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TEACHER TAKES A ROLL IN GOING GREEN



Mrs. Tursi shows how she goes green both at Marion High School and her house by recycling and by not wasting paper.

Teacher, Mrs. Tursi, recycles & reuses her best to keep the school and her house eco-friendly

By: Tylar Janson [Activities Editor]

She gets up every morning. She makes breakfast trying to be sparing with food. It's trash day. She grabs the trash and takes it to the curb, but her family recycles more than throws away so she has to roll down their huge recycle bin, because not wasting is important to her.

Mrs. Tursi, a science teacher here at Marion, has been teaching here for four years. Mrs. Tursi is just one of the many teachers who have been trying to go green at school and at home. She's been doing as much as she can right now during winter and the school year.

Mrs. Tursi said that she recycled as much as she can. "I try to recycle all of the paper I use in class and at home I try my best to always use recyclable products." She said that she even has a big recycle bin like the ones at school that she goes through once a week.

She said that during summer she tries to keep her air conditioner higher to save energy and during the winter she keeps it up. "I think it's important to watch how much energy you are using is also an important aspect in going green like keeping your air and heat use down and how much water you're using when you're brushing your teeth and taking showers."

Mrs. Tursi said she also does her best to eat healthy. "When I prepare meals for our family I try to use leftovers to not waste any food," she said. "I think it's important not to waste food because so many people out there have nothing to eat and we have been blessed with so much." Mrs. Tursi says she feels that wasting food is almost selfish to yourself to waste not only money but good food.

Mrs. Tursi said that she feels that America as a whole is doing a pretty good job at following the go green act. She said that she feels that to go green as far as people want the

world to go is hard because it takes change.

"I think that to go green as far as some organizations would like America to go is going to be hard and take time. People who are going to follow through in going green are going to need to change habits and many people find it very hard to change daily habits and to listen to a new idea unless it's presented to them daily."

She said that she feels that stores who are trying to get the message across are going a little far. "I think it's a neat idea to have products with a recycle logo but when people are just buying a shirt because it's cute and not actually doing anything to go green isn't being very proactive." Mrs. Tursi feels that clothes going so green isn't doing too much to get the message across except that they can get a cute shirt to represent something so important.

She gets to school every morning. She gets her overhead ready to teach her class. She has been using it lately to conserve paper. She reuses her paper and gives her students the homework. Just another day of recycling, in this green world, at Marion High School.

Drinking devastates

Commentary

The number of teens throwing parties has increased a lot this school year, especially the number of parties that are getting busted!

I don't get why teens want to go to these parties. Well, I know it's to drink and "have fun", but can't they really find any way to have fun, that they might actually remember? Oh, and what happens when the cops bust party? Then is it fun? Especially if you're over 18 and you could possibly get arrested. It's probably not so fun then.

Okay maybe it's just me, but I don't want to spend my weekends at some party getting wasted, I would rather actually like to remember what I do and not spend it passed out on somebody's floor or puking all night. Plus, a hangover just sounds like it's not fun! Again, maybe it's just me, but when I hang out with my friends I want it to be fun because we're having a good time sober, not drunk!

I do realize that many teens are curious about drinking, which is understandable, but why do it every weekend? I don't think teens think about what the risks alcohol can cause them to do. Even, if you have heard it before, if someone has one drink, they SHOULDN'T drive at all. According to dontserveteens.gov, "Car crashes are the leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 20. About 1,900 people under 21 die every year from car crashes involving underage drinking." Also, "high school students who drink are twice as likely to have seriously considered attempting suicide, as compared to nondrinkers. High school students who binge drink are four times as likely to have attempted suicide, as compared to nondrinkers. Alcohol contributes to an estimated 300 teen suicides a year."

Again, maybe it's just me, but I think underage drinking is kind of stupid, if someone does it a lot. There are plenty of other ways to have fun with your friends than to get drunk.



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

Do your part and save our precious planet

By: Hannah Shaffer (Opinion Editor)

As one goes through their day-to-day routines, many often get too caught up in the drama of life to take a step back and realize what's really important. She, like the other teachers of this school, walk the halls on a daily basis and observe the students



Ms. Duning, Science Teacher.

make many decisions, good or bad. Students often get scolded for swearing, yelling, or even physical acts that should not be taking place. Although those are all considered "bad," there is another decision

most students make that no one acknowledges. So many people, especially the young, are so unaware of how greatly their poor decisions, like throwing away a bottle of pop, or even wasting paper, can affect the world. It's time everyone steps up to save the planet.

Many people believe it is important to step up and help our earth. These people include Marion High School's science teachers, Ms. Duning who does what she can to go green and save the planet. She feels it's very important, "we have to leave a better earth behind for our children. Also, as a teacher, I want to be a good example." Hopefully the students here can look up to people like her and take the small things those good examples do to also step up and help the environment.

People within the community and all over the U.S. often struggle to find ideas as to how

to help out and play a positive role in society. Others just get plain lazy. Ms. Duning explains that there are many helpers including suggestions on energy bills, or even online. "I also get ideas from other science teachers or sometimes even neighbors." If you're looking for any ideas, you can also look online, in magazines, or even like Ms. Duning says, just look at those around you who are doing their part.

Ms. Duning pitches in by recycling at home and school. She also follows the rules of recycling and reuses things as much as she can. "I took a class and it talked about the three R's. Reduce, reuse, and recycle." That's something everyone should try and follow, especially nowadays. And even the smallest of acts can lead a world to change.

Ms. Duning reflects on how Marion High School does our part to pitch in. "There's always areas that you could improve on.

However, we do have the recycling bins and the pop can recycling." Many schools, including Marion and the surrounding communities could always do more to change their habits. However, Ms. Duning proudly says, "we do use a lot more emails now instead of letters, like the emails sent home to parents instead of grade reports being sent home. We also now have the smart boards which help a lot." Hopefully we can continue to improve.

Hopefully, more students and even those in the community can start to step up and do more. There is a lot that can be done, and even small things can make a big difference. Don't be lazy and don't hesitate to start making a positive change in the world. All it takes are a few people who are willing to help out, and before long, others will join. In order to see change, we must make it happen. Step up and save the planet on which you live!

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Are the mentor meetings necessary?

Many students feel the mentor meetings just add stress and are a waste of time, however many teachers and staff feel it's preparing the student body for the future

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

Many people think mentor meetings are absolutely pointless and a waste of time. I'd have to agree. The meetings used to be one Thursday a month during "M" block and lasted from seven forty-five to eight fifteen when the first bell rings. However a lot of people don't care about them so they don't bother attending. The mentor meetings were then changed from the mornings to the end of school. On the days of meetings the school follows the assembly schedule, which allows for students to be let out at two twenty to attend the meeting until two forty-five.

Mentor meetings cover the stuff many students have been hearing since grade school. Over and over again people having been emphasizing the importance

of good character and how to show respect. Now, as students get older, there is more pressure to figure out what to do after high school, whether one decides to go to school or go straight into the work world. The mentor meetings just add to the pressure. At the beginning of freshman year they give out "plans" at one of the first meetings to each student that shows what class plan each person can take to prepare them for whatever field they may go into in college. Honestly, most students don't know what they want to do after high school. They may be sure they want to go to college, but majority of students aren't sure of what career path they're going to take. When someone is handed a packet and is told to choose a career path or field of choice it may just stress them out.

The mentor meetings may be preparing students for college and the world after high school, but it's just adding pressure and may very well stress students out. As for covering the good character, students have been hearing it for years, over and over again. There are constant reminders to have good character, when it's discussed in the mentor meetings it just gets annoying. The meetings may not seem so pointless if they targeted issues that are occurring among the student body such as teen drinking.

The mentor meetings may have good intentions to prepare us for college and the real world, but for many students they seem to be a waste of time and may be taking more seriously if they discussed what's going on among the student body.

Energy mills save money

By: Storm Dog [Staff Writer]

Energy mills help save energy. The most common type of energy mill is the windmill, also known as a wind turbine. Windmills convert the power of wind into more useful forms of energy through rotating blades. They were originally used to grind grain. Recently, they've also been used to pump water.

We need more energy mills around here. Think of all the energy we could save if we turned wind into energy. We would also save electricity, so electric bills would go down.

Many say there aren't really any windmills around here simply because they cost too much to build and install. Sure, at first it'd be a lot of money but in the long run everyone would save a lot of money. Maybe there will be more windmills in the future.

There are two kinds of wind mills. Two bladed ones and three bladed ones. If the diameter of rotation is 300 ft, the wind mills need two blades, if the diameter of rotation is 150 ft, three blades will be needed. It is being tested to see if smaller wind mills with more blades will work more efficiently. Although, if we use smaller mills with more blades, they will be more costly which will be a problem.

Wind mills are very energy efficient and very much needed. Our world would be a greener planet and wouldn't use as much energy if we had wind mills. Even though they are very costly and take a long time to build, they'd be better in the long run because they would save a lot of energy. The Earth and everyone would be better off if we had more wind mills because they save energy and would be a big help to everyone.

Many students go overboard with their public displays of affection

By: Hannah Shaffer [Opinion Editor]

Holding hands, kissing, walking each other to class, intensely staring into one another's eyes while they don't even realize they're holding up the rest of the people in the hallway. Even with the traffic jam behind them, and the people attempting to weave their way around, these two are in a world of their own. They are oblivious to life around them. It doesn't matter, though, that the ones trying to get to class are filled up with aggravation from these roadblocks, all that matters is that these two are in love. Deep in love. And they have to show it to the whole world, or at least they think they do. Public display of affection is bad enough when seeing adults, but students at school is disturbing and highly unnecessary.

School is a place for education. It's a place for students to feel safe and comfortable. How can one feel comfortable when they look around only to find a girl sitting on their boyfriend's lap, or a couple holding hands and playing a tickle game with each other? One must keep in mind, in high school, true love is not going to be found. Therefore, there is no point in carrying one another affectionately for the

student body to witness. It's repulsive.

Unfortunately, these inappropriately displayed acts of affection carry out into the world of shopping dates, "romantic evenings at a restaurant," or even the casual sporting events. There is absolutely no point to show up to any sporting event or school function if all a couple is going to do is cuddle and kiss. Many students do go to events for the social aspect, which is fine if one is spending time with friends, but no one cares to see the sexual activity between two. This is why there are such things as bedrooms and private areas where no one else should see a boyfriend and a girlfriend. This is also why there were gyms for games to take place and spectators are supposed to spectate, shoppers are supposed to shop or look around in a mall, and dinner outings are meant for good conversation and eating the food, not loving on one another.

Most teenagers, if one were to ask, would say that their public affection is legitimate because they are "in love." However, love is nearly impossible to actually find at such a young age, but no couple will see that because they believe that they have found the one. They also

don't think it's a big deal where they display their love for one another, as long as their together and are in a relationship, then it's okay to show it off to world, right? Absolutely not. A couple is not proving how much they like each other by showing their physical affection to one another; it's just trashy. Look at most grown, married couples. They aren't standing in peoples' ways, so close that there isn't space between their mouths or sitting on each other's laps while supporting their children in sporting events. The fact that two people are dating is enough for others to know they obviously like each other.

It's about time that teenagers learn the true meaning of "love." What is everyone trying to prove by standing against the lockers in the hallways and pecking at each other? The best relationships are about the cheesy things that make would make one say, "aww" or "that is so cute!" It's not the stuff that would make one say, "sick." Holding hands and hugging are not bad things, but no one needs to see a couple's sexual activity being displayed in public places. It's an uncomfortable feeling for all.

What is your opinion on public displays of affection?



"I don't mind if people hold hands, but I don't like it when people suck face,"

-Kylie Cimaglia, Junior



"[When it comes to PDA] I honestly don't really care,"

-Alex Charipar, Freshman



"I honestly hate PDA at school, I get disgusted by it,"

-Amber Vanourney, Sophomore

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WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT
STORES THAT ARE GOING GREEN?
FIND OUT IN, "Stores doing all
that they can to be eco-friendly."

OPINION 3

Too many parties?



Elizabeth Smiley
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Marion High School seems to have a rather good reputation in the community, or at least it used to. More students are getting wrapped up in drugs, alcohol, and parties and it's becoming an epidemic here at Marion. More students are drinking and experimenting with drugs.

More and more are ruining Marion's reputation, it seems it is only going down hill from here.

Marion used to have such a good reputation when it came to the students staying away from drugs, alcohol, and parties. However, now it seems that some students just don't care if what they're doing is illegal or stupid. Now it's getting even worse. Not only do they not care about how stupid they're being, but now they don't care who knows, and it's seems nearly everyone knows. Teachers, coaches, parents, and students, many of them know. The word is getting around and it's these careless students that are giving Marion High School a bad reputation.

As for people in extracurricular activities, drinking, drugs, and parties isn't worth it. The first time a person is caught it's thirty-three percent of the season they have to sit out, second offense sixty-six percent, then it's over. Three strikes they're out. A few parties and some alcohol isn't worth having to sit out. When someone is in an extracurricular it's generally some kind of team. The entire team is affected by the stupid choices people make. When someone goes to a party or anything of that nature, they should probably think about the team they're letting down.

My favorite part of all of this is the excuses. There's quite a list and it's really pathetic. Excuses from, "I didn't have a ride," to, "I didn't have a phone," and my all time favorite, "But I wasn't doing anything." If they don't have a ride call someone, if they don't have a phone borrow someone's, if they're not drinking or anything, they're still there. There is no excuse. Drinking and partying isn't worth one letting down their team, parents, or coaches. It's stupid and careless. Don't make the mistake of going to that party, or drinking that time. It's just not worth it.

Being helpful to your home and the environment

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

Now more than ever, many people and places are trying to cut back on costs by becoming more energy efficient. Places like businesses, schools, and even in many people's homes.

Become more energy efficient, or "going green" has become a world event. Even at home, many people are "going green". There are many ways to do so.

People can first start off by recycling. Keeping a recycle bin around the house so it can be easily found. Recycling objects like cardboard and plastic bags, instead of just throwing them into the trash.

Also, according to thisoldhouse.com "Doing a full load (of dishes) in your machine is far more efficient than washing the same number of dishes by hand...using one (dishwasher) will save you 5,000 gallons of water, and \$40 in utility costs and 230 hours of your time each year."

When people leave a room they should shut the lights off, to save energy and also, to save money on their light bill. Also,

buying energy efficient light bulbs (CFL) will save energy. Unplugging objects when they're done with them will also save energy. Like when a person's cell phone is done charging, if they unplug it, that will save energy. Getting a power strip so when the phone or whatever is done charging, you can just turn the power strip off to save energy and money.

While at the store, people can buy or even make green products. Not only are they green, they are also better for a person to breath in and don't have as harsh of chemicals in it. Taking a shorter shower will many gallons of water a year. Along with turning the water off when people brush their teeth. That will save not only water, but also it will save money on a persons water bill.

Going green isn't hard to

do it just takes some time. It might start out a little bit expensive, but eventually people will start saving money. In the long run, people will notice the difference, not only in the world, but also in household bills will start decreasing.



Energy efficient light bulbs or CFL can be used to save energy and reduce lighting bills. CFL uses 75% less energy and about 10 times longer than a regular light bulb. It also saves you about \$30 over its lifetime

Stores doing all that they can to be eco-friendly

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

Over the course of the past few years there has been a lot of talk about global warming and saving the Earth. There seem to be a greater and greater amount of ads on television about going green, saving the planet, and "doing your part." Some people don't take the time to acknowledge all of the advertisements, however many people take it very seriously and do all that they can to help. Many schools, stores, and other groups in the community are also getting involved.

Wal-Mart superstore is a perfect example of one of the many stores getting involved. The stores seem to be doing all they can to help save energy and go green. They have all new highly efficient lights in each of the newer stores. They have improved heating and cooling systems. They also have newer, more efficient refrigeration systems and they have added skylights to the stores. They also have created the floors from recycled steel and a waste product called fly ash. It's easy to see they are doing what they can to save energy.

Wal-Mart isn't the only superstore chain willing to help. Many fast-food chains are also attempting to help. McDonalds and Subway chains are both great examples of

doing their part. Both of these franchises are now seeking LEED certification from the United States Green Building Council. The restaurants are seeking more efficient fryers, ovens, heating and air conditioning systems, sinks and also toilets. These are only a couple of the many fast-food chains getting out there and trying to help.

There are a lot of stores and restaurants getting involved and going green. Whether it's trying to save energy or trying harder to use recycled materials they are attempting to do their part. Anyone can help, but it's about putting one's self out there and getting involved.

What can stores do to go green?

1. Install new, more energy-efficient heating and cooling systems
2. Install newer, more energy-efficient lighting systems
3. Use recycled materials for new flooring
4. Use or install more energy-efficient refrigeration systems

New efficient light bulbs help save energy and money

By: Emily Palmer [Features Editor]

Changing to save the world all humans share could be as easy as screwing in a light bulb. Switching to the fun little curly light bulbs could do more than brighten up your bedroom, that one bulb could help save the planet. If change could help save our home then why are these incandescent bulbs being used? There are endless excuses for why the human species is reluctant to make such simple life altering upgrades. But in reality the only question one should be asking them selves is why not? There is no excuse to make a change. There is no reason to be reluctant. Change now, change for the future, and go green with all energy. Switch all light sources, today, right now, stand up and make the change that will change the world.

They save energy. They create more light than heat. Many also say that they're better for our environment, even though if broken they could release small traces of Mercury which means they cannot simply be pitched into the trash when they burn out. There are a number of special procedures one must go through to remove the mercury vapor from the air. This toxin can be extremely dangerous. Speaking of burning out, the cute little curls have around a 10,000-hour lifetime, so not only do they last longer but also help save MONEY. To be honest these bulbs do cost a bit more than your standard incandescent

but when electric bills are factored in they end up saving consumers quite a chunk of cash.

We shouldn't forget about all the pluses of the good old incandescent though, right? Buying the four pack for fewer than two bucks may seem like a bargain in a short-term perspective but in reality, not so much. Incandescent give off more heat than they actually give off light. Now let's think about that for a second. Light bulbs are used to light homes, not heat them. Also keeping in mind that all people want to get the best deal for their money; but do they do it at the expense of their health and safety? Its going to be a hard decision any way it's looked at changing one way can help save our environment while saving money, chose not to and loose out on energy efficiency but decrease the possibility of health risks.

The line must be drawn; the benefits out weigh the risks. Go green with your energy. Save more than money, save the planet. Keep the earth vibrant and alive for generations to come. The earth is such a beautiful, wonderful, place full of life; make the switch for mother earth not just for the Abe Lincoln in your back pocket. Make the change today. Tonight when you get home. Don't wait another day. Screw that curly Q into your fixture, as you spin the bulb in your hand just imagine that it's your world, the world all of us must share, continuing to spin for hundreds of years to come because you have made this simple change.

Clothing lines going green in style

By: Tylar Janzen [Activities Editor]

Save the trees! Help our planet! These sayings are commonly being seen around popular stores. The going green act has some stores going crazy.

Lets say someone walks into their favorite store. They see the graphic table, thinking they'll be standing in front of dozens of shirts with the stores logo they see dozens of planet shirts. Now helping the planet stay cleaner is definitely something we all need to help with put having stores making outfits with the recycle symbol seems a little ridiculous. There doesn't even seem to be a store at the mall with out clothes promoting a green life style.

Clothing stores on the other hand probably disagree because they're still selling a cute product and to a whole new customer. The energy saving kind. The stores are making money by selling the going green



This Aeropostal t-shirt is an example of how stores are promoting going green.

products.

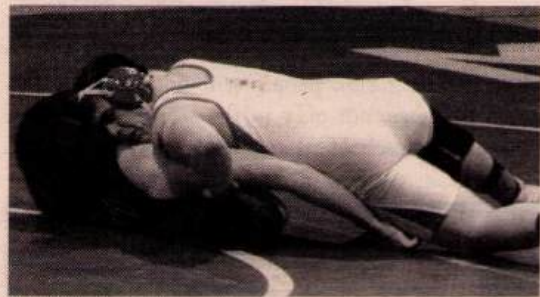
Now selling and or buying these products are everyone's own opinion but the more the consumers buy the more the stores will sell. So as consumers, be careful before the world becomes too eco-friendly to everyone.

4 ACTIVITIES

SENIOR, LAUREN JILIEK TALKS ABOUT MAKING ALLSTATE CHEERLEADING FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. CHECK OUT, , "Lauren Jilek second year allstate."

Marion celebrates good winter seasons all around

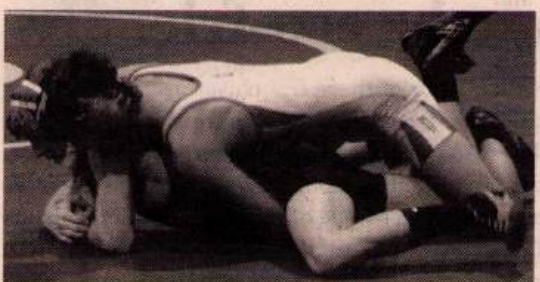
By: Addie Dewitt [Staff Writer]



Garrett Fortner, senior, attempts to pin his opponent at the Benton/Williamsburg meet.



Above: Ariel Bliss, senior, throws the ball in hopes of a strike. Below: Austin Weisinger, senior, attempts to turn over his opponent at the Benton/Williamsburg meet.



Boys Basketball

Tuesday, February 16 our Marion Boys Basketball Team played Mt. Pleasant. Mt. Pleasant walked in undefeated and left with a loss. The final score was 64-60. Watching the game put goose bumps on arms and made the students stand. The cheerleaders cheered and the boys played their game to be rewarded with a victory. Overall this season they have had only three losses. The season is going great. They played Monday 22nd and Thursday the 24th. If they do well in these games they will play one more game before going on to play at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Wrestling

Austin Weisinger and David Glover, seniors, placed second at districts on Saturday, February 13. Austin wrestles at the 125lb weight class and David wrestles at 171 lbs. Both boys move on to state. Where they both had their first wrestle at 6:30 pm Wednesday, February 17. Austin lost his first match at state, but then won in the wrestle back. David lost his first match and lost in the wrestle back as well.

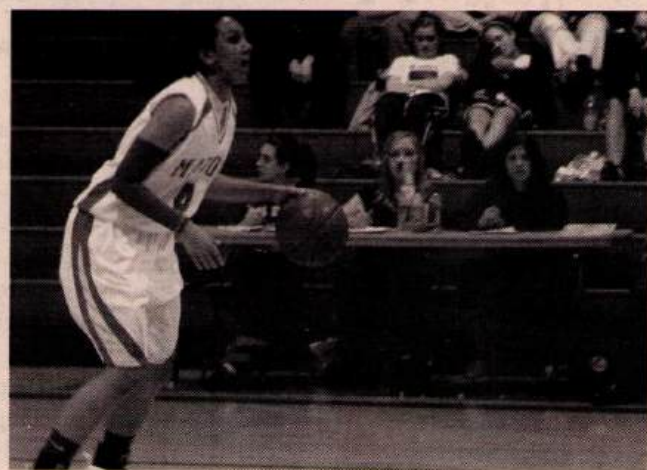
Hunter Banes and Alex Hunter, both sophomores, got third at districts. They had a good fight, and did very well. Same goes for Scout Morehouse and Levi Lochner who both placed fourth.

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team has had an amazing season this year. They went on to win their third consecutive Wamac title. They won against Benton in the first regional match and hope to win their next two and move on to state.

Bowling

This past Saturday at 9 am our Marion Boys Bowling Team went to May City for a bowling meet. This bowling meet is was an important one, and determined if we go to state or not.



Morgan Paige, senior, looks for an open teammate for a pass at the Marion vs. Independence girls varsity game earlier this season.



Kasey Semler, junior, waits for the perfect opportunity to take a three-point shot. Semler has been playing on the boys varsity team since he was a sophomore.

Lauren Jilek: second year all-state

By: Storm Dogs [Staff Writer]

She packs her bag with her pom poms, shoes, clothes, and a water bottle. She checks her phone one last time before she gets in her car and heads to practice.

Lauren Jilek, senior, is a varsity basketball cheerleader. Her freshman year she attended Linn-Mar High school and came here her sophomore year. "I went to Linn-Mar and cheered basketball and football, they didn't have a competition team," explains Lauren. When she transferred from Linn-Mar she couldn't cheer because she missed tryouts. "I didn't cheer



Lauren Jilek, senior, cheers on the boys basketball team at one of their games earlier this season. Jilek cheers for football, basketball, and competition.

sophomore year because I missed tryouts and then continued to cheer for basketball, football, and competition my junior and senior year."

Linn-Mar's pom squad is what lead Lauren to cheer. "I've been in dance for awhile and Linn-Mar's pom squad was amazing, so I tried for cheer," Lauren said. And she's loved cheer ever since. Even though she loves cheer, and cheered all throughout high school, she isn't sure if she'll continue to cheer in college. "I've thought about it but not too much, so it just depends."

Lauren has also cheered on the all-state team. "In October, there were tryouts and over 250 people tried out from over the state and 34 made the squad. Practice started in December and goes through the end of February." This is Lauren's second year on the team. The All-state cheer squad will perform at half time of an Iowa basketball game.

The competition coach, Coach Dunne, always tells the team about opportunities such as All-state. "Coach Dunne always brings it up and gives us information about it. I wasn't going to try out, but coach talked me into it because I made the team last year."

Lauren and her family probably didn't expect her to be a cheerleader in high school. "I was a big tomboy when I was little so I never really wanted to be a cheerleader," she laughed. "But when I came to high school and saw how much pride the cheerleaders had in their uniform, I knew I wanted to have that feeling." She's had that sense of pride ever since.

She's exhausted by the end of practice. As she drives home, she reflects on the positives and negatives of practice that day, thinking about how she'll improve tomorrow.

Rosenberger rallies; preps for indoor soccer

By: Addie Dewitt [Staff Writer]

There are many different ways to play soccer. There are two different types as well, indoor and outdoor. Since she was a little girl she's played soccer.



Sarah Rosenberger, Senior

It's always been outdoor though, until this year.

"I've been playing soccer for as long as I can remember, but I've only played outdoor. This year is my first year playing

indoor soccer. It's a lot of fun," Sarah Rosenberger, senior at MHS, tells. While her favorite sport is soccer, she prefers outdoor over indoor. She loves how the outdoor field helps control the ball and you have a bigger space to play.

There are many similarities between indoor and outdoor soccer, which include the equipment, the rules, and the shoes. "For indoor soccer you need indoor soccer shoes, which are flat at the bottom," Sarah says. The equipment is the same for both varieties of soccer, but the calls are a quite different. The rules in fact, are about the most important thing in soccer. Basically the only way you can get a ball out of bounds with indoor soccer is if the ball goes up into the net. "You can play the ball off the walls in indoor soccer, the

only real out of bounds is if you kick it too high into the net. In outdoor soccer the out of bounds are the lines that go around the field," she describes.

Sarah exclaims, "Soccer is the most fun out of all the sports I play." Sarah plays the forward position on our MHS soccer team. You do a lot of running in this position. Sarah is looking forward to the games. "We have a pretty good team this year. So many people went out this season that we were able to make two teams, which doesn't normally happen," she explains. Soccer is a great sport, very fast moving, and a contact sport. The indoor soccer season just started so wish the MHS boys and girls good luck on the upcoming season.



Sarah Rosenberger, senior, runs the ball down the field at a home soccer varsity game in the '09 season. This is Rosenberger's first year playing on the indoor soccer team.

Marion High School alumni bring pride to student body

In the past few years, MHS has many student-athletes move on to college athletics.

By Hunter Danner, [Web Editor]

Many young kids and even high school students/athletes dream of playing in the "big leagues." Before getting that far there is the collegiate level. Three former students of MHS have gone on to this level. Matt Barnd, Sam Rinehart, and Jordan Morris are Marion alumni and each of them has just experienced their freshman year as a college athlete.

Matt Barnd attends Coe College and plays football. He was the starting JV quarterback and got some varsity field time. Barnd says, "College football is much more detail-orientated." He explains that in high school it is easier to win by just having better athletes. In college the smaller things are emphasized. Such as, "Fundamentals, communication, and cohesiveness." Matt's biggest challenge was football camp and just being

a freshman. "But, as with most things, it got better with time," Barnd says. His goals for next year are to hopefully win a conference championship and to fill in roles on the team whether it is at the receiver position or quarterback. Barnd played quarterback and was varsity captain of the Marion Indians football team in '08. He also played baseball and ran track.

Jordan Morris is a freshman at UNI. She is a music major and was on the dance team. She recently quit the dance team so she could focus more on her academics. She wishes that there were musicals that she could participate in. Morris is in the college choir.

"In college, if the other team is a tall team, the taller players will play, if the other team is fast, the faster girls play,"
-Sam Rinehart, '09

"We only meet 3 times a week and it's only for 50 minutes," she explains. Morris was on the Marion dance team and participated in many plays and musicals.

Sam Rinehart is a varsity basketball player for Loras University. She explains, "I got a decent amount of playing time, but playing time depends on the situation. "Usually in high school, no matter the situation the players would generally be the same. In college, if the other team



Matt Barnd, '09, leads his Marion Indian team in the '08 football season, against the Union Knights. Barnd now plays for Coe College.

is a tall team, the taller players will play, if the other team is fast, the faster girls play," she explains. Rinehart believes the biggest difference in high school and college sports is the commitment level. Rinehart played basketball and volleyball at Marion for the '08-'09 year.

Other than these three athletes, Marion High School has had many other athletes go on to play college sports. Alan Reisner and Drew Clark play football for

the Iowa Hawkeyes, Brittney Thomas plays volleyball for Mount Mercy, Sammy Vest cheers for UNI, Rachel Dullea plays volleyball and softball for Mount Mercy, Shelby Perkins plays softball and volleyball for Loras, Angela Bys plays volleyball for Drake, Alec Kiburz plays football for St. Ambrose, and Melissa Noe bowls for St. Ambrose. Marion Athletics is proud to have these student/athletes representing our school at the collegiate level.

Arrows and bows

By Logan Tichy, [Staff Writer]

Every Saturday he wakes up, gets ready and come to school at 10:00 A.M. No, not for extra learning. For archery club. For the past 7 of Saturdays he along with 20-30 other students have showed up for morning practice.

Alex Rinehart first heard about archery club over the announcements and quickly became interested. He showed up at the meeting along with others. "Forty people showed up, but people got too busy. Now there are only fifteen to twenty people in it I would say." Even though only a few people can make time in their busy days, archery club is still going strong.

"Were kind of practicing individually so we can compete as a team" says Alex. The archery team is going to lay low this year and only compete in a few things. "Were gonna do 1 or 2 tournaments this year, then really get into it next year!" Alex says as he takes a drink from his milk. The practices are very different then a normal practice at the high school level. Thinking that they would stay here at the high school and shoot, the actually go to a different town to practice. "We meet at the high school at ten in the morning, drive to Toddville and stop at Waltonian Archers and take turns shooting different rounds at different targets." Alex explains.

When you compare archery to other sports or clubs you get many outcomes. 1 is that it is not a cardiac sport. Which means you don't bring your heart rate up above a certain

level. "It is a lot of fun, but much physical activity. But much skill and precision is evolved." Alex Rinehart explains.

Yet it is still to cold for him to practice on his own, he is eager to get started! "I just bought some targets, but I cant yet because its still to cold out."

It has taken a lot of work for the kids in archery club to get where they are now. They have endured some hurtful bruising, and coming to school on Saturday just for the love of the sport.

Now archery club is still conducting practices every Saturday, and hopes to work their way to winning a competition. They are also having eight people compete in a archery competition this Saturday at the Anamosa High School at 4:30 P.M.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes unite

By Colin Durczek, [Staff Writer]

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a group of Christians who gather together every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. usually six to eight students attend the meetings. The group is ran by Bailey Bacon and Hunter Banes and sponsored by Mr. Immerfall and Mrs. Dostal. Fellowship of Christian Athletes got involved with Valentines this year by handing out love notes and candy to the students through out the high school. Bailey Bacon has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes since the prayer at the flag

pole her freshman year. When asked what Bailey Bacon likes most about Fellowship of Christian Athletes she replied with a smile, "being able to hang with friends and share the same love for god." Nick Vannatta freshman also attends as many Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings as he can. When asked what he enjoys about Fellowship of Christian Athletes he responded "The Fellowship" when asked if he enjoys Fellowship of Christian Athletes he said "Yeah it's awesome". If you want to get more involved you should consider joining Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Cell phones for today's teenagers

Different types of trendy phones are compared by cost, pros, and cons.

By Tyler Janson, [Activities Editor]

Being a high school student is tough. They are always on the go and always seem to have something new they have to talk about. Most are constantly on the phone or texting. These days every company has hundreds of phones to pick out of. The perfect type of phone may not exist but phone companies seem to try to make it everyday. There are many types of phone, the simple old flip phone, and the newer phones with a QWERTY keyboard and of course the smart phones like blackberries and the iPhone.

A person who is just wanting a phone to simply text and call friends a simple feature phone would be the best choice for them. The phone Samsung Smooth would be an excellent choice for them. The phone has a camera and some simple features such as Internet and navigator if desired. The phone just has a basic number set up where to text you push the number the certain amount of times till the number you want comes up. The phones reviews seem good except that it doesn't respond some of the time when you text and try to call. The shape is small and fits easily into anyone's pocket. The reviews also said that the phone barely ever breaks which is awesome for any student who is a little clumsy with their cell phones.



The next step up from the basic cell phone is the

phones that have a QWERTY setup. These phones usually have a lot of features like a navigation hook up. The Envy touch is a phone from this section. The phone itself isn't extremely big and it has a touch screen on the front. It flips open to a full QWERTY keyboard for ease in texting. The phone has many features such a faster Internet browser and navigation. The phone also has Verizon Wireless' new application system that one could buy games or utilities for their phone. The reviews on the phone seem great. The only problem people have with it seem to be the touch screen doesn't pick up on every action done to it. The Envy Touch seems to be a great phone for texting though which any student with a phone would love.

The iPhone from Apple has been around for a while now, but it gets updated what seems like everyday. The newest iPhone has the same similar shape except that it has a rounded back for easier grip when in use. The iPhone is easy to text on. The heat sensor for just skin touch comes in handy when it's in your pocket and it's shape is very easy to use. The iPhone is probably the most advanced cellular phone technology out there. With all the applications it can do the phone its self can be used for almost anything. It's a computer, a phone and an iPod all in one. Blackberries and iPhones seem to be competing to see which one can be more useful. Most owners say that they love it. The only problem with this phone seems to be that it's very breakable and not recommended for clumsier people. The iPhone is a great phone for a person who doesn't like keep tracking of many devices.

Every year, every cell phone company comes out with new phones that kick last years phones out of the park.

Today's coolest phones at a price

Phones	Cost	Pros	Cons
 Samsung Smooth	\$50.00	Very durable and easy to use for calls and texts.	Not a lot of features just a basic cell phone for phone users.
 LG Envy Touch	\$179.99	Has a couple of features with a QWERTY keyboard for easy texting.	Touch screen doesn't respond sometimes to the touch.
 Apple iPhone 3G	\$199.00	Has a lot of features and applications that come in handy. A very smart phone.	It is very fragile and front screen can crack easily and can freeze up a lot, when texting.

Above is a table that compares the types of phones and their pros and cons, that are available for any student who is looking into getting a new phone.

This year brought many new cool phones for any high school student to check into getting. These three phones are all great phones for texting, talking or the Internet, which is up the alley of any high school student today.

Flip cam strikes much attention

By Colin Durczok, [Staff writer]

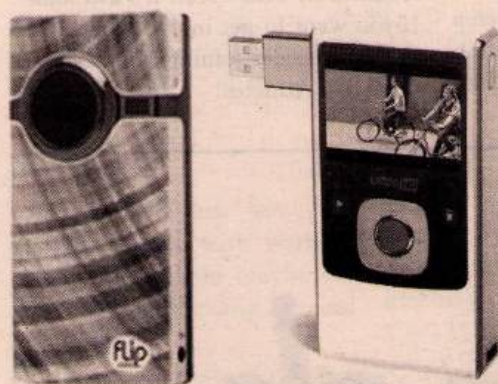
The Flip Video Camera is becoming a huge hit for people all over the US. The Flip camera is a mini camcorder that has a usb port attached to the side, this way you won't lose the usb port and its easier to hook up to your computer and start downloading your videos. It can record anywhere from 60 minutes to 120 minutes depending on what model you buy.

The Flip can record in standard resolution or in high definition. It comes in many different colors yellow, gray, black, pink, blue. And many others. Price's range

from \$149.99 to \$229.99 you can find them pretty much anywhere where there's electronics' department. Best Buy, Sears, Kmart, Circuit City, Walmart, and Target are a few of the many places where you can find The Flip Camera. It has many accessories such as an underwater case, wireless TV adapter so you can watch your videos on your TV, and a tripod stand to set your flip camera on while your recording.

Amazon gave the flip camera 4.5 stars out of 5, (they said it was pretty expensive but well worth the money and is very small and easy to carry around). They're perfect for people who love making documentaries or just recording entertaining events that happen in everyday life. The usb port that is attached to the side of the flip makes it easy to upload videos onto You Tube, Facebook, Myspace and many other websites.

Many good quotes have been made from popular websites, magazines and newspapers. "Worlds simplest video camera"- Yahoo "Great way to capture the moment on the fly"- CNN.com "If you haven't already flipped for the flip, you might now"- USA Today.



Flip Camera front and back view. Flip Cameras come in many different colors and designs.

Quick Facts on the Flip Camera

- **Price:** \$149.99- \$229.99
- **Colors:** Yellow, gray, black, pink, blue etc.
- **Where to buy:** Best Buy, Sears, K mart, Walmart, Circuit City and Target.
- **Recording time:** anywhere from 60 minutes to 120 minutes.
- **Accessories:** Rechargeable battery pack \$24.99, underwater case \$49.99, power adapter \$24.99, carrying case \$24.99

MHS weighs in on the Flip Video Camera



"Absolutely amazing! I love the convenience it offers & how user friendly it is. It allows easy sharing...& recording special moments,"
-Mrs. Parham, English teacher



"It is awesome,"
-Josh Jared, junior



"What? I don't even know what that is,"
-Debbie Classon, junior



"They are very useful,"
-Makenna Hill, freshman



"The flip thing is really cool,"
-Trevor Chalmstrom, junior



"It is cool,"
-Cody Hoffpauir, sophomore



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Valentine's Day takes over the #1 spot

Valentine's Day packs stars into one movie and succeeds at touching all emotions.

By: Danielle Tiernan, [Co-Editor-In-Chief]

The movie *Valentine's Day* is from the director Garry Marshall, who also directed movies like *Pretty Woman* and *The Princess Diaries*. *Valentine's Day* features some of the biggest actors and actresses including Julia Roberts, who reportedly got \$500,000 a minute she was in the film, she was in the film for about six minutes, which adds up to about \$3,000,000! Also, the movie includes Eric Dane and Patrick Dempsey, both from *Grey's Anatomy*, Bradley Cooper from *The Hangover*, Ashton Kutcher from *What Happens in Vegas*, Jessica Alba from *Into the Blue*, Jessica Biel from *I Now Pronounce You* Chuck and Larry, Jennifer Garner 13 Going

on 30, Emma Roberts from *Hotel for Dogs*, Anne Hathaway from *Bride Wars*, and of course Taylor Lautner from *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*.

Valentine's Day takes place within one day, Valentine's Day. There's not one main character, there's many, but throughout the movie you see that somehow they are all connected. The movie was released Friday February 12th and became the number one movie beating out both *Dear John* and *Avatar*. The run time is almost two hours it's about an hour and 57 minutes, and it's rated PG-13.

Making her acting debut in *Valentine's Day* is Taylor Swift who played Felicia, a ditzy blonde who's dating Willy (Taylor Lautner). Her performance,

in the movie, was definitely a low point, and many critics agreed. While watching it, one could clearly tell she was trying way too hard to be ditzy and it just came out as a failed attempt. It was also really hard to watch because her acting was not very good, but it's understandable that she's not good at acting yet.

Overall, the movie was good. I would give it three out of five stars, because some of it was very cheesy, like most movies and there was a part where you could see the microphone. I would recommend seeing it, but I wouldn't say go out and see it now. It's a movie people can wait to watch until it comes out on DVD. *Valentine's Day* is very much a chick flick, but I think some guys will like it.



Official Valentine's Day poster from valentinesdaymovie.com. *Valentine's Day* made \$52.4 million opening weekend and about \$67 million over the four day weekend. Breaking the record previously set by "Ghost Rider".

Uncharted 2 is among best games

By: Hunter Danner, [Web Editor]

Naughty Dog Entertainment created *Uncharted 2*, for PS3. It was Game of the Year along with many other awards such as Editor's Choice, Critic's Choice, and Best Action Game. The experts agree that this game is awesome. This game is basically the setting of *Tomb Raider* with a new school feel.

The way it is played is much like that of *Assassin's Creed*. In *Uncharted 2* you can walk, run, slide, roll, or jump through the many tomb like levels. Many of the levels involve sneaking around, taking out guards unnoticed. While others involve shooting people down. Once the game gets going it is very hard to stop playing for food, water, or bathroom breaks. Signs that your friend is hooked on *Uncharted 2* are wetting their pants, dehydration, and extreme hunger. If one of your friends is experiencing this they don't need help. They are simply playing the game of the year!

People really enjoy playing this game. Freshman, Chayse Wheeler says, "It has a lot of video clips at the beginning, but it is a really fun game."

One of the downfalls of this game is the many video sequences. At the beginning of the game you can't play until you watch about 10 different videos. Other than that the game deserves a B+. If you like action and suspense then this game would be a wonderful next buy at only \$49.99. So go out and buy *Uncharted 2: Among Thieves* today before every copy of this awesome game is gone.



Uncharted 2 is an addicting new game ranked among the top; all experts agree!

Photo obtained from Unchartedthegame.com.

Dead bodies and disappearances lead to an extremely intense investigation

By: Carey Durns, [Staff Writer]

Mystery person? Like to read about people disappearing and trying to find out where they went and discovering dead bodies? Then check out *The Disappeared*, by M.R. Hall.

Jenny cooper makes her appearance as a coroner (an officer whose main function is to investigate by inquest (a

legal or judicial inquiry) before a jury, any death not clearly resulting from and natural causes), with the eye of a detective and is a woman that has a home life just as complicated as her life with the cases.

In this appearance, Jenny's investigation begins with the disappearance of two young Muslim students, Nazim Jamal and Rafi Hassan, who completely vanished without anyone knowing seven years ago. Police and other investigators have come to a conclusion of their own that the two men have gone to Pakistan. The two were in college and had become a part of a Muslim committee and began to go to Mosques, and pray with their friends. Neither of the parents really thought anything of the sort when they found out, but they weren't paying too much attention.

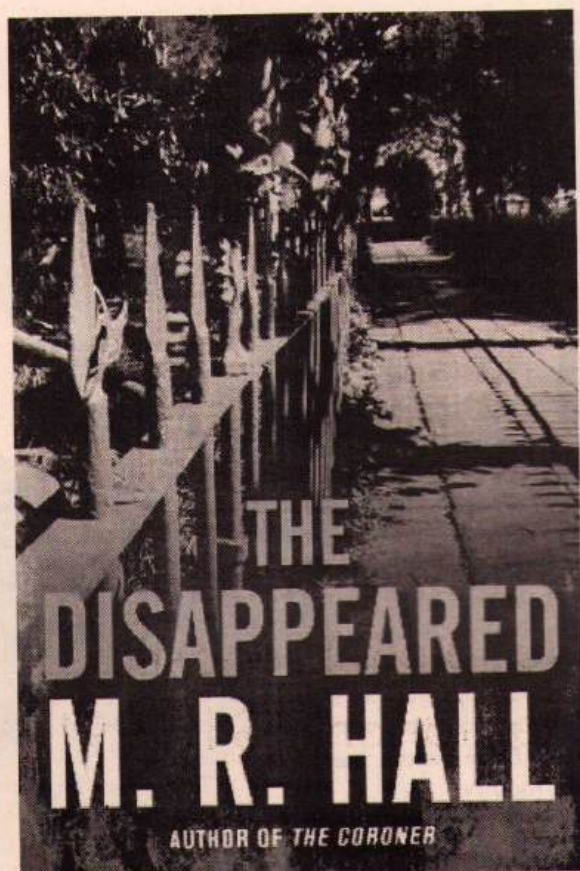
When they came home for break, they were more normal than expected and they had on regular clothes and praying like they did when they were younger.

Jenny is brought up in an inquest about the two boys. It progresses and there are many people that are being seen as having a part of the disappearance. Not only does it appear that British Security Services played a role in it all, but an American intelligence agent has been making it very clear that some kind of conspiracy is in play.

Jenny finally links the two students vanishing to the unidentified corpse of a young woman,

and the fate of a nuclear scientist. Now she is forced into something that has pushed her to her limits. And now she has to struggle with not only the inner demons within her, but fight this investigation and bring this incomprehensible crime to justice. No matter how the investigation ends, Jenny still faces the struggles with her home life and everything that comes together as a result.

The book starts out very confusing, but once the first few chapters are read, it really starts to get interesting. If mystery books are a good genre to read and reading about dead bodies and disappearances is fun, check this book out. It's mysterious, intriguing, and if the book is even put down once, it will leave the reader hanging. You won't be disappointed.



The Disappeared by M. R. Hall is one of many crime and mystery books that's written by him.

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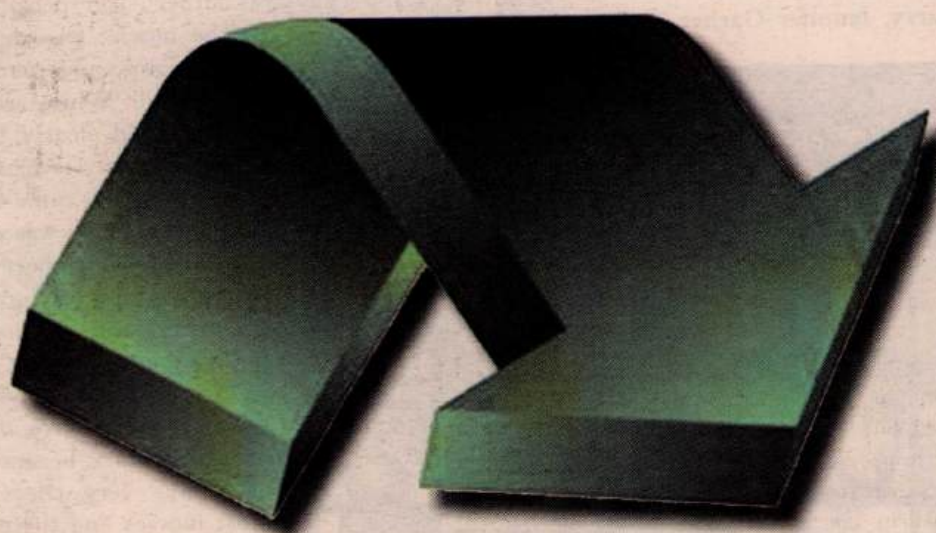
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Community

Going green in the community is a very important step into saving the planet. It all starts with the small things. It's easier to go green than most people think. There are many things people can do personally and all together in the community.

Personally people can buy locally. By buying your supplies like food locally it will cut down on car pollution. Limiting car use will also help the environment. It will minimize the air pollution in the United States as well as the world. Try riding your bike, walking, or taking public transportation instead of driving everywhere. Also donating or handling items down when you are done with them instead of just throwing them out. Most likely somewhere, someone will want what you don't need anymore.

Together is the key in saving the planet. Community is about working together. So if everyone does their own personally things plus work together as a community, we will be able to save this planet. A great thing to do in your community is a community garden. By sharing a garden, everyone can have foods at hand without having to waste gas to drive to the store.

Spreading the word is key. If everyone in the community spreads the word and gets everyone in their communities to work together than we can make this planet last a little bit longer. Go out there and get involved in your community to save the planet.

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At School

Most people think that going green at school is hard, but the truth is it is easy. There are many small things you can do at school that will major help the planet. The fact is teachers and students waste a lot of materials that could be recycled. Here are many things people can do to help.

First there are many school supplies out there that are made of recyclable materials. Pretty much any kind of supplies you need these days can be found made out of recyclable materials. Some are pencils, folders, notebooks, glue sticks, tissues, and rechargeable batteries for those calculator.

For teachers, trying to use the internet as much as possible is one thing you can do. When you need to talk to your coworkers, try to e-mail them. Doing grading online instead of a grade book, power points, and also having an website for kids to get homework for the class are a few things teachers can do. Also for students, try using the internet as much as possible for homework. Using the internet will save paper.

Both teachers and students that are close enough to the school should walk or ride a bike. Another great idea is carpooling to school with others if you live too far to walk. It will save the amount of cars wasting gas on the roads which will help will air pollution around the city.

For each student, there is 240 pounds of waste a year. If everyone in the school, teachers and students, work together will can cut this down to much less. Being green at school will help the movement of being green everywhere.



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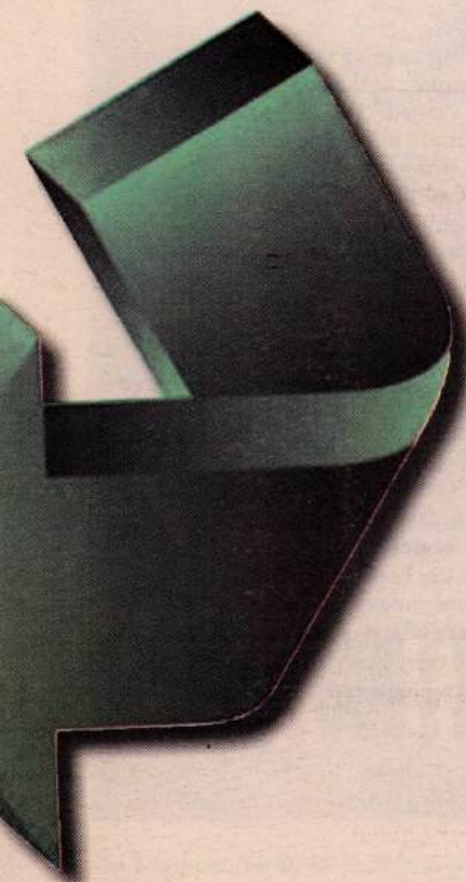
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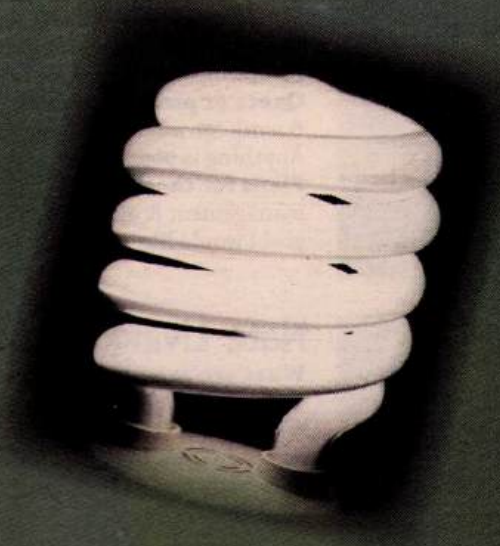
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Ways to go green at home that save the environment and your money; it all starts at home

- Buying efficient light bulbs (CFLS)
They will cost more at first, but will in the long run save you money on your electrical bills
- Turning of anything using electricity when not in the room like lights, computers, and unplugging phone chargers
- Buy or making green products to clean with instead of buying the ones that are harmful to the environment.
- Adjusting fridge and freezer temperatures. Fridge at 37 Degrees F. Freezer at 0 Degrees F.
- Recycling anything you can like phone chargers, furniture, and cans and bottles
- Washing your clothes in cold water instead of cold. Will save you money on electrical bills.
- Turn water off when not using it like when you are brushing your teeth. It will save water that is just being wasted down the drain.
- Take shorter showers to cut down on water being used.



10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS



Alyssa Larson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The speech gang, VV trips, early mornings, my bestie AP english randomness, trips in Paige's car, lunch with Jones, music theory, choir, Mr. and Mrs. Jaskson, & everyone who changed my life!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Always leave a place better than you come to it whether that's through your actions or your attitude."

Plans for the future?: "I will be attending Wartburg College for music education."

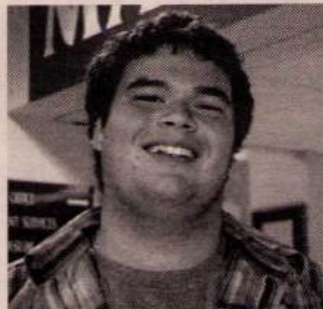


Eric Legue:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...seeing my friends every day & Building Trades with Weis. Definitely also going to miss having a class with Freuhling every day. It's a blast."

Quote or piece of advice?: "If you try hard in life & work for what you want, you can have anything. Anything is possible."

Plans for the future?: "...attend Kirkwood for business management & also try to take automotive. For a long goal I would like to open & manage my own auto shop."

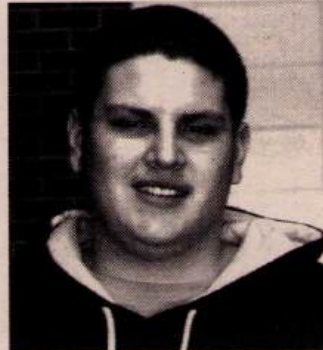


William Mathews:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "All my close friends and inside jokes."

Quote or piece of advice?: "If you want to help to homeless, help them feel uncomfortable in their poverty." -he thinks Ben Franklin

Plans for the future?: "Culinary Arts. I'm going to open a restaurant/Entertainment Place."



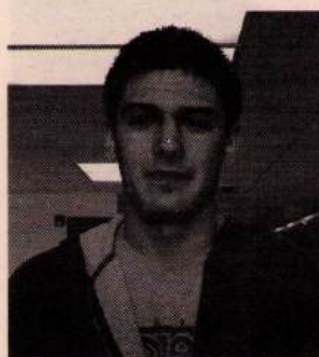
Jake McGreevy:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Mr. Thorton & when he tried to be 'my homie'."

Mostly teachers & friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Be happy. :)"

Plans for the future?: "Go to K-wood for 2 years & get a degree in graphic arts & culinary arts & possibly transfer to Iowa."



Nate Livingston:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "London and Scout Morehouse. :)"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Stay in school."

Plans for the future?: "Do something with life, be somebody important. Going to Iowa State University & studying Pre-Med."



Ashley McMahon:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I will miss the teachers at Marion! They really care about your grades & how your doing. They ask if you need help understanding anything."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't have any regrets because high school only comes around once."

Plans for the future?: "To be a teacher K-3rd grades."

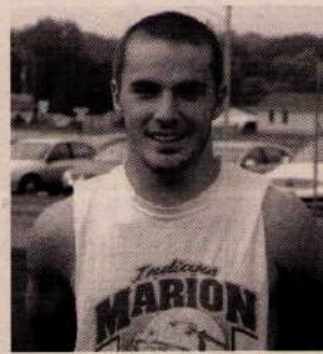


Cassandra Loney:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...all of the crazy, fun & amazing memories I have made with all my amazing friends at Marion! All of my great teachers & friends, mornings in the library, getting in trouble for being too loud ... & putting up pictures in the library with Trevor."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Keep your eyes on the ball, your drive up, & shoot for the stars, most importantly never give up!"

Plans for the future?: "After finishing my prerequisites at K-wood, I'm transferring to a 4 year college (still undecided!) to work towards eventually getting my masters degree in psychology. I plan to pursue a career in clinical psychology & I will never give up!"



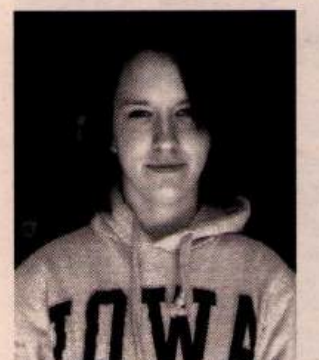
Ryan McSweeney:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Having long chats with Semeler & Immerfalls laugh. Semeler & Doc. Tom cutting the Holiday turkey."

"Gordy On A Beach!" Dancing with Heiar 'the squire'."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Going to B.K. and get my Munch On!!" -Jordan Heiar.

Plans for the future?: "Marines then get bachelors degree in criminal justice."

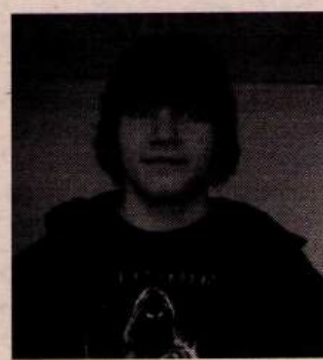


Sydney Lowinski:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Learning new & different things about certain classes & people."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Saty in school, get good grades it will pay off in the end!"

Plans for the future?: "To go to college, get a good job. Everything anyone hopes for."



Isaiah Miller:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Having Building trades with Wise."

Quote or piece of advice?: "You only have one life so live it."

Plans for the future?: "Become a Construction manager, marry my girl friend, go to Kirkwood college."



Elizabeth Magorian:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss being able to see my friends everyday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't let others change who you are, just be yourself."

Plans for the future?: "I'm going to start of at Kirkwood then I plan to transfer to a 4 year college to major in Children's Therapy. And later down the road start a family."



Rachel Millis:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...being apart of the dance team & all the great freinds I've made. I'm grateful for all the memories I've made here, but I'm definitely ready to move forward with my life. :)"

Quote or piece of advice?: "It costs nothing to dream & everthing not to."

Plans for the future?: "I plan on going to the University of Iowa to major in biology & then eventually go to vet school."

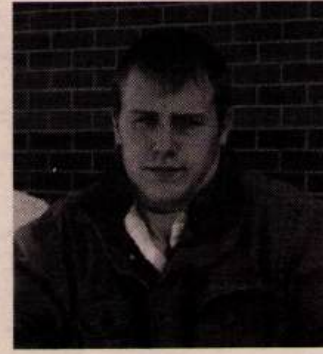


Korey Martens:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "All the people and faces."

Quote or piece of advice?: "USA is number 1 love it or leave it!" -Ricky Stanzi

Plans for the future?: "Go to University of Iowa."



London Morehouse:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...wrestling practice & showers with my buds, long walks on the beach, BK lounge, IVEL & Rose, & the Italian Stallion."

Quote or piece of advice?: "'Coach I can't wrestle.' 'Why not?' 'My legs broke coach!', 'Gordy On A Beach', 'I have something in my throat'."

Plans for the future?: "Attend ISU for enginerring, not to watch them play ball. Go Hawks! After that I plan on taking a nap."



Maggie Murphy:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Sports with my teammates, ...school spirit for lots of activities, hanging out with friends & Joseph, Spanish class with Fow & wearing my red & gold overalls with crocs with the fur!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Sing like you know the words, dance like no one's watching & love like you're never going to get hurt."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Charleston Southern University in South Carolina to major in education & play volleyball."

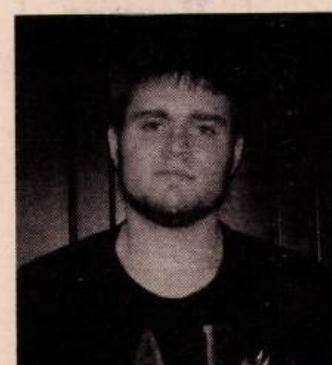


Kathleen Neff:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Miss the teachers and students, the relaxed atmosphere at MHS. Cheerleading and friends!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't worry, be happy!" "You are never alone, there is always someone to listen, just pray." "Smiles are contagious!"

Plans for the future?: "Attend Luther College and major in nursing, then go to graduate school and become a Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner."



Colton Nelson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "More than likely the teachers who made class interesting & fun such as Mr. Thorton & Mrs. Thilges."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Just as power can carve flesh, it may also rend the spirit. Those with no respect for ones own strength are no better than savages."

Plans for the future?: "Attend college & share my wisdom to those who would hear it."



Jackie Noble:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'll miss my friends. Trips to get car estimates with Cassidy. My car smoking as I attempt to drop Haley off at home. Ms. Schultz & her crazy weirdness..."

Quote or piece of advice?: "...I would like to quote one of the greatest shows ever created. "You have no idea how high I can fly"-The Office."

Plans for the future?: "I plan to get an education! I'm deciding between music business & management or teaching...at some point I'm going to move to Cali with Haley Cloven...Thank you & goodnight."



Allie Oneill:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss seeing my friends everyday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die tomorrow."

Plans for the future?: "To move to Florida with my sister, Kristi, & work for a year. Then go to Gulf coast community college & become a firefighter."

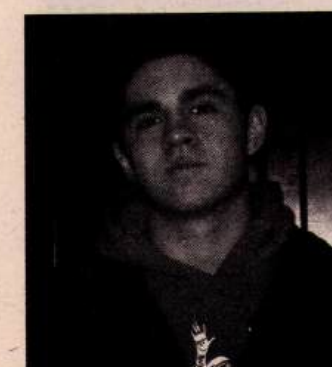


Elaina Oneill:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss the great teachers and all of my friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Our life's a stage, a comedy: either learn to play and take it lightly, or bear its troubles patiently." -Palladas.

Plans for the future?: "I plan on going to Iowa State to major in genetics."



Mitch Osborn:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The overall just awesome-ness."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Punch & crank back three times from left to right crank dat."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Oregon University, meet Tinker Matfield, co-owner & then get free shoes, go vp to Canada play MCFL, restart the ABA then hopefully walk on to an NBA team & re-open arena football."



Morgan Paige:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "...participating & competing with my friends on highschool sports teams. What a great time in life!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Be open to new experiences, you never know when you will find your talent."

Plans for the future?: "Bball it up at the Koltl Center for the Wisconsin Badgers & attend school for health science."



Alycia Pederson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "All my great friends & the memories i've made with them, plus seeing Mr. Kettmann everyday!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Things change, people leave, & life doesn't stop for anybody."

Plans for the future?: "Probably Kirkwood for 2 years & transering to UNI majoring in cosmatology, minoring in business."



Amanda Peterson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends that I see everyday & my basketball team & basketball. Making videos with wolfpack & sexual six, & football games with them also."

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

Plans for the future?: "Hopefully play basketball somewhere, or go to Kirkwood for 2 years. Then transfer to UNI for 2 years for something in athletic training."



Jordan Rammelsberg:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends that I'd see every day in class."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Rule #28 Enjoy the little things in life."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood for Culinary Arts."



Brianna Recker:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "In a world of hate, we must dare to hope!" -Micheal Jackson.

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood, to be a photographer."

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Global warming gone bad

By Storm Dog, [Staff Writer]

Recently, global warming has become a very big issue. According to epa.gov/climate, since 1961, glaciers worldwide have lost over 890 cubic miles of ice. For example, Montana's Glacier National Park had 150 glaciers in 1910 and now only has 27. That is crazy! We need all that ice for many reasons; one being so arctic animals can live.

According to nationalgeographic.com, less than 25,000 polar bears still exist. It's predicted that by the year 2040, the polar bear species will be completely extinct.



A glacier breaks apart as a result of global warming. This is happening in many places around the world.

Global warming is a serious issue that needs to be fixed. Everyone should start walking more instead of driving. That will stop air pollution, which is a good start to ending global warming.

To further help the issue of global warming and the environment, here are some things you can do to help. At home, change five of your most frequently used light bulbs in your home to energy efficient bulbs. Make sure to recycle paper, not throw it away. There are plenty of recycling bins around the school for your use. Also, don't litter! That is horrible for the Earth. Some warning signs

are droughts and fires, early spring arrival and quickly spreading diseases. North America and Europe have the most warning signs, and they are happening very quickly. Some say that global warming is just a rumor but there are scientific facts about it and something needs to be done about it.

Vancouver hosts Winter Olympics

By Morgan Kolarik, [Staff Writer]

It's the beginning of a new year and the beginning of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Every four years this huge event rolls around. Millions around the globe tune in to watch or even buy tickets to see the games. Numerous countries participate in this worldwide event hoping to take home gold.

This year the games are being held in Vancouver British Columbia, which is located in the Southwestern corner of Canada. The games started February 12 and they last until February 28th. The opening Ceremony was held at BC Place Stadium in downtown Vancouver. The closing ceremony will be

held there too.

The City of Vancouver is hosting many events. Those events are ice hockey, curling, figure skating, short track speed skating, and others that can be found on the official Vancouver Olympic Games website. vancouver2010.com/. Snowboarding and freestyle skiing are also going to be held in Vancouver, those events took place at Cypress Mountain. All other outdoor events are taking place in Whistler. Those events include alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, bobsleigh, and luge.

Richmond will host speed skating events at the Richmond Oval venue.

Dates and other information relating to the Winter Olympics are posted on the website listed above.

Olympic Medal Count

as of 2/19/10

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. USA	6	5	7
2. Germany	4	4	3
3. Norway	3	3	2
4. Canada	3	3	1
5. France	2	1	4

Fuel efficient and eco-friendly

By Colin Durczok, [Staff Writer]

Gas prices are steadily rising up, the national gas average at the moment is around \$3.00 a gallon. Filling up your car, truck or s.u.v can cost anywhere from \$30 to \$60. If you're looking to save money you should consider car-pooling or if you like the cold, walk. When you find yourself bored with nothing to do, you should maybe reconsider just driving around pointlessly.

It's a huge waste of gas and money. If you're looking to buy a new car, here are some very fuel efficient rides that'll save you some green: Toyota Prius gets 51 mpg and starts off at \$22,800 and Honda

hybrid Civic 40 miles per gallon starting at \$23,800. Most fuel-efficient suv's are the Ford escape hybrid that gets 34 miles per gallon starts at \$29,860 and the Mazda tribute

Most Fuel Efficient Vehicle

- Toyota Prius: it's eco-friendly and gets 51 miles per gallon.

hybrid that also gets 34 miles to the gallon starting at \$20,840.

The most fuel-efficient trucks are the Ford ranger with 22 miles per gallon starting at \$17,820 and the Chevrolet Silverado with 22 miles per gallon starting at \$20,850. The least fuel-efficient cars out on the market right now are the high priced sports cars a Lamborghini Murcielago gets 8 miles to the gallon and a Bentley gets 9.

Terrible time for India's tigers

By Emily Palmer (Features Editor)

Many tigers are being hunted in India for their bones and other body parts. If one would ask why this is an issue the answer is tigers are in extreme danger of becoming extinct in India, their native homeland. The tigers are being hunted and killed for their bones which the people of China use to make medicines among other things.

These animals are being poached and smuggled into parts of China. As for the number of tigers in India now there are just around a thousand. This makes it hard to imagine that only a century ago their numbers ranged in the forty thousands. Since the beginning of this year alone two tigers have been reported dead. Tigers are bred in captivity in China but the Chinese believe that the wild tigers are better for making healing remedies. Other causes for this rapidly decreasing tiger population are major changes in their natural habitat, along with man-animal causes.

There have been measures being taken to help preserve the remaining tigers and to increase their dwindling population. Several years ago an organization created Project Tiger. Project Tiger does research to try to better understand why there are so many tigers dying out and what can be done

to save them. The National Tiger Conservation Authority was also created. This Conservation Authority also study the tigers and their habitats in hopes to understand why these big cats are still becoming extinct.

Unfortunately much of these efforts have proved unsuccessful in the long run. Experts say the a third of the tigers that died last year died due to the poaching of hunters, others died because they were used to fight each other for sport. Another major reason that the big cats are dying is the fact that their habitats are slowly disappearing. They do not have as much cover as they did before, therefore they're more susceptible to hunters.

Their homes are being destroyed and that is another reason why they are dying out. They feed on deer, antelope, rabbits and buffalo.

There is however some good news among all this devastation, there is hope for the tigers. There has recently been an increase of funding for the conservation of the animals. There are National Parks and habitats being constructed to help in

Stats of the remaining tigers of India

- The scientific name is Panthera Tigris
- A century ago the India Tiger population was near 40,000
- The total population of India Tigers is now only about 3,846
- Thirty-two India Tigers were killed in 2009
- The natural habitats for the India Tiger are swamps, thorn forests and grass jungles

the efforts of bringing these animals back from the edge. If the people of China can stop with their needless killing of these animals hopefully their population will begin to rise. With the help for conservations and other organizations endangerment might not always be a issue.

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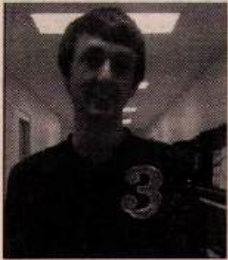


Putnam's impounded pup found a friendly family

Jake Putnam's dog was tested on for a year, for medicine that helps other dogs in Denver, Colorado. Jake's family rescued Webster.

By Alice Dixon, [staff writer]

He was ecstatic. His parents saw him bouncing off the walls when he found out that he was getting a dog. After all of those years of begging and pleading he was finally getting what he really wanted.



Jake Putnam, junior

Jake Putnam, junior, has a dog that may be unlike somebody else's dog. His eight-year-old Yellow Lab, Terrier, Beagle mix dog named Webster was tested on in Denver, Colorado for about a year.

Jake's family has had Webster for about 10 years and he was very excited when he first got him. Besides taking care of a dog, he participates in Cross Country, band, choir, student senate, creative ink, speech, and NHS.

His family got his dog when Jake was only about seven so it could be a shock to know that he was tested. Jake exclaimed, "It was surprising to me. We had him for a year or two before I knew he was tested on."

A lot of people are part of organizations that are against testing on animals, but Putnam has no opinion. Yet this makes Webster a shy dog. Jake added, "He's really quiet and barely ever barks. He isn't very playful at all."

Jake was really excited to get a new dog, but it took a long process. Jake's mom, Mrs. Putnam a Special Education teacher at MHS, got the dog from one of

her good friends who lives in Colorado. She tested Webster for medicine for other dogs. "Since I knew my friend, she took us through her lab. It was exciting."

Mrs. Putnam explained that Jake had wanted a dog for the longest time. Finally his dad told him that if he didn't mention getting a dog until the end of the year, they would consider it. "He would literally bring it up every day. After we told him that, he stopped bringing it up."

Webster is a very loving, caring dog. Despite this, Jake wishes that he played more often. "He was three when we got him. He spent most of his life in a cage and being tested on. So he doesn't really play fetch, or do any tricks, but he is a very loving. He likes to cuddle on your lap."

Mrs. Putnam recommends adopting animals that were tested on to everyone. "I know a lot of people who do, but I won't be adopting any more." She isn't against adopting more dogs like theirs, but as some of you know it's hard to take care of your pet, especially when you're away from home.

She thinks that testing on animals is okay as long as the animal isn't being put in pain. Mrs. Putnam



Jake holds his loving dog. His dog's name is Webster and he is about ten years old.

elaborated, "Because I know my friend, it's humane, but I know there are some people and organizations that aren't humane." Some organizations test animals for different reasons that could be health risks to the animal and they could be put in pain.

Opening to door to his house and seeing Webster lying quietly, asleep gives him a good feeling. Finally after his years of begging he got what he wanted. Webster may not come from a typical background, but the Putnam's wouldn't have it any other way.

A positive influence for students

By Hannah Shaffer, [Opinion Editor]

He walks through the familiar doors of his job just like every week and every day Monday through Friday. Teaching at West Delaware, with all the obstacles or difficulties he had to face on a day-to-day basis, he also took many lessons and took with him the satisfaction and happiness of knowing he has changed the lives of many.



Mr. Trilk,
English Teacher

Mr. Trilk, is on his first year here and teaching all grades. Before working here, Mr. Trilk worked with the "at risk" kids of West Delaware High School. He explains that the at risk students are the students that may not have the best home life or the ones that have a tough time making positive decisions for themselves. When talking about his previous job, Mr. Trilk says, "I felt like part of my job was to snoop in my students' personal lives. I frequently had to check in with their family members and I had to keep track of all their classes and grades."

Mr. Trilk was greatly impacted by his previous teachers and says that's part of the reason he wanted to be a teacher. "I wanted to teach because I had really good teachers when I was growing up and I really like to read and write." With teaching, there comes many rewarding moments and to Mr. Trilk, he states that his favorite part of teaching is working with teenagers and getting them excited about books and writing. There are many positives in the days of the lives of teachers, but there are also many struggles. Mr. Trilk says the biggest struggle is, "trying

to understand the individualistic nature of everyone and what home or work life is like for them."

Mr. Trilk started his career out of high school attending Wales and graduating from UNI. His first teaching job was at West Delaware and now here. There are a few differences that Mr. Trilk talks about between W.D. and Marion. "The students are quite a bit different, like when I worked with the 'at risk' kids, I always had to worry about what they were doing outside of school and their other classes. Also, the material is quite a bit different." Although Mr. Trilk now speaks highly of the staff and students here, he also misses many of the students he was close with from W.D. He also says his favorite thing was, "coaching girls soccer and I really liked the students I had. There are some that I really miss. However, I am so, so happy to be here."

Now, Mr. Trilk walks through the doors of Marion everyday and has created a new "family" for himself. "I like that it's like a family environment here and people are closer. The faculty is awesome they have all been really nice to me." Although many think that teachers are the ones who are supposed to know everything, teaching can also be a learning experience. Mr. Trilk's biggest lesson has been, "how to be empathetic towards people and knowing that everyone has their own story to tell."

With his love for writing Mr. Trilk is also writing a book that he hopes to one day get published. Along with that, his most desired accomplishment for teaching would be, "I just really hope that the students 10 years from now remember me." On a last note, Mr. Trilk jokingly comments, "If anyone ever wants to talk to someone about the Beatles, I am the best guy to talk to." Even with the change of schools and students, Mr. Trilk continues to inspire and change the lives of many.



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Boredom; Portwine and Kinney's ways on solving the dilemma

By Hannah Miller, [Design editor]

The clock is ticking, the seconds turn into minutes as their brain ponders what to do with ones free time. Boredom. The one word that fills the brain and consumes it to the point, it's all they can think about. As boredom starts to consume their brains, they each have their own ways of fixing it.



Tre Kinney,
Junior



Kelsey Portwine,
Freshman

Kelsey Portwine, Freshmen, has her own idea about what to do when she gets bored that seems to follow what many people do. Eat. "I eat a lot of food, mostly ice cream and pudding," she explains with a laugh, "if there's no food around, I get on the computer or eat [while] on the computer." People, like Kelsey, think that eating is a great way to fill the time, but it doesn't really help you get over being bored. "I'm still bored, but I guess there's nothing else to do," she replies proving that eating will only help your boredom for a little bit.

To keep herself from getting bored, she tries to stay out of the house. This where most of her boredom occurs. "Usually I

hang out with friends and eat... a lot [when I need something to do]. Kelsey eats or hangs out with friends when she is bored and feels it is a good way to fill her time. Her advice to anyone that is bored is "eat [or] go find a friend."

Tre Kinney, Junior, has a very different approach and feel when it comes to his boredom. "Well I watch some educational TV, mostly Discovery Channel," he said in his serious mocking tone. "[Or] I think of wildlife creatures." Besides watching TV and thinking of wildlife creatures, he also fills the time with friends. "...If I want to day dream I stay at home, but if not I go chill with my dawgs." Many people fill their time like Tre does and it seems to be a very efficient way to fill the time and keep boredom at bay.

**"It's a
reoccurring theme
in one's life that
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drag them in a pit
of darkness."**

-Tre Kinney, 11

When Tre is bored his mind starts to wander. He thinks of many things that would be strange to everyone else, but are things that come to his mind during these times of boredom. "Sometimes I think about what tigers dream about, then sometimes I think about getting food. Other times I times I contemplate the problems and enigmas that one encounters throughout his daily life." Tre has a huge imagination that comes through when bored strikes.

Boredom can be a very serious thing that can leave you thinking there is nothing left to do. When Tre was asked if boredom could ever be escaped, he replied seriously with, "It's a reoccurring theme in one's life that will soon over take them and drag them in a pit of darkness."



Kelsey Portwine and Tre Kinney sit as boredom consumes them. Kelsey eats Taco Bell while Tre sits and stares off into space and daydreams.

Boredom is a thing that can't be left alone. Tre has some interesting ideas on what people should do when they're bored, but his advice to anyone would have to be "Don't be bored. Adopt a cat." Tre feels this will help stop boredom and keep people occupied during those times.

The time starts to speed up when they find their own things to do. Boredom isn't consuming their brains anymore to the point where it was all they could think about. They aren't hearing the clock tick anymore. Well at least for a little bit until the clock tick again and they are left to start all over. Boredom can never be escaped, but these two each have their way to at least postpone it for as long as they can.

Two staff members are injured from fall on ice

By Addie DeWitt, [Staff writer]

Falling on the ice is one of the most common accidents for injury during the winter-time. Nobody could imagine how painful the ice could be until two incidents happened here at MHS. The week before Winter Break ice was the leading cause of pain between two people, one in fact even required surgery.

Dr. Thomas was carefully strolling by a truck that happened to be unloading behind the school. He was close to getting to the building when he passed the truck and his foot slipped on the slick piece of ice that was on the pavement. It was a very painful fall. "It was like a freak accident," describes Dr. Thomas. Laying there in agony he thinks about how close he was to hitting his head on the side of the semi. "I lied under the truck for five to seven minutes until a



Mrs. Bannon,
Special Education

few custodians came out and found me. They helped me up and brought me inside, where I was rushed to the hospital by ambulance," Dr. Thomas explained. One week after the fall the surgery took place. He broke the bone that connects the Fibula to the ankle. He had one plate, seven screws, and is now in a wheel chair. Due to this surgery he will be able to make a full recovery.

Mrs. Bannon, a special education teacher that has worked at Marion for the past eighteen years, also fell down on a patch of ice. She has in fact slipped before but never as hard as the fall made this time. Even though no surgery was needed for Mrs. Bannon, her broken wrist still caused her pain. "I did not have any surgeries and did not have to have a cast, but I did wear an immobilizer to help my wrist recover," Mrs. Bannon tells.

Both Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Bannon are great caring, compassionate people who care for the staff as well as the student

body unconditionally. Dr. Thomas may seem strict, but it's only to help the student body succeed. "I'm a teddy bear at heart," teases Dr. Thomas. They both want all the students to do the best they can do, and be the best they can be. The loss of a few custodians was questioned to be one of the causes of the ice being on the pavement, but that seemed to not be the case. The traits each one of these people have, make them great people, which is why it was sad for Dr. Thomas to explain the hardship our school is going through right now with the budget cuts. Even though 1.1 million dollar budget cut effected on the staff at MHS. Three custodians had to be let go as a result of the budget cut. "It's hard to see any staff member to be let go, but there are a lot of sacrifices this year that will have to be made." Not many people agree with the budget cuts, but they have no choice then to just make it through. "It is hard when 80% of the 15 million dollars budget our school gets goes to paying the teachers and getting supplies, because that leave only 20% to pay for utilities, such as heating and electricity," exclaims Dr. Thomas.

While going through these tough times with budget cuts, being injured doesn't help the cause. Dr. Thomas is doing the best he can do to manage. The surgery was the first stepping block for recovery. Now on the last step, the wheel chair and crutches, he is gradually getting better.



Dr. Thomas, principal, had to get staples after his horrific fall on the ice a few weeks ago.

Frosty weather makes walking colder than before

By Carey Dumas, [Staff writer]

Grabbing her coat from the hall closet, she throws it over her shoulders. Putting one arm through the sleeve, she holds on to the inside of the coat. One arm in and only one more to go. She pulls the other arm in to the sleeve of the coat and it's a success. Using both of her hands, she reaches down to the bottom of her coat and grabs the zipper, puts them together and brings the one side up. Next, she puts on her hat to keep her ears warm. Second to last, she reaches for her gloves that are sitting on the table and puts them over her hands. And finally, with boots right by the door, she walks over there and puts them on. She's now ready to leave.

Sarah Eimers, freshman, walks to and from school almost every day. It is only about two miles to and from school every day, but she still walks.

Sarah does the same thing almost every day when she walks to and from school. And it is usually about the same temperature every day. "I start walking usually at 7:35 and I put my coat on and it's really cold. I usually get to school around 7:50, she said. It is a little bit different when Sarah walks home. "I start walking usually around 5:30 and it's colder because it's getting dark and I get home around 5:45," Sarah explained.

There are a lot of people that walk by themselves and don't have anyone to walk with. Then there are other people that have groups of people or that walk with someone. "I walk by

myself half way and with Ellen the other half," she commented. It's always good to have someone to walk with, so you aren't alone and there is someone to talk to and hang out with while walking the boring cold walk.

For some people it seems to be colder than other years, but for others, it's either about the same or colder. "Sometimes it's colder because I actually have to walk in it and before I didn't have to," Sarah proclaimed.

At the end of the day, nice or cold, Sarah goes to her locker, puts on her coat and backpack heading home. She passes houses with barking dogs, and sees speeding cars go by. She hears the wind blow past her, and the thrashing of the trees holding up against the breeze. She walks up her driveway and opens the door. She's home and she's warm.



Sarah Eimers, freshman, walks to school in the cold weather almost every day.

Known for her work all over the internet; it's Kelsey

Kelsey McMeines explains her talent and love for the art of drawing. Along with her plans of after graduating high school

By: Logan Tichy, [Staff Writer]

Its Sunday morning, 9:30 to be exact. She is tuned into Nick Jr, her favorite show Blues Clues was on. While she was sitting on the floor she gets the inspiration to start drawing. First getting her pencil and paper, then learning how to stroke her pencil in the right way. And she is off!

If you don't know by now Kelsey McMeins is one of the best artists that we have at the school. She is a drawer, does woodwork, airbrushes, traditional, designs t-shirts and stickers.

Kelsey McMeins can get very emotional when she draws. She can either be happy if she is drawing a happy picture. On the other hand if she draws a dark and gloomy picture she gets depressed. "My emotion is what ever I'm drawing about." Kelsey McMeins says as she stares off into space.

"My best/favorite piece would have to be of my boyfriend and his father before his dad passed away." That piece is the most meaning full picture or drawing that she has done.

"It is a gift to my boyfriends brother, of his dad holding him when he was just a kid." Kelsey has worked her way up in the artistic society, and is now selling her artistic pieces for 5-10 dollars online at www.Deviantart.Anti-Dark-heart.com. She considers her self very successful in the artistic world.

To Kelsey it doesn't matter what the picture looks like, to her it's the meaning that is behind the picture that matters. "To me its not how well the picture is done, it's the meaning of the emphasis that's put into the pictures."

In all of Kelsey's artistic life, she has done many pictures. "I have done more than I can ever count! I would say I probably have done 500+ in my life time and 300+ in the past three years!" Kelsey says as she asks her neighbor for more ketchup.

Once Kelsey graduates from Marion she wants to go to an art college, or major in a art at an university. "I would love to go to an art college, if that doesn't happen I would love to go to a college or university in either Iowa, Illinois, or Kentucky."

Once graduated from college or the university she wants to get a job at The Blizzard Company. "The company that made World of Warcraft, Starcraft, and



Kelsey McMeins, freshman at Marion, draws one her awesome drawings during school.

Diablo. If that doesn't happen either graphic designing, game design, and computer animation would work also."

Who ever thought that watching Blues Clues when your younger would turn out to be a Kelsey McMeins strongest talent. She is now has been considered an artist in the world of art. "Anyone can draw!" Kelsey says while laughing.



Kelsey McMeins, Sophomore

Kaitlyn cheers on for Champs

By: Alice Dixon, [Staff Writer]

Five minutes until the bell rang. People were talking all around her and the teacher was trying to get them to understand the assignment. Everyone talked about going to hang out with friends or going to the basketball game that night, but she knew that she was going to Starry to pick up her mentee.

Kaitlyn Nathem, freshmen, is enjoying her first year at Marion High School and

her first year in the MHS Champs program. Champs is a program where students from the High School meet with a child from either

decide not to meet the requirements and meet with their kid twice a month. The child usually gets discouraged, because they are looking forward to hanging out with their mentor and Kaitlyn agrees. "I think it's a poor decision and if you don't meet with them your hurting the child. He or she might not trust people." If the child is supposed to look up to you and you don't meet the requirements that child might not look up to others.

Kaitlyn is also involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, Take Charge, and track in the fall. Her child is 7 years old and he goes to Starry. "It's important to me and I feel like I'm making a difference."

Some of the activities people can do with their kid are; play in the snow, make cookies, go to a park, color, go to Chuck 'E' Cheese, play video games, go bowling, etc. There are a lot of little to no cost activities you can do and those are recommended. "We have gone to Chuck 'E' Cheese, played xbox at my house, played in the snow, etc."

It's hard to find time to be with your "kid". Kaitlyn says that she is considering being in the program throughout high school. "Possibly. It's difficult to juggle life, sports and hanging out with friends with hanging out with your kid." If you play sports like Kaitlyn, it's hard to find time after school and it's hard to find time on the weekends.

Kaitlyn first got involved with Champs from her friends. "They told me that it would be fun." A lot of people from MHS are needed in the program, so Kaitlyn thought joining with friends would be fun.

As all of the little kids at Starry bounced around he knew what he was going to do after school that day. Kids' parent's picked them up in their shiny cars, but he was picked up by a high school mentor.



Kaitlyn Nathem, Freshman

Starry, Emerson, or FMI at least twice a month and get a chance to hang out. "It's a chance to get less fortunate kids to interact with others and to show them that people are trustworthy," says Kaitlyn.

The kids picked for the program are considered "less fortunate" in one way or another. The program is supposed to lift their spirits. "At first I couldn't meet with my kid because his brother was in the hospital." After a few weeks Kaitlyn got to meet with her kid.

People from MHS first get to meet their mentee at Match Night. During this night they go to Starry and meet with their "kid". They play games and get to know the kid and their family if they decide to come also. "... we ate pizza and played get to know you games with M&M's." They also played red light green light, simon says, and duck duck goose with all of the kids and mentors in Champs.

Some people in the program

Pushing towards the front of the lunch line

By: Morgan Kolarik, [Staff Writer]

He eagerly waited for the bell as he sat in class. Prepared for the daily sprint down the hall to lunch. Hoping to be first in line he gathered his books, packed up his belongings, and waited.

Al Rettkowski, a freshman, enjoys school, "I kind of [like school] because I get to hang out with my friends," he said. He is also involved in football, which he really enjoys. "Football is my favorite sport, because I love contact sports and I love to hit people".

Al can frequently be seen running down the halls to get to lunch. Some school lunches he enjoys more than others, "My favorite school lunch is personal pan pizza, because it tastes good." Logically, running to lunch would place you at the front of the line; unfortunately for Al, the back of the line is a familiar place.

For Al, lunch has its ups and its downs.

He definitely has some interesting stories relating to lunch. "Well let's see, Cedrick was running to lunch too and he stopped too fast and I ran into him. Then he hit me in the face and my glasses fell off!" Al said he then just picked up his glasses and continued on his way. A downside to having "A" lunch, according to Al, is the fact that it's so early in the day. "I get hungry towards the end of the day because I

eat so early." Sometimes the menu for lunch doesn't appeal to Al, "my least favorite lunch is fun fish, because its mushy and I hate fish!"

Al does seem to like his high school experience with lunch better than his middle school one. "I like this school's lunch better than Vernon's school lunch". Although Al likes high school lunch better than middle school, he would rather eat at Subway or the lunch he gets at his house.

Al waits in his 2nd block class for the bell to ring so he can attend "A" lunch. He gathers his belongings, grabs his books, and sits quietly, waiting for the bells familiar ring. Hoping that he will be towards the front of the line today.



Al Rettkowski, Freshman

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Two Hundred Paper Cranes: A Japanese legend states that anyone who folds one thousand paper cranes will be granted one wish.

Kelsey Rhodes, senior, snags the winning spot in the Creative Ink short story contest held in February.

By Kelsey Rhodes

She sits in the same seat every day, hands folded delicately in her lap. Her head is tilted downward, refusing to meet anyone's gaze. Every time I see her, she is clothed in a different dress. But the same straw hat rests atop her mat of black hair, the same burst of sunshine treading lightly over darkness. All the subway passengers avoid her, as if she were housing a contagious disease.



Kelsey Rhodes, Senior

After a week passes by, I make my way through the passengers and sit next to her, resting my briefcase against the seat. Her head lifts up a little, and a look of surprise lights up her face. Quickly she bows her head again, blushing lightly and twiddling her thumbs.

The next day, I sit by her again. A hat of sunshine no longer adorns her head, but the curtain of ebony is pulled away from her face with a pink bow. She smiles slightly as I approach, and we sit in silence for a time.

"Good morning," I greet, offering a hand to shake. "I am Hideo Matsuda. Who

are you, miss?"

She tenses up and cautiously shakes my hand, but says nothing.

Quicksilver rain seeps from the sky when dawn next breaks. Stepping onto the subway, I weave through the swell of passengers not wishing to stroll through the downpour. Today the girl wears jeans and a spring jacket, and her hair is let down, combed over one shoulder.

"It's cold today, isn't it?" I laugh, resting my black umbrella against my briefcase.

Nodding, she reaches into her pocket. A pen and notebook paper emerge. She scribbles something down and passes the paper to me. I apologize for not speaking, it reads. I'm mute.

Mute. My eyes sweep over her, incredulous, and she reaches out for the paper as she twirls the pen in her other hand. She writes down more and returns it. My name is Haruka Suzuki. It's very nice to meet you. Thank you for sitting by me.

I smile. "It's no problem. If I may ask, where do you go every day? I always see you sitting in this same exact seat."

She hesitates before retrieving the paper, and her pen scrawls quickly across the paper. The hospital. Father is ill. Mother left years ago, and I am an only child.

"I'm sorry," I say, as the subway reaches my stop. "I hope he recovers soon. See you tomorrow."

With a step onto the pavilion, I reach

for my umbrella before emerging into the spring shower. But it isn't there. I dash back to the subway and find the doors already hissing closed. As it shuffles forward to the next stop, I spot Haruka leaning over the seats, waving my umbrella back and forth like a pendulum. With a sigh, I buy a new one from a stand.

Though the sky no longer bleeds silver the next day, a chill grips the land. Clouds still roll sluggishly through the sky, blotting out the sun. Haruka wears black slacks and a white cardigan sweater, clutching both my umbrella and a bouquet of magnificent blooms. She absently passes me the umbrella, staring straight ahead, bags under her red-rimmed eyes. From what? Crying, lack of sleep? I deduct the former as her dark almond eyes begin to glisten.

"What is it, Haruka?" I ask.

She sniffs and draws out her pen and paper. Father is not doing well. He's become very sick. I'm scared, Mr. Matsuda. Sniffing again, she grips the bouquet tighter. The plastic wrap crinkles and cries in protest, and a single tear escapes her eye.

"Come here." My voice is barely above a whisper.

Haruka tentatively comes near, shaking and crying silently. Her bouquet plummets to the ground, and I wrap her in a quick, supportive embrace. After a moment she scribbles furiously onto the paper. I have only made two hundred paper cranes for

him. What if I don't make it to a thousand before he dies? Then I can't make my wish for him to recover!

I say nothing, and wrap her another reassuring hug. When my stop arrives, a feeling of distress overcomes me. How could I leave such a distraught child by herself?

There is no other choice. I must disembark, as this is the only stop to my work building. I stoop down to pick up Haruka's bouquet, and she mouths a thank you as I depart with umbrella and briefcase in hand.

Haruka is gone the next day. Patiently I wait in the same seat each time I board the subway, hoping she will suddenly saunter through the doors and sit down beside to me. But time passes, and the seats fill up once more, as if she never were there to begin with. As if those two weeks were nothing but a daydream.

After a month rolls by, a light rose envelope appears in my mailbox from Miss Haruka Suzuki. Inside is a vibrant scarlet paper crane, along with a note.

My father passed away last month. Since then I have moved to my aunt's home in the Chiba Prefecture, so I will not be able to see you anymore on the subway.

This is the last paper crane I made for my father, but I would like you to have it, Mr. Matsuda. You've done so much for me; you've pulled me out of depression, given me a new outlook on life.

I cannot thank you enough for being so kind to me.

Eviction

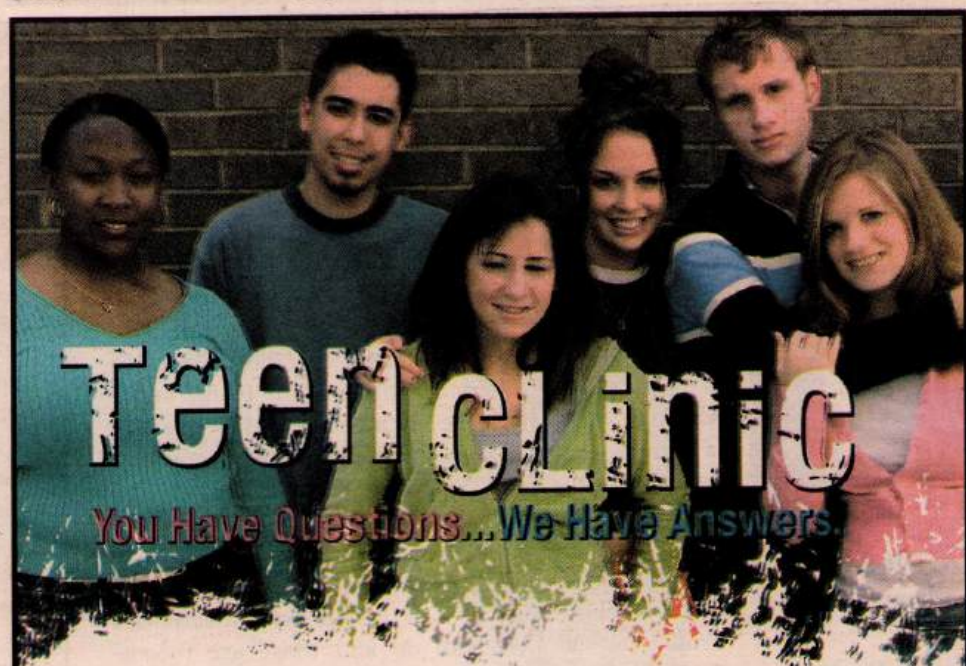
Sarah Mork, freshman, took first place in this year's Creative Ink contest in the poetry category

By Sarah Mork

Dirty word haunting threatening to raise its ugly head to destroy everything I've known. He taunts me and cackles as hands grasp the slick surface of the ledge he towers over. They strain themselves, exhaust themselves trying to get themselves ahead. Chasing and striving until they are lulled into a lazy sleep by the comfort of extravagance. Then with a snicker he whips the hands now hanging on so loosely all fall down to ashes in a ring to a home among the rubble a family left in ruin. My eyes wide in fear, his cackles turn to comfort. Sweet talker's words dance in my ears, "That will never be you, my dear, you're perfectly safe with me." Perfectly safe on a slippery ledge screams below contradict the honey in his voice. My hands are sliding, shaking, quivering, waiting for his whip to crack on me and we all fall down.



Sarah Mork, Freshman



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