



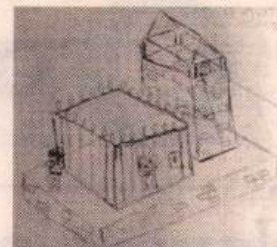
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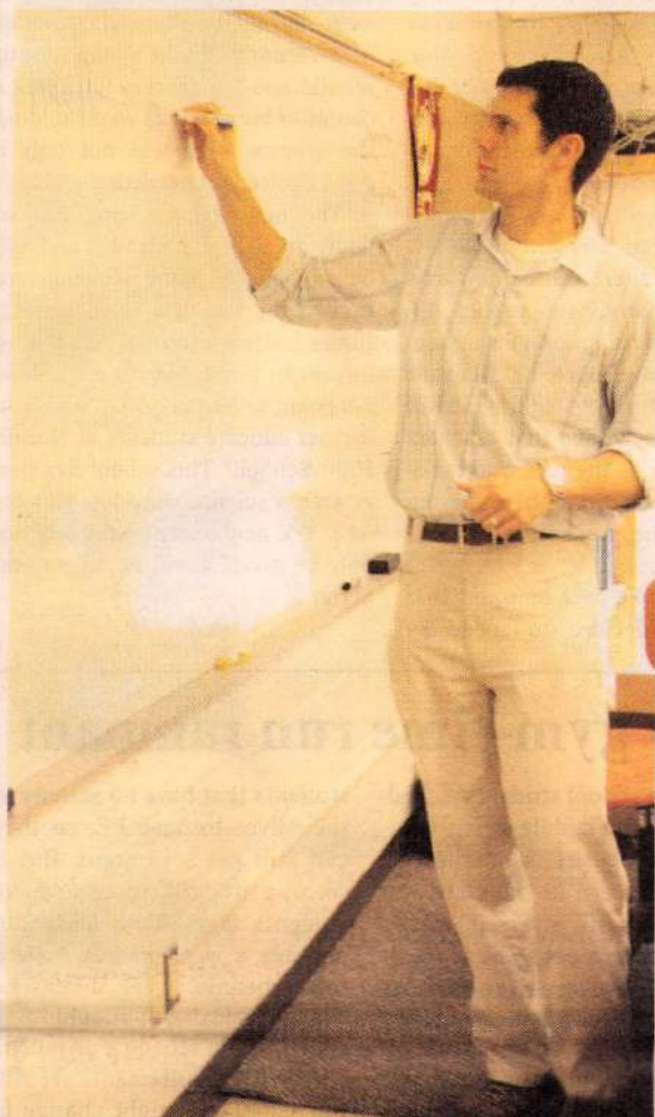
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TIMES CHANGE, TRADITIONS CARRY ON



Mr. Chad Zrudsky bleeds red and gold so much that he came back to his highschool to start a career in teaching.

Zrudsky reflects on homecoming then and now; realizes the importance of tradition

By Hannah Shaffer (Staff Writer)

The year was 1997 and the senior class was ready to live it up during their last year of high school. This was the year for seniors to make some lasting memories with things on their minds like graduation, prom and homecoming week, but with homecoming week comes a lot of responsibilities from everyone, including the ones in charge: the teachers and the entire student body.

As a biggest homecoming all out and spirit over underclass-particular graduating who consider a big-time participant by attending the pep rallies, games and even the dance, is now one of Marion High School's very own "big-time coordinator."

Mr. Zrudsky is on his eighth year teaching chemistry and physics. He graduated from in 1997, and during his four years of high school he participated and did his part for homecoming week, and even now as a teacher he still does all he can to make this week a fun-filled excitement for the community and the student body.

Mr. Zrudsky works with Mrs. Quinn and the head sponsor of that year to help organize the majority of the activities of our homecoming week, including coordinating the games, pep rallies, etc. They all work very hard to make homecoming week a success.

Even though Mr. Zrudsky had his own senior homecoming back in '97, he still finds similarities between then and now, "There was still a dance on Saturday at the same time. We still had the burning of the 'M' with games and the pep rally at the track. We also still had spirit week themes."

When asked about the types of themes he had in high school, Mr. Zrudsky pondered awhile before saying, "I know we did have themes, but I have no idea what the others were, although I am pretty sure Friday was red and gold day."

Although there were many similarities, differences were also noticed, "We didn't have a parade because the floats were already at the track and they just took them around the track. Also, each class had a hallway assigned and they were decorated with streamers, so there were no banners or door signs."

Mr. Z then proudly stated, "Also, my senior year was the first year they decided to crown the king and queen the Thursday before the big game."

Many students wonder what new activities could be added to homecoming week to make it more exciting, and Mr. Z said, "I think we do enough. There are always suggestions for more additions, which always sound good, but would be more difficult to get the key things going with the limited number of people helping."

Many of us have our likes and dislikes about homecoming week, we may like the big game, and dislike some of the themes of theme week, but Mr. Z's are different. "I like seeing the student body's excitement and seeing the pride that they have. I also enjoy seeing the traditions carried on." His least favorite part, as he explains, "I don't like the sense of urgency. Some years, homecoming comes early and there is not enough time to get things ready. There is so much to do with a limited number of people, and you also have to focus on teaching."

Although time has passed, Mr. Z is still that high school senior of 1997 in the sense of his pride in Marion and his willingness to participate and contribute for homecoming week to be a success. Mr. Z feels like homecoming week and the activities of getting prepared are important, "It gives the kids and the community another opportunity to get excited about what we're doing. It's not so over the top to take away why we're here, which is to go to school and get ready for the next stage. Students, the community and the alumni can see what this district is all about."

No date? No Problem.

Commentary

It's that time of year again. Girls spend hundreds of dollars on a new dress and to look their best. Nail and hair salons have big sales, and boys spend a lot of money to get new clothes to match their date. It's homecoming time, and many people are stressing out to find the perfect date.

If someone doesn't have a date for homecoming, it's not a big deal. Many people every year go dateless. They can go with a group of friends instead.

Lots of people think they need to have a date, but they don't. If they feel like they need a date, then they can ask the person they have a crush on. If someone is going to ask a person to homecoming, make it special don't ask him or her via text or facebook. That's lame! Do it face to face, and maybe think of a cute way to do it, a way that they will remember forever. If they're too afraid to ask someone they like because they're afraid of rejection, then they can always ask a close friend, but again don't do it via text. Lame! There's always the option of going just as friends. It's not like if they're going to homecoming together they have to get married someday. No, there is such a thing as being just friends.

If a person isn't comfortable going out to dinner, just the two of them, there is always the option of going with a group, someone they feel more comfortable going with. I personally think group dates are better, because then you won't have those awkward moments you might have if it was just the two of you. If you do go with a group, don't completely ignore the person you're with, that's not right.

Just because someone doesn't have a date for homecoming, doesn't mean they couldn't get one. Maybe they didn't want to go with anyone for that year, there's three other years to go with a date. If they don't want to go to homecoming at all, that's fine also. They can stay at home and hang out with a bunch of friends. So what if they don't go to homecoming? Big deal!

It's homecoming time again, and just because someone doesn't have a date, doesn't mean they shouldn't go. They never know, it could end up being a really great night!



By: Danielle Tiernan
(Co-Editor-in-Chief)

Friday's game attire

By: Liz Smiley (Co-Editor-in-Chief)

This Friday is the most exciting game of the football season. It's the homecoming game. Every game, there is a different theme chosen. There has been blood bath (consisting of all red), gold rush, black out, and white out.

This year's theme for the homecoming game is blood bath. Everyone is asked to go all out for the game. Please dress head to toe in red. If one has purchased a homecoming shirt they are asked to please wear it. Come out and cheer for Marion as they go head to head with Anamosa. Let's stack the stands Friday!

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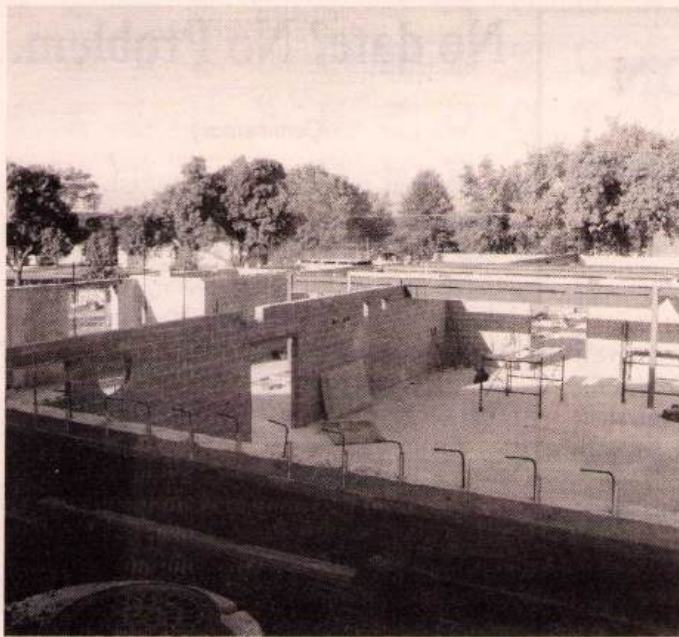
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New science wing; bigger and better



The science wing is still under construction, but is getting closer and closer to being done everyday, with hopes of being completed sometime in January, 2010.

By: Paul Nash [Staff Writer]

The new science wing is going to be bigger and better than any science wing this school has ever had. It will have more square footage, good ventilation, better equipment, better storage, better connectivity between all the rooms, better areas for student projects, and it will have six huge rooms that will be more amazing than any other classrooms in the school. This science wing is going to be great and labs will be lots more fun with better equipment. Plus it will be nice to have new classrooms and have a change.

Having new equipment is going to be great. In some science classrooms right now there are no sinks or big tables for labs. Also for rooms with animals some have sit on bottom shelves. Some fish tanks have had to move into the teachers lounge. Having more space and new equipment will be great especially since all teachers will have their own classrooms now in result of the new science wing. All the new equipment will help create new labs

teachers haven't been able to do in the past. The new equipment will be very helpful.

The new science wing is going to have six rooms with great connectivity making it easier to get from class to class. The wing will also have air conditioning and great ventilation. With great connectivity of classrooms, teachers will be able to bring their classes together to do bigger group lessons. Also kids will be able to get to class to class easier because of the great connectivity. But some people may not like the idea of the new science wing.

There is going to be a ton of new equipment, but here are just a few things. First there will be new oxygen and carbon dioxide probes, different force meters, and new uv sensors and light sensors. All this stuff should help further learning. It will also create new labs that teachers haven't done in the past and make class a little bit more fun and interesting for the students at Marion High School.

Some people may be upset that the school decided to spend so

much money on the science wing instead of using it for the new middle school. The new science wing will be done soon, but they haven't even started the new middle school. But even though the middle school is old it is still a good school. The high school needed a new science wing to stay up to date and needed more room for labs. Plus teachers we're having to share classrooms. Also Vernon will take a long time to rebuild and the process for it has a couple of bumps in its way. Building the science wing was not only a good choice, but needed.

The new science wing has so many great things about it and will be so helpful. Many students are excited for the new science wing. Junior Leah Smith says, "It's taking forever to build, but once it's done it's going to be really cool and help further educate students of Marion High School!" This school has never seen a science wing like this before. The new science wing will not only be great, it will be bigger and better.

New P.E rule is just talk; rumors of mandatory gym-time run rampant

By: Hannah Miller [Staff Writer]

Everyone is talking about this so-called PE rule. What is it? Will it be enforced? How will it affect us?

This rule about having to take PE all four terms if not in any sports is a misunderstanding. There is an act trying to be passed in the state called The Healthy Kids Act. This act is will have school districts in the state up physical education to higher standards. The state with this act is causing the school to change the PE requirements eventually; it's not the school's choice. This act will require students K-12 to have 30 minutes of exercise a day and 120 minutes a week. Also it talks about healthier foods and beverages sold on school grounds and having students take CPR to graduate starting with Graduating class

2011-2012. Each school district will use the act different.

Marion's PE Department has recently been given a half a million-dollar grant from the Federal Government to improve the physical education of the students here at Marion. The PE teachers are hoping this grant will help increase exercise and staying healthy in the students here. This grant will help make PE more life based, educating people on fitness they can use for the rest of their lives. The fitness room that will be put under the new science wing will help that happen. It will be more like a fitness center than a weight room with treadmills, spin bikes, and aerobic stuff.

PE has been put aside in the

school system. PE teachers are hoping that The Healthy Kids Act will push schools to add it more into the students' schedule. The new Fitness center should also help PE become more included in the school.

"Once the building gets done and people see it, it will get better. PE will be more out in the open."
-Coach Fish.

For Marion, how they plan to enforce The Healthy Kids Act is still in process. They are still working on the scheduling part. Some students have a full academic schedule and the alternative the state has for it would be letting those students do their required physical education activities out of school. The middle school has gone to PE two or three times a week. And the school district is trying to decide how to fit more PE in

the high school students' schedules like the middle school has.

Since obesity is on the rise and a concern in the state and the states all over, it makes sense for this act to be place. It doesn't make sense for students to take PE and then go workout for two hours after school on their sport, but what is a sport? The school has all these sports listed for if involved in these you don't have to take PE. But some aren't very athletic. Will they actually give you a workout like a PE class would? Some think yes, but many don't. If you are in a sport that gives you a good workout, a workout that keeps your heart rate up, than you shouldn't have to take PE all four terms. But if you aren't than you should take PE at least two or three times a day like the middle school does.

It makes sense for those

students that have no activity in their lives to have PE, so they can still get a workout. But it seems a little ridiculous to make students take PE at least 120 minutes a week if they have a full schedule. PE should be more physical, but shouldn't be added to the schedule as much.

The PE requirements are still the same, but might change in the future. As for the rumors going around about it, they are false and should be squashed. As for the school, they are waiting to see how the state passes The Healthy Kids Act and see how they will have to change PE requirements to what the act standards are. It is all a work in process and a waiting game. We will all have to be patience and see how everything comes out to play with PE in the coming years.

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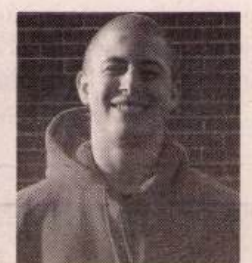
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SHOULD VOTING FOR HOMECOMING
BE WEIGHTED BY GRADE?
FIND OUT IN, "Upperclassmen
know the drill."

Upperclassmen know the drill; should be able to have a stronger opinion

Students want homecoming advisors to consider weighted-voting for homecoming court.

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

Right now every grade has the same point system as far as voting for homecoming king and queen. Everyone's vote counts as one, but what if we were to change that? Instead of just one vote, each grade would get a different amount of points per vote.

The freshman would get one point a person because they don't really know the seniors as well, they haven't gone to school with them as long as some of the other classes have, and they're new to the high school.

The sophomores would get two points a person because they have been at the high school for over a year and they have had a little chance to get to know the seniors.

The juniors would be worth three

points each, because they're only a year behind the seniors, so they have had a longer chance to get to know them better.

Lastly, the seniors would get four points each, the most points, because it is their class some people in the senior class have gone to school together for a longtime. They know their classmates the best.

Some people will argue that they do know the seniors because it is their brother or sisters best friend, they are friends with them, or they are a neighbor. Even though they may know the people, they

can still vote for that person.

Every vote counts. Some may know a person just because they hear their name everywhere, maybe because they play three or four sports, so that person would vote for them just because they have heard their name a lot, or because they are popular.

Some people may agree to change the voting rule, and some disagree to it. Either way, it would be a change to Marion High School. We can try it out for a year, and if it doesn't work out, then we can go back to the way it was before.

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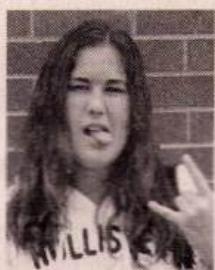
"It doesn't matter that much to me, but it's a fair opportunity," - Matt Schnieders, Junior



"It makes sense that the seniors would get the most points," - Sarah Mork, Freshman



"I would support that, the youngin's don't know people," - Haley Cloven, Senior



On September 18th the students at the game show their spirit by cheering on the football team.

New tradition at MHS

By: Tori Pratt [Ad. Editor]

It's a new school year and it's time for new traditions at Marion High School. Football plays a big part in our traditions at Marion. Many students, staff, and community members go above and beyond to support the football program. Many people show their spirit by participating in each game's theme. Although tradition is very important to MHS, it's time for a change.

A new way to change things up a little would be to have a new theme for one of our football games. We could do something new that has never been done at Marion High School, such as a neon game. I feel that a lot of people would partly because it's unique and fun to dress up for. Other schools have done it in the past and as long as the crowd goes all out it makes quite a statement.

Instead of having the typical red and gold, the neon colors would brighten up the stands. Instead of having the typical red and gold, the neon colors would brighten up the stands. This would be a good way to show school unity. In previous years at Marion High School there has been a neon day for homecoming week. Many people seemed to participate and enjoy the neon day. Therefore, they would also participate in a neon game. For those who are super fans, consider bringing glow sticks and other neon accessories to stand out that much more.

Some people think this idea isn't all that great because they don't own any neon clothes. However, at the Gordman's Department Store in Cedar Rapids, off of 1st ave., they have a whole section dedicated to neon colored clothing. Most high school students have a way to earn the money if they don't already have it on hand. An alternative would be wearing bright colors that you already have or stopping at the Marion Goodwill.

Again, Tradition is important to MHS, but it never hurts to make changes and start new traditions. Adding a neon theme to our football games would be a great thing for the Indian fans. It would bring our students together and show some creativity. It's also a great way to show school spirit and support the football team on their road to victory.

Tips for a stress-free homecoming week

With homecoming week occurring only a month and a half after the school year starts, many students become overwhelmed and immediate stress seems to approach. Most of the stress seems to be in relation to the homecoming dance. There are so many things that could go wrong and it leaves our students wondering.

When one prepares for homecoming there are many questions to ask. How to get a date? Where to go for dinner? What to wear? It can be a lot to worry about and may be too much to handle. Occasionally for some, the stress leads to many more questions such as should one even go? With all the stress and frustration some may wonder if the dance is even worth the effort.

People should realize the importance of homecoming isn't about who a person's date is or where they go to dinner. It's about having fun and just being able to hang out and have a blast with friends. It's a chance to show school spirit, get dressed up, gain ten pounds at dinner, pose for pictures, and dance crazily with friends to all sorts of music.

If someone doesn't have a date who cares? It may feel like they are the odd one out, but many people go without dates. Some people would rather go without dates and just go with friends.

If someone didn't get the dress or outfit or accessories they wanted, so what? Chances are they will still look stunning. For girls, if someone else is wearing the same dress it may seem like the end of the world, but it's not a big deal. That just means they share the same taste. It's nothing to worry about, if anything just laugh about it.

If students don't worry so much about all the little things that could possibly go wrong, they would enjoy themselves that much more. A person only has four years in high school and homecoming memories will last a lifetime, so they should make the most of the time they have to spend with their peers.

On that note, if a person doesn't want to go they should rethink it, because you will never get the same opportunities as you do now.

Tips for a stress-free homecoming

- Get ready with your friends
- Go to the dance with your buddies
- Stay calm, remember it's all about having fun!
- Don't feel that you have to spend a lot of money to have a good time.
- Don't stress-out if someone has the same dress/outfit as you do!



By: Elizabeth Smiley (Co-Editor-in-Chief)

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FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A SENIOR.
CHECK OUT HER STORY IN,
"It's never too late..."

Reigning state champs celebrate new teammates

Paige Perkins, freshman, discusses playing on a strong varsity team.

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

She is on the court, volleyball in hands and BAM! There goes the first serve. The ball flies over the net. The opponent strikes back. The ball shoots back and forth over the net as the two teams go head to head. It's back to Marion's side. Bump, set, and SPIKE!!! Over the net it goes. SCORE!!! That's game point.



Paige Perkins,
Freshman

Paige Perkins, freshman at MHS, is proud to say she is playing for the Varsity Volleyball team for the 2009 season.

According to Paige, she has always been interested in playing volleyball. A big reason she first became interested

has been getting the chance to watch her sisters play as she grew up.

She first began playing for the Marion Magic team in fifth grade, then moved on to the Iowa Rockets, and later played in seventh and eighth grade at Vernon. Paige has definitely earned her spot on the team and has worked extremely hard to get there.

Many students, staff, and members of the community are very supportive of our volleyball team and expect a lot from the team.

After winning state last year the expectations only increased. Paige not only has a lot of expectations as a varsity team member, but also as a younger sister.

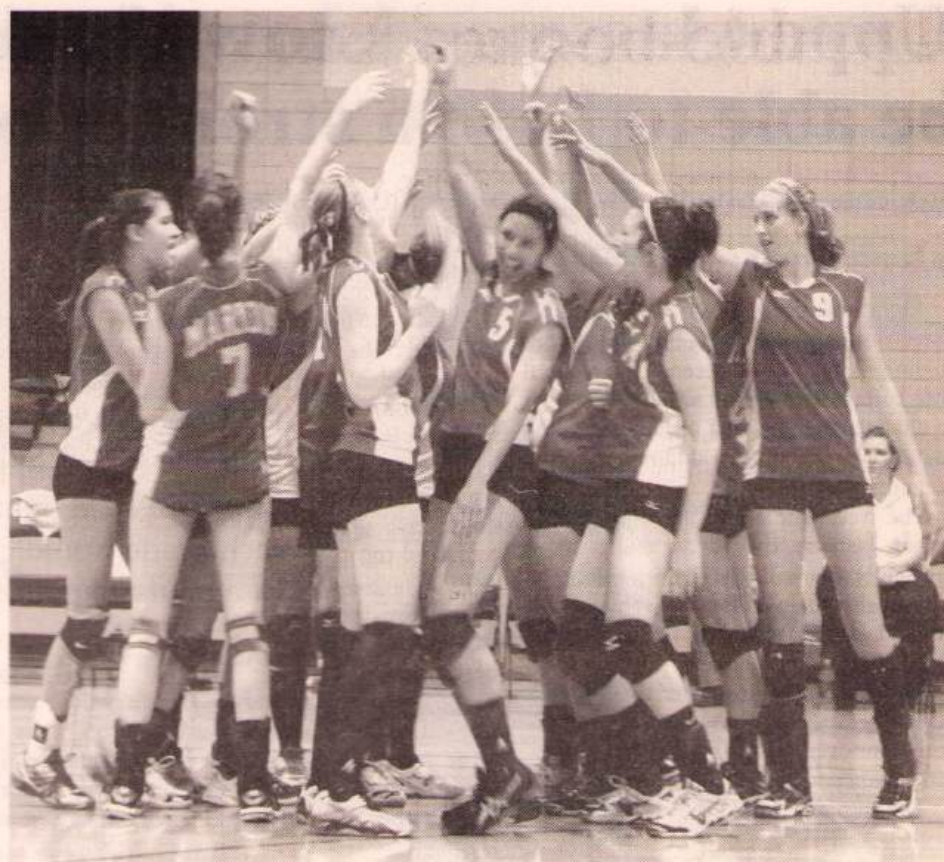
"The only expectations from my sisters are that I remain a good person and keep modest and hardworking," she said. "And to also be sure that I keep working hard so they have someone to scream for from the stands."

Paige would have to say her favorite part of playing is the atmosphere on the court and in the gym. According to her when you drill the ball at some girl and your teammates go crazy is the biggest confidence boost ever. Although she loves everything about playing, volleyball does come with its challenges.

"The biggest challenge for me is myself. I'm my own worst enemy. I have to build up my confidence and learn to brush off the last point and go after the next," said Paige.

Another obstacle she feels the team will face is the chemistry and understanding the level of competition to match last year's state champions.

For Paige, it's always important to give it your all, but another one of the most important aspects of playing and being a part of the team is getting the chemistry and family type bond because once she has that no opponent can stand in her way. Paige stated, "It's amazing being on a team of defending champions because you know you're playing with the best and the hits, serves, and



The varsity volleyball team exits a team-huddle and prepares for their game against Waterloo Columbus. The squad won the state volleyball championship last year.

etc. etc. that they send at you will be the toughest and you will be pushed everyday to improve."

She is extremely proud to be on the Varsity team this year. There is a lot her and the team have to look forward to, but for Paige she is looking forward to seeing what they can do as a team and how much she can improve as a person and a volleyball player. With Paige's older sister playing a huge role in sports and school in previous years much is expected from Paige.

"There definitely is a high bar set for me and there will be people out to bring me down, but my family is behind me and all I want to do is play the game I love," Paige elaborated.

There are many high expectations for not only Paige, but also the team as a whole. "Yes [we have a lot of expectations], we have a big target on our backs, but then again people are underestimating what we have back. We have great potential and we can do whatever we put our minds to."

It's never too late to try something new

By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

It's a hot fall day the football team is practicing running plays, the volleyball team is practicing serve receive, the cheerleaders are cheering, the dance team is dancing and the marching band is marching. And what is the cross-country team doing? Running, running, and more running. They're running hills, streets and trails anything to get in the practice they'll need for the season.

It's never too late to try new things.

Lesley Hennessey, senior, is a prime example of that as a senior; Lesley is out for cross-country for the first time. So how does one think about going out for a sport as intense as cross-country? "Because I had nothing else to do and to stay in shape," Lesley said. Well staying in shape is something that will definitely be accomplished with an average practice of running anywhere between 3 and 5 miles. On any day the cross team will run streets or trails, a great way for them to get the miles without

running circles around the track for an hour.

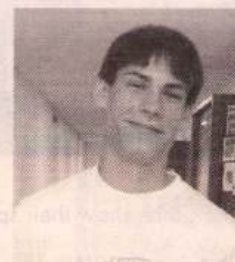
With only the experience of running 200 meter dash and 400 meter dash in seventh and eighth grade Lesley is definitely a new comer to long distance. Lesley is one of only a few seniors that include Sadie Magnifico and Aaron Cannon, although Sadie and Aaron are varsity runners, Lesley runs for the JV team. What's her favorite part of cross-country? "When practices are over, and I didn't know anybody and everyone is really nice." If someone without any running experience could do it, she responds with a laugh "Yeah but the first practice would be hard" Another thing that Lesley thinks isn't the best about cross-country is when it comes down to the actual race, "The meets are killer!" The average miles ran in a meet comes to 2.5 miles. But Lesley isn't bothered by it, she pushes through to the finish line every time, like all the other runners just trying to finish as fast as they can.

With nothing to lose Lesley shows everyone as MHS that even if you haven't done something before it is fun and rewarding to try new things. So the next time that anyone is wondering whether or not to try something, just think you have nothing to lose, there is no where to go but up, get out there and try it, it's not too late, even if you are a senior. For Lesley she finishes up her practice in the hot sun with sweat on her brow, she may be last but no one can say she didn't get it her all.



Lesley Hennessey, senior, runs her hardest for first place at Noelridge Park during a cross country meet on September 10th. This is Hennessey's first year on the team.

Cross kids speak out on their team and new season



"I would like to give a shout out to our fans and tell the paparazzi to back off Scout he is going blind."
-Nick Rael, Junior



"The Cross Country team wouldn't be the same without the three musketeers and the mule."
-Scout Morehouse, Junior



"I love getting to know everyone and spending time with everyone on the team. The meets are fun!"
-Shea Smalley, Sophomore



"These kids are crazy. And I love them!"
-Sadie Magnifico, Senior

Double-booked Burke

Brad works hard in both football and band day in and day out.

By Tyler Jansen [Activities Editor]

"RING!" His alarm went off at 7 in the morning. It was a summer Monday so he would have liked to sleep, but he knows he has a commitment. The boy gets out of bed to get some breakfast and he headed to football practice at 8. He had to leave practice early to make it in time for band at 10a.m. After playing his drums for a long day, he has a couple of hours to go home until he has to go back to football for his two-a-days until 8. That week of summer was sure a hassle for being in both of these two activities, but he loves his school and staying involved is something he enjoys very much.

Brad Burke, 18, is a senior here at Marion. Brad has been at Marion his whole life and has played the drums since he was in fifth grade. "I remember sitting there the day we got to test the instruments and pretending I was playing in a band and knew that I wanted to play the drums," Brad exclaimed. He isn't the only person in his family interested in the drums. "My dad was in a band in college with his buddies and would play at local bars and parties."

Brad works hard every day in football practice and in our games on Friday to make Marion proud.

Brad has been playing football for a long but fun 7 seven

years. "I didn't start playing for Marion till 7th grade, but I played on all the pee wee teams and flag football for the little guys," Brad's favorite part of football is being on the field with his teammates and the rush of the game, with the crowd going wild. According to Brad, it's the absolute best feeling.

Brad became interested in football at a very young age. "I have always loved to watch football on the TV," Brad pronounced. "Iowa State is my all time favorite team." Brad said he gets his inspiration from the team. "I look up to Iowa State for football because they are a good team and just the best there is," he laughed.

He said that choosing which activity he enjoys more is almost impossible because he loves both so much. "If I would have to pick, I'd have to say football," he elaborated. "I really like football because you get to work with your teammates and you have them around to help you when you need it. In band you have people to kind of back you up, but its your job to make sure you stay on beat and with your spots, which can get pretty difficult." Brad likes football and team sports a lot because he says it makes for a better game if everyone is working together.

His advice to people is, "If you want to do both activities then, do it! Don't regret not doing it after high school when you can do it now." Brad said being in both helped him stay busy and out of trouble. "I like that they keep me going and keeps my mind off other things." Brad added "I recommend being in both to anyone because when you look back your remember all the good times you had."

His highlights of high school seem to deal with these two activities and he would like to go on to college at Iowa State and hopefully play football and play in the band for them. "Being in both for my favorite team would be awesome," says Brad. He is a very involved student and a good representative for those kids who would like to be in two activities at once, but aren't sure if it's a good idea.

It's Friday night. The bright lights are shining on the



Brad has played the drums all four years of highschool while being in football also.

field. The crowd is screaming "GO MARION!" Brad is on the field ready to make his school proud. The team is working hard together to bring in another victory for Marion. After he helps bring the win in, he plans on going home to rest up for his band performance on Saturday. It goes to show that if a person gives a little push, it can be good for them, their activities, and their school.



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Neff cheers for all four years

By: Carey Burns [Photo Editor]

Being in cheer all four years of high school and one year in Middle School is a big deal and when you love it, it's even better. Kathleen Neff, senior, has been a cheerleader for five years and absolutely loves it.

Kathleen never thought she would be a cheerleader. She thought she would be doing something else other than that.

"I never thought about being on cheer. I wanted to be on the dance team, but they didn't have a dance team in eighth grade so I joined cheer," she expressed.

Kathleen wasn't originally going to go out for cheer in high school but there was a reason that she did. "All of my friends were in it and it was fun in eighth grade, and that's why I did it in high school," she pronounced.

Although Kathleen didn't want to be a cheerleader in eighth grade, she went out for it, and she loves it now. "It's fun. I love supporting the school. It's a great way to show my school spirit," she commented. Cheering is one of many ways to show school spirit.



Kathleen cheers her heart out for Marion, every Friday at our games showing off her school spirit.

There's a lot that goes in to becoming a cheerleader. "Well, first there's tryouts in the spring and that consists of an essay, making your own locker sign, and you have to learn two chants and one big cheer and perform it in front of the judges. There are also jumps and teacher evaluations," Kathleen explained.

Once a person has made the squad, there is more one has to do. "After tryouts and you're on the squad, you have practice in the summer. We run, practice cheers, stunts, and jumps that will be performed at pep rally's and games," she continued.

There is also a lot of responsibility. "[There is] a lot. Cheerleading needs to come before anything except school. It's your main priority. You're responsible for making locker and door signs and getting the crowd pumped," Kathleen stated with enthusiasm. Not everyone will want to do something they don't want to do, but may come to find that it is something fun and something that is worth their time.

Cheer holds a lot of responsibility, but it is still fun. Kathleen never thought of being in cheer, but after joining the squad in eighth grade, she wanted to continue to do it in high school. She loves supporting the school and showing her school spirit.

Bringin out high heels and new dresses

By: Hannah Miller [Staff Writer]

It's that time of year again. Homecoming! It's time to break out your high heels and dresses for girls and for guys your nicest shirt, pants, and shoes. But where can you find them? Where can you find the good prices and best styles for this year?

Guys have an easier time dressing for homecoming. They just need to find a nice dress shirt and pants. Also nice shoes and a tie. They just have to worry about one major

thing, matching their date, which can be hard if the girl gets an odd color. To make their lives easier girls try to stay away from odd colors your date won't be able to find in a tie or shirt. Guys should wear black pants and shoes and then match their tie or shirt to what their date is wearing.

Guys the best place to find your clothes would be any department stores like Dillard's, Younkers, Sears, JC Penny's, and Macys, but even Kohl's would have what you are looking for. You can also just look in your closet and see if you have anything from other special occasions that you wore. For homecoming, guys you must likely will just have to buy a new shirt and tie.

This year for girls pretty much any department store

has dresses. Some good ones would be Dillard's, Younkers, Sears, JC Penny's, and Macys. They have dresses ranging from 30 to 200 dollars. The only bad thing about department stores is that there is a good chance someone could have the same dress as you. But by going to the many websites there are, the chance for someone to have your dress is less. Two good ones are promgirl.net and 4prom.com. But the prices are steadier starting around 100 dollars and

going up from there. You just have to decide if you want the sales of department stores or the uniqueness of websites dresses. Finding your perfect dress can take awhile, so girls try to find a free day that you can go from store to store looking for that perfect dress. There are many options to find your perfect dress all you have to do is look around on a free weekend.

The style for dresses this year range. There still are the traditional baby doll, strapless, sweetheart,

and halter. There are also some new modern ones like one strap, criss-cross, and ones with bows and ruffles. Most dresses this year seem to have a band right under the breast to accentuate the waist. This year they also seem to flow away from the body or to fit tight to the body to show off those curves.

The patterns this year have animal print, geometric, solid, and multi-color. There are all kinds of colors. They range from bright to dull. Dark to light. You pretty much will see any color this year. So find the color or pattern you love best and looks best on you. The dresses this year seem to push some fashion lim-

its, so have fun and try something new. You never know it might just look great.

Homecoming can be stressful to get ready for, but just take a deep breath and take one thing at a time. Finding your dress or outfit for homecoming earlier can help. Remember these helpful tips and you should do find. Find those dresses and outfits early and have an awesome homecoming and join the night with our friends or date.



Hunter Sade and Ieshia Brown pose in front of the school like a couple would on Homecoming night. Ieshia Brown gives Hunter Sade the hand with attitude.

Where do students go to get their homecoming apparel?



"I like getting mine at Younkers or Vanmour."
-Jessica Jakoubek, Junior



"I don't know. I like different kinds. Not ones that other people have."
-Taylor Houchin, Junior



"[I like to get mine at] Younkers or Khols."
-Aaron Cannon, Senior

'Cloudy with Meatballs' a tasty hit

By: Paul Nash [Staff Writer]

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs was a great movie and is not just for little kids. If you're a teenager, Mom, Dad, Grandma, or Grandpa, it is still a great movie and has humor for all ages.

It really makes you think back to when you were little and how big your imagination was. It might make you think about what you wanted to be your whole life or remember your dream.

The movie shows viewers how important family is and when it comes down to it you can always count on them. Sometimes you might not get along with your family or maybe you don't talk as much with them because of a hard time. But in this movie you see the families work together.

Flint Lockwood who is the main character and Mr. Lockwood who is Flint's Dad, have had the hardest thing to get over. Flint's mom passed away shortly after she gave Flint a Special present. This present will be something you don't ever not see in the film. Flint goes no where without it. But Flint and his Dad will have to come to an understanding and work together in a crucial part in the movie.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs comes from the popular children's book from the '80's. This book was about a kid name

Flint who survived by catching and canning sardines on his island in the Atlantic. But then the sardine market collapsed and he decided to save the town with an invention to change up the menu on this island. Find out if it works in the movie.

In this film Flint Lockwood's dream is to become a scientist when he grows up and invent something great that will save the town.

Most of his inventions were complete disasters and everyone in the town thought he was crazy. His dad told him to throw in the towel with a fishing metaphor and come work at the tackle shop with him. But then one day during a town meeting he decided to try one more time.

This invention is meant to change everything about this town and create new choices instead of sardines everyday for lunch dinner and breakfast. Will this invention work and save the town or will it cause chaos and make the town worse than it already is?

Go see the movie and find out at your local theater!

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Delectable dinners that will satisfy your taste buds

Italian resturants to go to on homecoming night, that will satisfy your taste buds.

By: **Mannah Shaffer** [staff Writer]

The big week is approaching and while the guys are thinking of cute ways to ask a girl to the dance, all the girls are searching for the perfect dress. Everyone anticipates the night and people also get nervous not knowing what the night may bring. As if getting dolled up and spending lots of money on outfits and hair isn't enough, there is a key point of the night's plans that sometimes isn't always well thought over. Figuring out the place to go for dinner can often be a difficult task. It all depends on what you like, whether it it's American,

Biaggi's, located on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids, is a popular and elegant spot students like to go for dances.



Also located on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids, the Olive Garden is another popular and formal place students like to go for the school dances.



Zio Johnno's, on 7th Avenue in Marion, is yet another Italian hot spot students enjoy going to before getting their groove on.



Chinese, Mexican, casual or even formal. There are many choices, but Italian restaurants tend to be a favorite among most students. There are many different places to choose from, but also different decisions that are important to be made. For instance, the money you want to spend, the casualty or formality you may want, or even the type of food you want to eat. If you decide to do Italian, there are a few things to consider.

If you're looking for a formal restaurant and you don't mind spending some extra money, than you can try Biaggi's or Olive Garden. Looking at a typical spaghetti and marinara meal, you're looking at \$10.99 for Biaggi's and \$10.50 for Olive Garden. If money doesn't phase you, then go ahead and add some meatballs. This would cost 12.99 at Biaggi's and \$12.50 at Olive Garden. Those are kind of big numbers, so maybe we should check out a place you can go for much cheaper. If you're looking for a simple spaghetti and marinara meal that costs less and the restaurant is more causal, then Zio's would be a great place to go. You can get a spaghetti dinner for \$5.99.

Also, when considering these three restaurants you should look at how formal, or non-formal, these restaurants are. Usually, you can loook at the prices and have a pretty good guess as to which restaurant is fancy. If you're looking to feel more comfortable and laid back, Zio Johnno's is the place for you. Biaggi's is more prim and proper. Although the food is a bit more expensive, it's definitely classy and neat. Olive Garden is what most people would call the "in-between" restaurant. You can find peole in jeans and t shirts, but usually nothing more casual than that. However, you do not need to be dressy. This restaurant can fit just about anyone's needs.

The last thing to be thought about is the wait at restaurants and setting reservations. At Biaggi's, you may have to worry about longer waits, but the good thng is, is that you can make reservations to avoid wating. At Olive Garden, you may have to worry about a longer wait because it's usually a busy place and also one that you cannot make reservations at. Finally, Zio's you can almost always count on getting in and fed quickly after

arriving. Planning and timing is very important.

Of course, there are lots of places to choose from that are not Italian. If you're into Mexican foods, of course, try Carlos O' Kellys. Maybe you're up for some delicious Mongolian food, than try Ghengis Grill. If you're looking for all out casual and cheap, than of course, why go out? Stay home in the comfort of your own place and order some good pizza, or have your parents make you a nice home-cooked meal. Why spend more than you need to? Whatever you do for your homecoming dinner, just make sure to consider the following: cost, casual or formal, and of course, the type of food you're looking for. And remember, a meal really can make or break your evening.

Students discuss fav Italian eateries



"I would like to go to Olive Graden for homecoming beacusse its good food and the breadsticks are amazing."

-Laurynn Mossman, Freshmen



"Zio Johnos because not only is it delectable and delicious, but you don't have to wait long to get its juicy goodness."

-Dylan Cronk, Junior



"Biaggi's- because it tickles my tummy."

-Luckas Mees, Sophmore

new tv show reviews are a double stacked headline



"House because I love that show its my favorite. I've never missed a episode."

-Cassie Loney, Senior



"Family Guy, I get excited for it because it's funny."

-Nate Hummel, Senior



"Greys Anatomy because I love that show."

-Jacque Kramer, Junior



"Secret Life of the American Tennager because it shows real life situations..."

-Stephanie Dunkel, Sophomore

The new fall TV line-up is sure to not disappoint!

By: **Danielle Teirnan** [Co-Editor-in-Chief]

Every fall, many people look forward to the new fall TV line up. Whether it's because their favorite show is starting, or because there's a new show on that looks interesting to them. This fall season over 100 shows will be premiering, some of which are on big networks like ABC and FOX. Shows start premiering starting in late August through early October.

ABC is starting off the fall season with a bang! With hit TV shows like Grey's Anatomy, which left viewers to wonder who's still alive? George or Izzie. Find out when it returns Thursday September 24 at 8:00 pm. Dancing With The Stars returns with 16 new contestants like Aaron Carter, singer, Melissa Joan Hart, TV star, and Kelly Osbourne, daughter of Ozzy Osbourne. Tune in Monday September 21 at 7 pm.

Many new shows are premiering on ABC also. Like, Flash Forward, about how everyone in the world blacks out for two minutes and seventeen seconds. While they were blacked out they saw a series of events in their future. Watch Flash Forward when it premieres Thursday September 24 at 7pm. New to ABC is Scrubs. Although it's not a new show it is new to ABC. Catch the eighth season when it premires, not in the fall line up, January 6th at 8 pm. Not returning for the fall line up or even at all is Samantha Who? Staring Christina Appalgate. Many

were shocked to find out that it wouldn't be returning for a third season because of some money issues.

FOX has a big fall season coming up also. With TV shows like House, Family Guy and So You Think You Can Dance all returning for new seasons, but there is one show getting a lot of buzz. It's called Glee. FOX premiered the first episode back in May and people have been talking about it since, and anticipating new episodes. It's about the glee club at a high school; they take new and old songs and redo them their way. They've done classics like "Can't Fight This Feeling"

by REO Speedwagon and "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey. They've also done newer songs like "Gold Digger" by Kanye West and "Take a Bow" by Rihanna, and many more songs. Not returning to FOX this season are Lipstick Jungle, My Own Worst Enemy, and Knight Rider, which didn't surprise many.

Come early September many people will be gathering around the TV to watch new shows and their old favorites. While some may remain a classic, new ones may top the charts and sweep everyone off their feet.

Monday	Gossip Girl, House, Two and a Half Men, & Lie to Me.
Tuesday	90210, The Biggest Loser, The Hills, & Melrose Place
Wednesday	Glee, Cougar Town, Flash Forward, & Law and Order:SVU
Thursday	The Office, Greys Anatomy, The Vampire Diares, & The Mentalist
Friday	Dateline NBC, Ghost Wisperer, and Numb3rs
Saturday	Saturday Night Live
Sunday	Family Guy, Brothers and Sisters, & Desperaiite Housewives.

TEAMING UP TO

MHS students and staff sound-off about cancer



"It's changed my outlook in more of a positive, upbeat manner because there are no guarantees and it's not worth worrying about the small things because in the end they don't matter."
-Mrs. Sherryl Paige



"Just make sure the people you love know you love them and always be kind and compassionate because you never know when it is someone's time to go."
-Sarah Keeton, Sophomore



"Growing up and seeing the struggle my family went through losing my sister put many things in perspective and really made me value the opportunities I have and the people in my life. In general I try to keep a positive attitude in life because most things don't compare to those kinds of hardships in life."
-Ms. Sarah Schultz



"I don't have brothers or sisters because my mom had cervical cancer. It makes me scared to think I might get it, but I try not to worry."
-Alyssa Hartwig, Senior



"Being so young, ten years old, made me want to be able to enjoy the life ahead of me with a positive outlook, no matter what battles a day would hold. My family has been my rock through this experience and I'm forever grateful for their love and support."
-Mrs. Bree Parham



"[My cousin having cervical cancer] taught me that you can't take your good health for granted. You should be happy and grateful if you have good health."
-Morgan Kolarik, Freshman



"Being a cancer survivor has changed my life. I am grateful for each and every healthy day I have. It has strengthened my faith, made me more appreciative of my family and friends. It really helped me prioritize my life. I hope to spread the word that colon cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable."
-Mrs. Vivian Quinn

"[My mom having cancer] made me realize how my family loves me and how much my mom loves me and that we can get through anything together."
-Isaac Frazier, Freshman



"Even though I was so young when my grandma had breast cancer, it's amazing to think about what she went through and survived."
-Hannah Miller, Sophomore



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"When my dear grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer, it made me appreciate her more knowing she could have died from it. Thank the lord above she survived."

-Blake Shaffer, Senior

"[My mom having cancer] taught me how to prevent it from happening to me."

-Kalyn Collins, Junior

Breast cancer statistics



Risk factors of breast cancer:

- Older Age
- Menstruating at an early age
- Having a mother or sister whose had/has breast cancer
- Drinking alcoholic beverages
- Taking hormones such as Estrogen or Progesterone
- Older age at first or never having given birth
- Breast tissue that is dense on a mammogram
- Treatment to radiation therapy to the breast/chest
- A personal history of breast cancer or benign (noncancerous) breast disease
- Obesity
- Being Caucasian

Breast cancer statistics:

- Roughly one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at one point in their lifetime
- About 5.57% of women will develop breast cancer between their 50th and 70th birthdays

Breast cancer survival rates:

- Caucasian women- 90.3%
- African American women- 77.9%
- S. Asian women- 70.3%



Marion Indians cure cancer one game at a time

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

Every year many people are affected by breast cancer, not only the one person diagnosed, but their family and friends too. Although the one diagnosed is most affected, they're not the only ones that suffer. When it comes to breast cancer, everyone is a victim in one-way or another.

Tony Perkins, a science teacher and head football coach at MHS, was one of the millions affected by breast cancer. His mother-in-law is a cancer survivor, but she is also one of his many inspirations and a major reason he was happy to help raise money for cancer.

Coach Perkins put a great amount

of time and effort into raising money for the Breast Cancer Society. On September 18th, 2009 our football team hosted a game against Vinton Shellsburg at our home field, the theme; curing cancer.

For the game, Coach Perkins had ordered t-shirts, printed by Cotton Gallery, for ten dollars each. The shirts were light pink, and on it had the two teams, the date of the game, and the breast cancer ribbon. The shirts were available to anyone and everyone. Together, both schools sold a total of 950 shirts.

The shirts were not the only way the team showed their support. Both Vinton and the Marion football teams wore

high pink socks while on the field that night. The cheerleaders also showed their support by wearing pink bows. The cheerleaders also created the breakaway sign which stated "Teaming up to kick Cancer" with the breast cancer ribbon in the center. It's easy to see the whole community was involved, not just the football team.

Though the idea originally came from football teammates Joel Kane, Ryan Hubbell, and Ben Holub, all seniors, it took everyone in the community to pull it off. The game meant a great deal to the boys. It really showed them that with their position on the team they can make a huge impact in on only the school, but the community. They can do more than lead the team and they can play for more

then a win.

The game was a huge overall success. After expenses, the team raised \$7,946.71 all of which went to the Breast Cancer Society. It was a very special night for everyone. The team had the idea, but they also had an incredible amount of support. "Most importantly, it brought our school together," Coach Perkins commented, "Together everyone can make a difference."

Our community proved when we come together we can make great things happen. It's proof that every Friday night when our football team takes the field, they're walking out with big hearts. They don't just play for points. They play to win, but more importantly, they played for a cause.

10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS



Joe Allen:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "All the wonderful and helpful teachers! Especially Mr. Weisinger! He's the man!"
Quote or piece of advice?: "Despise the enemy strategically, but take him seriously tactically."
Plans for the future?: "Being succesful in many industrial trades such as electricity, carpentry, and plumbing."



Visti Andersen:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends, football, the way school is here."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Do what you decide to do."
Plans for the future?: "Going back to Denmark, and go to school to get an education."



Jordan Barkley:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Probably the friends I made and all the good times in sports, homecoming with Jonesy & Brian, and cross & basketball last year, and track soph. year."
Quote or piece of advice?: "...maybe that sounds cliché. Maybe saying it sounds cliché, sounds cliché. Maybe I'm being cliché, but I don't care because I am what I am...that's popeye." -Pam Beesley
Plans for the future?: "I want to go to UNI, figure out a major, and enjoy not living at home."



Maddie Barnhart:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Football & basketball games, road trips with Haley, eating cheese cake, cart racing, homecoming & prom, pickle & watermelon dates."
Quote or piece of advice?: "If you're a bird, I'm a bird"-the Notebook
Plans for the future?: "Win the lottery or marry the man who does. If that doesn't work out go to school...to become a funeral director."



Kyle Barry:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Bowling & meeting new people."
Quote or piece of advice?: "The cat in the hat is a good book."
Plans for the future?: "Go to college and get a good job."



Krist Bell:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The amazing teachers that have influenced me throughout all of high school. That's about it I suppose."
Quote or piece of advice?: "The less I seek my source for some definitive, the closer I am to fine."
Plans for the future?: "Teach art, have babies, travel, plan wedding, do yoga, move away, have a beautiful and loving life with my wife and enjoy everything else as it comes."



Alyssa Biery:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Football games & bonfires. The new bathrooms. Seeing my friends everyday! Softball campouts."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't take life too seriously, nobody gets out alive anyway."
Plans for the future?: "Attend UNI & major in education."



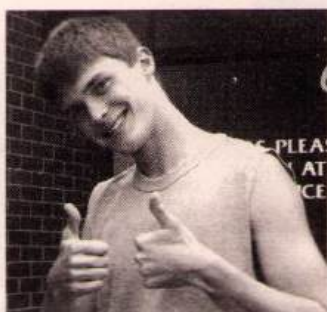
Alex Bleeker:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I am going to miss football and hanging out with friends and team dinner every Thursday night."
Quote or piece of advice?: None
Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood."



Ariel Bliss:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...my sporting teams, especially my bowling team- the girls on it and Ray...all my friends & all the clubs I'm in. Also all my teachers that have helped along the way."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't wish to change the past, push towards the future. Never regret."
Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for three years & major in Culinary Arts, Restaurant Managment, & minor in Bakery."



Michael Boots:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Mr. Immerfall's laugh."
Quote or piece of advice?: "It's not in the syllabus." (Fight the Power)
Plans for the future?: "Make more money than 87% of the population."



Ashley Bozanek:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Probably the Homecoming games & my friends & of course watching the freshman stand by the office on the 1st day of school. Haha"
Quote or piece of advice?: "Always do what you want, & say what you feel, because those who mind, dont matter, & those who matter don't mind."
Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood."



Ben Bradshaw:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I would miss my friends & the teachers."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Everything is much easier when you come to school."
Plans for the future?: "College."



Alex Brice:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Addison Johnson & the cool teachers."
Quote or piece of advice?: "THAT'S INTENSE!!!"
Plans for the future?: "Become an architect"



Jenny Brimeyer:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I will miss the football games & seeing all my friends everyday."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Always keep going no matter how tough things get."
Plans for the future?: "To get my RN in nursing, than go for occpational therapy."



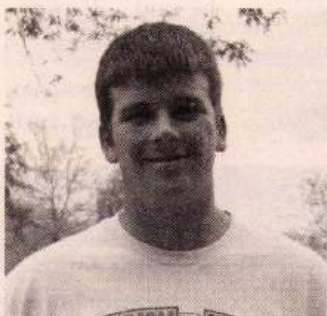
Shelby Brooks:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Band! My friends, music trips, football games."
Quote or piece of advice?: "You've got brains in your head, you've got feet in your shoes, you'll steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own and you know what you know, you're the one who'll decide where to go." Dr. Seuss
Plans for the future?: "Going to either Mt. Mercy or UNI to major in Nursing, eventually becoming a nurse practioner or Neonatae Nurse."



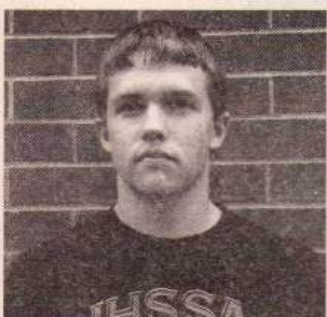
Ieshia Brown:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I am definitely going to miss my friends and the football games."
Quote or piece of advice?: "When you leave this world you can't take anything with you, so instead of accumulating material things, try to make a difference in the world."
Plans for the future?: "...attending a four year college & majoring in social work or psychology with a minor in Spanish."



Parker Brown:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I am going to miss literally everything...football, friends, golf, teachers, Semler...the whole shabang. I've gone to Marion since kindergarten. This is home...and I'll miss it."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Have no regrets."
Plans for the future?: "I'm going to Iowa to study biology...I want to be a teacher."



Ryan Brunner:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Speech with Mr. Wake & Mrs. Graham, chickens with Mr. Z, soy burgers, memorizing lines two days before performance, screwing around in class for four years."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't let anyone look down upon you because you are young. Be an example to all!"
Plans for the future?: "Major in youth ministry at Moody Bible Institute to be a youth pastor."



Taylor Buckley:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The Photoshop lab, drawing room, marching band, discussing zombies with Thorton, art history with Mrs. Schultz, & lit with Fergie."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Love is patient & kind...not jealous or boastful or proud or rude...doesn't demand its own way...never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, & endures through every circumstance."
Plans for the future?: "Go to ISU & double major in Graphic Design & Creative Writing, then to Iowa for my Masters in Creative Writing."



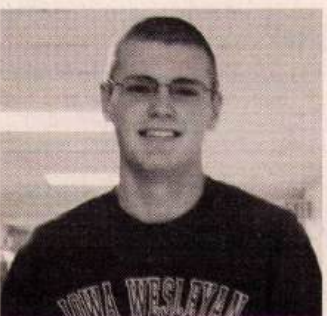
Brad Burke:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Seeing all my classmates, playing sports with my teammates"
Quote or piece of advice?: "Never quit."
Plans for the future?: "To go to Iowa State for sports training."



Amber Burkhart:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The spirit all the students have, all the craziness & my friends in lower grades like Katilyn Baldwin."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Take it with a grain of salt." "Git-R-Done."
Plans for the future?: "I plan on going into the air forces...get my associates degree in Business...& a Bachelors in photography."



Greg Bys:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The tennis & bowling team."
Quote or piece of advice?: "An ugly face is better than an ugly mind."
Plans for the future?: "To attend AIB college of Business & major in accounting."



Aaron Cannon:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Mr. Z's track and chickens, XC, & inside jokes with the drumline."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Courage is fear holding on a minute longer" - Gen. Patton "Honesty may be the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently by elimination, dishonesty is the second best policy." - George Carlin
Plans for the future?: "ISU or MSOE for engineering & become a Pro Disc Golfer sponsored by Discraft"



Greg Chittick:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Living in the auditorium, speech contests, choir, set building with Mr. Wake, and singing the national anthem."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't give up, no matter what!"
Plans for the future?: "I plan to go to college for Biology & Computer Science to become a Biological Computer Scientist."



LeAnne Clayvon:

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."



Cyle Clinton:

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 & persue a career."



Kayla Clinton:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The nice teachers and only having four classes plus being in a small school where everyone knows everyone and everything."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Live life to the fullest."
Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for the summer then the University of Dubuque."



Haley Cloven:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My cheer girls, friday night football, & the after game bonfires at Alyssa's."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Be rad...no seriously."
Plans for the future?: "Be a rockstar for the rest of my life, that's pretty much it!"



Dalton Combs:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Hanging out with Nick during open blocks & playing sports."
Quote or piece of advice?: "Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something deep inside them--a desire, a dream, a vision." - Muhammad Ali
Plans for the future?: "Four year college, major in graphic design/buisness, & play a sport."

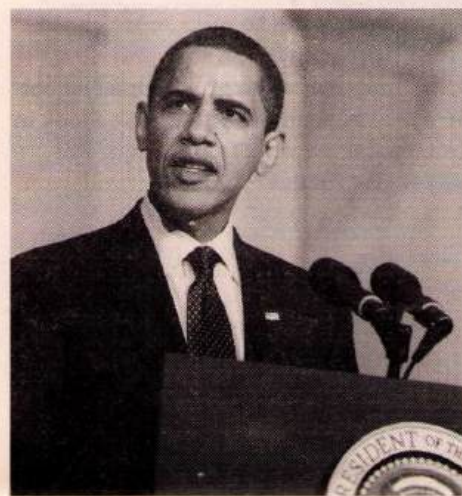
Obama's speech to America's future causes quite the controversy; still valuable

Students all over the United States listen to what Obama says.

By: Paul Nash [Staff Writer]

Obama's speech was broadcast live September 8, 2009 in Arlington, Virginia. Some conservatives have said he is trying to throw his arguments too aggressively in a local education setting, but some White House officials, including Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, have said the allegations are silly. On Monday, the former first lady Laura Bush supported President Obama and said the President has a right to address the nation's school children.

President Obama gave the speech to America's school children saying he expects "great things from each of you." He then said, "We can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best schools in the world,



Obama speaks to the U.S. about healthcare reform in early September.

and none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities." Some parents chose to keep their children at home the Tuesday of the speech, so they could watch the speech with them and not at the school. Bush also added last week that it was, "really important for everyone to respect the President of the United States." Former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush also delivered the same message in the past.

Administration took heat for the lesson planned to accompany the speech. On Sunday, the Education Secretary said that the writing section to the president was worded poorly. Duncan said on CBS' face the nation; "We just clarified that to say write a letter about your own goals and what you're going to do to achieve those goals." Florida Republican Party Chairman Jim Greer who was first against the speech said, "It's a good speech. It encourages kids to stay in school and the importance of education, and I think that's what a President should do when they're going to talk to students across the country." Greer told ABC news.

Critics had said this was just a way for Obama to introduce "socialists" agenda. Fox News Channel commentators Michelle Malkin and Glenn Beck have also been attacking Obama. Texas governor, Rick Perry told reporters he wouldn't discourage kids from going to school and listening to the speech and that he did understand the controversy. "Hearing the President is always a memorable experience."

In Northern Texas schools, it was said that excused absences would be allowed during the speech if the students want them. Some school districts such as McKinney Independent School District plan to show the speech after classes are let out at each campus, but most districts plan on showing it later in the week or making it available on their websites.

Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington has opened its doors to students who wanted to see the speech. ("No one should be forced to hear the message. However, what parent, teacher or administrator would not want students to hear a message encouraging them to be persistent in succeeding in school and to be challenged to work hard, set educational goals and take responsibility for their Learning?") said the Rev. Dwight McKissic, Senior pastor of the church.

On Labor Day, in Cincinnati, Obama said, "I'm going to have something to say tomorrow to our children, telling them to stay in school and work hard, 'cause that's the right message to send." All the hard work of parents, educators and others won't matter ("unless you show up to those schools, pay attention to those teachers.") Obama also warned if you quit at school, "you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on your country." Obama also said, "being successful is hard." He then ended on this, "What you make of your education will decide nothing less than the future of this country. What you're learning in school today will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future."



"He made me realize I can't just slack off."
-Cale Cannoy, Sophomore



"I don't care for the president so I didn't like what he said."
-Parker Brown, Senior



"I thought it was good since we're the future of our economy."
-Michael Porter, Junior



"I Don't necessarily agree with everything Obama says, but he did a good job influencing the students."
-Kody Mathews, Senior



"I thought it was good and he got his point across."
-Nate Reynolds, Junior

Clunkers hits a climax; says goodbye

By: Tyler Janson [Staff Writer]

Cash for clunkers or CARS (Cars allowance rebate system) is a program by the government that gave three billion dollars to help produce a cleaner environment for our economy, which started on July 27th and ended around August 17th. The system worked by people bringing in their gas guzzling cars to dealerships that had the program and given 3,500 to 4,500 to help buy a brand new vehicle, but there were certain requirements you had to meet to be able to take part in it.

According to www.cars.gov, the eligibility for the

program is that the cars and smaller trucks must be 1984 or younger. The car must have been insured and licensed for at least a year and get up to 18 miles per gallon or less which is combined highway and street driving. You also must buy a brand new vehicle.

Consumers may receive a \$3,500 or \$4,500 rebate towards the new car. When you turn in your old clunker you must buy the new vehicle the same day. To qualify for the \$3,500 rebate your vehicle must get at least two miles per gallon higher than your old vehicle and to receive the \$4,500 rebate the new vehicle must get at least four miles

per gallon or higher.

Shelli Bentley, Customer Relations Manager at Zimmerman Ford in Cedar Rapids believes that Cash for Clunkers was a great idea for business. "I think it did a fantastic job; we sold around 100 brand new cars in just one month!" She hopes that it does help out our economy and our Earth. "I hope it does end up helping our Earth and help get those gas guzzlers out of here!" The only problem she has is that it's taking a little bit to get their money from the government but she knows that it will come through.

Cash for Clunkers went very good overall. Many new, more efficient cars were sold which will hopefully help with people having to pay so much for gas and get rid of the cars that give off so much exhaust. Cash for Clunkers has done a great job and will hopefully leave us more Earth friendly and better economically.



Mr. Scott Immerfall was one of the many who traded in their old clunkers for brand new cars with Cash for Clunkers.

Animal shelters across U.S. heavily experience overpopulation issues

By: Tori Pratt [Ad Editor]

Innocent animals are being put to sleep just because there is no room for them. With many animal lovers around the world, one would expect our shelters and humane societies wouldn't be overcrowded. This is becoming a huge problem around the United States. There are many reasons why animal shelters are overcrowding.

Many animal owners don't get their pets neutered or spayed. In result to this animals are being produced with no place to go. If the owner can't take care of the animal they are abandoned and sent to the shelter.

Instead of going to shelters to save animals many owners decide to buy "designer dogs". Some people are just too picky and want their pet to be pretty. It's not all about looks people should look for a loving, loyal animal. A pet is a pet no matter how much it costs.

Another reason that animals are at the shelter is because they are badly abused. About 10,000 animals are abused each day. If abuse or neglect has taken place the animals may become defensive and develop behavior problems. Not only have these animals been abused now their behavior problems are going to make it difficult for them to find a family to adopt them.

Up to 100 animals are put to sleep a day at Memphis Animal Shelter. Last year 13,000 animals were put to sleep. In the United States, there are 6-8 million cats and dogs that are brought into the shelters each year. Of that number, 3-4 million of them are euthanized because there are not enough homes for them. According to newsjournal.com, "Humane Society officials [in Memphis] said it's no secret that seventy percent of the animals that enter the front door are put down within a couple of weeks."

Again, there are many reasons why there is overcrowding therefore many animals are being put to sleep for many different terrible reasons. For example, many pet owners abuse their animals. Also owners look for the pretty animals instead of rescuing an animal.

For more information on how to adopt a pet you can call the Cedar Valley Humane Society 319-362-6288.

Sheltered animal stats:

*10,000 animals are abused each day

*6-8 million animals are put into shelters each year.

*3-4 million animals are put to sleep in the U.S. each year

*In Tennessee, 70% of animals that are sheltered are euthanized

Four fabulous floats; which float will reign supreme?

This is homecoming week, all four float sketches are featured below. Who will win? Senior Morgan Paige is betting on the Seniors.

By: Emily Palmer [Feature Editor]

Four years in the running, but is it destined for greatness, will it WOW the crowd, bring home the glory? She does the work others would find boring, finding the materials, planning, sawing, painting...she does this because she believes in school spirit. You can just call her the Senior Creative Director.

Morgan Paige, a well know senior here at MHS, is a major contributor to the Senior Homecoming Float this year. Morgan has "helped out" with Homecoming floats her entire high school career. Everyone remembers last years junior float, "Why so serious?" well that was just the beginning of Morgan's ingenious plans.

"My idea came to life, just ask Maggie", Morgan laughs with a delightful smile in her eyes as she thinks of the memory. Well this year the Graduating class of '10 is keeping with the dark side so to say. Their theme this year is "We Run This Town"; it's displayed the streets of NYC. Its got a sort of underground rebel feel to it. If the theme sounds familiar its probably because it's a song written by Jay Z, Rihanna and Kanye West. Give it a listen and the theme will be clearly understood.

Morgan is so sure that the senior float will win this year, "As the reigning champs of the float, I would have to say a repeat is in order." Many students don't help out with homecoming and its really too bad because though at times it may be stressful, Morgan says, "It's a whole lot of fun!" Think about it, what could be more fun than working on something with all your friends and peers?

The Junior float theme this year is "Put them in the Pin". Riders of the float will be inside a cage or guarding the Raider prisoner. The ultimate goal is to make the float look like the Anamosa State Pin. The sophomores are going

for a more musical approach this year, with the theme of "Rock the Raiders." Derek Lochner and Cory Skold will be playing while on the float, as the others participating in the float will have their faces painted like the band Kiss. The freshman are going with a real fish out of the water idea, their theme, "Reel the Raiders" is defiantly going to make the Raiders go belly-up! According to the plan there will be a lot of fish, so bring some chips and enjoy.

The most important thing to remember is this is Homecoming week; it's a time to have fun and show off school spirit. It may seem like a bummer if your grade's float doesn't win, but think about how much fun it was making it with your peers. Marion is known for School Spirit, we have one of the largest student crowds out there, so get out there and enjoy one of the biggest highlights of

high school.

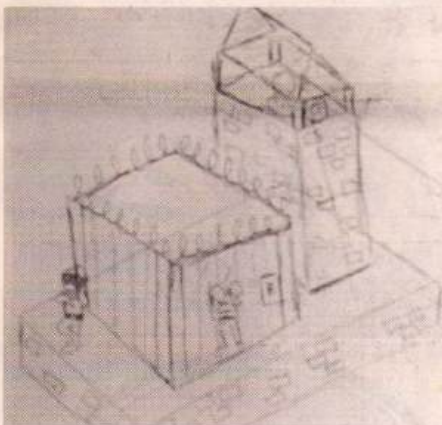
So when Morgan is getting sawdust in her hair, paint on her clothes, she will just smile, because homecoming is one of her favorite things about the fall season of school. There is one message Morgan wants to leave you to ponder about the senior class this year. "Expect the unexpected!" Morgan giggles and says with the most mischievous look on her face. So when the float turns down the street, you'll see Morgan. She will be waving, smiling, basking in the glory of another float well done. Even though this is her last year, it's destined to be the best because she made it with her peers to support her school. Good luck Morgan. Remember all MHS students, it's homecoming, show your school spirit. This is the week to support our rockin' football team!



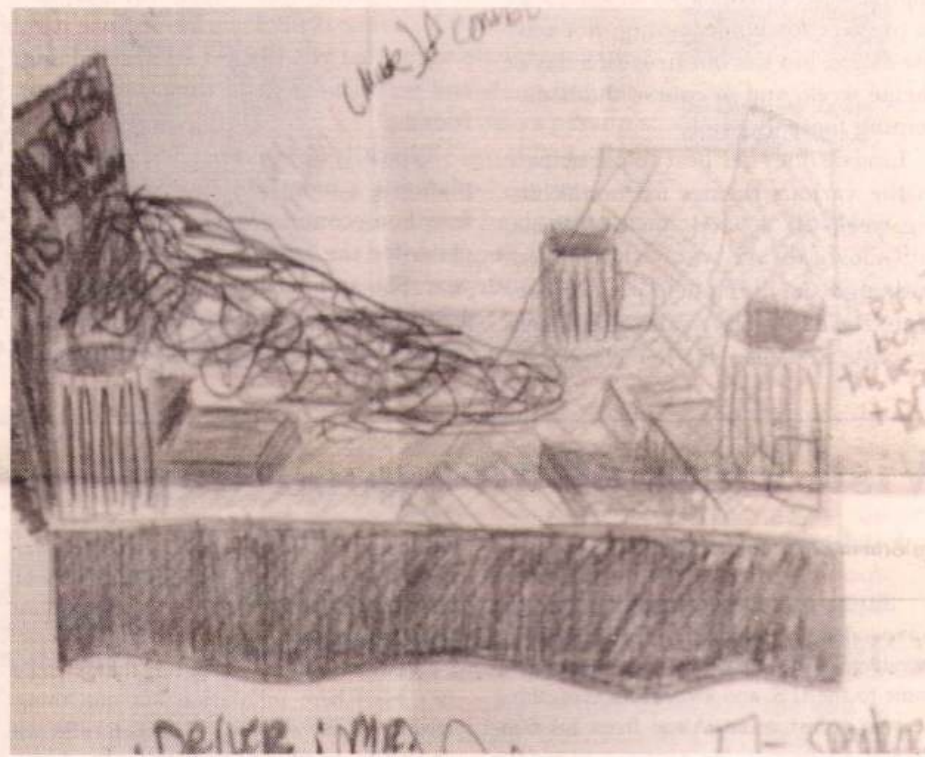
The Freshman Homecoming float theme is "Reel the Raiders!"



The Sophomore Homecoming float theme is "Rock the Raiders!"



The Junior theme is "Put them in the Pin."



This is the Senior float sketch, their theme is "We Run this Town." The seniors were disappointed because they couldn't put real fire into there trash cans!!!

Intelligence and experience brings new ideas to Marion district

By: Casey Durns [Photo Editor]

Starting a new job can be quite difficult, but when you have been doing things for different schools for fourteen years, not including this year, it's not so tough.

Sarah Pinion, petite, dark-haired and humorous is the new superintendent for MISD. This is her first year as the Marion Superintendent, but she has had the same job title at two other schools. "Nine years at Andrew and five years at Jesup," she said.

Mrs. Pinion has had a lot of experience working with schools. "I was an elementary teacher for nine years and I coached volleyball for seven years. My friends said that I should go into administration, and in 1988 I completed administration school, getting my masters degree at NIU (Northern Illinois University)," she explained.

"I was the K-12 principal at Noth Kossuth School District and then I became the 1-4 principal in Knoxville, Iowa and was also the Title I administrator," she went on.

Mrs. Pinion has done other things as well. "While I was in Knoxville, I got my specialist

degree which allowed me to become a superintendent and then became the superintendent in Andrew," she added.

There are a lot of reasons why someone would want to become administrator. "I believe people become administrator because they have a passion and desire to help others and improve teaching and learning for greater numbers of students," Mrs. Pinion exclaimed.

Even though there is a lot of experience in her work, there are also challenges. "The most challenging part is always getting to know the people and the history of the district," she commented.

Mrs. Pinion is beginning to look at the big picture and figure out what she is going to be able to do to help the district. "At this point, it's getting to know the staff and getting to know the students," she pointed out. "I'm being involved with different things and gathering information. Without that background knowledge, you can't move forward," she went on. Being able to move forward is going to help out the district.

There are always going to be challenges, but Mrs. Pinion enjoys her job. "I've enjoyed every district that I've worked with," she expressed. "[Marion's] larger, but it has some of the same feels as Jesup where I came from. The thing I like is being so close to Cedar Rapids where there's shopping, the museum and other things," she pronounced.

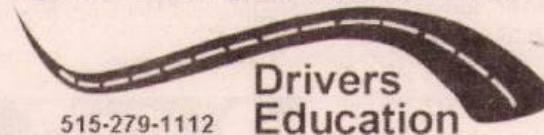
There were a couple factors that helped

Mrs. Pinion with her decisions in working for the school district. "I'd been at Jesup for five years. We did a construction projects and stuff like that, and it was kind of that time for new challenges, and I looked at the Central Eastern

area," she said with enthusiasm.

"I'm really happy to be at Marion, and I hope people continue to be as friendly, helpful, and welcoming as they have thus far."

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Homecoming week fast approaching; Lindsie prepares

Lindsie Schlotterback, Junior, talks about her favorite and biggest challenges that come during Homecoming week.

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

Many people know that as soon as school starts the biggest topic of discussion is homecoming. It seems with in the first week or so, students are already preparing themselves with the thrill of homecoming week, even though there are still many weeks that have to pass before the excitement begins.

Lindsie Schlotterback is a junior at Marion High School and is one of the many students pumped for yet another homecoming week. Every year she becomes more and more overwhelmed with excitement as homecoming week approaches. There is so much to do to prepare for homecoming, not only the dance, but the bonfire, each day of theme week, and of course the homecoming football game.

Lindsie does her best to participate in the various themes for homecoming week. "It depends on the theme, but most always yes," she smiled. Although she didn't help plan or decorate the dance last year, she did help decorate and plan for her class float

her freshman and sophomore years. In previous years she has also attended the dance, bon fire, and the homecoming game both years. Although many people stress over homecoming, Lindsie laughed, "It's supposed to be a fun time so we [my friends and I] try not to worry about anything that doesn't go the way we

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-Lindsie Schlotterback, Junior

want it to."

With all of the events and various activities involved with homecoming week Lindsie's favorite is the dance. "The dance is my favorite because it's a night that you can get all dressed up and just have a good time with your friends."

Typically she and her friends start planning a month to two months before homecoming week. She has big plans for the homecoming dance this year. She and her friends are going to go to the dance as a group and afterwards they are going to go out to eat.

They're going to eat after rather than before because in her opinion the restaurants won't be as busy.

Another favorite of Lindsie's is the different theme days of the week. So far her favorite theme day has been neon day mainly because she loves wearing neon stuff. If she could pick a theme for a day of the week she would choose crazy hair day because according to her it's fun and it's new.

One of the biggest challenges for Lindsie is finding a dress. She continued, "It seems to take a really long time to find one that I really feel comfortable in." Although it may get frustrating she tries to remember the importance of homecoming.

Overall the most important thing in Lindsie's eyes is just having a good time with your friends.

Even though planning for homecoming may be frustrating and finding what to wear can be a challenge keep in mind that it is supposed to be a fun time to hang out with your friends and show your school spirit. Lindsie left the underclassmen with a piece of advice when she joked, "Participate in theme week and have school spirit, because if you don't the upperclassmen will torture you about it. You've been warned. Just kidding."



"Spirit week is always the most exciting, but i'm also excited for the dance because it's my senior year and it's my last."
-Jackie Noble



"[I'm excited for] spirit week because I like seeing everyone go all ou and show their school spirit."
-Tyler Spear



"I'm excited to see everyone dress up and show their school spirit. It's amazing seeing ... and how crazy everyone gets."
-Brenea Zapata



"[I'm excited for] the football game because it's fun hanging out in the stands with my friends cheering on Marion."
-Tyler Scott

Visti kicks off to a good start

By: Ahlee Logdron [Staff Writer]

Sitting in a Denver airport, alone, yet surrounded by hundreds of strangers, he wondered if he made the right decision to come to the U.S. and away from everything he was accustom to. Away from his family and his friends. He went out to see the world.

"Hej, mit navn er Visti, I'm 16 aar gammel og er fra Danmark." Said Visti Andersen, but to us means "Hey, my name is Visti, I'm 16 years old and from Denmark." Visti is one of this years new exchange students here at Marion High School.

Coming to Marion wasn't easy, "I got stuck in the Denver Airport. I had to sit next a Chinese man for seven hours," he said of his adventure getting to Iowa.

"It was different, but I was excited," Visti said of his first day in Marion. "The houses and neighborhoods are nice," he said enthusiastically.

He traveled all the way from Denmark to spend the school year here in the U.S. "It's just a completely different culture," Visti said. Along with the culture the food is different, "We eat a lot of meat and pasta [in Denmark]. It's not like here where you can get a variety of food," Visti stated. "It seems more clean here," he says of Marion. Visti likes a lot of things about Marion, "I like the people and the football." He said. "The people are more friendly and open minded and relaxed," Visti said about the people in Marion.

School life is also different, "All the grades are in one school, we don't have separate schools for certain grades," Visti said about school. "We don't have any homework time, we just get it all to do at home," he adds. "We don't have any events, like homecoming, no dances," he says. "On the last day of school the older kids dress up in costumes and throw caramels to the small kids," he says smiling.

The clothing is different too, "It's more

relaxed here," Visti said. "You have to wear certain brands, like Gucci!" Visti said about the clothes in Denmark. "They're more fancy," he adds.

Visti has done a lot of fun things since he's been here in Marion but one thing sticks out above the rest, "the pep rally, we don't have anything like that in Denmark," Visti stated enthusiastically. Visti is also having a lot of fun participating in football this year, "I'm the kicker!" Visti remarked. He also plans on playing soccer for the Marion Indians. "You have to join a club to play a sport, the schools don't have teams," Visti said about sports in Denmark.

"If you decide you want to do something then go out and do it!" is the advice Visti would give to students in the U.S. "like I decided to come here, you just have to do it."

Although Visti is enjoying his time here, he still misses home back in Denmark, "I miss my family and friends the most," he said.

After the adventure of getting here Visti sits in his classes among friends now. Smiling and laughing, he's happy he came to Marion.



Visti Andersen, exchange student from Denmark, kicks off at the first game at Coe.

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And the contestants for homecoming court are...

By: Emily Palmer [Feature Editor]



Maggie Murphy:

Who's your biggest role model or hero, and why?: "My parents because they always do the right thing and lead by example."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To win the state championship in volleyball and basketball."

What activities are you involved in?: "NHS, Take Charge, Student Senate, WWW, volleyball, basketball, soccer and NCYL."



Blake Shaffer:

What are your goals or plans for the future?: "Attend the University of Iowa."

Who is your biggest role model or hero, why?: "My mother, she is a hard worker."

What activities are you involved in?: "Football, NCYL, FBLA, Student section co-leader, NHS, WWW."



Kathleen Neff:

What are your goals for or plans for the future?: "To attend a four year college (Luther or Coe) and major in Biology with a minor in Chemistry."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To accomplish my goals and to just live a happy life through Christ."

Who is your biggest role model or hero, why?: "My mom, she has always encouraged me to do my best."



Morgan Paige:

What activities are you involved in?: "Volleyball, basketball, track, Student Senate, NHS, NCYL, Class President, Volunteering."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To open a bakery called 'The Shizzle' across from the venue where Marcus would play in the NBA."

Anything you want your peers to know?: "If all else fails, use google."



Brittany Fish:

What activities are you involved in?: "Basketball, soccer, NHS, Student Senate, Take Charge, WWW, NCYL."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To Fly!"

What are your future plans or goals?: "Go to a four year college, play basketball, and major in Biology."



Ryan McSweeney:

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "Life time tickets to the Cubs games!"

What activities are you involved in?: "Football, wrestling, baseball, Champs, SODA, Call of Duty, Volunteering."

What are your future plans or goals?: "Marie Corps, and attend the University of Iowa for a degree in education."



Dalton Combs:

Who is your biggest role model or hero, why?: "My parents, because they made me who I am today."

What activities are you involved in?: "Football, basketball, baseball, track, NYLL, NHS, WWW, FBLA."

What are your future plans or goals?: "Attend a four year college, major in graphic design and possibly play football/baseball."



Cameron Schlotfeldt:

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To be older with a wife and a beautiful boy and girl."

Who is your biggest role model or hero, why?: "My mom, because she raised me and my sister by herself for 15 years after my dad died of a heart attack when i was 2 1/2."

What are your future plans or goals?: "Go to ISU and major in Materials Engineering."



Austin Weisinger:

What activities are you involved in?: "Wrestling, football, baseball, WWW, NHS, NCYL, Student Senate, FBLA."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "To be invisible, with an on/off switch."

What are your future plans or goals?: "Attend a four year University...live a happy and successful life."



Ileshia Brown:

What activities are you involved in?: "NCYL, Take Charge, Choir, FBLA, SODA, Youth Group, Volunteering."

If you could have one wish what would it be?: "My wish is for everyone to get along and except each others differences."

What are your future plans or goals?: "Go to a four year private college and major in social work or psychology and a minor in spanish."

New season according to Logan

By: Sarah Rosenberger [Staff Writer]

A huge part of high school life in the fall is Friday nights at the Thomas Park football field. For some it's about the socializing aspect of the game. For others it's all about the game. The question every year is how's the team looking? The answer, given from the football players, is really good.

One of those players is Logan Pickering, a senior who has been playing for Marion all four years. So what makes this year's team different from every other team? Logan quickly said, "We have really good senior leadership." Like many teams, the seniors make up a key aspect of the team. Although the senior leadership is a huge part of a successful team, it isn't the only part. Another key to success is what most players dread most, conditioning. "The worst part of football is running for people who don't hustle," said Logan.

Conditioning comes in handy when the game rolls around on Friday night and it's time to play Marion football. "The best thing is the Friday night games," Logan smiled, "also messing with 'Fez' (Mitchell Osburn)," he added

with a laugh.

Football practices aren't all full of conditioning and the tough stuff. Logan's favorite coach, Dick Sloan, keeps things upbeat. "He has the best stories in the world," said Logan.

Another thing that Logan commented about the football family is, "there is a new obsession this year with visors." It definitely is an interesting choice in head-wear.

Another fun part of Logan's Friday night that one wouldn't normally think of as being a part of football: dancing on the sideline for the fans. "They wanted the 'stanky leg,' so I decided to give them the best stanky leg they'd ever seen," laughed Logan.

On a more serious note, a game that left nothing less than a sour taste in the players' mouth was the Central Dewitt game from last year. Logan calmly reflects, "We will raise hell, they are our rivals and they beat us last year so we are going to return the favor," and that they did. Marion won that game 49-21. "We played really well, we came out with a lot of emotion because they beat us last year, and they scheduled us for homecoming so that ticked us off."

What is one thing that helped them win? "The defense played outstanding and they forced 6 turnovers which helped our offense to score in the short field." Things aren't all fine and dandy Logan fills us in on something they need to work on still, "Not playing on a roller coaster and being consistent the rest of the year."

The Vinton game was next on the list, "It's gonna be a good game, and we are raising money for breast cancer which is a great cause." The Indians won 42-8, making them 4-0 overall and 2-0 in conference. It looks like the Indians are off to a great start and as Logan likes to say, "We have swagga now".



John Tiernan, junior, runs the ball during the Marion Bowl, a scrimmage that helps the Marion Football team prepare for the season.

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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 :)

"Get on my level, you can't get on my level."

I love the Marion cheerleaders!!! Love you Varsity!!! You guys are amazing!... We're awesome, we're awesome, we're so totally awesome!!! Yea thanks I know :)

Good luck and best wishes to the football team Friday! Keep it up!!! :D

BALLIN!!!

I heart Ciera's face, love lines, Alyssa, Randah, Shelby B., Jordan, Steph, and Emily!!!

Hayley Henderson,
I hope you have a great freshman year and rest of H.S.!

I love Tyler Spear, Zachie Poo, and Scout.

Hello Sadie, how are you? :)
P.S. I love Zachie Poo.

Marion Indian volleyball rocks my socks!

I love you, Zachy Poo!

Makenna,
I hope you do so well in cheer! I love you so much and I can't wait for next cheer season! Scrambled eggs! :)
Love, Kiersten

EVERY WEDNESDAY 3:00PM - 6:00PM

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