



Ann Devault, Spanish teacher, Marc Ferguson, English teacher, and Scott Fruehling, Global studies teacher, pose for their pictures individually.

Wait, teachers think, too?

Teachers see the good and bad sides to high school cliques.

By: Alex Estes [Feature Editor]

Every age group, especially in high school, there are a million different cliques with a million different types of people. Any person that has ever been through high school would say that there are. However, the students aren't the only ones who notice. Teachers notice, too.

Marc Ferguson, English teacher, has taught at MHS from the start of his teaching career in 1976. He also coaches Marion girls track and sponsors Creative Inc. "[I have] absolutely noticed cliques at Marion," Ferguson confesses. He has always seen how teenagers group themselves together based on their interests.

Ferguson considers cliques stereotyping. The dark side of cliques is that there are so many stereotypes, negative and positive, that goes along with them. "The individual [in the clique] gets stereotyped in with all the baggage," he mentions. Along with belonging in a group, a person easily gets roped in with all the stereotypes that the masses label that group with.

Even though it's hard to imagine, Ferguson was in high school too. "I tried to be the person that was friends with everyone," He reminisces. Ferguson believes that cliques differ a lot from when he was in high school. "The technology makes it a lot different with Facebook and Twitter." Ferguson has definitely defined major

differences.

Scott Fruehling, Global Studies teacher, started his teaching career at Marion High school 21 years ago. "I haven't really [noticed cliques around school], I don't think MHS has obvious cliques," Fruehling admits. To him, cliques don't stand out as much as other schools' do. "Here we are fortunate," Fruehling says, "I went to Kennedy, and it was obvious." He reminisces on his days as a high school student, "You never got to know someone in another group." That's why he believes Marion is much more fortunate than other schools.

In his opinion, cliques aren't all that bad. "People are supported by those with similar interests." But cliques have their negatives also. "[Cliques] make it easier for people to alienate others," He states. Just like Ferguson, he believes cliques do have a good side, and do benefit high schoolers, but can be just as detrimental as well.

Many people think there are differences in today's high schoolers and their cliques, and many don't think there are differences at all. "I don't think there is a difference," voices Fruehling. Even with all the new technology, cliques are still the same to him.

Ann Devault, Spanish teacher, has taught at MHS for two years, and has taught in four other schools for a total of seven years. She has taught at a middle school in the Linn-Mar district, two

high schools in Maryland, and a high school in Miami, Florida.

Devault thinks MHS has obvious cliques. "They are going to happen. People are going to group together with people like them," Devault comments. "As long as one isn't against another."

Just like Marc Ferguson and Scott Fruehling, Devault believes that cliques have a positive side as well as a negative. "They give a sense of belonging, and that everyone has somewhere," Devault explains. She thinks that cliques become a negative influence when someone is alienated. "It's bad when someone isn't allowed [in a clique]," stresses Devault. "Also when there is a ranking or higher archery of cliques." When one clique becomes more important than another is when Devault thinks they are bad.

Devault remembers when she was a high schooler. "My high school had different groups, but you could be a jock and a nerd." She remembers the cliques, but everyone was all friends no matter what clique they were in. "It was very common to be in several groups," Devault adds.

In at least a decade of difference, Devault still thinks that cliques "...are still just groups of people who are similar."

Every teacher has his or her own thoughts and opinion on cliques and stereotypes in high school, bad or good, but when it comes down to it, it's just students putting themselves together, based on their similarities.

A time to?

Commentary

Is high school a time to find yourself? A time to have fun, and hang out with friends or is it really about getting good grades to get into a good college? Or could it possibly be all of the above?

Or is it none of the above? High school, as we all know, can have some particularly unsavory aspects to it, but can also be a great

time. It's just important to know how to go about having fun, but not getting in trouble. Getting involved in a sport or activity can really be one of the best ways to make the high school experience the best possible.



By: Jordan Hansen
[Executive Editor]

Finding something to can be a process, but once a passion is found, ev-

erything becomes more fun. Whether it be a sport, activity, or just something that you and your friends can relate to. However, it is very important to balance school and outside of school activities.

Which really brings me to my point, high school is really just that— school. The whole point of it is to learn, but learning can become difficult with the hundreds of distractions that happen to each one of us everyday. How does one limit those distractions, though? The best way is to simply learn to block out many of things that become irritating. Your friend keeps texting you about something you don't care about? Guess what? Your phone just died. (By the way everyone, turning off your phone isn't the end of the world... solves quite a few problems, actually).

The most important thing about high school is to learn. Whether in the classroom or with outside of it, this part of life is to try and gain some knowledge and incite to the rest of your life.

Mr. Kettmann defines stereotyping in high school

By: Addie DeWitt [Activities Editor]

Every day is a new day, a new situation, and a new story. He helps out each kid that steps into his office, all of their problems different. The issues range from schedules to bullying, abuse, or family issues. Any dilemma needing solved or if you just need someone to talk to, he is always there. He loves kids and likes helping them through any situation.

Tom Kettmann, a counselor here at Marion High School, has worked as a guidance counselor for six years. One issue students have complaints about is stereotyping. "Judging people based on lack of information or knowledge about who that person or group really is," the definition Kettmann uses to describe stereotyping. Stereotypes can be more or less intensified based on location or social upbringings, but it comes down to being the same thing. Placing kids in cliques, or "grouping" them as all the same. Stereotyping does not only happen in the lives of kids, but is also displayed by adults. "Many times, stereotyping is similar,

but years of experience can change their perception or their actions," explains Kettmann. It really is just important to get to know people.

Back in the day when Tom was in high school stereotyping took place also. "Stereotyping today is how it's always been, stereotypes of different groups or people." Although some thing stereotyping isn't a huge deal, in some cases it turns into bullying. To keep it from getting to that point there are different steps to get the people stereotyping to stop. "Step one would be to educate and explain what's appropriate and inappropriate. The second step would be to have a process. This process being bringing in the parents of the children and/or the administration," exclaims Tom.

No matter if you're a student having problems with academics, having questions about college, or a person problem at home, going into Mr. Kettmann's office will be a weight lifted off your shoulders. You're guaranteed to get the advice you need, and will make you feel better by just getting your feelings out.



Mr. Kettmann and Jacob Klostermann discussing different cliques and stereotypes within Marion High School.

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Planking, coning, owling: dangerous or fun?

Recently, teenagers have conquered their boredom with three trends, while they are crazy and dangerous, they are also fun.

By: Storm Bogs [Web-Editor]

Nowadays, if teenagers don't have anything to keep themselves entertained, they will make their own fun. A few of the latest trends among teens to have fun are things called planking, coning and owling. They are all

separate things and seem to be fun and obnoxious from afar.

Planking is when a person pretends that they are a piece of wood or a plank

and lays their legs on one object and their other upper half on another object with nothing supporting their midsection. While it seems fun and entertaining, it is very dangerous. There are many pictures online of people planking off of buildings and cars, and with one wrong move, the person could become seriously injured or even worse. Planking is pointless and harmful.

Another trend among teens to have fun is something called coning. Coning is when a group of people go to the drive up window at a fast food place, anywhere that serves ice cream cones and asks for one single cone. Then, when the group pulls up to the window to receive the cone, they grab the actual ice cream instead of the cone. Now, coning isn't harmful in anyway, but after so many people do this, the employees will get very annoyed and possibly quit their job or refuse to serve ice cream cones to people. Coning also has no point to it but it is not harmful.

Owling doesn't seem to be as popular as



In the picture above, Shayla O'Brien, senior, demonstrates how to plank off of two cars.

planking or coning, but it still happens often. Owling is when a person squats down with their arms in front of them touching the ground, so they look like an owl. Owling is completely harmless unless people start to owl on small objects that they could potentially fall off of.

There are other things that teens could do to have fun. Some things teens could do include going shopping, going to the movies,

watch a movie or TV, or just hang out with their friends.

These things are all trends that have shown up among teenagers. While there are more harmful things that teens could be doing, there are also less harmful things that they could be doing as well. Teens should come up with other things to do with their friends that could be even more fun.



Shayla O'Brien shows how to owl on a fire hydrant

Controlling what students do in class

Jordan Hansen [Executive Editor]

When someone is controlling what one says, there is no point in trying to say anything anymore. This is why schools need to consider unbanning and uncensoring so many of the websites that the administration insists on hiding.

An increasing amount of non-obscene information has been censored at many schools, including ours. First off, there is currently a ban on plain Google Images, and several other image-sharing websites, with no real particular reasoning. Also, commenting on websites such as CNN and other forums-type websites is also prohibited.

In addition to these, many websites that aid in translation of languages are blocked, or have been changed. While some teachers believe that these websites are considered cheating, it is still a great annoyance to many of a student

attempting to look-up a word on their homework. Granted, the student should probably go and talk to the teacher to ask a question, but what if the teacher is busy? Or not in the classroom at the moment of their entrance? All-in-all it is just a disadvantage to a student who does not have access to a computer or internet in their home.

It is, however, easy to understand why inappropriate search terms are filtered. Obviously our school doesn't want us to be searching obscenities, or inappropriate pictures: these are crossing the line. But the reality of the situation is that the bans on some very mainstream, useful sites are merely a disadvantage to the student.

Even the new cameras watching every inch of the school could be possibly contrived as an encroachment on our privacy. The school can say that it is, "For our safety," and it may someday end up

helping the school solve something, but until then, it's somewhat creepy to have cameras watching as one walks class to class.

The question remains, is it really worth it to have all these new filters? Why use a grant or school money to censor things that really have no need to be censored? It just seems like a pointless waste of money on something that may or may not be fruitful. If our school really wants to make us safe, they should consider adding some metal detectors, a piece of equipment that might actually catch something before it happens, instead being used as evidence in court.

Our freedom as students is dissipating at an alarming rate, and has been for a long time. Teachers, administrators, and others of the schools governing body need to realize that they are not preparing us for the future, only keeping us in the past.

Tacky 'types

Commentary

Stereotypes are all around us. They are found in books, on the Internet, on TV shows and movies, and even in the halls of Marion High School. Everywhere we turn, people are put into categories. Nerds, jocks, preps, flirt, loner, and musical kids to name a few. There is a "name" for everyone. There is no way to stop it or to hide from these names. You just need to learn to accept that stereotypes will happen if we want them to or not and don't let them stop you from being you.

So let's imagine a new girl walks into your classroom, the first thing you will automatically do is stereotype her. You look at her clothes. How does she dress? Like a jock or a prep, maybe even a flirt? How is she acting? Like a dumb jock, a questionable nerd, or maybe even a dumb blonde? What kind of attitude is she giving off? One of a nice girl or a stuck up one? These are all questions you subconsciously ask yourself and then answer. By the end of all this, you have given her a stereotype. It's just natural. People naturally put stereotypes with people if they mean to or not.

Stereotypes are just one of those things that just can't be avoided. People just have to learn to live with them. They must also learn that people may look like a stereotype, but they are much deeper than that. Stereotypes only hit the surface of what people are really like and people shouldn't be judged just because of their stereotype. For example someone may look like a jock but actually have no athletic bone in their body, so that stereotype isn't really who the person is. They just might like that kind of style of dress. Stereotypes are going to happen; it is just a matter of how seriously people take a stereotype.

People can say they don't stereotype people all they want, but that would be a lie. Everyone stereotypes, and I mean everyone. You can't help it. It is just a part of human nature. How seriously you take stereotypes can be controlled though. Realizing that stereotypes aren't always true will make it easier to ignore them. People just need to accept the fact that stereotypes will happen, but to understand that stereotypes don't make a person and not to judge them before you actually get to know them. A person is much deeper than his or her stereotype and shouldn't be held back because of a surface view.



Hannah Miller,
Yearbook Editor

The many stereotypes of athletes

Jordan Hansen [Executive Editor]

Sports. Something our school very much revolves around.

Whether it be football players wearing their jerseys on game day or basketball players dressing up before a game, people like to show off what sport they are in.

From books to movies, all sorts of directors and authors try to accurately represent what high school is like, but aren't always accurate. They often portray high school as having firmly defined cliques, and no one is friends with people outside that clique. While this actually may be true in some schools, it really doesn't accurately represent ours. Yes, you can tell if someone is an athlete or in band, but the lines aren't drawn in the sand, and people will make friends with people that aren't in their "clique."

However, stereotypes often have at least a tiny bit of truth, the answer would still probably depend on the person who is asked. While Marion doesn't seem to have extremely defined cliques, it still isn't difficult to tell who plays sports and who doesn't.

Each sport has its own stereotype. For football, it's a big, burly, intense person who likes to hit people. Even inside of football, there are other sub-stereotypes, such as all linemen are unintelligent.

Other sports such as Volleyball or Cross have their

own stereotypes too. Volleyball girls, according to the stereotype, are pretty girls that don't want to have physical contact, but still want to play a tough sport. Cross also has its own, unique stereotype. Tall, lanky, people who run a ton, and are in extremely good shape. Not that these are good or bad, it's just common thinking by people in many schools.

Besides just fall sports, basketball, wrestling, track, and all the other sports all have their own stereotypes as well. Not quite so noticeable as others, but distinct all the same. Every sport has its own quirks, and people that you might think would never join a sport are actually in one, and maybe even one you wouldn't think that they would be part of.

Sports are fun and a good way to get involved, but it shouldn't get in the athletes head that they are better than everyone else. This is where the root of all bad stereotypes of athletes comes from. In our school, some people prove this stereotype, but for the most part, people don't let being in sports go to their head.

But everyday, people prove stereotypes wrong. It's never a good idea to make unfounded assumptions, and can lead to some tricky situations. It's important to remember that while some stereotypes may logically be correct, it still doesn't make it right to assume everyone in that sport is the same way.

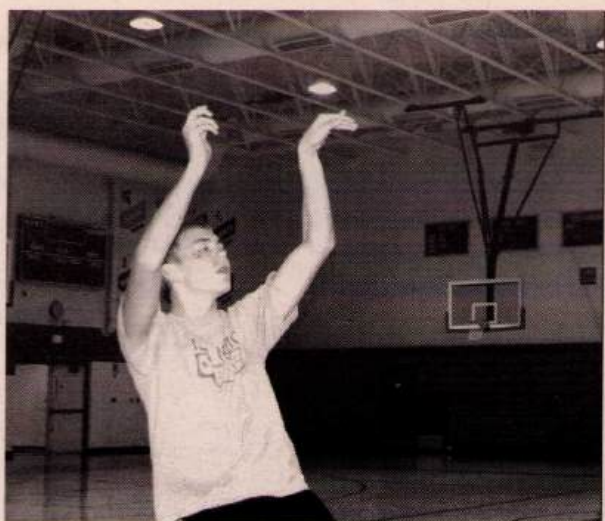
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The choir is getting ready for another concert, read "Wolfe, Jazz group, sing for success."

Ty Gunderson starts first season on varsity

Gunderson, junior, has been around basketball since he was little.

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]



Tyler Gunderson, junior, at the first basketball practice shoots a basket.

He walks into the gym for his first basketball practice of the season. He walks in with all of his friends and remembers all the years he's been playing, and memories come flooding back. He remembers growing up and watching all the Professionals playing on TV and he also remembers when he first started playing basketball. He knows that this year there will bring just as many or more.

Tyler Gunderson, junior, is on the varsity basketball team starting this season. Tyler has been playing basketball for a while now. He states, "I've been playing ever since I was in first grade. Tyler now plays for school and AAU for Iowa Magic. I

have always loved basketball for as long as I've known." For him basketball has become a big part of his life and one of his passions. Being in basketball has also given Tyler a lot of chances to make new friends from being in the sport.

Tyler's family also enjoys basketball. Since he grew up around basketball, it gave him a good reason to try out for it when he was younger. This has set a goal that he hopes to achieve, "I would like to play somewhere for college, it is one of my biggest goals." His family supports his goal and also hopes that he will be able to achieve it.

It's the big day, first game of the season. He walks into the gym with the team to start warm ups. Someone in the crowd shout "lets go

Basketball facts

- James Naismith, is a teacher at a YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts, is credited with inventing basketball in 1891.
- The first "hoops" were actually just peach baskets and the first backboards were made of wire.
- Basketball became an official Olympic event in 1936.
- Michael Jordan had scored more points (5,987) in the playoffs than any other player.

Obtained from www.factmonster.com

Indians!!" Once he hears this it brings a smile to his face and he knows this is going to be a good year.

Lochner ready to hit the wrestling mat

By: Melanie Loesel [Staff Writer]

He's sitting on the mats off to the side, alone, and listening to his iPod. All he can think about is what is about to come. Once he hears his name his adrenaline is rushing. The only thing he wants to do is win. He is trying hard to keep himself motivated and keep the faith.

Levi Lochner, junior, is wrestling for his third year for Marion high school varsity. "I've been wrestling since I was in third grade. My dad was the one who got me into it," he informed. He doesn't exactly know how different his life would be without wrestling, but he knows it definitely wouldn't be the same.



Levi Lochner, junior.

He doesn't quite feel he misses out on much that other teens get to do, except he knows he couldn't go out and party even if he wanted to. "[I] Think that helps me stay out of trouble, I would be pretty embarrassed to be suspended [from

the team] or anything else like that," he confessed. He knows that a lot of kids don't follow the code of conduct, but he has told himself he will never be one of those people.

"It's hard to have practice every night and then come home and focus on my homework when I'm tired and just want to relax," he sighed. School and wrestling are hard to balance, but he believes if you want it, it won't be too hard.

His weight class is 135, and he feels that when he has to try and lose/cut weight that is the worst part of wrestling. "I mean yeah there are a lot of turn offs to being a wrestler, but it's more than just that. It's great to just be with your teammates," he reassured. Wrestling for him is worth all the sacrifices.

The referee shouts 10 and the whistle was finally blown. He let go of his opponent, and much to his surprise he had won his match. His friends and family were their cheering, which made him feel more incredible than ever. He loves this feeling, and he realized that this is worth all the sacrifices, and this is what keeps him going.

Colors, flags, and twins, oh my!

By: Haley Shaffer [Staff Writer]

It is Friday night and the stands are filled to the brim with bright-faced people. Football season has started. All eyes are on the field as this sophomore girl walks on, ready to go. She isn't walking out there to score a touchdown; she is out there to impress us with all her hard work and practice. As the music starts and the band begins to play she grabs her flag and takes her position with her sister by her side.

Paula Schmidt, a sophomore at Marion High School, has been in color guard since her freshman year. While most people overlook the color guard, Paula and her twin sister, Heidi Schmidt, live for those nights on the bright field. It is what they work so hard for. "I like doing color guard with my sister, it's fun," Paula stated, beaming at the thought of it. Most brothers and sisters wouldn't admit to liking each other, but these two get along surprisingly well.

"There's no room for cliques [in

color guard] since there is no one really in it," Paula proudly announces. Although there seems to be no time for cliques in color guard, there is plenty of time for new people. "If you want to join, just do it. It is a lot of fun and it's worth it," Paula says, encouraging anyone to go out. It is easy to pick up on and a great way to make friends.

Fall Guard is cool, but for Paula the best time of the year is when Winter Guard comes, it brings with it her favorite music and routines, and she plans to continue color guard through-out her high school years.

With a little drama, a lot of steps, wonderful people, great music, color guard is definitely the best place to be!



Paula Schmidt, sophomore

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Wolfe, Jazz group, sing for success

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]

She sits down and looks over her music for Jazz Choir and then she looks at the music for Concert Chorale Choir. There are a lot of things in the music that makes her excited to start singing right away she notices. The next concert is coming up fast, she can't wait to get back to school to see what the others have to say about the new songs.

Caitlyn Wolfe, senior, is in two different choirs this year. Caitlyn has been in choir since she was in the second grade. Caitlyn states, "[Choir is] something I've always done and I like to sing." This passion she has for choir has made her have a goal for wanting to major in music for her college degree.

She has noticed that within choir and band the students aren't very "cliquey" but to others who are not in choir and band it may seem that way. She states, "People can think what they want, I don't really care. This is our passion, and people should respect what others are passionate about."

She walks in the doors to choir practice and can already hear the buzz about the new music. People are saying how they like all the different parts and things they can't wait to learn. As she goes over to her friends she thinks how this concert is going to be amazing.

LINDSEY SHRINER DANCES HER WAY TO STATE. READ MORE IN, "NO STANDING, ONLY DANCING."

ACTIVITIES 5

Shinrock's running all the way to the finish

Stephanie Shinrock had a great cross season; upset it's all over.

By: Melanie Loesel [Staff Writer]

She tied her shoes and thought about how she was going to do. She gets up off the bench and grabs her water bottle. She felt energetic and excited, but the suspense was killing her. With all the emotions running through her body, she still needed to prepare for the 4k she was about to run.

Stephanie Shinrock, senior, is very content with being on the varsity cross-country team. "[My] favorite part is bonding with team, it makes practice and meets enjoyable," she smiled. In a way she feels as if the team is like a family, because they're so close.

Stephanie has been running cross since freshman year. "I started because Mrs. Logan pressured me about doing it, and I gave into her peer pressure," she laughed. She also is on the team to keep in shape so when her other sports [soccer and tennis] begin she'll be ready to take them on with open arms.

At the beginning of the season most people are very sore, unless they run throughout the summer. "I hate that, when you're sore and having to ignore the pain, and make yourself more sore by running again," she cried. By the end of the season she's not sore anymore, she even goes for more runs outside or practice.

She doesn't find that balancing school and cross is all that hard. "The only sacrifice for me is less hours at work. Therefore

I don't really have an income during the season," she complained. Other than not having a lot of money, she doesn't believe that she misses out on anything other teens do during cross season.

Practices aren't all that fun, they are actually pretty intense. "Usually practice lasts about an hour and a half, and we run anywhere from one and a half miles to eight miles everyday after school," she described. Even though the practices are vigorous that won't stop her from doing what she loves.

She is extremely sad that this is the last year she will run for cross, but she is excited for her future. "If plans go as I intend them to, I will go to a four year college. I might go for engineering," she explained. Even though she doesn't plan on to always be in cross country running is a talent she will always have.

She feels that even if it's hard work at times it is worth it. "If you have self motivation, and believe in yourself you can accomplish anything," she cheered. She believes that cross can boost anyone's self



Ellen Cannon, junior, and Alexis Timp, senior, compete at a cross country meet.

confidence if they'd give it a chance.

She's walking to her car with her family and friends right beside her. She thinks back to the race. Her heart was pounding, she was breathing heavy, and her hopes were high. Even though she didn't win the race she feels very self-accomplished for trying, and that's one of the best feelings in the world.

No standing, only dancing

By: Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

As she listens to the beat of the music she begins to dance, she has almost every single step down. She can feel the vibration through her soul. She knows that after a lot of practices, that she can make it phenomenal!

Lindsey Shriner, senior, loves to dance. She has been on the dance team since the beginning of sophomore year. She doesn't dance in any clubs outside of school. "I dance all through out the year," stated Lindsey. The uniforms for dance are cute but they do have their cons. "I like the uniforms, but I wish they weren't white they just get dirty way too fast," she exclaimed. Even though the uniforms get dirty there are certainly a lot of pros about dance!

To be a dancer you need to have a lot of school spirit. "I have a ton of school spirit!," she exclaimed. Her coach for dance is Candace Bruce. Lindsey enjoys dancing to music with good beats. "I like all kinds of music but I like hip hop the best,"

she said with a smile. Lindsey even makes up her own dances.

People might think that dancers don't do much; well that is a complete lie. "The hardest thing about dance is actually memorizing and getting the dance down," she explained. During practice the girls run, stretch, learn different techniques, and learn their state dance. Dance team can be nerve-racking. "I always get nervous before I perform its the scariest feeling because everyone is watching you", she said. Lindsey and her team mates are excited for the state dance competition on the first weekend in December. It will be held at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, Iowa. The girls are heading up on Thursday and plan on staying the whole weekend. They will perform on Friday December 2nd. Also this year they are having a Christmas dance and a dance clinic for younger girls who are not in high school. Look for her out on the court performing this winter for dance team.

"The hardest thing about dance is actually memorizing and getting the dance down." -Lindsey Shriner, senior



Madison Hinton, Lindsey Shriner, Stephanie Dunkel, Rebecca Hall and Jessica Arebaugh all perform at the 2012 homecoming event.

Clayton strikes up a storm

Taylor Mills [Staff Writer]

He ties his shoelaces and dusts off his bowling ball. As he waits for his teammates he thinks about how fun this season will be. He thinks about all the laughs and fun times he will share with his friends on his team. He can't wait to improve on his average this year.

Russell Clayton is a junior at Marion but at the bowling alley he is a pro. Russell is on the varsity bowling team and he averages a 190-200 game. His best score is 255, which is close to a perfect 300 game. He loves bowling and has ever since he was really young!

Starting out as a young bowler he has had a lot of practice. "When I was little, I would throw the ball and lay on the lane and watch my ball hit the pins. I've loved it ever since." He has always loved to go bowling with his family. Russell has



Russell Clayton, junior

loved bowling since he was five, which is when he picked up his first bowling ball. After going bowling with his family, he fell in love with the striking sport, and has been knocking down pins ever since!

Russell explains what he does to prepare for a meet, "I try and stay as tranquil as possible." He gets calm by listening to music and trying to not talk as much before the meet starts. He does this to calm his nerves and to relax before he tries to beat his personal record.

"I really enjoy being with my bowling friends and seeing all the new people that are out for bowling this year," Russell exclaimed. He is looking forward to being with his friends at the two-a-week practices and meets. He can't wait for the new season to start!

"I think a lot of people don't consider bowling a sport." Russell expressed his opinion on how people view bowling. According to dictionary.com the definition of

a sport is an athletic activity that requires skill or physical prowess. Bowling uses both skill and physical prowess, so bowling, by definition, is a sport.

Russell added, "If they tried bowling and put into consideration the techniques we have to learn... they might understand." It all goes back to that saying, 'Don't knock it until you try it.' Maybe try bowling competitively and practicing as hard as the students that bowl on the team do and see that it is a sport. They put in as much effort as students on the basketball team and the wrestling team.

The first bowling team practice begins on Tuesday November 8th, 2011. The first home meet is December 2nd against Waverly Shell Rock/Maquoketa.

As the meet begins, Russell turns off his music and grabs his bowling ball. He hears the rumbling of bowling balls hit the lane as he takes a deep breath and walks to the lane; he aims and rolls the ball. As it rolls down the lane he can feel his heart pounding in his chest. It is a perfect strike! He walks back to his team knowing that this year will be a great year.

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Corruption in children's comedy

By: Michaela Jacobs [Design editor]

Overall, Puss in Boots is a wonderful and heartfelt movie. It is full of romance, action, and comedy. The only problem -okay major problem- is that the romance and comedy was not appropriate for little kids. It wasn't excessively inappropriate, and nothing was ever shown, but there were many hints at sex, drugs, and nudity.

The very first scene of the movie is Puss having a one night stand. None of the stuff that goes on is actually played, but they do show Puss putting on his belt and boots and leaving while the female is left in bed.

A little while later in the movie it is implied that Humpty Dumpty starts to strip in front of Puss and Kitty Softpaws when he is not wearing underwear. All the adults in the theatre just laugh about it. Do they not realize what these scenes are doing to their kids?

Near the end of the movie Puss gets arrested, and is caught with "medicinal catnip," which is a huge reference to drugs. Puss says "he can explain it," but there is no reason what so ever that any hinting of doing drugs should be shown in a

PG movie. All that is being done is encouraging children to believe that drugs are okay.

Even Puss's name is inappropriate. Okay, maybe the writers didn't do it intentionally, and maybe the kids won't understand the reference, but the fact is that it is still there to corrupt the future generation at an early age. Someone needs to confront the producers who let these actions take place in a kids PG movie. Someone needs to tell them that letting things like this make it through to the final version is unacceptable.

Comes out: October 28th

Rated: PG

Rating: 6.8 out of 10

This information came from: www.rottentomatoes.com

It's not a big deal

Commentary

Millions in the world probably know more about a certain celebrities life than the actual celebrity knows themselves. Rumors fly all throughout Hollywood and everywhere else. They float from one person to the next and soon the crazy paparazzi hear about it and tear the lucky celebrity of the week to shreds.

What some people freak out about is completely ridiculous though! An example would be Kim Kardashians divorce. People get divorced everyday throughout the United States. It's not something this is very uncommon. Most cases people just grow apart from each other or just no longer seem to have anything to still discuss between each other. The only specialty that happened in the Kardashian case is the fact that they were only married for seventy-two days. Big whoop. There has been plenty of other people that have gotten divorced sooner than that.

Kim Kardashian is being accused of using her marriage as a publicity stunt because she was only married for a short period of time. Is it fair to her that just because she's famous, and automatically assume it's a publicity stunt? It's not fair to her at all. It's not a big deal that they are getting a divorce. If it was any other couple getting a divorce because they believed they pushed themselves too quickly, nobody would honestly care. Nobody would read all the articles in the magazines, nobody would get onto the websites to read her blogs. Just because she moved into something she wasn't quite ready for, doesn't mean that it is automatically a publicity stunt.

Everything that a celebrity does get's told to the paparazzi and soon everyone who watches television, reads the paper, gets online, or checks twitter on a daily basis will find out soon enough. Nothing in a celebrities life is kept a secret and gets told to the world. I don't think that it should really be such a big deal to the rest of the world.

It's unfair that celebrities are getting accused and portrayed as something they aren't, for no other reason than a lot of people know who they are. Just because something in a celebrities life is changing, doesn't mean that the whole world needs to know about it. Celebrities are people too—they need some privacy in their life, and when it comes to personal business, they shouldn't have to share it with the rest of the world. The things they do are blown way out of proportion, and they deserve some degree of privacy, just like everyone else.



Kaitlyn Nathem
[Executive Editor]

Modern Warfare 3 set to hit stores

By: Jordan Hansen [Executive Editor]

One of the most anticipated games of the year, Modern Warfare 3 (Often abbreviated MW3), will hit stores November 8th, after a lengthy pre-release. The third game in what has become one of the most commercially successful video game franchises of all-time.

Fans of the series will be delighted to know that the story mode picks up right where Modern Warfare 2 left off, and with many of the same characters as in the previous games. Some aspects of the game have changed since the last game, but for the most part, game-play will remain very similar to many other first-person shooters.

The thing that keeps bringing people back to the series is the addicting online multi-player, where thousands of players can connect with, and play with, each other via

wireless internet.

Along with the multi-player mode, a new mode makes it debut. Called "Survival" it will be a mode that pits the player against waves of enemies, and in order to survive, must purchase weapons and ammunition.

With a rating of, "M" for mature, it is mostly geared towards an older audience, though plenty of other younger gamers will end up enjoying it as well. Lines will be long on the night of November 8th, as many people of all ages will be standing outside retail stores, waiting for the game to be officially released.

The game looks to be one of the best in the series, combining many of the great aspects of the previous

game along with some brand new things that promise to make things very interesting for both the new gamer, and the old pro.

Rating: M for Mature (17+)

Release Date: November 8th

MSRP: \$59.99

Genre: First-Person shooter

Available on: PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, PC, Wii, Nintendo DS

Published by: Activision

Developed by: Infinity Ward, Sledgehammer Games

Information obtained from www.IGN.com

Modernized music meanings

Although music is becoming vulgar, it's still personal.

By: Kaitlyn Nathem [Executive Editor]

Everyone listens to music, whether its on the radio, on their iPod or just on a special music channel on their television. People listen to music with words, or just an instrumental strum. Throughout the generations music keeps becoming more and more vulgar. Although the words are becoming worse, it seems that more people are relating to the words and the meanings. Generations are becoming more open towards music lyrics and what the words are trying to convey.

People listen to all sorts of music whether it has words or not. Most people are more drawn to music with words just because it's much more relatable. People use music as a way to get away from everything else that they are dealing with. Back in time people used music as a form of entertainment and

a way to express themselves. They played music on a daily basis and were paid money to perform places. Music artists still today are getting paid to perform places but it's a much more expensive price.

Music has become more and more common for the world to listen to. Their are different types of music genres which have continued to evolve ever since the very beginning of music starting. People continue to listen to music that relates to their life. Music has always spoken to people in a very different ways. It makes people think in ways that they have never felt before.

No matter what music generation a person is from, whether it's from the 1800's of harmonika playing or todays radio music, music is always going to have a special place with someone.

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

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Thanksgiving recipes for the family to enjoy

Below are three recipes that can be made for before, during, and after Thanksgiving dinner that are quick and easy to make. They are easy enough for anyone in the family to make and they all can be made for any occasion all year round!

By Storm Bogs [Web Editor]

This is a recipe that a family could make if they want something to snack on before or after the big Thanksgiving meal.

Party Mix

Ingredients: 1/2 cup margarine
1 1/4 tsp seasoned salt
1 tbsp soy sauce
1/4 tsp garlic powder
2 cups corn chex
2 cups wheat chex
4 cups cheerios
1 cup mixed nuts
1 cup pretzel sticks

Instructions:

Melt butter and stir in seasonings.
Add cereals, nuts, pretzels and chex.
Blend well and place
on 2 cookie sheets.
Bake at 200 degrees
for 30 minutes.
Take out and stir af-
ter 15 minutes.



The recipe below is one that could be made as a side dish during Thanksgiving for the whole family to enjoy. It is very quick and easy to make and could be made year round!

Green Bean Casserole

Ingredients: 2 cans french cut green beans
1 can cream of mushroom
soup
3/4 can of milk
1 can fried onions

Instructions:

Drain green beans
Mix cream of mushroom soup and milk
Add green beans, place in baking dish
Sprinkle on half can of fried onions
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes
Add remaining fried onions
Bake for 10 more
minutes



After Thanksgiving dinner is done and everybody starts to get hungry again, grab this recipe to make for dessert for everyone to enjoy!

Oreo Crumble

Ingredients: 1 package oreos
1 jar hot fudge
1 container favorite ice cream

Instructions:

Crush oreos and set aside
Melt hot fudge and spread over oreos
Let the mixture set
Leave out ice cream until it is soft
Scoop ice cream over oreos and fudge
Sprinkle remaining oreos on top of ice cream



TV influences teenagers

By Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

It's Thursday, one of the most watched TV show on MTV is in tonight. Some people like to refer to this day as Jersday when actually the show is titled Jersey Shore!

Jersey Shore is a show about eight people over the age of twenty one who pretty much get paid to party. Of course on TV the life of being on TV getting paid to be drunk and travel seems glamorous but in reality its not so glam.

Teens have almost died and have died by experiencing the wrong way with substances at an early age. Also teens might make stupid decisions while under the influence, and end up embarrassed and hurt the next day.

People need to realize that no matter what teens are going to want to experiment

with drugs, alcohol, sex, and even other peer pressures. But it is their life and not yours so who cares what someone does, don't judge them.



The cast of Jersey Shore pose for a picture in the Hot Tub for the season 2 cover.

Well this is awkward...

By Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

In the life of an average teen, so many different types of situations happen. Teens have to deal with hookups, bad grades, embarrassing photos, cyber bullying, sexual harassment, drinking and drugs, and even friendships and issues with family. A lot of things that happen can be just plain awkward.

MTV's show Awkward just finished their season finale a few weeks ago. They got so many good reviews that they are going to have a season two of it! Which many look forward to watching it. According to <http://articles.latimes.com> Robert Lloyd, Los Angeles Times Television Critic wrote, "With its growing roster of scripted fare about and aimed at older teens, MTV clearly wants to be the place kids turn their eyes when they graduate from Nickelodeon or the Disney Channel. ("Awkward." runs at 11 p.m., out of the reach of any younger children who don't know how to program a DVR.) Shows like "Awkward." and "RJ Berger" are built upon the same tropes as the Nick and Disney tweencoms, but with sex sliced in, and Jenna's dilemma and

dreams are as old as Cinderella's. So it's no surprise this story is being told again — and for the most part, it's told pretty well." This show really and truly displays the hidden life of teenagers.

On the show Awkward a lot of teen can relate to each episode. The show has so many different cliques. There are jocks, cheerleaders, people in the band, and just random groups of friends who hang with one group. The main character Jenna Hamilton, is kind of a nobody at first until she starts to speak her mind and not care what others have to say or think about it. All of us should really just be ourselves and not care if people judge us. Let the haters hate. The people who hate are most likely just jealous of you anyway. So be unique.

People need to realize that no matter what teens are doing, people are going to judge them, but you can't let it get to you. Rumors are like a game of telephone only the first person knows the whole truth. Who cares what the latest rumor of he said she said is, there will for sure be a new one by Monday.

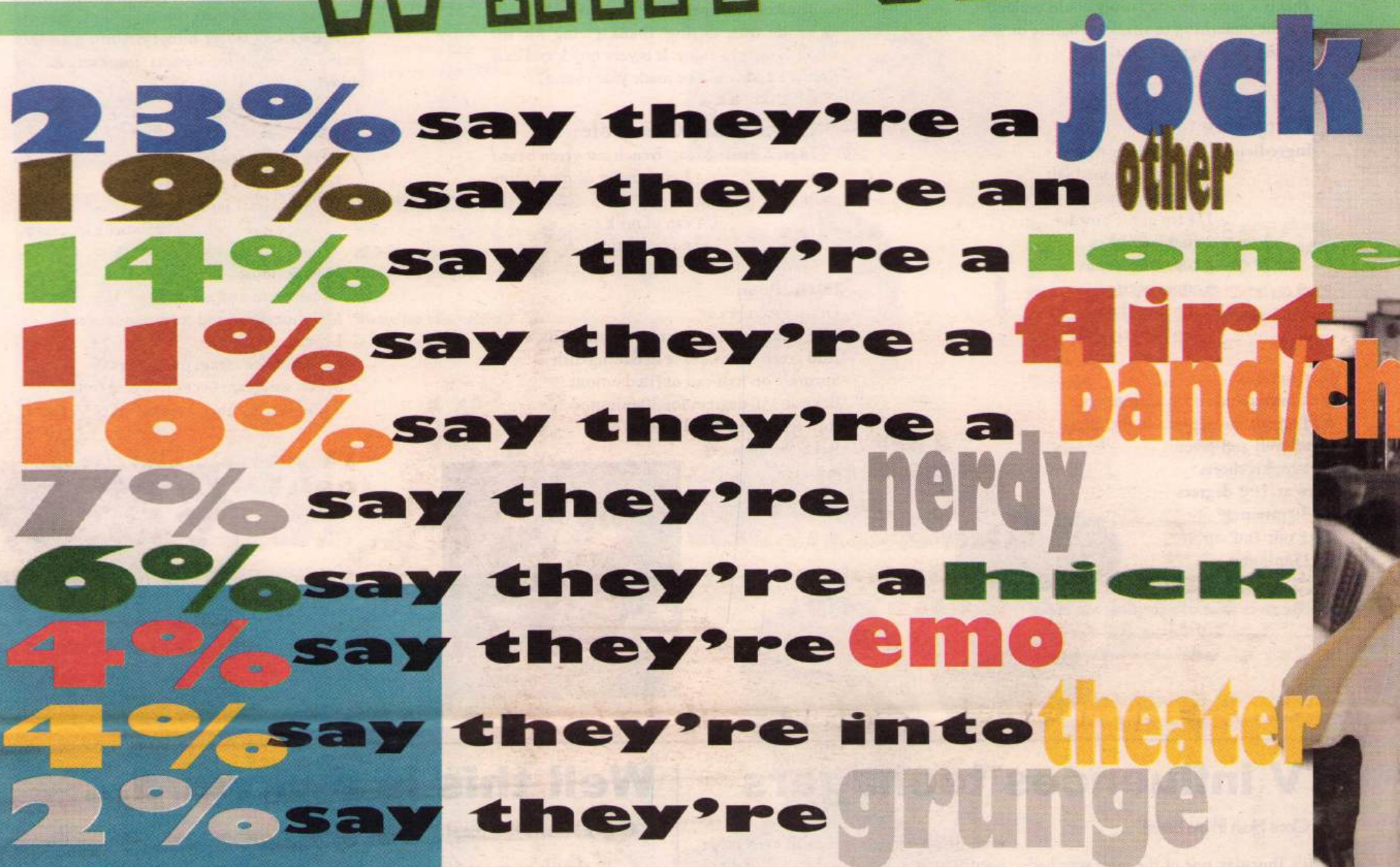
Awkward is a show about the hidden life of teens. Jenna Hamilton is the main character of the show.



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20% of high school students have avoided the rest room because they were afraid of being bullied.

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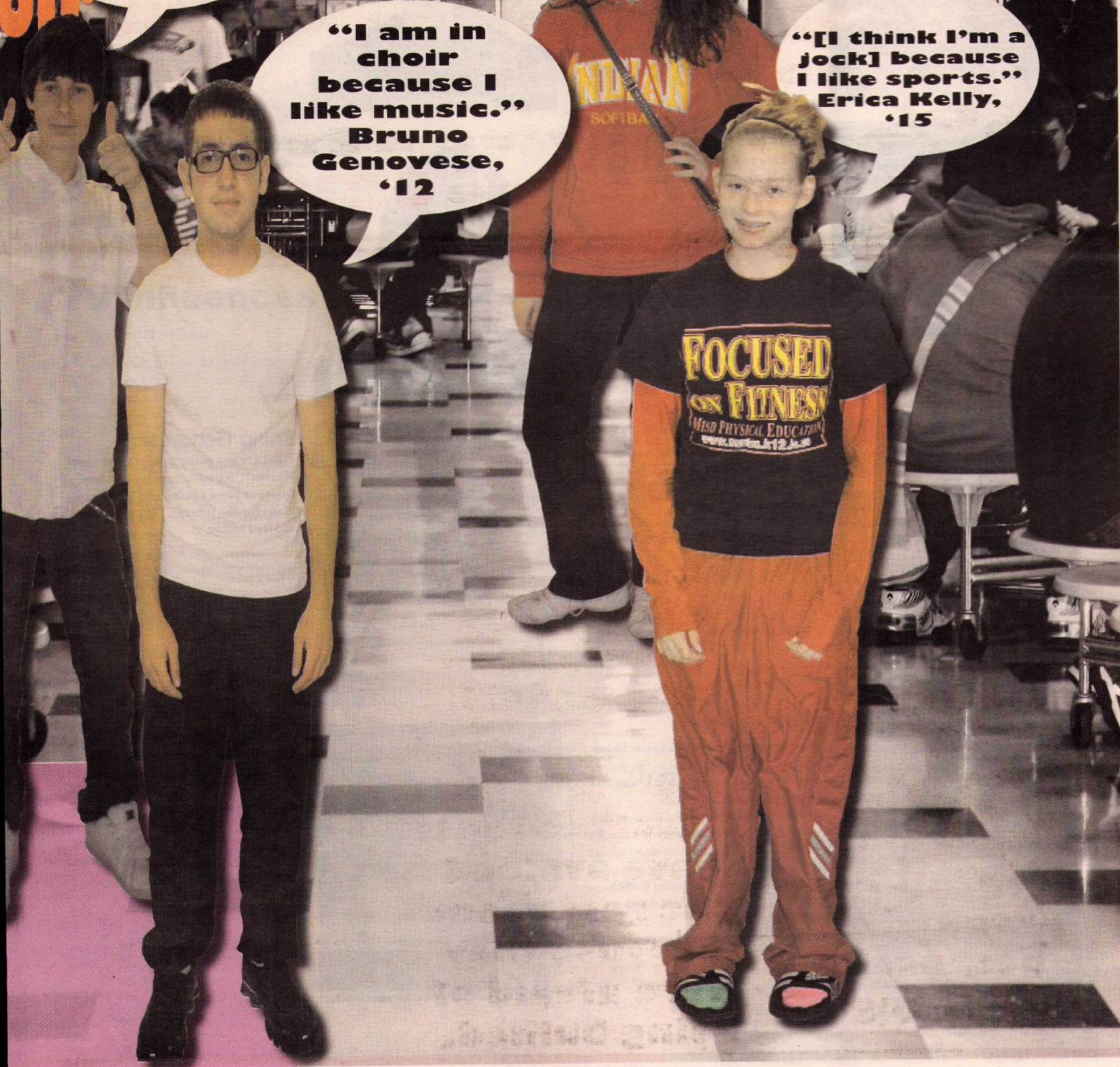
**"Cliques
are just a
stereotype."
Tristan
Grapes, 14'**

**"I'm into
sports so I just
fit into the
'jock clique.'
Kallie
Kriergel, '15**

**"I am in
choir
because I
like music."
Bruno
Genovese,
'12**

**"[I think I'm a
jock] because
I like sports."
Erica Kelly,
'15**

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10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS



Addie DeWitt:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Going to all of the school dances with Cody James Hoffpauir. Making memories with the friends I'll never forget. <3"

Quote or piece of advice?: "Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love."
-Albert Einstein

Plans for the future?: "Go to Kirkwood for 1 year to be a certified Vet Tech, then transfer to a four year college to study Radiology or an Ultrasound Technician."



Zach Feller:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Drumline, friends, and games."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't assume things."

Plans for the future?: "College at U of I."



Stephanie Dunkel:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Dance and all my friends."

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

Plans for the future?: "Go to college for social work."



Cameron Foulks:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'm going to miss all the amazing people I've met."

Quote or piece of advice?: "I don't care what people think or say about me, I know who I am."

Plans for the future?: "Attend the University of Iowa and major in premed."



Joshua Epault:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Not the food."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Enjoy your senior year, live life to the fullest."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Devry University in San Diego."



Brent Gamerdinger:

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

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live life with no regrets."

Plans for the future?: "I have no idea."



Sarah Ernst:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Creating amazing memories with amazing people, and all of my friends. :("

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't take anything for granted, because you really and truly don't know what you have until it's gone."

Plans for the future?: "To get a degree from a four year college."



Bruno Genovese:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends and my host family."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Try your best."

Plans for the future?: "Go back to Brazil and try a college."

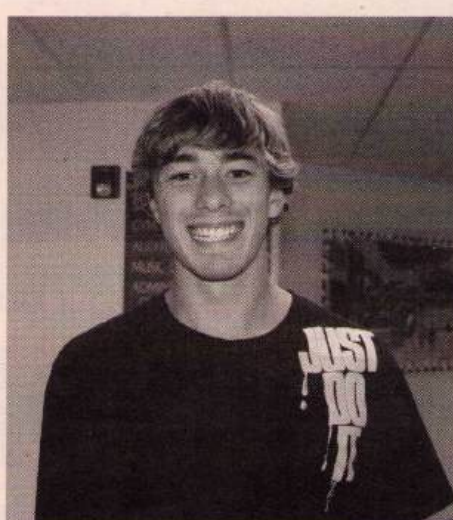


Brandon Ette:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My dear friends and fellow classmates. Also Mr. Immerfall, Mr. Semler, and the rest of the wonderful staff."

Quote or piece of advice?: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Plans for the future?: "Attend Caltech University in Pasadena, CA. Major in Astronomy + Physics."



Andrew Gleason:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Playing football and team dinners."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Have fun but be smart."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Kirkwood for auto academy and then to a trade school for diesel mechanics."

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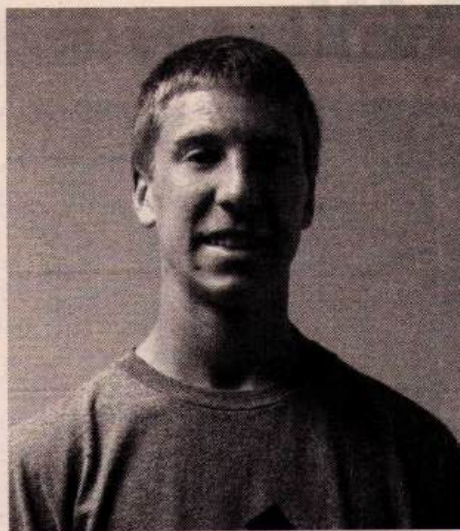


Mikayla Goemaat:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "I'll miss the football games and seeing my friends everyday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Don't regret anything because at one time it was exactly what you wanted."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa State and major in engineering."



Spencer Hennessee:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The friendly students and staff, home football games, and band trips."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Never let winning get to your head or losing go to your heart."

Plans for the future?: "Going to college to become an engineer."



Melissa Gustas:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Shmarshman and Shmalice. :) Addie. Nothing else."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Never let your past effect the present, it will ruin the happiness of your future."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa State and room with Karsen Blackman! :)"

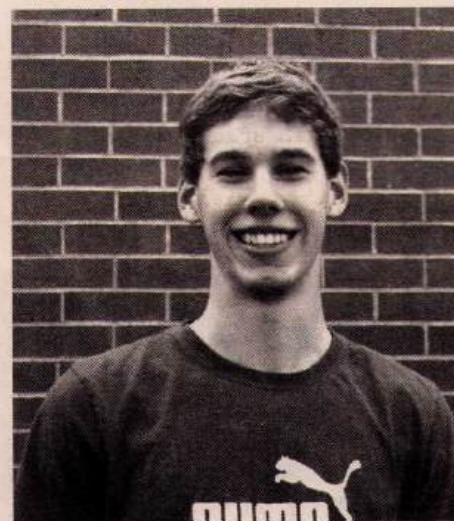


Cody Hoffpaur:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Going to dances with Addie and hanging with Adam Jones."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Live free."

Plans for the future?: "Take construction management classes at ITT Tech."



Ryan Hagen:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Soccer, student section, dances, Zach BARENS, taking laps with Austin Houchin, Ralf, and computer graphics with Avery Draves and Lydia Hamilton. :) And miss Jordan Keetan."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Enjoy every moment of high school. If you ain't first your last." & "Roll tide(:"

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



Austin Houchin:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "The football games, my friends, and the art committee."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Rats goin' rat and snakes goin' hiss."

Plans for the future?: "Attend Upper Iowa or UNI for graphic design and teaching."



Meghan Halvorson:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "My friends and some awesome Tuesday."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Write things down! Organization is the best."

Plans for the future?: "I plan on being an elementary teacher. :) Maybe UNI."

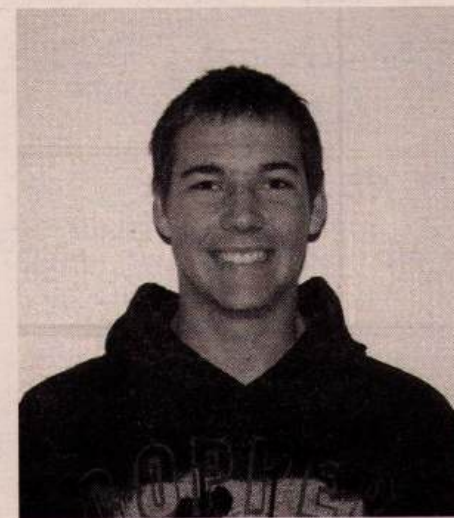


Jared Huhndorf:

What are you going to miss most about Marion?: "Hanging with friends, playing basketball, and the teachers."

Quote or piece of advice?: "Life is full of mistakes, it's how you deal with them that makes you who you are."

Plans for the future?: "Go to Iowa State and major in engineering."



Tyler Hedtke:

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

Quote or piece of advice?: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

Plans for the future?: "Go to college and play basketball."

Seniors in next issue:

Addison Johnson
Adam Jones
Alyssa Jones
Mick Jones
Brandon Keel
Sarah Keeton
Kathleen Kimball
Marcus Klatt
Cole Koeppen
Ashlin Korf
Jessie Kramer
Dragan Kukic

Matthew Lenner
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Elijah Loney
Lexie Lovisa
Logan Ludwig
Kelsey Martens
Kassidy McAtee
Mason McCright
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Kelsey McMeins

BLACK FRIDAY.

Black Friday is one of the most gigantic shopping days of the year.

By: Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving. In addition to it being one of the busiest shopping days of the year, it starts off the unofficial beginning of the Christmas shopping season. It is hectic, hilarious and some would even describe it as exhausting! Crazy people all around, with credit cards and cash hand in hand. Oh the smell of chaos.

There are so many good deals on this day. It is the day to go out like a hungry lion and hunt the prey aka the amazing gifts

for your loved ones.

Most stores open around 4 am. Stores to go to are; Gordon's, Walmart, JcPenny, Victorias secret, Target, Staples, Office Max and many others!

There are so many good deals on this day. Stores even give door prizes to the shoppers, first come first serve. Some people are so crazy that they wake up and drive down to Iowa City to go to Coral ridge mall. If you are looking for great deals try and search the web site blackfriday.info it has links to many major retailers and lists links to ads

and sales for Black Friday.

Some random facts about Black Friday are; 1. it is black outside when people begin to start shopping. 2. The Starbucks drive thru lines are ridiculous but worth the wait, they have amazing holiday drinks. Some people are so crazy that they leave at 3am and don't come home until 5 p.m.! Also during this day people generally get overly tired, so take some naps between shopping. All of the stores have great buys, but be careful and try not to get trampled or have your stuff stolen!



Black Friday is hectic and crazy day, but good bargains are all around!

New parking meters come to CR

By: Grace Ehlinger (Ads Editor)

Earlier this month, Cedar Rapids welcomed several new parking meters in the area of Green Square Park. These new parking meters, called LUKE, are a product of Park Cedar Rapids, and they are solar-powered, and let people have the option of using debit or credit cards to pay. Right now there are Park Cedar Rapids employees at the locations of these meters to help people learn how to use them, which is actually pretty easy.

The first thing to do when using one of these new meters is to check which stall the car is parked in. There is only one LUKE per street,

so each parking space, or stall, is given a number. Next, the number needs to be typed into the meter for the street, and the amount of parking time needs to be selected and paid with coins, unless the time is over an hour, in which case a debit or credit card can be used.

An added luxury to having these innovative parking meters around is that whenever any time needs to be added onto a person's stall, all they have to do is find the closest parking meter to them. As long as they remember their stall number, which is on the receipt, they can pay any meter.

Not only are these meters significantly more convenient than traditional parking meters, they are all 100% solar powered, and the receipts don't use any toner, making them an even better alternative to Cedar Rapids' other meters.

In the next few months all the installed meters will be operational, reducing the need for the old meters, and in 2012, people will be able to start paying from their phones.

These new parking meters are an excellent way to improve parking in Cedar Rapids, and hopefully everyone will enjoy the convenience of using them.



Valerie Beer, a Park Cedar Rapids employee, shows how to use the meter at Green Square Park.

Constant construction criticism

By: Austin Brown [Staff Writer]

Construction makes some people cringe. At times, construction seems to never end. After a project finishes, another starts. From the prolonged waits, to the thirty minute detours. Construction is practically unavoidable, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

For the most part, the road construction is on the verge of coming to an end. Actually, according to Ron Hoover, from the City of Marion, construction peaks in late fall and the early spring. The construction workers are frantically finishing their projects, to complete them before the ground freezes. Tar is useless once this occurs. Since nothing fixes itself, construction goes on all year. There is no official "construction season", because it technically never ends. But this winter, there won't be anymore road closed signs in sight.

This year, construction was every where. Not just in Marion, but in Cedar Rapids, too. Even though construction can be a nuisance, some roads were in desperate need of repair. Roads take lots of wear and tear from the brutal winters and the scorching

summers. The workers were able to accomplish a lot this year. Construction also benefits the unemployed. The more construction projects, the more hands that are needed; this leads to more job opportunities.

Nobody wants our roads to break down, but they do. Construction is just a part of life. It has its benefits and of course its disadvantages. Instead of construction, this winter will bring inches and inches of ice and snow. So all in all, the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight...until next year. Construction is needed, but lets all hope that it diminishes once spring arrives.



Construction workers are busy fixing the 11th Ave. Intersection in Marion.

Lead feet are unnecessary

By: Kaitlyn Nathe [Executive Editor]

Society is moving at a much faster pace then it ever has before. People are in a rush to get to places, which is causing chaotic driving. Although society is moving at the speed of sound, it doesn't mean that drivers need to.

These days everyone is running late for something, whether it's school, work, practice, picking someone up, or just trying to make it to the store before closing time. With driving being the most common form of transportation, pushing down on the gas pedal a little harder seems to be a great way to arrive on time. Weaving in and out of other cars, speeding up and whipping around corners isn't the safest way to drive around the town.

Most people speed, whether they're in a hurry or not. As soon as a cop enters the driver's peripheral vision, the brake lights suddenly come on and the driver is going about fifteen miles per hour slower then he or she was five seconds ago. People know they shouldn't speed, but when they're in a hurry, nothing will stop them from breaking the law.

If people want to make it to places on time, they shouldn't speed. If needed, leave ten minutes earlier to ensure there's enough time to make it to the destination on time. There are so many things going on throughout society, but that doesn't justify driving like a crazy hooligan.

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Being unique does not make you a freak

Darland explains being different, and shares how being weird is way better than being ordinary.

By: Melanie Loesel [Staff Writer]

He walked in the front doors of the high school. At the first glimpse he seems like a pretty average kid, glasses, shaggy hair, and looking as if he wishes he were still sleeping. Yet there's something about him that causes you to do a double take. He is carrying in his arms a blue and green stuffed animal turtle.

Sean Darland, junior, is enjoying his first year at Marion high school, and carries around a turtle. "I don't know why I carry it around exactly, I guess just to stand out," he replied. At his previous school, Linn-Mar, there were a lot more

people so it was easier to blend in but it was hard to stand out.

He has three different turtles and has had them for three years. "I don't remember [where I got it], but probably from some zoo I went to," he guessed. Out of the three he has he most definitely likes the one with the big eyes best.

There wasn't any particular reason he chose a turtle over any other animal, it was just what he had conveniently at home. "I like turtles, because they live for a very, very long time and I want to see what that would be like," he declared.

At first a lot of people treated him differently, but now that he has given it

some time for people to get used to it they don't anymore. "I don't mind them treating me differently, I hated being the faceless person in the crowd," he confessed. Normally his teachers don't bother him about it either, but he would never carry it anywhere but school.

He is at his locker switching his books for his next class, when he sees someone with a stuffed animal. He tries his best to not look like an idiot because of his huge grin on his face, but he can't help it. Maybe he changed something in certain people, even sparked a revolution.



Sean Darland, junior with his favorite turtle.

"Ginge" the new swear word?

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]

As he walks down the halls he hears the people talking about what they did that weekend and then there are times when he hears them saying jokes about his red hair. He hears the trailing of voices saying "what's up carrot top?" Or "hey ginger, how is has your day been?" This isn't the first time he has heard them talk about it. So he should be use to it he thinks to him self, but he knows it still doesn't make sense why they do it.

Ben Buckley, junior, is one of the few students in MHS that is okay



Ben Buckley, junior

with being called a "ginger," unlike others who think that it is rude. Ben is red headed, and has learned all the names that come with having red hair. He laughs, "Yeah a lot of people make fun of it, but I guess it is just like making blonde jokes." Some nicknames for people who have red hair are inappropriate and can end up actually hurting someone.

Ben is not the only one in his family who has red hair. "My dad and sister do also," he states, "...they

can relate to what its like and so can some students at school." There are not a lot of students in our school that have red hair, giving one reason why they get picked on the most. Another reason would be that it is not a common hair color.

Sometimes it is okay to say the words "ginger" and "carrot top," but don't use them is the person does not like it. They end up hurting their feelings.

Rare red-heads

"I hate being called a ginger. It upsets me and makes me want to yell at the people who say it to me."

-Claire Nash, junior

"When people say 'gingers' have no souls, it really doesn't bother me."

-Tristan Beghtol, junior

"I hate having red hair."

-Heather McGuire, senior

"Girls think it's hot."

-Tyler Gaede, sophomore

"It feels great and it's awesome because I have super powers."

-Tyler Ohl, senior

Paige pleads for more recognition

By: Alice Dixon [Yearbook Editor]

The bright lights are shining down on the whole choir. It's almost too much, not being able to see the faces in the crowd. Everybody is all settled in and the concert begins.

Paige Boche, junior, has been involved in choir ever since she was in 3rd grade at Emerson. "I just went out for it," she said with a smile, "I like to sing." Choir is a great way to meet friends and get involved. Other than choir, Paige is also in speech and dance outside of school.

"It's not really fair. It would be cool for people to come [to concerts] to support us."

-Paige Boche, junior

Although a large number of people are involved in theater, it seems like sports are more of a priority to the majority to the school. Students, unfortunately, are more interested in going to a football game rather than attending a musical. "I feel like people are more interested in sports, so it's definitely more of a priority to them," Paige explained. Most kids in band and choir would like seeing students in the stands supporting them.

Even though Paige isn't in any sports, she doesn't despise them. "I like sports, I'm just not very good at them," Paige stated with a laugh. She enjoys going to football, volleyball, basketball and baseball games.

Marion, in some ways, is similar to the way movies and television portray high school. As far as "cliques" go, Paige thinks Marion is different. "There aren't really cliques I feel. Everybody is mostly friends with everybody," Paige said.

Even on television sports are recognized. Often

times the news doesn't cover stories about musicals, or concerts. Instead we have "Athlete of the Week". "It's not really fair. It would be cool for people to come [to concerts] to support us," she explained. Students should realize all school activities would appreciate being supported.

After a long night of performance, the concert has finally ended.

Which gets recognized more; sports or theatre?



"I feel like for people who do vocal and arts, we don't get recognized as publicly...it's more self recognition."

-Stephen Ster, '13



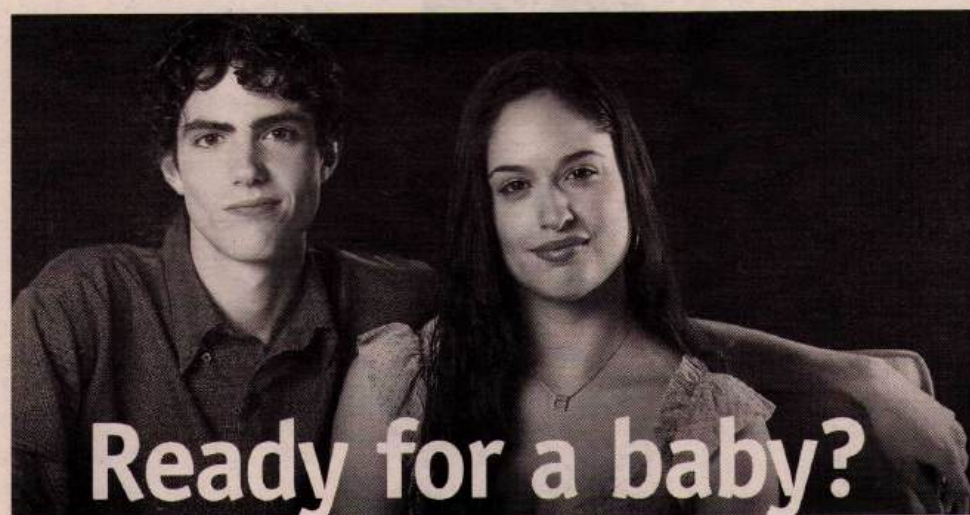
"Sports might get recognized more at times, but it shouldn't necessarily be that way."

-Tyler Gunderson, '13



"In general, sports get higher recognition. But the musical department gets recognized, too."

-Lexie Rael, '13



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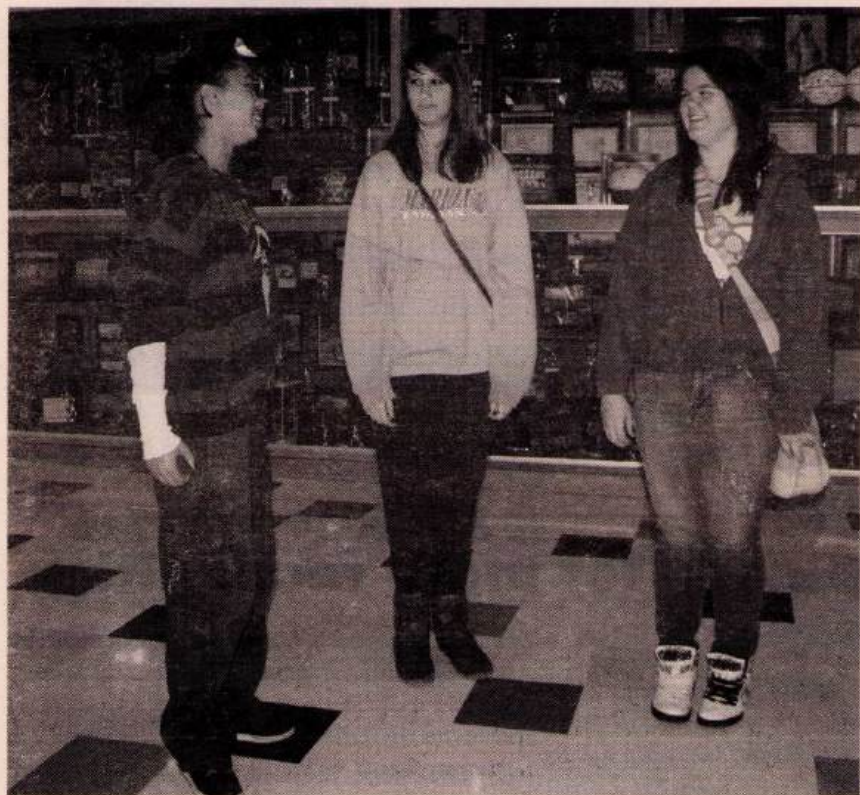
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DO PEOPLE AT MARION HAVE A HIGH SELF-ESTEEM? FIND OUT BY READING "SELF-ESTEEM IN HIGH SCHOOL."

Don't worry about peer pressure or cliques

Tanisha Roach, junior, speaks out about her feelings about peer pressure and cliques and how they effect her friends and her.

By: Storm Bogs [Executive Web Editor]



Tanisha Roach, junior, talks with her friends Danielle Boots and Peyton Meier, also juniors in the hallway during lunch.

It's Sunday night and she can't wait to see her friends tomorrow. She is very excited to tell them about her weekend and hear about theirs. She loves going to school and being able to see her friends.

Tanisha Roach, junior, enjoys being with friends. When looking for a new friend, Tanisha looks for many characteristics such as trustworthiness, honesty, and having a good sense of humor.

Sometimes, everybody in a specific group of friends might not enjoy all of the same activities. Everyone has their own likes and dislikes. People should not worry about what other people do or do not like to do and worry about themselves and the activities that they enjoy doing. Forcing anyone-friends or otherwise- to do

something that they don't want to do is called peer pressure. Tanisha feels that peer pressure is wrong. "Well, it depends on what it is. If it's good and will help you, then [peer pressure] is okay, but if it's bad like drugs and stuff then no [it is not okay,]" explained Tanisha. Peer pressure of any kind is very wrong unless it is something that will truly help a person.

Pressuring friends to do bad things is not okay and should never happen, no matter the circumstance. Another common problem among teenagers today is forming cliques. In many high schools, people could walk in and find various groups of kids hanging out together in the halls, lunchroom, or even in the classroom. There are many types of cliques such as drama, band and choir, jocks, grunge and more. "I kind of think that there are cliques at Marion," she states.

There are groups of kids that hang out together every day. Tanisha feels that everyone should be able to hang out with anyone, regardless of what clique they are in. Tanisha has seen different cliques interact with other cliques here at Marion High School.

"Well, it depends on what it is, if it's good... then it's okay, but if it's bad like drugs and stuff then no [it is not okay,]"
-Tanisha Roach, junior

The thing with cliques is that certain cliques only attend certain school events most of the time. "The drama people go to concerts and plays and the athletic people go [to other sporting events,]" explained Tanisha. People go to events that interest them.

As the school day ends, Tanisha is very glad that she has the friends that she does. She is very glad that she is able to hang out with her friends even if they might be in a different clique or they have different interests and dislikes. Tanisha can't wait to be able to see all of her friends again the next day.

Self-esteem in high school

By: Haley Shaffer [Staff Writer]

High school is full of a lot of things like learning, sports, friends, and fun. It can also be full of judgement. People often tend to label other people without even knowing them. People judge the way someone looks, the way someone dresses, and pretty much everything about a person. This is also what can sometimes start bullying. With all of this judgement, it's not hard to have a low self-esteem. However, they are still some students who don't let that get them down.

Mickala Pelley, a junior, doesn't let much get her down. She participates in Volleyball. Pelley says that she's got a lot of friends. "I would think that people like me, I'm nice," Mickala commented. Mickala has a high self-esteem because she gets along with a lot of people and a lot of people like her. Volleyball also helps her make a lot of friends. She says that she has never really been bullied so she couldn't say she knows what it feels like, or how it affects a lot of her fellow classmates.

Mickala says she thinks high school is a hard place for people to keep their self-esteem high because of everything that goes on here, like bullying. "People in high school are really judgemental," said Mickala. She knows that

"I think that society is what makes people's self-esteem so low."
-Mickala Pelley

sometimes people get bullied or brought down by other students, but most of the time it doesn't happen to her. High School revolves around cliques. A lot of the time, people aren't open to talking to people that they normally don't.

They're are a lot of people who aren't like Mickala. They're are so many people in high school with low self-esteem. People have low self-esteem for a lot of reasons in high school. "I think that society is what makes people's self-esteem so low," Mickala commented. Society has put a lot of rules and labels on people our age and not a lot of people can live up to those standards. It's hard to be accepted in High School, even if you're just a little bit different. Sometimes, the people who seem like they have the highest self-esteem, really don't. "Just be yourself," is the advice that Mickala has for high school students. It's something that everyone should always remember

throughout high school. However, sometimes some people are judged for just being themselves, which just proves how shallow our society can be at times. "People just shouldn't surround themselves with people who bring them down," Pelley says. People who mind don't matter and people who matter don't mind. If people just don't listen to what others say, or pay attention to what others think, then nobody should be able to bring someone down.

Mickala says she's happy with her life in high school and can't wait for the rest of her high school years to come. She's not one of those people who are here to get through it; she's here to enjoy it.

What kind of self-esteem do students have in high school?



"I think people have low self-esteem because some people are just getting comfortable with who they are."
-Amanda Sahm, freshman



"I think people's self-esteem in High School depends on how they are treated."
-Dalton Gardner, freshman



"I think that half of the people in High School have low self-esteem and the other half have high because some people only care about themselves, while others care about friends and family."
-Jared Taylor, sophomore

Kelly loves to volunteer for Messerli

By: Storm Bogs [Web Editor]

He looks at his schedule and gets very excited when he sees that he has volunteering third block during second term. He has looked forward to volunteering ever since last year when he first signed up for his classes. He can't wait for all of the things that he will get to do for his teachers. He thinks about all the things that he will do and all of the fun that he will have while volunteering.

Ian Kelly, freshman, volunteers for Mr. Dave Messerli during third block this term. "I really wanted to volunteer, and Mr. Messerli teaches my favorite sport [so I decided to volunteer for him,]" he stated. He really enjoys volunteering and now he is able to do it for someone that coaches his favorite sport. During volunteering, Ian

corrects papers, puts grades into powerschool, and does other various things that Mr. Messerli wants or needs him to do.

Ian has never volunteered before but he already plans on doing it again in the future. He also volunteers after school. "I volunteer at Starry after school, I do whatever the teachers want me to do," he explained. His favorite part about volunteering is getting to help people out.

Since Ian loves to volunteer so much, he is well on his way to receiving a silver cord at graduation.

When school starts the next day, he can't wait for it to be third block so he can volunteer and help out teachers. He loves volunteering and being able to help teachers. He can't wait to continue to volunteer inside and outside of school in the years to come.



Ian Kelly, freshman, puts in grades for Mr. Dave Messerli after he corrects them during third block this term.

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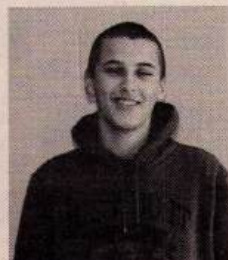
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Marion students express how they would react to not having Holiday Dinner this year



"The best part is the food and the decorations."
-Lydia Hamilton, sophomore

"If we didn't have the Holiday Dinner, I would go to Taco Bell."
-Cedrick Williams, junior



"I wouldn't care if they cancelled the Holiday Dinner...it's just food."
-Andrew West, sophomore

"The Holiday Dinner makes the school feel like a family."
-Kim Arundale, senior



"I love the Holiday Dinner, I would be so sad if they didn't have it."
-Nate Baldwin, freshman

"We have to have Holiday Dinner!"
-Hannah Morris, junior



"It would be weird without it...it's like a tradition."
-Catrina Smith, junior

"We have to have it because it tastes great...we get Christmas tree cakes!"
-Hunter Gillaspie, sophomore



Tradition being tested

Marion's Holiday Dinner may not be happening this year

By: Kaitlyn Nathem [Executive Editor]

Everyone has been hearing the crazy rumors about this year's holiday dinner. Are we going to have it? Do the cooks have enough time to prepare it? Why wouldn't we have it? Marion students look forward to holiday dinner almost as much as they look forward to the last day of school. The most effected age group would be the seniors.

Tyler Ohl, senior, looks forward to all the longlines and homemade food during the holiday dinner this year. "[I look forward to Holiday dinner] because there's a lot of good food and it's something that everybody looks forward to all year long." Tyler loves holiday dinner so much and just waits for the food-filled day to come.

Since Tyler is a senior, he has participated in Holiday dinner for three years straight. "My favorite food is ham because it's awesome, obviously!" Tyler laughed. Holiday dinner is filled with delicious foods of all sorts.

Marion is very close-knit school when

it comes to the holiday times. Everyone comes together as one every year, it's just part of the Marion tradition. "Everyone sits together at a nicely set table and eats together. It feels like Thanksgiving with your friends," Tyler stated. Holiday dinner is close to a family tradition where everyone shares their food and sits down at a nice, home cooked meal.

"Everyone sits together at a nicely set table and eats together. It feels like Thanksgiving with your friends."
-Tyler Ohl, senior

Tyler, along with many other students, has heard the possibility of not having a holiday dinner. "I think at first everyone will be angry [if we don't have holiday dinner], but they'd get over it eventually," Tyler reasoned. Tyler believes that even though many students won't be happy about tradition being changed,

people will find other things to eat. With the holiday dinner coming up it's still a questionable thought of whether Marion will be having a delicious feast. The principals and the lunch chef's are still not sure what is going to happen. Along with many other students Tyler will be crossing his fingers that he will get to enjoy his senior holiday dinner.

Two languages, one school

Eva Mineart explains how having only two languages holds us back

by: Melanie Loesel [Staff Writer]

As she walks into her French class she glances casually around the room wishing somehow this class would be a different language instead. She puts her things on her desk, and sits down. She is not all that eager to learn, but she knows she doesn't have any other choice, because to get into a good college she must take a foreign language.

Eva Mineart, sophomore, wishes that there were more opportunities for certain things. "[We do] kind of [lack opportunity] overall compared to other schools, but again not really. I mean say you're the fattest girl in the school you could still be a cheerleader," she smiled.

She believes Marion should have four different foreign languages offered, that way most people would have at least one that interests them. "[It would interest more people] you hear Spanish on Dora, French on Madeline, but you never hear like Japanese," she reasoned. Her belief on the reason for having only two languages is a lack of funding.

The language that interests her most is German, so she can sound interesting and talk to her friend Inken. "I also want to learn Chinese, because I am tired of being talked about at nail places, and I want to know what they are saying." She confessed. She also wants to be able to talk to people from different cultures because most people can't do that.

It bores her not having any unique languages at Marion; "I mean nobody's going to hop the



Eva Mineart, sophomore, asks questions during French.

"I mean nobody's going to hop the boarder, so no one's going to take Spanish. No one's going to take French because there are only like two states in all of America who speak it,"
-Eva Mineart, sophomore.

boarder, so no one's going to take Spanish. No one's going to take French because there are only like two states in all of America who speak it," she reasoned. She knows people like choices, and she believes it will make our school better.

As the bell rings, she gathers her belongings to leave. All the while still fantasizing about taking a different foreign language. As she walks out the door she snaps back to reality realizing that most likely will never happen.

Cameras make our school more safe

By: Taylor Lamm [Staff Writer]

When the students walked into the school they noticed something was different. They looked up and saw many cameras. New cameras have been placed in our school due to funding that became available for us to cover safety issues. There has been a significant amount of cameras that have been placed all around the school. Our old system only had a limited coverage over the school grounds. They also didn't work as well as the new cameras do. "We have not had an incident at this point needing camera assistance, we anticipate they will help control behavior and create

another layer of safety," states Greg Semler, principal. Some students believe that the cameras are an invasion of privacy and are not needed. Other students think that it is a good thing to have them, and there may be less problems with theft in our school. The cameras were placed in our school for every one's safety, and also for someone to think twice before they do something they shouldn't that could be harmful to others. People might think that the security here is bad, but in other schools they sometimes have police officers on campus at all times or even metal detectors. Whether or not they help, they are a deterrent, and are here to stay.

How do you feel about these security cameras?



"They shouldn't have put in as many, but they are a good thing."
-Mason Lakouse, '15



"I feel like we could spend our money on better things, I do understand why we have them..."
-Alyssa Jones, '12



"...it violates our personal lives and our human rights!"
-Tristan Grapes, '14



"They are both beneficial and scary... They're a little exsive,"
-Allison Scott, '12



"It makes us seem like lab rats, it's not like we're at Metro,"
-Paige Perkins, '13



"[The cameras are] dumb because they spy on us and I dont want them watching me,"
-Christian Ebsen, '14

Can you find Zack Matthess in the crowd picture before the person next to you?

WHERE'S STUDENT?



Find: Zack Matthess

In the 'Where's Student?' game, the objective is to search for a fellow Marion High School student in the crowd picture to the right. See if you can find the student before your friends can!



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