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BASKETBALLS TO BOOKS, PAIGE'S GOT IT COVERED

Morgan Paige talks about getting ready to play basketball at the University of Wisconsin

By: Hannah Miller [Design Editor]

She picked up the orange ball, it felt rough and big in her hands. She looked up at the hoop, thinking it should be closer to the ground than it was. She looked at the ball again and then to her teammates, that were just as small as her on this big court, who were encouraging her to shoot. So she shot the ball with all her might and it hit the rim and went in.

Morgan Paige, senior, is playing basketball beyond just what high school allows her to. She will be playing at the University of Wisconsin on a full ride scholarship. The scholarship she received is a five for four, five years and four years playing. "[I'm looking forward to] just taking the next level in basketball," Morgan replied. She is very excited to be able to take her basketball to the next level at Wisconsin.

The University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin is where Morgan will be playing college basketball. "Ever since I was on campus with the team, everything just clicked. Everything in Madison is amazing. It's just a beautiful city," she explained with a happy expression. Morgan feels the University of Wisconsin will be a great fit for her and she will enjoy everything about it.

High school and college ball are very different on many levels and Morgan agreed. "It won't compare. College will be 80 times harder than high school. High school is just a baby step to college," she stated. Morgan knows how hard college ball is going to be and how much more work she will have to put into it. "I feel I'm ready. I just need to continue to get in shape and work on my mid range jumper," she replied with her bubbly laugh. Morgan can't wait to start her workouts and start playing in that red and white.



Senior Morgan Paige played her last season of basketball at MHS, while she looks on to her future at the University of Wisconsin

Morgan starts training even before the season will start. They will have summer workouts that they will have to do. "Well limited time with the coaches, but will mostly be doing strength training, condition training, and individual workouts," Morgan will be working hard this summer to be ready for the season.

Morgan is going to miss many things about Marion. "Probably being around my family," she said. She is going miss her dad's cooking, watching Markus play basketball, and her mom's coaching. Her mom has been her coach all her four years at Marion, since playing varsity all four years here. "[I'm going to miss] the after game talks, at home. They were really always interesting, life changing," she replied with a smile and hesitated laugh, "and she always made sure we had fly gear." Morgan is going to miss many things about Marion, but is looking forward to everything in Madison too.

College ball for some people can be scary and leave them feeling nervous, but not for Morgan. "No, I wouldn't say nervous, more like excited and the coaching staff is so supporting and the teammates already treat me like family," she expressed. Morgan is ready to go play her heart out at University of Wisconsin.

Now the court isn't so big, the hoop isn't so tall, and the ball doesn't feel so huge in her hands. She feels at home on the basketball court. Running up and down, shooting balls into the hoop like she has her whole life. Scoring points like her life depends on it. This is what she did at Marion and will continue to do at University of Wisconsin. "Go Badgers!," she said with smile and laugh. University of Wisconsin, ready or not, here comes Morgan.

Summer Fun

Commentary

The count down has been going since the first day of school started; it's only days away. It's so close you can almost taste it. No one can focus in class it's so close. Summertime is almost here!

Summer occurs once a year. No classes, no early morning alarms, there's no more homework, they have the whole day to themselves, there's no more school. When I think of summer one thing that comes to mind is kids getting into trouble. Since there's no school students are more likely to get into trouble by drinking or partying. It's not like students don't stop drinking when school starts, they do, but I think that they think since it's summer that they're less likely to get into trouble. It's probably more likely that they will get into even more trouble. Although they can't get suspended from school during summer, they can still get into a lot of trouble, there's the possibility of jail, they could get kicked off their sports team, and most of all, loose peoples respect.

Why spend the summer at parties? When someone could spend their summer hanging out with friends. Go on a road trip, even it's only to Coalridge, to go shopping. It's still better then spending that time in jail, right? Or, take a day or two and go to Adventureland to spend the day on their rides, even spending the day with friends just hanging out could be fun.

No matter what plans people come up with, just remember to think the actions through and if it doesn't seem good, then don't do it. Just because it's summer doesn't mean that students need to go crazy, act stupid, or make decisions they will later regret.



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

Cory talks tanning and the hazards it causes

By: Storm Dog [Staff Writer]

She gets out of the bed, feeling relaxed as ever. She can't wait to go back again.

Jessica Cory, junior, loves tanning. "I love it, it's so relaxing," Jessica explained. People go tanning for many different reasons, whether it is for special occasions, or just because. "I started tanning a few years ago because of dances and then just started going during the winter," Jessica explained.



Jessica Cory, junior

Many people start out tanning for special occasions, just like Jessica.

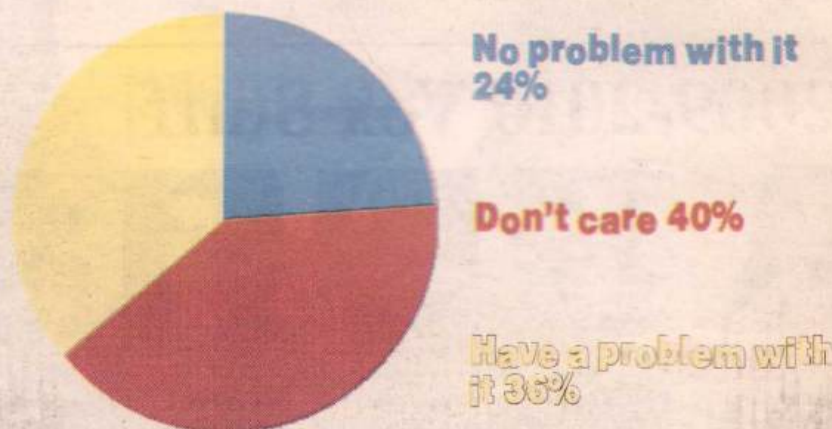
Tanning may be fun, but with it, comes dangers, such as skin cancer. "[I'm aware of skin cancer,] my mom has skin cancer and it runs in my family. I will realize sooner or later that it will catch up to me as well," she said. Skin cancer can be caused from too much exposure to the sun or tanning.

The price of tanning is so outrageous. "It depends on the package you get. You can buy minutes or a monthly package," explained Jessica. Either way, it's definitely not cheap. One monthly package alone costs \$40.

Then, there are the people that tan just a little too much. "Honestly, I don't like it. They look so fake," explained Jessica bluntly. Tanning is a great thing, as long as people know how tan is too tan.

She arrives at Tanworld, gets into the bed, and relaxes in the heat of the tanning bed.

What do students at MHS think about tanning?



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Time to trade in books for laptops

With technology advancing many start to wonder should schools advance with it?

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

The world has been changing dramatically in the past decade. In more recent years, technology seems to be rapidly advancing. These advances include texting, mobile web, and so much more. Many schools are becoming more and more technological. Therefore, Marion should also. Marion has made some small changes in technology to try to make it easier to connect with people in the district, but there is much more that could be done.

As of now, many teachers of Marion High School are beginning to use Internet to connect with students. Things such as gmail, google docs, ning, and powerschool are being used as a more efficient form of communication. Some are even trying to develop automatic text alerts as homework and project reminders. Internet is becoming a prime resource of communication. However, there are many students that do not have a computer, so what are they to do? A simple solution would be to rid the method of carrying around the old, beat up textbooks from the school and replace them with laptops.

Although, at first it may seem utterly ridiculous to replace the traditional textbook method with laptops, but it could turn out to be much more useful. Teachers could e-mail worksheets and assignments and students could also e-mail essays, assignments, and other homework to teachers, which would also save a lot of money

on paper. With the budget cuts, the school and district can't be wasteful and laptops could reduce the amount of paper wasted on printing everything. Teachers could also use something like gmail to email students, send reminders about homework, set up homework calendars, and much more. Students wouldn't be able to use the excuse homework got "lost" or they "forgot." Also, many of the school textbooks are now available online, so if that's the case carrying around one laptop with everything a student needs would be much easier than lugging around three or four heavy textbooks.

Although many would be for the idea, many rebel. The argument has been made that laptops would be much more expensive than textbooks, which is true. However, laptops last a lot longer than textbooks that get drawn on, beat up, ripped, and vandalized. Besides, the school could sell the majority of the textbooks to make money to pay for the laptops, while still keeping a reasonable amount in case of damage or crashing of a computer.

Overall, laptops may be more expensive at first. However, in the long run they could pay off majorly. They could save the use of paper, in the process save the use of printer ink, and make it much easier and more efficient to communicate with students and staff throughout the districts. All in all, the benefits outweigh the risks and consequences making the idea of laptops over textbooks a brilliant idea.

Blocking sites; the school taking it to the extreme

By: Emily Palmer [Features Editor]

More and more websites are being blocked from school computers. Not just Facebook or Youtube but sites that students try to use for classroom assignments. This is unfair and foolish, how can students be expected to finish projects if the sites they need to use are blocked? They can't. Most teachers understand when students are unable to finish work because of the blocks, but it is not fair to the teachers or the students to lose out on the information that they could have used to increase their learning.

The school computers are slow and have to frequently be restarted. One of the major reasons for this is that students use pictures off of the Internet and set them as wallpapers. This slows down the computers and makes a whole bunch of problems. So it is understandable that there is a need to stop this from happening, but at what expense? When a teacher assigns a project they usually don't take into account what sites are

blocked or those that are not, it is hard to determine this because the most random sites are now blocked. When students search the web and select a site they never know if it will load or if they will be denied access to it.

Not only is it annoying and frustrating it is also inconvenient. Not only do the sites take forever to load once they finally do, they pop up as blocked all that waiting for nothing, a total waste of time. Let's not forget about students who don't have Internet at home. If a teacher is set on using a particular site what is that kid going to do? The sites don't work at school and school is the only place they access to Internet how are they expected to complete an assignment, it is impossible.

Not all will agree, but most understand the need for inappropriate sites to be blocked. Most people can comprehend that the computers will work faster if they're not trying to do so much at one time. That being true, human beings are impatient creatures, the quicker things

can get done the better. Nobody wants to wait around forever

watching the little circle spin and spin just waiting for a site to load. Does this mean that students should like the changes made to increase the computers speed and memory, not exactly. Though there are pluses to the blocked sites they're way more negative downfalls.

Students need to be able to use the school resources quickly and effectively. So while it is unfortunate that loading times are slow it would be better to be able to use the sites needed to get work done. Only block the unnecessary sites that students have no use for at school, leave the rest alone. Yes, there would probably be a longer loading time but

Internet Safety; should Facebook be allowed?

By: Carey Burns [Staff Writer]

Facebook is probably the most popular website used today. People come home from school and automatically log on to Facebook, check their notifications, their inbox, and update their status. No matter where you go, there is always some way to check Facebook, but it shouldn't be allowed in schools where it is a big distraction from one's learning.

Now people have been talking, and students believe it should be allowed at school; for educational purposes. Is that the only reason it would be used? Would students abuse the privilege of Facebook being brought into schools?

Most likely, people would use it to check everything; send messages, and whatever else they do. It probably wouldn't even be used for the right reasons. There really is no need for it in any school. People have enough distractions as it is, and they don't need any more. School is more important than getting on Facebook. A lot of people could care less about school, but if Facebook was allowed into the school Internet, people may not get schoolwork done and therefore fail some classes. What's the point in having it when people can wait until 3:00 p.m. when they get home? It's taking over some student's lives and that isn't good. Think about all the time being wasted when on Facebook. Students and even adults could have better things to do with their time. Being on for a little bit

everyday is fine, but when you are on it for hours on end, it's unhealthy.

There is however, another side of using Facebook for schools. Teachers could have a Facebook, used only for school purposes, and put up assignments, and use it that way. That is a possibility. It could help students by having messages sent to them of what is due for the next day, or in the next few days. Also, for those students that miss a class, they could just log onto Facebook, and ask the

facebook

Facebook is a popular website among high students.

teacher what they did in the class and what they would need done for the next day.

Either way, in schools or not, Internet use should be monitored and people shouldn't use it all of the time. It would be useful if it weren't used at all due to the fact that students can come in the next morning and begin to make up what is missed.

Students seem to do better if there is nothing (technology wise) to think about. Overall, the use of technology is good to an extent, but too much can hurt our brains and some may not do as well in school. So something to think about when wanting Facebook to be allowed on the school internet.

at least once the site is loaded students would be able to do their work and complete assignments.

There are always options. The teachers should have codes that allow them to unblock sites for student use. That could resolve a lot of issues, the sites would all stay blocked but students could use the sites they need with permission from their teachers. If that feature was available the greater majority of the issues would be eliminated. Students could use sites while staff and teachers monitor the sites so the computers would continue running smoothly. Everyone would benefit from changes to the blocking criteria and regulations.

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NEED A GOOD PLACE TO GO FOR SUMMER VACATION? READ ABOUT GOOD PLACES IN, "All across America and even the world; summer is here."

All across America and even the world; summer is here

There are a lot of places to go for vacations; what are they?

By: Hannah Shaffer [Opinion Editor]

Most people would love to travel abroad throughout their life and see the world. There is so much to see outside of America. However, there are many places to see within the U.S. Whatever one is in the mood for when thinking of vacations, there are a number of wonderful places to visit, some with great opportunities. Either way, vacationing in the U.S. isn't difficult to do.

Sometimes schools give students the opportunity to get an educational vacation to see things marked from America's history. However, if not given the opportunity, but would like to venture out to learn about the history of our native home, places such as Washington D.C. which has been the home of hundreds of great leaders in America. D.C. is the location of battles and heroic moments, which

makes it a learning opportunity that will change people's respect and perspective of the country they live in.

Every once in a while, everyone needs a getaway. Growing up in the Midwest, it seems difficult to find a place to truly let loose at. Just about everyone would like to experience a warm place with a beautiful beach to layout on and be in a calmer environment. To find a place like this, it's easy. Popular places are Florida and California for some sun and waves. If one has more spending money and would like to travel further, an environment like Hawaii would suit one perfectly well.

Family vacations are popular events that occur quite often. If one is in the mood for a thrill and some family fun, an amusement park should do the trick. One like Six Flags, which has many different locations around the U.S. is just enough

to fulfill one's spontaneous need. Or simple visit to Adventureland is always a great way to spend a beautiful day with friends and family. One popular way to spend a nice summer afternoon is driving to Coralville to go boating. Often times, friends enjoy one another's company by packing some snacks and drinks to spend the day on a boat; and even tubing is part of the experience. Either way, places that are enough to get away for one weekend, are more easily accessible than most realize. Iowa may not have the beaches or the waves, but it has enough to appreciate for any amount of time with friends and family. There are roller coasters, shows, and many activities to have a very fun-filled experience.

When planning a vacation or a getaway, it's not always

necessary to leave the country. Simple things within the U.S. can be enough to fill anyone's needs, and they don't cost nearly as much. Just remember, when searching for a place to venture to, one really doesn't have to go far.



One of many spots for vacation, is Los Angeles, California; with its beautiful beaches and scenery.

Summer soon to arrive

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

Only a few short days left. Then it's no more homework, no teachers, no school! Summer is rapidly approaching. Sitting in class is almost unbearable. Students' focus is quickly depleting. Within a matter of days students will be free. Free to do whatever they want. People pack up their camping gear, grab their beach bags, and prepare for the amazing summer nights that lie ahead. Camping, bonfires, beaches, road trips and friends, there is nothing more one could ask for.

With summer so close students find it hard to focus in the classrooms. Many seniors have recently been diagnosed with a serious disease known as senioritis. As for the rest of the students and staff, they too are counting down the days, ten, nine, eight, seven...and so on. These last few days seem to drag on and on. Crossing through each day on the calendar. It's so close.



Elizabeth Smiley, junior

People are breaking out their flip-flops, shorts, and sunglasses. It's time for summer, for absolute and total freedom. It's hard to wait. People watch the clock every day, just waiting for the bell to ring. Soon, the beaches will be packed, campgrounds overflowing, and endless memories will be made. It's finally summer.

Seniors skip; is it frowned upon or not

By: Morgan Kolarik [Staff Writer]

Every spring the school year comes to a close and more seniors are get ready to graduate. Along with that comes senior skip day. Everyone knows what it is. It's a day where seniors skip school.

Senior skip day is fine. Some people make a big deal out of it, and blow it out of proportion. It's really not a big deal if the seniors are gone for one day. It won't kill their grade, or make them miss out on a bunch of schoolwork, and if it does, it's their grade and if they are concerned with it they will find a time where they can make up the work. It's not something that people should waste their time worrying about.

Teachers on the other hand have a different view than the students. While students think it may be

a right of passage to participate in senior skip day, teachers feel like they shouldn't be missing school. They think students should take school seriously and be in class as much as possible. They need to learn as much as they can during their time at the high school. Honestly the seniors are going to make the decisions that they want to whether someone tells them not to or not. It doesn't matter if the seniors skip one day of school. Most of the time seniors don't have a full schedule any way. They come for one or two classes, and then have open blocks or take a class at Kirkwood. So it isn't a big deal.

Whichever way it's looked at senior skip day still happens. It will continue to happen even though people don't always agree, or have different opinions on it.

Summertime is here, good fashion is a must

By: Maley Berry [Yearbook Editor]

The temperature is rising; the blue sky is showing, and the suns out more often. It's summertime, which means it's time to break out the shorts and flip-flops! For most, summertime is a time to enjoy the freedom that comes along with it. For some it's all about the new summer clothes to wear.

Right now when looking around, there are girls wearing cute high-raised hip skirts with a casual tee, or sometimes way too short, shorts with a nice dress top. For boys it's about the same as any year, khaki or plaid shorts with a T-shirt or polo, either way, it still pulls together very nicely.

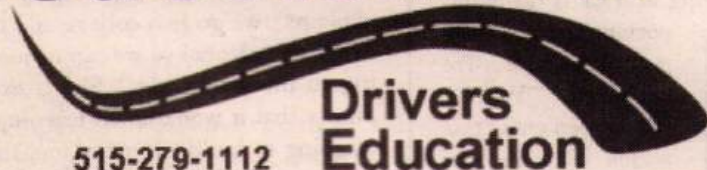
The season comes and with new fashion it seems some forget what's appropriate and what's not. This isn't going to be one of those opinions where

I'm saying how people should wear their clothes. Just remember, boys, keep your pants pulled up and muscle shirts out. Girls, for the sake of what grams would think, keep your shirts up and your backsides covered! Summer fashion can be a great thing! As long as no one has to be judged by what they're wearing and how they're wearing it. So, with the last few days of school left and the summer coming up, let's keep it classy and get excited!



Ella Ward, junior and Sam Williams, freshman, show what's in for summer.

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We have had a lot of positive and negative comments about the story "Too busy planning their wedding to attend this year's prom" from the last issue of The Vox. Our intent was not to offend anyone, but to only cover what is occurring at our high school. Thanks for all the comments.

- Elizabeth Smiley and Danielle Tiernan

4 ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR, SAVANNA WOLFE TALKS ABOUT BEING IN TAKE CHARGE. CHECK OUT, "Taking charge, changing lives."

Albaugh pitches for a hit at state this upcoming season

Dusty Albaugh, junior, talks of his goals for the upcoming Varsity baseball season and their hopes that they will make it to the state.

By: Emily Palmer [Feature/Editor]

He wound up for the pitch. The summer sun shined down on his back. All his dedication was going to pay off. Marion was going to win, again.

Dusty Albaugh, junior, plays right field and pitches for the MHS Varsity baseball team. This is not Albaugh's first year on the Varsity team; he has been playing since his freshman year. His love for the game started back when he was only four-years-old, and he has loved it ever since. Albaugh doesn't really know where his fascination began, "I don't know. I have just always loved playing," he stated. His inspiration for the game comes from his family. "My big brother has always been a role model to me," he later stated. His love of the game makes all those summer practices worth it.

Though the game is great, there is a lot of hard work that goes into it. Albaugh elaborates, "Yeah, baseball is a

fun game as long as you're devoted to spending most of your summer to playing." He believes that this year will bring with it a successful season. He stated energetically, "...we have a lot of potential this season and we could be pretty good." The team is working on their skills and training hard, hoping for a great season.

"... We have a lot of potential this season and we could be pretty good."

-Dusty Albaugh, '11

Although he loves the sport as a whole, his favorite part is hitting. He explained, "There is a lot of working on technique with hitting and working on your position." He will be playing his senior year, but for this season he has set some goals.

Like all athletes Albaugh wants to have many victories and successes in his junior season. He has set goals for himself and some of them include, "Winning districts and going to state and winning conference."

As he throws the pitch and the batter makes contact and starts to run for home, he will play his best. Pushing to make his goals a success. Going for gold as an Indian.



During a game during the 09' season Dusty Albaugh, junior, goes for the hit, striding up the field with his mitt in hand. This season Albaugh has big plans to go far with his Varsity teammates, the team is hoping to make it to conference this summer and take home some wins.

Bacon tells all about the upcoming softball season

By: Addie DeWitt [Staff Writer]

Softball is a great summer sport. Starting around May 10th and ending in early July, the love of the game never ends. To get ready for this softball season, many participated in the winter warm ups that were held. During those winter warm ups students practiced the fundamentals and the plays required for the game. On the team there are students of all ages. The players



Bailey Bacon, sophomore, runs to first base after hitting the ball to the outfield.

range from eighth graders to seniors. Softball is a favorite sport for many. One person in particular, Bailey Bacon.

"I love softball. It's my favorite sport," Bailey replied. How the game of softball is played all depends on the team. To accomplish any goals the team has, you have to get along and respect one another. "I hope through the camp outs we grow closer together," Bailey said. Another important factor in the way a team plays are the coaches. Listening to the advice they give will benefit the game a lot. "Our coaches have been with us through a lot and they know how to make us laugh," Bailey said with a laugh, "Strain in blades."

The goals for this year's softball team is just to play well together and work hard. "We've been working really hard so no matter what, it'll be a better season than last year," Bailey said confidently. This year's softball team has a good group of people and are ready to play the game to the best of their abilities.

With a few optional tournaments and games here and there the team has been getting ready for the games to begin. A lot of the players are excited to start the season with hopes to start it out great. "Most of my friends play softball except for like two or three, so it will be really fun," says Bailey. It will be a great season, and a fun one at that too.

Racing towards his victory makes it all worth while

By: Casey Burns [Staff Writer]

He and his friends all load the bus for their trip. He has his bag in his hand and sits in one of the empty seats. He takes a quick look in the bag to make sure everything is there and that he didn't forget anything. He's all set to go, as the bus pulls out of the parking lot.

Tre Kinney, junior, has been in track since he was in 7th grade. He is excited for it. He said, "Yeah, state's a great time." Although running may not be the greatest thing in the world, it is still fun for some people. Tre commented, "Um, it's kind of a love hate relationship."

Being able to go to state track is a privilege and it takes a lot of work to get ready for it. Tre explained, "Well, I'm trying to get ready, but you can only be so ready for your first time." Making sure you're in the best shape as possible is something that helps a student when going into a competition. He added, "I try to eat right and run a few miles a day."

With all the training done and off to state, Tre is going to be running a couple different races. He said, "4 by 8 and the distance medley." Before even going to state, student's that are in track must go to districts to see if they qualify to go to state. Tre ran races there and did a good job. He said, "[I ran the] 4 by 8 and the distance medley and ran my best times."

A lot of people made it to state, and there are different

things people either want to get out of this season or just state in general. To some, being in track is really important and is a huge part of their life. Tre



Tre Kinney, junior, races to the finish line before his components.

exclaimed, "[What I have gotten out of this season is] some success and a lot of good memories." Tre added on, "[I'm hoping to] have a good time." The bus comes to a stop, and all the runners look out the window. Their eyes get wider and they know that they are at the track. They get really excited. Tre is the first one off. His race is about to start. He gets his shoes on and gets ready. Once the final call has been made for his race to get to the starting line, he makes his way toward his competitors. He's ready and the horn blows. He goes into a dead sprint to his other player that is going to take over, and hands over the baton. He did it.

Taking Charge, changing lives

By: Emily Palmer [Feature/Editor]

The little kids faces were puzzled and amazed all at once. She was giving her speech for the hundredth time. She feels proud because she knows she is making a difference in the lives of the children. She was ultimately saving lives.

Savanna Wolfe, junior, has been in Take Charge since her freshman year. She is an active role model for MHS; Wolfe is also involved in volleyball, and softball. For Wolfe Take Charge is more than just a chance to get off campus, it's a chance to save a life. It's an organization geared towards helping save lives by preaching about what happens when drugs and alcohol are introduced into the body. "I get to help kids understand the effects drugs and alcohol have on their bodies," elaborated Wolfe. She believes that if children are taught from a young age about the risks they will be less likely to try it.

Coming up in the near future some of the Take Charge students will be participating in the J.E.L. Summit. Wolfe explains, "we go to a college and they teach us more about drugs and alcohol so we can be more educated when speaking to the young kids." She is excited to learn more and knows that it won't be all learning and no play. "It is kind of going to be like a party too, there will be dancing and everyone will have a great time," She is looking forward to both aspects of the Summit. Wolfe is really hoping she is asked to participate in the Summit but she is not yet positive she will be attending.

For people that want to join Take Charge Wolfe says, "Talk to Michelle Wilson." All a person has to do is sign up and have a strong urge to help educate and save lives. The group meets for pizza lunches and sometimes gets to go off campus for the day for lectures. They learn a lot of new information all the time which helps keep them informed. Wolfe enjoys everything about Take Charge and loves that she gets to be apart of an organization that helps change the lives of everyone.

So when Wolfe finishes her speech, all the children raise their anxious hands with a million questions streaming through their heads she smiles. The guidelines she holds herself to have now been bestowed among these young children with any luck they will remember these life lessons and one day it will save them from making a tragic mistake.



Savanna Wolfe, Junior, talks to students at the MHS Health Fair Thursday the 13th of May.

Training now; making it easier for the next cross season

Kelsey Martens, trains during the summer to make sure she is prepared for next year's competition

By Carey Burns [Staff Writer]

It takes more than eating right and a jog in the morning to be at the top of one's game. It takes practice, dedication and a supreme love for the game. The weather is starting to heat up, and everyone wants to go to the pool and hang out. It was summer and all her friends were sleeping in, but not her, she was training for the season to come.

Kelsey Martens, sophomore, is already beginning her training for the upcoming cross-country season. Martens is beginning her training early so she will be better prepared later. She explained, "When I tried doing it my freshman year, I didn't train, so it was really hard, so I figured I should start now so when the season comes, it will be easier for me." She wants to begin by doing more runs and eating healthy. To Martens, a good practice lasts for 30 to 40 minutes or four to five miles. Being healthy is important when training for a season, or for anything. It can improve times and muscle strength.

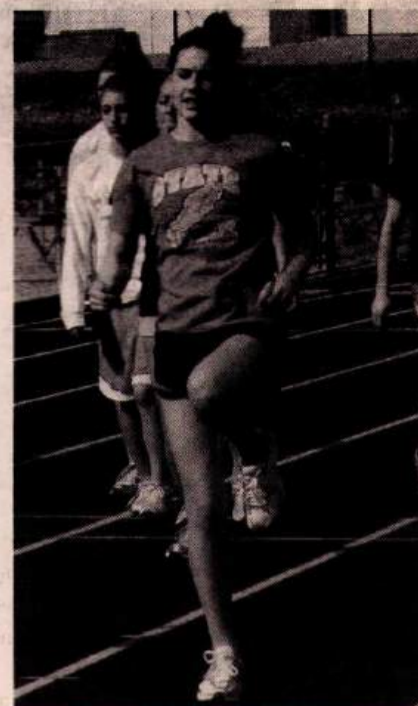
Some might find eating healthy and literally going the extra mile difficult and in some cases Martens agrees, "Yes, it is hard. It is hard to get the motivation to go out and run." The upside is that when the season actually begins she will be ready. Not only does Martens plan to run more she is also eating healthy. "I don't eat fast food or drink pop. I eat a lot of carbohydrates, and drink a lot of water," elaborated Martens. Eating healthier makes everyone feel better and it helps Martens go that much farther.

Wrapping up the school year and preparing for the next Martens is, "looking forward to being on the team and the team dinners, [also] staying in shape." During the summer when other students are hanging out she will be training hard for the upcoming season. Not only eating right but also running often. Having a routine or just preparing yourself improves a lot and can help out the team if you are mentally and physically prepared for the sport that you are going out for.

She wakes up early, puts on her tennis shoes, and heads out the door. She doesn't really mind waking up early anymore. She breaks into a comfortable jog continues at that pace, and begins to challenge herself after the first mile. She is at her third mile and she is headed home. She knows it's not far away, so she runs faster for that last mile. Her meet is in a couple of days; she is ready.

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Kelsey Martens, junior, begins her training during the track season, and will continue to train over the summer, preparing herself for the cross country season.

Nielson prepares for the new season

By Alice Dixon [Staff Writer]

As summer approaches many high school students are focusing on their summer plans. Seniors are nervous and excited about finally graduating and freshmen finally get moved up to be sophomores.

Zach Nielsen, junior, is excited for summer to begin. At the moment, he is still involved with school including baseball, soccer, bowling, and football. Yet, he has already started to begin making plans and one of those includes getting ready for football.

Zach plays linebacker and tight end on the field. This summer he is attending workouts to improve his skills along with the many other players aiming for the same goal of improvement. "[I think that early training] will help out a lot," said Zach. He has played football for seven years, but he has only attended one year of football workouts.

Workouts for the 2010 season start the

day after school gets out for those who are going to summer workouts and go all the way until the season starts. These workouts are required for players who are going out for football next season. They are three days a week and there are two times in the day that people can go; from 7-9 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.

During these workouts the players lift, do speed components, bosu, and parachute. Mr. Perkins, the science teacher and head football coach at Marion High School, said the workouts would be no different than last years. "[The main goal will be] to get them together as a team, build strength, and maintain speed," said Coach Perkins.

Being on an athletic team can sometimes mean getting moved up to a higher team or moved down. If either getting moved up or down occurs, nothing changes with the workout.

Since they are during the summer, it sometimes can interfere with plans, but

usually for Zach they don't. "I feel pretty good when I'm done. I feel like I got better and there fun," said Zach. His least favorite part is the running.

Zach enjoys his coaches and his teammates. He is committed to football for the summer and the season, but his favorite sport is baseball and he hopes to play after he finishes high school.

As the school year comes to an end, Zach is excited to start football. He makes plans to fit around his schedule and is ready to start another good season.

Rogers says goodbye to her team, but refuses to say goodbye to the game

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

Throughout the year many seniors enjoy their last games, team dinners, and their last meets at Marion High School. As graduation approaches many seniors say goodbye to their teammates and coaches from their years here at the high school. For many, the last game or meet of the season will not only be the last time they step onto the field or hit the mats at MHS, but the last time they play on a team. However, some move on and continue playing sports in college. Courtney Rogers is one of them.

Courtney Rogers is a senior at Marion High School and has played soccer for thirteen years. Rogers has been on varsity since she was a freshman. She has also been captain of the varsity girl's soccer team since her sophomore year. Soccer is a huge part of Roger's life. Rogers smiled, "Playing in college has been a goal of mine since I was little. It has always been my main sport and I can't see myself stopping after high school." With that being said it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone when she continues to play in college.

Rogers is attending Coe College in the fall. She will be playing on the girl's soccer team there. At MHS Rogers played sweeper, however at Coe she will switch to playing forward. For Rogers there is much to miss about Marion. She elaborated, "I am definitely going to miss Coach Herman and my teammates. I have built many relationships with them and it's going to be really hard to say goodbye." Although it will be tough to say goodbye she has a lot to look forward to in her future at Coe. Rogers exclaimed, "I am looking forward to meeting new people and playing soccer at the next level."

Rogers, like many others was considering many other colleges. After a lot of thought she narrowed

it down to Coe and Loras. Rogers smiled, "I chose Coe because they gave me the best scholarship and I was most comfortable there. I love the campus and I knew I would have fun there. I also thought where I would be the most happy if I couldn't play soccer (due to injury or illness) and Coe kept clicking in my mind. It was a tough decision, but I knew in my heart Coe was where I needed to be." It was a tough decision, but the decision had to be made.



Courtney Rogers, senior, charges down the field to retrieve the ball from the opposing team at one of this season's home games. Rogers is captain of the Girls Varsity team and plays sweeper on the team.

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Rogers is extremely excited. Although it will be hard to say goodbye, there is much to look forward to. As graduation approaches, excitement builds up. She is anticipating that very moment she steps out onto the field. A new field, new coach, new team, it's a new year. She is ready for the new season.



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6 ENTERTAINMENT

The Fieldhouse in Cedar Rapids offers great service and even better food

The Fieldhouse, is new restaurant that offers family friendly service and food everyone will love

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

The Fieldhouse is a new restaurant located at 1140 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, next to Buffalo Wild Wings. It's in the building where the Tilted Kilt used to be. The Fieldhouse is a sports bar and restaurant. With the inside and outside decorated in mostly Iowa Hawkeyes, for those Iowa State and University of Northern Iowa fans, don't worry there are some decorations for you too.

The menu ranges from the Field House burger to a caesar wrap, with a lot of options to choose from. Prices range from \$7.49 for the field house burger, to \$8.49 for a Reuben sandwich. The Fieldhouse also has pizza to choose from starting at \$10.99 for a 14" single topping pizza, and \$12.99 for a 14" specialty

pizza.

The Fieldhouse also has a location in Iowa City, which is one of the oldest nearcampus bars. It's very popular with college age students. According to a story written by Dave De Witte published by The Gazette, the owner of both The Fieldhouse's Dave Carey said "Unlike Iowa City, we're really going to hit the family aspect...Carey said he's planning a "kids eat free" special from Sundays through Thursday that will provide one free kids' meal for each adult meal."

For anyone who's looking for a great place to eat, make sure to check out The Fieldhouse. It's a family friendly place where people can go to watch Iowa games or if they're just looking for a good place to eat with some friends.



The Fieldhouse is located on Blairs Ferry Rd, in the building that use to be The Tilted Kilt. It opened in early March and is already a favorite for all the Iowa Hawkeye fans.

Students weigh in on what they think



"I haven't been there, but my sister has and she got sick there."
-Blake Brice, sophomore



"The Tilted Kilt was better then The Field House."
-Jed Seeman, senior



"Pretty good food, but it doesn't compare with their neighbor, B-dubs!"
-Brady Ranney, sophomore



"It has a good atmosphere, and the food was okay."
-Jade Remling, senior

Surprises around every corner, what will happen at Post Grad.

By: Hannah Shaffer [Opinion Editor]

The countdown has begun and all the seniors are filled with more and more anticipation as the day comes closer. They're done with their last football games, last homecoming, and even last prom of their high school career. But, the fun doesn't stop there. Now, most seniors have planned out their grad parties in hopes that family and friends will go and celebrate with them. The big deal, however, is the ceremony. When one might think it stops there, graduation is followed by post grad.

Last year, there were tons of fun games. Taking place in the red gym was a three on three basketball tournament, mostly populated by guys, but it was enough to keep them entertained. One of the most popular activities was the sumo wrestling in the wrestling room. The outfits were large and difficult to maneuver in, but it was entertaining to watch people charge at each other, let alone attempt to get back on their feet.

Most years tend to stay rather similar, and this year will be that way too. There will be many activities to look forward to, along with food and drinks offered. Last year, there was a band of one of Marion

High School's students that played, but this year there will be a D.J.... There will also be another three on three basketball tournament, like last year. Somewhere around midnight or one, there will be a hypnotist which is always a favorite among students. Even more than that will be offered at post grad, so don't miss out on the entertainment. Post grad will be a fun experience for those who attend, so don't miss out. There are so many games and exciting activities to participate in, it would be a shame to not be able to enjoy this unforgettable time with friends, which could sadly be the last among the graduating class. Go and enjoy the excitement; there are even more surprises in store.



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ADVENTURELAND HAS A NEW ADDITION. READ ABOUT IT IN, "A DAY AT ADVENTURELAND"

A day at Adventureland

By: Tyler Janzen [Activities Editor]

It's summer and seventy degrees out. Bored. Where to go? Adventureland! A big amusement park full of fun rides for kids and adults. There's even rides for a whole family to enjoy!

Adventureland is an amusement park in Altoona, Iowa, near Des Moines. It was built in spring of 1974, and it had its first full open season in 1975 for guests to come enjoy a day at the park. It wasn't as big as it is now but it grows almost every year by adding new rides. This year they are adding on Adventure Bay. There are going to be water slides, Iowa's longest lazy river inner tube slides and cabana rentals. The water park is going to be opening this June for all of Adventureland's fans to enjoy.

Something to also check out on a visit to the park is Adventureland Inn. It is a hotel where guests can come sleep and hang out with friends or family for the night. A person can take a free shuttle to and from the park so they don't have to deal with the hassle of parking in the parking lot. There are three pool areas. There is a pool with two little slides to give everyone something to do. There is also a kiddy pool area with little slides. The hotel is enjoyable after a hot day at the park.

The park has many different rides for everyone to enjoy. They have roller coasters, water rides, rides that turn one upside down and shake them. They have everything for someone who enjoys a good thrill.

Adventureland is an amusement park for everyone. A place to get away from the same old scene and have fun with friends or family. If someone's bored during the summer they should definitely go and check it out!

What the senior students expect from Post Grad 2010



"I'm expecting a lot of activities, and to have a good time."
-Todd Hansen, senior



"I hope it's a really good time having our entire class together."
-Allie L'homme, senior



"...To have a good time at post grad and hang out with friends I haven't seen and have fun at the last thing I do in high school."
-Eric League, senior



"I expect lots of fun and to win something extravagant."
-Dankia Sam, senior

IS THE NEW ROBIN HOOD MOVIE WORTH THE MONEY? FIND OUT IN, "ROBIN HOOD BORES MANY VIEWERS;..."

ENTERTAINMENT 7

Robin Hood bores many viewers; is not worth the money or the time

While the plot line is classic, the lengthy story line became confusing and drab.

By Logan Tichy [Ad Editor]

Over the past week there have been many movies that have come out into theaters. Robin Hood, Letters to Juliet, and Just Wright.

In the older version of Robin Hood, he stole from the rich and gave to the poor. The same things happens in this version. He travels to different towns in England. He helps towns that are being hit hard with the taxation. In one of the towns Robin Hood falls in love with a woman who is very one with her self and spirits. Her name is Lady Marion. Robin Hood traveled to a town by the name of Nottingham. One of the ways Robin Hood is helping the people on the taxation relief is to steal from the rich, wealthy people who don't have a problem giving up money for the tax. These people are who Robin Hood would slowly steal from, along with

Lady Marion.

The 2.5 hour long movie was way too confusing! There was so many plot changes and it was just too "13th century." They would climb castles and

From talking to people around school, they said they have heard it was really stupid and not worth 2.5 hours of their time and 13 dollars out of their wallets. The responses from MovieFone.

com were skewed. It seems that the younger generation did not like this movie, while the older generation thought it was a great intellectual view.

"It looks really confusing, and could have been made a lot better then it was." - Derek Lochner, '12. Bronwyn Lewis, '12 also added a state-

Length: 2hrs and 20 min.

Rating: PG-13

Cast: Russell Crowe: Robin Hood, Cate Blanchet: Marion Loxley, William Hurt: William Marshal, Mark Strong: Godfrey, Oscar Isaac: Prince John, Danny Huston: King Richard The Lionheart, Max von Sydow: Sir Walter Loxley

set people on fire, and be running around throwing punches all over the place! Too confusing for me! "It doesn't look like a very good movie, and could be better made." - Logan Ludwig, '12 Ads.

Robin Hood, on an average rating from MovieFone.com scored three stars out of five.

ment about what she thought of Robin Hood. "I think that it looks really dumb." These are just a few of the negative views at Marion. Many students think that Robin Hood is stupid, and some think it looks good. If you go to see the movie, just be aware that Robin Hood can be to long, and a drag.

Is Robin Hood worth watching?



"It looks long and kind of exciting."
- Leah Pederson, '13



"I thought it was so good, and everyone should go see it."
- Courtney Livingston, '13



"It looks awesome! and I wanna go see it!"
- Shayla O'Brien, '12

DS is pricey, but totally worth it

By Storm Dogz [Staff Writer]

Pink, black, red and white. Those are the colors available for the original Nintendo DS. There is also the Nintendo DS Lite. Colors for the Lite are more exotic. Such as Crystal white, Ice blue, Enamel navy, Noble pink and Jet Black. Metallic rose and metallic silver have been released to Japan and South Korea and will soon be released to the US. It's a remodel of the original DS, but is slimmer, brighter, and lightweight. There are four levels of brightness to choose from for the DS Lite, as opposed to the original the light was only able to turn on and off with one level of brightness. Battery life for the original could last anywhere from ten to fourteen hours. Now with the Lite version, the battery can last up to nineteen hours.

There is also the DSi. With the DSi, you can take pictures, upload pictures and even record sound. With the pictures taken or uploaded, there is an editing feature. The editing feature is similar to other popularly known editing sites such as FotoFlexer and Picnik. The DSi also has Internet connectivity.

The Nintendo DSi can be bought for \$169.99, the Lite can be bought for the price of \$129.99 and the original DS can be bought for about \$130. Games for these consoles can be bought for anywhere from \$10-30, if bought new.

Accessories for the DS can be bought as well. Different sizes of carrying cases, more stylus, AC adapters, and car adapters. A travel kit is also available to

buy. The travel kit includes a car charger, earphones, a case for the DS, a screen cleaner, a cleaning tool, a wrist strap, an additional case for two extra game cartridges and a screen protector to protect the screen from cracks, scratches and smudges. Some DS games are multi-player. For example, Mario Kart is a very popular two player game. It's a racing game, with many different characters and levels to choose from. With the multi-player games, the DS's need to be next to each other in order to work. Sitting next to each other is usually close enough. Up to sixteen people can play multi-player games at the same time. The players can sit anywhere from one foot to 100 feet away from each other. There is a series of games for the DS called the Touch Generation. The games included generally have a lower price and are easier to play. Games in this series include Big Brain Academy, Brain Age, Clubhouse Games, Nintendogs, Tetris DS, True Swing Golf, and more.

All the generations have a touch screen, activated by the stylus, and dual screens. Only the screen on the bottom is touch screen. Some Nintendo games can be played on the DS's as well which is a great feature. There is also PictoChat. With PictoChat, you can talk with other people. It's basically like instant messaging. For this feature to work, you have to be sitting by someone, just like with multi-player games.

Any generation of the DS would be a great investment for them. \$130-\$170 is a very reasonable price for all you can do with this game system.



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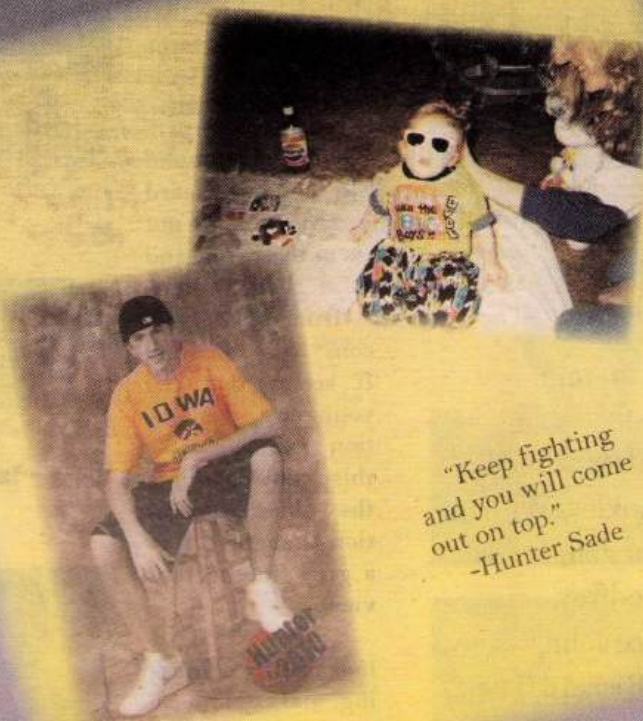
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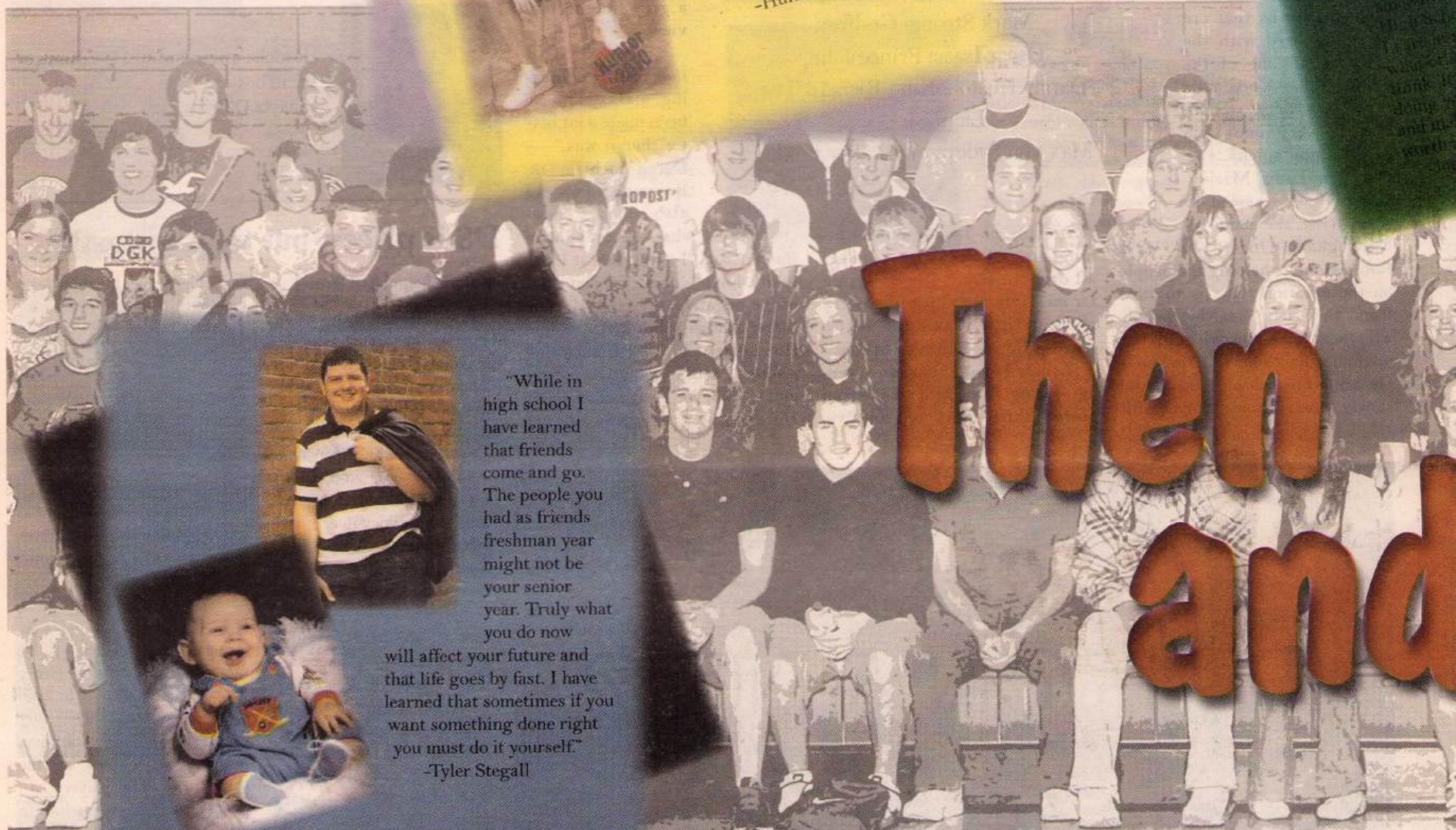
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-Hunter Sade



"While in
high school I
have learned
that friends
come and go.
The people you
had as friends
freshman year
might not be
your senior
year. Truly what
you do now

will affect your future and
that life goes by fast. I have
learned that sometimes if you
want something done right
you must do it yourself."
-Tyler Stegall

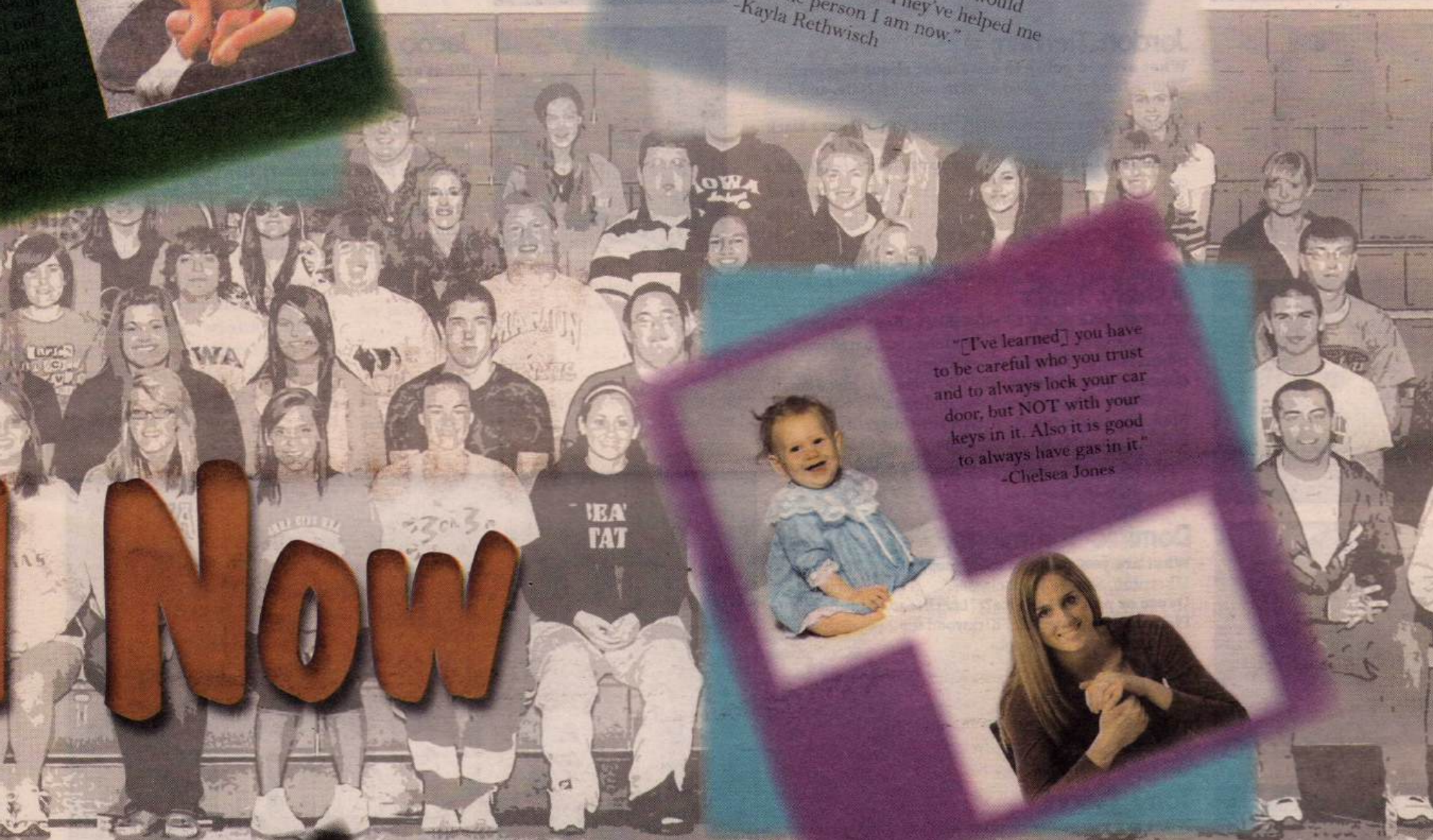


"I
haven't had
a dramatic
change,
however I
have made
mistakes
throughout
the years
and I've
learned
from them
to become a better
person."
-Maggie Murphy





My friends
have affected me
the most in high school.
Without them, high school would
have been pointless. They've helped me
become the person I am now."
-Kayla Rethwisch



"[I've learned] you have
to be careful who you trust
and to always lock your car
door, but NOT with your
keys in it. Also it is good
to always have gas in it."
-Chelsea Jones



"[I've
changed through
high school because]
I've chosen to do
things for myself and not for "the
group" [and I'm] becoming my own person."
-Maddie Barnhart

"The biggest life
lesson that I have learned
in high school is to not
get caught up in being
a teenager. The drama
lasts a short time, but
the memories you have
with your friends will
last you a lifetime.
Cherish every
precious moment
you have, and let go
the drama. If you
never give yourself
the chance to be
your true self all
that you'll have in
the end is a regret.
Love yourself for
the person you are!
-Cassie Loney



10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS



Rachel Reid:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"I'm going to miss all the crazy bus rides, the band trips, & definitely bowling with the guys varsity at practice."

Quote or piece of advice?: "What you want to do & what you can do is limited only by what you can dream."

Plans for the future?: "I'm going to go to Kirkwood to finish the Criminal Justice program & then I will transfer to Mount Mercy majoring in Criminal Justice & minor in Psychology or Accounting."



Kelsey Steiert:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Seeing friends everyday, hearing crazy stories, & some teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live life to the fullest, do crazy things, don't fear anything, & be happy doing it."

Plans for the future?: "Go to college & make a lot of money!"



Jordon Tiernan:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Doing the John Wall in LP's car with LP, Nate, and Joel :)"

Quote or piece of advice?: "I'm not racist, I got a black president & grow up Ghostface."

Plans for the future?: "To hit up Kirkwood & then be a cop."



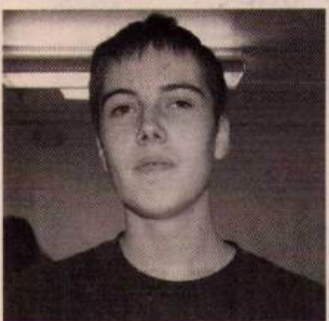
Ashely Timp:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"That's simple! I'll miss all the memories shared with my closest friends. I'll miss the teachers too!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "High school is just a small part of life, don't get caught up in drama!"

Plans for the future?: "Attend the University of Dubuque to study Graphic Design. I hope to either work in animation or advertising after college."



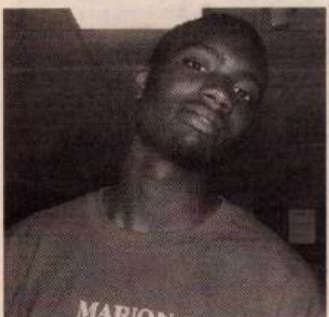
Dominic Tommingo:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Thornton, Semler & art classes."

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

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood for 2 years then Art Institute of Minnesota."



Tony Tyson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Telling Dale the Janitor that I'm his boss and making him clean the table when I tell him too."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't hate the player, hate the game."

Plans for the future?: "Go to a 4 year college & run track."



Jessica VanNote:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Trashon Thompson."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Love is the most important thing in the world." -Michael Jackson :)

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood, then Iowa."



Zuly Verduzco:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"... definitely seeing my friends every day & eating ice cream at the mall with Kathleen... most of the teachers especially Madame Knepper & Ms. Schultz."

Quote or piece of advice?: "There go the people. I must follow them for I am their leader." -Alexandre Ledru-Rollin

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa State & major in Fashion design & merchandising. Start my own clothing store & eventually get married & start a family."



Jocelyn Wilson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Countless inside jokes with Courtney DeForge, my old friends & new friends, hanging out after school in the hallway with Kody Mathews & others, ALL my art classes & English classes."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Do what you feel in your heart to be right-for you'll be criticized anyway."

Plans for the future?: "I'm not sure. My plans are always changing."



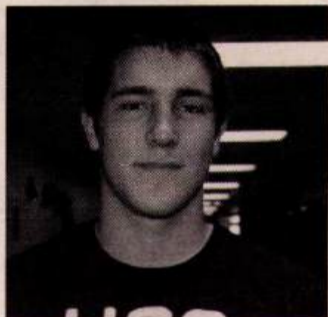
Troy Wirtner:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Friends, football, weight room, dances, teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "No fear." & "Go big or go home."

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood."



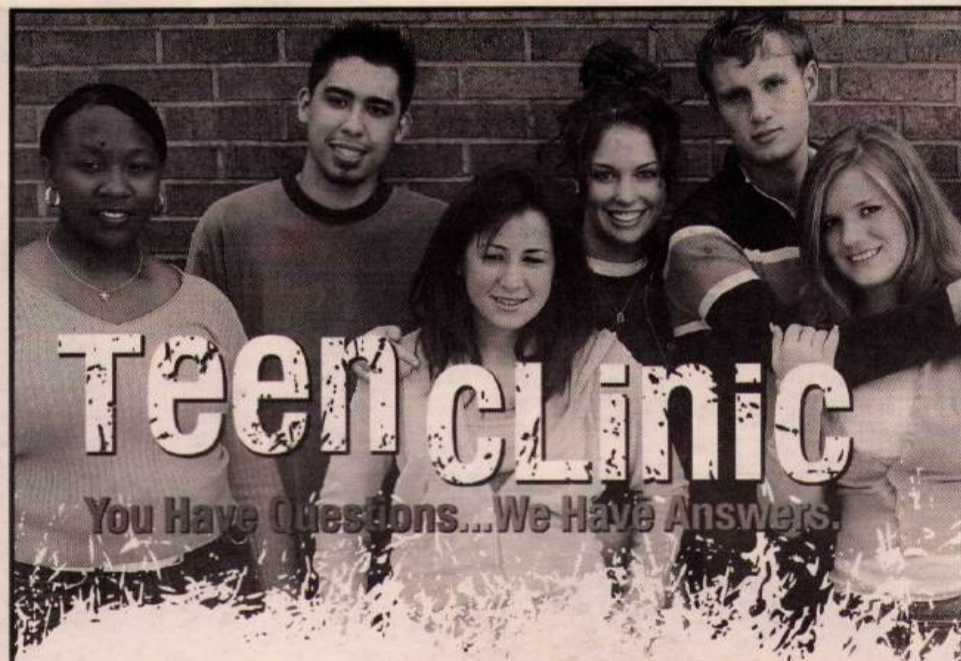
Jacob Wright:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"...staring contests with Dylan Soppe, Mr. Thorton being hilarious, Mr. Wake saying "pancake" instead of a swear word, Mr. Fruehling screaming, "put your weights away," in the weight room, most of my friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't lubricate up with drugs & alcohol." -Mr. Ferguson

Plans for the future?: "...Kirkwood, major in computer technician. Direct a movie about Billy May's life. Find the Holy Grail. Run in a marathon. Learn how to teleport."



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Mahtias Wright:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"LP's Aunt's house & Jake Wright."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Grow up, Ghostface!"

Plans for the future?: "Attend Kirkwood for 2 years & major in criminology."



Christopher Young:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Friends, open blocks, weight room, some teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Go big or go home!" &

"Hear no Evil, see no Evil, speak no Evil."

Plans for the future?: "Kirkwood."



Sara Wilkey:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Going out for lunch with Shelby Jo & Advanced

Ceramics with Mr. Thornton."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't regret anything, your choices are what make you who you are, without them you are nothin with them you are everything."

Plans for the future?: "Go to K-wood & take care of my baby :)."



Michelle Williams:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Seeing all of my friends."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Go big or go home."

Plans for the future?: "Going to Mt. Mercy for criminology and forensics."



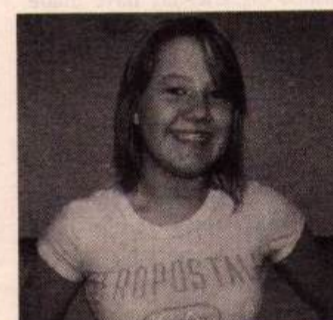
Taylor Yirkovsky:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"All the friends I've made & the memories we've shared & bustin' a move at all the dances!"

Quote or piece of advice?: "If you see someone without a smile, give 'em yours :)."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Kirkwood & see where it takes me."



Shelby Jo Weber:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"Classes with people I actually like, lunch breaks with Sara Wilkey!! :) ...the teachers that have helped me through high school."

Quote or piece of advice?: "If kids put in half as much effort into going to class as they do trying to get out of it, everyone would graduate early!" -Mrs. Hamous

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood, continue my Pet Grooming/Pet Shop Management & own my grooming business one day!"



Austin Weisinger:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?:

"All of my friends and the sporting events."

Quote or piece of advice?: "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." -Muhammad Ali

Plans for the future?: "Attend the University of Iowa to get rich in an undecided field & live with Blake & Nick."

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Buckle up in the back seat

A new Iowa law requires children under 18 to buckle up in the back seat

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

The car comes to a screeching halt. The child in the back seat fly's forward: hitting the driver on her way out the windshield. Pieces of the car fly everywhere, there is barely anything left of it. The driver and passengers were reported dead at the scene. Car crashes. It's the number one killer of teens in America. 5,000 teens die each year from car accidents. Iowa is trying to take steps to decrease that number.

In late April, Governor Chet Culver signed a bill that requires teens under 18 years old to wear a seat belt. According to an article written by Dar Danielson on radioiowa.com, "Nearly half of all teenage deaths in Iowa result from car accidents." Right now in Iowa, children 11 and over don't have to wear seat belts, but starting July 1st; once a person hits 18 years old then they no longer have to wear one.



Junior, Haley Berry always makes sure to buckle up while getting in the back seat.

According to an article written by Claire Kellett on kcrg.com, "under this new law, the driver can receive a ticket if someone 13 or younger is not buckled up. But 14 through 17 years old sitting in the back will get the ticket themselves. Since some teens can start driving as early as 14, state lawmakers say they should be responsible enough to buckle up on their own."

Not only could the person not wearing the seat belt die, but also when a car gets into an accident the person in the back could fly forward and kill the person in front from impact. When a car gets in an accident everything in the car is moving at the speed the car was going. 5,000 teens die a year in car crashes, as a driver, passenger, or just a friend, make sure everyone is buckled up before the vehicle is started, the driver is cautious and aware of their surroundings. The simplest things can make a difference, and one person can make a difference.

Tornadoes destroy another city

By: Hannah Miller [Design Editor]

Tornadoes are one of the worst natural disasters that can occur. They leave behind many damages, debt, and they take many lives with them. They take about 41 million lives a year according to the static on the website answerlog.com. Tornadoes are a deadly storm that destroys everything in their path and leave people defenseless against them.

Monday, April 10th, several tornadoes touched down in the state of Oklahoma and Kansas according to the associated press web article, 5 dead, dozens injured as tornadoes hit Plains by Tim Talley. It was reported that 10 tornadoes were spotted touching down in Oklahoma. The tornadoes left behind in their wake disasters that will affect the families for many years.

The tornadoes left behind five deaths, over 100 injuries, a bunch of flattening houses, and also it took down many power lines. According to the, More severe weather likely in Oklahoma by a wire staff, on cnn.com, Governor Brad Henry stated, "I lost track of the number of damaged and destroyed homes that we saw. Literally hundreds and, I think, thousands of homes have received damaged in these storms, and many, of

those homes have been destroyed." The tornado left behind a disastrous flattening plain, that affect many people around the area and even the state.

This had left thousands of people without power lines and it caused city-wide power outages that affected people all over. There was also baseball sized hail spotted. It left many damages

Things to do and have for when a Tornado strikes

- Get to a shelter as soon as possible, can be basement, cellar, or ditch in the road
- Stay away from high areas
 - Avoid windows
- Have a safety kit that includes weather radio, first aid kit, extra clothes and blankets, matches, and candles
- Cover yourself with a blanket
- Stay informed as much as you can about the storm
 - Don't panic

to cars and homes. The tornadoes have left the people of Oklahoma and Kansas devastated.

People are now trying to assess the damage and look for any more deaths and injuries that might still be unfound.

The conditions on Tuesday have made it hard to find with all the heavy fog and all the power lines that are down. The hazards have made it hard for people to go out and help, but the fire department and authorizes are trying their best to help and make this disaster a little less disastrous.

Tornadoes are a horrible thing to happen to a town, a city, or even a whole state. Tornadoes take many lives, homes, and land. It can leave a state in totally shock by all the damage, but if work together they can rebuild it back up to the way it was or even better. Together people can make a community again.

Obama believes education is important to all

By: Morgan Kolarik [Staff Writer]

The importance of education has been an issue for many years. There have been millions of dollars put into education programs. President George W. Bush passed an act called the No Child Left Behind Act. Many other presidents have passed educational bills, and Obama isn't an exception. He also values education and is aware of its importance.

Recently President Obama addressed college graduates from Hampton University about the importance of education. He

believes that education is and has always been important. Lately though the significance of having a higher education after high school has become a necessity.

Most jobs today require employees to have a bachelors degree, or even higher. Obama is now investing in K-12, and higher education. He wants a good

life for the future generation of children.

Obama believes that every child and student deserves an equal opportunity to be educated, that is why he feels its important to inform people about his plans and what needs to be done regarding education.

- Iowa's graduation rate is 88.7%
- Iowa's drop out rate is less then 3%
- The nation's graduation rate is 69.2%

Oil spill turns into a disaster for many

By: Addie DeWitt [Staff Writer]

A lot of changes have been made since the break out oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. It has now turned into a crisis. According to wn.com the oil spill is leaking about five thousand barrels a day. It is harsh for the ecosystem. Scientist have realized the oil is gushing from the sea floor at five times the rate then in the beginning of the oil spill, wn.com informs. The oil slick swept ashore in the Mississippi River Delta, and is expanding larger and larger.

Some big things affected by this tragedy are the animals. Fishermen are affected greatly as well. The wind and currents have pushed the oil into Louisianan's fragile coastline, home of hundreds of thousands of seabirds, fish, and shrimp. The migrating birds, turtles, and river otters have been spotted covered in oil, and washed up onto shore. The World News web site has also explained that this leak has now been compared to the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster, the nations worst oil spill, which oozed eleven million gallons of oil on a fragile Alaskan ecosystem. This oil spill is less then that, but the leak could go on for months and take a long period of time to get it all cleaned up and back to normal.

Jobs are being lost because of this oil spill also. Fishermen are on the hunt for any shrimp they can get before the oil expands any farther.

According to wn.com the BP' have been doing their best to stop the oil spill. They have placed chambers over the leak to try to slow down the leaking process. By the BP' coming up with a bunch of plans and helping out so much, they carry hope for the catastrophe. Victoria Bryan from wn.com says the oil spill has already cost about \$450 million dollars. The money went to the cost of the spill response, containment, relief well drilling, commitments to the gulf coast states, and the settlements.

The best thing to do with a crisis like this would be to help. Tons of people, companies, and communities everywhere have started donating money, their helping hands, and support. Every little thing can make a difference, and the more people who help, the faster the disaster gets swept away.



The oil spill in the Gulf doesn't get better as people wonder what to do next.

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Wilkey speaks out about her experience as a teen mom

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

March 15th, 2009. She lies in the hospital bed, her body weak with exhaustion. The doctor hands her a fragile baby girl in a light pink, fleece blanket. She holds her in her arms close to her body. She gently kisses her on her head. She has waited nine long months for this very moment. Presley Lynn Thatcher is her very own miracle.

Sara Wilkey is a senior at Marion High School and has a story unlike many others. When Wilkey was sixteen years old her and her boyfriend, Quinton, both juniors at the time, discovered some very exciting, yet scary news. She was pregnant. According to Sara, when she found out she was pregnant she wasn't thinking anything, she was simply scared. Wilkey elaborated, "Me and Quinton found out together.

He knew when I knew. He has always been there. Our parents were harder to tell, but we told them right away. They were mad at first, but we all got together and talked it out like a family." At the time the two soon to be parents had been dating for one year. Wilkey being only a junior at the time it would seem her and Quinton would have a lot of learning, preparing, and growing up to do before the baby comes. However, both Quinton and Sara had a lot of experience with

children and knew what to expect for the most part. After finding out she was pregnant, Quinton decided to drop out and get his GED so he could take care of his new family. Sara decided to finish through here senior year and after graduation is going to attend Kirkwood Community College.

"Quinton has been my biggest support. He has been with me every step of the way. I couldn't ask for any more support than he has given me,"

Sara Wilkey,
senior

"Quinton has been my biggest support. He has been with me every step of the way. I couldn't ask for any more support than he has given me." For Wilkey, this entire experience has completely changed her life. To Wilkey, it seems her family treats her with more respect and her friends talk to her more about life experiences.

Many people think that a teen mom would want to change a lot about their experience. However, she does not. Wilkey continued, "I wouldn't change a thing. For some reason this was meant to happen. Yeah my

Many teen moms would need a lot of help from family, friends, and their significant other, but for the most part Wilkey has had Quinton one hundred percent of the way. Her parents helped out at first, but now it's just the three of them. Wilkey explained, "We all live together in our own apartment. Her father is a great dad." Wilkey has had a lot of support through her pregnancy and this entire experience.

actions lead me here, but I believe it's happens in life that makes us who we are. If I wasn't a mom now, I wouldn't be who I am today." For Sara, she loves so much about being a mom she cannot even narrow down what she loves most. Wilkey explained, "She is my life. I think it's a really cool and amazing experience to shape someone's life."

While many teen moms may have panicked or decided to put their baby up for adoption, Wilkey did not. Sara elaborated, "As soon as I knew I was pregnant I knew I was going to keep her. Abortion was not something I believed in and I could never give up a baby that was created with the man I love." Sara and Quinton have now been dating for roughly three years now. They are extremely happy living on their own with their daughter Presley, who is now fourteen months old.

While many people may not think the highest about a teen mom, but Wilkey is sure to change a doubt in anyone's mind. Waking up everyday, getting ready for school, and getting little Presley ready for the day is part of her daily routine. Although it's a little unique when compared to the average high school student she loves every minute of it and if given the chance, still wouldn't change a thing.



Sara Wilkey, senior

Reflection on the U.S.A.

By: Addie DeWitt [Staff Writer]

Looking back on America there are many things to be remembered, and many things that shall never be forgotten. Being a foreign exchange student for a long period of time, sacrifices have to be made. Leaving family and friends, and their whole home town in general to go to a whole new place is scary, but it's something that comes with being an exchange student. Even though it's hard at first, the experience people have being an exchange student will last a lifetime.

Ida and Visti, both from Denmark, came to America as foreign exchange students looking for a wonderful learning experience. Arriving here in America was exciting, but strange for the both of them. Now, the customs we have here in America that they thought of as unusual at one time, have now been built into them forever.

Leaving their new friends, family, and school will be hard, but they'll always have memories to look back on. "I'm going to miss my friends the most," smiles Ida. Visti also agrees with that statement. People here at MHS are so open. They can walk right up to each other and just say hi without knowing the person. Objects are

a good way to cherish moments loved ones have. I'm going to take back all of my pictures of dances, tickets from games, and school T-shirts," said Ida. Looking back at pictures show all the good times people spent together, as well as other things. "I'm going to take back the style. Like Jordan shorts and shoes. Just the basketball shorts in general. The laid back look," laughed Visti.

The sporting events here in America are way different then the ones Ida and Visti were used to back at home. "Here the practices are much harder, and longer," informed Visti. Ida and Visti also think the same about the school as well. "School back home is a longer, and way harder. It starts at eight in the morning and continues until four in the afternoon. We also don't have any snow days and never get any early outs. I am going to miss Marion school a lot," said both Ida and Visti.

Their time here in America is coming to an end, but looking back on America they will always remember the good times shared with all of the amazing people that they met. The memories will never be forgotten and the good times will always be remembered.



Visti Andersen,
senior



Ida Herreborg-Olsen,
senior

Nearly three decades later it's tough to say goodbye

By: Hunter Danoes [Web Editor]

As he leans back in his chair, watching over the students he has molded over the last nine weeks, he realizes he only has three days left as a teacher. He notices a student goofing off and not doing his work. Nonchalantly he gets out of his chair and walks over to the disruptive student. He doesn't need to yell or shout to get his message across.



Mrs. Jackson has been
at MHS for 35 years.

Students hear his deep voice and immediately stop what they're doing in fear of the consequences. After the student begins his work, he smiles and strolls back to his desk to win yet another hand in his video poker.

For Mr. Jerry Wikert, 62, his retirement at the end of the 09-10 school year will end a very long work history. He has been a math teacher for 39 years, 25 of them at Marion. Mr. Wikert has held many other jobs such as, farmer, life insurance salesman, construction, a soldier in the U.S. Army, floor manager at J.C. Penny, vice principle and athletic director. "I had a lousy math teacher in high school, until senior year," that is why Mr. Wikert decided to become a math teacher.

Mr. Wikert will miss many things, but things that he will miss the most are, "the interactively with students and the other staff members. The closeness of the staff and the way students look out for each other, [and] the tolerance. It's going to be pretty boring now." Those are just a few things that Mr. Wikert takes pride in Marion High School and teaching in general.

"I've enjoyed working with this school district. I've seen a lot of kids leave here and become very successful in life," he pauses as his eyes get teary, "that's what it's all about." With a smile he finishes his thought, "But I will enjoy riding my trike around the country with my wife."

Mr. Wikert isn't the only faculty member re-

working for Marion working at 99 cents per hour. In her 35 years she has worked for 12 principals and associates.

"I am sad to retire, but glad that I have had had this opportunity all these years." Mrs. Jackson explains optimistically. What she will miss the most is, "[All the] many, exciting times and lots of 'different excuses' I have heard." Mrs. Jackson will still have exciting times with her three children, all graduated from Marion High School, her nine grandchildren, and relaxing at home with her husband, Mr. Wayne Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson will also continue to help out at activities and sporting events like Mr. Jackson and her have been doing for many years. She expresses her love for Marion, "I do wish the best for M.H.S. and I will miss you."

She hung up the phone and sat there to laugh for a few moments. The call was from a parent. The parent was let Mrs. Jackson know why her son would not be at school that beautiful day. "He has to take his grandma to the vet," that was what the 'parent' had said. Mrs. Jackson just smiled and thought, "At least his cat didn't shut off his alarm this time."



Mr. Wikert works with one of his students, Ieshia Brown, senior, in his third hour math class.

Bonjour France, au revoir America

Liz Richmann talks about her excitement for the French trip to France they will be going on soon.

By Morgan Kolarik [Staff Writer]

It was the night before her trip. She was a bundle of nerves as got her stuff ready. She packed up her clothes, filled her suitcase, zipped her suitcase up, and was off. She couldn't wait for her trip to start. Looking around



Liz Richmann, senior

nervously, she double checked to make sure she had all she needed. She was off for a school trip. Liz Richmann, Senior will be attending another school trip this year. She will be going on the French trip. She is happy to be going, "I'm pretty excited about it because it sounds like a fun experience". Liz can't wait to set off on another fun filled adventure.

School trips aren't new for Liz, she's been on many school trips before. She went on the school trips to Florida and Washington D.C. with the band. She went with the band to

Washington D.C. a couple years ago.

There are three students going on the trip this year, including Liz. They will be going to Paris, and then they will go south for the family stay. When the students stay with the French family they are expected to speak all French. Liz is fine with the idea of staying with a host family, "I'm fine with it, I'm ready to get away from my family" said Liz laughing. She can't wait to meet the French families and learn about them.

The students will be leaving on June 17th. They are going to be gone for about two weeks. While in France Liz wants to gain a lot. "[I want] to gain a knowledge about another way of life, and to improve my French speaking skills" explained Liz. France should be a fun adventure for Liz and the rest of the three people going along with her.

Once again, she packs her bag from another great school trip.



The photo above from www.world-city-photos.org shows the Eiffel Tower, one of the places Liz will be visting.

There were lessons learned and experiences that she will never forget. Overall the trip to France was a once in a lifetime opportunity that she will not soon forget.

ABC Connection is voted the best place to work

By Logan Tichy, [Ads Editor]

Many teens in High School stress about getting a job early in life, many have to pay for car insurance, cell phone bills, and gas for their car.

Elizabeth Magorian claims that her job is one of the best places to work! "I get to work with little kids, and further my career choice!" Elizabeth works at ABC Connection, a day care clinic that offers ABC Connection is on the corner of 6th Ave and 12th street. At ABC Connection they offer expertise in baby sitting your child while you are at work.

Before Elizabeth grew her loving compassion to working at ABC Connection, she was hesitant to start working there. "I really only started working there so I can get the extra money that I wanted and needed." Says Elizabeth.

Elizabeth has been working at ABC Connection for one and a half years now, and still is in love with it, like the first day she started. "It's nice to be around people



Elizabeth Magorian, Senior

that provide a positive work ethic, and allow work to be a positive place to work." While Elizabeth giggled.

The kids are Elizabeth's high light of the day. "They are so fun to be around, and they all do really cute things."

Elizabeth loves her job at ABC Connection!

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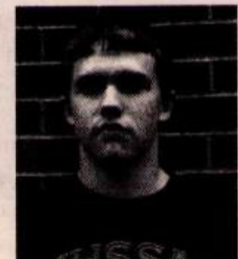
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Seniors share how they got top 10

By Alice Dixon [Staff Writer]



"I've always done my best and tried to put school first."
-Meredith Godar



"Stay focused on what you find interesting & don't worry about what others think."
-Ryan Brunner,



"Do what you love and you'll naturally excel."
-Taylor Buckley



"I've always tried my best. I'm kind of a perfectionist and have high goals and standards."
-Chelsea Jones



"It takes a lot of hard work and effort. It's a goal I've had since middle school."
-Maggie Murphy



"You can't slack in classes and just take the most challenging classes."
-Brittany Fish,



"I've always set high goals and expectations for myself."
-Kayla Rethwisch



"I've always really paid attention in class and did the work. I didn't mess around."
-Elaina O'Niell,



"I paid attention in class, made sure all my questions were answered, I did my homework, and studied."
-Kelsey Rhode



"I've always done my best, but my mom always held me to higher standards."
-Cam Schlotfeldt

Graduating into the rest of his life

Senior, Jordon Tiernan, prepares to graduate and reminisces about what he will miss.

By: Tyler Jansen [Activities Editor]

The bell rings. It's his first day of high school. He's nervous not knowing what to expect for the next four years. He's nervous for the homework, the teachers the older students. All of it.

Jordon Tiernan who is a senior here at Marion is getting ready to graduate. "I'm excited for a lot. I'm definitely ready to get my own place," he said. "I'm moving in with a couple of my friends and were all going to have a blast." Jordon feels that once he finally lives with his friends he

will be free to do what he wants and make his own rules and decisions. He also thinks that it will help him grow up and mature and be more ready for college.

Jordon said he's nervous to fend for himself. "I'm kind of nervous to buy my own food and house supplies without my parents help," laughed Jordon. He said he's confident that he will be okay in the future. "I'm excited and nervous at the same time to live with my friends, none of us know what to expect but we're doing it together so we can help each other out," he said. Jordon said he really loved high

school but he is ready for a new experience and new people and just to move on his life.

Jordon said a lot of things from high school he will miss but the thing he will miss the most is seeing all his friends. "Seeing all my friends everyday was my favorite part of school and hanging out with them outside of school making all the memories," he said. "I liked most of my teachers and some classes but I will definitely not miss getting up early every morning. I am not a morning person!" he laughed.

Jordon's planning on going to Kirkwood for two years and taking classes there. "I plan on being a police officer when I get older," he said. Jordon said that he would like to be a police officer to help people when they are in need. "I like to help people and I want to get the bad guys," he laughed. Jordon is excited to not only be a police officer but learn about it too.

The bell rings. It's the last day of high school for seniors. Jordon is ready to start his summer with his friends. Think about the future. Think about what life has in store for him.



Jacob Graybill, Jordon Tiernan, Joel Kane, and Nathan Hummel, all seniors, hang out at Jordon's house and enjoy a game on the Xbox 360 like they do on a lot of nights.

Reisner takes different direction

By: Storm Dogs [Staff Writer]

As he sends in his application, he can only imagine all the fun he will have and all the friends he will make in the years to come. He begins to think about all the new things he will learn. He also thinks of everything he needs to pack. Once he arrives, there is no turning back.

Aaron Reisner, senior, will be attending Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, Missouri. "I think [a Christian college] will be a better atmosphere for me," said Aaron. Aaron grew up in a Catholic family. In some situations, it's hard to make a decision to go to a Christian college because it's scary that your friends might not support your decision. Friends

"I will be getting a Bible certificate so I'll be taking straight up Bible classes. One year of learning more about the Bible."

-Aaron Reisner, senior

all. Central Christian is the only place that he applied, and he was accepted.

He will begin his journey by taking online classes for one year. "I will be getting a Bible certificate so I'll be taking straight up Bible classes. One year of learning more about the Bible," explained Aaron. Taking online classes has its ups and downs though. For Aaron, one positive to the situation will be that "I can save up some money [for college next year] while I'm at home taking these classes," Taking online classes

can also be stressful. "I've never taken an online class, it'll be a challenge, I know that," said Aaron. "I've heard that you have to be very dedicated [to take online classes.] So dedication will be one stress factor all by itself. Four years of college are required for ministry. Aaron wants to get into youth ministry and would like to be a minister at his church, Antioch. Aaron plans to actually go to Central Christian next year, but decided to take one year of online classes.

He logs on to his computer, ready to begin the first day of one of his online classes, thinking about his decision to wait a year. He thinks the days to come in the next year, and wonders how these classes will be. He goes to the college's website, and begins his first assignment.



Aaron Reisner, senior

and his decision to go to a Christian college. He won't have that problem at

Preparing for the near future



"I'm getting a laptop and an apartment. I have been saving all my money from my graduation party and my awesome job at Planet X."

-Grace Danford, senior



"I am saving my money and working a lot more than I usually do. I'm buying supplies for my college dorm with Mitch 'Fez' Osborn!"

-Hunter Sade, senior



"I'm buying all my dorm stuff for Iowa and I have been saving money up from every paycheck."

-Sarah Rosenberger, senior



"I'm planning on going to Kirkwood and staying home instead of getting an apartment to save money for the future."

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