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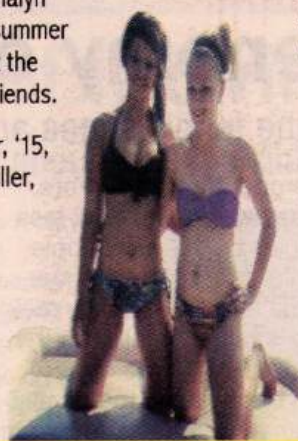
Michalyn Mohr, '15, and Bayley Fuller, '16.

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Find out why one student spends his weekends fishing.

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### No drugs for summer

There are many choices for activities this summer but, partying and drugs does not have to be in those choices. Drugs and alcohol can and will ruin summer plans. Staying away from dangerous substances during the summer months can ensure a safe, healthy and fun summer.

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### The fundamentals of sex for teens

While abstinence is the best choice for teens to make to protect themselves sexually, some teens do partake in sexual activity. Although sometimes this can be dangerous, there are ways for students to protect themselves given that they choose to have sexual intercourse. Homosexuals and heterosexuals both need to take extra precautions to protect themselves.

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### Away from Marion

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, some seniors are planning on going to college near home, and some people are planning on going straight into the workforce. The rest are leaving the state to pursue their careers.

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Almost all of the sports teams at Marion fundraise from one time to another. With all of the different sports trying to sell things, there's bound to be a bit of competition between students. Even competition within the team is bound to happen. For any sport, the competition can, and will be fierce.

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## Seniors words of wisdom for students

Class of 2014 has been through a lot, and some offer good advice to all the underclassmen.

By: Alex Coleman @AlexColeman831

It's an emotional subject: outgoing seniors. An entire group of students here at MHS will be leaving forever within a few short days. It's also really exciting for those outgoing seniors though. Although obviously nerve wracking to leave the life they've lived for the last four years, the idea of starting anew is very welcoming to some. Before they leave, some of the seniors have a bit of advice.

Mickenzie Kack, senior, will be attending Kirkwood for now, other plans for her future left to be planned later. Throughout high school, Kack has learned a lot, but the one thing that she would say to her underclassmen is very simple. "Be yourself and don't ever let anyone change you. That, and don't wait until your senior year to have fun. Be involved in activities, find what you like and see what suits you," Kack said. As a high schooler, it's always good to have someone to look up to, someone who inspires you. "My mom is probably my biggest inspiration, she's just really involved with the community and she does a lot for my family," Kack explained. Though these are her last days with her classmates, Mickenzie has one thing she'd like to say to the Class of 2014. "Don't do anything you'll regret later on."

Joe Tiegen, also a senior, will be attending Luther college and majoring in Music Education to pursue being a music teacher for high school students. For the first three years of his high school experience, Joe tried to



Mickenzie Kack (left), and Joe Tiegen (right), both seniors, accept their personal awards during Honors Night on Wed., May 10th.

fit in somewhere he wasn't meant to be. Eventually he went into music and theater to find out what he really loved doing. "Don't try too hard to fit in places that you don't really fit in, and find what you love early," Tiegen commented, "there's always people there for you even if you feel like you're alone." To his class of outgoing seniors, Joe has one thing he hopes will happen. "Stay in touch with the people you made friends with in high school, don't just lose track of them," Tiegen said, "oh and one more thing, YOLO swag."

High school can be a tough time for everyone. With the mixture of stress from homework to starting to figure out who you are as a person. But just think, the football games, the dances, the important lessons (school related and not) taught within the classrooms; this is one of the best times in students lives, and as it seems most seniors are saying, live in the moment and just enjoy it. Because before it's even realized, it's all over, and everyone is moving on to the next stage of life. But don't fret, there are bigger things to come.

## Kruser chooses a different path for future

By: Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer

As the school year comes to an end, many seniors are preparing themselves for a new scenery of college campuses, quaint dorms, and the feeling of being completely on their own for the first time. Alex Kruser is one of the seniors taking a different route.

Instead of going to school to further his knowledge in topics he's never been interested in, Kruser plans on going straight into the area of business he's always had a knack for, "I have decided on going into the electrician's apprenticeship through the local union," Kruser stated.

Although the program is five years long, a year later than some will be in college, Kruser sees the benefits, "You get paid very well to learn in the trade. You won't have any student loans to pay back later in life and you can work your way up just like any other job, so for me, it's a win, win," Kruser added.

The decision to forgo additional schooling isn't one Kruser made over night, his experience with building and wiring has shown him how he will fit into the job, "When I was younger I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and be a heavy equipment operator, but after helping him build our shop I realized I really enjoyed wiring everything. When I looked into trades, I found the electrician's union has the best overall fit for me," Kruser commented. The soon to be apprentice has always known another way of life wasn't for him, "School has never been for me. I am a hands on,

learning by doing, kind of person. I could not sit in a cubicle or office for the rest of my life. I wanted something more than a high school diploma however," Kruser went on to say.

Although college is a must for some, extra schooling is not what Kruser has planned and he is fully prepared for the next step in his life. With Kruser's future set directly in front of him, he is completely prepared to work diligently for the advance in his education, college or not.



Alex Kruser, senior, works on an electrical outlet, something that might be part of his college-less future he his planning for.

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# Flip flops: the enemy of footwear

As summer approaches, put on the tennis shoes and toss the flip flops.

By: Kayla Comried @KComried

Flip flops. By definition they are described as a light sandal, typically of plastic or rubber, with a thong between the big and second toe. They don't seem too bad until the true definition is revealed. Flip Flops are simply the enemy of mankind.

First and foremost, there are hardly any classy flip flops. The definition has the word thong in it. How can any shoe that uses the word thong be classy? Some flip flops are made of foam. Yes, foam, a lightweight absorbent form of rubber or plastic. Read between the lines, and this definition pretty much states that foam flip flops simply absorb all the nasty sweat, dirt, and fungus from disgusting toes. This type of flop however, is rather light weight, and it can be used in a public shower to avoid getting athletes foot, but that is about the only okay use.

Another, more classy type of flip flop, is the actual sandal type shoe. These, when matched well with an outfit, can actually look somewhat decent, but the wearer must have the proper foot.

The proper foot is very rare. It must be sweat-less, stink-less and stainless. Very few people have "cute" feet so the number of humans that can actually rock flip flops is rather small. The foot must have no type of perspiration because nobody really wants to see water spouting from phalanges pores. Next, the foot must be 100% odorless. Lastly, try to keep the toes clean, along with the toe nails. This will deter people from the unavoidable disgust of a foot. If all of these qualities are met, and the outfit is proper feel free to occasionally, but not often, wear those classy flip flops. Class brings us to our next point.

Why in the world does anyone think it is okay to tie things, like water balloons, to their flip flops? Seriously that does not look good. It literally looks like a balloon fairy vomited on the shoes. Also, people think it is okay to make their little girls wear the flops with the huge puffball of ribbon and bows and such, but likewise to the balloons that does not look good. It looks like a puffy, tumor heavy, water dweller crawled onto the poor child's

foot. So, if flip flops must be in the wardrobe just leave them plain.

Also, they give people really unattractive tan lines. Two bold shaped lines leading directly in between the first and second toe. That is for sure a fashion statement. Now, many readers will say that tennis shoes also give weird tan lines, but they are less noticeable than two centimeter thick lines on the top of the foot. Tennis shoe tan lines are delicately hidden in the crevices of the ankle bend. Tennis shoes are also more comfortable and offer more support.

Flip flops provide no arch support, no heel cushioning and no shock absorption, according to webmd.com. These things lead to foot pain, sprained ankles, and even tendinitis. So why would anyone want to wear these flops?

Well, sadly there are a few pros to these shoes of doom. They are good for protecting feet from hard or hot surfaces while walking around a pool edge and, as said prior they are also good to wear in public showers to avoid catching athlete's foot. Those are the only two positives.

# Fishing fright-mare

-Commentary-

I tend to share with everyone moments from my life in which I have been extremely terrified. So let me tell you about one of the few fishing stories I have.

One summer, long ago, I took a trip with my family and my grandparents up to Canada. We drove up to some cabin resort place, but my grandpa loves to fish. Personally, I usually despise fishing. It's the most boring experience and it's rarely rewarding.

So one day that week, my grandpa and I went out on the lake in his boat, fishing. Well, actually, he was fishing. My chubby, adolescent self was sitting there, suffocating within my poofy, orange life preserver. My grandpa must have sensed my boredom because he decided to catch a fish. I feel that's how it goes for old men. They catch fish when they choose to. It's like an old man superpower. That made me start to become a little more interested in this fishing trip. He then pointed up towards some trees and in one of those trees was a bald eagle, a majestic creature, just sitting peacefully. My grandpa then said two words that unpredictably ruined my whole day, "Watch this." This is where things got messed up.

I watched, intrigued, as my grandpa took a pair of pliers from his toolbox and proceeded to assault the innocent fish right on the edge of the boat. He was brutally pounding its head in with no care in the world. I sat there in my chair, mouth gaping, eyes wide, completely astounded as I had just witnessed my first homicide.

I figured the death game was over since my grandpa threw the fish back in the lake. I watched puzzled as it's lifeless corpse floated among the waves. Remember that peaceful, majestic eagle up in the trees? Because at that moment, Mr. Eagle became the true predator that he was meant to be as he swooped down, his piercing eyes focused on his target. The eagle gave his best eagle-warrior cry as he extended his talons and stabbed into the fish's still fresh flesh and picked him up and carried him back to his nest for a free dinner.

I was never more shocked in my life. At that moment, I realized that fishermen are sadistic serial killers and they enjoy fishing not for the peacefulness, but for the sick sport of watching fish take their last breath.

I sat in silence as we drove back to the dock. I went back to the cabin and laid in my bed, pondering life. I wondered what else my sweet grandpa was capable of. After my deep thought session, I ventured down the path to this little old shed where I heard my grandpa, so I thought I should go check it out. I barged right in the door and what I witnessed in that shed was also life-changing. My grandpa was standing over a table with an electric saw buzzing in his hand. On the table, there were more of victims laid out neatly along the surface. Blood covered the walls and the floor as my grandpa gleefully hacked away the fishes' bodies. I instantly felt sick to my stomach. This was a man who I looked up to and admired and here he was, living a double life; cutting up living things and enjoying it as well. I burst open the shed door and sprinted back up to the cabin. I was very upset for the rest of the evening.

My mom eventually called me out to dinner. I came out to the table and it seemed we were having some type of meat and I never questioned food in front of me. I took a bite and it tasted delightful. "What is this?" I asked. The answer I received made me realize I was as much of a monster as everyone else. "Fish" my grandpa smiled.



By: Gage Miskimen @gagemisky

# Plans after high school shouldn't be feared

By: Taylor Lamm @Lammers11

It's almost time for the seniors to walk the stage. This can be considered the highlight of most student's high school career. There are the people who will be starting college in the fall, or the ones that are going straight into a career. Then there are the students who have decided to protect our country. No matter what someone's plans are after high school, some might be a little worried about the future.

Starting high school for the first time was scary for some students. Now that the beginning of a new obstacle is approaching, that little bit of fear can be making itself appear. No one should really be afraid to start the next new chapter in their life, though. Since the first day of high school a lot has changed for a lot of people. They possibly have grown up and learned a lot about themselves. This should make the process of moving on to whatever the next step in life is a little easier.

No matter what students are doing after high school, they should try to make the process of it as easy as possible. Yes, this can get difficult either

having to choose whether to go to college or take a year off. Maybe the decision is between college or the military, or even if to just go straight into the workforce. If the choice is becoming a little too difficult try making a list of the pros and cons of each option. This can sometimes help on the decision and take a little bit of the fear away.

One thing to always remember is that everyone else is also having to make the same decision. There are some students who already have chosen what they're doing next but they might have had the same worries during the process. Some might just be waiting to see all their options. Either way there is no need to feel as if the world is coming to an end. This is the first time a lot of people have had to make such a big decision on their own, but this won't be the last big decision either.

Just like high school, the next step in someone's life probably will zoom on by. Moving on from high school shouldn't be scary, it should be exciting. It is a time where everyone gets to start living their own life and making their own decisions. High school is just one chapter, now it's time to start the next chapter in the crazy book called life.

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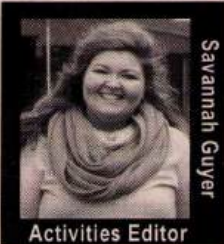
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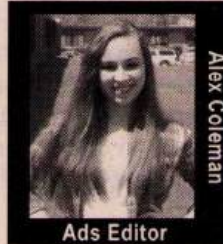
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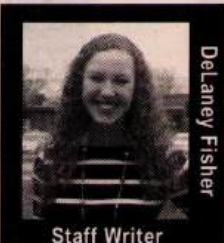
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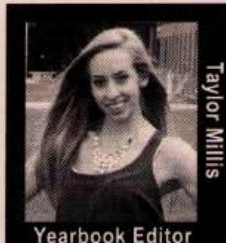
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# The dangers of not getting checked

Teens who participate in sexual activity need to make sure they are staying protected.

By: Uriah Lekin @Uriah\_Royel

The air in the room feels as if it has become stale as the teen sits and waits for their doctor to come back in. As they let their feet dangle off the examination table they think in their mind all of the worst outcomes, as their optimism slowly drifts away. According to statisticbrain.com, six out of ten 17 year olds and five out of ten 16 year olds are sexually active. Only two out of ten teens get regular check ups.

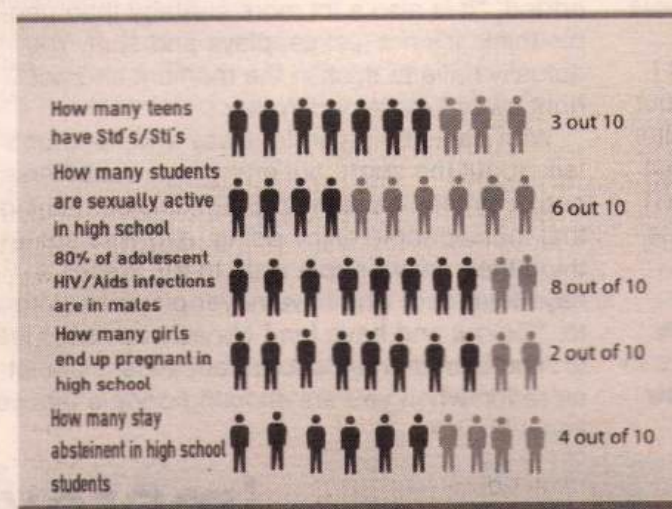
Getting checked is an important part of life if anyone is sexually active. Protected or unprotected sex, no matter what teens still need to get checked. Being safe is the total point. Over 50,000 cases of HIV happen every year on average and most of those cases are found in people between the ages of 16 and 26, according to the cdc.gov. One out of two sexually active people will get an std by the age of 25 according to the Huffington post. Talking about sex especially as a young person to either their parents or doctors is extremely awkward, but it is a topic that needs to be talked about and needs to no longer be considered taboo. There are over 55 million new cases of STD's and STI's a year just in the U.S.

15.3% of teens have had sex with more than 3 people by the time they reach the age of 17 and also 46.7% of teens the age of 16 did not use a condom or take their birth control or Depo-Provera the last time they had sex according to the cdc.gov.

Having sex may seem cool but truly it isn't. Staying abstinent or even just not having sex at all will keep a lot of problems off teens already stressful lives. Having sex costs money and these days it is very hard to have some cash just lying around. A box of regular Trojan condoms cost \$3.95 at the grocery store and that isn't one size fits all. Birth control costs between 15 to 50 dol-

lars a month depending on what type of birth control the young girl gets. But if they cannot get birth control, Plan B a morning after pill for those girls that have unprotected sex the night before, costs around 30 to 50 dollars a pack. Plan B though isn't meant to be constantly taken. It has devastating effects on the female organ reproduction system according to PlannedParent.org.

Safe sex doesn't just mean wrap it up or pop a pill every day, it means to get checked regularly and even every six months for HIV and Aids virus. Unprotected sex has consequences some are graver than others but they are issues that have lifelong defects on a person and are hard to over look as life goes on. It is anyone's personal choice to have sex but, staying safe helps everyone in this world.



These are statistics courtesy of cdc.gov, plannedparent.org, and studentglobalaidscampaign.org.

## Childhood trauma

-Commentary-

When I was younger, my siblings always had lots of friends to play with, and me, being a weird child did not. My parents decided they should get their weird little daughter a pet, so that she'd have someone to hang out with.



By: Haley Shaffer @shafferdaffer

So a couple weeks later, when I was about four, my dad came home with a dog named Katy. She was my best friend. So over the years, Katy and I became best buds. She was there on my first day of kindergarten to hug goodbye, and jump on me when I got home. She was there when I got my first boyfriend. Then a week later when he broke my heart. She was even there when I lost my first tooth, even though she chewed up the little treasure chests they came in, I didn't care, because she was my BFFL, and if chewing that up made her happy, then so be it.

Katy and I were two pees in a pod, until one fateful day in August of 2003. About two weeks before this awful day, it was my seventh birthday. It was also my golden birthday, so it was a pretty big deal, arguably the best birthday of my life. To top it all off, my aunt surprised me with a six week old kitten, that I cleverly named Snuggles.

During the next two weeks following my birthday, I was completely infatuated with Snuggles. I played with her and pulled her tail and she didn't even bark at me for it like Katy did. While I was having all of this fun with Snuggles, I didn't realize that I was neglecting Katy. Apparently she was getting jealous and on August 24th, 2003, Katy did something that will forever scar me in my mind.

It was a casual Sunday afternoon, and my brother Blake and I were about to catch some Z's. My dad had just ran to Menard's so we were home alone, with my sister of course. Blake finally passed out on the couch and I was watching Barney's new movie called "Barney: you can be anything" which changed my life but anyways. As I'm finally starting to doze off, I hear a bang and look over to see Katy hurdling over the dog fence like a track star, and see her eyes darted right at Snuggles. I'm in panic but what can I do? I just turned seven, I needed assistance, but by the time Blake woke up, it was too late. There, was Katy, looking at me with Snuggles tail dangling out of her mouth. I looked at Katy in a way I'm sure I never had before. Blake sprinted up and got Snuggles out. At this point, I was balling my eyes out and my brother was on the phone with my dad crying, telling him to rush home. When we finally got to the pet hospital, it was closed, because it was Sunday. Snuggles was gone.

My dad gave Katy away to a farm, and threw Snuggles in a garbage bag and I guess we all eventually moved on with our lives. But Katy, I just want you to know, I forgive you, and I know now that everyone makes mistakes, but you'll always be my BFFL.

## Thinking about summer decisions

By: Gage Miskimen @gagemisky

Partying has been around for generations upon generations and with summer, some teenagers feel the need to participate. The choice whether or not to participate in drinking or using drugs is completely up to each individual. Either way, whatever choice one may choose does not make somebody a good or a bad person. But some need to keep in mind that whatever choices they make are all followed by certain consequences. If a student is also an athlete, the athlete needs to remember that just because it's summer, it is not likely that consequences will be lessened if the individual is caught engaging in illegal activities.

Some may use the excuse that there is nothing else to do, so they might as well use drugs and alcohol. Being bored is not a valid excuse. Sure, Iowa is definitely one of the most boring states in America right behind Nebraska and both Dakotas, but that's not a legitimate reason to turn up. Realistically, there is no reason to turn up. If a person is doing drugs or alcohol, it is fully their own choice but they shouldn't make excuses in why they do so. They're just doing it to do it. It's as simple as that.

With some choosing to go to college after high school, people need to be cautious in what they

do with their free time. If someone gets busted for drinking, some colleges might look at that as a red flag. This is even more true if one gets busted with an illegal substance such as marijuana. People need to think more about the future and their long-term goals rather than living in the moment and deciding to do things based on primal urges or a need to fit in.

People need to decide to start making choices for themselves and not be so easily influenced by peers or media or just because someone sees something cool and funny on twitter, it doesn't mean they should try to recreate it. Be independent and be an individual. Because if everyone acts like someone else, then who's really real?

When it comes down to it, each individual will decide on what they want to do with their lives and realistically there is no right or wrong path, just a matter of opinion. But there are definite consequences for whatever choices and path one takes. That's just life. If one understands the possible outcomes of their actions and is okay with those outcomes, then who is anybody to tell them what to do and how to live their lives. But keep in mind, if someone has long term goals and aspirations, then one may need to adjust what they are participating in and focus more on what they truly want later down the road.

## People always chasing time, not enjoying it

By: Haley Shaffer @shafferdaffer

Time. People never seem to be too happy with it. They complain about it going too slow or too fast or never having enough of it. The thing about time, is it doesn't go by fast. It's actually the longest thing known to man. Google defines it as, "the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole." Time's the only thing that's actually been going on forever and will go on forever. So why does everyone say it goes by too fast?

As graduation nears, many seniors are beginning to look back on high school, and as they describe

their time in it, most are using the ever so cliché saying, "time goes by too fast." No it did not. In fact, by the time someone's a senior they've spent over 1,000 days being a high schooler. That's 35,040 hours and over 126,144,000 seconds. That did not go by fast.

It's no secret that when people are enjoying themselves, that time seems to go by quicker, than if someone is staring at the wall, anticipating the conclusion of that particular activity. Because if most people had it their way, they would just stay in these seemingly perfect moments forever. But reality check, that's not going to happen. Time is what forces people to move on with their lives, good or bad. It's what keeps this crazy world afloat and keeps

people moving.

The opinion of time going by fast or slow is also completely subjective. If someone's sitting in a room full of couples making out while eating a bowl of Ben & Jerry's, they're probably hating their lives, and counting down the seconds until freedom. But the couples are probably having a great time and their curfew will creep up on them much faster than the loners..

So in hindsight, maybe it's a good sign if someone thinks high school goes by too fast. They enjoyed it so much that those 126,144,000 seconds felt like 10. People should strive to look back on their life at 87 years old, and think "wow, that went by fast." The goal in life isn't to count the hours in the days, but to be too busy enjoying them to even know what time it is.



# Walter aims to out shoot others

Paintballing is a fun and crazy pastime to do while hanging out with friends.

By: Kayla Comried @KComried

He walks into the park fully loaded with ammo, quickly looking around for a place to make his stay. He begins to stake out his opponents, trying to shoot them one by one, nearing closer to the end. He aims, shoots, and watches as each ball explodes into vibrant color on his enemies outer gear. This is the life of a paintballer.

Noah Walter, sophomore, has been paintballing now for four years. "I was invited by some



Noah Walter, sophomore

of my friends to go one day and I just stuck with it," explained Walter. He truly enjoys this pastime because it is a harm free way to have fun with friends, "My favorite part is the fact that I can shoot someone without hurting them," stated Walter. This may seem painful, but he negotiated that it wasn't too bad, "it feels like a bee sting, hurts for a couple

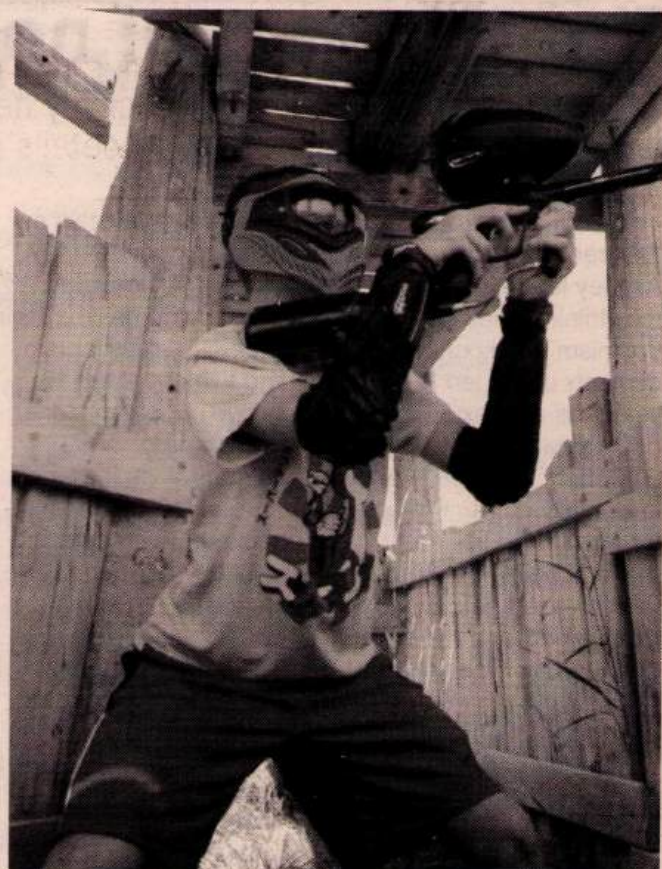
seconds then goes away."

Walter paintballs about two or three times a week during the summer and as much as he can during the winter, so one can only imagine how many memories have been made while play-

ing, "I remember when I was playing indoor paintball and someone shot the ball off of the ceiling and then it hit me on top of the head," said Walter. As many good memories as he has there have also been some close calls. "One time, I got shot in the side of the head and started bleeding. For a while after, my ear wouldn't stop ringing and I was scared to death I lost it," he recalled. With injury on the line paintballing takes a lot of skill.

Some people don't think paintballing is anything other than a hobby. Walter however, believes paintballing is a sport. "I consider it a sport because it takes both physical and mental skill. If you sweat it is a sport." He later added, "It is also a lot more strategy than people think. It's not just set plays and stuff. You actually have to think in the moment and act right away," explained Walter.

With parks being so far away and not much talk about the sport, not many high schoolers can't say they have tried it. But, it is something that many people enjoy doing, and also something that many people want to try. Walter says to people who have never played before to, "Go out and have fun." He also advises to "Get a lot of friends to go because it is a lot more fun when you are shooting people that you know."



Noah Walter, sophomore, prepares to fire his paintball gun while playing at Adventure Park in Shellsburg, IA.

He shoots out his final opponents, and with minor stains to his outer gear, returns inside. He knows he has played a great round.

## Swinging toward success

By: Gage Miskimen @gagemisky

The snow is just a memory; the sun is out and the grass is green. The club comes down hard against the tiny ball and as fast as contact is made, the ball is gone. Golf season is back in full swing and with a new season brings new faces.

Rylee McNeeley, freshman, is in his first season of high school golf, but he's been golfing for fun for a few years now. He likes the atmosphere that comes with golfing, "I like how casual it is and it's honestly just relaxing," McNeeley stated. Some like sports like golf because the intensity seems to be a lot lower than other sports.

But just because the atmosphere isn't as intense as other sports McNeeley participates in, it doesn't mean he takes golf any less serious, "I do my best in golf because I want to do my best in everything I do," he said. Golf still takes offseason work just like other sports do. A golfer can't just do nothing during the offseason and come back the first day of practice expecting to shoot the best game they've ever had. It still takes work and McNeeley states that he does indeed work in the offseason, "I play throughout the summer, probably three times a week," McNeeley claims.

Along with coaches giving technique lessons a couple times a week, McNeeley also has upperclassmen to support and teach him to help make him a better golfer, "The upperclassmen help a lot by showing us technique to make us better," He said. A high school sports team can't be successful without upperclassmen working with underclassmen to help each other and the team.

Being a freshman, it seems that there is so much time ahead to accomplish goals and it's good to have big goals and McNeeley has a few for his high school career already, "Honestly, I just want to get better everyday and eventually I want to shoot below a 40," McNeeley stated.

Whether it's just for fun or during tournament, all golfers golf for the same reasons: because they enjoy it. Although the atmosphere of golf is relaxing it is still a challenging sport. It is also accompanied by big goals.



Rylee McNeeley, freshman, practices his swing in order to improve technique.

## Improvements in softball

By: Becca Hall @ChewwBeccaa

Pitching, hitting, and running bases. Softball season is here, and after a long winter the girls are excited to finally show their talents out on the field. Working their hardest, playing their hearts out, and improving not only individually but as a team every second. Sam Runde and Haley Vanourney, the only seniors on the softball team this year, are ready to take on the tough season ahead of them.

Runde and Vanourney have been playing softball since they were about 5 years old, so they have a lot of experience under their belts. Vanourney plays third base explaining, "You just field ground balls mostly. You're not really moving side to side like a shortstop would you're moving forward and backward." Runde plays catcher, explaining that it's "basically like captain of the field." They practice two to three times a week and both play fall and spring ball, which includes tournaments, practices and winter workouts. Vanourney also works a lot with her dad, who is also a coach for her off season softball team.

Both girls are constantly working to make improvements and reach their goals. Hitting is a very important part of softball, "When people look at you that's mostly what they are looking at, just your hitting stats," stated Vanourney. Runde and Vanourney work hard to get better in that particular area of the game, "I want to get more doubles and triples instead of singles all the time," said Runde, who likes to go to batting clinics when possible so she can grow as a player. Vanourney likes to focus much of her practice time on her batting improvement and she can see it paying off, "My hitting has improved a lot over the past years. I usually always make contact with the ball and I've been hitting with a lot more power lately than I used to." The achievements the two are making in their individual skills are likely to help their team grow and succeed.

Even with all the hard practicing and immense improvement, the softball

team has a major disadvantage when it comes to the pure size of their team.

"Our team this year is so small. It's probably the smallest it's ever been." There are 17 players and Vanourney isn't even sure they have enough girls to have a JV team. "I think this season is going to be a roller coaster ride because we have a lot of younger kids and we only have about seven returning varsity players," explained Runde. Even though they are a small team, the softball girls get along well. "I think we get along good despite the fact that we are all kind of frustrated right now because we know the season is going to be a struggle, but I feel like we do the best we can," said Vanourney.

Though they are at a sizable disadvantage because their lack of players, the girls believe that they can make up for it with a positive attitude. "We need to work on our attitudes because obviously we don't have any varsity experienced players. It's more of our attitudes towards the season that we need to improve rather than our athletics," said Vanourney, "We just need to look at the bright side of things." Runde agrees and thinks they need to work on "being more together and communicating together" in order to have a positive season.

Overall, both Runde and Vanourney are excited for their senior year of softball and have worked their hardest to make it the best possible season.



Haley Vanourney, senior



Sam Runde, senior



# Reider's memories and horrors of Camp Wapsie

Junior, Emilie Reider, shares the details of summer camp and encourages others to try it out for a summer experience.

By: Deshaun Quinn @QuinnTower\_2



Emilie Reider, sophomore, salute like she did when she was an Indian Princess at Camp Wapsie.

Going to camp is an experience not many people go through but for some, it's an exciting and fun filled adventure. For others, such as a young Indian Princess known as Emilie Reider, camp was a very unique experience. Reider was involved in a group of little girls and proud fathers called the Indian Princess. The group was an organization that took little girls that were in the kindergarten to the third grade and placed them into groups called tribes.

From there, they meet the people in the tribe and got comfortable with each other, and for the next two days, they would be sharing a cabin. Through the experience Reider would learn many survival skills, such as how to make a fire and what plants to eat and others to

stay away from. From the bugs, to the nature, everything scared Reider when she was at camp. "Camp helped me realized how much I hate nature and how I could never survive the wilderness," Reider commented. Reider has always hated nature, and everything about it makes her cringe inside, but camp helped Reider realize many other things too. "Camp helped me make friends so all in all it was worth it," Reider said.

Camp was something Reider started when she was in kindergarten. Reider was involved with Camp Wapsie because Indian Princesses were required to attend Camp Wapsie for a 2 day adventure. Located on 172 acres of scenic woodlands, Camp Wapsie is a lovely camp located in northern Linn County,

off the Wapsipinicon River. Reider stopped going when she hit the third grade because she had outgrown being an Indian Princess. Being an Indian princess to Reider was hard but it had it's very special moments that she shared with her dad. Her favorite memory in her words would be "playing field hockey with my dad."

Reider now has memories that she will never lose, even though at the time, it seemed rough. Camp was something that wasn't made for Reider. Camp Wapsie was an experience Reider will never forget, but who knows how summer camp will be for others. Reider will always remember the days she spend with her father during the summer that was a wonderful Indian Princess.

# Stekl savors his sibling's closing season of baseball

By: Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer

His body is coiled in a crouch, glove open and ready for the on-coming pitch as he waits in the danger zone, the only thing between him and the 80 mph ball is the soft cushion of his catcher's gear.

This is a part of sophomore Caleb Stekl's daily routine and has been for several years. Before Stekl found his way to Marion's own baseball team as catcher, his adoration of the game started off as just fooling around, "My brother and I started to play catch, then we started hitting the ball and eventually playing games," Stekl commented.

As the messing around in the yard grew into a strong love for America's pastime, Stekl used his acquired skills and joined a baseball club: American Legion. The spring, summer, and fall organization keeps him busy throughout the year, and especially so when Marion's own baseball season begins. "I take care of my body, don't do stupid stuff on the weekends and focus on baseball and not much else," Stekl stated. With the sport taking up most of the player's time, there are obvious downfalls of the constant activity, "The worst part of baseball is being sore all the time," Stekl went on to say.

Although Stekl has a couple of years left of playing high school baseball, this year will be especially special for him because it's his last year to play with his senior brother, Christian Stekl, on Marion's diamond. Even though

Christian's presence will be reassuring, it can also add more stress to playing the game, "It's fun, but kind of tough cause I'm always competing with him," Stekl said. Even though it will be tough at times, Stekl will enjoy his time spent on the field with Christian, "Playing with my brother for his last season of baseball will be the best part of the season," Stekl added. Christian is also excited to start his last season of Marion baseball with his brother, "It will be fun and challenging, but really sad at the end because I won't be playing with him again," Christian commented.

With the goals of a state championship and a higher batting average, Stekl can't wait to see what this season of Marion baseball will bring him and his brother.



Christian Stekl, senior, and Caleb Stekl, sophomore, relish their last season of Marion baseball together.

# Reifschneider reels 'em in

By: Deshaun Quinn @QuinnTower\_2

Fishing may be a past time for some, but for Hunter Reifschneider, junior, it is something he has been doing ever since he could walk, about 15 years to be exact. Fishing was something Reifschneider did that brought he lots of joy. His Grandpa started teaching him when he was little and has been a huge help by his side every moment.

Reifschneider has become so good at the sport. "I've placed first twice at state and top three four times". He also travels around the U.S. competing against other talented kids. Reifschneider is sponsored by many companies. "I'm sponsored by Indian Creek, Lumber Company, Gander Mountain to CMI Construction and finally USS Polaris". Reifschneider says "Fishing has taught me a lot of things like how to become more social and better sports-

manships". When catching fish, Reifschneider catches small and largemouth bass and Spotted bass.

"I plan to fish until the day I die or until I'm unable to fish" states Reifschneider says about future plans of fishing. He has grown a huge passion for fishing, a passion that can not be broken. He plans to pass the tradition down to his kids and hopes that they will love it as much as he does. Reifschneider has already has many accomplishments through his life, although he still has many more years to live, one can say Hunter Reifschneider has completed a life's worth of accomplishments.



Hunter Reifschneider, junior, shows off his fishing gear.

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# Get rid of all the bad dreams: fun dreamcatcher DIY

Follow these five easy steps to learn how to make a fun, elegant looking dreamcatcher for a low price.

By: Taylor Lamm @Lammers11



## Supplies Needed:

Hot glue gun, ribbon of choice, scissors, doily, beads/feathers, a hoop, string, thread, and leather lacing.

## Step One:

Place a dot of glue on inside of the hoop. Place the starter of leather lacing in glue. Then tightly wrap the lacing around.

## Step Two:

After wrapping the leather lacing around the hoop, take the thread and attach the doily to the hoop. To do this you will have to use every outside opening of the doily to put thread through and wrap it around the hoop. Making the doily attached to the hoop.

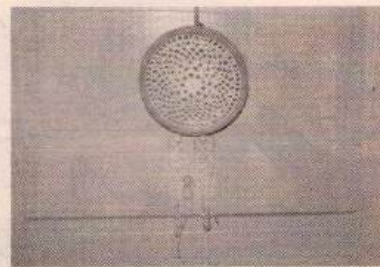


## Step Three:

Next, make the strings that will hang the beads/feathers. Feathers: tie one end of string around the end of the feather. Beads: tie a knot in one end of string then lace the beads. Ribbon and strings can be cut different lengths.

## Step Four:

After cutting the ribbon and making the stringed beads/feathers you'll have to attach them. Place a little dot of glue on the back of the hoop. Then place an end of the ribbon/strings in the glue. Then let dry. You can do as many dangles as wanted.



## Step Five:

After letting the glue dry, flip over for an amazing homemade dreamcatcher. Can easily be hung anywhere around a bedroom. Or it can even be given as a gift. This fun DIY costs around \$35.

## Big dreams of MHS students

By: Haley Shaffer @shafferdaffer



"I wanted to be a teacher because my uncle was one."  
-Zoey McDonald, junior



"I wanted to be a professional hockey player."  
-Ashley Ohl, junior



"I wanted to be a beaver doctor because beavers were really cute."  
-Ciara Ford, sophomore



"I wanted to be an Olympic volleyball player."  
-Olivia Frazier, sophomore



"I wanted to be an NBA basketball player because I love basketball."  
-Clayton Mohwinkle, freshman



"I wanted to be a dentist because my mom works in a dentist office."  
-Jacob Kriegal, sophomore



"I wanted to be a vet because I wanted to save animals and I wanted to be a doctor."  
-Kallie Kriegal, junior



"I wanted to be a train engineer because I liked trains."  
-Chris Merck, senior



"I wanted to be a mermaid because they have pretty hair, they can swim, they have pretty scales and they were beautiful."  
-Danielle Dunne, sophomore



"I wanted to be a nurse because I wanted to help people."  
-Kennedy Wilson, senior



"I wanted to be a hang gliding instructor because it would be exciting and easy and fun. I was going to move to L.A., it was going to be really fun."  
-Seth Tuetken, freshman



"I wanted to be a vet because I thought animals were super cute."  
-Avery Draves, junior

## "Xscape" doesn't impress

By: Becca Hall @ChewwBeccaa

Many assumed that the death of popstar Michael Jackson would mean an end to his music, so when his new CD Xscape released on May 13th, many were surprised- not to mention confused. Xscape is an album of previously unreleased Michael Jackson songs. The producers used a process called "con-temporizing" by adding a fresh, contemporary sound that is supposed to keep Jackson's integrity and essence while being more up to date. The album consists of twelve songs.

To be brutally honest, the tracks are nothing special. It is made up of songs that didn't make the cut for his original albums that were slightly remixed and then thrown onto a CD. Many even argue that Michael Jackson himself would not approve of these new songs. In 1998, Jackson told Black and White magazine how he felt when his songs were remixed, saying "The least I can say is that I don't like them. I don't like it that they come in and change my songs completely. But Sony says that the kids love remixes." His music is no better than before, it is even possibly worse. There is nothing gripping or interesting about the songs, they just seem to drag on.

The fact is this album will mostly only sell to die hard Michael Jackson fans and adults who are looking to reminisce on the good old days when the King of Pop was in his prime. It is nothing but outdated music that was rejected from his CD's in the first place that producers attempted to update by adding a beat and featuring Justin Timberlake. Michael Jackson is probably rolling over in his grave at the release of Xscape.

All in all, the album isn't worth the money. It is just outdated music (that wasn't very good in the first place) that producers tried to turn into something it will never be. Frankly, it's boring.

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# Godzilla's great comeback

The smashing comeback of the notorious monster Godzilla

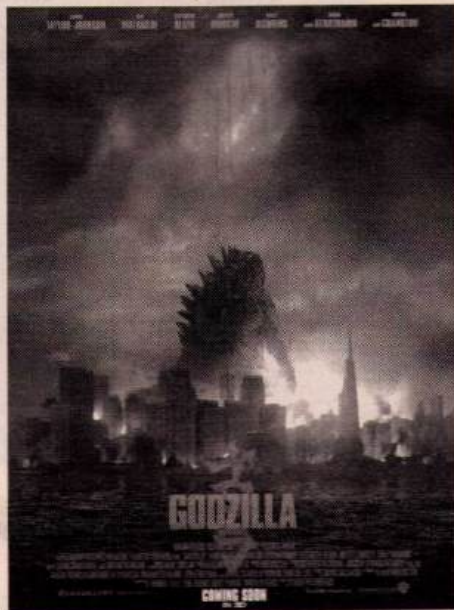
By: Uriah Lakin @Uriah\_Royel

International disasters covered up, cities deserted for a secret project, and monsters, monsters, and more monsters. Spoiler Alert: In the new and improved Godzilla movie that came out in theaters May 16th, it took audiences by surprise no matter if they have seen Godzilla before or not. The movie centers around a young boy named Ford, who later grows up to be a twenty something year-old military man who has a distant relationship with his so called maniac father. In the year of 1999 in an unknown city in Japan an earthquake happens that destroys the plant that his mother and father were working at. Ford's father is one of the only survivors and who also doesn't believe the so called lie the government tried to put up for the "protection of the people." Ford and his father soon find out the horrific truth about that so called earthquake. They go inside the abandoned city and are arrested, then taken to the scientific facility that was once the nuclear plant Ford's father worked at. There they find a monster that causes great destruction and also the death of Ford's father. From here on out the movie intensifies with great action, colossal military undertakings, and lots of monsters fighting.

Godzilla which was directed by the young and monster creator Gareth Edwards, lived up to its great name and meaning. Edwards and his great team of actors brought out the scare and mankind fear while

Godzilla did the rest along with the so called Mutos. There are three monsters and a large quantity of known and unknown actors. Godzilla brings out the fear of monsters inside of anyone who watches the new and reformed Godzilla. With spectacular graphics and a great back story, Godzilla profounds even the oldest of its fans. Godzilla brings a lot of past story into all three of the monsters' lives. Looking at the recent text someone sends you in the movie theater will be ignored with the jaw dropping fossils, hatching monsters crawling from underground mines, and nuclear waste plants.

Godzilla gets an A+ due to it's profound graphics, overall plot, and most of all because it's Godzilla.



Official Godzilla Movie Poster  
Courtesy of Godzillamovie.com

# 2014 Summer Bucket List

By: Kayla Comried @KComried

As summer draws dauntingly close many teens are filled with excitement. Summer vacation is the time of year when worries are set free and nights are filled with laughter and friends, but what happens when there is nothing else to do?

Well, here is a list of the top ten things written on students' bucket-list. A huge list of things to occupy time. These however, are just the beginning. Get together with friends and make a personalized bucket list! Make this summer one to remember because for some it could be their last, and for some, even though they may just be a freshmen, each summer is important. It is a time to make life lasting memories and life lasting friends! So enjoy each day and never waste a minute because before students know it, they will be back in school.

## Top 10 summer bucket list items

- 1-Go camping with friends
- 2- Sleep underneath the stars
- 3- Go on a road trip
- 4- Play paint Twister
- 5- Stargaze
- 6- Spend a day at the beach
- 7- Go boating
- 8-Get tan and in shape
- 9-Go to Lost Island
- 10- Get a piercing/tattoo

# Seniors' plans for the future

Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer



"I'm going to Hawkeye Community College because it's a great transition into going to the University of Northern Iowa; I'm going there for education."

- Joesph Biram, senior



"I'm going to Kirkwood then the University of Iowa. It's cheaper to go to Kirkwood first and start my nursing program."

- Hailey Whitmore, senior



"I'm going to the University of Northern Iowa. I'm going there because of a presidential scholarship that basically wipes out all of the debt that I would have for college."

- Daniel Tribble, senior



"I plan on going to Kirkwood for my Gen. Eds until I find out what I want to do."

-Brittany Sanks, senior

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# Sending S

By: DeLaney Fisher  
and Kaela Halvorson

## MY FAV MEMORY:

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## TEACHER SHOUT-OUT:

## I WISH I WOULD'VE...:



Katie Saba, senior

"Marching band my sophomore year, and last years music trip to Florida."

"Do your homework in the order of your classes and stay organized."

"Mrs. Thilges, she is so sweet, helpful, and always puts a smile on everyone's face."

"Cheerleading, and band my freshman year."



Tyler Jordan, senior

"Drumline my senior year. We got a couple of best drumline awards and I won't forget it."

"Always work hard. Never take the easy way out."

"Dr. Yergler, who I took a history class from. He inspired me to become a history teacher."

"I wish I would have tried harder in my classes. I also wish I would have been more involved in activities."



Clarissa Clinton, senior

"Being on the tennis team and playing doubles with Abby Unsen and losing only one game the entire season."

"Do as many school activities as you can."

"Mrs. Herman, because she is amazing."

"More school activities and studying for tests more or studying more in general."



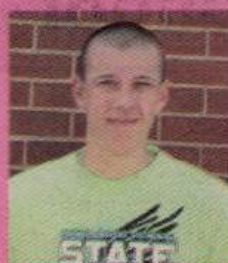
Austin Priborsky, senior

"Going to Super Regionals for Marion High School Robotics."

"Don't wait for opportunities to come to you, go and make your own opportunities."

"Mr. Martin. He was a coach, mentor, teacher, and fun to have robotics with. His passion made it much more fun."

"Volunteering."



Dru Brecht, senior

"Track during my junior year."

"You need to keep your grades up because if you don't it will kick you in the butt later."

"Ms. Dostal because she's straight forward and if you don't try she's not afraid to give you a bad grade."

"Wrestling."

MRS. GAFFNEY-PAIGE



"The seniors were a very close class through high-school and have been involved and I wish them luck in the future."

MRS. PERKINS



"Every year to see the exciting start a new year."

MRS. SEMLER



"It has been a fantastic four years with these kids. We will really miss them. They are a great group with integrity."

MRS. JOHNSON



"I have a lot of seniors in my class. I will miss them. They have been an excellent group and very helpful."

MRS. DOYLE

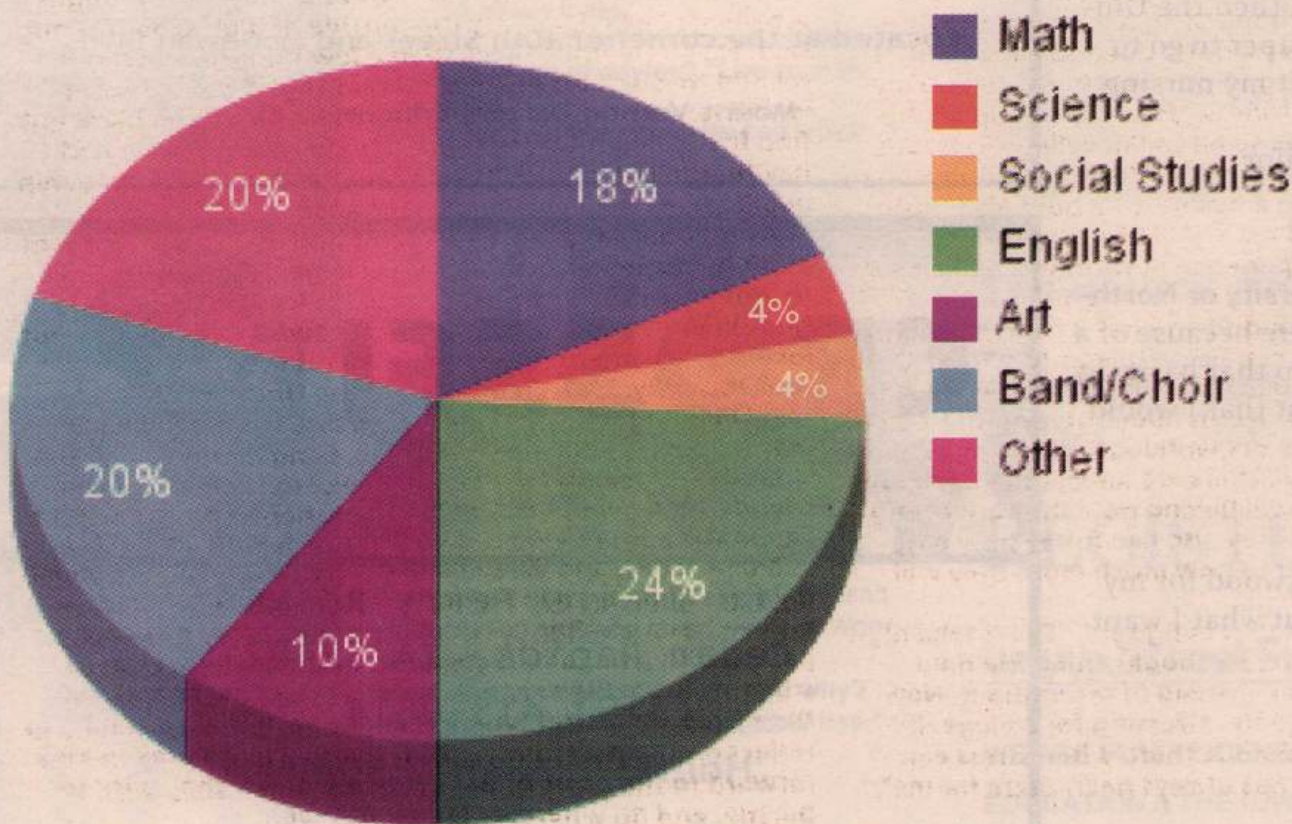


"I'm sad because I have had some of them from freshman year to senior year. My mentor group is seniors as well so I will have a new group next year."

MRS. MESSERLI

"Congratulations to the seniors. I've enjoyed them and wish them the best from the future."

## What class did the seniors prefer?

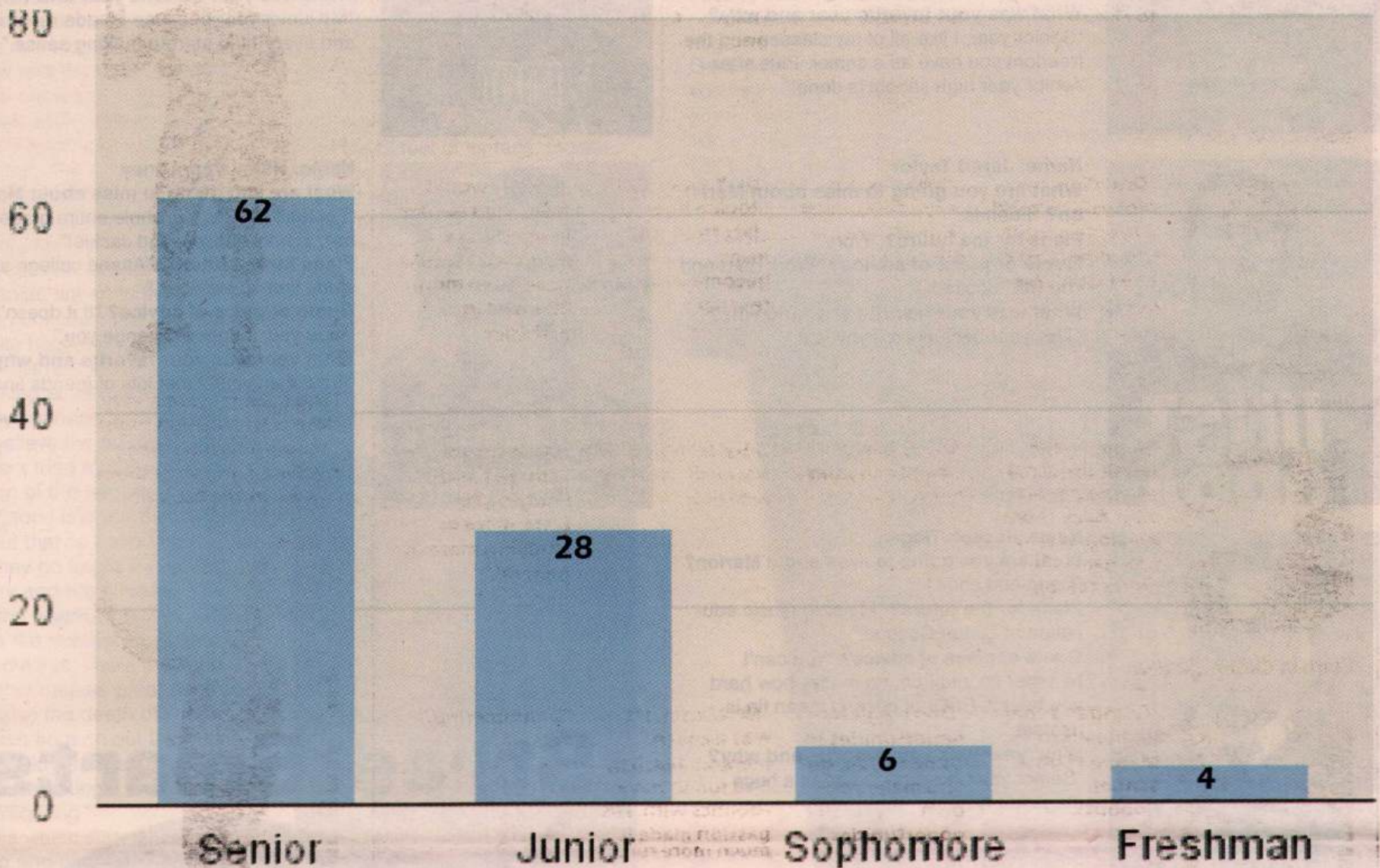




# Seniors off

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## What year was the seniors' favorite?



## Long and Fulmer's last days in high school

Steven Long and Willis Fulmer share high school memories, and their future plans.

By: DeLaney Fisher @DeLaney\_Fisher



Steven Long,  
senior

As seniors await their last day, some are excited and happy while others are nervous and don't want anything to change. No matter what, they are anxious to see what the future will bring. There are many paths that can be taken ranging from college to getting a job right after high school.

Steven Long and Willis Fulmer, both seniors, are facing these feelings and decisions as they prepare for life after high school. Long has his post graduation life planned out and explained, "I am going to college, then opening my own business." He will soak up all the knowledge he can in college in hopes that one day it will come in handy when running a business he built from the ground up. It will also be a time to have fun, experience new things, make new friends, and be involved.



Willis Fulmer,  
senior

Although Long has a course in mind, no one can be certain as to where life will actually take them, and he still has some concerns about getting there. "I'm nervous the workload will be more than

I can handle", Long said. Teachers are always talking about how much harder college will be and how they are trying to prepare students for it. They also like to say how easy they have it now compared to how much more they will have on their plates in college.

It is for this exact reason that Long said, "Don't take high school too seriously." Teenagers should enjoy the time they have left in high school instead of resenting it. Now is the time to have fun, save the stressing for college. It is also essential to have someone there when stress can't be avoided. "Willis Fulmer has always been there for me",

Long stated.

As time ticks on Long has been thinking about what he will do, but now he has the chance to reflect on what he has done. "My freshman and sophomore years I played baseball and football, and my junior and senior years I competed as a part of the speech team. I also did robotics all four years", Long commented. Although he has taken part in many activities and groups throughout the past four years, some of his best memories came from this one. "Senior year speech and robotics provided me with the best memories", Long explained.

Both are fun high school activities, but also teach participants applicable life lessons along the way. "They taught me things I will definitely use outside of high school", Long said. He has learned more than a few things non-school related through his years at Marion High School; two of which he'd like to pass along to others. "It can be hard, but find the balance between not having enough to do and having too much to do", Long said, "and fill out scholarship applications when you get the chance."

As graduation day creeps closer and closer Long focuses in on the future and his days in college. "I am interested to what the future will bring, and I'm looking forward to finding out", Long stated. There are two things Long is not looking forward to leaving behind, his friends and lack of responsibility. "Steven is going to the University of Iowa and I'm going to Iowa State University, so I hope we can stay in touch", Fulmer commented. Long is hoping for the same as Fulmer and explained, "I like to think of it as my friends are leaving me and not the other way around, plus Skype still exists so we can stay in touch with each other."

Steven Long and Willis Fulmer's, like many other seniors', days are numbered in Marion High School. With graduation comes a plethora of good byes, but every goodbye is paired with a hello that comes from somewhere else. As students leave high school and start the next chapter of their lives, no matter where it might be, it is a good time to reflect on the past four years. It is also a good time to look forward to the years of doing whatever it is they wish to pursue, and go wherever life takes them.

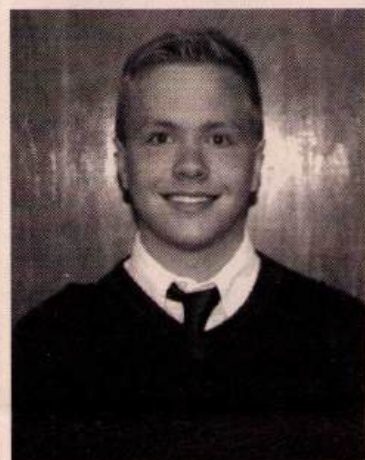




**Name:** Ashley Lodwig  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "All of the teachers and my friends."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Always go for the happy ending because life doesn't have a sequel."  
**Plans for the future?** "Go to Loras College and major in creative writing."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "Senior year, I like all of my classes and the freedom you have as a senior. Plus after senior year high school is done!"



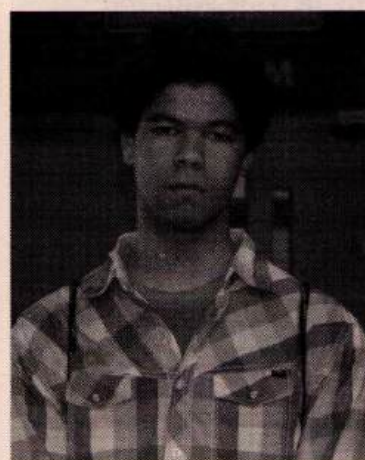
**Name:** Jared Taylor  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Friends."  
**Plans for the future?** "Work."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Work hard and you will succeed."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "This year because it is my last."



**Name:** Joseph Tiegen  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Band and choir."  
**Plans for the future?** "Major in music education at Luther College."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "You can't hammer tin into iron, no matter how hard you beat it. But that doesn't mean tin is useless."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "Senior year. It's a huge end of a huge stage in my life."



**Name:** Daniel Tribble  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "The soccer team, the drumline, and my boys Minsky and Brandon."  
**Plans for the future?** "Major in business and finance at the University of Northern Iowa."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "A goal saved is a goal scored."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "Senior year because I've finally found the things I want to do with my life and the people to spend it with."



**Name:** Tyler Trimble  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Brittney Yeisley, friends, and walking the halls before class."  
**Plans for the future?** "Kirkwood, culinary."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Live your life to the fullest."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "2014 because I graduate."



**Name:** Abbigail Unsen  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Seeing my friends everyday."  
**Plans for the future?** "Attend Loras College."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." -Alice in Wonderland.  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "Senior year because we are almost free."



**Name:** Haillie Vanderlinden  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "The closeness of my friends and I."  
**Plans for the future?** "Going to college but I don't know what I want to do in life."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Be careful who you choose as your friends. Not everyone is who they say they are."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "My junior year because I made real friends, and everything started making sense."



**Name:** Haley Vanourney  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Football games, my whole entire grade, softball, school dances, and Jackie!"  
**Plans for the future?** "Attend college and study human services."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "Freshman year. I met lots of friends and had a lot of fun."

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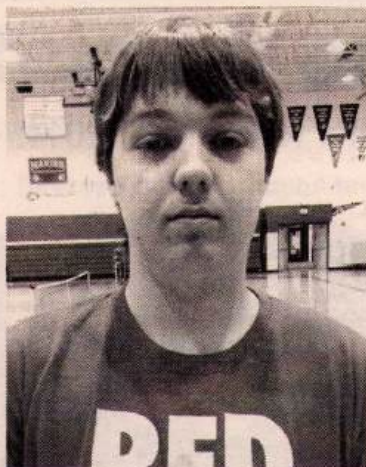
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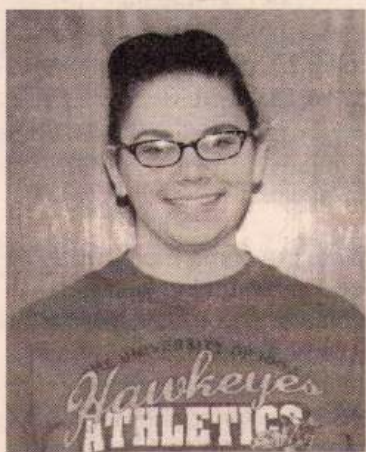
**Name:** Dalton Whitcher  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "N/A"  
**Plans for the future?** "Go to Kirkwood for a year then transfer to Southeast Missouri State and get a degree in criminal justice."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Don't let someone stop you from pursuing your goals in life."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "Senior year all the early outs we had at the beginning of the year."



**Name:** Hailey Whitmore  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Hunter, and the rest of the people I don't like I guess."  
**Plans for the future?** "Go to Kirkwood for two years for my associate degree in nursing then transfer to Iowa for my bachelors."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "[Stuff] happens, then you die."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "My senior year, because it's my last year."



**Name:** Brianna Wilson  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "All my friends and the music department."  
**Plans for the future?** "Kirkwood for 2 years, then decide from there."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Don't ever change for someone else. Be who you are and if they don't like it, that's their loss."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "Senior year, the most memories."



**Name:** Kennedy Wilson  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "My friends, Mr. Dyrland, choir, and show choir."  
**Plans for the future?** "Going to Kirkwood for two years then transfer and become an elementary teacher."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "You can't change the past, live in the present and be ready for what the future holds."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "My junior year."



**Name:** Brandon Wright  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Friends."  
**Plans for the future?** "ISU."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Stay in school."  
**What year was your favorite and why?** "Senior, leaving."



**Name:** Toni Yirkovsky  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "The wonderful people."  
**Plans for the future?** "Go to Kirkwood for early childhood education."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "Smile more."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "Freshman year, things were less complicated."



**Name:** Tara Zumwalt  
**What are you going to miss about Marion?** "Band, Cross Country, Robotics, and my friends and favorite teachers."  
**Plans for the future?** "Attend University of Illinois for Civil Engineering."  
**Quote or piece of advice?** "If you dream it, you can do it."  
**What was your favorite year and why?** "Probably senior year- it brought all years together to an awesome conclusion of high school."

## Project Graduation 2014

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# Amphitheater attracts new culture to the area

A large variety of new acts have been attracted to the area by the brand new McGrath Amphitheater for Summer 2014.

By: Alex Coleman @AlecColeman831

There has been lots of different construction in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area for quite some time now. Between the mall renovations and the new trampoline park AirFX, it seems as though our little town is getting a lot of new, fun things. Amongst these is the McGrath Amphitheater located on the Cedar River.

This amphitheater has an almost futuristic look to it. The large orange and white canopy covers a small stage, and directly in front of the stage is a large expanse of grass where spectators can either sit or stand to see the performers. Since this is a relatively new thing to the area, there won't be too many shows this summer. However, five very different acts will be stopping in.

On May 24th, Reggae on the River featuring Natty Nation will be performing for a more laid

back kind of evening. Jamming on the River featuring Tallgrass will be gracing the stage June 14th for some blue-grass country singing. The most talked about show is probably on July 10th, Gavin Degraw and Matt Nathanson will be popping into town for a no doubt epic performance. August 5th is the Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6, and Spacehog; and the 16th of August will be a Rave on the River featuring DJ Dave A.

Tickets are available at ticketmaster, and are available at around \$16. Interested buyers can purchase anywhere from one to fifty tickets. With everything from Reggae to Raves, the amphitheater is definitely something to be considered in this year's summer plans.



The McGrath Amphitheater, shown above, is a new addition to the Cedar Rapids downtown area. Located on the Cedar River.

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## Blue Zones Project

By: DeLaney Fisher @DeLaney\_Fisher

Communities are constantly growing, and changing to better accommodate it's citizens. Something is always going on; from city-wide cleanups to construction, there is always a project to be seen and volunteered for.

As it starts up, the Blue Zones Project™ will be no different. "The Blue Zones Project™ is a community well-being improvement initiative", Mr. Chad Zrudsky explained. The project focuses on making healthy choices easier for people by making hopefully permanent changes the environment of the community as a whole.

The project is just taking off, "only a handful of communities are taking part now, but eventually the entire state of Iowa will be involved", Zrudsky said. Marion just happens to be one of those who will be changing first. Some may think that change is scary, but most of them won't be big.

"It will bring small changes throughout our community to enhance our daily lives and improve our well-being", Zrudsky commented, "Improved social atmosphere for our citizens, healthier food options at local restaurants, improved walk-ability to destinations within our community, improved policies to make the better choices the easier choices." Alone the changes will be rather insignificant, but together they will help make the community a better place to live.

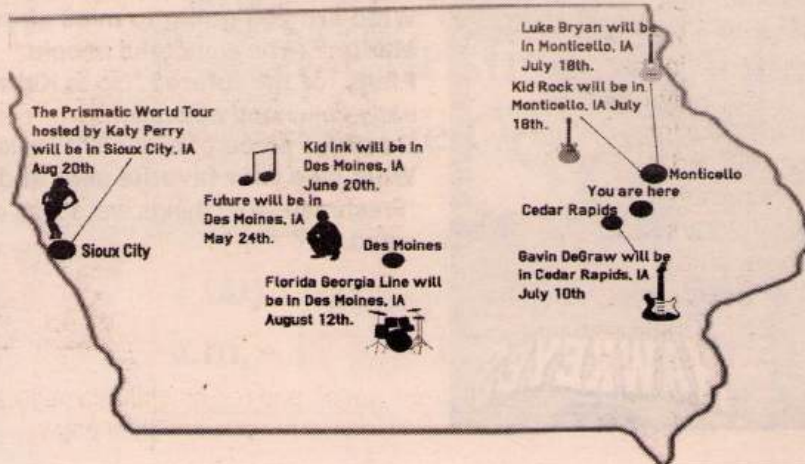
The project will affect everyone's lives, but some more than others. "There will be a joint student council with Linn-Mar and Marion students to help formulate policies and activities geared at helping the school age population make healthy choices in their diet, activity, social existence, etc", stated Zrudsky. As of right now their first meeting is scheduled for sometime during the week of May 19th. Anyone who wishes to get involved can visit the project's website, [https://iowa.bluezonesproject.com/users/sign\\_up](https://iowa.bluezonesproject.com/users/sign_up), and anyone who just wants to know about the Blue Zones Project™ can go to <https://iowa.bluezonesproject.com/communities/Marion> which is more specific to Marion's progress in the program.

Cities, towns, and communities are ever changing and now Marion is too. The Blue Zones Project™ will be bettering citizens' lives for years to come. Marion is one of the first communities to take part in this statewide project.

## Anticipated 2014 Concerts

By: Uriah Lakin @Uriah\_Royel

This summer across eastern and middle sections of Iowa, many musical artists ranging from almost every genre will be hosting a concert near you!



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# Competitive fundraising between school sports

Lauren Zimmermann, junior, discusses the series of things students go through when fundraising for extra curricular activities.

By: : Alex Coleman @AlexColeman831



Lauren Zimmermann, junior

It's getting to be that time of the year, the time when all of the sports teams are either finishing their season or starting it. For the students whose practices are just starting or about to start, they're probably anxious for the oncoming year to of dribbling down the court, running up the field, scoring countless goals, singing their hearts out, and

other various things that have to do with each individuals sport. No matter who it is, the start of the season means one thing to a lot of teams at Marion; fundraising.

For Lauren Zimmermann, junior, the fundraising season is just beginning for her and her fellow show choir performers. "Springtime is when we fundraise for our next season," said Zimmermann. The show choir, along with many other sports, sells a large quantity of things, mainly different types of food. "My favorite to sell is the cookie dough because it's delicious and everyone likes it," explained Zimmermann, "the

worst to sell is the fruit, I mean nobody really wants to buy a crate of full size oranges." Fundraising items can rang anywhere from food, to coupon books. Some teams even go around to local businesses and offer them advertising in exchange for a sponsorship.

There's a lot to be learned from fundraising. It builds character, teaches sales techniques, and sometimes allows students to help each other out. "I like fundraising in the sense that I can not only raise money for myself, but for other people too," Zimmermann commented. The great thing about fundraising is it's not mandatory, but for someone who'd like to lessen the large sums of money for their sport, fundraising is a great alternative. "We don't all fundraise, but a good majority of us do," Zimmermann said, "the school kind of pays for our stuff as a loan, and we pay it back with the money we raise. If we don't make enough, then we wouldn't be able to do it."

Between all the sports teams, sometimes fundraising can be a tough thing. "Our biggest

competitor right now is probably golf, we started a lot earlier than everyone else though," Zimmermann explained. Even with an earlier start, it still isn't easy. Sometimes students will ask around, and everyone will have just bought something from someone else. Not only are schools sell-

ing, but girl scouts, boy scouts, and other associations fundraise as well. Everyone has a different technique they use to snag the customers though. "I take the list of stuff home to my parents and have them take it to work,"

**"My favorite to sell is the cookie dough because it's delicious and everyone likes it..."**  
-Lauren Zimmermann, junior

Zimmermann commented.

With everything from show choir to golf, from poms team to football, the competition of fundraising can sometimes get pretty serious. Sometimes even competition within the team will occur, but all in all it's for the same cause. All of the money will go towards equipment that will make the teams better as a whole, making the Marion District better as a whole. Fundraising is a good thing. So next time someone is selling something, think twice before just passing up on the deal.

## Mohr plays on the river

By: Delaney Fisher @DeLaney\_Fisher

Laying on the beach, feeling the warmth of the sun, and hearing the waves roll in and out with the tide. This is the picture of relaxation. There are people to meet, games to play, and memories to make. It's a weekend filled with fun and excitement.

Michalyn Mohr, junior, experiences the perfect combination of the two nearly every weekend during the summer. Mohr's summer is packed; between boating, softball (which she played last year), and friends there is hardly anytime left! "Boating takes up most of my summer, but there is nothing I'd rather be doing," Mohr stated. She has been boating and camping since she was young and said, "My parents have always had a boat, and we've been going since I can remember."

Mohr's parents have a cabin on the Mississippi River in Bellevue, Iowa. They go almost every weekend in the summer. "I go with my mom, dad, brother, uncle, and grandparents. My brother and I usually both bring a friend too," Mohr explained. Bayley Fuller, sophomore, is one of those friends. "I love when we go out on the jet-ski and hit really big waves," Fuller commented.

Saturdays are for relaxation and conversation, while Sundays are left for play, and everyday is a good day to get a tan! "Laying out

is really relaxing," stated Fuller. "Usually on Saturdays we park at the beach and hang out, and on Sundays we go tubing and skiing," Mohr said. Both days are fun. "I love meeting all the new people at the beach," stated Mohr. She learned to ski when she was 10 or 11 years old, and said, "I didn't learn in one day. It took a lot of practice, and you definitely swallow a lot of water!"

Boating is always exciting and has left Mohr with many lasting memories. One of which happened while riding a jet-ski with her mom. "We flipped the jet-ski. It was completely upside down in the water!" Mohr recalled with a laugh.

Mohr's summer weekends are full of relaxing on the beach, meeting new people, tubing, and skiing. Swimming in the cool water is refreshing in the sweltering heat of the summer; plus there is never a boring day, and there are always memories to be made. Mohr and her family enjoy making them.



Michalyn Mohr, junior, and her neighbors spend a warm day boating on the river, a pastime they enjoy.

## The seniors leaving home

By: Ashley Lappe @Ashely\_Lappe33

The 2013-14 school year is coming to an end and that means that the seniors will be moving on with life and leaving home. Many students are planning on attending schools near by or jumping into a career that's not far away either. Other students plan to move away to experience new places.

Michael Moeller, senior, is one of those students. At the end of this summer vacation Moeller will be moving his life to Minneapolis, Minnesota. He plans to attend the Minneapolis community and technical college for two years then transfer to the university of Minnesota and pursue becoming a psychiatrist.

Casey Kindl, also a senior, is planning on leaving Iowa after graduation too. As she moves on with her life, she plans on moving to Ohio and attending Columbus State and start working towards being a child therapist.

Leaving behind the lives they've made here in Marion will be difficult, although Moeller won't miss much "manly my friends and Zookies," he said. This is a tough transition be-

cause they will not only be leaving home and have to learn how to live far away from what they know, but they will have to adapt to a new place and new people. "I'm going to miss all my friends and how little the town is," Kindl stated.

Moving to a new place isn't a bad thing, they will get to experience a different lifestyle and meet new people. "I'm excited to be able to do new things," Moeller said. Leaving behind the lives they had here before will be scary, but Kindl is ready to accept the change. "I'm looking forward to having a completely new start where no one knows anything about me."



Michael Moeller, senior



Casey Kindl, senior

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# The journalism seniors say their final goodbye

See what the Journalism staff seniors had to say about their time at Marion and how they really feel about graduating.

## Taylor Lamm

It was a crazy moment when I realized that my senior year was coming to an end. I don't know if it hit me when we started the last quarter of the year or if it was when I started writing this. I can still remember being scared to death the first day of freshman year, not knowing that the next four years of my life would fly by.

Throughout my whole little journey here at Marion High School, I figured out that high school isn't just teaching you math or science; it is also teaching you how to become your own person and to live your life the way you want to. High school teaches you how to stand out from everyone else, and to not be afraid to be a little bit different. There are so many opportunities offered to the students, just sometimes you have to explore a little. No one should look back on their high school years and think, "what if?"

No one ever said high school was going to be easy, and they're right, it isn't. There are classes that seem to not be understandable, but somehow you pass, even if it's by a percent or two. Then there are the chances that throughout the four years spent in high school, the friends you started out with won't be the ones you're ending it with. I can say that I have experienced both of these and many more lessons. Even though at the time I was stressed, mad, and many other emotions, I still wouldn't change a thing. It has made me who I am today.

Having to say goodbye to high school will be hard. I'm sure I will also be scared to death my first day of college, but I'll probably end up loving it. So thank you Marion High School for helping me become who I am today.



## Haley Shaffer

My time here at Marion is drawing to an abrupt end, and while it's semi-depressing, it also makes me happy. It's a very bittersweet feeling, to look back on some of the best times of your life, and realize that some of the people you started out high school with or met along the way, that you considered a best friend, are no longer in your life. But as Dr. Seuss would say, "don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." I'm so thankful to have been able to spend my four long years of high school at Marion.

High school has been such a rollercoaster of a ride, but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. I used to think that I had to act a certain way and look a certain way to be accepted in high school. But now, I realize that the right people will love you and accept you no matter what. So shout-out to all my friends who love the fact that I'm a complete weirdo and laugh at my jokes even when they're not funny.

I would love to sit here and say that throughout high school, I have figured out "who I am" and all that super cliché stuff, but I haven't. I have however, figured out some pretty important lessons. First off, I learned that things don't always work out the way you want them to, but that's okay sometimes, in fact most times, it's a blessing in disguise. Secondly I learned that high fives are much more dangerous than they appear. And finally, I learned that surrounding yourself with people who make you happy, is the best way to be happy. Even though I don't still have every friend I started high school with, I'm thankful for each and every one, because at one point, they made me happy. All of them have made me laugh or smile, and have given me so many amazing memories, and that's what I'll take with me when I graduate. Because of high school I not only have memories that will last a lifetime, but lifelong friends. So thank you Marion High School, it's been a great ride.



## Taylor Millis

Once again we have reached that point in the year when the seniors get ready to put on that red cap and gown and walk across a stage. Four years ago, as a little freshman, I never thought the time would come so fast for the day when I would be one of those seniors. The years and months seemed to drag on and on until finally I'm here, just days away from the final goodbye. It's a bittersweet feeling knowing I will never walk through these doors as an MHS student again. And as I look back on the four years I have spent in these classrooms, I realize that although they felt long, they were an amazing four years that have flown by.

To be honest I'm not even sure what I am supposed to say here. I can tell you to not take anything for granted in high school, I can tell you to ignore the drama and enjoy every moment, but I know that none of you are actually going to do that. How do I know that? Because I can't tell you how many times I was told those things and guess what, I took things for granted, drama still happened and some moments I enjoyed a lot less than others. The only useful advice I can give any one is to just be yourself, do what you want to do and learn from the good and the bad.

High school has changed me in so many ways. I came to high school a completely different person from the person I am leaving. As a freshman you feel so mature and old, by the end of your sophomore year you think you're ready to leave high school for good. Then junior year seems like a blur. But, as a senior all you want is to go back and cherish every event, good and bad, relish in the simplicity of life as a freshman, the excitement of sophomore year, and the challenge that junior year gives you. Senior year flies by and before you know it you are in the last week of high school and as you look back you realize how precious high school has been! So, thank you Marion High School, I couldn't ask for a better place to spend the crazy four years we call high school.



## Uriah Lekin

In the mighty words of Marilyn Monroe, "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius, and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring." Going to high school is totally the opposite of this. For me, I guess it was. Everyone I met fit in somewhere, they either fit in with the preps, or geeks, or that one crowd that is a mixture of everything. Then you have me, that one kid in the halls that everyone knows two things about: he's gay and he's loud. I learned a ton of lessons through high school, but one lesson I took to heart was loving myself enough to be me.

As I look back upon my high school career, I get stunned when I see that I hid my love for Star Wars. The fact that shoot outs in Cantinas can turn into the greatest rebellion Americans have ever seen on a television screen is just mind blowing. I mean I even hid my love for Katy Perry, I mean seriously. I hid the fact I was in love with one of the greatest pop stars on the planet just because I was scared of some kid's opinion that I don't even know on what I like. I don't understand sometimes why I hid what I loved because it makes me who I am. I love Star Wars so much because it saved my life when I was younger. The love I have for Katy Perry is just as great; she made me feel accepted in a world where being different is taboo and conforming is the societal norm. It took me a long time to learn this, and it is sad it took so long, but in the end it made me a better person. Always remember to never be afraid of others' opinions and if it is what you love then don't be ashamed of showing the world because that is who you are and it isn't doing you any justice to stand in the crowd.





# Brown's bittersweet feeling of leaving for college

Breiana Brown and younger sibling Mahlia Brown share their thoughts about having a sibling leave home to go to college.

By: Ashley Lappe @Ashley\_Lappe33

It's the final year, the last Friday night games, and the ending of homecoming and prom for many people and soon the last day to walk through the front doors of the high school. As high school and the past 18 years of the seniors' lives comes to an end, they are forced to change their lives and leave home. It can be the hardest part of a person's life and many of them leave behind younger siblings. They are used to living at home with their family while their younger siblings are used to having their older brothers or sisters to rely on. It can be a tough transition for everyone.

Breiana Brown, senior, is finishing her last year of high school and will be experiencing the challenges that follow. She plans to attend UNI for early childhood education. "I'm looking forward to the college experience and the opportunity to meet people," she explained.

Her younger sister, Mahlia Brown, sophomore, has always been in the company of her two older sisters,

but is now being forced to deal with the reality of Breiana, the second oldest, moving out.

As the youngest of three sisters, Mahlia is used to having her older sisters around to depend on, "It's going to be different because I'll be home alone except for my step siblings. I'm going to miss having her around for moral support and when my mom goes crazy I won't have backup."

As people grow up and begin to live on their own they gain a lot of independence and they learn a lot, "My sister could learn how to survive on her own and that can be hard for some people to deal with. I'll have to learn how to deal without my sister and learn self reliance. She won't keep me up late at night when she's watching vine and she won't wear my clothes as much, but I won't be able to wear her clothes either so I'm kind of sad about that," Mahlia said jokingly. Although it's hard leaving her family and home, Breiana is stepping into a very important part of her life. This stage is an adventure that helps form the person she will become in the future.



Breiana Brown, '14, and younger sister Mahlia Brown, '16, know they'll still see each other a lot once Breiana leaves for college.

## New drivers in the summer

Ashley Lappe @Ashley\_Lappe33

Summer is coming fast and students can't wait to get out of school and hang out with friends. They'll get to go to the pool or the beach or they could go see a movie. Having a license allows students to get together with their friends and go places they couldn't go without it. This often means they will also have to get a job so they can pay for their expenses of gas. Many are willing to accept this fact so they can get a car a drive around as they wish. Others may not have to get a job to afford a car and gas so they spend their summer vacations having fun. Whether they choose to get a job or just have fun, having a drivers license gives students the opportunity to get together more and enjoy their summer.



"I can't wait to be able to go wherever I want whenever I want. I'll go to Adventureland with my friends. We're going to crank the music up and have a blast."  
-Liz Fontenot, sophomore



"I'm excited because I can finally drive around by myself in my own car and listen to my own music. I'm probably going to go to Pancheros when I first get my car and I'll go to Adventureland."  
-Courtney Stull, sophomore



"I'll have freedom and I'll be able to go wherever I want to go. I'll be able to just drive around everywhere, it's better than staying home."  
-Emily Wyant, sophomore



"I'm looking forward to being able to go wherever I want whenever I want. I plan on going to the pool with friends and working."  
-McKenna Hernandez, freshman



"It'll be nice because I won't have to depend on anyone. I can do what I want when I want. I plan on driving to back-bone and go camping."  
-Meckenzie Bohland, sophomore

## Arebaugh watches the water

Becca Hall @ChewwBeccaa

Many students apply for summer jobs to make some extra money during their summer break. Justin Arebaugh, junior, is one of the lucky students that found a job for the summer that fits his interests and hobbies perfectly.

Arebaugh has been a swimmer since he was young, so when he decided to get a summer job his freshman year becoming a lifeguard was an obvious choice. It was easy for him since he already met all the qualifications, "I've been swimming for so long I already knew how so I didn't have to learn," explained Arebaugh. He also had to go through CPR, First aid, and various other training sessions.

This year Arebaugh will be working at Ellis pool. He is excited for the fun that come along with this job, "The best part is the after hour parties. It's just a bunch of messing around on the slides, jumping around, running and some other stuff," said Arebaugh, "I like it because of the money and it's nice to see all the people- like teenage girls- that come."

Throughout the summer he enjoys the many upsides to spending his days poolside. "When I'm working at the pool I get really tan, so that's nice." Arebaugh also has easy access to snacks during work hours, "I eat lots of food while working at the pool," he said.

Working at the pool is exciting for

Arebaugh, but he also has to do some serious work. "I have to unstack all the chairs, my max is ten chairs at one, I have to put lots of sunscreen on, sometimes I turn on the [water] pumps, cleaning, and watching the water." The worst part, he explained, is cleaning the woman's locker room.

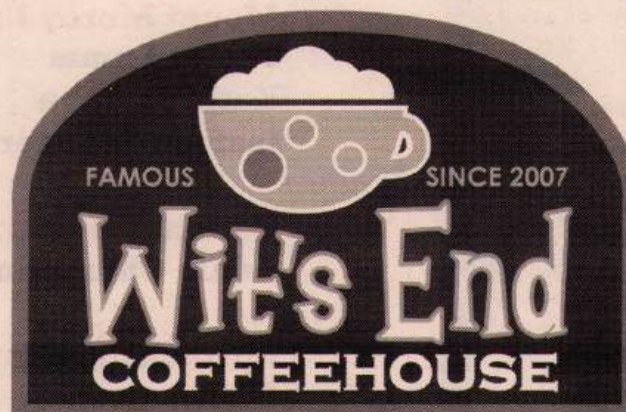
There is also a serious side. Being a lifeguard means that Arebaugh is responsible for keeping the swimmers safe. "It's kind of rewarding knowing that you saved someone's life," he stated. Arebaugh has only had to save someone from drowning one time, but he knows that if he wasn't there to help, the swimmer might not have gotten out safely. Amidst all the fun times Arebaugh knows that his job at the pool is crucial for keeping swimmers safe.

At work this summer Arebaugh will be getting tan, laughing with friends, and chowing down on snacks, but he will also be guarding the lives of pool goers. Having the perfect summer job is something Justin Arebaugh is very lucky for. As the temperatures get higher each day, Arebaugh anticipates the good times his lifeguarding job will bring him this summer.



Justin Arebaugh, junior

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# Oh the places they will go: seniors' future plans

By: Taylor Lamm @Lammers11

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