



Find out about Kristy Bell's future plans for a wedding instead of prom. On pgs 8-9

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## HUBBELL PREPARES FOR ANOTHER PROM



Seniors Ryan Hubbell and Joel Kane posed at last year's prom. This year, Ryan is going with senior, Joanna Forkner.

When the night finally arrives, Ryan will throw on his tux and prepare himself for a great night with his friends. He and his group will be going out to eat at the Iowa River Power Company and taking pictures with everyone. The long awaited event will finally be here and be talked about for a long time between all who are attending.

Senior, Ryan Hubbell, talks about getting ready for prom with out any stress at all

By: Hannah Shaffer [Opinion Editor]

He walks into the doors of Irwins, and begins his search for a tux and tie that matches his date. The process has only just begun. With it being his second year attending prom, he has a good idea of how all this goes. Even with all the excitement intensifying, there are many things that need to be arranged before the big night can be enjoyed.

Senior at Marion High School, Ryan Hubbell, has begun the long process to fully preparing for the big night, prom. This will be Ryan's second year attending, as will for many others. This year, he will be attending the dance and post prom with his date, Joanna Forkner. They will also be joined by a large group of friends who will be at dinner with the Ryan and his date. Although prom is a very anticipated event, there is a lot to do to prepare. "The process is a little long and hard, but if all goes as planned, it's definitely worth it." Ryan does not completely enjoy the process, but he, just like many others attending prom, know what a blast it is in the end.

In a chill manner, Ryan said his favorite part is, "throwing on that tux, but I hate waiting all day." When the nerves begin to kick in for many on the morning of, Ryan tries only to worry about getting dressed and being on time for the pictures. While most girls start getting ready hours before the dance, guys don't take nearly as long. Ryan said, "I start getting ready about an hour before so I'm not rushed." There is not much that goes in to getting ready the day of prom, especially when everything was well planned out in advance.

Last year and this year have been a very different experience for him while getting himself prepared. "Last year, I was on a college visit on the same day and I got home with about 10 minutes to spare before grand march; not very idea," he reminisces and laughs. A lot of people let the stress of making plans get to them, which is why Ryan advises, "try to be in charge of the least amount of things possible for the night." That's good advice to follow for those who would like to worry less about the plans, and more about the excitement of the evening.

## Texting gone wrong

Commentary

Sexting. Most teenagers know what it is. Some maybe have been involved with it. Either way it's gross!

Why would someone want to send a naked picture of one's self to someone else? Do they know that probably not just that one person will see it? The person could send it or show it to someone else. It's kind of stupid if you think about it, the fact that a lot of people are seeing someone's nude or semi nude picture. I know I it was me I would be beyond embarrassed, and I think it's embarrassment that person wouldn't get over either, because that picture will always be out there, and no one can change that, and not to mention I have a lot more self respect than that. Think about this, what if that person's grandma, grandpa, mom, or dad saw the picture? That's really humiliating!



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

Recently, Marion High School had an assembly about sexting that was really informative. I would've thought that maybe the students would've got the message not to do it. But I'm sure some didn't because it's probably still going on. Not only is it gross, but it's also illegal! If the person is under 18 it's child pornography. According to about.com "In Iowa, sexting, can result in charges of engaging a minor in a "prohibited sexual act" or simulate a "prohibited sexual act," a Class "C" felony carrying a fine of up to \$50,000 for each offense. According to 728 of the Iowa Code, "prohibited sexual act" refers to, among other examples, "nudity of a minor for the purpose of arousing or satisfying the sexual desires of a person who may view" the depiction"

So next time someone goes to send that text, maybe they should think about the long term effects that sexting can have. Not just the fact that many people will see it, but also the federal consequences it could have! So please just think twice and hopefully they won't send the message!

## Waiting for prom to make it more meaningful

By: Addie DeWitt (Staff Writer)

Most high schoolers around this time of the year are stressing out. Prom is running through their minds, and the plans going along with it are never ending. But by most students, I do not mean all. Some students are choosing not to go to prom this year. The many reasons why they choose to not go to prom are all different, but it's each persons decision. Some choose to just chill with their friends, some are going out of town, or even some sporting events have set some



Kortnie Nelson, Junior

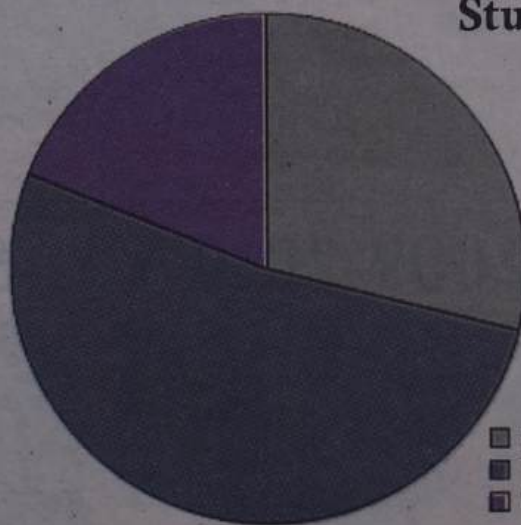
conflict for people wanting to go to prom. One person in particular that is not going to prom is Kortnie Nelson.

Kortnie Nelson, junior, is deciding not to go to prom this year. She says, "If I wait till senior year it will be more meaningful." This may be true, but what would fill the free time the night everyone is at the dance? "I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet", Kortnie states.

She has never gone to a Marion prom before nor any other schools prom, but her plans instead should be fun. Due to the fact Kortnie has chosen not to go to prom this year she is hoping it will make her senior prom that much more magical.

So for the majority of students going to prom, make it meaningful. If prom is not the choice for someone, hangout and spend the night with one's closest friends.

## Students speak out about going to prom



100 Marion students told us who's going to prom, whos not, and who's still undecided. Where do you fit?

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## What do you think about the school having another prom for the underclassmen?



"That's sounds so cool. I would totally go,"  
-Courtney Livingston, freshman



"That would be the dumbest thing I've ever heard of,"  
-Karina Keine, senior



"It wouldn't bother me as long as everyone is happy. Honestly I don't really care,"  
-Hazen Vann, junior

## Prom for the underclassmen; just more time, stress, and an overall hassle for all

A separate prom for the underclassmen; there is not enough time, money, or volunteers

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

For many juniors and seniors prom is the most exciting, fun, and memorable time of the year. Going out with friends, not having a care in the world, and looking absolutely stunning for that one night is the highlight for many juniors and seniors. Prom is a huge event that many people look forward to their junior and senior years. While the juniors and seniors go crazy in the gym, what do the freshman and sophomores do on prom night? Many people feel it would be a great idea to have a freshman and sophomore prom along with a junior and senior prom. This so called great idea is ridiculous.

Many people look forward to their junior year just because it's finally their time to go to prom. It would be insane to have a freshman/sophomore prom. It would take away all of the excitement and anticipation of the junior/senior prom. Juniors celebrate almost being seniors, seniors celebrate the last big event before they graduate. What would be the point of a prom for the underclassmen? There is no point. Enough sophomores and freshman already go to prom as it is. They don't need a separate prom.

For the underclassmen, however, they think that a separate prom for them would be a great idea. After all, there is

no dance or event for just the underclassmen. Besides what do they have to do on prom night? Same old, same old. Hang out with friends, go to a movie, sit at home being bored, basically nothing special. So is there any good reason they can't have their own prom other than the fact it would upset the upperclassmen?

The underclassmen may think it's a great idea, but there are many things that interfere. Each class is in charge of something throughout the year. The freshman have burning of the M, sophomores have homecoming, juniors have prom, and seniors have project graduation. Who would work on raising money and setting up a second prom? On top of the prom takes a lot of planning, designing, time etc. etc. It would add a lot of stress and be a huge struggle to raise enough money and plan a second prom.

Even if the freshman and sophomores think a second prom is a fantastic idea, it would be a huge struggle finding time, raising money, and people to help. Overall, it would just be a hassle. A second prom would be absurd. One prom for the juniors and seniors is just fine. Eventually, freshman and sophomores will be the juniors and seniors and then they will get to experience prom with all of their friends and have the time of their lives.

## May Day; a day with purpose or just pizzazz?

By: Storm Dogs [Staff Writer]

Every year on the first day of May, people put together cute little baskets full of treats like candy and popcorn. The tradition is that the person giving the basket would leave it at someone's doorstep, ring the doorbell and run away. If the person receiving the basket saw you, a kiss was to be exchanged.

This holiday, known as May Day is a Pagan religious holiday, but is celebrated worldwide. May Day was originally created to celebrate the Virgin Mary and the summer solstice soon to come. May Day is celebrated in different ways around the world, however some don't celebrate it at all. If anything, it can be used as a chance to do something nice for someone else. In some places around the world, May Day is very traditional. Such as in Europe, there are many festivities that come with May Day. Different dances are performed, such as Morris dancing. A May Day queen is also crowned. Nowadays though, it seems as if kids will use any excuse they can find to get together with friends.

Even though May Day isn't really a major holiday, it's a pretty great

one. Whether you don't like the traditional side of it, get together with some friends and celebrate the coming of summer and the ending of the school year. Or just do something nice for a neighbor and give them a May Day basket. Although some celebrate spring by wearing shorts everyday, making May Day baskets is a fun, creative way to celebrate summer. May Day is also a great way to bring families together. As most holidays, families come together and celebrate. May Day is a nice holiday, but not really that big of a one that families need to travel hours on end just to spend it with you. Many celebrate the coming of summer by wearing shorts all day and don't feel the need to have a big dinner with the family.

May Day baskets are a good idea as well. It's nothing big like having dinner with family and friends, but it's a nice gesture to give a friend one. There isn't really reason to follow the tradition of leaving it on someone's doorstep, unless you're Pagan. Although, the celebration of May Day has been picked up by people all around the world. When making a May Day basket, be creative! Don't go with the classic candy and popcorn. Put

jewelry or even a little bit of money in them.

There are different traditions that come along with May Day. It'd be fun to make up your own traditions though. Maybe go to a restaurant or watch a certain movie on May Day. Maybe a tradition is donating food to a food pantry. Either way, make May Day a fun day to be spent with friends and family.

It doesn't really have a purpose unless you follow Pagan traditions. But whether it's celebrated or not, it's not that big of a deal. Since it's not a major holiday, it's not focused on too much. Some major holidays like Christmas, people go all out to celebrate it. They decorate their houses to show up their neighbors and show their Christmas spirit. As with May Day, there isn't any holiday specials in stores and people don't go all out to celebrate it. Just have fun with friends and family and don't worry about spending a bunch of money celebrating it.

May Day can be whatever you make it to be. Whether you follow the old traditions, or come up with your own traditions, have fun with your family!

## Does May Day have a purpose?



"I like the little baskets."  
-Kayla Hunte, freshman



"It's a day full of love and joy."  
-Brandon Ette, sophomore



"I don't think it has a purpose. Maybe just being nice to a neighbor."  
-Kyle Kennedy, freshmen

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IS FACEBOOK GOING TOO FAR WITH HATE GROUPS? FIND OUT IN, "Bashing people & schools just looks bad."

Bashing people & schools just looks bad

Facebook hate groups have become a problem within schools

By: Hunter Damer [Web Editor]

Where is the love? A lot of people are asking that question these days. With everybody so quick to "hate" it is hard to find the love. Hate is a strong word that is used very loosely. Facebookers everywhere share their hate with everyone. They do this by creating facebook hate groups. To some this may seem like a joke between friends, but to others this is serious and can harm the person these groups are targeted at.

Such groups are named as fan clubs favoring one person in a fight between friends, discriminating names towards individuals or groups, and some are as blunt as saying "we hate Tom." One of the newest phases are the "At least we don't go to Linn-Mar" or "At least we don't go to Kennedy" groups. Wars between schools. Sure we all play against each other in sports, but off the field or court what's saying we can't all be friends?

People will make these groups and have people join just to show a certain person how many people "hate" them. Don't join these groups even jokingly because the person who is being trashed

can really be hurt. Some kids have even been driven to take their own life.

Other than groups targeting individuals they also target groups such as, religions, race, and sexual orientation. This can hurt people just as bad as if attacked individually. These groups have been known to cause fights, physical and verbal.

That is if they person or group that is being targeted feels angry. Instead of feeling angry they could feel sad or alone. These feelings could cause victims to inflict self-harm or at least loss of self-esteem. These simple groups made just to make certain people feel better about themselves can make someone's life hell.

Even if someone doesn't like another, they don't need to share it with the world in an attempt to crush that other person. Victims of these groups can feel the pain of all those people hating them for a lifetime. If you see these groups forming try your best to stop them. Tell your friends to not join and if you see any victims offer them a smile. One smile can change someone's life. Every minute of hate, you feel is sixty seconds of love you'll never get back.



"They are sad," -Aaron Reisner, senior

"They are hateful," -Abi Washburn, freshman

"If you have enough time to make a stupid group you have enough time to hit up B.K.," -Jordan Heiar, senior

"They are dumber than a box of rocks!," -Derrick Williams, sophomore

Primping for prom

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

She can hardly sleep at all. Tossing and turning all through the night. Her excitement keeps her awake for hours on end. She can hardly contain herself. Her focus has completely deteriorated within the past couple days. All she can think about is the fact she will be in the most gorgeous, royal blue Cinderella gown dancing with her very own prince charming in just a few short hours. Walking in Grand March, everyone's eyes on her. Dancing all night long with her friends, and being wrapped in her prince's arms. It's prom night.



Prom is a night for everyone to get dressed up, show himself or herself off in Grand March, go to a fancy dinner with their closest friends, dance the night away, and have the time of their lives. People go absolutely crazy for prom. After all it IS the biggest event of the school year. For many people prom night is one of the most memorable times in their high school years. Many guys find the absolute most adorable ways to ask their perfect girl to prom and many girls go dress hunting months in advance.

Many girls dream about two things on many occasions, their wedding and prom. Many girls think about prom before they are even out of middle school. Those are some of the most special, memorable times in a girl's life. So why are people so surprised when girls say they spent two or three hundred dollars on the dress alone? Honestly, because spending two, three, or even four hundred dollars on a dress they will most likely wear once in a lifetime is completely and utterly OUTRAGEOUS!!!

A possible solution for this dilemma is for the first year of prom is to not go all out. Try to get a more simple dress and try to find a cheaper place to get your hair and nails done, before deciding to go to an expensive, professional salon. As for jewelry, buy fake jewelry or wear jewelry one already owns. Don't go waste money on super expensive jewelry. No one will notice or care if the jewelry is fake. As for the dress, there are many places girls can go to get dresses. Whether it's free, on sale, or borrowed, there is no need to spend extreme amounts of money on a dress.

No matter what, here is no need to spend a fortune on prom night. There are many solutions one could consider before going out and spending three hundred dollars on a dress, or go get their hair and nails done at an overpriced salon. Prom isn't about who can spend the most money on their hair or their dress, it's a chance for people to go crazy with all of their friends and have the time of their lives.

New rules, new guidelines, now a paper license?

By: Logan Tichy [Ad-Editor]

Just recently the government has mandated new rules about what you can and can't do when it comes to getting your license.

There are currently three things that you are not able to do. Which are: You are not able to smile. You can not wear your glasses. They are also going to send you your license though the mail. When someone who wears glasses takes them off they look like a totally different person!

These are the most stupid rules you can think of putting into place. What are all the pretty rich girls going to do when they have to take a bad picture? They wont not smile, and most likely will keep their glasses on.

Lawmakers say that these rules will and should help with identity theft and fraud. According to iowadot.gov these are the reason why they put this law into force. Persons who try to cash forged checks, to have a license to drive when their own license is revoked, to appear to be "legal age" to drink, or to secure employment when they are an undocumented immigrant, are now not able to get a license.

These reasons I can understand, but when you go to the extent where you cant wear your glasses is taking it a little far. A person who wears glasses is only them self when they wear their glasses. Instead of saying that they can't wear their glasses they should put a note in on that person saying they wear glasses, or their hair is brown.

Another thing that should help with Identity theft and fraud is they are now going to start sending your license through the mail. You will receive your new license with

in two weeks. They say that to help with persons walking out with their new identity. What happens if they loose it in the mail? That would really stink!

All in all there are new laws that have been put into place, some people like it and some people don't. Just remember, persons can't smile, wear their glasses, and will receive their license with in two weeks via mail.



An Iowa license plate on the back of a 2006 Chevy Cobalt. Out of all the new guidelines that might be issue, license plates will stay the same.

Young/old relationships...are they ok?

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

She is sixteen years old and a junior in high school. Nice, fun, outgoing girl with a bubbly personality. On top of that she is dating tall, dark, and handsome. He treats her like a queen. He is her very own Prince Charming. However, he just so happens to be a senior, in college.

More recently it seems that a lot of girls in high school are becoming more and more interested in older guys, older meaning sixteen or seventeen year old girls dating twenty-two or twenty-three year old guys. Not meaning to offend anyone, but seriously it's WEIRD! Honestly, is it that

hard to find someone your own age? Two, maybe three years older is understandable, but when someone in high school is dating someone out of the two or three year age range is just plain creepy.

It's weird and not to mention ILLEGAL! Honestly, if a sixteen-year old girl is dating a twenty-three year old guy and they have sex, it's automatically statutory rape, and that could get the older person put on the sex offender's list. Seriously, if a guy can't find someone his own age and has to go after high school girls that's sad and pathetic. People should just stick to dating people their own age, or people within two or three years.



"It's wrong, creepy, and sex offenderish," -Micaela Combs, freshman



"It's gross and should probably not happen," -Derek Lochner, sophomore



"It doesn't really matter to me," -Morgan Vest, junior



# 4 ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR, SEAN VALENTINE TALKS ABOUT PLAYING FOUR DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS. CHECK OUT, "Sean Valentine, junior, can do it all."

## Gosenberg pumped for Pillow Talk

Junior Dan Gosenberg thoroughly enjoyed being in the spring play, "Pillow Talk."

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

He has his clothes and makeup on. Now all that's left is for him to wait for his cue. He's nervous, but excited too. He's been practicing for months for this. He's finally ready. This is his shot.

Junior, Dan Gosenberg plays Mr. Pierot in the Spring Play called "The Pillow Talk". Mr. Pierot is Jan's assistant, "I'm basically her partner in the business," explained Dan. "The Pillow Talk" according to imdb.com is about "Interior decorator Jan Morrow and composer Brad Allen share a phone line. Brad keeps the line occupied all day talking to his girlfriends, which annoys Jan terribly and animosity between them builds up. They however have never met and when by chance Brad sees Jan, he decides to add her to his list of conquests. Knowing however how she feels about him, he poses as an innocent Texan country boy named Rex Stetson to win her, a plan

which seems to work."

As for stage fright Dan said he definitely has it, "I really dislike big crowds." He said he got over it by a lot of practice and, "perform in front of my friends first."

Dan hasn't been in a play for about eight years, but before this one, he's been in three plays altogether. He likes performing because, "I think it's fun to [perform

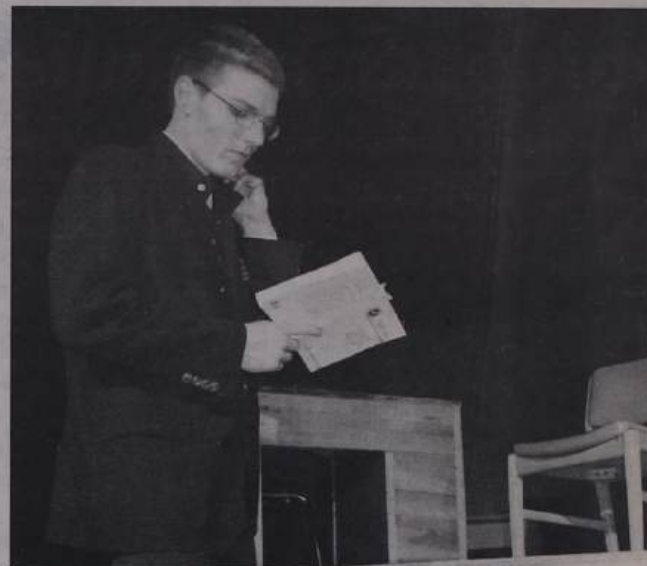
"I think it's fun to [perform and] to get out there and it makes you feel more confident performing on stage."

-Dan Gosenburg, -'11

The most difficult part for Dan was getting his lines correct and "being able to put meaning behind them." The best part for him was meeting new people and having fun.

If Dan could give any advice it would be, "[you've] got to be willing to be something different, confident, and

and] to get out there and it makes you feel more confident performing on stage." Dan said he went out because some friends wanted him to, "I haven't been in a play for eight years, but okay [I'll try it]."



Dan Gosenberg looks over his lines for the spring play "The Pillow Talk" during the dress rehearsal.

have fun with it. [Also], have to be someone you're not."

The final show is over. Dan is very happy and proud of his performance, but sad it's all over. It's his last night with the whole cast. He heads over to the cast party to hang out with his old and new friends.

## Sean Valentine, junior, can do it all

By: Alice Dixon [Staff Writer]

As the instructor gets onto the podium he attentively lifts up his clarinet ready to play. He sits towards to edge of his seat, anxious. The song begins and he starts playing his clarinet.

Sean Valentine, junior, has been in band since the 5th grade when he was at FMI for a total of six years. Yet he is also involved in choir, jazz band, drum line, and soccer. "[I joined band because] I wanted to play jazz on the saxophone, but I started with clarinet. As I found out, there was more to music."

As it turns out, Sean did find more to music. Not only does he play clarinet, but also he plays alto sax, tenor sax, drum line snare mallets, and some percussion. "It's a good experience getting to lead in something like band," Sean exclaimed. He enjoys being 1st chair clarinet, but being in 1st chair clarinet, Sean has to work for his success. "I take private lessons for clarinet and saxophone."

Sean hopes to get involved in a field

involving music. "Yes I want to do something with music, but I'm not quite sure what I want to do yet."

Band performs four to five concerts a year and Sean enjoys them, yet he thinks the season wasn't as good as last years. "...A lot of good people have left and were trying to build up the program." Although the band lost some people, Sean still thinks the season is going good.

Another part Sean enjoys of band is the uniforms. "Freshmen year you think there dorky, but once you get into the uniform and play, you get used to it."

Sean loves his junior year in band and plans on playing next year too. "Drum line rocks! And Mr. Allard is cool most of the time."

As the song comes to an end, he softly plays his clarinet. The instructor slowly moves his arms to his side and he brings his clarinet down to his lap. Seconds later, crowd begins to applaud.



Junior Sean Valentine displays the four instruments he plays regularly.

## Cloven sings her way to the top

By: Tylar Jansen [Activities Editor]

Third period bell rings, she makes her way down the hallway to the choir room. People are already singing, practicing, for the day. She takes her place on the bleachers, not sure what the teacher has in store for today

Haley Cloven is a senior at Marion and she has been in choir all years of high school. "I did it in third grade till fifth, and I quit during middle school. I joined back in high school because I enjoy singing," she said. She also added that she wanted to sing and have people listen to her.

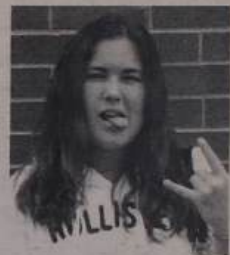
Haley said that choir, to her, is about hanging with her friends and trying to ignore others. "My favorite part about choir is my friends and singing with them," she said. Haley said there is sometimes drama in the choir room but she is glad that she has her friends who stay out of it.

Haley said that Mrs. Jones is definitely one of the reasons she's in choir. "She's one of my favorite teachers. She's sarcastic and has a good sense of humor. She's rad!" Haley smiled. She felt the thing she'll miss most about choir is pranking Mrs. Jones. "I prank her all the time," she laughed as she was pranking her by putting Post-It-Notes all over her door. Haley also went on to say that Mrs. Jones really makes choir enjoyable by trying to make what Haley said to be boring music, fun to practice during lessons, class and also performing it during concerts.

Haley said that she likes choir and likes participating in it with all her friends but she enjoys expressing music the way she wants to out of choir even more. "My band, Benefit of the Doubt, is what I really enjoy because I get to express myself in the way I want to," she smiled. Haley says that being in choir has helped her a lot with her vocals, and how to use it to sound better and its helped her grow into her voice.

Her advice to anyone who wants to join choir is to give it a try. "Do it for you not for your friends or parents just for yourself. Join choir because you like music and you enjoy singing," she said. Haley plans on doing something with music in the future. "I plan on being a rock star," she said with a serious smile. She has her band and she's in choir Haley definitely has what it takes to make her goal a reality.

She walks on the stage. Looking out across the crowd, rooting for her and her band. She knows that her high school choir helped her get her where she wants to be.



Haley Cloven, Senior

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## Junior, Angie Williams sprints for a shot at state

By Emily Palmer, [Features Editor]

In an old T-shirt and a pair of shorts she took off down the sidewalk. It was a Sunday and after a day off the day before she was ready to work. Her blood was pumping through her veins as she pushed herself to go onward. The adrenaline was almost too much to bare, she beat her time. On that day practice paid off.

Angie Williams, Junior, is on the girls' track team and loves it. She has been running track for a long time, "I have ran every year since the seventh grade," Williams expressed. She runs the 100 and 200-meter dash. This year Williams hopes to make it to State. She explained, "I think it is a

reachable goal." With good practice of speed and technique she believes this is realistic. Setting goals helps people be-

"Keep believing in yourself even when others don't,"  
-Angie Williams, junior

cause they know they have something to work for.

To Williams, "Track is a competitive sport that is fast pace, hard, easy going, and fun," all at one time. She thinks that it's great to be involved in and that one can have a lot of fun especially with the support of the team, "I love the meets and when your team cheers you on!" Williams said with a smile. The feeling she gets when she hears the team cheering her on is indescribable.

Her piece of advice for anyone involved in anything is, "Keep believing in yourself when others don't," She believes



Angie Williams, junior, runs at practice at the Marion track. She hopes that if she practices hard enough she, along with her teammates can make it to state this year.

anything is possible if you work hard enough. Going the extra mile literally in this case or just practice for an extra hour everyday. It is the littlest things that make the biggest differences when working hard for a reachable goal. With determination and hard work anything is possible. Making time to practice, and giving it your all even when people feel like giving up. Keep at it, and maybe it will pay off in the end. Make dreams

reality.

She is on her way to the meet. Her excitement is almost too much for her to handle. The team is getting pumped up. She is ready to follow her dream. She arrives at the track and starts stretching. She knows her team is counting on her. When starts running she feels the blood pumping through her veins, she is going for the gold, pushing herself for all she has.

## Keeton conquers something new

By Hannah Shaffer, Staff Writer

First day of practice is here and anticipation fills many of the girls, especially those who are playing for the first time. She picks up her racket and nervously makes her way to the tennis courts to begin. The only thing that eases her nerves are her teammates, who are instantly hitting it off with one another and making jokes. As she starts to run, she begins thinking about the season ahead of her, and looking around at her teammates, she knows it will be a good one.

Sarah Keeton is a sophomore here at Marion High School and is participating in tennis for the first time. Normally, she is used to participating in bowling and softball, but she is anxious to expand her horizons. Even with the worry of not having much experience, Sarah looks forward to trying something different. "I have never played tennis before, so I wanted to try something new. I have a lot of free time now so it is a good way

for me to stay active and involved." She looks forward to having this learning experience and being able to take it with her.

Looking at the season that lies ahead, Sarah says, "I am kind of nervous. The first week of practice was my first time ever playing tennis, so obviously I am learning and everyone competes no matter what. I have already improved a ton and so have the other new girls, I just don't want to embarrass myself or anyone else." Although the running is the hardest part, Sarah continues to push herself for she has many goals for herself, including rallying

"If everyone continues to work hard and keep up the great attitude..., I know we'll have a great season,"  
-Sarah Keeton, sophomore

back and forth while competing. She also has many team goals that she hopes are accomplished. "We're all improving everyday and everyone's improvement is great motivation. If everyone continues to work hard and keep up the great attitude like we have been; I know we'll have a great season." Sarah feels confident that she will continue to improve and make more friends, resulting in a successful season.

Right off the bat, the team formed a strong bond and had a great chemistry with one another. "We all interact well with each other. We always have fun at the practices and we even have some inside jokes started. We can laugh with each other, but we're also great at focusing and working hard together." Aside from improving on skills, and winning some matches, Sarah and the girls look forward to getting even closer to each other and continuing their camaraderie.

Sarah looks forward to a lot of great things this season, including, "being outside and enjoying the nice weather to come and improving my tennis skills, also, hopefully maybe even winning a match." If Sarah continues to enjoy the season with her teammates and her improving skills, then she plans to play tennis throughout her high school career. Now, Sarah will be getting ready for her first real match and she will be using all that she has learned thus far to compete well. Trying new things may just help us find something we really love.



Sarah Keeton poses with her tennis racket right before she gets ready to go to practice.

## Alicia tees up for the love of the game

By Tyler Jansen, [Activities Editor]

First time natural. She picks up a club and gets ready to drive the ball. The hit surprised her and her peers. It went soaring across the green.

Alicia Livingston, junior at Marion, has played golf all three years of high school. "I've played since freshman year and now I play with my family," she said. Alicia feels it can bring any family together. She said it is a sport that can frustrate you but you can use your family members encouragement to keep playing.

Alicia said her influence to start golf was her dad. "My dad was almost a pro golfer, and he helps me out on the course," she said with a smile. She said that she feels he got her to enjoy and get into the game. "I think that my dad helped me see the fun in golf and how to enjoy it even when you get frustrated," she added.

Alicia said the best part about the golf team is the rides up to the meets. "I love the rides up to the meets. We listen

to music and mess around," she laughed. Alicia feels the best part about golf as a whole is when you beat your best score. "When you beat your score it feels really good that all you've worked on paid off," she said.

She said that the hardest part of golf is when you have an off day. "Golf is almost all mental, so when you have an off day it can ruin everything," she said. "When you shoot one bad hole it gets you down and it messes with every hole on the course," she went on to say.

It's another day and it's a different course. Alicia pulls out her driver and is about to tee off into more than just the game.



Alicia Livingston, Junior

## Markus's thoughts on the soccer season

By Morgan Kolarik, [Staff Writer]

He ran up the field ready to receive the ball. It was the end of the 4th quarter and there was 10 seconds left. He got the ball, dribbled to get open, kicked, and scored. The final score was Marion 4 opposing team 3.

Markus Newton, junior, has played soccer for about seven years and this year is going to be no different, he will continue playing. Markus has had experience playing in both indoor and outdoor leagues. He also enjoys school and is involved in football and wrestling.

Markus played soccer for Marion last year and he was primarily a forward, for those uninformed about the sport, a forward is a person who plays in front of their teammates and takes a lot of shots.

Last year the team seemed to have a lot of good times. Markus' favorite memories about soccer were not necessarily what fans and spectators saw, but the team bonding and time spent with teammates outside of practice, "The

many great memories of the team dinners at the Hagen's house".

Going into the season Markus seems pretty excited about being with his teammates and coaches again, "[My teammates] are a great group of individuals", said Markus with a smile on his face. The Coaches also have a positive affect on the team.

The season is here and it's expected to be a good one. "I think we are going to have a stupendous season because of all our returning varsity members", exclaimed Markus.

He runs up the field ready to receive the ball. There wasn't much time left, he shot and scored.



Markus Newton, Junior



## From fun, to most viewed of all time

We all have our favorite videos online, but these are the best, and most viewed videos.

By: Logan Tichy, [Ad/Editor]

We all know that there is a website called Youtube.com. But did you know that you could get famous off Youtube? There have been numerous stars who have become famous off of Youtube. Some of them are Justin Bieber, Fred, Ericka David, and the guy from Evolution of Dance.

Both Ericka David and Justin Bieber are singers, who have been noticed and put in the spot light off of Youtube. Fred, is if you didn't know an actor, who is a viral blogger. He runs around and makes funny voices, then speeds up his work to make his voice higher pitched.

Justin Bieber, now sixteen, got his first record deal after being found in early 2009. Justin had the hit single "One Time" which came out on the 19th of June in 2009, along with many more songs.

Fred, He has some of the most viewed videos of all time on Youtube. With his video "Fred Goes Swimming" more than 39,000,000 viewers have watched that video. With his last and newest video he has had over 1,230,000 views with only being posted for 2 weeks.

The HAHABA baby, with over 113 million views, and one of the most viewed videos of all time according to Youtube. This baby has a hysterical laugh and a cute smile.

Ericka David, not very well known, but obtained a record deal from being noticed by a producer off Youtube who was looking for someone new and young to work with. They were also looking for someone who had an amazing voice, and Ericka qualified. Ericka David has come out with a few songs on her album that she came

## Most viewed amateur videos on You Tube

1. Charlie Bit my finger again!
2. Evolution of dance
3. Hahaha baby
4. Guitar
5. David after Dentist
6. Charlie the unicorn
7. Gummibär - CHO KA KA O
8. Numa numma
9. Shoes the full version
10. Funny cats

out with.

Megan and Liz is their name on Youtube. They are both artists with writing their own songs, along with singing covers for songs that already have been published by big named stars. They don't have as many hits at the HAHABA baby with 113 million views, but they have over 10 million views, and also have been on Oprah!

Last but not least you have the guy who was made famous by a video being recorded in a bar. He did a dance to a whole variety of songs. With over 139,034,346 views. His video is considered one of the Internet's most viewed videos of all time.

## Train your dragon takes #1

By: Morgan Kolarik  
[Staff Writer]

The movie "How To Train Your Dragon" is an animated feature based on the life styles of Vikings, with a lot of fictional input "How To Train Your Dragon" topped the box office at number three this past weekend.

In this movie Vikings determine social status by how many dragons they kill, and the type of dragon they kill. The main character Hiccup is the son of the society's top Viking. Hiccup is expected to be just like his father, killing dragons and leading the Vikings in their everyday lives.

Hiccup wants to lead

a normal Viking life and be like his father in all ways possible. As a result of this, Hiccup comes in contact with a dragon. This dragon shows Hiccup that all he has learned about dragons and what they do is a lie. The dragon challenges Hiccup in a variety of different ways. Hiccup even develops a relationship with the dragon, and names him toothless.

In the end Hiccup is faced with a decision. He can either choose to follow rules of his Viking society and do what is expected of him, or he can show his society that their understanding of dragons and their intentions are completely wrong.

Released: March 26  
Run time: 1hr 38min  
Rated: PG  
Type: Family animation  
Director: David Soren  
Cast: Jay Baruché, Gerard Butler, America Ferrara, Jonah Hill, & Christopher Mintz-Plasse

## Red Robin, perfect place for prom

By: Addie DeWitt, [Staff Writer]

Prom is coming near and plans are being made. One of the most important plans to be made is where to eat. Most people go out, some just have dinner at home. If going out to eat is the choice made, finding the right place may be hard. A great place to eat for prom would be Red Robin. They have wonderful food that is very filling. They also have different varieties such as; burgers, pastas, wraps, and salads.

Most people choose a place that has good service. That is exactly what Red Robin has to offer. The servers check on the table often, but not so much where they bug you. They also make sure you get everything you desire in your order.

The environment of the place you choose to eat at on prom day is important too. Red Robin's environment is very unique. The building itself is good size. You can't really classify Red Robin. It's romantic but fun at the same time. The spot lights about the table can make for a romantic dinner with your date. Also, going to dinner with your friends to Red Robin would be great because you can have fun. The time in between ordering and waiting for your food is wonderful for

conversation. But the wait isn't so long where you're starving.

Prices are also very important on determining where to go. Most places that are nice and elegant cost a fortune for a nice delicious meal. At Red Robin the prices are fair. They are not too expensive, but they are not too cheap. For the meal you get the price is very reasonable. For a delicious gourmet burger the cost is around twelve dollars. With this tasty thick burger you also get the most mouth watering fries. If you are not in the mood for a burger you have other choices not to costly as well. The pasta is marked at about twelve dollars, but it is such a large amount that you get your moneys worth. The wraps are about eleven dollars, but they as well are very mouth watering. The juices and different sauces that are inside the tastey meal are to die for. To go with your meal your sure to need a drink and the varieties for those are endless as well. Soda, shakes, fruity smoothies, and virgin daiquiris. All of these drinks are also price fairly.

Red Robin would be a great place for a prom night dinner, and it deserves five stars.

## Students speak out about Red Robin's delish dishes



"It's delicious. You get so much food! Bottomless steak fries, nuff said."  
-Karsen Blackman, sophomore



"I like Red Robin. Their food is good."  
-Levi Lochner, freshman



"I like Red Robin because of their bottomless french fries. Yum!"  
-Tayler Houchin, junior



"I like their BBQ sandwich"  
-Bryson Haynes, freshman



"It's really good. I love their bacon cheeseburgers."  
-Colin Peters, sophomore



"They have amazing bacon cheeseburgers. It was the first time I ate all of my dinner."  
-Hannah Wendling, freshman



"I like Red Robin because you get UNLIMITED FRENCH FRIES!"  
-Matt Schnieders, junior



"It's finger liking good."  
-Chima Okoye, junior



"Yum! I love the freckled lemonade and the Whiskey River BBQ Chicken Wrap."  
-Hannah Burgess, junior



"I love their bottomless fries!"  
-Maci Steggall, senior



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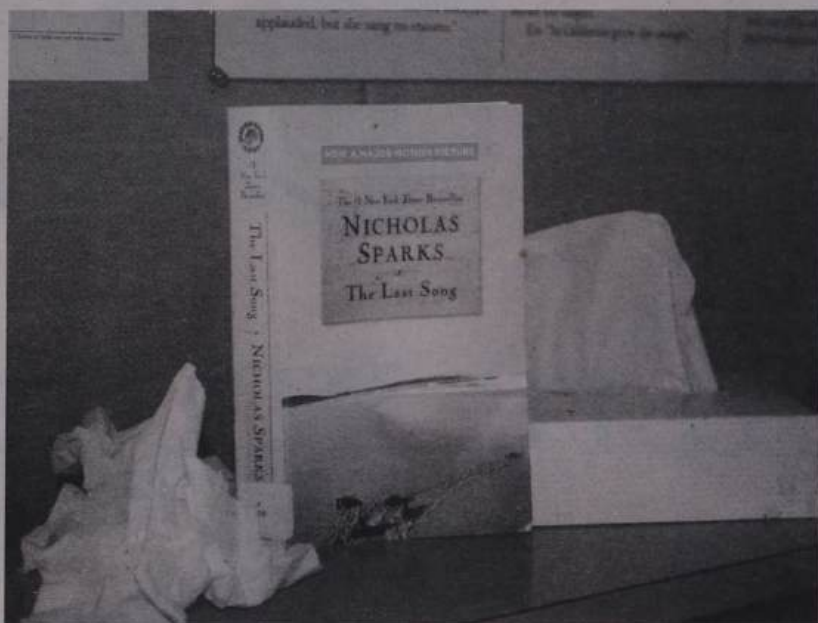
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CHECK OUT, "THE LAST SONG BRINGS  
READERS TO TEARS."

# ENTERTAINMENT 7

## The Last Song moves readers to tears

By Emily Palmer [Features Editor]

The Last Song is a story that moves readers to tears, and causes them to feel for the characters as they would feel for the most important people in their lives. A book is great when connecting to the characters is as easy as turning the page. This page-turner keeps interest the entire time right from the beginning. This amazing book is just one of many by the well known author Nicholas Sparks, who also wrote Dear John and The Notebook just to name a couple.



The book *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks, who's also written *Dear John* and *A Walk To Remember*, doesn't dissapoint. This love story will bring you to tears, make you laugh, but ultitmitly leave you feeling happy.

drags on Ronnie learns more about herself and she learns of the unbelievable truths about her parents divorce. Not only does the father in this story grow but Ronnie does as well. She learns to see things through a different perspective and in the end that makes all the difference.

The only negative part about this novel is that it has to end. Readers will want

to know more and go along with Ronnie and Will as they experience the wonders of life. The book doesn't leave readers hanging but it leaves them begging for more. It has a great ending.

Throughout the whole book the characters make self-discoveries they never knew they would. They learn to love again as well as forgive. For an exciting read that most anyone could relate to in some way to his or hers own life *The Last Song* is the way to go.

It deserves ten stars. It is one of the best books, especially if you like romance with a bit a comity thrown in.

- Title: The Last Song
- Author: Nicholas Sparks
- Pages: 405
- Now a motion picture
- Characters: Ronnie and Will

When Ronnie comes to North Carolina to spend the summer with her father she thought the world was coming to an end. She hadn't seen her father for three years, trying to ignore him as much as she could after her parents divorce. Music used to be both her father's and her passion but when he left she gave up music altogether. After she gets to her dad's she runs off to the beach where she bumps into a popular surfer boy Will. What happens between the two of them will remain unknown until you pick up the book for yourself, but do know this, you will fall in love with the characters. As the summer

## NeverShoutNever debuts with *What is Love?*

By Hunter Dano [Web Editor]

Never Shout Never came out with their first album entitled *What is Love?* February 2nd 2010. Never Shout Never consists of Christofer Drew. Drew is 19 and was born in San Diego, California and raised half his life in Joplin, Missouri. He is a vegetarian and loves peanut butter and jelly. Drew has another band by the name of Eatmewhileimhot! He describes this as a side project that unexpectedly took off. "...it's pretty much me and my buddies just hanging out and making music," Christofer Drew explained in an interview with Jennifer Na of Xavier College.

*What is Love?* has an acoustic folk/pop sound. If anyone has ever listened to Never Shout Never before, this new sound is different than his sound on his earlier EPs.

When listening to the songs on this album you will feel happy, with an oldies accompaniment.

"I Love You 5" is perhaps the most popular song on the album. It is relaxing yet upbeat. The song is fun, but still has meaning and depth. The very first song on the album is "Love is our Weapon". The title is self-explanatory. It is telling people to use love as a weapon. The old "kill them with kindness" expression explains it well.

Drew really put himself out there on this album by changing his sound, but staying true to himself bringing in his trusty ukulele. Adding many la la la's is also classic Drew. It is almost impossible not to sing along or at the very least tap your feet to this catchy album.

- Christofer Drew is 19
- Drew has two bands, NeverShoutNever and Eatmewhileimhot
- Raised in Missouri
- Influenced by Bob Dylan and the Beatles

## Perfect places to buy new or used prom dresses and tuxedos with out breaking the bank

By Alice Dixon [Staff Writer]

It's that time of year again where juniors and seniors are going shopping to get their favorite dress or tux for prom. During this time a lot of stores have discounts or sales that many people might not know about. Also there are a lot of excellent places

to go here in Marion or Cedar Rapids.

A great place to go to get a dress would be Gown Town. They offer gently used dresses that were donated, for free. Instead of getting a brand new dress that could cost a lot of money, you can get a cute barely used dress for free. Although this is a good place to look, Gown Town is only open for a few days during "prom season".

Another great place to go is David's Bridal. You can get a variety of different dresses and tuxes for different occasions such as weddings, homecoming, prom, social events, etc. There are also a lot of good sales going on this time of year at David's Bridal. If you shop online, you could save up to 70%!

Red Carpet Bridal is another good place to go. They have over two-thousand prom dresses in their many locations. Like David's Bridal, you can get a dress for almost any occasion.

A good place to get local, friendly service is Irwin's. They have good discounts and prices on their tuxes and they are also at a convient location in downtown Marion. Their attire ranges in size and color which makes this a great place to go.

So for those of you looking for a spectacular dress or tux to wear for prom, be sure to check out any of these locations and make sure to look for sales and discounts during this time of year!

### Struggling to Save?

Here are a few simple tips that may help:

- Separate a portion of your paycheck right away so you won't be tempted to spend it, or better yet, have your employer deposit part of your paycheck directly into a savings account automatically.
- When considering a purchase, leave the store for at least five minutes and decide whether or not you really need or want the item you are thinking of buying.
- When you go out, decide how much you can afford to spend before you leave the house and take only that amount with you.
- Make a shopping list before you go to the store to avoid impulse spending.
- Look for ways to save on things you purchase regularly, such as buying clothes off-season or buying used books online.



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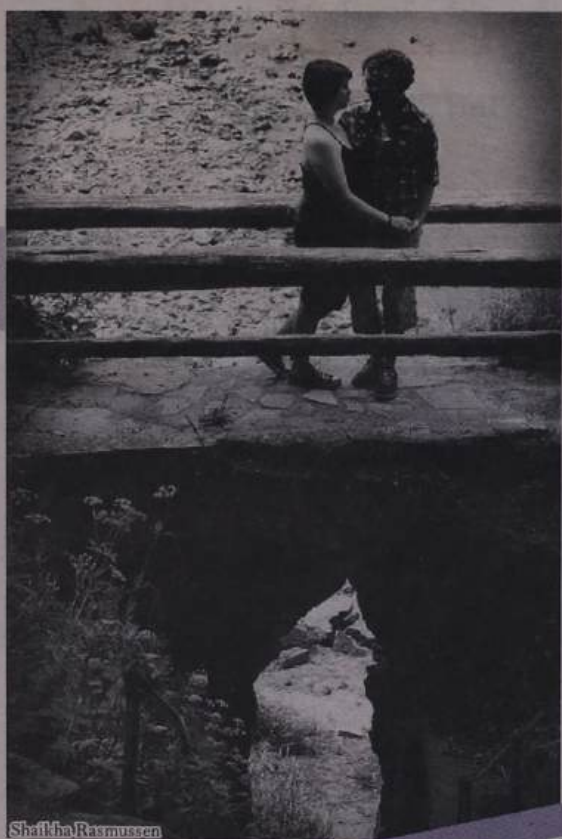
"Irwin's has very friendly customer service. Greg VanGorp is a great help!"  
-Andrew Charipar, junior

"I went to Magic Moments Bridal in Illinois, but Gown Town is cool because I'm pretty sure they're free."  
-Holly Isaac, junior

"Mens Warehouse"  
-Nick McClain, junior



# Who needs Prom when you're getting



## Too busy planning

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

The books are open and a lot of thought has been put into this thing. It's almost all finalized and she is ready for the big day to be over with. The dress sits in her closet, just waiting for that one time, and to "have its turn in the spot light."

Kristi Bell, senior, has been preparing her marriage for 11 months. It has been a long process, but it will be worth it. "I've done many normal things that most people do. Things like buying a dress, picking out the place to have the wedding, the food, and the music, etc. It's been a long 11 months, but I've got it done with," she said. A lot has to be put into wedding and making everything is just perfect.

Planning a wedding doesn't just include all of the details of the wedding. It's not all about where you have it, or what the couple also wants to plan for the best day. "I'm getting married at the end of May this year," Kristi commented. Having a special day married is really important.

To Kristi marriage is marriage, whether you are with someone of the same sex. "There are only two differences. One is being the same sex. The second is the fact that we're not protected by hundreds of federal laws. You see, even though Iowa doesn't perform and recognize gay marriages, that doesn't mean the federal states will still protect those couples. Only the state of Iowa recognizes a married gay couple with their laws. That goes for any state that recognizes gay marriages. That state will protect their laws, but the federal laws still don't apply to them! How is that?" she said with thought. Not very many states do it, and Iowa is one that supports it.

Now that Iowa has allowed gay marriages, they have







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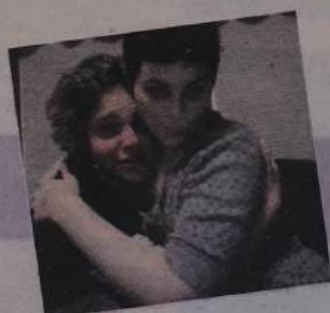
# Married...



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## ing their wedding to attend this year's prom

the big day, along with thinking about plans after graduation and after the wedding. "Well, we're going to settle into our home soon. I'm getting my CNA this summer; children one day, not too far away I hope. Great things like that," Kristi explained with joy. Having plans is important for getting things to run smoothly in life.

Some people know about Kristi, her plans in life, and about her fiancé. Some talk about it while others don't care; they just say it's her life. "People talk about it? I guess I didn't realize. People don't say anything to me, and that's okay. Honestly, my life is mine, and if others feel the need to disrespect it then let them, because nothing they can say will change what I'm doing. You know? People can hate it, call me names; and harass me, whatever. It doesn't change the fact that I can marry a woman. Sometimes I do get very mad when I hear homophobic remarks or when something is said to my face, and it's very hard not to physically do something that doesn't make your side better; thought when you want to give someone from the other side a black eye," she pronounced. People have their opinions, say what they want, and react the way they want. But that's not going to effect Kristi's decisions in life and whom she loves and cares about.

Everyone has their thoughts and things they say, and Kristi hears some of those. "I would like to sat this to people: What do you gain from bashing homosexuals? Seriously, think long and hard about it. WHAT do you personally gain from being hateful towards people that are different?" Kristi proclaimed. People don't realize that what they say hurts others, and if they do, they don't care. A lot of people know gay people and when something negative is said, it doesn't just affect the person who it's said to or about.

People who get talked about in a negative way try to find ways to deal with it, either by a friend, counselor, parent, or a church friend. There are other options too. "I'd like people to know that there's always someone to

talk to if you've got questions about your sexuality. Becoming who you are is a lot more difficult and painful without someone who's been there and understands. There's me, there's a LGBT group through Kirkwood. You can do your research online and join a support group. Don't strain yourself over trying to figure yourself out," she explained with care. Finding who you are is really important, and sometimes it helps if you find a group or people to talk to who have been either in that situation or are in it.

There are only a few people at the wedding, just like planned, and the couple is eager to get married. They both stand at the front of the chapel with their hands together looking into each other's eyes. They can't stop smiling as the pastor says his final words. He reads off a little section, and Krystal says, "I do" smiling uncontrollably. He turns to Kristi and says the same thing. She too says those famous two words; "I do". The pastor smiles and nods his head and says, "You may now kiss your bride."



Shaikh Rasmussen



# 10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS



## Alycia Pedersen:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Band drumline, speech, marching band."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "No matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to the University of Iowa and major in the teaching & minor in Spanish."



## Elizabeth Richmann:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Seeing my friends every day."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." -Eleanor Roosevelt

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to UNI for elementary & middle school education then teach special education math."



## Rachel Reid:

**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."



## Kelsey Roelfs:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"I'm going to miss all my friends & teachers. P.S. and Nikki Kline."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Life, love, & loyalty."

**Plans for the future?:** "I plan to go to a community college... Indian Hills."



## Curtis Reifschneider:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"All my friends."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Stay cheesey."

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to college and be a mechanic."



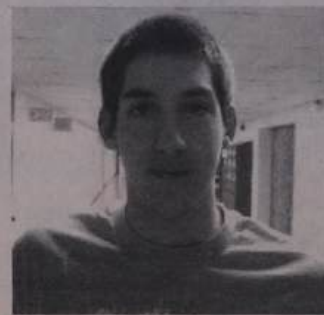
## Courtney Rogers:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"...cheering with my best friends & being apart of that family. It's an unexplainable feeling."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "If you want something you can't be scared to go out there & get it...dream hard, wish big, & chase after your goals, because no one else is going to do it for you. & even if things don't work out, you'll always be able to say you tried. NEVER give up."

**Plans for the future?:** "...attend Loras College, play soccer & major in Physical Therapy & minor in Spanish."



## Aaron Reisner:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Bowling and my bowling team."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "USA is #1 love it or leave it."

**Plans for the future?:** "Attend Central Christian College of Bible, in Moberly, MO & major in Youth Ministry."



## Sarah Rosenberger:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Gym class with Alyssa & Mace, awesome lunch tables, missing school for concerts with Alyssa, Mace & Morgan, football games, Alyssa's fires."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "The only true currency in this bankrupt world is what you share with someone when your uncool." -Almost famous.

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to the University of Iowa & major in international studies."



## Alyssa Reisner:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Crazy, hilarious random conversations at lunch & being silly with my friends every day in the halls (mainly Allie L'homme)."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "It's hard to wait around for something you know might never happen, but it's equally harder to just give up especially when you know it's everything you've ever wanted."

**Plans for the future?:** "Not sure, but probably Kirkwood for a couple of years unless something else comes up."



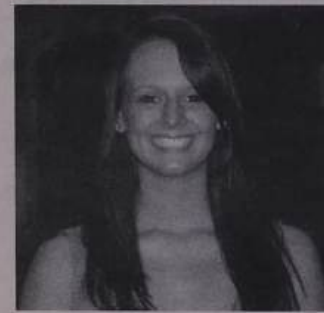
## Hunter Sade:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Basketball with the boys & pickup games at Ascension."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Just Do It." & "Shop at Foot Locker, not Finishline."

**Plans for the future?:** "Attend University of Iowa & major in Athletic Training & minor in Physical Therapy. Become a manager at Foot Locker."



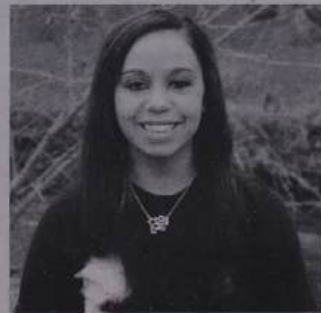
## Jade Remling:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Seeing friends, a few teachers, trips to the school store, and talks with Sem:)"

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "We are born wet, naked and hungry. Then things get worse." :) Hakuna Mutata

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to Kirkwood then transfer to a 4 year college & have a GREAT life." :)



## Danika Sam:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Not being able to see all of your friends at school."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Don't ever let anyone tell you, you can't do something if you got a dream; protect it because if you want something go get it."

**Plans for the future?:** "Taking a year break to save money & then going to Kirkwood."



## Kayla Rethwisch:

**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."



## Jacob Scadden:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Kettman's laugh."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Stay in school, don't do drugs."

**Plans for the future?:** "Work & other stuff."



## Kelsey Rhodes:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Band, Speech, Creative Ink, the Photoshop lab, all my friends and teachers."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "There are 'friends' who will try to deceive you, but a true friend sticks closer than a brother."

**Plans for the future?:** "Attend University of Northern Iowa...major in graphic design & minor in creative writing..."



## Cameron Schlotfeldt:

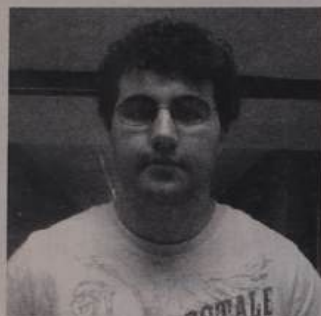
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"The camaraderie of knowing most of the people in your class."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Why are you taking your pants off in choir?" -Mr. Allard, Band Director

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to ISU & Study Materials Engineering."





## Jed Seeman:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"The Marion staff & friends."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Buy a Jedped."

**Plans for the future?:** "Do something crazy."



## Dylan Soppe:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"All the friends I had."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Never give up, go forward."

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to Iowa."



## Blake Shaffer:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Every football season. I'll miss those guys & Playing that game more than anything."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why they call it the present, so cherish it."

**Plans for the future?:** "I am going to attend the University of Iowa where I will major in Marketing."



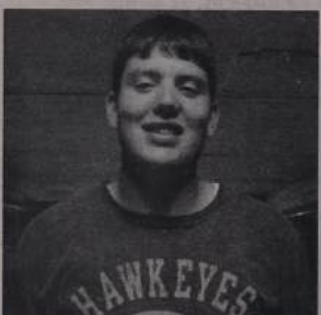
## Cheyenne Stalnaker:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Being the jun. That got kicked out of the front, sporting events, nothing else. :)"

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. -Dr. Suess" "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. -Phil. 4:13."

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to UNI then Allen College, for pediatric nursing, get married & Be rich."



## Bryce Shriner:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Nate Livingston & Mr. Zrudsky."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." -Coach Jim Foath

**Plans for the future?:** "Kirkwood then transfer to UNI."



## Andrew Steepleton:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Doing donuts in the parking lot."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Do your homework."

**Plans for the future?:** "Going into the navy."



## Maria Sidorenko:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"My friends, teachers, after school activities such as soccer & play."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "If you want to enjoy the rainbow, be prepared to experience the rain."

**Plans for the future?:** "I will finish one year of business school, then I will study the interior-design profession. & Then I'll open my own business."



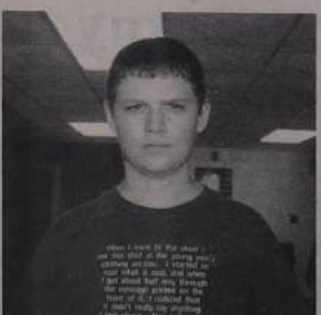
## Macy Steggall:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Seeing my friends everyday."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Everything good in life is either illegal, fattening, or bad."

**Plans for the future?:** "Go to Kirkwood then transfer to Iowa or Mt. Mercy. Marry Nick Jonas :) & Be rich for the rest of my life!"



## Brent Simon:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"I will miss the teachers & the talks with Mr. Thorton about Zombies."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Life's Short. Stunt it." -Rod Kimble

**Plans for the future?:** "I would like to go to an E3 convention with some xbox live friends."



## Tyler Steggall:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Band, Marching Band, Pep band & All my Band friends."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "It's not who you are underneath, it's what you do that defines you."

**Plans for the future?:** "I will be going to UNI majoring in Elementary Ed. As well as participating in the Panther Marching Band."



## Garrett Skinner:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Tyler Spear."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Live your own life."

**Plans for the future?:** "Kirkwood for 2 years then transfer to ISU."



## Josh Smith:

**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:**

"Doing work on Fez in NBA & bball at Ascension & Any other activity."

**Quote or piece of advice?:** "Does your milk taste sour when you drink it, checked the expiration date silly."

**Plans for the future?:** "Attend UNI, walk on to the basketball team & Lead them to the final four where they belong."

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## New year, different classes

The next school year will bring engineering classes to Marion

By: Morgan Kolarik [Staff Writer]

Many know that there have been a lot of changes to the list of electives students can choose from for the 2010-2011 school year. A few classes from the program Project Lead The Way will be offered at Marion High School next year.

Project Lead The Way is a program that was designed for students who eventually want to go into the engineering field. Marion received a 50,000-dollar grant to get this program started. Next year the first two classes of the program will be offered as electives.

The first class that will be offered next year is Introduction to Engineering Design, it will be offered to students in all grades.

The course takes two terms and will focus on many skills, including sketching, measurement, geometry, drafting, statistics, and 3-D modeling. The only prerequisite for this class is to be above Integrated Algebra/Geometry 1.

The second class that will be available next year is Principals of Engineering. This course is offered for those in grades 10-12. This is also a 2 term class, its prerequisites include taking Intro to Engineering, completion of Integrated Algebra/Geometry I or being in Algebra/Geometry II. Principals of Engineering will go further into how the actual engineering world works, it will show students how engineers use math

and science in their everyday lives. The course will focus on many topics some of those include, mechanisms, thermodynamics, kinematics, control, and the fluid and electric system.

There are also two other classes that won't be offered for the 2010-2011 school year are called Digital Electronics and Civil Engineering and Architecture. These classes will be offered later on in the program.

- \$50,000 grant
- First class offered is Engineering Design
- Offered to grades 10-12 depending on the desired classes

Digital Electronics is offered to students in grades 11-12. To take this class, the first two engineering classes need to be completed.

Digital electronics is a class that focuses on applied logic. It introduces the basics of electronics and

digital systems. This course will also teach students a way that engineers look at things when they design electronics.

Civil Engineering and Architecture is also a two-term class. This course will introduce students to fields of civil engineering and architecture. The class will study engineering communications and documentations. This class has two prerequisites, introduction to engineering design and completion of Integrated Algebra/Geometry.

Project Lead the Way is a great opportunity for students looking to get a head start on learning the ropes of engineering.

## Students weigh in on the new classes coming to MHS next year



"I think it's a very good idea actually... Its good for people who want to engineer."  
-Beth Knapp, freshman



"I think it's going to be a great program! I would like to take it."  
-Colin Koeppen, junior



"I think it's great that they are providing opportunities for students."  
-Alex Rinehart, sophomore



"I think it's a good idea. It opens more doors for people."  
-Jenna Salzbrenner, sophomore



"It's a great start for people who want to get into that field."  
-Todd Hansen, senior



"I think it's a good program for people who are interested in engineering."  
-Blayke Brice, sophomore



"It sounds good because engineering is a popular job."  
-Jake Putnam, junior



"It sounds like it would help people in the long run."  
-Ellen Cannon, freshman

## We need to cut budget cuts

By: Hunter Damer [Staff Writer]

Extra curricular activities that will be cut for next year are video supervisor, Lego League, SODA, FBLA sponsor, Creative Movement, and 3rd assistant football coach. Fall and winter dance will be combined as one team and upcoming 8th graders will play on the freshman baseball team. Personnel that will be cut are associate in drop-in lab, accompanist for band and choir, guidance counselor, art, and K-12 PE is effected. All of this will save a total of \$1,412,507.

Other things that are in danger of being cut are Academic coach, Win With Wellness. Winter guard and fall guard will combine and competition cheer and basketball cheer may combine. The AD's hours will

be cut by 50%. Many other teachers are at risk of either losing their jobs or have reduced hours. If everything at risk is cut the school will save a total of \$2,086,999.

Budget cuts are stupid and if the school would have started off by keeping better track of their money and not squandering then we wouldn't have to be fire teachers and cutting programs. Granted the economy is bad, but there shouldn't have to be so much done just so this school can survive.

All in all the whole situation is very sad and in general it is just horrible. For this school district to stay a float changes have to be made. Things done today will affect the severity of things to happen in the future.

## Possibility of flooding scares many

By: Storm Dog [Staff Writer]

As all the snow melts, flooding is becoming an issue again. According to "wqad.com," ice melting, specifically in Fort Dodge, is causing basements to flood. Streets all throughout Iowa are closing as well. The National Weather Service is predicting that the Cedar River will crest at 15 feet, which is three feet over the flooding stage.

Also, according to "cedarrapids.org," the flood of '08 crested at 31.1 feet, which is a new record. In hopes of preventing another flood this year, sand-filled barriers have been stacked up to eight feet high downtown. Even if these barriers don't stop the flood completely, they will hopefully soak up a lot of water, so the flood isn't as devastating. Two water gauges have also been placed, one in Palo and one in Vinton. With these gauges, we will be able to tell if the river is close to flooding. Then, flood warnings will be in effect well before the flood is expected. Hopefully though, none of this will be needed.

As flooding continues to happen in Iowa, people are getting fed up with it and leaving town. Moving in with families and friends to get away from the stress of flooding. For example, Oakland Iowa has lost over 200 residents since the flood of 2008. According to "usatoday.com," "all the rivers in the area have an above normal risk for flooding." This scares more people, and more continue to move away. As it continues to rain more here in Iowa, residents are becoming more urgent to find ways to prevent another flood. Flood stage is around 22 feet and there is a 50% chance that rivers around the area will reach 38 feet. Just for the city of Oakland, over 3 million dollars was set aside last year to help restore buildings and houses. Some residents around Iowa are still living in FEMA trailers that they were moved into last year. They were moved



Flooding last year caused many to be without necessities. It's possible that it'll happen again this year.

into the trailers after the devastating flood 2008 and many lost their homes. Many are still struggling to get back up on their feet and get on with their lives. Some are still only eating food donated to food pantries. Clothing and other necessities are still hard to get for the families that lost everything. To think that this might happen again, possibly even to the same people is really depressing.

The city of Cedar Rapids is becoming very cautious with how high the rivers are already. In the flood of 2008, about 1,000 blocks were flooded. Cities all around the area are taking precautions as to prevent another flood. According to "desmoines-register.com," university of Iowa officials have laid out an evacuation plan in case major flooding happens around it's largest dormitory. Last year, heavy damage was caused to the dorm, because of flooding and lack of a plan. Other places around the Des Moines area are taking the same precautions.

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## Already graduated, in college, and going to prom?

A perfect prom, where the girl can dance with her Prince Charming, but what if that Prince Charming is no longer a high schooler?

by Emily Palmer, [Feature Editor]

It was prom night, the night every high school girl dreams of. She was whirling, dancing in the perfect dress. Then the tune changes, a slow song, she is with friends, no date to slow dance with. If only she would have brought her graduated date, then she wouldn't have had to dance alone.

For sophomore Kaitlyn Baldwin the idea of going to the prom with out her 09' graduated boyfriend isn't a fond one. Kaitlyn and her boyfriend have been dating for one year and a month. Even though she is only a sophomore, she dreams of the day when she will be going to prom as a junior. There is just one problem, her boyfriend will

be three years graduated, should this stop her from going with the one date she really wants, "Well if you're dating the guy you can bring him with you, but I wouldn't bring a group of graduated friends," Baldwin explains her point of view. She believes if the person you want to bring is someone close to you and the experience wouldn't be complete without him or her then you should be able to bring them. On the opposite side Baldwin doesn't think bringing a big group of friends is appropriate.

Going to the prom with friends could be fun but sharing the moment with someone special would make it more worth while, "It would take all the fun out of prom if you couldn't bring your date," Baldwin expresses. Older dates shouldn't be excluded. She feels that the age is not something to be overly concerned

about, "a freshman going with a senior is okay, but it wouldn't be okay to have a middle schooler at the prom," Baldwin adds with a smile.

"It would take all the fun out of prom if you couldn't bring your date,"  
-Kaitlyn Baldwin, sophomore

People shouldn't judge the person someone chooses to take to prom. It is a moment that is special to each individual and it shouldn't be taken away because someone no longer goes to high school. Baldwin believes that people should be able to take who ever makes them happy to the prom. She also says her graduated boyfriend would, "[he would] feel the exact same way."

So in the year to come she hunts for the perfect dress that she will wear when dancing with her perfect guy. Whirling to one of her favorite slow songs, content and happy that she has someone she cares about to share the moment with.

### MHS students weigh in on graduated people coming back for prom



"No, it's weird. They should stay home. They're too old, they need to learn they're not in high school anymore."

-Aidan Scanlon, freshman



"It should be allowed, it's still fun and people still want to go."

-Lindsay Spear, sophomore



"I think shouldn't be allowed. They could bring unwanted beverages."

-D.J. Lubben, junior

## A positive influence for students

by Storm Dogs, [Staff Writer]

As she looks at the dress, she daydreams about how it will be, hoping it will be the night of her life. She has the perfect shoes and jewelry to match. She can't wait to wear it all.

Ashley Neuhaus, freshman, is going to prom this year with Lucas Larson, junior. Ashley says, "It's really exciting [to go to prom.] I'll be able to experience it before my junior year so when I do go, I'll know what's going on and how it all works. It won't be as overwhelming and scary." Going this year will get her prepared for prom her junior year.

Shayla O'Brian, sophomore, is also

going to prom this year. She is going with London Morehouse, senior. "It's awesome [going to prom all four years.] I feel very privileged."

"I'll probably spend all day getting ready and the Lucas and I will go out to eat. We'll probably hang out together afterwards." This is pretty typical for a couple going to prom. They go to a fancy restaurant before to have dinner, and then hang out afterwards.

Most people have very high expectations for prom. Ashley however is trying to keep her expectations at a pretty normal level as to not have the chance of getting disappointed. "It'd be great if my hair and stuff was absolutely perfect, but

I guess it's okay if it's not." The theme for prom this year is "Midnight Fairytale." "I really like the theme, it's cute. I want prom this year to be my own fairy tale. 'Midnight Fairytale' makes me think of the Cinderella story. Big sparkly dresses and everything. I'm sure it'll make me feel like a princess." Shayla, as well loves the theme. "My dress fits the theme perfectly," she explains. "I really love my dress, I think it fits the theme. It's a pretty shade of pink," Ashley says about her dress. Of course, you can't forget about shoes and jewelry. "My shoes and jewelry match my dress really well, they're pretty much the same color of my dress," said Ashley.

Ashley wants this prom to be the night of her life, and she wants to feel like a princess. Shayla is most looking forward to "just being there with friends." Hair is

also a major part of getting ready for prom. "I have yet to figure out what I'm doing with my hair. I'm thinking just a little bit curly."

Ashley on the other hand, is looking most forward to "getting all dressed up and just being with Lucas. Also just having the experience of prom." She will know what prom is like before all of her friends.

There are many key points needed

when getting ready for prom, and Ashley and Shayla are trying to coordinate them all just right. Another major part of prom is the dancing! "I'm sort of afraid to dance, I hate dancing in front of people. Lucas will probably make me though. But hopefully no one will be focusing on watching me dance. I'm really looking forward to trying something new." Since dancing is a major part of prom, Ashley will have two new experiences in one night. The experience of going to prom as a freshman, and also dancing in front of a crowd.

Dinner reservations are in one hour. She has her hair done perfectly and her make up on. She gets into her dress and slips on her shoes, hoping that tonight will be the best experience of her life.



Shayla O'Brian, Sophomore



Ashley Neuhaus, Freshman

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## Medical marijuana legal for patients?

Prescribing medical marijuana to people in need to help cure disease, making them healthy

by: Carey Burns [Staff Writer]

Lately, there has been a lot of controversy whether to legalize marijuana or to keep it illegal. There are a lot of thoughts on it, and people have their opinions.



Hanah Hotchkiss, junior

Hanah Hotchkiss, junior, has been hearing a lot of things about the thought of medical marijuana being legalized. There's a lot of controversy over it, and many people don't agree.

Agreeing, she said, "absolutely. I don't really think there's any harm in it... It's healthier than cigarettes and alcohol, so it shouldn't be illegal. People are going to smoke pot regardless of what the law says, so why not be smart about it and start taxing it."

With marijuana potentially being legal, it also raises questions of if it should be taxed. Hanah explained, "Personally, I don't think it should be taxed... but it would be an intelligent idea for the government. It's just them making more money, so why not? It's the same as taxing alcohol and cigarettes."

The government has a lot to think about with

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-Hanah Hotchkiss, junior

teens possibly being prescribed marijuana as opposed to adults. She proclaimed, "What's the difference? If you're sick and need treatment, there shouldn't be an age limit for a cure." Everyone should get the same opportunity to get a cure and to be healthy however they can not matter what the cause.

The thought of teens being able to obtain the marijuana could lead to consequences. Hanah exclaimed, "For kids who smoke pot, maybe. It might be harder to get and will probably be more expensive. Either way, you can pretty much get whatever you want if you know the right people, so I doubt it would be a hassle." Many people might take advantage of this drug being legal which may cause some problems.

Although some might get overly excited about legal marijuana, patients may or may not take advantage of the prescription and just use it to get high. She pronounced, "To put it bluntly, I think the only people who'll cause any problems with this are conservative prudish republicans and they'll probably just shut everything down like usual. Hopefully making it legal won't cause any problems at all. Said Hanah, "It's supposed to help people."

## Should medical marijuana be legalized?



"I do because for the people that are suffering from like cancer and stuff,"

- Cassie Loney, senior



"Yeah, if it will definitely help people and in a controlled way,"

-Mrs. Ann Grant, Student Services



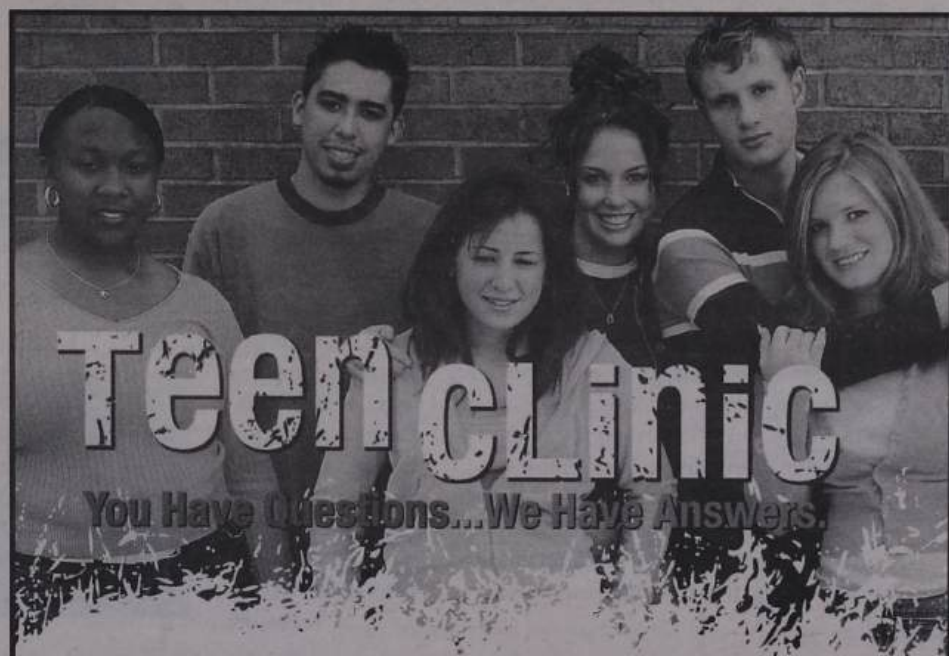
"Not really because it is a pretty powerful drug and if it's going to be used for medical purposes, than it needs to be supervised,"

-Drew Isaac, freshman



"I'd say yes because it will increase taxes that go to our state and government and put is in a better economic situation,"

-Bethany Robinson, sophomore



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## Lewis doesn't let cuts get her down; she stands up instead

by: Tyler Jansen: Staff Writer

Sitting in class she's just listening to the morning announcements getting ready to start class but before they do her teacher passes around lists telling about different budgets being cut around the school. The anger in her grows.

Bronwyn Lewis, sophomore here at Marion, feels very strongly about the budget cuts and believes that they won't help as much as the board thinks they will. She also thinks that they aren't being done in the right places. Bronwyn participates in bowling, tennis and band. When she learned about the cuts that might affect band and some of her favorite teachers she was frightened and wanted to do something to save the budget cuts that are happening around Marion high school. "I believe the budget cuts need to happen but they aren't being done in the right places," she said. Bronwyn believes that the cuts will help save money but thinks that this budget shouldn't be the only one being cut. "I think they shouldn't only focus on the fine arts and the foreign languages but the athletics as well," she added.

On the academics side of things Bronwyn believes that cutting a language isn't a good idea. "If they only offer Spanish all the students in French would have to move to Spanish and only offering only language doesn't offer choices for students which I think we need," she said. Bronwyn was also very upset when she learned that Señora Drueck could be cut to save money. "Not only is she a good teacher, but

if we cut another foreign language teacher when they are talking about taking out French who's going to teach all the students going into Spanish," she said angrily.

Bronwyn was one of the few students who talked at the open board meetings here at Marion in the auditorium. "I talked about cutting French and about some of the older teachers retiring to save teachers," she said. When the list came out about the possible cuts Bronwyn said she felt pretty happy because

the cuts could've been a lot worse. "I was happy Drueck won't be cut but she might have to be part time and I'm very happy nothing major got cut for the fine arts," she said with a smile. Bronwyn said that she really enjoys participating in band and would've been sad if cuts had been done. She said that the saddest part for her is Mr. Wikert retiring because she felt he was a very good teacher.

Sitting in class again she's happy that her Spanish teacher is there teaching her. Bronwyn, very opinionated herself, feels that maybe her thoughts had made an impact on saving different parts in the whole school and saving the important teachers that help many students everyday.



Bronwyn Lewis, sophomore



## Taylor plans for her realistical fairy tale prom night

Taylor Buckley talks about what expectations for a fairy tale prom should be and what her plans and expectations for this year's prom are.

by **Mannah Miller** [Design Editor]

The day arrives and she gets ready early in the evening. Getting her dress, hair, and make-up done for the night every high school student dreams of. Prom. It's the night that every girl and guy put high expectations on it and hope that very one of them is met. She is different then some of the others getting ready for prom. Realizing that every expectation might not be met, but she hopes to have an amazing time. She gets ready to have an awesome time at the dance and see if her expectations even as realistic as they are will come true.



**Taylor Buckley,**  
Senior

For Taylor Buckley, senior, a fairy tale prom brings an image of a "ball of Cinderella set in current times",

Taylor is going to prom this year with her boyfriend, Ryan Brunner, senior. They have been dating since Labor Day last year, which is close to eight months. Every girl always wonders how their guy will ask them to prom in the cutest way possible, but for Taylor she would rather just be asked straight out. That is what Ryan did. Taylor and Ryan's plans for prom as a couple are still

undecided, but they plan to go out to a nice restaurant beforehand. "We haven't made too many plans, but will probably go to after prom and a place beforehand," Taylor said. Even though their plans are still up in the air, Taylor thinks prom will be fun.

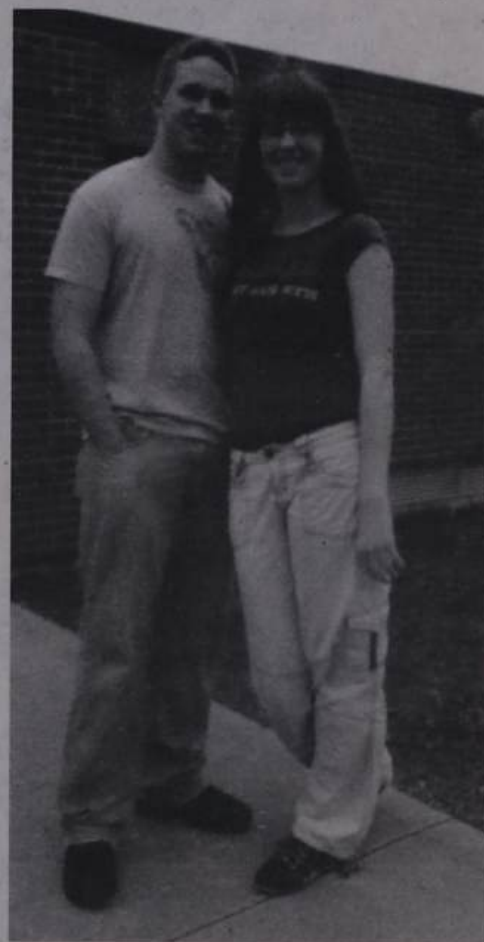
Many people wonder about their ideal fairy tale prom and what their expectations for it are. To Taylor she is keeping her prom expectations realistic. "Honestly, a dress I like, a guy I like, and music I like. [Also] magic heels that wouldn't hurt my feet", Taylor explains with a smile and a laugh. She feels that too many people put too many expectations on prom. She would rather have a new Ipod touch then a new outfit that she will only wear for one night.

For every girl getting ready for prom, finding the perfect dress is always the most fun. "I haven't found one yet," Taylor explained. Last year she borrowed one from her friend that was one of a kind so she isn't too worried yet about not finding that perfect dress yet. "I know I'm looking at my friends' dresses, but if I don't find one then I will have to go out and start looking," she explains. Even though she doesn't have the perfect dress yet, Taylor has an idea of what she wants, "not puffy and not sequin. Something classy." She has the perfect dress in mind so now all she needs to do is either find one in a friend's closet again or go start

searching the dress racks at stores.

Taylor feels prom is fun and exciting like any other dance, but people shouldn't expect too much out of it. "[I] suppose it's going to be as fun as you make it", she stated. Prom is a time to have fun and Taylor feels people should enjoy it, but with realistic expectations. It might just make prom night even more fun if people follow the same idea as Taylor. Without having too many perfect expectations on prom than prom might not be a disappointment that some people experience, but a time where everyone's dreams come true. Realistic dreams that is. Some advice Taylor would like to give to every girl out there is "don't stick your cell phone in the top of your dress. It's not classy." Taylor thinks this advice is a must know and would appreciate if people follow it.

The dance is under way and she is having the time of her life. Without putting all the perfect expectations on prom that some people do, Taylor's prom is what she expected fun and exciting, but not perfect. Dancing with her date and friends, she is enjoying herself. Making it as fun and exciting as she can. Once the night is over, she is happy with how everything turned out. Leaving behind the realistic prom she dream of that turned out to be more of a fairy tale prom than she expected.



Taylor Buckley and her boyfriend, Ryan Brunner, pose together like a true fairytale couple.

## Meghan's mind is made up; make sure to not text and drive

by **Danielle Tiernan** [Editor-in-Chief]

Her cell phone sat in the passenger's seat while she's driving, it starts ringing, she looks down to see she has a text from her friend. She picks up her phone to read it and reply back.



**Meghan Herren**  
junior

Recently, more and more people are texting while driving; lawmakers are now starting to ban texting while driving. Starting July

1st, 2011 in the state of Iowa, fines will be giving out to people under 18 who text or talk on the phone while driving, but if a person is over 18 use the phone only for calling. Until July 2011 police can only give out warnings.

Junior, Meghan Herren at Marion High School, is a frequent texter, sometimes even when she's driving. "People who don't know how to text or drive shouldn't do them together," Meghan said with a smile, about bad drivers trying to text and drive. She also doesn't think Bluetooth should be banned, but instead have the car phone available in more cars. "If you have it built in it will be safer and there will be less fumbling," Meghan said.

Meghan said she doesn't think other things should be banned, like eating, if texting is banned, "Answering a text can wait, but your hunger can't," she said laughing. She said she thinks the roads will be safer, "[because] you're paying more attention to the roads, fewer accidents will occur, and transportation would move faster."

People who violate the texting law will be charged with a misdemeanor and receive a \$30 fine. Meghan thought the fine is appropriate "[Because] if they want people to stop [texting or calling] the drivers will think about the fine."

Meghan thinks it's a good idea but there is one downfall, "I think it's [a good idea], but I don't know how much it's going to change because cops can't catch everyone, like on the highway or interstate going 70 mph, how are they going to catch them?"

"People who don't know how to text or drive shouldn't do them together,"  
- Meghan Herren, junior

Her cell phone sits again on her passenger's seat. This time when it rings she doesn't acknowledge it, there's more important things going on around her, like paying attention and avoiding getting a ticket at 16 years old. Instead she pays attention to the road. There's plenty of time for her to check the text message when she's not driving and keep herself and drivers all around her safer when they are on the road.

### Serious cell phone facts for drivers

- Cell phone ban goes in affect July 2011.
- If you get caught it's a \$30 fine and a misdemeanor charge.
- If injury results from texting fine will be \$500 plus license suspension
- If a death results \$1,000 fine plus a license suspension
- People under 18 can't use their cell phones at all.
- People over 18 can only use their cell phones only for calling.
- 1 in 20 crashes are caused by a driver not paying attention because they were on a cell phone.



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## Prom; what people may not know

By: Carey Dunn [Staff Writer]

Their heads come together with their thinking caps on. The catalogs are out and everyone is looking for that one theme that will make everyone happy. They find it, and then look at all they can for the gym to look completely realistic. They all start to think of ideas for one of the most unforgettable nights in high school; prom.

Jasmine Grindeland, junior, has been on the prom committee ever since it started and she likes it a lot. She is one of many people that are on the committee.

A lot goes on when planning for such a big event. Everyone that is on the committee has to work very

hard to make the night go as smooth as possible and to make it fun. A lot of people help out and not everyone knows what all they do to make it happen. It can be stressful and a lot of thought must go into it. "We put in a lot of time, effort and hard work," she said. It takes a lot of time to plan for this event. The main thing is to make it special and for people to like it and to have fun at the dance.

The prom committee does a lot for the juniors and seniors going to prom. "We think of decoration ideas, build props, paint things, hire the DJ and the photographer, budget everything, set up grand march, and order things from catalogs," Jasmine explained. All of the people do these things to make the MHS prom fun, entertaining, and memorable.

Every year there is a different theme for people to enjoy and get into. This year, it's some people's favorite. "(This year we are doing) midnight fairy tale," she pronounced. It will be a good time. Some people may have dresses on that resemble fairies.

Once they know what they are doing, then they can buy everything for the big night. "We make sure we have all the props done, make sure grand march music is done, we have to set up the gym the day before and the ceiling two days before," Jasmine proclaimed. Once that is all done, the gym is ready for the couples to start rolling in and getting ready for grand march.

The whole group grabs the last of the decorations out of the boxes. They go to their spots and finish putting the items up where they need to go. It's all finished and not it's ready for everyone to come and enjoy it.



Nick Rael, Tyler Spear, Jake Putnam, Ellie Heck, Kira Mein, and Alea Doneson, all juniors, work together on painting the stairs for the end of grand march for prom.

## How to make the best May Day Basket you've ever seen

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

Materials you will need:

- Chinese take-out box (various colors)
- Spring stickers
- Various kinds of candy
- Ribbon
- Glue
- Scissors
- Foam sheets
- Glitter Glue (various colors)

First: Cut the foam sheets to fit and form to the Chinese box

Second: Glue the foam sheets onto the Chinese box (let it dry before continuing)

Then: After it has dried, take the Chinese box and begin to decorate it with various spring/Easter stickers.

Next: Fill the box with various kinds of candies

Now: Take the glitter glue (color of your choice) and write the name of the receiver

Now: Take a different color of glitter glue and sign your name

Finally: Tie the bow of your choice to the handle

Last: Deliver your May Day baskets

## Along with a new year comes many new classes available at MHS

By: Hannah Miller [Design Editor]

Next year there will be six new classes being offered to students. If enough people are interested in the classes though, they will be added to the next year's class list that people can take.

There will be two new engineering classes, Introduction to Engineering and Principles of Engineering. In Introduction to Engineering, students will learn about and how to use the design process and learn more about the skills needed to go into that job field. In Principles to Engineering, students will go forward into the design process as well as use the skills they have learned to solve problems. These two classes are part of project lead the way. The two classes are both two terms long.

Film Study, N.O.V.E.L, and Exploration in Humanity Through Literature are the three classes going to be added to the English department. Film study is where students will learn about the different aspects of film and also view films from many different decades. N.O.V.E.L, which stands for New Options and Viewpoints

Exploring Literature, is where students will push themselves through challenging novels that will work on their writing and reading skills. They will finish projects after each novel they read. Exploration in Humanity Through Literature is where students will explore different literature from around the world as well as different generations.

The last new class being offered is in the Art department. It is Art 101. In Art 101 students will learn many different aspects of art including drawing, painting, history and culture, and mixed media. It will teach the basics. This is a class that students need no experience in art, just need to want to be creative.

The new classes being offered this year will bring new experiences and new options. The only way to get these classes is to get many people interested in them. The more that sign up for the classes, the better the chance the classes will get added. If you are interested in any of these classes, make sure to add them to your schedule for next year in hopes that they will then be.





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