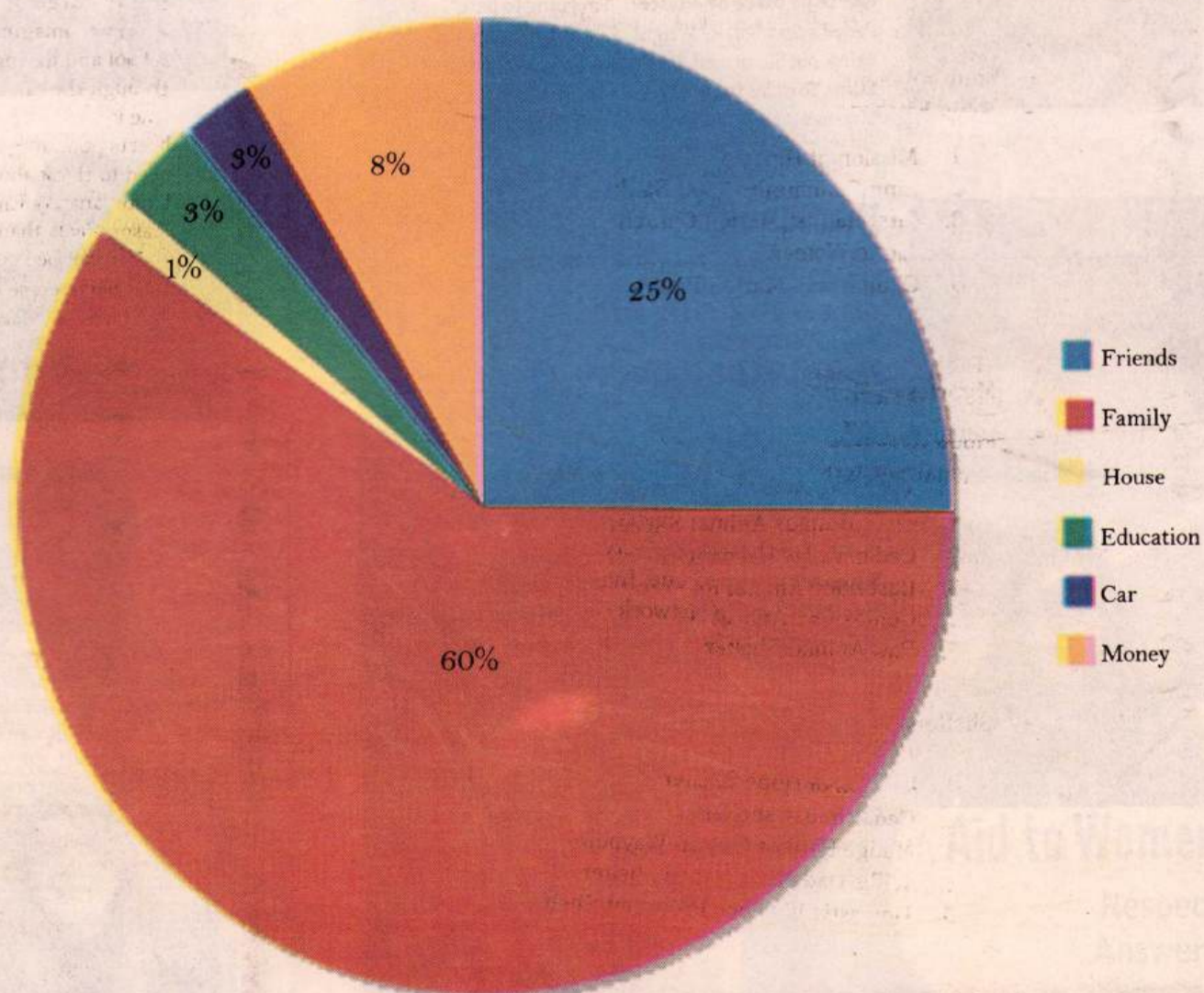
He is also thankful that students here are willing to put themselves out there and try new and exciting things. "A lot of people are trying new things, like joining choir," He states. "Thinking about trying new things we have to think about school lunch, which is yet another thing he is thankful for. "Our school has been getting better, especially because of vendors who adds with a smile.

One thankful student is Shayla O'Brien. One of the reasons she is thankful for our school is, "All my friends are always here for you and you always have someone to talk to," Shayla says with a smile. Shayla also thinks that the school is great because, "it's not too big and it is not too small, so you can get around," She also adds.

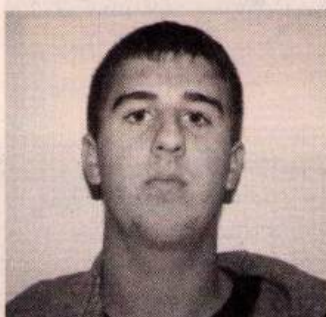
When it comes to sports, Shayla likes, "Cross Country and Track are my favorite sports and there is no drama." When you play a game you love and feel great about it, you really get a sense of accomplishment. On another note Shayla likes to be lucky to get a good education. "Learning is one of the best things about schools, so it's just wonderful that the school has an amazing educational staff.

There are tons of reasons to be thankful for our school. You can learn in a non-violent environment. You can be confident. You can walk down the halls and feel safe and confident. Things can be fun and exciting; students are usually out seeing new people try new things.

What are you most thankful for?



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Nick Cranny:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Golf, rides in the van to tournaments, Friday night football...open blocks with dalton...basketball..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I believe in poker the way I believe in the American dream. Poker is good for you, it enriches the soul, sharpens the intellect helps the spirit & when played well, nourishes."-Lou Krieger.

Plans for the future?: "Attend U of I and major in business."



Kayte Dahl:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "...freezing while screaming my heart out at the football games, road trips & getting lost with my friends, the luau dance when everyone gets along & has fun, all the good times, & laughing at lunch!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "The biggest mistake someone can make is being too afraid to let themselves make one."

Plans for the future?: "...attend the U of I for medical school, become a pediatrician at St. Lukes, & model in parts of Asia & Europe during the summers."



Darb Danford:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Seeing all my friends everyday and holding the record for tardies."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't mess with the best cos the best don't mess. Don't fool with the cool cos the cool don't fool."

Plans for the future?: "I want to attend the Salon Academy in Iowa City for cosmetology."



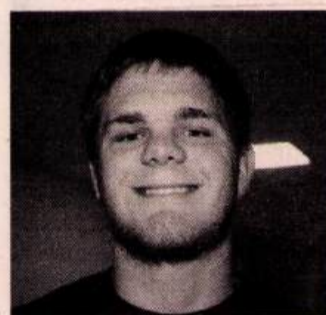
Grace Danford:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Holli, Maycee, Jade, and Darb, I guess."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Life's a garden, dig it."

Plans for the future?: "Kwood."



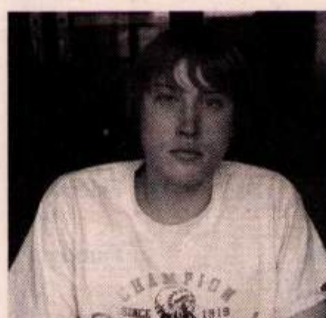
Joe Davis:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Playing football for Coach Perkins, the teachers, team dinners, all the football guys, and all of the students."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I'm going to be a Park Ranger."- Jake Wright "All the funny quotes Ben & old Sloan said during football."

Plans for the future?: "Enlisted in the U.S. Marines- after that go to college and get my masters in Criminal Justice."



Zach Davis:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "THE STUDENTS!! :)"

Quote or piece of advice?: "When life gives you lemons, squirt them in the eyes of your enemy."

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for Computer Graphics."



Kim DeLancey:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Mr. Thorton & all of his craziness, cross country, track, my friends, and all of my teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Failure is unimportant, it takes courage to make a fool of yourself."- Charles Chaplin

Plans for the future?: "Computer Graphics at Kirkwood and coach at C.R.A.G. Gymnastics, where I used to do gymnastics at."



Courtney Desforge:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Mainly the friends I have made in my four long years here & some of the bonds I have made with some of the teachers & staff..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Stop caring what others think about you...respect yourselves...remember, you are all the future of our nation."

Plans for the future?: "...master in Youth Ministry & youth counseling..."



Kacey Duncan:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Football games fo sho! :) Having open blocks with Mahtias & Jasmine. Whittier. Ben & Jerry's and movie nights with Jasmine. Working at Chuck E Cheese, and bein' a boss. :) One amazing weekend at Logan's aunt's house."

Quote or piece of advice?: "He was hiding... basically." "You only have one life, so take a chill pill, and don't take it too seriously."

Plans for the future?: "Attend the University of Iowa and get my Law Degree."



Brandon Easton:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Being with my friends and with my favorite teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live everyday as if it's your last."

Plans for the future?: "I haven't decided yet, but I'm probably going into construction with my dad."



Melissa Fager:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I will miss getting to see all my best friends, the bowling team...the teachers who taught me things I will remember forever..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Throughout high school, you will always be changing & your friendships may change too. Try to make the best decisions. Everyday matters, & if you want to accomplish something, you need to give 100%."

Plans for the future?: "I plan to attend UNI, major in business management & human resources, get married, and have a big family."



Jordan Farnham:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "I'm going to miss going to the football games."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live life to the fullest."

Plans for the future?: "Going to Kirkwood for Gen. Eds then going to the University of Iowa."



Sarah Ferguson:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "All my friends & teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "One true friend will help you out!"

Plans for the future?: "I will work!"



Katelyn Ferris:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Football games and seeing everyone at school everyday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Saying you will 'try' something is giving yourself room to fail."

Plans for the future?: "Go to UNI to study biology & go on to be a dentist, then get married and raise a happy family...oh & be rich! ha ha."



Holli Fiala:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Seeing my friends everyday...laughing obnoxiously with Jade during class & always getting yelled at for it...Definitely the lunch food. (I don't get why no one else likes it??) Going to football games with Jade, Kasey, & Nicky...And having the best senior year football season ever!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa and become an English teacher. :)"



Brittany Fish:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "The teachers, all my friends, all the sports & games, CALCULUS!, learning to tape ankles with Heather, and all the fun times in school."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live everyday as if it were your last. :)"

Plans for the future?: "Attend Maryville University, play basketball, major in biology and pre-med, and become a doctor!"



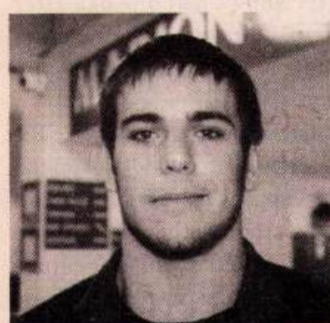
Joanna Forkner:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "All of my friends I've made and the sporting events where we go crazy!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Do everything you can in high school because there's no going back."

Plans for the future?: "I plan on going to Kwood for two years to play volleyball then transfer to UNI & get a degree in Elementary teaching."



Garret Fortner:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "All of the teachers like Weis, Immerfal, Semeler, Doc Thom, G to the P(Gaff), Pistol Pete...& I will also miss all of my friends & watching freshman looking for their lunch cycles on the first day of school..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Keep on keepin' on."

Plans for the future?: "Attend college & Possibly play a sport & keep on keepin on :)."

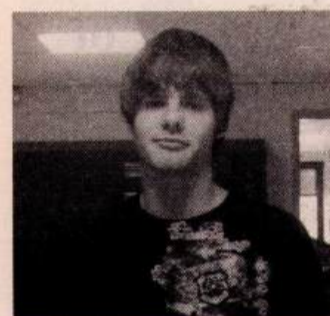


Chenelle Gaffney:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends, teachers, all the good & fun times I've had...Amazing times with Shelby B., Melissa F., Rachel R., Olivia M., & everyone else."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live your life like everyday is the last. Don't let others influence how you act or who you are. Be yourself. Don't care about what other people think. Don't regret anything you do..."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood for 2 years, then transfer to Mt. Mercy to major in Early Childhood Education."



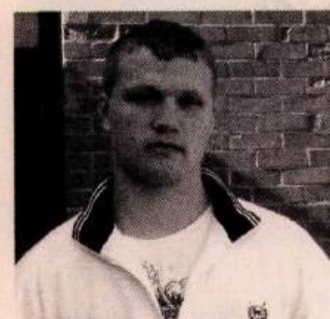
John Garthwaite:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "The people."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't be afraid to do anything, do everything you want and don't miss out on anything because when the time runs out & you haven't done anything you're gonna wish you did."

Plans for the future?: "Go to a 4 year apprenticeship & become a carpenter."



David Glover:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Athletics & being with my friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Coach Perkins! I bleed red & gold!"

Plans for the future?: "Attend Kwood for culinary arts."



Meredith Godar:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "I'm going to miss my friends, speech, and essentially living at school during speech and jazz band season."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't procrastinate, you'll only have to do it later!"

Plans for the future?: "I will be attending the University of Iowa as an undeclared engineering major in Fall 2010."



Laci Grapes:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Being late to class(es) & talking to Mrs. Jackson & Mr. Kettman, also Mr. Thorton telling me that my art work looks like crap."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change to learn to let go. Things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they're right..."

-Marlin Monroe

Plans for the future?: "I am going to school to be a legalist for animal cruelty or a police officer."



Jacob Graybill:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Football games."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I'm going to be a park ranger." -Jake Wright

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood then transfer to Iowa or ISU for business management & mechanical engineering."



Todd Hansen:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "My friends and the sports."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Hopped up out of the bed, turned my swag on, took a look in the mirror and say what's up" - Soulja Boi

Plans for the future?: "Four year college & start my own business."



Robert Harden:

What are you going to miss most about

Marion?: "Tennis."

Quote or piece of advice?: "If you believe you receive, if you doubt you'll go without."

Plans for the future?: "Go to college & pursue a career."



Alyssa Hartwig:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Gaff's class, senior year volleyball, softball, football games. State volleyball. Mo Paige calling every under classman a scrub! The whole student section singin' don't stop believin'."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood for the first 2 years, then transfer to Arizona State & major in criminal justice & minor in sports media."



Ashley Heald:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"...seeing my friends everyday of the week & being able to freeze while watching football games only because I was with the ones who really care."

Quote or piece of advice?: "No matter what others say always keep going, live in the present, and take things as they come."

Plans for the future?: "...attend Kirkwood for two years to work on my degree in sign language then to a bigger college to finish it"

REMINDER FOR ALL SENIORS:
It's time for your senior pictures to start being turned in to rm. 22 for the yearbook!

-Due Date: January 15th

-NO objects in picture

-Picture should be in color

-Picture should be head to shoulder (close-up)

7th Avenue debate creates controversy

Residents in Marion are debating over whether to rebuild 7th Ave. and expand 6th to accommodate for more pedestrian traffic.

By: Hannah Shaffer [Staff Writer]

Recently, there has been a long debate about redeveloping 7th Avenue, Marion. As most of us know, 7th Ave. Contains many places which are important to our community, of Marion. As the committees gather to decide on a potential plan of redeveloping this area, they have to put into consideration the views of everyone, including the many business owners along this street.

The changing of 7th Avenue includes four different possible ideas, or «plans.»

Plan A means doing nothing with 7th Avenue and basically agrees with the people who believe in preserving it's history. Also when considering this situation, the economy and today's financial issues are going into play. Plan B. would include changes from 6th Avenue to 35th Street, Marion. This plan would take away a lot of the traffic on 7th Ave. Plan C is

much like Plan B., however it would direct traffic to 6th Ave which would bring down the businesses on 7th Ave. The last plan, Plan D would bring the most dramatic change to 7th Avenue and would include having to buy out 23 businesses. With all the plans, there are so many things to consider, such as the people of Marion's views and even the financial issues or benefits each plan could bring.

On one side, some say that by changing the amount of traffic going through 7th Ave. Could preserve

the significant quality this main street holds. By lessening the vehicles, this could also lessen the poor quality this street has been given, such as littering.

As the topic continues to be discussed, some business owners also

believe that by making this street less traffic-friendly, and more for pedestrians, this could take away their business performance overall.

For more information on how to save 7th Avenue, visit marionproject.com.

Many business owners placed their buildings on this street due to the traffic and busyness of the street. In fear that their business could go down, some owners are against the planning of minimizing the street traffic. However, they do agree with redeveloping 7th Ave. In some sort of positive way, and still preserve the importance of it. You may see how people are protesting by putting the «Save 7th Avenue» signs in their yards or in business windows.

There are many different options that could be taken into consideration. There are two sides, so there are a lot of things that must be considered. Whatever is done, it is important that people remember the significance of 7th Ave. And the important places that lie off of it, such as the town square. It's important we preserve the history, but also keep it fresh and in decent enough quality to continue to be used as frequently as it already is.



The community of Marion fights to preserve this historic street by putting up signs in yards and stores.

Apple creates new iTV; high consumer hopes as always

By: Ashlee Logsdon [Staff Writer]

Apple Software is very well known for their many kinds of iPods, such as the iPod Touch, the iPod Nano, and even the amazing iPhone. Apple has also created all types of computers, but one item of Apple is not as well known and is somewhat new. This new device is the Apple TV.

When someone thinks of TV they think big screen and TV shows, but as for this Apple TV it doesn't have the big screen. It's a simple little box. This box can do a lot of things though.

This Apple TV lets you rent and buy HD movies with a very wide selection of popular movies. Not only do you get movies you get HD TV shows just one day after they air. You can also receive HD pod casts and You Tube videos. The best part is you get this all on demand.

Another feature about the Apple TV is an iTunes collection of music is synced wirelessly to the Apple TV so music can be played through a home theater system. There is a feature called Genius Feature that allows you to make a play list or just check out hundreds of internet radio stations.

The Apple TV also can display home photos on to the HD TV. It allows you to organize photos by event or faces. It can also access Flickr photos or a Mobileme gallery.

The Apple TV is a good source of entertainment. Just plug it into the TV and it opens up all kinds of things to do.

More and more celebs have been incarcerated; pose the question, "Why do some teens idolize them?"

By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

The sirens blare, lights flash, and the cold metal of the handcuffs sends shivers down the spine. It's official, and the word for it is arrested. Many people in the United States get arrested, on average 14 million are arrested each year. As most know criminals are not the best role models for kids. A lot of people look up to celebrities as role models; they seem to have it all, the fans, the money and the talent. And they certainly have the media on their side, they get publicity that the average person who never get. They have a life of fame versus the fifteen minutes that most people would get. Famous people seem to have the perfect life, and they often seem flawless themselves but many been counted in the 14 million a year. The list goes on and on, whether it's a singer, a sports star, or a well respected actor or actress. It may be a first time offense, or it may be a repeat offense. The charges vary from gun charges, D. U. I's, to drug possession charges.

The latest big name to be charged is rapper, Lil' Wayne who pled guilty on October 22nd to second-degree weapon charges. Under his plea he could face up to a year in jail. T.I. Another rapper who is finishing up his prison time for the gun charges he faced in 2007. There are many more famous folks who have gotten in

trouble with the law. Many like Lindsay Lohan, Mischa Barton, Stephanie Pratt, and Mel Gibson, to name a few, have faced D.U.I charges. Others have been caught with drugs, like The Office actor Craig Robinson (he plays Darrell) who was in possession of ecstasy when he got arrested. Andy Dick, a comedian, is facing four different misdemeanors including possession. And that is just to name a few! There are hundreds more, and many that the general public is not even aware of. There are also people who face many different charges at once, they seem to attract trouble.

It has become official, celebrities have gone bad. Whether it because of the stress, their crazy schedules, or they are just destined to get into trouble. Once in trouble though it is splashed across the headlines of gossip magazines, blogs, and now even the evening news! People getting arrested and committing crimes has always had a spot in the news but it was once greasy politicians, committing fraud. Now it is actors, musicians, executives, and it is starting to get a little out of control. They are everywhere. Any station you turn on, any home page, they are always filled with stories about the latest celeb getting into trouble. Whether this is news or not, it is something that is happening like crazy, the celebrities have lost control, and they are making bad choice after bad choice.

What do Marion students think of celeb-jailbirds?



"I don't because it's a terrible influence and it hurts our economy." Tyler Spear, junior



"They are in the media more so we see them more." -Shayla O'Brien, sophomore



"I think teens idolize them before they are in jail." -Austin Weisinger, senior



"The media makes such a big deal out of them that its almost made out to be a good thing." -Sarah Mork, freshman

Serendipity's Salon helps students of MHS look their best

Marion High school sophomores, Ruby Skidmore and Caitlyn Wolfe received two free make overs courtesy of Serendipity's Salon.

By: Tyler Jansen [Activities Editor]

Her hair's too flat. Her hair's too poofy. Both of these hair issues are common among all girls. Her eyebrows are way too thick or way too thin. Almost all girls would jump at the opportunity for a free make over. That's just what Caitlyn Wolfe and Ruby Skidmore did.

Serendipity's Salon offered two free makeovers to two Marion High School students and these two girls were the lucky ones to win this awesome opportunity. "When I heard I got it I was excited and a little nervous, but I want a change so I'm up for anything except super short," laughed Caitlyn Wolfe, sophomore. Caitlyn's make-over included a whole new hair style and cut, a dye and highlights and brow touch up and she feels really happy with the results. "I absolutely love what she did with it. It fits my personality perfect, fun and upbeat. I'm really happy with my hair," she smiled. She said she is very happy with the results and glad she got this opportunity.

Ruby Skidmore, also a sophomore, was the other student confident enough to let Serendipity's salon take a shot at giving her a new updated look and her opinion is that they did an awesome job. "I thought it seemed like she cut a lot off at first," chuckled Ruby. "But right when I looked in the mirror I fell in love with my hair. I love the color choice and the cut." She feels very happy with her makeover just as Caitlyn does. Ruby's makeover consisted of a cut, color, and a brow touch up also.

The two sophomores both said they were interested in getting makeovers because they had been

bored with their looks and wanted a change to stay up with the day-to-day change in fashion. "I have wanted something different but every time I'd try on my own it was never what I was looking for, so I thought I'd let a professional take a whack at my style and hopefully it turns out good," said Ruby. After her makeover, she said that she was very happy with the outcome and loves the cut and color, and she thinks the style fits her perfect.

Both the girls were excited for their new look. They both were saying they wanted a look that was in style and something they could also just get up and go with on those lazy days. "I know some days I could use a style that I can look cute in, but I'd like a style that would be easy for those sweatpants too tired to care days," laughed Caitlyn. Agreeing right along with Caitlyn, Ruby wanted a style to just fit where it goes after her showers. Both girls said that the hair stylists gave them the perfect look for every style that they like to wear.

Throughout the makeover both girls had a look on their faces of confidence in the hair stylists. "Before we got here, I was thinking if I got a girl whose hair wasn't super cute I was going to try to switch people with Ruby," joked Caitlyn. "But you have cute hair so I trust you and so does my hair," Caitlyn laughed with her stylist. Both Ruby and Caitlyn agreed Serendipity's Salon did a great job on both of their hair. Goes to show if you take a chance in life it could turn out to be just what you have been looking for or need to spice up your life or in their case, their hair.



Caitlyn Wolfe shows her new cut with a short trim, side bangs, and highlights.



Ruby Skidmore shows off her new style with an updated bob and new color.

Thankful he is fighting for our country

By: Elizabeth Smiley [Co-Editor in Chief]

It's a cold November day, his family forced to be up early on this morning. They head to the car. His bags tightly grasped in his hands. It's off to the airport. Once at the airport they wait and wait for his flight number to be called. After about an hour they hear his flight number over the intercom, his flight is now boarding and it's time to say goodbye. It's going to be eighteen long months before they get to see his face again.

Claire Nash,
Freshman

Claire Nash is a freshman at Marion High School and was dreading the day she had to go through that again. Claire's oldest brother, Tim, is thirty years old and just left for Iraq once again. He has been in the army for about four years now and is going back to Iraq for the second time. Claire explained, "He has been to Iraq once already and he was gone for

about eighteen months. It's expected to be about the same this time."

Tim is not the first one in her family to go into the army. Claire's dad attended the United States Military Academy in West Point, which is about 50 miles from New York City. Claire laughed, "I don't plan on carrying on with anything like that. I probably won't follow his footsteps." Along with him being in the army and being gone so long comes many ups and downs.

According to Claire one of the best parts of her brother being Iraq is that he is helping out overseas and helping our country. On the other hand she continued, "The hardest part of him being overseas is not being able to see him at holidays and such." Although it's hard not being able to see him she knows he is doing a lot to help and is very proud of him.

Although him being in the army hasn't changed her life much, it has changed Tim's. Claire elaborated, "He has changed a little bit. When he first came home from Iraq he was more moody and stuff." She continued, "But him being in the army

hasn't really changed my perspective or anything." Claire is really hoping the next eighteen months goes by really fast so she can see her brother again. Claire smiled, "Advice for anyone that has a family member or someone close to them go to Iraq, just hope nothing happens to them and they come home safe."

Life; the reason to be thankful

By: Emily Palmer [Feature Editor]

Why was she feeling this way, school was just beginning? Her mouth hurt so bad, getting your wisdom teeth pulled is not something one enjoys. So she takes an ibuprofen, not knowing that the medication she just put into her body is not going to relieve her pain, but cause the worst pain she has ever experienced.

Stephanie Loesel, a junior here at MHS, just recently returned from an extended absence due to an allergic reaction to ibuprofen. Stephanie went to the hospital one afternoon and she didn't leave for some time. After one night in the hospital Stephanie developed pneumonia. She underwent testing and it was discovered that she was having an allergic reaction to the pain reliever she was taking for her recently removed wisdom teeth. Her kidneys were shutting down; her liver and spleen were swollen.

Stephanie recalls, "I was in the hospital for about two weeks." During these trying times Stephanie's mother stayed by her side, along with some close friends, "My mom stayed the whole time, and a lot of my friends came to visit me." Emotion burning in her eyes, "It felt really nice to know how much everyone really cared for me." This was a very hard time for her.

She explained that at one time she couldn't move, or open her eyes. Stephanie couldn't communicate with her supporters, she could barely breathe. She even said that at one point, "I thought

I was going to die," the emotions, the fright, the memories of her near death experience come back to her in a flash. After a pause she continues, "It [her tragic experience] made me realize and respect things so much more. My life could have ended, and that just makes me so much more thankful for my family and my friends." Stephanie was humbled into silence as she reflected on everything; she doesn't know how to properly express how she feels. Stephanie also wanted to say that her teachers, the school, and the counselors, were very understanding, helpful and just plain kind to her.

So when she is eating Thanksgiving dinner with her family she will be seeing her world in a new light. Being a teen often makes people forget all the things in the world there are to be thankful for, but after all Stephanie has endured she will never again forget. All the things she has, she has been given again so to speak. Any day could be your last, so give thanks to your family, your friends, your community, life is too short to live greedily, enjoy it. Have a happy Thanksgiving.



Stephanie Loesel,
Junior

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Ellie won't forget Ms. Tarwater

Ms. Tarwater will be greatly remembered at MHS. Ellie Heck, a past volunteer for Tarwater, recalls all Tarwater did for the Media Center & its students.

By: Emily Palmer (Feature Editor)

She taught many students how to find information, use references and even how to find a book. Her organization made it easy, she knew where to find everything, how to fix everything, but now things have changed, and her most beloved Media Center is undergoing slight issues, because no one could do it like she could.

Ms. Barb Tarwater was the head of the MHS Media Center. By now you all know that she is no longer with us, for she passed away quiet some time ago. This Thanksgiving many students will be enjoying a great meal with their family, or sharing special time with someone

Students will remember Ms. Tarwater



"She knew everything there was to know and it was greatly appreciated. ...I will miss her helpfulness. No one will ever be able to replace her. She was the best of the best. I loved her."
-Lexie Lovisa, sophomore



"She was cool, I miss her a lot. We will never be able to replace her."
-Alex Bleeker, senior



"She showed me great books to read. Whenever I needed help in the library, she was always there to lend a helping hand. She always had a positive attitude... when doing her job."
-Matt Schnieders, junior

they love. One student, Ellie Heck will be fondly remembering a wonderful woman, someone who was a mentor to her, she will be thinking of Ms. Tarwater.

It's hard not to walk in and not notice differences in the school's Media Center. It's frequently closed to students without a teacher accompaniment; all the plants which Ms. Tarwater treasured so much are slowly disappearing. "There is definitely a different vibe when you walk in," Ellie expressed with a sad sigh. Ellie really believed that Ms. Tarwater was the heart of the Media Center. "Things aren't running smoothly without her," she said.

Ms. Tarwater did a lot more than water plants and track down missing library materials. She also taught students how to use search engines, check out books and references. She helped fix stalled computers and she taught students how to site their sources. These may seem like little insignificant details, but just true to picture walking in to the Media Center as a freshman and having no clue where to find anything. Some people don't even realize all that this woman did for the school unless it comes to something simple, then it hits hard.

There are going to be major changes to the school now. Yes, teachers can show you the basics but no one knew their way around the place like Tarwater and that may be yet another reason she will be greatly missed by the students and staff here. If the question of a replacement has come to your mind that's still undecided, though we do have some really great assistants who are working very hard to keep things up to speed.

So this is a great time to think back to all the things that Ms. Tarwater did for this school, for the Media Center in particular. If you have problems you could try asking the assistants for help, they are trying there best to help



Ellie Heck, a junior at Mairon High School, works in the Media Center putting out newspaper for the students to view and use for reference material. In previous years Ellie volunteered for Ms. Tarwater.

everyone with any problems they may have.

There are many things to be Thankful for this year, even with the passing of such a wonderful, helpful, woman. The assistants who are helping out in the Media Center are working their absolute best to get things back on track. "They're trying to fix things up," stated Ellie. She believes that everyone is trying their best, but no one can run the place like Ms. Tarwater could.

So maybe when a student next walks into the Media Center, they will think of all that Ms. Tarwater taught and did for this school. She may be gone but all she did will not be forgotten. She helped so many people in so many ways, any question about the Media Center she could answer them, help you or just help you find a great book to read that you would actually enjoy. So think while your eating your pumpkin pie, think of all the great things she did for this school and community.

Here turkey, turkey; shootin' or a shoppin'

By: Hannah Miller (Design Editor)

The sun is barely shining at five in the morning. He gets all his equipment ready to go than gets dressed in all camouflage. Once at the farm, his bow must be set up and sprayed with a scent blocker. As soon as he is at the stand, he waits and waits until that one animal comes along to shoot.

Senior Nate Irish heads out almost every morning into the cold hoping to kill that one animal in season. "I hunt deer, turkey, pheasant, raccoon, rabbit, duck, geese, quill, coyote, pretty much all the seasons," he expressed. "Pretty much anything that moves," he said with a laugh, "in season of course." Nate hunts all kinds of animals, but recently has been hunting turkey.



Nate Irish, Senior

Nate hunts his turkey pretty much anywhere out in the country. His favorite place he supposes is out at his buddy's farm. "[It's my favorite] because I know

they go through there, what times they do, and I know the land well." His weapon of choice is a bow, but he also uses a shotgun. Even though he hasn't killed a turkey yet, he still loves the thrill of hunting.

Nate prefers to hunt his Thanksgiving turkey instead of buying it at the store.

His family usually doesn't buy their turkey they hunt it and process it on their own. He explains, "[It's] cheaper to hunt your own and process your own than buying from the store." Mostly he hunts his turkey because he enjoys to. "Turkey are very hard to hunt. Very skittish," he explained this might be the reason why he hasn't killed one yet. Once and a while his family might not get that kill of thanksgiving turkey. Even though they hunt instead of buying, Nate said they cook their turkey the same as everyone else, "in the oven."

The question out there is why should you hunt your turkey instead of buying it? To Nate it's more exciting to kill your own. "It's because even though I haven't got my own yet, it's more exciting to know I got the turkey instead of knowing just got it at the store." Or simply, "More thankful to know I got my own than buying it." There is a greatly accomplished feeling to getting our own turkey.

Turkey season might be over, but that doesn't mean he is done hunting. He will still wake everyday at five in the morning when the sun is rising to go through his same routine. He still using his bow or shotgun that is sprayed with scent blocker to kill the animal that is on his mind for that season. Nate has ready for the hunt. The thrill. "That reminds me coyote season is coming," he said thoughtfully. He might be done hunting turkey this year, but he always has hunting on his mind and the next big hunt, "In season of course."

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Aaron Cannon, a state cross-athlete

By: Carey Durns [Staff Writer]

He glides through the wind like a plane on its way to the final destination. Spectators are keeping watch over him and others as the meet continues on. As the team nears the finish, they all stick together and finish up as a team.

Aaron Cannon, senior, has been in Cross Country since freshman year and enjoys it a lot. Before he did Cross Country, he was in a few different activities. "I was in football in middle school and other outside activities," he commented. Aaron has been in different activities other than Cross Country, but Cross is what really stuck with him in high school.

This year has been different than some other years for Aaron. The boys' team went to State and it was something that they won't forget. "We had fun. We were really close as a team. We ran fairly close together

as a pack. All of the team chemistry came together as a success," Aaron explained. When working together, you can accomplish something big.

Being able to go to state is exciting and a little nerve racking. "It's fun. The worst part is making it there. Then you relax and you're proud to be there. It's an exciting environment. There were fans all throughout the course," he expressed. When there are people to support the team, it makes it go by faster and the team stays together and is stronger.

As the team grows closer, everyone helps each other out. "Zach has been watching his sister run for four years and he has helped us with strategy with running," Aaron noted. Helping each other out is going to improve everyone on the team.

Aaron has not only improved, but has also prepared himself to go to state. "I did a lot better and I stayed inside from the

cold and stayed away from anyone with a cough," he declared. Staying away from anything that could get him sick is what is best for Aaron.

Although State is over this year for the Cross Country team, doesn't change next year, and Aaron is still be supportive of the team. "Thanks for taking me to state. It was a blast. Hope to see you back at Fort Dodge next year; both boys and girls", Aaron said to his team. Aaron feels strongly about his team and he really likes to encourage them and build them up.

Being in Cross Country is important to Aaron and he thinks that more people should go out for this sport. "Go out for Cross Country. It's a lot of fun. It's not about



Aaron Cannon, senior, begins to warm up at a cross country meet.

running. It's about getting close as a team and having fun," Aaron encouraged.

Being thankful for family; receiving the gift of life and sharing it

By: Hannah Shaffer [Staff Writer]

It's that time of year again. With all the chaos this season brings, sometimes we forget to realize what's really important. Before the gifts, and before decorating the trees, there is a day when we sit



Jordan Barkley, senior



Mrs. Logan and family

back and think of all the things we're thankful for. And for two of Marion's own, they know what being thankful for family really means.

Marion High School's senior Jordan Barkley has been taught to be truly thankful for family. Jordan Barkley was adopted from Calcutta, India along with two older brothers, Nathan, 23, and Brandon, 22 who were adopted from here in Cedar

Rapids. She describes their relationship and says, "They have always been super supportive. We have a very normal, close relationship."

Jordan has grown up always knowing she was adopted. "I kind of just knew over time. I can't remember being told one specific time, and we talk about it so openly, so I was never surprised." Jordan explains how this has affected her life by saying, "those commercials of the kids in Africa and India who are in poverty make me think, 'that could have been me.'" This has affected and shaped Jordan's life, she is very grateful for the life she was given.

With adoption, there comes two sides. Jordan is thankful for being given the gift of a better life, while another might be the one giving this gift. One of Marion High School's math teachers, Mrs. Logan, recently adopted a baby girl, Josie. Mrs. Logan and her husband, Brian, had their

first child, Wes, 5 years ago. As the years went by, the Logans knew they wanted to add to their family, so they looked into the option of adoption.

In less time than expected, Mrs. Logan and her husband Brian were give the gift of their new baby girl Josie. Although the adoption process takes a long time and finding a family can take years, Mrs. Logan and Brian didn't have to wait long.

Mrs. Logan and her husband have become eternally grateful for the gift they were given. Mrs. Logan tries to search

for the right words to describe her appreciation, but she continues to say that there really are no words you can possibly say to someone who gave you something so precious.

Although both Jordan and Mrs. Logan sit on two different ends of the spectrum, they have both been shown a deeper appreciation for family. This Thanksgiving, when they are thinking of all that they're thankful for, they will both happily think of the wonderful lives they were given and the lives of those they have been able to touch.



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Student of the Month

By: Paul Nash [Photo Editor]

Have you heard of Student of the Month? Most people didn't even know we had a student of the month. To be student of the month, all one has to do is show character and get nominated by one of their fellow classmates.

What is character? Well character is based on six traits such as respect, responsibility, honesty, modesty, integrity, and determination. If one promotes one of those traits they could get noticed; and could be nominated for Marion's student of the month. Or one's peers can even notice their



Mr. Charles Clark

good character and nominate them for it.

To be noticed for the student of the month one could do things by helping other students out.

Whether that is to help them with their homework or if they drop their books in the hallway and one helps them pick them up, or help teachers out with volunteering.

To nominate someone go to Mr. Zurdsky's room and should get the slip. Follow the directions and fill out the slip with the student's information for who they want to be the new student of the month and put it in the box. It is really that easy and will only take a minute for you to fill out.

Now at the end of the month student senate will go through the forms and star the ones they think are the best and deserve this nomination. This short list will then go to Mr. Zurdsky, Mr. Clark, Mr. Semler, and Mr. Kettman who will now vote on the short list and that will be the official student of the month.

That's all it takes to be student of the month here at Marion. So get out there and get nominated. October's student of the month was LaKosha Rogers, but she has moved out of the district. Get out there, get noticed and get nominated!

Thanksgiving Word Search

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A K D N K Y Y G E D A Q I S O
V Z G I D N L Y T P O H V N D
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D J G C W P S J T U R Q G E N
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J Z J A T U E I A M M C A U D
P O T A T O E S O Y M Y D J Y
I B M X O E E I E L T C R D G
Y L G C E U G C B P O Y E V N
K Y I T U Z T F G A P B Y Q Y

Thankful Giving Potatoes Turkey Pilgrims Indians

Can you tell what's the difference?



Answers: marker case is gone, the protractor is gone, the scissors are gone, the tape is gone, the water bottle is tipped over, the stapler is moved, the computer mouse is moved, the phone is moved, the CD case is gone, the purse is moved

The Voice Box

Marion Students adds their thoughts to "The Voice Box" located in the cafeteria.

Shout out to those Journo kidz..for actually coming in and finishing this issue of The Vox :)

Shout out to the boys and girls cross country team on an outstanding season! Great job at state boys!!! :)

Shout out to the cast and crew of the fall musical. You guys did a fantastic job! :)

Congradulations to the Marion Varsity Football team. You guys did an amazing job...keep your heads up, you had a great season and finished strong. We're all proud of you!!! :)

Congradulations to the Competition Cheerleading squad! You had an outstanding performance at state! Good luck at Prarie Saturday!!!

Shout out to the Basketball and Wrestling teams. The season is here! Get pumped!!! :)

Congradulations to the Girls Varsity Volleyball team on making it to state! :)



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