

## Don't trust technology at all

-Commentary-



By: Kaitlyn Nathem [Yearbook Editor]

Right now my thoughts on technology are terrible. This is my third time typing up this column and not by choice. Originally, I was typing this wonderful story about the changes in our school. I was discussing our nasty school lunches,

telling you to be nice to the lunch ladies, and complaining about the terrible parking spots that seniors now have to park in. But, after all of that was written the stupid computer decided to freeze and didn't save a single word of my column.

Microsoft Word is making me very unhappy at the moment. It's so frustrating that all the time that you just spent typing up something is gone within two seconds. Technology sucks. If I was writing out my complaints on paper, it's just about impossible for it all to zap away! I should of just did it the old school way. Hint to all of you, don't use Microsoft Word unless you've saved it in ten other places.

Technology is terribly annoying and at the moment I completely hate it. I learned my lesson that I should just write things out and don't use technology when it's something important. By important, I mean just about anything. Use notebooks and pencils to save your work forever, instead of letters on a keyboard that can be gone at the click of a button.

Anyways, be nice to the lunch ladies, complain about parking, do good in school, and good luck to all those participating in something this week whether it be school affiliated or not!

## Teenagers taking on the old traditions

By: Catie Staff [Co-Executive]

Traditions at homecoming mean a lot to Marion. From the homecoming parade to the football game, the memorable night is steeped in the traditions of the past and hope for the near future.



For the football team, it represents teamwork.

Right before the game, Austin Ashley, senior, and his teammates decide what they will do to personally prepare for victory. "Really, it's an individual thing," Austin said. "You can write stuff on your wrist to pump you up and you can do like chants and stuff to get us going on the sidelines. But really it's just an individual thing in the game." The team's preparation puts them in the winning mood.

Austin has great hopes for the big game. "The game's gonna be a really good game and I'm hoping that we get a victory and that we can stay all late like Coach has promised us. And a big celebration afterwards." He's hoping to go to a bonfire with the team.

Being in the stands doesn't compare to the feeling of actually participating. Austin remembers when he was a freshman at his first homecoming game. "I was kinda glad to be a part of it and glad to go down the field. To be on the floats and things made it a lot better experience than just sitting on the sidelines and watching it." Now that he's older, his feelings

about homecoming have changed. "Being a senior, it just reflects on the years that you've been here and gives you an adrenaline rush kinda feeling. A lot of excitement." Anyone can relate to the nerves and intensity of the big game.

Even the Marion-ites who have graduated in the past return to reminisce. "[It's] a thing about all the years passed. To bring back all those good memories of high school, seeing all the people that went through it, and it's kinda like an anniversary thing for everyone." It's a celebration that many have been to since grade school.

One thing that comes to mind when Austin thinks of homecoming is the burning of the M, a gigantic 5 foot M made of rags that is set on fire after the pep rally on Thursday. "[It's] really memorable every year. Everyone comes back

just to see it, and the parade leading up to it." Homecoming king and queen are also decided that day.

The traditions of the parade, burning of the M, game and dance are well-loved, but there are a couple of things Austin would change. "Some of the dress up days. They don't really give the homecoming theme so a few of those we'd like to switch out. But other than that, there aren't many I'd complain about." Students may think there should be change, but Austin knows that tradition is a part of the past and can't be altered.

Though the game results change each year, the tradition of hoping for a big win remain the same. Everyone in Marion is celebrating with rituals and looking forward to victory. It shows that change isn't always the best thing, and even teens love tradition.



The football team works together to take down a Decorah player.

## Gray is eager to vote and share his opinion of the 2012 election

By: Grace Ehlinger [Ads Editor]

Four years ago, when President Obama was elected to office, there was an overwhelming amount of support on both sides from new voters. Now, four years later, this election has the young people of the nation feeling less sure of themselves; some won't even be voting. Still, with the election just a few months away, there are plenty who know what they want from this presidential race, and are going to be a part of making it happen.

Sam Gray, senior, has been interested in politics ever since he saw George Bush and Al Gore's debate in 2000. Sam just recently built on this interest and became a national delegate; the youngest in the nation, in fact, as he is just seventeen. "I wanted to go to the national convention as a delegate because I wanted to show

that even though the youth support isn't as obvious as it was in 2008, it's still there," he said.

Getting elected was a long process. "There are three conventions in Iowa prior to the national convention: county, district, and state. At the district and state levels they have elections. To be elected you give a speech to the other delegates and they vote on who they want to represent them at the Democratic National Convention," Sam said. Attending the Democratic National Convention just a few weeks ago was a very exciting opportunity for Sam. "The ... Convention was a great learning experience, something that I will remember for the rest of my life. My favorite part wasn't a specific event, but that throughout the entire week, I was surrounded by people who shared the same beliefs and goals that I did."

With his new position comes several new responsibilities. "Delegates vote on what to put into the platform (the party's set of beliefs), and at the national level, nominate the party's candidate." Having that much impact on what types of issues are brought up across the country will be worth the extra work.

Sam has a clear idea of who he believes the better candidate is in this race. "I will be voting for President Barack Obama. I support the President for a variety of reasons, the biggest two being education and health care. I appreciate the fact that college is more affordable because President Obama has doubled funding for Pell Grants, and that I can stay on my parent's health care plan when I am in school and starting out my career," Sam said.

"Obama and Romney have two

completely different views on what America needs. What stands out to me is that President Obama's policies help the middle class, while Romney's propositions help the wealthy, who don't need it," said Sam. Supporting President Obama was an easy decision for Sam to make.

Sam has taken full advantage of the opportunities he's been given to get more involved in this country's future. The example he is setting for America's youth will hopefully be followed by many in the next few years as he continues to lead in whatever he chooses to do.



Sam Gray, senior



Tired of climbing the food pyramid and eating lunches that aren't appetizing? See "School lunch: is it for better or worse?" to read about the fruit and veggie options.

## Improve spirit week for more participation

Why some students don't like spirit week and how it could be changed in future for the better.

By: Haley Shaffer [Media Editor]

Spirit week is the one-week of the school year when the student body can wildly express their school spirit in fun ways. It's an entire week of dressing up crazily, all leading up to the big homecoming football game Friday night. From pajama day to twin day, Spirit Week is something that most people enjoy. Some students love getting into spirit week, buying elaborate outfits and intense planning with friends. For others, spirit week is unimportant and just another week of school to muddle through. Students have issues with some of the themes that are chosen. Many people tend to complain about the various themes that get chosen because they may think that the themes aren't fun enough or are

stupid. Many themes tend to get repetitive and just aren't interesting or fun to really go full out for. It's understandable that people want spirit week themes to be absolutely outrageous, especially if they're people who have an over-flowing amount of school spirit. The spirit week themes are chosen and voted on by the cheerleaders and then are run by and must be approved by Mr. Semler and/or Mr. Zrudsky. However, some the most highly desired spirit week themes get vetoed or not allowed by the staff. Staff for instance, vetoed duct tape day and that upset many students. Maybe if the student body could contribute more ideas then they would be happier with the results of the spirit week themes and because of that, more students would partici-

pate in spirit week. Spirit week is something that is supposed to be fun for everyone at Marion, not just the people who pick out the themes. If everyone thinks outside the box, then everyone could enjoy spirit week and everyone could be involved. The purpose of spirit week is to get not only the football players, not just the cheerleaders, but the entire student body pumped up and excited for homecoming. Spirit week is meant to be fun and something that everyone looks forward to. So this year, even if people don't like the themes that are chosen, or think that the themes are boring, students and even staff should still participate in spirit week because it's for everyone to enjoy. Make the best of it and spirit week can always still be fun!



"People should participate in spirit week so they can support MHS,"  
-Gabrielle Fiala, '15



"Spirit week is for MHS for-lifers,"  
-Michael Moeller, '14



"I like some of the days of spirit week because they give me a reason to wear crazy things,"  
-Michaela Jacobs, '14

## School lunch: is it for better or worse?

By: Taylor Millis [Feature Editor]

Since elementary school students have been told to eat 'right.' They are told we had to take a vegetable and a fruit at school even though they might not actually to eat it. And, even now as students have gotten older, these rules have somehow come back to bite them. So, the real question now is, 'Is it actually improving student eating habits?'

As high school students, they all should be able to make their own decisions. By telling students what they must put on their tray for lunch, it begins to take away the sense of independence. That is partly what high school is for, right? Teaching students how to become independent so that when they are forced into the world, they can at least be somewhat prepared for it. Choosing what students eat for lunch gives them one less thing to decide for themselves.

Now, really look at what the real reason students aren't eating the school veggies and fruits. Is it because they don't like fruits and vegetables all together or just not the ones being served? Yes, some students truly just don't like fruits and vegetables at all, but some don't like cooked vegetables or canned fruit. And yes, fresh fruit and veggies are more expensive but, if the district wants students to eat their fruits and veggies then the district needs to be serving the choice of fresh fruits and vegetables. It's plain and simple, students eat what students like.

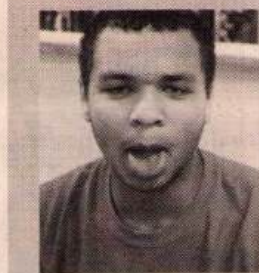
The point is that high school students, especially, are old enough to know what they want and like. Making students put food on their plates isn't always going to make them eat it and in the long run will waste precious money that could be spent on healthier food students want to eat. Offering the option of fresh fruits and vegetables may show a greater outcome in healthier eating than forcing students to eat foods they don't like.



Reed Smith, '13, checks out the new lunch menu.



"It's cool that we have [homecoming traditions]. I wish some were more fun, though,"  
-Leah Pedersen, '13



"My favorite tradition is team dinner with my fellow football guys,"  
-Jordan Keeton, '14

## Homecoming Traditions

By: Taylor Lamm [Opinion Editor]

When homecoming week comes up, everyone thinks of our schools traditions. These traditions have been going on for decades now. Some of our parents have even participated in the same traditions we are having when they were in high school.

Some of these traditions have become tedious and

over done. It feels like we do the same things every homecoming week. New traditions need to be started. This would be cool for teenagers in our school to start something that would be carried out for years. We would be part of Marion's school history. Also it would give a change to what we normally do for our traditions. We need change. Change is a good thing.

## An election full of nothing but political animals

By: Uriah Lakin [Staff Writer]

Commercials to political debates like seriously how much longer! The American public has fallen victim to sickening commercials, political arguments, and overplayed news tickers full of nothing but derogatory politics. This has been a tiresome year and a half with all the redundancy of continuous irresponsible mud throwing of our presidential candidates. What the American people would really like to see is honest ethics in our choice of candidates. It started off with Romney and Rick, then Romney and Michelle, and then Romney and Newt or Paul. Now it's down to Romney and Obama, which has taken its toll on the American people with no end to their playground games.

American teenagers are tired of seeing the commercials on TV. It has invaded teenagers' phones, computers, tablets, and now political advertisements are on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, in personal text messages and in phone calls. This has now taken a step into our daily lives, be-

cause teenager's can turn everything off and still hear the political jibber-jabber. When adults were in high school the politics were never crammed down their throats, but now this generation has to endure excessive political pop ups. According to a Yale University study on CNN.com, they found that 78% of the youth that are eligible to vote, are scared and hesitant to do so.

We need to know the issues and where the presidential candidates stand because if not nobody knows who to vote for. Yes, we need to know the issues a candidate stands on without the radical lies and crazy accusations.

The youth contributed largely to Obama's 2008 election according to Yale University studies. The Obama and Romney campaign tactics are scaring off the youth like wolves scare off sheep in the fields. While doing this the candidates have now made their final stretch to the finish line much more crippling than before. If our bureaucratic parties symbols are the donkey and elephant which are both meek, why are they acting like lions, tigers, and bears? Oh my!

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## Bad breakups: not the end of the world

Breakups might feel like the worst thing, but that feeling will end up getting better.

By: Taylor Lamm [Opinion Editor]

In high school everything imaginable is going through a teenagers mind. One thing that every teenager has or will deal with is break ups. The pain that comes from a break up, can sometimes take what feels like forever to go away. Everyone has, or will feel this pain and no one is alone. Break ups might make people feel lonely but friends and family are the support that gets people through them.

Some might think that they have found "the one" in high school, but everyone needs to think about how high school is only four years of their life. "The one" is someone who might be around for the rest of your life. It is possible for high school sweethearts, but it is not very common. According to snopes.com only about 14% of teenagers that meet in high school will get married.

Some day all of us will find the one that we want to be with. The one we will call our best friend and

the one we will do anything for. Some might think that they have already found this. Just keep in mind that this is high school and so much is going to happen in our lives after we walk across that stage. So much is going to change. Right now high schoolers should be enjoying their years with the ones they grew up with and keep marriage out of the picture.



"[Breakups] hurt for awhile, but eventually you get over it. Not worth the pain when you're young,"  
-Dontavious Young, '15



"[Breakups are] just one more step closer to finding the right person,"  
-Kelsey Kirk, '14

So if someone is experiencing a break up, just try to keep positive. It is going to hurt and tears might be shed, but that is what we have to pay to grow up. In the end everything will be okay. Everything happens for a reason, even break ups.

We have our whole lives to spend with one person, the person that we will call our husband or wife. For right now this is high school. We have quite a few more years to find "the one". Yes, break ups are not the most enjoyable thing in the world, but that means that we are one step closer to finding the right person.

## School shootings can seriously be prevented

By: Alex Estes [Yearbook Editor]

Many students at Marion don't seem to fear school shootings, even though shootings seem to be becoming more and more common. According to infoplease.com, six school shootings have already happened in the United States in the past ten months. The number of shootings, as well as the number of bodies keep rising; the saddest part is, shootings can be prevented.

A major cause of school shootings is bullying within the school, and bullying could very easily be prevented. Bullying can come in a variety of different forms. One form is verbal. This type of harassment goes for all genders and ages, and can be used to insult anything from one's physical appearance to the things that one likes to do the most. When students hear harassment throughout the school they mostly think of student-to-student harassment, but a lot of bullying can come from teachers, as well. Bullying from anyone could make a student want to drop out of school, or worse. Just a little bit of involvement on the teachers' part could help save someone from going off the deep end. Very often, bullying happens in front of teachers, and the teachers don't do anything to stop it. If a teacher stepped in to say something, or

even talked with a student after an occurrence of bullying, an event like a shooting could be prevented.

Stress can cause students to do some weird things. It also attributes to depression and can lead to unfortunate events that can have the same results as shootings, or a shooting itself. Stress-related shootings happen in college and universities more than high schools, and can happen because the workload is too much for a student to cope with and there are so many life-changes that come with going to college. An example of a stress related shooting in college is the Virginia Tech Massacre.

Stress related shootings in high school are much easier to inhibit. Stress in school can be prevented if a student just speaks up and asks for help from the teacher after class. If one teacher does not help, try asking another.

Many people think that school shootings can't be prevented at all. It's hard to detect when one is planning a sinister event such as a shooting, but just listening could make a world of difference. If a person tells someone how he or she is feeling, and that someone is genuinely concerned, the person could feel a lot better just from that little conversation.

Whether or not school shootings can be prevented does not change the fact that they are terrible events. Students and teachers alike should not stop trying to prevent shootings, even if they think they are not preventable.

## The great alien chase

Aliens. No, not the illegal kind. The kind with green, spindly bodies and unimaginably large craniums. The ones that abduct in the dead of night and leave their victims wondering why their bum is sore in the morning. Are they real? Do you want to believe? Do I even want to believe? The idea of aliens isn't so far fetched now that earthlings have learned more about the black vacuum we call the universe. The chances of life being on another planet may be one in a million, but according to, space.com, there are about "ten thousand billion billion (yes, that is a number) habitable planets" in the known and observable universe.



Alex Estes  
[Yearbook Editor]

There may be life out there, but I guarantee the E.T.'s haven't even thought about visiting Earth. A lot of people don't realize that the universe doesn't have an inter-galactic highway system (yet). Space is far far far too large for extraterrestrials to find us on their own quest for life in the universe. And scientists are not yet able to replicate the space vehicles seen in Star Wars, so we can't go on the search for life, either. The closest earth-like planet to our home is called Kepler 22B. It has a surface temperature of about 72 degrees Fahrenheit, perfect for an earthling vacation timeshare, you know, after they drive away the other life that may call that planet home. Kepler 22B is about 600 light-years away from earth, according to nasa.gov. If you don't know what a light-year is, it's the distance one can travel in a year if they were hurtling through the universe at the speed of light.

A humongous question thousands of people have is: is there life on Mars? I'm sure many scientists are hoping that the rover that the U.S. dropped on Mars back in August will at least stumble upon some bacteria or something. But thousands more are hoping to find a full-blown nest of highly evolved creatures that we earthlings like to call E.T.'s. Maybe Mars is harboring the spacemen that earthlings believe to exist. Perhaps they are hiding their ships there, or are they somewhere closer? Is it on earth? The idea of alien technology hiding in the deserts of Nevada and Arizona is insane. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of theories and questions surrounding the deserts of Western America.

The idea of aliens, single celled or highly evolved, is crazy, but really cool at the same time. The idea isn't really that far fetched, either. As a whole, humanity has discovered so much about the universe and other planets. The question of life in places other than earth has practically been answered, but until there is a real live alien, people will still believe that the blue marble that we inhabit is the only haven for life in the cold vacuum that is the universe.

## Obama and Romney; their stances on ending the war with Afghanistan

By: Kiersten Kiene [Staff Writer]

The presidential campaign over the next few months will be the center of focus in the news. The current President, Barack Obama, and the presidential hopeful, Mitt Romney, will be squaring off for the grand prize; the Presidential office. Some people that vote, vote based on things that have should not have anything to do with the election, such as looks. The votes should be based upon the views of both candidates. All topics should be discussed, but there are the big ones that the country really focuses on; the plan for the future of the American economy, gay marriage, and the present day war.

War is not only a big topic, it is a concern for the future of America. Between the two presidential candidates, we have two different choices on the war. Barack Obama promises to have all troops, that are overseas in Afghanistan, home by 2014.

If this were to happen, we could save hundreds, maybe thousands of lives by doing so. We have been in Afghanistan for about eleven years now, and according to cbsnews.com, article by David Martin, the hit two-lives back June. If we troops in Af- we can lose American U.S. military out Osama

"The death toll hit two-thousand lives back in early June,"

-David Martin,  
www.cbsnews.com

and wiped out most of Al-Qaeda. And even emancipated Iraq by capturing and killing Saddam Hussein. There is no need for the military to still be in Afghanistan right now.

Mitt Romney has a different opinion on the war in Afghanistan. If he were put into office by the American people, he would keep the troops in Af-

ghanistan. He would like to have the troops home but the Afghanistan's situation tops the safety of the troops. They are not to come home until the situation overseas is on good standings. What we are doing now overseas is keeping the civilians safe and keeping the Taliban out. The U.S. military is half way across the world keeping another country safe, instead of our own home. Even the national guard has been sent over there. We need to keep our country safe first.

The American people have two different choices on who to become president. It is not just about who looks good on T.V. and who can get the crowd fired up the most, or even how great of a smile that they have. It is about the views of many different things, war is a pretty big thing. And which person is elected president, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney, can make a huge change in the way of living, the country and in the World. Keep our troops safe, vote Obama.



# 4 ACTIVITIES

Read about how Logan Fuller felt after his dangerous accident during a football game. See "The happenings of a hard hit," to get the scoop on what happened.

## Dedication, motivation, and trust are the secrets to the bond

Ashlee Reece, senior, talks about the sisterhood & the bonding that her and her fellow volleyball teammates go through everyday.

By: Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

It's game day. She has her hair combed back and it is up in a high bun. She puts on her jersey and spandex. She pulls up her high knee socks, slips on her knee pads and last, not but not least, laces up her shoes. She and the rest of her teammates gather at the front of the school and wait for the bus to come. The bus has arrived. She sits down and it just hits her that this is her last year of volleyball so she has to make the most of it.

Ashlee Reece, senior, has been playing volleyball for five years since she was in the eighth grade. She plays two certain positions on the team. "I play in the back row, mainly left back and sometimes right back." She said. Dedication is one of the things that keep this girl going. "The amount of time I get to participate reflects directly from how hard I work in practice and how dedicated I am," she said. Motivation is a good characteristic to have in every sport. "I suppose I'm motivated by the fact that volleyball is a game that I love and I want to do my best and be the best that I can and also I am super competitive!" she said. Dedication plus motivation is what makes the game go round.

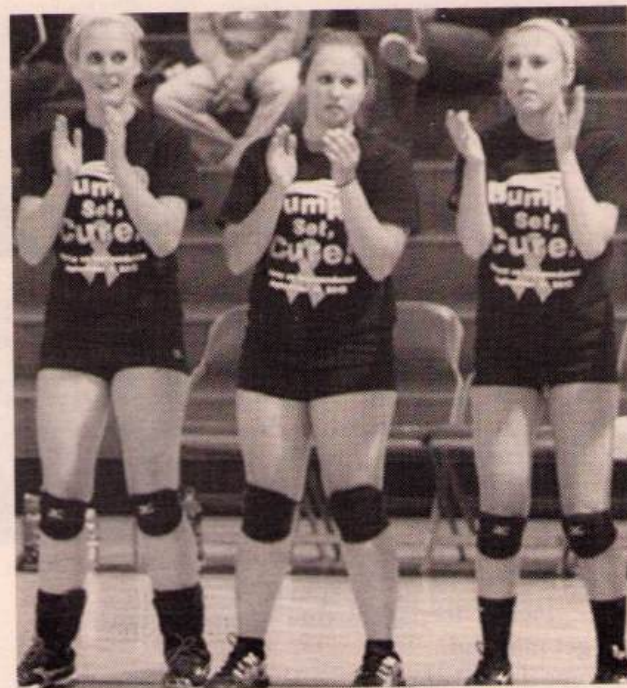
Ashlee has a lot of memories from playing. "When I was in club volleyball my team and I were at the finals and I had twelve ace serves in a row!" she said. Ace serves take a lot of practice and

sometimes luck. The bus rides and team bonding are some of her most cherished memories. "One year we did a scavenger hunt around the school and it was complete chaos but super fun and my sophomore year we did so many things with team bonding that we really became a family." She said. Camaraderie is a good thing.

The volleyball girls are more than just a team they are a sisterhood. They bond in so many great ways. "We do little activities like the summer volleyball camps and on the last day everyone goes to Volleys and we get to compete against everyone and it's really fun. Also we sometimes play games during practice that involve trusting one another." Ashlee said. The team just started a few short weeks ago so not much has gone on for bonding yet. "We haven't done much yet this year for the bonding but it's just the beginning of the season and just being on the court with everyone is a great bonding experience." She said. Volleyball is all about the bond.

Every sport team should trust each other, be comfortable with each other and act like a family. "I think that we do have a good camaraderie. We really are a family we have been together since middle school and every year the bond gets stronger. We really trust and rely on each other." She said. Ashlee says that the best part about volleyball is when the team really starts to click and everything comes together. The electricity on the

court is thrilling and they feed off each other's excitement. As their season progresses and comes to an end it won't be about the wins or the losses, it will be about the team camaraderie.



Sidney Larsen, Ashlee Reece, and Courtney Zeets all '13, "check in" to their match against Indee.

## The happenings of a hard hit

By: Breiana Brown [Executive Editor]

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He does it all, from right back, cornerback, kick offs and more. That all halted during the 3rd kick return during a game. The thought of how he may never play again flooded into his head.

Logan Fuller is a junior this year at Marion and not too long ago he was injured and carried off of the field. It was a scary sight and had fans in shock. "There were a lot of people worried, I think I had the entire stands worried." Not just the hit itself, but also the sound of the hit was heard by people in the crowd. What did it feel like? Logan explains it very well. "I had an instant headache, my whole spine went numb and it was very painful." Looking back Logan is glad he didn't suffer extensive damage.

There was a time where he was really nervous. "After I got the first two CAT scans back the doctor told me there was one more thing to check over and that was on my back, that made me nervous, to know that I could be done for the season or even be done with other

sports." It's a good thing that Logan was okay.

The extent of his injuries was a compressed spine. "I was very relieved knowing that nothing was broken or anything was wrong. There was some joyful tears." The hospital didn't just have family and friends there.

The kid that delivered the blow to Logan showed up too. "I thought it was nice of the kid and it showed

how much of a gentleman he was to come in and see how I was doing with the injury." It's nice to know that there are decent people out in the world and that guy was one of them.

You'd think that after an experience like that Logan's view of football would change. "I can't really let it change the way I feel about football because then it'll make me timid." Logan said "but it does make me a little nervous." Logan has a pretty good outlook on the entire situation and a good attitude seems

Logan Fuller, '14, is thankful to be okay, and will be on the sidelines cheering on his team until he can play once again.

to be what's getting him through. In the end he's just thankful to be okay, without sports Logan's life would drastically change. He has a passion and it's going to be his time to shine once again.



## Peter and Mahlia march for Marion

By: Grace Ehlinger [Ads Editor]

Every year, as summer winds down, fall activities start up. Students put in many hours going to practice before the beginning of the school year to ensure their success over the season. Marching band is no different, although this year all that hard work has started showing better results than ever before, and everyone is excited to see where all this talent will take them.

Peter Rethwisch, senior, has been in band for seven years. He puts in about nine hours of practice on his trumpet each week- stretch that out from the end of August to the middle of October and it's quite a commitment. Not that Peter minds, "It's just fun," he said. Being apart of marching band is worth all the work.

During practices, the band has a lot to go over. "We usually do some run-throughs of the entire show," Peter said. The music isn't where they have the most to work on, though. "Learning the drill to march to [is the most difficult]." The best thing everyone can do is simply "Practice and be focused during practice," he said. Staying focused not only helps Peter, but everyone around him as well.

Each year comes with its own set

of challenges, but it seems as though this year may have less than usual. "[This year] has been a lot better than last year. We've got more under our belts at this point," Peter said. Being ahead of schedule will especially help when it comes to competitions. "We have a good show and a lot of potential that is untapped so far." The band as a whole also has some particular strengths when it comes to performing. "Our music is really strong, it sounds better than it has; people are picking things up quickly," Peter said. Each of those strengths will be very beneficial when it comes to competitions.

Mahlia Brown, freshman, has been playing the French horn for five years. She really enjoys marching band, especially all of the band members she works so closely with. "[The best part of marching band is] the people, having fun and goofing around," she said. Mahlia sees a lot of promise in the band this year as well. "I feel like the freshman class has a lot to offer because there's more of us and we have a lot of potential." Because she's a freshman, it will be exciting for Mahlia to be a part of marching band the next three years and watch the talent in her class grow with each year.

Throughout the marching band season, there are eight competitions total. They're pretty simple. "Just play your show and then awards at the end that tell you who won points-wise," Peter said. All of those competitions will keep them very busy.

With the season going so well, it will be interesting to watch how the marching band does throughout the fall, and next time the marching band is on the field, take some time to appreciate all the hard work that goes into each performance.



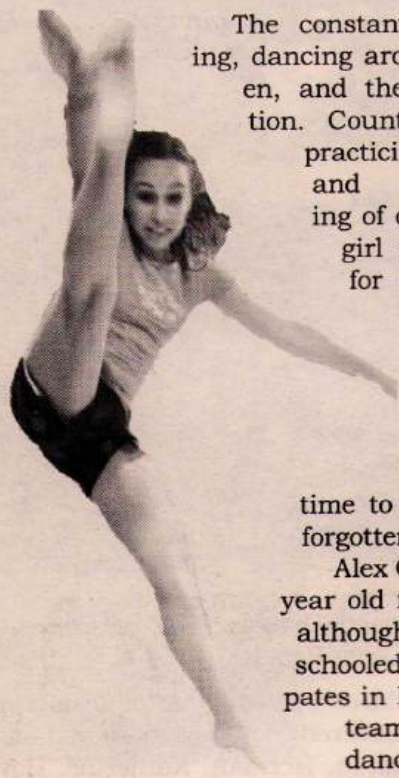
The trumpet section of the marching band performing at half time during a game.



## Alex Coleman: determined to be a memorable dancer

Coleman explains how hard work made her the dancer she is today.

By: Breiana Brown [Executive Editor]



Alex Coleman, '16 shows off her impressive dance moves!

The constant music blasting, dancing around the kitchen, and the daily dedication. Countless hours of practicing, hard work, and even dreaming of dance. A young girl full of passion for something she loves. The blood, sweat, and tears all seem worth it, because, when it comes time to perform, all is forgotten.

Alex Coleman is a 14 year old freshman, and, although she is home schooled, she participates in Marion's dance team. She has danced at three different studios since the unbelievable age of

two, and with dancing for 12 years comes a lot of practice.

Alex loves dance so extensively that she can't even pick her favorite style of dance. "I love tap, jazz, funky jazz, modern, lyrical, pointe, hip-hop, poms, you name it, I've done it." With so many choices to choose from it's easy to see why it would be hard to pinpoint any one particular style.

Alex seems not to just enjoy dance team for the sole reason of dancing; she also enjoys the social aspect of it. "I am home schooled, so for me it is a huge way to meet people... they have made a huge impact on my life." With perseverance anything can become possible. Alex is proof of this because her love of dance has been tested.



Alex Coleman '16 demonstrates a toe touch.

Although some people may claim that dance isn't a sport, Alex would have to strongly disagree with them. That's because dance is her favorite

sport, and is also a lot of her teammates' favorite.

Nowadays, no one could convince Alex to ever quit dancing, but there did come a time that someone had to convince her to stay in dance. It was just three years ago. "I decided around the age of 11 I wanted to quit. My dance teacher found out and pulled me aside and convinced me I should stay and work," and that she did. Alex stayed and she worked to the best of her ability, and it showed.

Dedication re-lit the fire in her. "I worked my butt off, now I'm one of the better leapers and better dancers in my class." Alex is a perfect example of why people shouldn't give up on their dreams and that sticking it out through the hard times can pay off in the long run.

Alex Coleman '16 does a Scorpion leg holding dance position.

## Cross country: Tara takes a tedious run

By: Claire Nash [Photo Editor]

It is the night before her next meet. She and the rest of her teammates are getting ready for all of the delicious, mouth watering food that is about to be served at team dinner. Lots and lots of carbs is what they are served. After team dinner is done she goes home and gets a good night sleep before the meet that will take place the next day. She is a runner.

Tara Zumwalt, junior, has been participating in cross country for the past five years. She runs because she loves it. "Yes I enjoy cross country! I have done it since seventh grade, so this is my fifth year. It is a lot of fun both also because I have made so many friends through it!" She said. She wants to beat her best time from last year this season. "My goal this season is to beat my best time from last year! Because I love running and So I want to get at least a 17:35!" She said. Her best time is a 17:36 for a 2.5 mile race. Being a distance runner has its benefits when it comes to this sport.

The team runs a lot of miles during the week. "The miles we do a week varies a lot, but maybe on average around 20ish. We work on speed and strength a lot too, so it isn't just plain running mile after mile all the time." Tara's favorite course is Independence. "It is very pretty and is a flat course. I also like Anamosa a lot." She said. Since this sport is all about running each runner needs a pair of good shoes. "I try to only go through one pair each year because they are expensive. That is probably how long the average pair lasts with how much running we do anyway." She said. These runners practice from about 3:15 to 5:00 every day during the school week.

Music gets the adrenaline pumping for meet days. "I listen to three kinds of music, depending on my mood for the day: current, upbeat music that is fun to sing and dance along with, oldies like the Cars, ZZ Top, or Journey, or sound tracks from the Harry Potter or Pirates of the Caribbean," said Tara. Music on game days is what works for her. Tara also eats an apple after every race.

"I also sometimes try to visualize that the girls in front of me are ice cream cones." - Tara Zumwalt '14

Tara thinks about a lot while running. "When I am running in a race I usually tell myself to catch the girls ahead of me, or to get to the top of the pack. I also sometimes try to visualize that the girls in front of me are ice cream cones or bottles of water; that is usually what I crave when I am tired of running! But on long runs during practice you have a lot of time to think about life and what's going on. So it's great. So I think about a great variety of things. I also replay books or movies inside my head if I am in the zone and don't need to think as much about keeping my pace up or breathing correctly. Sometimes, it is just as nice to let your brain go completely blank and just take in the world that passes by!" She said. Running is a good escape.

Tara says, "That if anyone is wanting to join a really fun sport and make a lot of friends, cross is for you! You shouldn't be intimidated by the amount of miles or anything because you can go slow at first and once you're in shape, it is fun! In my opinion it is the best sport because absolutely anyone can participate (there are even people in wheelchairs that do cross) and running is something you can do for the rest of your life!" So if you love to running then cross is something you should go for.



Tara Zumwalt, '14, concentrates on the race.

## Kriegel's yelling for MHS

By: Taylor Millis [Feature Editor]

She walked out of practice with her teammates tired but smiling. Though practice was long and hard she had a great time with her friends. She knows that they will be prepared for the football game on Friday.

Kallie Kriegel, sophomore, is on the junior varsity cheer team. She has been cheering since she was in seventh grade and has fallen in love with the sport ever since. She is on the football, basketball and competition cheer teams. "I like football season the best because it is warm outside and we get to practice outside," says Kallie. Kallie has truly fallen in love with this sport.

"I don't have a favorite memory, I have too many to choose just one," Kallie states. Kallie doesn't just like the sport for only the sport she loves her team just as much. "Getting to know people and bonding is my favorite part of cheer," Kallie says. In order to be able to work together and bring school spirit into the crowd you have to be a close knit team.

Kallie and her team put a lot of effort into cheer on the MHS football team this fall. "[We run] about a mile every day, sometimes more. We practice about ten hours a week and with competition it is sixteen hours." The MHS cheer team has been working very hard this year to bring new cheers and stunts to the stands. "We have a new stunt; we call it 'The Flip.'" The cheer team has worked hard throughout the summer and school year to show off their new talents and be able to wow the crowd this fall.

Friday night has arrived and Kallie walks onto the MHS track in her uniform. She sets down her stuff and begins warming up with her team. They go over the cheers together and practice their stunts so that when the game begins and they step out in front of the crowd they will be ready to pump up the stands.



Kallie Kriegel, '15, cheers at the football game.



## New iPhone 5 frenzy

By: Haley Shaffer [Social Media Editor]

The iPhone 5 is finally out! Apple's goal was to seemingly create the fastest and the lightest phone ever. The phone has all the features it was expected to have like a larger display screen and even more like a new sleek look. The phone is much lighter too. It weighs 112 grams, not even four ounces! The phone is also thinner. With a thinner phone itself, comes a thinner display. The display is 30% thinner than before. And with a whole new design, it required all new technology. The phone has the first ever Retina display with touch technology. With a thinner display and Retina technology, the picture on the screen will be more clear than ever before. With a better, clearer picture, comes a better camera. The iSight 8MP camera has panorama view and a low light mode. The best phone ever also has a 20% smaller camera than the one in the iPhone 4S, yet still possessing all of the features. Apple has changed a vast amount of things to the phone, even right down to all new headphones. The unique shape is built for comfort and high quality. Apple has named the headphones EarPods. The way the iPhone 5 was made has been changed too. The iPhone 5 was made with recycled materials. Now with the features, the wireless is ultrafast with LTE wireless technology. LTE will get people fastest wireless without compromising battery life. The phone features iOS 6, which is a super advanced operating system. It comes with more capability than what was in the iPhone 4S.

The phone comes with iCloud, which is the most incredible storing system ever. If someone saves something on their iPhone, they can find it on their iPad, Mac, PC, or iPod.

The iPhone 5 has a more features and will most likely get everyone itching to get one. It'll be all anyone is talking about until the next one.



Eva Mineart '14 sits with her entertaining iPhone.

## Spooky ghost stories that are close to home

There are multiple places in Eastern Iowa that have scary haunted stories.

By: Taylor Lamm  
[Opinion Editor]

Stories of haunting's are the talk of the season in the fall. Everyone wants to know where to go to experience something spooky and figure out if haunting's are real or just a made up stories. There are even people who travel all over the country to see for themselves exactly what happens. But there is no need to travel; there are some haunted places in Linn County.

One of these haunted places is in Palo. The Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, also known as the Thirteen Steps Cemetery, is known for the stairs leading to the entrance of the graveyard. During the day there are only twelve steps present to climb, but at night there are thirteen. Once people get into the graveyard, according to The Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations, people have witnessed floating orbs of light over certain graves. Some people have even reported that they have heard voices and laughs of children. Some have even reported to have been touched or pushed while walking around the graveyard at night.

There is even a haunted place right here in Cedar Rapids. Oak Hill Cemetery is known for the young Czech women that will grant any disrespectful people who visit her grave. If someone is disrespectful they will have bad luck.

If people are in the mood for a little bit of travel a good place to stop would be the Axe Murder House in Villisca, Iowa. This is the town that is known for the murders that happened to one family in their very own house during the night. According to The Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations; Josiah Moore the father and his wife Sarah Moore were the first to be murdered in the home. Stories say that this happened because the murderers) didn't want the parents to be wo-



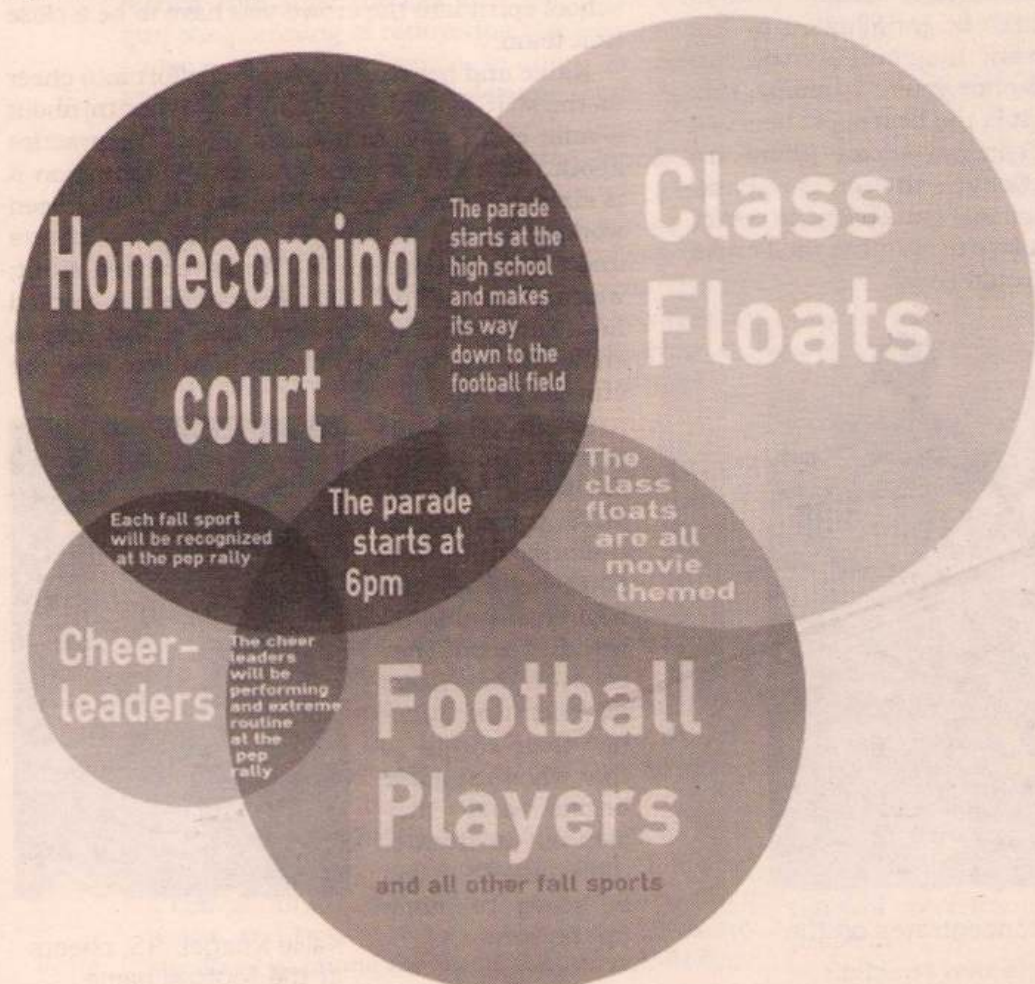
This is the entrance to the supposedly haunted Oak Hill Cemetery on Mount Vernon Road in Cedar Rapids.

ken by the children's screams. After Josiah and Sarah were murdered the murders moved on to their four children, Herman, Katherine, Boyd, and Paul, and their two friends. It was said that the children were killed in their sleep face down. All of the Moore's and the two other little girls were killed with the same weapon, an axe. The house is now said to be haunted because there are reports of doors opening and closing, people seeing figures of a person that isn't there, and being pinched, pushed, and touched by unknown sources. But one of the scariest occurrences reported about this house is that a group of friends went into the house to find blood dripping down the walls. When the group went to find where the blood was coming from, the blood disappeared.

Reports of places being haunted can come from everywhere in Iowa. There are way more than just these two scary places. Going to haunted places with friends or family is a fun, spooky, and an easy way to get out and learn about Iowa's history. Maybe you will even witness a haunting of your own.

## What to expect at the Homecoming Parade and the pep rally Thursday

By: Kiersten Kiene [Staff Writer]



## Hawkeye football season returns

A current season record and a full season schedule

By: Haley Shaffer [Media Editor]

Hawkeye Football 2012-2013 Season Schedule:		
09/01/12	vs. Northern Illinois	W 18-17
09/08/12	vs. Iowa State	L 9-6
09/15/12	vs. Northern Iowa	W 26-16
09/22/12	vs. Central Michigan	L 32-31
09/29/12	vs. Minnesota (HC)	Home
10/13/12	vs. Michigan State	There
10/20/12	vs. Penn State	Home
10/27/12	vs. Northwestern	There
11/03/12	vs. Indiana	There
11/10/12	vs. Purdue (Family Weekend)	Home
11/17/12	vs. Michigan	There
11/23/12	vs. Hy-Vee Heroes vs. Nebraska	Home

The Iowa Hawkeye's have had a rough start to their season, barely winning the first game against Northern Illinois, and then losing to Iowa State again this year. Yet somehow, Iowa pulled out a kill for the Northern Iowa game and beat them by ten points. Hopefully the Hawks will improve so that the fans can have a break from sitting on the edge of their couches and screaming at their televisions. Football is something that a heck of a lot of people take extremely seriously and so far, the Hawks haven't proved themselves to be a great team. Their offense have been lacking for almost all of the games that they've played. It seems understandable though, considering the Hawks hired a new offensive coordinator this year. However, there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel considering that the last game against Central Michigan, the Hawks fumbled the ball. Maybe if the fans keep the faith, the Hawks could make it a comeback season and surprise us all.



A popular '90s band is playing their songs on pop radio. Read the details in, "No Doubt gets an album out."

## Twenty songs that have topped the charts in twenty twelve

Read about some of the top twenty songs from this year so far, there are so many different genres of music maybe one of your favorites will be on the list

By: Claire Nash [Photo editor]

Many people have their own say about what the top 25 songs are of 2012. Lots of people always throw the classics in to their list Some people are in love with top 90's hits such as; I Want Candy by Aaron Carter, Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom!! by the Vengaboys or Oops!...I Did It Again by the one and only miss Britney Spears. Some of the top songs on this list will not be considered one of the top 30 songs by a lot of people, but this is the list of some of the new top 20 songs of 2012.

1. Wanted by Hunter Hayes
2. What Makes You Beautiful by One Direction
3. One Thing by One Direction
4. Girl On Fire by Alicia Keys
5. Mercy by Kanye West Big Sean Pusha T 2 Chainz
6. We Are Never Getting Back Together by Taylor Swift
7. Clique by Kanye West, Jay-Z & Big Sean
8. Springsteen by Eric Church
9. Don't Wake Me Up by Chris Brown
10. Cashin' Out by Ca\$h Out
11. Why Ya Wanna by Jana Kramer
12. Thinkin Bout You by Frank Ocean
13. Fastest Girl In Town by Miranda Lambert
14. Want You Back by Cher Lloyd
15. Snapbacks & Tattoos by Driicky Graham
16. Make It Nasty by Tyga
17. I Don't Want This Night To End by Luke Bryan
18. Demons by Imagine Dragons
19. Come Wake Me Up by Rascal Flatts
20. No Lie (Feat. Drake) by 2 Chainz

## Twilight saga comes to an end

By: Haley Shaffer [Media Editor]

The final installment of the Twilight Saga is almost here. The Twilight Saga, Breaking Dawn part 2 is set to hit theatres on November 16 and is expected to be a huge hit. The movie concludes the Twilight series following the past four movies, which were all a great success, each movie making millions of dollars. According to statisticbrain.com, the movies combined have made a total of \$4,705,100,000. Although Twilight has received cruel criticism in the past, in 2008 it overtook

Harry Potter for Fandango ticket sales according to Fandango.com. The movie was more than 94% of sales weekly by Fandango.

Breaking Dawn part 2 continuing off of the end of part 1, when Bella becomes a vampire after she has her child, Renesmee. The movie's plot is about what happens when the Cullen's are thought to be using Renesmee's powers to challenge the Volturi. To protect themselves and save their family, Bella and Edward must join forces once again with Jacob's wolf pack and defeat the Volturi. The vampires are apprehensive to join with the wolf pack because

emies and do not get along too well. The movie is sure to be thrilling and jaw dropping just like the past four were. People should be sure not miss out on this crazy conclusion!

### Breaking Dawn Part 2

#### Information:

Genre: Drama/ Fantasy  
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and Taylor Lautner  
Tickets go on sale at midnight on September 30, 2012!

## No Doubt gets an album out

By: Grace Ehlinger [Ads Editor]

When people think of 90's music, groups like Green Day, Wu Tang Clan and Destiny's Child come to mind, but only one 90's band is currently relevant in entertainment news for their upcoming album: No Doubt.

The last No Doubt album was released eleven years ago, and although they're not as widely known today, they have been picking up fans a generation younger than before in anticipation for their new album "Push and Shove". In these last few years, the front woman, Gwen Stefani, has started her own solo career, and in that space of time the band has also released a greatest hits compilation.

The band's single "Settle Down" was released July 16 and has already received

lots of praise as being a solid addition to their earlier work. It's even shown up on eight different song charts around the world for weeks including its peak position in the 18<sup>th</sup> spot of U.S. Airplay Top 100.

This album will be taking some fans back a decade when No Doubt came out with their first albums. Hopefully the momentum Gwen Stefani gained from her solo career will carry into this album and help it live up to its expectations.

### No Doubt facts

- Formed in 1986
- Formed in Orange County, L.A.
- They have five albums
- Gwen Stefani- vocals, Tony Kanal- bass, Tom Durmont- guitar, Adrian Young- drums

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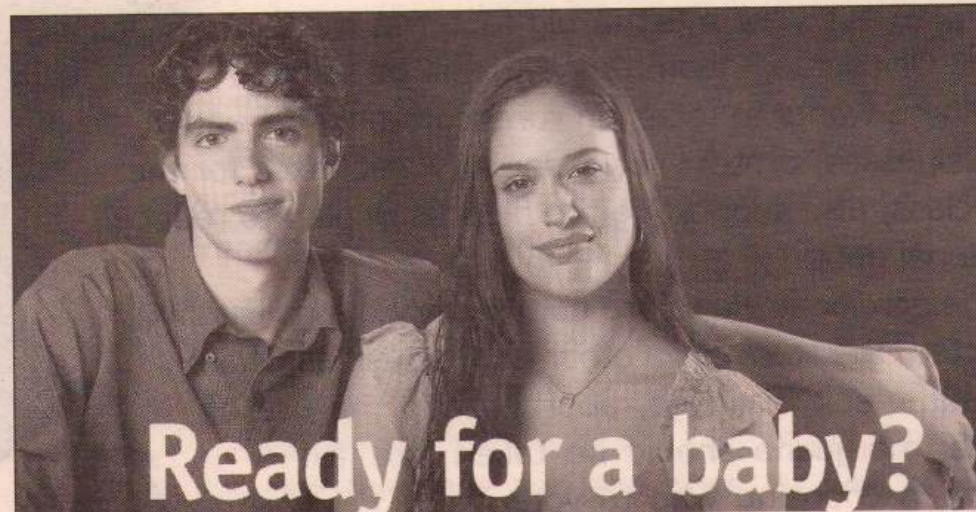
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"[I like] Obama because he is awesome. I just don't like Mitt Romney."  
-Amanda Hinz, '14



"[I like] Mitt Romney because he isn't Obama. [Obama] hasn't helped the country financially."  
-Dalton Gardner, '15



"I don't know [who I like] because I don't know the differences between them."  
-Kylie McAllister, '15

# O B A M A

## Barack Obama

**Age:**  
51

**Spouse:**  
Michelle Obama

**Children:**  
Malia & Natasha

**Religion:**  
Protestant

### Political Views

**Abortion**  
Pro-Choice

**Marijuana**  
Legalize medical marijuana

**Life's Origin**  
Evolutionist

**War with Afghanistan**  
Withdraw troops within the next two years (by 2014)

**Death Penalty**  
No stance on the death penalty

**Same Sex Marriage**  
Approve same sex marriage

According to findthedata.org

By: Kiersten Kiene  
[Staff Writer]

President Obama, democrat, and vice president Joe Biden are both Protestant, as most presidents have been. According to findthedata.org, he has a background in academia, law, and politics, but no business background. Obama is at the age of 52 and received a B.A. in political science from Columbia University and also has a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is very well fit and acquitted for presidency.

Economic views, such as unemployment, social security, tax reform and the national budget plan are very much a big factor in the election. Of course, Obama's views will be democratic, so he wants to focus on rural communities and their businesses, protect social security, cut taxes for the middle class, also supporting the bipartisan plan to reduce the national debt.

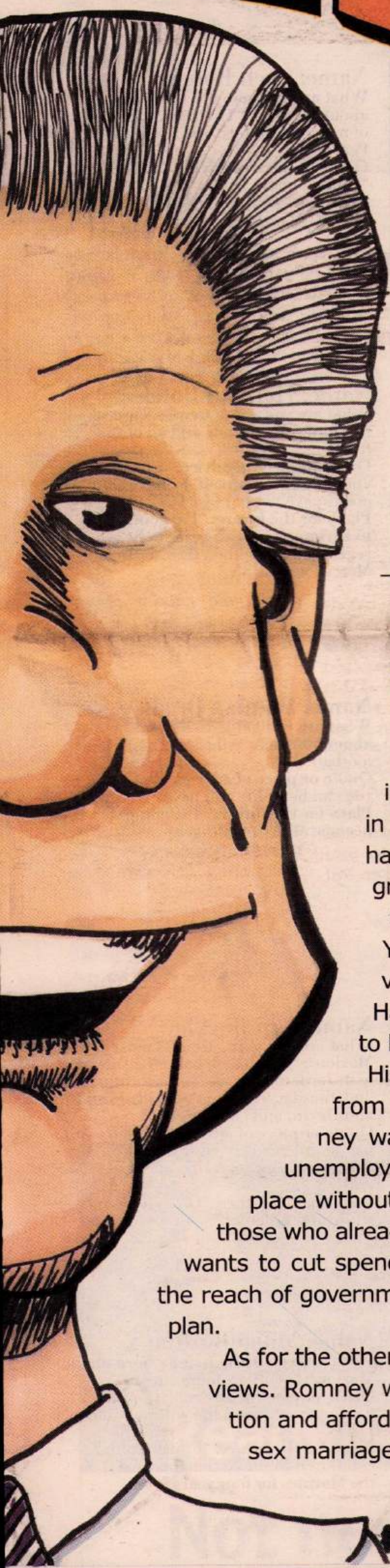
But the economic views are not the only things that will be affected; the stances on other issues such as Obamacare, same-sex marriage, abortion and the use of medicinal marijuana should be taken into account when choosing who to vote for as well. He would like to put each of the issues into effect for the entire country.



Cartoon drawn by: Alex Estes



# ROMNEY



Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, republican, and vice president of choice Paul Ryan are hoping to gain the office to change America back to republican views. According to findthedata.org, Romney is a Mormon and has background in Business and Politics, but fails to have any academia and law background. Romney is 62 years old and has received a B.A. from Brigham Young University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a M.B.A from Harvard Business School. He seems to be fit candidate for the job.

His economic views are different from president Barack Obama. Romney wants to open markets abroad for unemployment, keep the social security in place without raising taxes, decrease taxes for those who already have health insurance, and also wants to cut spending from the budget and reduce the reach of government as part of his national budget plan.

As for the other issues, he also has very different views. Romney wants to repeal the patient protection and affordable health care in act, ban same-sex marriage and abortions, as well as outlaw medical marijuana. His views will be put into effect if he is voted into office.

**MHS choice for president:**

**And the winner is...**

*Obama*

*Romney*

**64%**



**36%**

**MHS Party Breakdown**

**29%**

**45%**

**25%**

*Democrat*

*Independant*

*Republican*

## Mitt Romney

**Age:**

65

**Spouse:**

*Anne Romney*

**Children:**

*Josh, Tagg, Ben,  
Matt & Craig*

**Religion:**

*Mormon*

### Political Views

**Abortion**

*Pro-Life*

**Marijuana**

*Outlaw medical  
marijuana*

**Life's Origin**

*Evolutionist*

**War with  
Afghanistan**

*Bring troops home as soon  
as possible, according to  
orders of U.S. Generals*

**Death Penalty**

*Allow death  
penalty sentence*

**Same Sex Marriage**

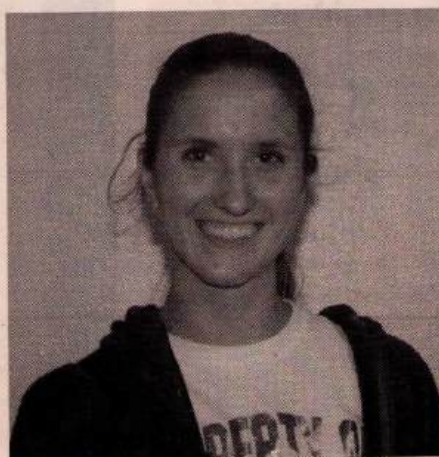
*Ban same  
sex marriage*

According to findthedata.org



# 10 SENIOR INTERVIEWS

Get some advice about being yourself, motivation, classes, homework, and change from the seniors of 2012.



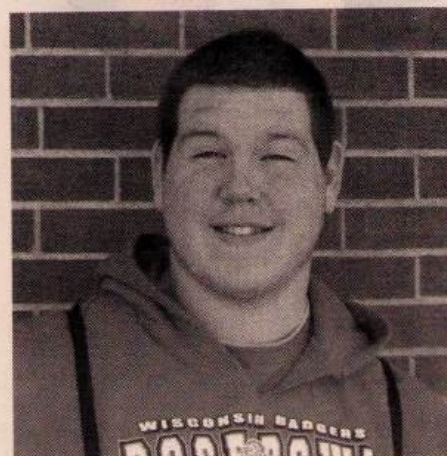
**Name:** Emily Almandinger  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "I'll miss seeing my friends everyday and dance team."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Don't do nothing, because you can't do everything."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to Wartburg College for biology and pre-medicine."



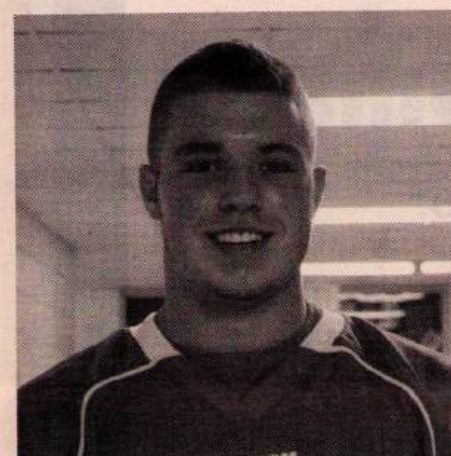
**Name:** Courtney Bohland  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "My speech team, the music department, the Nerd Herd, and the Sexy 6."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Slow down; calm down; don't hurry; don't worry; trust the process."  
**Plans for the future:** "I plan to attend Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and double major in neuroscience and premed in the hopes of pursuing a career in neurosurgery."



**Name:** Michael Anderson  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "The tennis team."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Boys we've never won before and they are really good, so good luck, keep battling."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to college and major in engineering and play varsity tennis."



**Name:** Zach Borens  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "The Daily Grind, all of my great friends, and Immerfall & Perk."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "What?" and "Huh?" -Justin Dolley  
**Plans for the future:** "Play football at UI or UW or ISU."



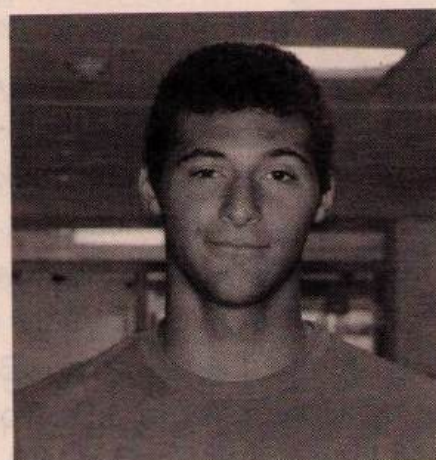
**Name:** Austin Ashley  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Not being able to park in the SENIOR lot that I earned."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Take college classes or you WON'T be prepared."  
**Plans for the future:** "Join the military, then go into police academy."



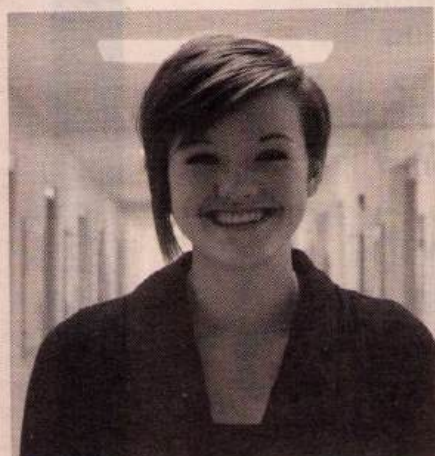
**Name:** Hannah Boteler  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "My friends and all of the teachers."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."  
**Plans for the future:** "I'm going to Kirkwood for two years to be a registered nurse then transfer to Mt. Mercy for my BSN."



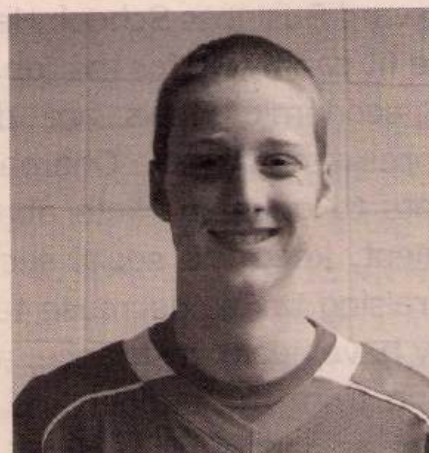
**Name:** Trev Biery  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "The sporting events, easy classes, Mrs. Webber, Heather the trainer, building trades with Zack Matthess :)"  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Life is hard, courage is essential."  
**Plans for the future:** "Attend a four-year college and play either baseball or football."



**Name:** Daquan Bradley  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "All of my friends and football"  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Be all that you can be in life and have no regrets."  
**Plans for the future:** "I'm going to become an Army Ranger."



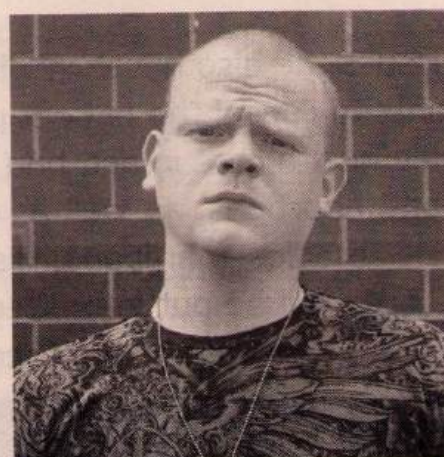
**Name:** Paige Boche  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Getting to see all of my friends everyday."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "When you are assigned homework over the summer, don't wait until the last week to do it... you will die."  
**Plans for the future:** "I'm thinking about going to Iowa but other than that, I have no idea."



**Name:** Ben Buckley  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Football & basketball, 2- by's with Jordan Cole, mentor meetings, the 2nd Tuesday in November with Jordan and Devin, and game nights."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Of course it's happening inside your head, Harry, but why on earth should that mean it is not real?"  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to Iowa and study in pre-dental."



**Name:** Storm Bogs  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "All the friends I've made throughout the years, the teachers, and being in journalism!"  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Be the change you wish to see in the world."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to University of Iowa to major in Public Relations."



**Name:** Mitch Burhite  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Daily announcements."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "If you work hard, everything in life will fall into place."  
**Plans for the future:** "Finish my 6x2 contoured in the National Guard then the Marines for four years."

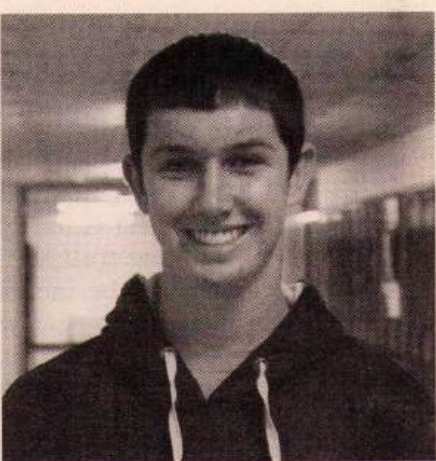


Read about some memories the seniors have about Marion and the great times they've had with friends.

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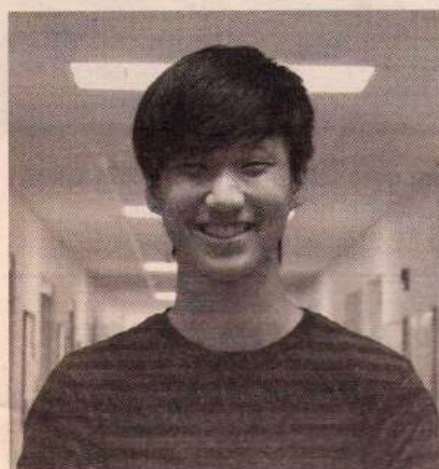
**Name:** Jared Buscher  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "The math classes with Mrs. Johnson, and all the Pokemon played in that class."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Hugs not drugs."  
**Plans for the future:** "Partying hard, going to ISU and becoming a programmer/software developer."



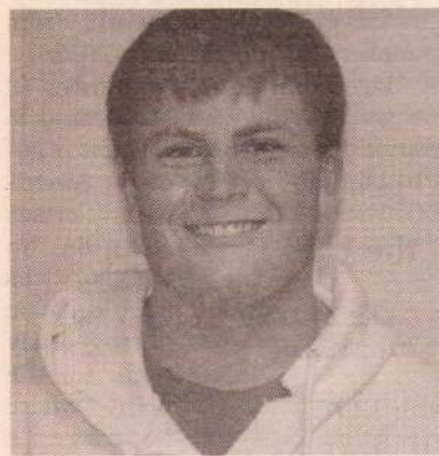
**Name:** Nicholas Connolly  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Playing in and going to all the sporting events. Also seeing all of my friends everyday."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Don't waste today, when there might not be a tomorrow."  
**Plans for the future:** "Attend the U of I for biomedical engineering."



**Name:** Alex Charipar  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** Baseball, friends, discussing sports with young Mess, Rednation, football games, balling at Jeezy's, Beefy-5-layers."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Child, please." and "Let it be."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to Iowa or play baseball at a small college."



**Name:** Russel Clayton  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "I'm going to miss bowling with wrong way Rethwisch, and I'm going to miss quack quack Soprano's in the back."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Take a risk, try something new if you are given the chance, it'll only come once, and have no regrets."  
**Plans for the future:** "I plan to double major in zoology and culinary then minor in vocal performance."



**Name:** Jordan Cole  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Football, friends, Pete Messerli, 2-by's with Ben Buckley, Alexander Marie Charipar, Brian Kinney's 'YES!', and Excel Word Power Point 2 with Devin and Chayse."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Block Party" -Pete Messerli, and "It wasn't me."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to UNI."



**Name:** Micaela Combs  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Seeing my peeps everyday, teachers, my volleyball BB's, bus rides, dance parties in the parking lot after track meets, team dinners, & Amanda Sahn."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Obstacles don't have to stop you. God gives you his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers."  
**Plans for the future:** "Attend ISU or UNI, travel overseas, & study somewhere in the human science department. :)"



**Name:** Sam Condry-Krizan  
**What are you going to miss most about Marion?:** "Friday night football games, basketball games, seeing my friends everyday, and lunch conversations."  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Don't regret your decisions, good or bad they helped you become who you are today."  
**Plans for the future:** "Go to Kirkwood, become a teen substance abuse counselor or social worker."

## Seniors in the next issue:

Mackenzie Coughenour  
Emily Cox  
James Craig  
Sean Darland  
Andrew Davis  
Rachael Davis  
Alice Dixon  
Justin Dolley  
Meghan Donehoo  
Maxwell Drinkwine

Zachary Edmonds  
Sarah Eimers  
Jordan Enneking  
Alexzandrea Estes  
Brandon Fagle  
Katlynn Fortner  
Jacob Franck  
Isaac Frazier  
Devin Gaffney  
Erin Garringer

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## Central Corridor Plan: Marion's plan to increase visitors

Kiersten Kiene: [Staff Writer]

There are signs. People talk about it. It's on the News. The reconstruction project on seventh ave has many people feuding, especially the businesses on seventh avenue. The Central Corridor Plan is the name of this big project. It all started back in 2009 when a railroad company sold the land on sixth avenue to the city.

The Central Corridor Plan is an upgrade for the city of Marion. The first phase of the plan has five different stages, construction on all the streets that go through sixth avenue from tenth street to thirteenth. All of the streets and intersections will be done in stages allowing only one street to be closed at a time. The whole point of the project is to bring more businesses into sixth avenue and to split the traffic in half between sixth and seventh avenue. It also is improving the stormwater system in the areas, which the city didn't have when it had first started.

Kesha Billings, the associate planner for the project, talks highly of the project, "It's an ideal commercial setting and good for traffic that goes through uptown Marion already," Billings explains. The new road will affect the businesses on seventh avenue very slightly. When sixth ave is finished completely it will have many new stores, restaurants, and possibly office buildings, which

**"It's an ideal commercial setting and good for traffic that goes through uptown Marion already!"**

**-Kesha Billings, Associate Planner for the Central Corridor Plan**

in the long run will bring more people to uptown Marion on sixth and seventh avenue.

We can expect many different things to come when the project is finished. "There will be an eight foot walking trail on the road acting as sidewalks...there will be increased landscaping, lots more trees that will make the city more intriguing and inviting [for people that come through town and visitors]," Billings exclaims. The trail will hopefully help people moving along from business to business and will get more people walking. It will build the community for the future.

Many people want to keep the historical pieces apart of the town, such as the brick roads. "The city will keep the roads brick, but they will not be as bumpy. The history of the town is very important. The brick roads now were not kept as maintained as they should have been, but now they will be," Billings stresses. Hopefully the brick will keep the history of the city alive as the town is commercialized.

To keep up with the project there is a website that can be visited. The Central Corridor Project also has a facebook page and a YouTube channel so citizens of the city can keep in touch with the project and see how much further there is. Construction is not always the best thing for traffic, but this plan will help bring people into the town and will help the future of Marion.



Phase one of the Central Corridor Plan gets under way by doing some road work on sixth avenue in central Marion near the City Hall.

## New addition to the city blocks

By: Uriah Lekin [Staff Writer]

Clerk of courts Robert Phelps one of the many clerks preparing to fill the new federal building downtown on 8th avenue right next the cedar river but the time just won't come fast enough. This eight story building shall hold five federal courtrooms, the bankruptcy offices, two divorce courtrooms, and the rest of the two top floors are for the FBI agency, DEA, ATF, and you get the point.

Before 2008 the city was talking with the federal government about the new federal courthouse and during that time the city had begun the planning of renovating the Crowne Plaza now known as the Five Seasons center and leaving its ol Crowne Plaza name behind. When the flood hit the plans were delayed and our city in now more desperate need of a new upgrade and look. It has been four years since the flood and now along with the courthouse has come new city markets, new downtown stores, and now a new federal building. The old

federal building is now city hall and original city hall will be where the mayor and other city officials sit.

These upgrades we have seen for the past couples years like roads being remodeled, buildings downtown being remodeled, demolition and reconstruction of buildings are all a part of the city's role in bringing life to our city with a new major building coming in.

According to KCRG.com the amount of people coming to Cedar Rapids with the coming of the new Federal building is estimated around few hundred.

Robert stated "30 million dollars of the money was used on flood mitigation for the court house and the surrounding area and 10 million dollars was used to raise the ground where the federal building stands." He said. "This building has generated jobs for architects, construction workers, and engineers. Robert also added that "Citizens should come down and watch their federal courts in action." like divorces, suings, and cases against a criminal.

## Teens' paychecks gobbled up by gas

By: Uriah Lekin [Staff Writer]

Why are the gas prices so high this time of the year once everybody heads back to school and big sport seasons begin? That question is popping up in American commuters heads across the country from Silicon Valley (home of Facebook), to the big apple, Atlanta, and right here in the small town of Marion, Iowa. Teenagers right here use to worry about finals, the next big game, the top song on the billboards, or even whose get together was going to be the talk of the night but right now its gas prices.

Gas pumps are eating teens hard earned money like vacuums pick up dust! According to CNN.com we use 7.0 billion barrels of oil a month and 19.18 million per day and a barrel of oil differs between one hundred and one hundred and fifty dollars, do the math. In 2008 gas prices were \$3.70

around this time and in September of 2011 they were \$2.73 and from then to January of 2012 they jumped to \$3.08 according to Econbrowser.com. Eighty-seven cents a month, from September 2011 to January 2012!

A barrel of oil in September of 2008 was \$30.68 cents according to Bloombergreport.com. Well, gas is going to be high because of the American

crises going on. No the gas prices shouldn't be outrageously high to the point where teenager's paychecks are just going out the win-

### Averages in the U.S.

Cost of barrel of oil in 2008: \$101.63  
Cost of barrel of oil in 2012: \$90.66

Cost of a gallon in 2008: \$3.70  
Cost of a gallon in 2012: \$3.72

Info obtained from: cnn.com

dow on gas. Teens can stand up by signing petitions or even simply voicing their opinions on blogs, videos on Youtube, and/or even just posting something on Facebook or Twitter. No matter what, something needs to be done so teens can get back to enjoying their lives and can stop having to deal with outrageous gas prices.

## Stuffing the Ballot: voter fraud and how it affects the new teen voters

By: Catie Staff [Co-Executive Editor]

With the elections rapidly approaching, the presidential gossip is spreading like wildfire, leaving a stain on every candidate. One of the rumors found out to be true is that there has been more voter fraud this year as people vote repeatedly by stuffing ballots. The states have begun to pass laws that require voters to have an I.D. based on their passport or birth certificate.

According to the National Conference of State Legislature, there are nineteen states that have a non-photo I.D. law in effect, ten that require a photo, and twenty-two of them do not have any law. Iowa is among the states that do not yet have

any voter I.D. laws, but that could change very soon.

While voter I.D. laws may prevent voter fraud, it can also scare many voters away. New voters such as Lillian Meyer, a senior who turned 18 in time to vote, isn't too worried about the law yet, because it isn't in effect here. "If there are people who have been voting over and over again, it seems like having an I.D. card is a good idea," said Lillian. "If it's not a huge problem here, then I don't think we have to implement it, but if it is, then we do need it." Iowa has ongoing investigations of voter fraud, so it could potentially be a problem.

Eighteen year olds can easily fill out voter reg-

istration papers and turn them in a few days before they vote. Getting an I.D. could be as simple as presenting a driver's license. "It depends on how complicated the process is," Lillian said. "Can't really vote if you don't know what to do. But it's just another hoop to jump through to get to adulthood." Lillian is excited to vote this year and have a say in her country's future.

Voter fraud can easily be prevented by requiring photo I.D., and new voters should not be afraid of it in the future. If the voter is following the rules and voting legally, there should be no problems with I.D. laws or fraud. The election results will be fair and each vote will be even more valuable with new laws.



## Who to know: bright and shining new faces at Marion

Meet the foreign exchange students for the 2012-'13 school year.

By: Breiana Brown [Co-Executive Editor] & Grace Ehlinger [Ads Editor]

Anna Lueing



Anna is a sixteen year old foreign exchange student. Back at home she would be a junior, but here at Marion she is a senior. Anna is from Germany and is staying with the Rael family while she is here. Anna says that she loves the food here, but that it's so bad for you. She also loves the sports, school spirit, how friendly people are, and how you can wear whatever you want without people asking you about it. Although it is a little hard because she misses her family, Anna is still super excited to go to Homecoming.

Anna Yamaguchi



Anna is a sixteen year old foreign exchange student from Japan. Back at home she would be in the tenth grade, but here she is a senior. The biggest differences for Anna are having to speak English all the time, and that everyone goes places in their own car. Although she isn't in any sports here at school she looks forward to taking a dance class with her house sister. The best thing here for Anna is the sense of freedom she now has.

Rebecca Busch



Rebecca is fifteen and would be in the tenth grade at home. She is from Germany and very excited to be here. She was a little nervous to come to Marion; all the new people and the new language. Rebecca is staying with the O'Brien family while she is here. She plans on doing the musical this year and she will also tryout for cheerleading. Rebecca has traveled all over, from Brazil to China, Europe, and more. She really likes the food here even though it's so unhealthy, she also likes how you can wear whatever you want.

## Meet the students

Learn a little about this years new students

Brandon See



Meet Brandon, he's a sixteen year old junior this year at Marion. Brandon moved to Marion over the summer, from Malaysia. He enjoys playing soccer and also video games in his free time. Brandon has made some pretty close friends since he has been here, Daniel Tribble and Taylor Chittick, are amongst those people. Even though he moved so far he still has relatives in Dubuque. For Brandon the best thing about coming here is a fresh new start, but the worst thing is having to leave a lot of friends and family behind.

## Marion High School welcomes several new teachers to the staff.

Jonathan Dyrland



Mr. Dyrland teaches all choir classes and directs the musical here at Marion. Mr. Dyrland sees Marion as a very high-achieving school, especially in the music department where he says there is "the potential for incredible success". His favorite thing about teaching here is working with students who in his opinion are the best and brightest. Outside of work, Mr. Dyrland likes to spend time with his wife and three kids, is the lead singer in a rock band, apart of his church's choir, and likes to play PS3.

Erik Trilk



Mr. Trilk is in his first year of teaching English full time at MHS. His favorite thing about Marion is how well the staff and students get along, and he loves being able to come back to high school every day. In his free time, Mr. Trilk likes to play the guitar, go to concerts and take his kids to the park. Mr. Trilk loves working at Marion and is excited about all the opportunities students here have, such as Creative Ink which he will soon also be teaching.

Apra Loomis



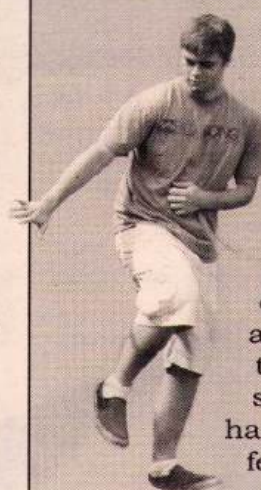
Ms. Loomis is the new teacher librarian at Marion. Ms. Loomis enjoys many things about her job including getting the chance to work with all groups of students, and of course, the books. Being able to work with all the students and staff as well as working with information and technology originally drew her to becoming a teacher librarian. Ms. Loomis likes photography, hanging out with friends and family and reading in her spare time.

McKenzy Usher



McKenzy, a fourteen-year-old freshman starting out the new year at Marion. McKenzie didn't come from too far away; she actually attended Vinton schools before transferring. Even though McKenzie was hesitant to move here because she didn't know anyone, she soon realized it wasn't too bad. In her free time she likes to hang out with friends and family. The best thing about moving here for McKenzie is that there is a lot more to do. If you're in choir you might just know McKenzie!

Zach Weir



Zach is a senior this year and is quite the character. His nickname is space or even space cake. Zach moved here from a "little" town called Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He likes Marion alright, but he claims Cedar Rapids has a "unique" and unpleasant smell. Even though Zach didn't know a single soul from Marion he has managed to make quite a few friends, which isn't hard to believe at all. In his free time he likes to play video games, he says it's a good way to stay in shape. For Zach the best thing about Marion is that you can walk everywhere. The worst? Peoples lack of Christmas spirit, even though he hasn't been here for the holidays!

### Additional new teachers

Kinga Balint-Langel, Special Ed  
Tasha Strand, English

## New students: the interesting in-comers

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| 9 Madison Bach        | 9 Victoria Biesterveld | 10 Elizabeth Topping      |
| 9 Sydney Frederick    | 9 Cheyanne Azbill      | 11 Courtney Rae Cummins   |
| 9 Aaron Stark         | 10 Tailyn Tichy        | 11 Breanna Benoit         |
| 9 Trevor Gamberdinger | 10 Donna Clark         | 11 Waylon Schmitt         |
| 9 SaCora Fisher       | 10 Keegan Paul         | 11 Madison Kisling        |
| 9 Kalie Zielke        | 10 Keavan Jones        | 11 Zacary Heinserling     |
| 9 Shiana Doudney      | 10 Andrew Higdon       | 11 Montana Madlon         |
| 9 Breanna Perry       | 10 Adrianna Ramsey     | 12 Hannah Wendling        |
| 9 Amanda Vasey        | 10 Dontavius Young     | 12 Bradi Phillip          |
| 9 Chloe Woodall       | 10 Donald Santee       | 12 Rudi Clark             |
| 9 Clayton Kwater      | 10 Jozee Peyton        | 12 Brittany Safely-Prigge |
| 9 Raven Taylor        | 10 Benjamin Miller     |                           |
| 9 Jacob Hugh          | 10 Angelique Ntezima   |                           |



## Quinn works on winning best homecoming float for juniors

Daly Quinn has worked on his class's float for three years, and it's hoping for a four-peat.

By: Taylor Millis [Feature Editor]

He sits down with his friends and a dictionary. They begin searching for the perfect homecoming float theme. It takes awhile and many ideas are crossed off the list before the perfect homecoming float theme is chosen. Now they just have to plan the look of the float so that their class can win 'best float' for the third year in a row.

Daly Quinn, is the junior class At-Large Representative. Since his freshman year Daly has been on student senate and one of his jobs is to help set up and make the homecoming float for his junior class. The first thing he has to do is come up with a float theme, but Daly says, "This year's theme is confidential." So the rest of Marion will just have to wait and see the float for during the Homecoming Parade on Thursday.

Daly has had many fun times making the homecoming floats. "The best part about making the floats is spending time with my friends," says Daly. He has made many memories over the years while making the homecoming floats. "There are too many great memories to choose from, I can't pick just one," Daly explains. it can't all be good.

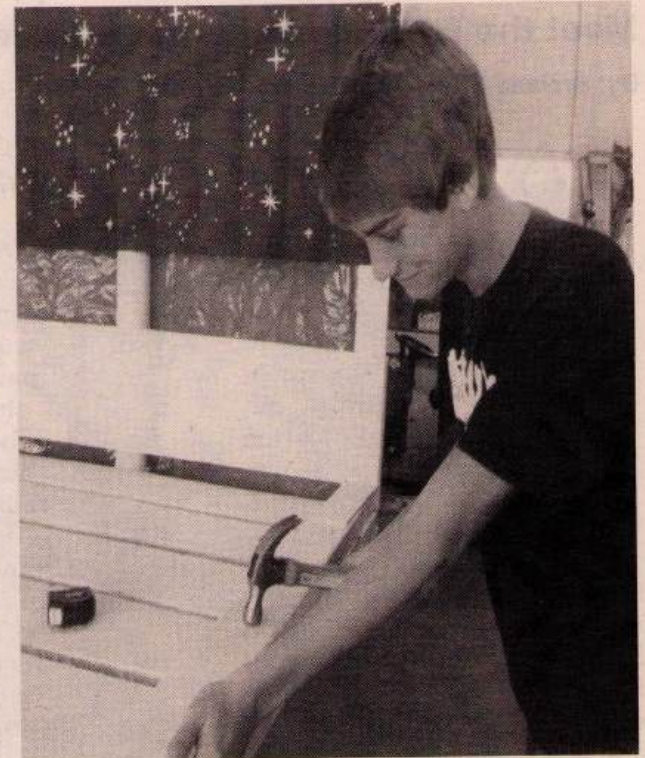
**"We are going to be the first class to win all four years in a row."**  
-Daly Quinn, '14

"The worst part is the painting because I am not very artistic." Daly may not be artistic, but his effort has paid off.

Making a winning float takes time. "The floats are time consuming we usually work on them for anywhere between 20 to 30 hours," says Daly. With the amount of time Daly and other juniors work, there has to be some sort of reward. Daly predicts that the junior class will win this year's title of 'Best Float.' "We are going to be the first class to win all four years in a row," Daly explains. So far the junior class has won both their freshman and sophomore years, Daly believes his class will pull it off again. "You don't win with Quinn for no reason," Daly exclaims! Go

to the homecoming parade the Thursday before the homecoming game and judge the class floats for yourself.

Daly and his friends take a step back and look at the float that took them hours to make and smile. Even if they don't win this year they know they have made a float that will make their class proud. This year will be every class for themselves because Daly knows his float might just be able to top all the other classes and win the title of 'Best Float' for the third year in a row.




Daly Quinn, '14, works on junior class homecoming float, getting ready for the parade.

## Homecoming Court: the royal subjects: how does it feel to be on court?


Read about the final five boys and final five girls who are on the homecoming court and find out how they feel about being selected.

**Trev**




**"It's a huge honor to be a part of homecoming court, especially being chosen by my classmates. I'm super pumped as well."**  
- Trev Biery, Senior

**Devin**




**"Awesome."**  
- Devin LeBeau, Senior

**Sidney**




**"I'm super excited to be on homecoming court. It's a huge honor, thank you for this opportunity!"**  
- Sidney Larsen, Senior

**Isaac**




**"I was so surprised! I couldn't believe people chose me to be on the court. I'm so thankful for this opportunity. I am so freaking excited!"**  
- Isaac Frazier, Senior

**Micahela**




**"It's a really cool honor! I'm really excited! I feel very thankful for the opportunity! Thanks for all who voted!"**  
- Micahela Combs, Senior

**Brandon**




**"I had no idea I was going to be on it! I was really excited when I saw. It's a great opportunity to represent the class."**  
- Brandon Hornback, Senior

**Kaitlyn**




**"It was a surprising honor! I was so happy & excited to find out my classmates voted for me! I'm excited to ride in the Corvettes!"**  
- Kaitlyn Nathem, Senior

**Beth**




**"I'm super excited to be a part of homecoming court this year! I'm honored to be chosen by my class. Thanks!"**  
- Beth Knapp, Senior

**John**



**"On a scale of 1-10, I feel like a 12. I knew I could trust on the student body to vote me into homecoming court. I appreciate the votes! Thanks!"**  
- John Viner, Senior

**Morgan**



**"It's nice, I'm excited to represent the class and I think everyone on it is just so wonderful. I feel honored, and I just want to say thank you to everyone."**  
- Morgan Kolarik, Senior



## Video game frenzies before Black Friday

Steven Long elaborates on his favorite video games of this season and past.

By: Uriah Lakin [Staff Writer]

This upcoming year many of the large game franchises like Halo, Borderlands, Assassins Creed, etc. are going to continue their game sagas. "This year an amount estimated at one hundred million dollars will be made off video games", according to Machinama.com.



Steven Long, '14

Steve Long, junior, has high hopes for this year's couple coming games. "I love RPG games" Steve said cheerfully. This year many large games like Halo, are making a make or break debut with their long awaited fate of Master Chief. According to Foxnews.com, "97% of teens play video games and the other three are in comas."

Even though some sagas are continuing, Steve wish-

es some would begin again, "StarCraft should bring a game out again", Steve said.

Many games will have release parties, some at stores and some on the console live systems but Steve is planning on not joining either of them. "I spent 900 dollars one time on just video games, accessories, and consoles all in one day and that is a regular." Steve said laughing at his comment.

Black Ops 2 is also coming out this year but Steve isn't much hyped for it due to his opinion about the franchise. The one game he looks forward to is Halo 4, he has much anticipation for it, and "I'm looking forward to Halo 4 coming out this year." Steve's favorite game is Metal Gear Solid on Play Station 1. This year, from September through January games are making their first, last, and even continuation of some game series or sagas. This year has been a large one for the game industries like Bioware, Microsoft, EA games, etc. Teens across the country like Steve have waited all year for their favorite game sagas to come back



Kacie Kohl, '14, plays her Nintendo DS while sitting at lunch and waiting to go to class.

out. While the teens across the country wait for the releases the video game, companies prepare for the shelves to be cleared.

## Creating the latest musical moments

By: Catie Staff [Co-Executive Editor]

School is falling into a normal pattern, and it's a sure sign that fall is on its way. For some at Marion, that means it's time for a musical! With the new pool of talent that the freshmen are bringing in and the experience of the upperclassmen, the fall musical of November 2012 promises to be impressive.

Joseph Tiegen, junior, looks forward to working on the musical. "It's just a lot of fun because you get a lot of inside jokes within the musical," he said. "And all the people are really cool people." The cast is a large one this year, full of new actors, because there are so many opportunities to get a role.

In the musical, there are guys gambling and playing a game of Craps, they're trying to get the dolls (hot chicks). Joe plays the character Benny Southstreet. "He's a friend of Nathan," Joe explained. "And Nathan is the one who organizes all of the craps games." All the gambling is under the table because the musical takes place in the 1950s. "The past musicals were just off-the-wall and crazy, but Guys and Dolls is something that could have really happened," said Joe. The musical this year may draw a bigger crowd than ever before

because the story is so popular.

The play is more realistic and has a new director this year. "Mr. Dyrland is doing a very good job of organizing things this year. He printed out a paper that says what scenes we're working on every single practice," said Joe. This is Mr. Dyrland's first year as a teacher at Marion. "It's been great!" Dyrland said. "I haven't laughed so much at any rehearsal. It's gonna be so fun and gonna be a great show." The students are pumped up for the performances as well.

Mr. Dyrland isn't the only person new to Marion theatre. "There's a lot of freshmen this year. The freshmen class is really stepping it up in the arts department. Making things a lot better for us," said Joe. Diversity of age is part of what makes the thespian team so unique.

Joe hopes everyone comes to see the performance on Nov. 1, 2, or 3. "Why shouldn't you come see the musical? If you like to laugh and have a good time, I don't see why you wouldn't go." Feedback is also appreciated. "I like people telling me what they think of it so if there is a chance, we'd be able to improve," Joe said. The entire cast has great expectations for a fun-filled musical. Go see Guys and Dolls to experience a night of fun you won't find anywhere else.



Joe Tiegan, '14, sings at a Tuesday night practice for "Guys and Dolls." Mr. Dyrland accompanies and Justice Hale, '14, sings with Richelle Brunner, '16.

## Senior parking is gone for good

By: Taylor Millis [Feature Editor]

She is excited to see her friends and begin what is the end of her high school years. As a senior she is given privileges that she has been waiting for. She can't wait to leave for lunch whenever she wants and park in the back parking lot where it is not so crowded. But as she pulled into the back parking lot on her first day of her senior year she was waved away and told she wasn't allowed to park there. Confused, she turned around and headed for the front lot.

Beth Knapp, senior, dislikes the fact that senior parking is gone. "It's unfair that the other grades before us got that privilege and we don't!" This year the school has changed the rule allowing seniors to park in the back lot in past years to only allowing staff and administration to park there and all students in the front lot. "We waited this long to have that privilege then it's all of a sudden not allowed anymore," exclaims Beth.

"I understand it is more convenient for staff but the front parking is really crowded now," Beth explains. This is true. Since the rule change, the front lot is being filled to the brim with student cars. As teenagers we are not advanced drivers, filling a parking lot could be dangerous now and throughout the school year. "It could be more accident prone in the winter having more cars out front," Beth says. In the winter snow and ice cover our streets and parking lots making a crowded parking lot slippery and even more dangerous for teen drivers.

Mr. Semler gives reasons for why the rule has changed. "It was a lack of space for when visitors come. We had plenty of spots in the front,

so we thought it would be nice for students to be together and provide space for visitors."



Beth Knapp, '13

In the back we not only have the administration building but there is also a social security office there too. When you combined those vehicles along with staff and seniors there leaves little room for visitors.

"We like the break between students and staff parking. When the staff come and go they will know they have a parking spot," Semler says. When teachers and students come and go from school, spots are taken and some people are forced to park in the back of the front lot. Also no one would ever know if a junior or sophomore snuck back there and took a parking spot. "We found it almost impossible to police it. We had no way of controlling juniors and sophomores parking back there and then that wasn't fair for the seniors," says Mr. Semler.

Safety was also a factor in the decision. "It's a way to better know who is coming into our school." If only staff is allowed to park in the back and students and MHS visitors in the front then the students are better protected. "I am so proud of the way our students cooperated, they have been really good," Semler says. Even though it is disappointing for seniors most have been understanding and don't complain too much.

She pulls out of her parking spot that seems a mile away from the schools doors. Waiting in the long line to exit the parking lot, she is wishing she was allowed the privilege of parking in a less crowded lot.





Emily Meeks, '15

## Where's the Student?

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

## Word Search!

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I O U N M L O B M I Y H  
V B E M E B D I A V E A  
E A L P V U E A U E E N  
E M O E O P D A N L F T  
L A I T N E D I S E R P  
D E M O C R A T V T A C  
R E T I F O B Y U T U R  
R O M N E Y E K N O D L

Find these words in the word search. They can go any direction!

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Fraud	Republican
Voter	Democrat
Candidate	Elephant
Televised	Donkey
November	Obama

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A sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 mph!

Hippo milk is pink!

The Taj Mahal took 20 years and 20,000 men to complete!

Perspiration is odorless; it's the bacteria in the skin that causes the odor.



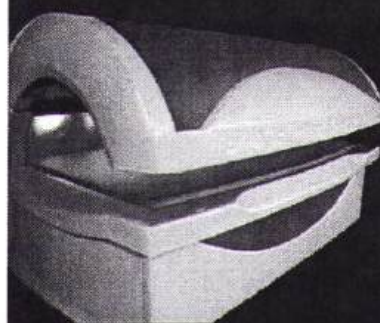
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