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Madison McKim-Richards tells her thoughts on designing prom alongside the committee.

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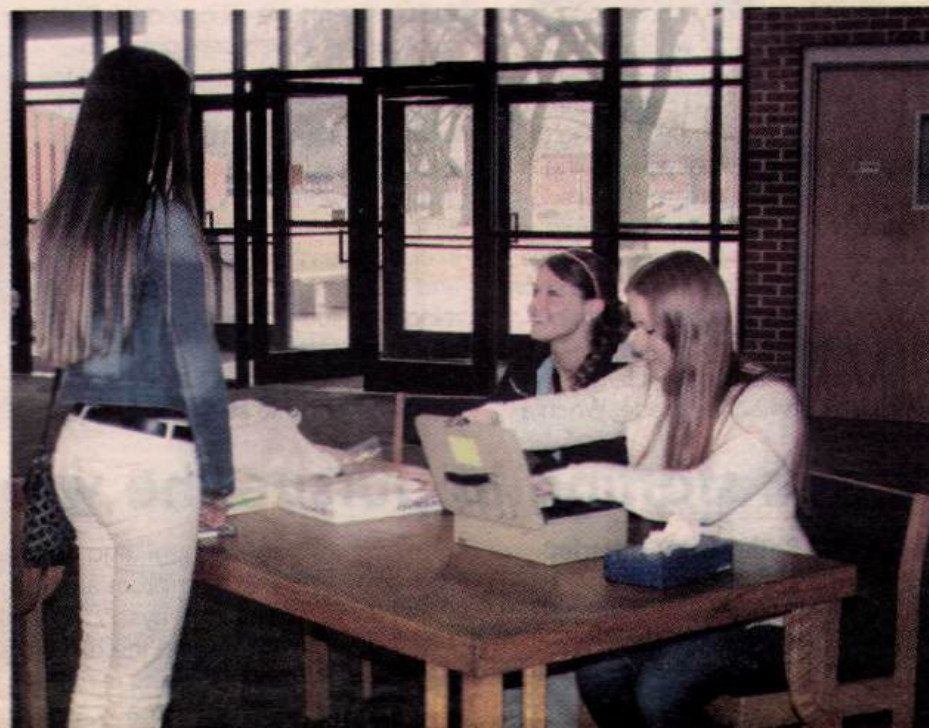
Madison McKim-Richards is not only a part of the One Day in May committee and volunteering around Marion, but she is also known for her role in planning one of the biggest nights for students.

It's this junior's first year on prom committee and while she's only just begun, the organization has already had a positive influence on her, "Prom committee gives me a place to be creative," McKim-Richards said. She also finds a sense of gratitude within organizing this event, "I love knowing my ideas will be involved in prom. It's cool to watch it evolve from practically nothing into an amazing night."

Abby Phillips, junior, expresses the same feelings, "Prom committee has gotten me really excited for prom and it's helped me get closer to my classmates."

Turning prom into something everyone likes has proved to be quite challenging. "Making it something everyone will enjoy is hard because everyone has different tastes," McKim-Richards said. That's why she thinks more people should be involved. "I think it's important that we all have a voice in prom. It's a big deal, we need people from all points of view."

To some, planning prom is as easy as attending meetings, thinking of ideas, and setting up, but Madison



Abby Phillips and Madison McKim-Richards, both juniors, sell a tickets for the prom that they put together with the help of some of their classmates.

thinks otherwise, "It's a lot of responsibility. Not just for me but the whole committee. It's something people look forward to since their freshmen year. We have to make it enjoyable for everyone."

Phillips also understands the responsibilities are placed on their shoulders, "You have to be at the meetings all the time, and you have to make sure it's perfect for everyone. Making sure everyone's happy with it is very hard to do," she added.

One thing McKim-Richards is sure everyone will love is the theme. "Starry Night as our theme is really simple. It's very classy and elegant, and the props we involve have meaning. All the lights we set up will be cool for all the people to see," she added.

Everyone wants a night to remember for the rest of their life, and with the thoughts and efforts of the participating juniors on prom committee, it will be one night students won't forget.

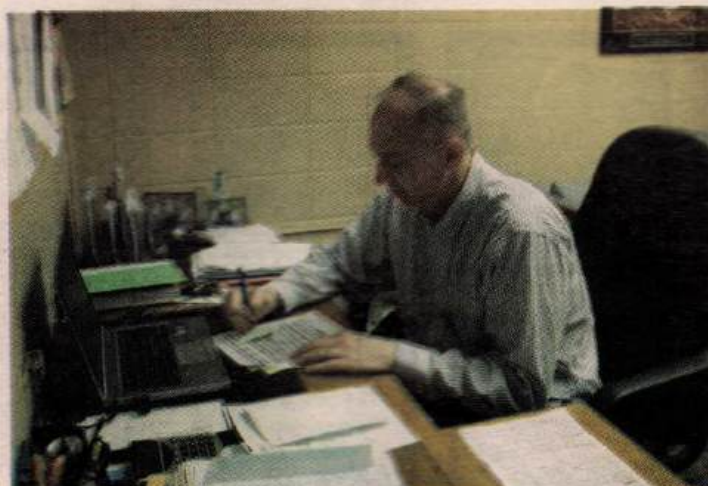
Inside the life of a MHS school counselor

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He drops his stuff at the door, taking in a quick breath and clearing his mind. He has to leave work at work, even the conversation he just had with a girl a few hours ago about being in an abusive relationship and having suicidal thoughts. He couldn't bring that past the door, why? Because he has three little girls and a wife to take care of.

Talk about a struggle.

From helping students balance their busy lifestyles, to



Mr. Kettmann sits at his desk during B lunch, writing a letter while he waits for any student to come in and need help.

having dinner with his family, this is the everyday life of Mr. Tom Kettmann.

Mr. Kettmann has been the school's counselor for eight years now. "This job can be very challenging, but it can also be the most rewarding job, too. It's a great job, it's super fun, and it's great to be able to impact kids lives and help them figure out what's next and the direction they want to go wherever it may be," said Kettmann.

On a daily basis, he can deal with any number of things, and has actually had lots of very serious conversations with students. "We deal with everything from abuse situations to kids who have emotional or suicidal thoughts and gestures, those are some of the biggest and toughest situations that we sometimes consistently have to help teenagers with."

After all that Mr. Kettmann has talked about with students, he has come to the conclusion that today's teenage issues are almost more difficult than when he was in high school. "I think there's a similarity in the sense that kids then and now faced the same types of issues. I guess the big difference from then and now is that everything is out there. The Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and all the different areas. In the past, people could say things about someone face to face, and that's it, now you can post anything you want about anyone," he said.

As the school counselor, Kettmann offers this piece of advice to all students. "There's two sides to every story, you always have to think about that. If you treat someone with respect, you're almost always going to get respect back, if you live by that motto of being a good person and caring for others, you'll be better off."

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Grades matter more than learning

Students are more worried about their grades than what's actually in their brains.

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Most students can relate to the feeling of checking Powerschool after a big test, anxiously awaiting the grade they received.

We've become so obsessed with the letter on Powerschool, instead of what's actually in our brains, and it's not our fault. When we're young and in elementary school, we're learning the basics of life, so our teachers are focused on us actually absorbing the material. But as we get older, we begin to learn topics, that quite frankly, half of us aren't interested in, and most likely won't need in life. So, when we enter high school and begin to realize that half of what we are learning is irrelevant, we kind of have this epiphany that we can get through high school without really having to learn the material that we're being taught. It sounds bad, and that's because it is. But we've been told that we need good grades for a good future. Grades are supposed to show how much a student is learning but they really don't anymore.

Homework is usually a large portion of someones grade. When a

student sees that homework is completion, chances are they're going to do it five minutes before class starts the next day, and fill in random answers and call it good. And the really messed up part, is they're probably going to get full credit for it too. Now, if homework isn't completion points, then chances are it's a worksheet that a student can look up the answers to on Google.

Now we have tests and quizzes. Tests and sometimes quizzes, put so much stress on students, because they're worth the most points. So in a student's mind, who has been told that good grades are the key to success, tests are a huge deal. But chances are the student didn't do the homework that was supposed to prepare them for the test, because it was probably completion points. It's a snowball effect. Because now, the student is going to try to make up for all the times they didn't pay attention in class, didn't do their homework, and didn't ask questions, by cramming in a study session the night before the test.

But half the students at this school, don't know how to study. So they just

do whatever they do know how to do, and pray it actually works. Half the time, they're lucky, the other half, they're not. So one half gets an F. Then there's the student who didn't fail the test. Got maybe a B. Now all of that information leaves their head. Because school really isn't about learning anymore, it's about grades. So, what's the point? Why do we come here everyday, for basically four years, to leave here actually knowing maybe a little over half of what we really should? Because it works. Sure, students will take with them what they need for the specific profession they plan on pursuing but not anything they don't need.

The biggest problem is probably our effort. We blame our grades on teachers, and the difficulty of subjects, and blah blah blah, but truthfully, if a student is struggling with something, they should come in for help, they should study harder, they should actually do their homework. But even with improving our effort, we'd still be doing all that extra work for our grade, not to actually learn anything, but isn't school about learning?

Anarchy of April

Prom is almost here. It's a time for everybody to let go and have fun. But before the dance is what I would like to think of as an nerve wracking event: Grand March. Let me tell you the story of the second scariest moment of my life. (See "Mac monster" for first scariest. Issue 2 of this year's Vox.)



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I vaguely remember Grand March as a terrifying event in which I was showcased for all to see. Being a sophomore last year, this made everything even more horrifying. I anxiously waited in line. I had some time to deal with my fear and anxiety before I actually had to stride my way onto the runway and work it. Also, with being a sophomore, I had absolutely no idea how this event worked. I noticed somebody handing all the guys a flower. What the heck did we need a flower for? "Well to give to the girl." They said. Are you serious? I wasn't prepared for this much of a task. I thought I just walked out there, waved to the crowd, smiled for a second and strolled off and continued on my eventful evening that was to commence. Then I was getting closer to the front of the line. Many thoughts swirled around in my brain. "Oh God, I'm probably pitting out. I'm sweating so bad. No, that's silly, I'm wearing a tuxedo. You can't pit out in a tuxedo. Wait, what if I'm the first guy in the world who pits out in a tux?" Then my inner motivational conscience kicked in the door that is my mind, yelling at me in his drill sergeant voice, "Get it together Gage! The time to man up is right now! You may walk into the gymnasium a boy, but you're sure as hell coming out those doors as a man! Let's go!" I was so pumped by my self pep talk. I was so ready to go. I could do this. I could do this.

Then my name was called and I lost it. My arms were literally trembling and I could barely grip the pathetically drooping plant in my hand that others called a flower. My thoughts took over once again, "Left foot, right foot, come on. You can do this. One in front of the other. Don't trip. Don't you dare trip." I looked ahead and instantly felt dizzy. The lights were blinding and I felt the pressure of hundreds of eyes on me at once, staring at me, basking in my embarrassment as if it was their form of glory. Then I seriously almost blacked out. I forced myself to stare out and focus on my date. She looked at me and smiled. A quickly feigned one back as my head was spinning. I handed her the flower and we interlocked arms and made our way down the path. This is what celebrities feel like everyday. I once again, was blinded as flashed from phone cameras from all over took pictures of my stunned, deer in headlights look.

In that brief moment, I was Brad Pitt. A scared, not as well put together, about to puke all over myself out of fear, Brad Pitt. Once I was out of those doors I relaxed. I looked at my phone to check the time. That eternity only lasted about 30 seconds. Tops.

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Prom: starting to pursue the wrong kind of fun

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Everyone going to prom hopes to make an everlasting memory that they can cherish for the rest of their lives. Drugs and alcohol have a time and place and at school and underage is not it. Drinking or doing drugs before attending a dance is not okay, and although it may seem fun for the person doing the substances it has a negative effect on others at the dance. Not to mention that these things make it a little bit different to remember the dance. So, this year do not drink or do drugs before going to prom because it is irresponsible, annoying, and smelly.

Now a days many people think that drugs are okay. New ones being introduced all the time, and new easier ways to receive these illegal substances make the situation much worse. Teenagers seem to think that when they do things, such as adderall, they are only affecting themselves, but in reality, they are affecting everyone around them, especially at a dance. These people, at the school event are literally crazy. They are jumping all around, hyper as all get out, and no one wants to deal with it. Although they may think they can keep themselves calm and contained chances are they can't, so don't do it.

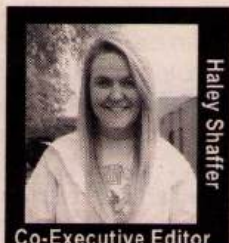
People who consume adderall, or any drug, illegally to get hyper are annoying. They are seemingly out of

control, and not many people want to look back on their prom and remember a bunch of raging teens going physco. So while this may be "fun" for the person taking the drug it is so annoying to everyone else.

There is nothing more disgusting then walking into the already sweat smelling, hot gym and getting a gigantic whiff of alcohol. Seriously it should not smell like alcohol at a school event considering drinking for anyone at the event is ILLEGAL. These laws that make alcohol off bounds for teens are not there to forever prevent teenagers from having fun. They are there for safety reasons. The now famous saying "YOLO" does not apply when people willingly and knowingly do things to damage their health. "YOLO" is meant to get people to do things they wouldn't usually do. To get people out of their comfort zone, and to get them to live with no regrets. So, if one drinks anytime or before a dance here is a new saying "I only live once, so I might as well kill myself drinking." It is proven that drinking before the brain is fully developed causes serious damage, and why would anyone want to do that to themselves. Not to mention how annoying it is to have the whole gym smell like alcohol.

Don't do these things before coming to dances because when one abuses drugs or alcohol it destroys their reputation, and people don't forget these types of things. They don't just get erased.

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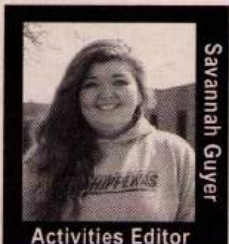
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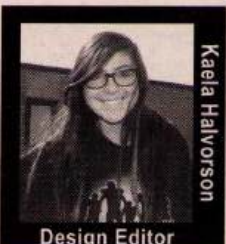
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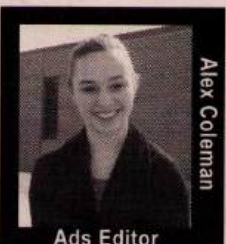
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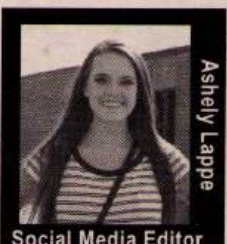
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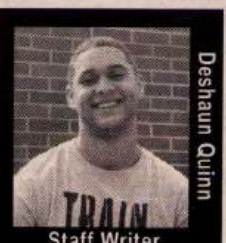
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In between religion and regulations

Politicians back laws against same-sex marriage in defense of their own beliefs.

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The arguable topic of homosexuals and their place in the United States is one of the most talked about issues among Americans. Everyone around the world has an opinion about current events but this is the most important one of this generation.

Only 17 states have legalized same-sex marriage with 33 left behind in the traditions of the past. With so many young Americans ready to adapt this law to other areas, the politicians fortunate enough to make them are often too old to understand how the nation is changing.

There is no reason why people shouldn't be allowed to marry whoever they want. Homosexuals don't impose their way of being on others so why do politicians get to put theirs on an entire nation?

The people representing this country are often the ones holding back America's promise of allowing its citizens to be who they are without consequence. Just because a group of people hold the same religious values and ideas does not mean a whole country believes them as well. The precedent behind

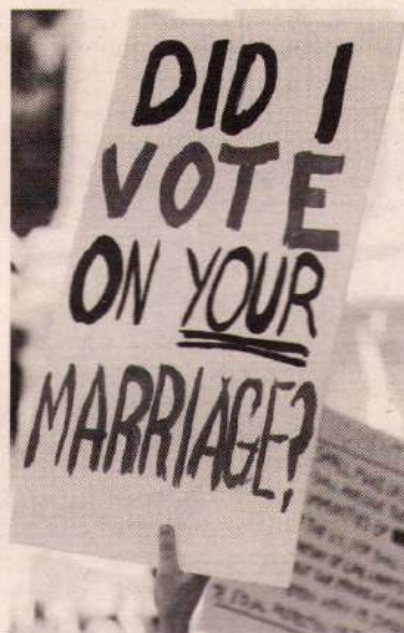
the United States is that every man is created equal, but the U.S. hasn't always held to that truth.

It took African Americans several years and a whole movement to escape the grips of segregation. Many people used their faith in defense of their hatred for blacks, claiming that "God was the original segregationist". Just because something is different from something else doesn't mean it's not the same thing or has the similar use. Take food, for example. Farmers segregate pigs and cows, but people still eat bacon with hamburgers. Know why? Because it's better together. Just like people of the same sex might be happier with one another but may never know because politician's blind judgment. People are hiding behind the religions that are supposed to push them to love everyone, to excuse their distaste of something most of them have never dealt with.

This conflict may wage on for years come, but it's not only the minds of politicians but the people of this nation that need to become more accepting. For America's laws to change, it's citizens need to be ready for change too. Although customs maybe hard to cut through, it can be done with

tolerance and the idea to love thy neighbor.

Politicians need to set aside the fears of their religions and allow people the right that they already have. Marriage should be offered to everyone no matter race, religion, gender, or sexuality because humans are humans and love is love.



An example of citizen protest against the bans on same-sex marriage that the government gets to place. (Photo taken by Kelly Huston on Flickr.com.)

Hollywood hopes

Prom is right around the corner and I've been in full preparation mode. I've been doing what I usually do for any other dance. Making sure my dress fits perfectly, finding a place for my group to eat, where we are going to take pictures, the usual. But then it hit me that this isn't just any other dance, this is my senior prom.



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Not only my senior prom, but my last high school dance ever. With that being said, I feel like I have to go out with a bang. Especially since my senior homecoming consisted of me dancing with crutches, looking like an extra on a Life-Alert commercial. But anyway, you know, like in movies, how prom is the biggest event in the actors lives. I really just have this picture in my head of showing up to prom like they do on 21 Jump Street. I just want to get out of a limo, in slow motion, with doves flying behind me and act super chill about the whole thing. But in reality, I'll be lucky to show up in my mom's Mazda, if she even lets me borrow it for the night. And there most likely won't be doves, there will honestly probably be bird poop on the car. Because that's how prom works in real life.

I don't think I've ever seen a movie that doesn't portray prom as this magical evening where lovers fall even more in love, or the geeky girl in the corner gets to dance with the hot jock guy, or some other super cliché thing happens. Actually, the movie "Prom Night" might be an exception. Spoiler alert: it does not end well. Everybody basically just dies at prom. What I'm talking about are movies like High School Musical 3. I know it's a Disney movie so it's obviously automatically more cheesy than other movies, but they took it to a whole new level. Gabrielle doesn't want to go to prom so Troy just pops up out of nowhere in a tree, while simultaneously rocking a tuxedo. Then to make it better, they just start dancing with absolutely no music except their impromptu singing. Keep in mind, they're also in the middle of a college campus. That my friends, is what gives us unrealistic expectations. In reality, if you told the star basketball player, that also resembles a model from Hollister, that you couldn't make it to prom, he'd probably take someone else, not show up in a plant to surprise you.

Even Mean Girls makes prom seem perfect. Like Kady just killed it at the Math competition, then she just shows up to prom, and wins prom queen, actually I think in the movie it's called the "spring fling", but it's basically the same thing. To make it even better she then proceeds to break the crown into little pieces and throws the pieces to people, while saying splendid things about all of them. We don't even do prom king and queen here so there's no chance of that happening.

Honestly, my prom will be super average. No super hot dude in a tree, no doves. Nope, none of that Hollywood stuff. But hey, maybe I'll crowd surf or something, who knows.

Tanning taken to the new extreme

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During winter the sun is out but no one can get a tan from that. This poses a problem when most every girl and some guys want a nice tan for prom. But what if they can't because of their age? Everyone knows some of the problems associated with tanning, and no one is immune to those problems. Age doesn't make it less possible for these dangers. However, if a teen's parents are okay with tanning, why is it such a big deal?

Parents and their child should be able to make the decision about it. Tanning has become a big deal to a lot of people now, because many people tan for prom, homecoming, and some other dances throughout the school year. No matter what, people want a nice tan to flaunt. Tanning is dangerous to everyone's skin but making a law banning tanning for everyone under 18 is a new extreme that needs to put to a stop before it even starts.

Most people know that skin cancer is associated with tanning, and while that very easily happen, it's only likely if skin cancer runs in the family. However, if it does run in the family, the tanner just needs to take more precaution.

There are other, perhaps less serious situations in tanning, such as knowing the difference be-

tween being tan and being orange. Being orange shows that the tanner is over-tanning, which can lead to skin cancer easier. Plus, it's super unhealthy. The healthiest way to tan is to go only two or three times a week. They can do what they want but going too often can cause more chances of cancer. If the person wants to tan, just make sure they are doing it in a healthy way, and know the limits.

Lastly, when a person is under 16 and wants to tan, they have to have a parent sit in the lobby and wait for them to get done tanning. Then when they are over the age of 16 they can go by themselves. By agreeing to sit in the tanning salon, their parent must say it's okay to tan. Parents should be able to make the choice and the law shouldn't mess with them. They can choose if their child tans or doesn't tan.

Tanning once or twice a week isn't going to hurt anyone. It may cause a bigger chance of skin cancer but they are taking the risk and they know what could happen. Why should age even matter? It should be up to the parents, just make sure it's healthy tanning. Tanning is always something nice to have and during winter; no one wants to be pasty white. Prom is right around the corner and everyone wants a good tan to show off with their attire.

Spring cleaning: time to get rid of all the junk

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When the words spring cleaning come to mind, some may think it's a horrible thing, while others might think it is good and needed. Spring cleaning can be a time to go through all the extra stuff just laying around and to get rid of what isn't important anymore. Some teens have turned into hoarders of objects from their childhood and became too lazy to clean up all the unneeded junk just scattered around the room.

A lot of teens have toys and other objects from their childhood that they have held on for a little too long. Yes, the creepy looking dolls in the

closet, or the old teddy bears that sit in a the box in the basement might not be needed anymore. If a old toy doesn't have any sentimental connection, it could easily be given away to a child who might want a new toy. Yes, there might be some that just have too many memories to get rid of; but by getting rid of old toys that don't have any meaning could end up putting a smile on another young kids face.

Next it would be a good idea to get rid of all the unneeded junk that is just laying around. All the papers that lay on the floor or the ones that were pushed under the bed can be thrown

into the recycling bin. Then there is the empty food wrappers and pop cans that are just laying around can easily be disposed of. By getting rid of all these not so necessary items just sitting there taking up room can make more space. This also can possibly get rid of any stench that was left behind from the empty cans and wrappers.

Spring cleaning can benefit a person in more ways than one. This can give someone a fresh start to the oncoming spring. For some it might mean cleaning so it can get dirty again and for others it could mean getting rid of some things that just aren't needed anymore. Either way spring cleaning is a good thing and shouldn't be hated on as much as it is.

It started with a spark

Quinn Lamb describes life on the Lego Robotics team.

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Connecting wire A to wire B hoping that this time will be the time it works; wishing the trial and error adventures are finally over. These are some of the problems Quinn Lamb, senior, faces while being on the robotics team.

The robotics team has always been a very unique and time consuming school activity. The robotics team is one of the many activities people can participate in while attending MHS. They practice every Tuesday and Thursday in a facility not too far from the fitness center. To be exact it's a small storage place within the center, but that doesn't



Quinn Lamb, 14, works on his team's robot, which will compete in Super-Regionals.

stop the robotics team from achieving their goals of going to nationals. "We have received trophies and medals," explained Lamb about his season this year. Quinn Lamb is one of the many members on the robotics team who has helped with the teams' success. Quinn has been involved in robotics for three years and has loved every moment.

Robotics has brought Lamb a lot of memorable moments but there is a favorite, "When we broke state history was my favorite moments of the season," Lamb added. The team has made it to regionals and depending on their performance, they could be qualifying for nationals. To reach their goal Lamb knows his team must make some changes, "We must improve our robot," Lamb stated. They have a good shot of making it too nationals as long as everything goes to plan. Making it would be a season well completed and a major accomplishment in the history of the team.

Lamb encourages more people to go out for robotics, "Robotics teaches you how to work with others," commented Lamb.

Robots has had an amazing season this year and many more to come. If others are looking for something new and fun students might want to be involved in the robotics team. A simple choice for Quinn Lamb joining the robotics team, forever changed the high school experience of a boy who was just looking for a little spark in his life.

Leaving a lifelong legacy

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In the halls of Marion, there are many students who also double as athletes. Whether it be track, soccer, football, or even archery, many students are involved in an activity or even multiple activities. Not as thought about, are all the teachers that walk through these halls who also take part in a coaching career. Obviously, there are not as many coaches as there are student-athletes and this could be the reason why they are not as identified to the majority of students.

Mr. Immerfall, track coach of 30 years, (20 at Marion), retired from coaching before the present track season. In high school, Immerfall wrestled and played baseball, "At my school, baseball was the same season as track so I had to pick one or the other."

Immerfall enjoyed coaching track because he liked helping the athletes and he enjoyed the sport of track, "I enjoy running myself and enjoy the competition. Track has team aspects of relays and individual events too," Immerfall stated.

Some wonder why the veteran coach decided to call it quits. Due to family and time, Immerfall decided to let go of the sport he's been around for a long time, "I never got away from track. I would think about it always, even out of season. Sometimes

I would enjoy it, making workouts and thinking of lineups, but when it's two in the morning and you're still thinking about it, it's kind of tough. And I have two grandchildren who don't live so near, so it frees me up to visit them more." Immerfall said. Even though Immerfall won't be at practices, he still plans on supporting the team, "I will probably just go to some meets and encourage the kids to do well."

Leaving track wasn't an easy decision for Immerfall, there were a couple factors holding him back, "Just relationships with kids and that's hard about leaving. There are a lot of kids on the team that I enjoyed working with," Immerfall said.

After many long years, Coach Immerfall is moving on to a new life of retirement from coaching but he has this to say to young track runners, "Work hard and be coachable." Coaching for so long leaves that coach's athletes with a legacy of dedication, hard work, and leaves an impact of the athlete's life's.



Coach Immerfall stands with the 2012 relay team.

Munier makes more memories

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A bus full of girls, rackets, and chatter. The Marion Girls Tennis team was headed toward Maquoketa for a meet. As they arrived the girls started to warm up for the night's matches, like any other night. The only difference is as they were getting their opponents it started to downpour. After about ten minutes, the team loaded back onto the bus and made their way back home.

This is one tennis memory Brenda Munier, junior, will never forget. The past two years Munier has played tennis, and this year will be no different.

"My brother's girlfriend, Monica Corona, recommended I try tennis," Munier stated. And that's just what she did. "I'd never played before and only went out freshman year because it looked like an interesting sport and I wanted to try it," Munier explained.

This year Munier's goals are a little different, "I want to try to get a spot on Varsity," Munier said. She's definitely put in the time to make her wish come true. "I practice during the summer and off season too," Munier stated.

Having a steady partner for doubles will help too. During her first season of tennis, Munier went undefeat-

ed. "My freshman year I was partners with Breanna Mundorf," Munier said, "but last year I didn't really have a set partner, I had a few different people I played with throughout the season."

It will also help her achieve her goal if the weather cooperates. "I don't like it when it rains because then we have to practice in the gyms, and that's almost as bad as running halls!" Munier commented with a laugh.

With all of her hard work, and dedication this season is sure to be everything she'd hoped, weather providing of course!



Brenda Munier, junior, returns a serve at tennis practice.

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Williams starts Anime club

Learn about Anime club and how students enjoy being apart of it.

By: Andie Scott @KewtheRavager

Superman, Batman, the Avengers, the X-men - Everyone, either through movies or memories of watching them on Saturday mornings, knows the modern day, American cartoon heroes. They're brave, daring, bold, and overall heroic; it's just something we have come to expect of a 'hero.' However, when some people think of heroes, those characters aren't what come to mind, instead thinking of Ichigo, Lelouch, or Sailor Moon.

If some of those names rang a few bells, it's no surprise. These are characters born from Japanese cartoons and animation, mostly just called anime, which keeps digging deeper and deeper roots in American culture. It's a wonder that MHS has avoided having a club devoted to them for so long! Zach Williams, junior, has jumped up to the plate. "Anime has become quite a popular thing. I thought a lot of people would be interested, and we didn't have one yet," he said. "Also, the Marion Public Library has one. Nineteen people show up every meeting and fill the room every time."

While the anime club hasn't gotten quite big enough to avoid getting mispronounced over the announcements, it still has a reasonable following. "Seven people signed up, but other people come

in off-and-on," Williams mentioned.

The club meets every Tuesday in Mr. Immerfall's room, or whichever other room is available to use after school. But what can one expect to do in anime club? Charles Claytor, sophomore and second-in-command explained, "We watch and discuss about anime. Zach is planning to show Blue Exorcist, but we're currently watching Black Butler."

"The idea was to talk about [the anime] during the commercials," Williams added, "but usually we don't."

There's no doubt that some readers are rolling their eyes at what they're reading now. Japanese animation? Black Butler? It sounds so silly, doesn't it? But Williams and Claytor think that, just like with any TV show or cartoon, there's such a wide range of topics that anyone could find something they like. "There's an anime for all kinds of people. There's Shounen, which is more for boys, and Shouji, which is more for girls. Anyone can get into it," Williams elaborated.

Both Williams and Claytor are very supportive towards people considering to join. "Just go ahead and do it! It's better to try than not to try!" Claytor encouraged.

This new club is just starting out, and if it's just a group of people watching new shows on Hulu, what's not to like? It could be a more social and exciting way to spend free time after school. No one quite knows what there is to discover, so have a seat, let the buffering finish, and take in all the fun, action, and pure chaos that anime has to offer.



Zach Williams, junior

A race that lasted a lifetime

By: DeLaney Fisher @DeLaney_Fisher

On a chilly morning in November, a nine year old girl got her footing in the world of running. At the time, it was a simple race but it soon blossomed into something much more than that.

The experience of running in the Turkey Trot was the first of many races for her, but Michaela Jacobs, senior, has continued running ever since. As a child, she ran here and there with her family, but her seventh grade year is when her love for the sport really took off. "I first started with running 800's, 1600's, and hurdles," Jacobs stated. Now, Jacobs runs shorter distances, and competes in field events. "I'm in lots of different events, but the main ones are long jump, 4x400, 100 meter hurdles, and shuttle hurdle," Jacobs said.

With a good chunk of her final high school season already gone, Jacobs has had time to reflect on the good and bad. Track definitely hasn't always been all fun and games, "The hardest thing I've had to learn is to keep my spirits up even when it gets tough," stated Jacobs. Having a great support system made it easier though, "I will miss the coaches, being part of a team, and the motivation it gives me when track is over," Jacobs commented. Although it will be harder to fit into her busy schedule, Jacobs still plans to run even after her high school career is over, "I just want to stay in shape, and run when I have the time to," said Jacobs.

Whatever Jacobs' future brings, she will take it in stride and always remember what track has taught her. "Through the years I've learned how to be a team player, and that I'm capable of more than I thought," Jacobs stated. It has also provided her with many lasting relationships. "I've made really good friends, and of course there's Mrs. Logan and Ferg," Jacobs said with a smile.

If there's one thing Jacobs could get through to people it would be, "If you've never tried track, give it a shot. It's a really good experience!" Jacobs said.

A lifelong hobby was created all because one November day a young Jacobs decided to try something new. She and her father took off in the Turkey Trot, and Jacobs never stopped running.



Michaela Jacobs, senior.

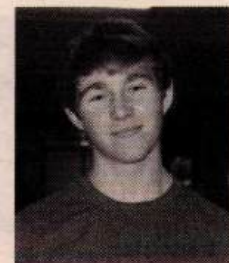
Minks' last memories

By: Gage Miskimen @Gagemisky

With spring and warmer weather, the season also brings along outdoor sports once again. The soccer players tie up their cleats and get back on the turf. Some players, brand new to the sport, but for others, this will be their final season at Marion.

Matthew Minks, senior, plays varsity soccer. He has played for thirteen years, since he was a kid, "My parents put me in it when I was young and I clicked with it. I had a supportive team and coach so that kept me going," Minks said. Minks wants this season to go well and has good reasons, "It's my senior year so I hope the season turns out well. I'm just having fun. I want to make sure that I'm a team leader." Minks put in a lot of work in the off-season to prepare for this Spring. "I lifted and conditioned. I got the team together to do conditioning sessions," Minks stated. The sport means a lot to Minks and it shows with all his preparation. "I think I do well because I push myself and when I make mistakes, I get on myself so I don't make the same mistakes again." This season will be the last season that Minks wears a Marion jersey. "It's kind of sad," Minks said, "I don't want it to end because I love my teammates and coaches, but I'm excited for it to end because I get to play college. When this ends, something new opens up for me." Minks has plans to play college soccer at Scott Community College in Davenport.

Sports come and go and for some athletes. Minks seems to be coping well with his final season even though it is difficult. But when all things end, just like Minks said, "Something new opens up."



Matthew Minks, senior



Matthew Minks, senior, kicks the ball at a soccer game last year.

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Step into spring: easy DIY for unique tie-dye shoes

Follow these steps to learn how to make these stylish, multi-colored shoes at home using only a few simple materials for a low cost.

By: Taylor Lamm @Lammers11



Supplies Needed:

- Tie Dye kit with easy to blend colors, pair of white plain canvas shoes, painters tape, and a grocery bag.

Step One:

- Take the shoe laces out of shoes. Wrap the painters tape around the soles of the shoes to protect from getting stained.

Step Two:

- Start the dying process, either place garbage bags down or in bathtub to protect from getting dye everywhere. Start with yellow around the tip of shoe. Then go to orange and pink. Space out evenly to make sure all colors



Step Three:

- After pink then go to blue. Blue should not be on the heel of the shoe. Green will go on the heel. While dying make sure every part of the shoe gets covered, even the tongue of shoe. Don't worry if the colors blend together.

Step Four:

- Once the whole shoe is covered place in a grocery bag. Let the shoes sit over night, to make the color more vibrant. For this step make sure not to take the tape off yet.



Step Five:

- Next day take the tape off around the shoe. Then place in the washer and wash in cold water. Then run them through the dryer. After drying them put the laces back in and you will have a new pair of tie dyed shoes! It costs around \$35.

Perfect promposals

By: Becca Hall @backkahhh12

With major preparations for prom underway, many hear gossip of who's going to prom together. In the past finding a prom date was more simple, the boy would walk up to the girl and simply just ask, but as the years passed it became more extravagant. Below are a couple of creative ways students have asked their dates to

"Prom party"

Jordan Keeton Senior

"I hung streamers and big bubble letters that spelled 'Prom'. Then I blew up a bunch of balloons and spelled out prom again with candles."



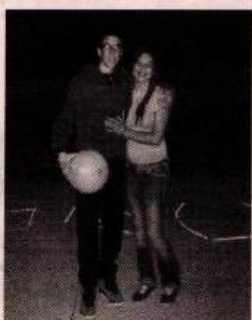
Jamie Draeger Junior

"It was a complete surprise. I went to Mikayla's and Jordan was there asking me to prom. I thought it was really thoughtful and nice!"

"Light up the night"

Jacob Constien Senior

"I wasn't nervous because I knew she would probably say yes. I wrote prom with glowsticks and then I put a path with balloons. She was shocked!"



Elissa Johnson Junior

"He led me to the backyard with them to his basketball court and in glow sticks he wrote in big letters 'PROM'. I didn't expect it. I liked it, it was nice!"

"Prom puzzle"

Quinn Canoy Senior

"She seemed surprised and I wasn't really nervous to ask her."



Skylar MillerBaker Junior

"When I opened the door he had a cookie with 'Prom' on it and then a poster with questions that spelled out 'Will you go to prom with me?'"

"Trucking along to prom"

Joe Cach Senior

"We made signs on cardboard that spelled 'PROM' and I told her I broke down somewhere. We popped our hoods and put the signs under them."



Kallie Kriegel Junior

"It was great, I loved it! When I saw the trucks I put my hands up and said 'Really, what the heck?' and honked my horn."

Author review: John Green

By: Alex Coleman @AlexColeman831

From the depressing tale of two teenage cancer patients unlikely in love, to the story of a girl who ran away never to be found, John Green is quite possibly one of the most talented writers of his time. The Fault in Our Stars, John Green's biggest success, is the story of Hazel Grace Lancaster, a 16 year old diagnosed with stage 4 Thyroid cancer and metastasis forming in her lungs (plus a taste for classic literature), and Augustus Waters, an eighteen year old who previously suffered from osteosarcoma and lost his right leg (he also has a thing for metaphors and the word 'okay'). These two meet at a support group for teenage cancer patients, Augustus refusing to see anything but the beauty inside of a stereotypically not so beautiful girl. They bond over a book, 'An Imperial Affliction', and set off on an adventure to meet the author of the book and have him answer all the unfinished questions the

book leaves. The two become very close, when suddenly, something very tragic happens (as one would assume in a book about cancer patients).

Instead of giving away the ending, let's focus on the writing here. John Green has somehow taken a depressing, hopeless story, and made it into something worthy of being on New York Time's and Wall Street's. "A pitch perfect, elegiac comedy, it will linger long and hard in the minds of teens and former teens" Washington Post said. This book has received many awards, and is currently being made into a movie (release date June 6, 2014).

For all those people who struggle to be entertained in a story, the Fault in Our Stars is definitely a book to try. Tears will be shed, emotions will be felt, and quite possibly a new found love of reading will surface. This, and many of the other John Green novels, are breathtakingly tragic, and heartbreakingly beautiful; try one, you might just fall in love.

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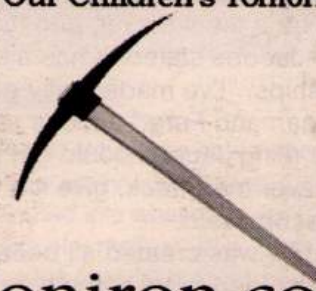
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Elder Scrolls online preview

Enter the world of Tamriel and learn what Elder Scrolls can offer.

By: Uriah Lakin
@Uriah_theChamp

Elves, dead gods, and Imperial soldiers are just a few things that will be plaguing the advertising screens in a month from now. Due for the PC/Mac release the fourth of April, Elder Scrolls Online is one of the most anticipated video games of the year but is still deciding the final release dates for Xbox and Playstation.

Elder Scrolls Online is set 1,000 years before the events of Skyrim the video game and 700 years before Oblivion the video game. In the world of Tamriel, the world Elder Scrolls is based out of three alliance have emerged and all are fighting each other for the Imperial Throne of Tamriel until another factor comes into play. The world of Oblivion where evil dwells with no rule is being threatened to collide with Tamriel and dark forces are being threatened to be released upon the already war torn world. Being tasked with fighting the new dead enemy, the Empire, and the other two alliances the soldiers are overwhelmed.



The Elder Scrolls Online game cover. (Image Obtained from ElderScrollsOnline.com)

With the world divided and already in a full swing of chaos the game gives you a choice to decide what Alliance you will be apart of. After choosing either the Daggerfall Covenant, or the Aldmeri Dominion, or the EbonHeart Pact, you will then decide what character class you will be a part of like Elf, Mage, or Ranger, etc. Once you chose you will be thrown into the world of Tamriel fighting the forces of Oblivion or the chaotic Empire.

Anyone can pre-order Elder Scrolls Online whether its for Mac, PC, Playstation 4, and or Xbox One. You can order either the Standard Edition with the only the game and manual or you can order the Imperial Standard Edition. In the Imperial Edition you receive 5 day early access to the game, a 12' inch statue of an important character, Imperial soldier uniform the character can wear along with an Imperial white horse. Along with all of those extra editions you also receive a map of Tamriel and a 224 illustrated page of how the game was made and exclusive art and concept art the designers made. Test trials of Elder Scrolls Online are also going on so step into the action before its too late.

Be prepared to go into full swing in Elder Scrolls Online with a released date set to be out for new released consoles. Travel the world of Tamriel, fight enemies, pair up with friends, or go solo but be prepared to vanquish all evil from this enchanted world.



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The "Divergent" review

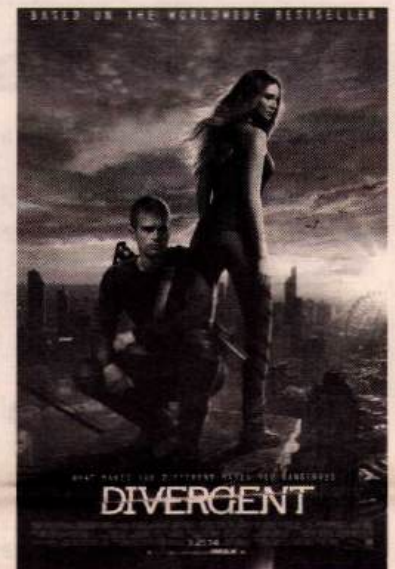
By: Uriah Lakin @Uriah_theChamp

A heart stopping, jaw-drop, teen flick with a new set of rules, refusal of conformity. Divergent, the first installation of the series by author Shailene Woodley, has hit the movie screen with an opening week of 57 million dollars. Divergent is centered in an after apocalyptic society existing in once known Chicago where five sects of people exist to maintain balance and conformity. With all teens minds set on their day to find what sect they fit into Tris the main character is one of those lucky but unlucky few at the same time. Tris soon finds out she is a divergent; the one thing the societies leaders refuse to let exist. A divergent is a single person that resembles two or more sects of their society. Thus making the person stand out as an individual and that makes them an enemy and an outcast.

Tris now Beatrice is forced into hiding and blending in and she soon meets Four the heartthrob and love in trice of the movie. While in hiding she trains to become a Dauntless which is the police force of the sects. She must work to past intense physical, psychological, and traumatic experiences and is thought to fail but passes. There she meets Four who becomes the love interest and heartthrob of the movie who is also a Divergent.

She soon finds out the Divergents are disappearing and the presumed responsible is Jeanine the leader of the sects with a body full of ice cold blood. Tris and Four jump into a full head secret investigation to find out where they have gone and why they are so dangerous. Tris curiosity and investigative mind could hurt the ones she loves or free them and or maybe even kill her.

Divergent keeps the audience invested and interested with the movie and its characters. With jaw drops and the adrenaline pumping scenes Divergent is a promising movie. The second installation Allegiant will hopefully be just as promising as Divergent and hopefully even more stunning. Divergent is now in theaters and is predicted to continue in grossing worldwide.



Divergent Movie Poster
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Brands Vs. Brands poll

By: Kayla Comried @KComried

In today's society, having things be "name brand" is a big deal. Whether it be designer jeans, the newest phone, or even the coolest car teens are always trying to achieve the newest fad. Whether or not these things are important depends on the person but people still favor some brands over others.



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Dinner, dancing, and so much fun

By: Ashley Lappe @Ashley_Lappe33

To many people, prom is the best time of the year. They get to dress up, go to dinner, and get their groove on. Others, however, don't care to dress up and spend hundreds of dollars on one night, but prefer to hang out with friends on a normal basis. Whatever the preference, the night of prom can be one to remember.

Many people are excited for the fun-filled night including Jensen Beard, Sydney Pitstick, both juniors, and Jacob Constien, senior. Everyone has their different reasons for looking forward to prom, but most girls can't wait to wear their dresses. "I want to wear my dress. I like the color and the beading and I wanted something that was see through on the sides," Beard said.

Girls usually plan what they will be wearing months in advance, but for guys their choice of tux is a last minute thing, "I just picked it out by the color of her dress," said Constien.

While a lot of girls are mostly excited for wearing their expensive yet wonderful dresses the guys are looking forward to other things. For example, Constien just wants to have a good

time. "It's fun and you get to see all of your friends."

Though the dinner may be great, it can be hard to set up a reservation. Many restaurants don't take them so finding seats can be difficult. Because of this a lot of groups stay in and make dinner at home before prom. "My mom is making dinner for us at my house," said Pitstick.

To avoid the stress of finding a restaurant some groups may make the decision to have dinner out of town, "we're going somewhere in Iowa City. I think they just wanted to take the limo far away," said Beard about her group's plan for dinner.

Prom is a fun time for high schoolers and many people have a hard time finding anything wrong with it. But others may wish for more. "I don't like the fact that there's no food," Constien stated. Dancing for hours can make a person hungry and most people believe that having food would be a good option.

Dinner, dancing, and enjoying the time one gets to spend with friends, all make up the one night a year that people love. Prom is the one night that it is acceptable to spend hundreds of dollars on a dress while in high school.

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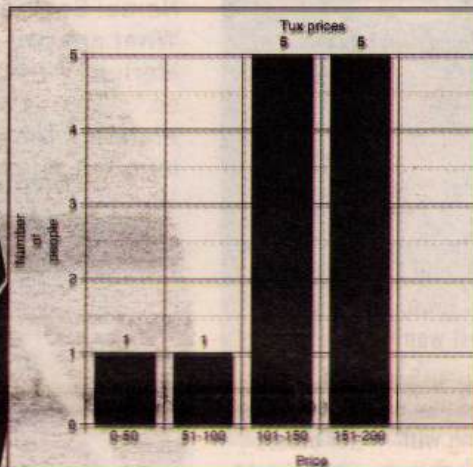
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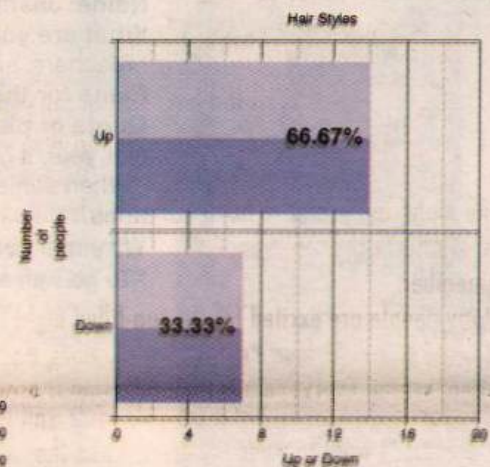
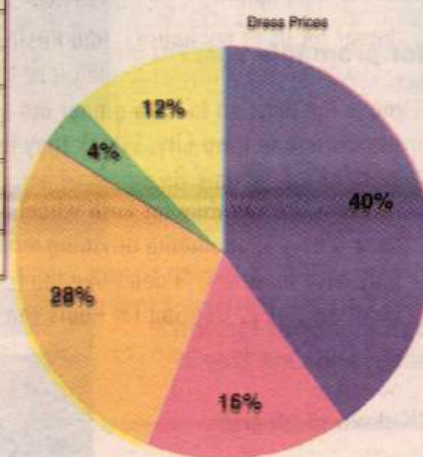
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MHS Prom Trends



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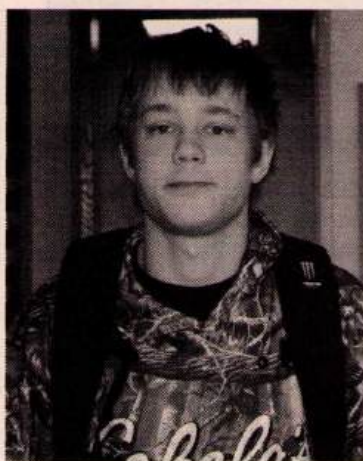
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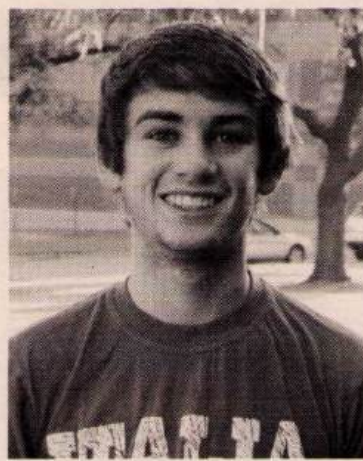


V-neck





Name: Jacob Ottaway
What are you going to miss about Marion? "The wrestling team."
Quote or piece of advice? "If you ain't first, you're last."
Plans for the Future? "To live in the moment."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I'm going with a great group of friends and taking a beautiful girl."



Name: Daly Quinn
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Playing sports, my mommy, and friends."
Plans for the future? "Attend the University of Iowa and major in an undecided field of study."
Quote or piece of advice? "Halo all Daylo."
 -Dales
Why are you excited for prom this year? "It will be my last dance with all my friends."



Name: Dylan Peterson
What are you going to miss about Marion? "The fun times with my seniors."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood then Iowa."
Quote or piece of advice? "Don't waste your high school in a relationship..."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Because I'm not going."



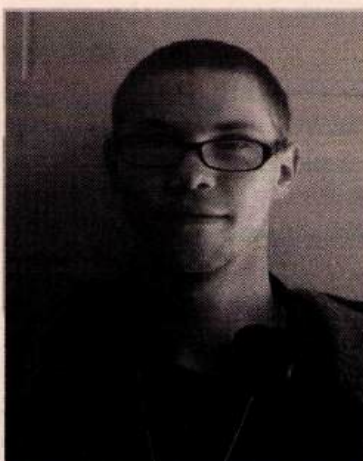
Name: Madi Redlinger
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Choir, my friends, open blocks, and Spanish with Senorita Fowler!"
Plans for the future? "I'm going to Hawk-eye Community College to do something with gen. eds. Then transferring to UNI to do something with my life."
Quote or piece of advice? "Wasn't Beyonce in the Spice Girls?" -Isabelle Webber
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I'm excited to be with all my friends and shake my tail feather off one last time."



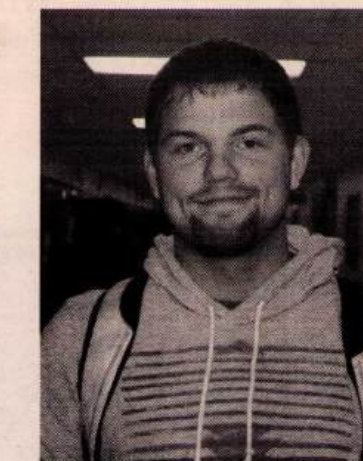
Name: Jasmine Petty
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Teachers, school events, and Emi Banes."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood."
Quote or piece of advice? "Enjoy your senior year, it goes by fast."
 "When someone welcomed me with open arms."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "To go with all my friends."



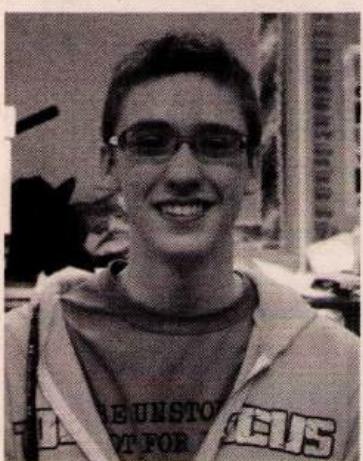
Name: Samantha Runde
What are you going to miss about Marion? "The softball team and coaches."
Plans for the future? "Attend Kirkwood for criminal justice then transfer to Mount Mercy."
Quote or piece of advice? "You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them." -Michael Jordan
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Not going."



Name: Jeffery Pratt
What are you going to miss about Marion? "My friends, school dances, and One Day in May."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood for two years, archeology."
Quote or piece of advice? "It does not matter if you live forever or not. But it matters how you spend that time wisely."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Wearing my new suit."



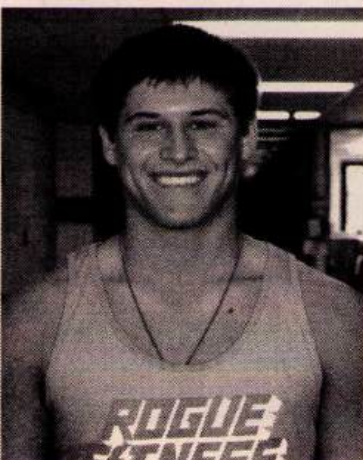
Name: Dalton Runde
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Gettin' together at Andrew's house."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood then Iowa with Dales and Dill."
Quote or piece of advice? "I'm just another Marion Idiot."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Because It's my last one ever."



Name: Austin Priborsky
What are you going to miss about Marion? "My friends."
Plans for the future? "Attending ISU while studying physics."
Quote or piece of advice? "However many holy words you read, however you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act upon them." -Buddha
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Spending time with my friends at the last dance of my high school career."



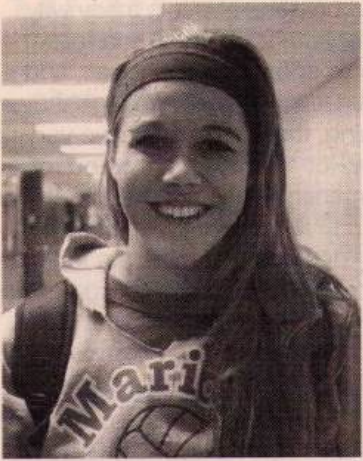
Name: Kathryn Saba
What are you going to miss about Marion? "All the great staff, school dances, and the friends I've made. But most of all, marching band!"
Plans for the future? "Attend Coe College and major in Pediatric Nursing."
Quote or piece of advice? "Be proud of who you are and what you've done. Never be something you're not."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Because it's my last dance and I get to wear a huge dress."



Name: Drew Proksa
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Friends and teachers."
Plans for the future? "Attend Luther College."
Quote or piece of advice? "Compete every-day."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Last dance."



Name: Brittany Sanks
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Friends."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood."
Quote or piece of advice? "Enjoy your years in high school."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "n/a."



Name: Cora Schlotterback
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Trends in fashion."
Plans for the future? "Kirkwood, and study psychology."
Quote or piece of advice? "If you're going through hell, keep going."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "It's my last prom."



Name: Bailee Seger
What are you going to miss about Marion? "My friends and my sports teams."
Plans for the future? "Major in biomedical engineering then go to med school."
Quote or piece of advice? "We must let go of the life we have planned so to accept the one that is waiting for us."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "To wear my prom dress I love."



Name: Paula Schmidt
What are you going to miss about Marion? "My band/guard family, and all of the friends and memories I made."
Plans for the future? "Go to Coe or UNI for teaching or nursing."
Quote or piece of advice? "Everything happens for a reason."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Because I'm (probably) going to be in a big group, and will be wearing a pretty pink dress."



Name: Haley Shaffer
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Gaff, Jackie, Journo, football games, my bffs, and just the simplicity of high school life."
Plans for the future? "Go to Iowa."
Quote or piece of advice? "Be funny or talk less."
Why are you excited for prom? "Because it's my last high school dance and I'm going with a lot of my friends. It's kind of like our last hoorah."



Name: Heidi Schmidt
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Mrs. Schultz, Austin, and band."
Plans for the future? "Dentistry."
Quote or piece of advice? "Date theater people"
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I get to spend the evening with someone I truly care about."



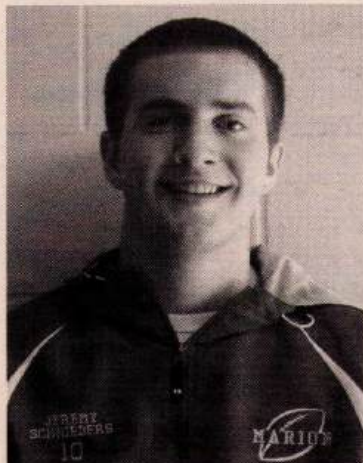
Name: Aaron Smith
What are you going to miss about Marion? "The tennis team."
Plans for the future? "Go to Simpson to play tennis and get a degree in math or physics."
Quote or piece of advice? "Tickle tickle no love." -Brandon Hornback
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I'm not really excited for prom."



Name: Waylon Schmitt
What are you going to miss about Marion? "All of my friends and teachers."
Plans for the future? "Work and maybe go to trade school."
Quote or piece of advice? "Go big or go home."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I won't be making it this year."



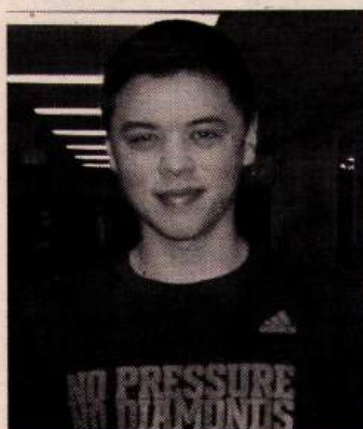
Name: Christian Stekl
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Teachers and the commentary."
Plans for the future? "Go to college and play baseball."
Quote or piece of advice? "Learn from mistakes."
Why are you excited for prom this year? N/A



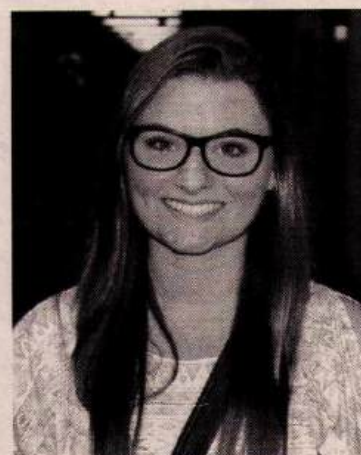
Name: Jeremy Schnieders
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Teachers, friends, and Terrence Williams."
Plans for the future? "Go to Kirkwood, study criminal justice and play golf."
Quote or piece of advice? "I'm not mad, I'm disappointed." -Dave Messerli
Why are you excited for prom this year? "Because I'm going in a group with fantastic people. We are having fantastic food and we will have a fantastic time."



Name: Summer Swallow
What are you going to miss about Marion? "My teachers and friends."
Plans for the future? "Go to Kirkwood first."
Quote or piece of advice? "n/a."
What is your favorite memory from MHS? "I have a date."



Name: Brandon See
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Soccer and friends."
Plans for the future? "Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School."
Quote or piece of advice? "Insanity is doing the same thing twice and expecting different results." -Albert Einstein
Why are you excited for prom this year? "I'm not going."



Name: Miya Swift
What are you going to miss about Marion? "Nothing."
Plans for the future? "Take a year off."
Quote or piece of advice? "Try your best."
Why are you excited for prom this year? "It's my senior year."

Potholes or craters?

By: Alex Coleman @AlexColeman831

Driving down the road is normally a very pleasant experience; whether it's driving towards your best friend's house, the closest Starbucks, or the nearest convenience store because Mom needs milk, driving tends to be relatively enjoyable. A majority of high school students, the ones that can drive anyway, thoroughly enjoy the freedom of being behind wheel. However, no one, absolutely no one, enjoys the feeling of driving on smooth, clear road, and then BAM! Crackle, bu-dum, shudder, the car rolls over none other than a disgusting, soul sucking crater of death. That's right, a pothole.

Potholes are small indents in the asphalt, they can be caused by many things, but they are mainly caused by presence of water in the soil underneath

the cement. The water, mixed with the wear and tear of traffic, eventually eats away a place in the road to create what we all know as an everyday pothole. There are many of these throughout the Marion area, and they are all relatively bad. A good majority of the time, there is at least one road under construction, for fixing of potholes and other hazardous mishaps in the asphalt. However, it seems like there are just too many potholes to be fixed, they're everywhere; waiting for an unsuspecting minivan to roll along and destroy its wheels, mess with the inner-workings, and crush its hopes and dreams.

These dreadful little bumpy spots can cause a multitude of problems for every vehicle, from tire punctures and damage to rims, to steering misalignment and suspension damage, these suckers pack a punch. Not only can they cause damage to cars, but they can also fill with water, muddy water, in which will splash and splatter all over a victim's car. Just went to the car wash? Pothole attack! Trying to keep the parents car clean? Pothole ambush! But how might we rid ourselves of these terribly pesky canyons? Why, repair them of course!

Pothole repair can be gone about in many ways, some of which are very creative, throw and roll repair, semi permanent repair, spray injection repair, and edge seal repair are a few of these. Although they all achieve the same thing, these methods have varying degrees of efficiency, for example: Throw and roll repair and semi permanent repair are equally efficient, but throw and roll repair is less costly. The city of Marion has basically decided that there are too many potholes to fix, so how could they possibly go about helping out their community by getting rid of these nasty craters? The city has made this mix that they plan on filling all of the potholes with, it will basically make them disappear; but this does not fix the problem forever. The mix will only fix the holes for a few years, so is it really going to be very beneficial?

However the city of Marion decides to fill these little pockets of sadness, they should decide to do it soon. Not only high school students, but the community as a whole is just about fed up with listening to the sound of their car dying when they roll over an unavoidable pothole. Everyone can agree, it's time for these monstrosities to go.

The NCAA top scorers of 2014

By: Deshaun Quinn @Quinntower_2



2015 NFL draft picks

By: Gage Miskimen @GageMisky

The NFL Draft is a premier event every year that sports fans look forward to. This year's draft has definitely seen it's share of controversy with Missouri's All-American, defensive-end, Michael Sam announcing to the world that he is gay. If Sam is drafted, he would be the first openly-gay player in the NFL. No matter what people feel about this issue, one thing can't be contested: Sam has talent and could be a potential play maker for whatever team would draft him.

There is also debate on who the top quarterback of this year's draft is. Some see Louisville junior, Teddy Bridgewater as the best passer and overall a very solid player. Speedy and playmaking Johnny Manziel from Texas A&M is also projected as a first rounder, along with Central Florida's red-shirt junior, Blake Bortles. All three QB's are seen as top ten players. There is argument, however, where each QB will end up. Manziel at Oakland, Bridgewater at Cleveland, Bortles at Houston? No analysts can seem to agree on what jersey these rookies will sport.

One player who's been in the spotlight is South Carolina defensive-end, Jadeveon Clowney. After the combine, he was given a 7.5 player rating which means that he is seen as a future all-pro player by football analysts.

Watch the draft starting Thursday, May 8th and as it continues throughout the weekend and find out where these players will go.

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Step 2: Add java chips
Step 3: Add mocha syrup
Step 4: Top with whipped cream and chocolate drizzle

Burnt Marshmallow Espresso

Step 1: Start with a doppio or solo espresso machiato
Step 2: Add two pumps of white mocha syrup
Step 3: Add caramel drizzle
Tip: This drink will come in a short cup, but will have a lot of caffeine

Pink Starburst Frappuccino

Step 1: Lemonade to the bottom line of the cup
Step 2: Add creme base (Tall- 2 pumps, Grande- 3 pumps, Venti- 4 pumps)
Step 3: Add raspberry syrup (Tall- 1/2 pump, Grande- 1 pump, Venti- 1.5 pumps)
Step 4: Add vanilla syrup (Tall- 3 pumps, Grande- 3.5 pumps, Venti- 4 pumps)
Step 5: Add ice and blend with whipped cream
Step 6: Top with whipped cream

Cadbury Creme Egg Frappuccino

Step 1: Start with a Java Chip Frappuccino
Step 2: Add 1 shot of espresso (2 shots for Grande or Venti)
Step 3: Add vanilla syrup (Tall- 1 pump, Grande- 1.5 pumps, Venti- 2 pumps)
Step 4: Add caramel syrup (Tall or Grande- 1/2 pump, Venti- 1 pump)
Step 5: Add vanilla bean powder (Tall- 2 scoops, Grande- 3 scoops, Venti- 4 scoops)
Step 6: Top off with whipped cream and caramel drizzle

All recipes were found on starbuckssecretmenu.net and created by baristas and starbucks lovers.

By: Becca Hall @Backkahhh12

Many Starbucks lovers and baristas have experimented with different ingredients to create crazy, delicious, and even some just plain weird drinks. This has turned into what most call the "Starbucks secret menu." This isn't so much of a real, tangible menu that one can ask for when ordering but an online collection of drink recipes. After students and teachers voted, these are the top four most interesting drinks that have been created by baristas around the country.

New additions for the Marion High School office

From a whole new front section, to a brand new paint job, the MHS office has been undergoing some major changes

By: DeLaney Fisher @DeLaney_Fisher

It's a normal day at Marion High School, as students amble to class, and visitors come and go. It's the new normal that this is all seen by the secretaries in the office.

For Jackie Little, who has worked at Marion High School for four years, the new, extended office is a dream come true. "Before there was a lot of people coming and going, and we weren't able to see anything," Little stated. It's been a long time coming, and so far the changes have only had positive outcomes.

With the new office being right next to the main entrance, Little is able to enjoy the best parts of her job easier. "The students are definitely the best part of my job," Little said with a smile. "Before I could only see students when they came right up to my window, but now I can see anyone who enters or exits the building," Little explained.

"People just used to walk in and wander around. Now it's easier for us to help them find what

Being on the official for every-used walk in and Now its easier find what they're stated. Plus, it

since cars entering the building can be seen.

It is safe (thanks to the new office) to say Little likes the changes the extended office has brought, "I see what's going on, and feel in the know out here," Little confirmed. But nothing comes without a price. "It's been a big adjustment, especially to the noise during lunchtime," Little said with a laugh.

The extension also freed up space where the secretaries used to sit. That space is now going to be used to hold various meetings, and just as a bigger space to do things that can't be done in the smaller offices of Mr. Zrudsky and Mr. Semler. It can be for anything.

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-Jackie Little, office secretary



Jackie Little, one of the school secretaries, sits at her new desk in the expansion of the new office, and checks her emails at her new location.

Helping the community

By: Kaela Halverson @Kaelswhales

Twelve boys are pitching in a hand to add housing to Marion. Alex Kruser, senior, is one of them.

Every day during fourth block he walks into the house he has helped

create himself, everything he does makes this house a little bit better than it was before. This class includes the experience of building a house for the

Marion community, "It's fun to work around with the guys and get stuff done," said Kruser.

Along with effort they put in, a lot of time is given as well; first quarter they had the class third and fourth block and then the rest of the year they have only had it fourth block.

The building not only helps the community, it makes them stronger mentally and physically. "It sometimes feels like we are in P.E.," said Kruser. They work on everything together so everyone knows

everything. There really is no I in team.

As the house is finishing up there is still a lot to do. Kruser plans on being an electrician in the future so this experience is showing him what his everyday job would be like. They

aren't just working they are having fun while doing it, "You won't find a better teacher than Wise, and we got him addicted to Flappy Bird," said Kruser.

A house built by high school students is coming to a close and Kruser's future job is coming closer.

House Stats:

-1,590 sq. feet

- Three-stall garage
- Hickory wood floors in kitchen and dining



The address of the house is 2905 Bullis Drive. This house is being made by twelve high school kids and is guided by Mr. Weisinger.

National Honor Society

By: Haley Shaffer @ShafferDaffer

Many students enjoy getting involved in extra curricular activities, whether it's sports, clubs, or even internships. One popular way people like to get involved is through volunteering. Volunteering is something that not only helps the community, but the student as well. While there's many ways to volunteer, there's one group students can get involved in, while not only helping their community, but their futures too.

Grace Ehlinger, senior, is one of the proud members of NHS, or National Honor Society. "I've been in NHS since sophomore year," Ehlinger said. National Honor Society is an organization that's different from any other that students can be involved in. "It's about leadership, having high standards for personal achievement, and giving back to the community," Ehlinger said.

Amanda Sahm, junior, is also a part of NHS and enjoys it. "I like being

a leader in the school," Sahm said. National Honor Society not only helps its initiates futures, but the community too. "We clean up Marion's gardens and we do highway clean-up and help with the food drive," Sahm commented. It's not just a group of students volunteering for the community, but the requirements to be accepted are high. "You have to have good grades, good recommendations from teachers and coaches, and you have to be involved," Ehlinger commented.

While NHS is difficult to get into, the benefits of it are well worth the effort it takes. "It looks really good on college and scholarship applications," Ehlinger said. Not only does it help with college, but it's a privilege to be in NHS. "It's nice to know that I can get into something like NHS," Ehlinger said.

National Honor Society is not only a great way to help the community, but it insures a brighter future for NHS members too.

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Breaking through the past to make a new future

Jacob Feller is ready to tell her story of making the changes to become the person she always knew she should be.

By: Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer

Most people never think twice about the gender of the body they're in, but for some, it's a daily battle between how society sees them, and how these people see themselves. Jacob Feller, junior, is living a life most people will never experience. She is transgender. "I didn't understand why there was an isolation between genders. As I grew up it became more apparent. I understood where I was expected to be and where I should be, but those two things were completely polarized," Feller commented.



Jacob Feller, junior

Feller's recognition with who she is was something she always felt, "All my life I've felt more feminine. Ever since I was little I considered myself female, I always wanted to do girly things," Feller said. Those feelings soon turned into realization that not everything was

as innocent as feeling a certain way, "I see it as who you are in your mind is trapped in the body of the wrong gender," Feller went on to say.

Feller has started to make her way onto the more feminine side of things but she hasn't gotten to where she wants to be, "I don't dress the way I want or look the way I want to, I'm more gender neutral with a feminine side. It's not self-expression; it's a transition into becoming physically female," Feller stated. While she's making progress, there are more things Feller would like to do to further herself, "I plan to do hormone therapy to acquire a woman's body, I'm going to let my hair grow out, and try to raise my voice. Possibly some surgeries. My big goals are to get my name and gender changed legally," Feller added.

Most people are unaware of Feller's transition and her story, "I've only told people who would be totally understanding. The people I've sat down and told it to have taken it well and been positive," Feller commented. The people that don't know have been more insensitive, "Some people that don't know make assumptions that I'm gay and want to act more feminine or think I'm completely delusional," Feller said.

While Feller is at ease with herself, others are there to try and bring her confidence down, "The bullying makes me feel bad about myself and uncomfortable. I try to ignore it, I don't let it affect my schooling. People are either totally rude or passive aggressive," Feller stated. Feller believes it's not fair for people to bully her, "I don't think bullies should judge me because they have not had to face what I have had to face and will continue to experience for the rest of my life," Feller added.

Feller does not want her story to go without a lesson. To bullies she says, "Remember that just because you don't understand something doesn't mean you shouldn't try to." To people going through the same thing as her, she advises, "Don't be afraid to be yourself, even though I'm not a good example because I care too much about what other people think though I shouldn't, and you shouldn't either."

Everyone goes through transitioning into who they want to be, and while Feller's may seem a little controversial, with effort and a whole lot of courage, she is determined to be herself.

Cannavo's last perfect prom

By: Kayla Comried @KComried

As a freshman, this time of year feels like any other. There is no big dance to plan for, no tanning to fit into the schedule, and no dress to purchase. However, for a few choice freshman and sophomores prom is just as important to them as any upperclassman.

Tricia Cannavo, senior, was one of these students. She has attended prom all four years, but every year has been unique.

"Junior prom was my favorite because that was the year we put all the work into it, so it meant a little more," explained Cannavo.

Since this is her last prom, it seems as though it is a bigger deal. "As a senior, it is a lot more exciting because it is the last school dance I will ever attend, and as a freshman I didn't care very much. I also didn't know a lot of people because they were all upperclassmen. I was nervous because I didn't know a lot of people

including my date," she added with a chuckle.

This year, Cannavo is really excited for prom, and she knows it will be fun. "My group has a limo and we are going to Iowa City for dinner."

Each year, although slightly different, has been relatively similar, and she has never done anything too extravagant plan-wise.

Looks however, can be a different story.

Every year, prom dress styles change and in this aspect, the dance is always different. "The price of a dress can be dramatic, but for your senior year it is worth it because that is your last year and the last time to give it your all," Cannavo explained.

As prom draws unbelievably close she has one small piece of advice for those who have never attended. "It can be a lot of stress with all the planning, but remember to enjoy it and have fun because you only have so many."



Tricia Cannavo and Madi Redlinger, seniors, talk about their prom night plans.

Steps towards a bright future

By: Deshaun@Quinntower_2

Walking from room to room, tending to peoples needs, giving shots and helping doctors is a job Gabrielle Fiala is interested in.

Gabrielle Fiala, junior, has always had the aspiration to become a nurse. She hopes someday she will have the chance to work with the helpless and elderly. To see if this is actually what she wants to do she has tried an internship. Her internship is at Mt. Mercy Hospital. She goes from room to room complete tasks she has been told. When I asked her why she did the internship she replied "I did the internship



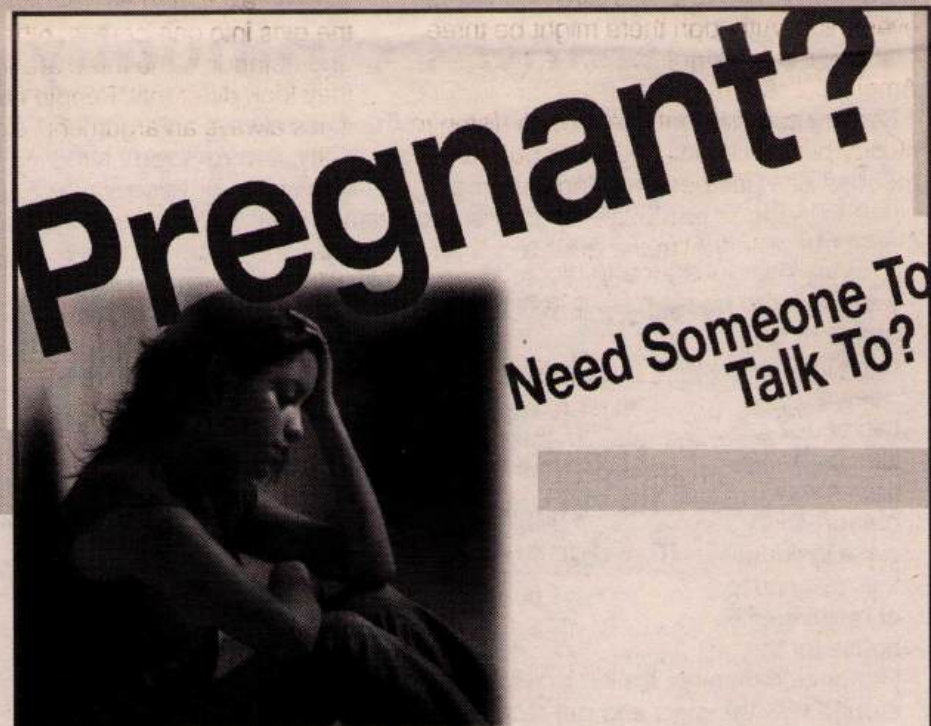
Gabrielle Fiala, junior

to get a better understanding". She would have never pursued her dream without the job shadow she took through the school. When she was asked does she receive anything in return,

she said "I receive one credit through the school and volunteering hours for my silver cord."

Hayden Meister knows the experiences of taking an internship. Hayden was interested in his internship after taking a job shadow through the school as well. Hayden's internship was for a physical therapy background at a place known as Performance Therapy. Performance "I did it for the experience for the future" explained Hayden on his outlook on the job internship. The experience was great learning experience for him saying "they had me watch the as they worked on people".

Internship are a great way to figure out if the job is for you or not. Many other don't have the chance to take a job shadow and experience a job like Marion high School provides. We've all heard those people who say they hate their jobs. Wasting lots of money on a career they later wished they wouldn't have studied on. So rather than wasting time and money on a job that doesn't interest and take that internship that is calling name. People never know how life will change.



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Pros and cons of legalizing marijuana within the U.S.

Marion students give their opinions on the legalization of marijuana.

By: Ashley Lappe @Ashley_Lappe33

Television shows, music, people even hear about it from their peers. Everywhere a person goes they hear about marijuana, also called cannabis.



Sheala Rael, sophomore



Ellie Beghtol, sophomore

The last couple of years it has been a very controversial topic. Some people feel it should be legalized, but other people strongly believe it should remain illegal.

In 2012 Colorado and Washington legalized the use of recreational marijuana though federal laws still state that marijuana use is against the law. Both

states have their restrictions, Colorado, residents are only allowed to purchase up to one ounce, if the buyer is over the age of 21.

The consumption laws are similar to those of alcohol when involved with driving and much like cigarette laws it is illegal to consume marijuana in public areas.

Though there are many people open or even motivated towards legalizing marijuana, only two of the fifty states have legalized it for recreational use and only 16 states have legalized the use of medical cannabis. The remaining states are still trying to determine whether it would be good to legalize or not.

Ellie Beghtol, sophomore, is among the many people who believe it should be allowed in all states.

"I believe it should be legalized because it was tested to stunt brain growth but alcohol does the same thing," she said.

There are a lot of people that feel the same as Beghtol.

There are also a lot of people that would debate those ideas.

Sheala Rael, also a sophomore, has a much different opinion on legalizing marijuana.

"It shouldn't be legalized because of the damage it can cause. I can see some people doing stupid stuff with it," said Rael.

There are pros and cons to legalizing marijuana. "If used properly and in moderation like harmful substances such as candy, snacks, and alcohol, I don't see any serious downfalls. If it becomes more easily accessible, I can only think it might be overused," said Beghtol.

There are many different opinions about whether or not to legalize it, but a lot of people have the same feelings towards the laws that should be placed on users if or when it were legalized.

Rael and Beghtol have the same opinions towards the law.

"An age limit should be placed and they should only be allowed to do it in certain locations," Rael stated.

Beghtol agrees with there being an age limit, "if it were legalized there should be an age limit like

alcohol. You should be allowed to do it at 21."

Everyone has different reasons for wanting marijuana to be legalized or not, but in the next few years everyone can expect big changes when it comes to the use of medical and recreational marijuana.

Marijuana facts:

- Marijuana is also called Cannabis.
- It has a chemical in it called tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.
- Marijuana can cause a loss of coordination and distortions in the sense of time, vision, and hearing, sleepiness, reddening of the eyes, increased appetite and relaxed muscles.
- It has been proven helpful for treating the symptoms of a variety of medical conditions.
- There is no evidence linking marijuana use to accidents.

Three times the Bruce charm

By: Becca Hall @Backkahh12

Many understand what it is like to have siblings, but few understand the interesting dynamic of being a triplet. Before they were even born the Bruce girls had to share everything. Although there might be three of them, fraternal triplets Baylea, Kyra, and Amery Bruce are all definitely one of a kind.

Amery explains that she likes to "listen to music, play volleyball and hang out with her friends." She has been playing volleyball since sixth grade and plays for Marion Magic and the school. "I'm the quieter one and less outgoing," says Amery. She is much more laid back and easy going, "I just kind of roll with it."

Baylea is almost the opposite when it comes to personality, "I'm more outgoing and people remember that I'm the blonde one," she says. She plays club and school volleyball with Amery, but also enjoys baking. "I like to make cookies" explained Baylea with a smile.

Kyra enjoys to dance in her free time. "I've danced at the Dance Co. from fifth grade to now." Many people know her by the fact that she's much taller than her sisters. "I'm kind of shy if you first meet me but I can be talkative," she said.

All three girls agree that if given the choice, they wouldn't change being triplets. "It's kind of fun because you always have someone to talk to," explained Amery. Baylea agreed saying, "You always have

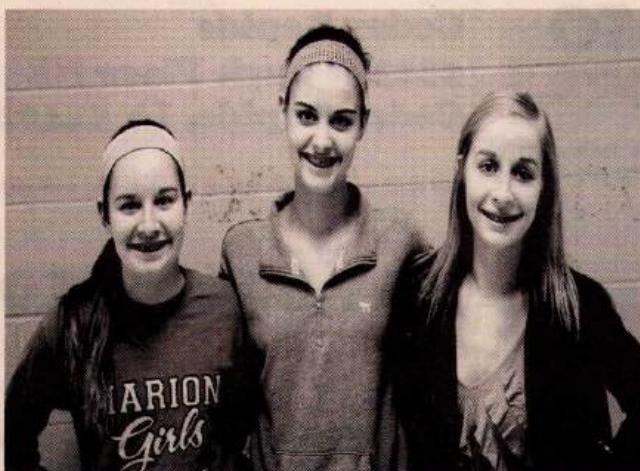
someone to hang out with at home. Being a triplet gives the girls a special connection that cannot be matched.

As with anything, there are downsides to being a triplet. "We're always known as the triplets" explained Baylea. While some group the girls into one person, others have trouble understanding the three are triplets since they look different. "People never believe it. It's always an argument" explained Kyra. They also get tired of sharing things, "I always joke with my mom that we never have separate birthday cakes" said Baylea with a laugh.

The girls are very different, but they do admit that some things they do are very similar. "At restaurants someone will be like 'I want chocolate milk' and then we will all get chocolate milk," said Baylea. The girls explained that they will often order the same food at restaurants without planning it. "Sometimes one of us will have a song stuck in our head and the rest of us just start singing it out loud without even realizing it," explained Amery with a laugh. "Sometimes we will say the same thing at the same time and it's not planned," added Kyra. They all agree that sometimes having the same food cravings, song choices and thoughts can be odd. "I think we do have triplet telepathy and we don't even know it," Joked Baylea.

Even though they are fraternal as babies the girls looked a lot alike. "Our cousins would paint out toes and fingernails different colors to tell us apart" said Kyra, "But our parents would always dress us in the same colors." Growing up at the same time was fun, but a little tough. "It was always a contest of who lost the most teeth," said Baylea.

Just like all sisters, Kyra, Baylea, and Amery get into fights sometimes, but they are very close. Being a triplet is something unique that keeps the girls closer. They used to share a room, they now share a bathroom, and will soon have to share a car, but they also share in an unbreakable sisterly bond that will outweigh any argument.



The Bruce sisters posing for a picture in the hallways of Marion high school

Teens not going to prom

By: Uriah Lekin @Uriah_theChamp

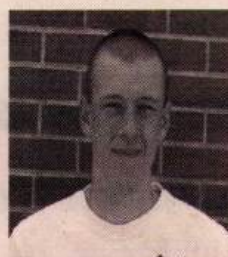
The tradition is simple and extravagant, going to Prom at Marion is a great event to spend with your friends, boyfriend/girlfriend, and great experience for your parents also. Some students have decided this year to not go to prom because they either don't see the point or do not want to go. Here are their thoughts and reaction to the high school rite of passage.



"I just decided not to go, its not really that big of a deal to me you know."
-Christian Ebsen, senior



"It's too expensive overall so I can't go this year because I don't have the means."
-Kennedy Wilson, senior



"I'm not going to prom because I decided to go to Kennedy's with my girlfriend. She helped organize it."
-Dru Brecht, senior



"I cannot afford a dress and I went last year and don't know if I really want to do it back to back."
-Brenda Munier, junior



"I don't really want to go this year I just don't see the point."
-Toni Yirkovsky, senior



Where's the student?



Jami Keeton, '16



Hunter Gillaspie, '14

Fun Facts

Chocolate manufacturers use 40% of the world's almonds and 20% of the peanuts.

Out of all cosmetic tools, mascara wands cause the most injuries. They can also cause allergic reactions resulting in swelling.

Yawns are more contagious among people with closer relationships.

Color is not an indicator for the taste or ripeness in cranberries.

Some studies found the cats are perfectly capable of recognizing their owner's voice, but they can choose to ignore it.

In an average household, the average roll of toilet paper lasts approximately 5 days.

In a lifetime, an average man will shave approximately 20,000 times.

Fun facts obtained from: sotruefacts.com



1: Sydney Pitstick, '15, signs the R-Word Pledge. 2: Kellar Schaefer, '14 performs at Marion's finest. 3: The dance team performs at a basketball game. 4: Emi Banes and Jasmine Petty, both '14, help out with the signing of the R-Word banner and pledge.

Trivia questions

- Which island lies west of Great Britain?
- An eight letter word: Good students has it and nice banks give it out. What is it?
- At the end of The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy clicks her heels together and says what?
- Can you name four of the six stars of the popular TV show, Friends?
- The state of Michigan touches all of the Great Lakes except one Which one?
- Who was the first Supreme Justice on the US Supreme Court?
- Can you name three sports that begin with 'B' but do not end with 'ball'?
- The country that lies closet to Cuba lies 50 miles east of Cuba. Which country is it?
- In 1996 Tom Cruise produced and starred in which film?

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