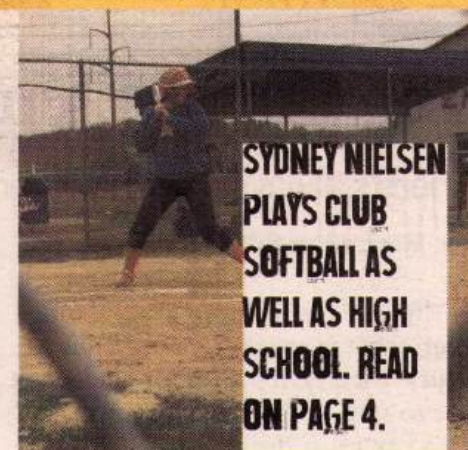


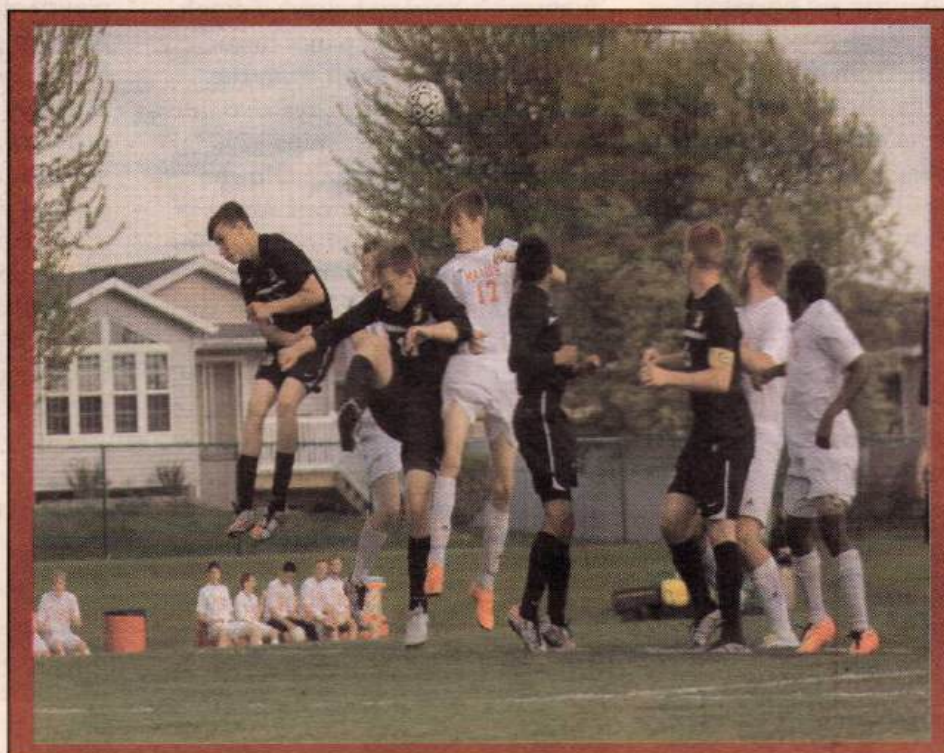
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Thomas Peyton, '18, jumps through contact into the air to head the ball during a boys' varsity soccer game against Vinton-Shellsburg on May 3rd.

Overcoming adversity

Kylee Wilson speaks about her struggles with lupus and graduation.

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17

Nobody ever expects what life hands them. Whether it's getting the flu a week before a fun trip, throwing up the day of the last math final, or something bigger like being diagnosed with a life-changing disease, nobody can ever predict what is going to happen to them.

Kylee Wilson, senior, was diagnosed with the disease lupus at the end of her sixth grade year when she was only twelve years old. "Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease where my immune system is overactive," Wilson said. Lupus develops due to hormones, genetics, and environment.

Wilson has been in and out of hospitals for six years. "After I was first diagnosed, I went into the

hospital for weekly infusions," Wilson said, "after I got a little better they started doing them monthly instead." Wilson has pushed through to have a good outcome.

At the end of Wilson's freshman year, she had to become dual-enrolled in the high school. "There was no other option, this was the only way I could finish school," she said.

After becoming dual-enrolled, Wilson had to accept the fact that she couldn't graduate with her class as she had planned. "The school board told me that even if I came back to school as a fully enrolled student, I couldn't graduate because of all the classes I missed," Wilson said.

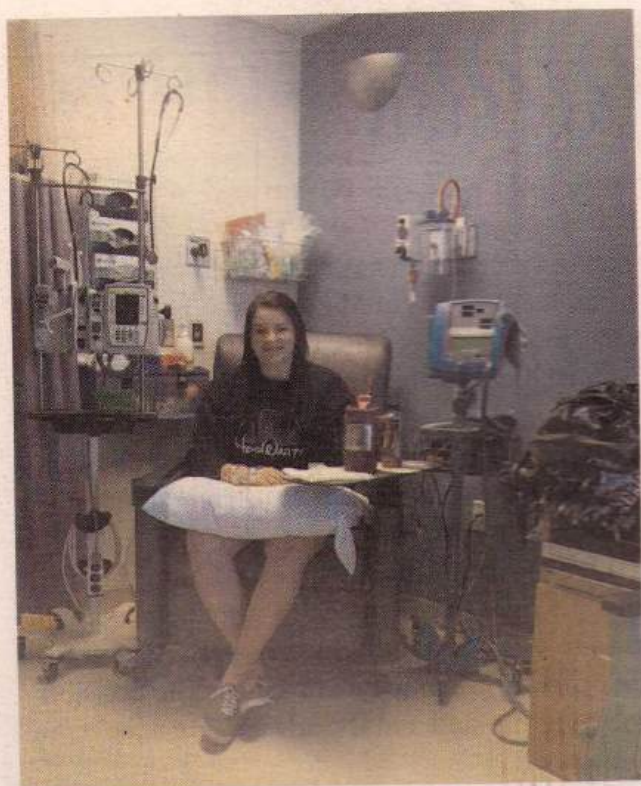
Wilson ended up proving all of the people who told her she couldn't wrong, and pushed forward to finish all the classes she needed to. "Since I had finished all of my classes, I thought I could graduate with my class," she said, "but the school board told me I was still not able to."

"Kylee has been through so much at such a young age and through everything she's still a very joyful and inspired individual," Kennedy Wilson, Kylee's sister said. "She's come a long way with her lupus and now she only goes every six weeks. She is an amazing person and takes in every experience whether it is great or terrible."

After many school board meetings and presenting her case to the entire board at the meeting, the results remained the same. Wilson would not graduate with her class. "I even bought a cap and gown one day, feeling optimistic," she said, "when I found out that the answer was no and would never change, it broke my heart."

Although the situation and results given to Wilson were extremely upsetting to her, she didn't let that take her over. She persevered and remained optimistic. When life threw this situation at her, she turned the other way and decided to be happy that she has had all of the experiences she has had throughout high school.

Wilson has decided to take a positive path on the issue, and start looking forward to her upcoming college experience where she can get a fresh start and focus on better things.



Kylee Wilson, '16, sits in a chair while getting infusions at the University of Iowa hospital.

Doggin' with Dexter

-Commentary-

For almost every change I've been through, I could count on my best friend, and yes, I mean the furry one.

My dog Dexter has been with me through the best and worst times of my life. He was there when I came to Marion, when I got my first car, when my dad moved home to Iowa and back to Florida, and even those nights when we couldn't sleep.

Every day I come home to my dog waiting for me to enter through the door. Every day I spend with him, whether we're running around the house together or just sitting on opposite sides of the living room together, there isn't a more comforting feeling than having my puppy right there.

My dog will be there for me when I graduate high school, but in 107 days I have to spend almost every day without Dex. I don't know how to emotionally prepare for this. Going from having this dog by my side twenty four seven whenever I want to a world away from everyone I know sounds awful to put it nicely.

It is sad that we take so much for granted. Yes, I am ecstatic to begin the next chapter of my life. But do I want to leave my friends, family, and dog? Of course not. I have wildly underestimated everything these people have done for me up to this point, and frankly I do not know how I will survive.

Obviously, I will be able to come home and see my mom and my dog sometimes. But the fact that I can't run to give my mom a hug after a terrible day, or take a nap with my dog after class, or even just sit in our living room on a Tuesday night and watch a Cubs game together is truly heartbreaking.

I learned early during high school that my family was the most important thing to me. I do my best to treat my mom how she deserves and to cherish every second I have with all of them. I am glad I realized this before it was too late.

We never think when we are mean to our dad or fight with our siblings that we will be leaving the house soon. When we're sixteen, college seems like centuries away. But as cheesy as it sounds, it all goes away in the blink of an eye. Soon we won't have our dads to cook us dinner, or our moms to do our laundry, or our dogs to cheer us up. Sooner than we realize, we are without them, and we long to spend a day with them.

I will be without my dog in a short 107 days. As silly as it seems, he is one of the things I will miss most. As everyone may have gathered from my previous columns, Dexter is my best friend. Seeing his smile warms my heart and I would do anything for him. As stupid as it may sound to some, my fat, annoying dog is my family, and I am blessed to be able to have someone in my life I will miss this much.



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The life of a female versus the life of a male

There's always a debate over who has a harder life. Is it girls or is it guys?

By: Mia Laube @Mia_Laube21

The debate has been around forever: what is tougher, being a guy or a girl? Clearly, it's hard for one gender to step in the shoes of the other. One can't just decide to switch for a day and compare their problems.

The thing is, everyone has their own daily struggles. The worst thing that's happened to one person could be a cakewalk to another. It's all about perspective, and it's no different with this little issue. Nobody lives the same life.

As a girl, it's quite annoying when a boy says that they have it way harder than girls. The initial reaction is to yell and tell them they're uneducated, but that isn't the way to handle it. There are many reasons on hand that could justify why girls don't have it easy.

The most obvious argument is

that women have the lovely task of giving birth when they're older if they choose, which is clearly an immense pain. Women are built to be pretty tough, and with how whiny some guys can be, I can't picture them being able to endure this.

Also, when girls are breezing through their teenage years, there's social pressure from every angle. While guys can show up to school in baggy shorts and talk to anyone and everyone, girls have unwritten expectations to look nice and try to fit in every way possible. It's nerve racking.

Girls also have certain rules. They're always expected to be the mature ones. While teenage boys have the excuse "boys will be boys" on their side and can experiment freely with relationships, girls don't have those luxuries. If they be-

haved towards everyone else as guys did, they'd be frowned upon and told to grow up, not accepted.

Even history has favored men. Women had to fight to vote, raise families, and work despite unfair wages. With these accomplishments, it's hard to believe women still don't wear the pants in society.

Although this is all from the perspective of a girl, guys also must overcome many hardships girls take for granted. They aren't allowed to show weakness or talk about emotion out of fear of not seeming masculine enough. If they aren't involved in sports, sometimes they aren't thought of as part of the "popular" group of guys at school, which is extremely unfair because all different talents should receive recognition. This may be a short list, but there are many more addi-

tions.

This is why empowerment is one of the biggest words in the news today. Boys don't have it way easier than girls. Girls don't have it way easier than boys. But now, if someone wants to capitalize on their struggle and use it as momentum, they can do just that.

The debate needs to be put to rest. If it were to be put into the perspective of a guy, there could be plenty of reasons listed why it's difficult to grow up as a male human being. Everyone has struggles. It's not right for somebody to see the problem areas in another's life and say they are small just because they haven't experienced the same thing.

Instead of fighting over who has it worse, realize that we all go through times that aren't so fun. We should all learn to stop comparing apples to oranges and lift each other up to alleviate each other's stresses.

Empowerment. It's everyone's right from day one, no matter what changes in the days that follow.

Are summer jobs a good or bad idea?

By: Chloe Rice @Cmrice44

With summer quickly approaching, lots of students are thinking about hanging out with their friends or family and doing a ton of fun things. They

may be thinking about relaxing and taking time off from a busy schedule.

There are two kinds of teenagers in the summer- those who spend their time doing absolutely nothing, and those who have a packed schedule. No matter which teenager you are, a summer job is something to consider.

It is understandable that not everyone has time for a job, but there are lots of teens who have a chance that simply decide not to. The job doesn't have to be something that takes up an absurd amount of hours, it can be something small that only requires a couple days per week. That is just enough to get up and going, and it helps to stay involved in things around the community.

Why wouldn't a teenager want to earn some money over the summer? No matter the amount, the money earned could be spent towards doing more fun things throughout the break. It would feel good to be able to spend your own money instead of asking parents for more money every

single day.

According to the Pew Research Center, the amount of teenagers that have summer jobs has decreased by a little over 20% in the last forty years. There are a couple main reasons for this decrease, and the overall decrease of youth employment. Nowadays there are fewer low-skill jobs than in the past, most college-aged students are enrolled in school over the summer, some are doing unpaid community service work for graduation requirements, and more students are participating in unpaid internships.

There are tons of options of summer jobs for a student to pick from. If someone wants to find something outside, they can start with detasseling, working at a pool, or umpiring little league games. If someone would rather be indoors or around food they could choose Dairy Queen, The Freeze, or any restaurant around town. Another option would be to help around your local high school with maintenance. At Marion High School there are students that help with the cleanliness of the baseball and softball fields during games throughout the summer.

A teenager's summer should not be spent doing nothing. Getting a job doesn't mean that you're tied to it forever, it will only be for a couple months while school is out. Working a summer job may give teens a feel for what life is like after high school.

How people spend their summer says a lot about them.

It may be hard work for a little bit during their time off, but it doesn't have to be. Finding something easier and fun is just as good. Getting a summer job could also be a fun time.

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Nielsen's ASA season nearing the end

Sydney Nielsen, '19, talks about her experiences during ASA softball.

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Instead of playing with a group of girls that she has grown up going to school with, she is getting ready to run out onto the field with a group of girls from different schools.

This girl creating bonds that can last a lifetime is Sydney Nielsen, freshman. Nielsen has been playing softball since she was six and is the catcher for the Eastern Iowa Starz. Starz is an ASA softball team that Nielsen has been competing with for the past two years.

The team practices every Tuesday and Wednesday in Robins. They compete in six to seven tournaments every season. The tournaments are usually held around Iowa City, but they have had a few in other cities around Iowa and also a couple in Illinois. Nielsen said, "It is a more competitive team and we travel a lot."

Nielsen believes that the season has been going well so far. Being together for many hours has created many memories. "I enjoy traveling and playing wiffle ball with my teammates when we have a break or are done with our game," Nielsen said.

While playing softball there are many ranges of the weather that players need to be prepared for. One weekend it could be freezing and raining, but then the next weekend it could be unbearably hot. This is Nielsen's least favorite thing about the sport. "I don't like the changes in weather, how cold it can

get and also how hot it can get," she said.

Although Nielsen doesn't enjoy the range of weather, she does have a favorite part about playing with the Starz. "I like being able to bond with a bunch of girls and the competitiveness," she said. When playing with girls from different schools, it is easy to form friendships that could last a lifetime.

With the season still having a couple tournaments left, Nielsen has set some goals. "I want to get better and have a good batting average as a team. Also, I want to do well in tournaments," she said.

Cayla Attwood, '19, also plays on an ASA softball team. She plays on the Marion 14U team and has been playing with them for a year. She joined so she could have more opportunities to play softball. "I enjoy going to tournaments and playing new teams," Attwood said.

Playing an extra season will also help prepare her for high school softball

season. Nielsen has been practicing with the school team while she has been playing for the Starz. The school team practices on Mondays and Thursdays. They also have scrimmages on Wednesday. "For high school I want to do good and maybe make it to state," said Nielsen.

Balancing two teams can become overwhelming, but it can also be very rewarding. The player learns many things about time management. Nielsen is doing whatever it takes to continue playing the game she loves.



Sydney Nielsen, 19, stands at home plate ready for the pitch.

Student-Athlete Struggles

-Commentary-



By: Mia Laube
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Summer is almost in full swing, and that thought brings forth images of relaxation and no responsibility for many students. However, for myself and other student-athletes, summer is just the beginning of a full-time sports schedule.

Forget about constant late nights and sitting around. Being a year-round athlete requires good sleep, regular exercise, attending workouts and somewhat watching food choices. Personally, it would be weird to have the freedom to always do what you want and never worry how it will affect your performance.

To be the best and show teamwork, athletes must be dedicated. Summer workouts, lifting, and helping at camps are things coaches say are not required, but if one really wants to play or contribute to their team, they need to go. Most know this. Those who make excuses for not going are not only missing an opportunity to improve, but are missing out on fun times as well.

Club sports are also a large piece of summer to look forward to. They supplement school activities and can be used for college recognition and higher competition. Tournaments are very time-consuming, but while high-level athletes miss out on social events, they get to build skills and team relationships.

Staying up late, traveling, or having endless days to spend relaxing in the sun would rock. Those things are missed every summer. But they're replaced by even cooler things, things that will truly be held in our minds as great memories.

Summer sports aren't all work and no play, though. There are many times teammates get together outside of the field, court, or track. When one can't go to summer activities, they miss nice team meals, pool parties, and bonding.

Of course it's tough to see my friends having fun at parties when I have an early curfew for tomorrow's workout, but people don't realize I wouldn't have it any other way. Summer would be so boring if I didn't have the opportunities my sports have presented me.

Everyone should consider joining a summer sport. Working towards something feels rewarding. We as athletes do not get a traditional summer, but it's not going to be a regret of mine in the long run- even though there's definitely no getting a tan under the gym lights.

Athletes practicing hard in summer

By: Alex Coleman @Its_YoPaIAI



Ben Woods, '18

What sets apart the good athletes from the great ones? To sum it up in one word is simple: dedication. Over the summer, all athletes are presented with a choice: relax and go out with friends, or put in a bit of extra

time at the gym, field, or track. The athletes who give up valuable free time to put in the extra hours outside of practice, take care of their bodies with a healthy diet, and strive to be the best are the ones who come out on top.

At Marion, many of our teams are known for this greatness, others strive for it. One way they accomplish this is by practicing in the off season. Ben Woods, sophomore, always looks forward to summer practices after putting the ball away back in November. "I plan on attending all practices this summer because it helps my personal play, but also helps the team mesh as one so we're ready for the season," said Woods. Even though Woods is currently injured, once healed he will join the team and continue working hard.

With a new coach and a previous record of 0-9, the football boys have their work cut out for them this summer. Along with football, many other sports have open gyms during the summer. Morgan Swanger, junior, will be attending volleyball open gyms before the start of their season. "It's important to attend open gyms to keep skills intact and your body in shape over the summer. When more people show up for open gyms, it shows teammates are committed to putting in work before the season even starts to get results later on the court," said Swanger.

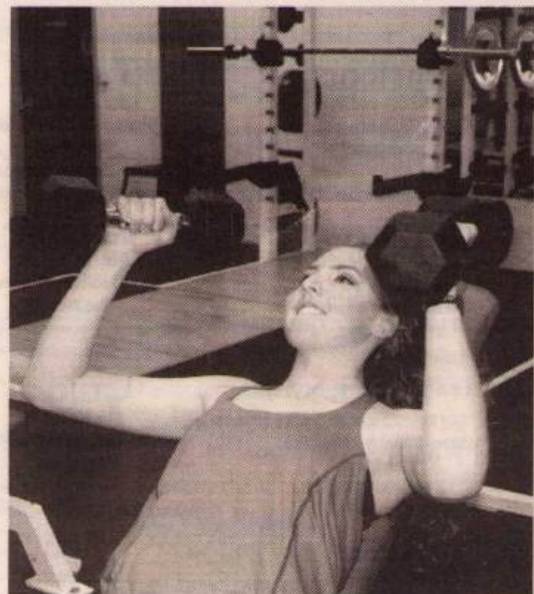
Though there are many perks to attending open gyms, the timing of the summer practices can be relentless on the body. "Conditioning workouts in the

hot summer are my least favorite part," said Woods. Swanger shares his disdain, saying, "The heat of the gym kind of sucks, and sharing the weight room isn't fun."

Even when the going gets tough, these dedicated athletes do not give in. "Seeing all the guys and making not only myself but the team better makes it all worth it. I'm doing what I love," said Woods.

These bonding moments and hours spent together can have valuable lessons hidden within. "Some people's strengths are my weaknesses, and vice versa. It's what makes the team aspect of a sport so vital. You get out what you put in," said Swanger.

Through the blood, sweat, and tears of summer workouts, every athlete can relate to the great feeling of when the hard work finally pays off. The team starts to work together like a well oiled machine. And the best part? No one is in it alone. "The family I have at my house isn't my only family. All of those guys are my family," said Woods. "We're working on being the best team we can be, and how we all fit into that common goal. Can't wait to get out there."



Morgan Swanger, '17, lifts weights in preparation for next year's season.

Attendance at summer sports

Summer sports, like baseball and softball, tend not to get as many fans.

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

Everyone loves going to the sports during the school year. Whether it's football, basketball, volleyball, etc., fans from all around go out to support their team during their season. Baseball and softball however, take place in the summer time. All of the games and practices happen during the summer, so less people tend to come.

Bobby Vanderlind, senior, has played baseball since he was little. "I tried a lot of sports, but baseball always stuck out to me as one that I actually enjoyed," Vanderlind said. Vanderlind has played baseball for the school all of high school, and this

one will be his last.

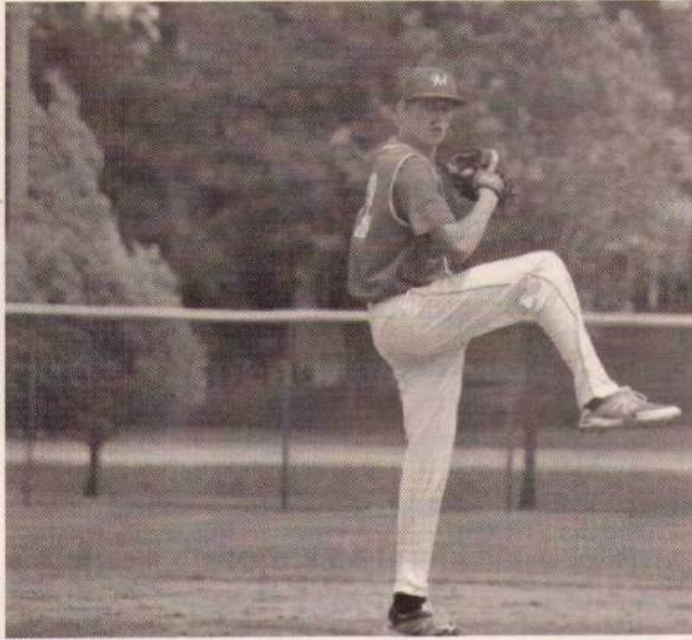
"It's surreal that this will be my last season of baseball, but I'm going to enjoy it as much as I can," Vanderlind said. In baseball and softball, all players get five years. The athletes start when they are going into their freshman year, and get to play the year after their senior year.

The baseball team never usually has as much as a turn out to games during the summer as other sports during the school year. "I think the reason for less attendance at baseball games during the summer is because everyone is busy having fun or on vacation," Vanderlind said. "It would be nice to have some more supporters out to come watch and cheer us on though."

Madison Wilson, junior, is on the softball team. "Attendance usually isn't anything huge at softball games," Wilson said. "Obviously it would be nice to have more support, but we still love to play even without a crowd."

Even though attendance has been low for sports over the summer, both the baseball and softball team has phenomenal seasons last year, and they plan to again this Summer as well. "We're trying to do whatever we can to get the big title," Vanderlind said.

Sports and school activities can be fun, but they are even more fun with an audience full of loud cheering ahead of them. Going out and showing school spirit for all of the sports year round can be a great way to support fellow classmates.



Bobby Vanderlind, '16, gets ready to throw the pitch during a 2015 summer baseball game.

'Yaking' during the summer

By: Kenzie Redmond
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Who would have thought a kayak would be worthwhile? Who would have thought it would be something a person would come to love? Who would have thought a kayak would create so many memories? Kaydence DeWoody, junior, has discovered just how meaningful a kayak can be.

DeWoody just started kayaking last summer, and it's become one of her favorite things to do. "I got interested in 'yaking because last summer my dad randomly went and got four kayaks, and ever since then that's all we do in our free time," she said.

DeWoody enjoys kayaking in warm

weather. "The summer is best to kayak because it's warm. I kayak with the 'yaking squad. We usually kayak at least twice a week, and usually two to six hours a day," she said.

DeWoody kayaks wherever she is feeling. "We kayak pretty much anywhere. We go to this giant pond a lot, and we've gone down the creek a couple of times. We go any time as long as it's nice out. We choose to kayak by how we are feeling that day. If we are being lazy we'll just go to the lake, but if we want a challenge we'll go down the creek. All you need is a 'yak and a paddle, and you're set," she said.

She has her favorites and least favorite parts about kayaking, however. "My favorite thing about 'yaking is it's a fun way to spend time with my friends, and [I like] venturing to new places. My least favorite thing is when the paddles spray you with water," she said.

Keanu Quinn, senior, is a part of the 'yaking squad, and he has his favorites and least favorites as well. "My favorite thing about kayaking is being out on the water with friends chilling. My least favorite thing is having to listen to Kaydence cry because she fell in the water," he said.

DeWoody has had one bad experience kayaking. "One time I flipped in the middle of this huge lake, and Keanu had to pull me all the way back to shore. My phone also had water damage," she said.

DeWoody may have had one bad experience kayaking, but she recommends it to anybody who wants to have a good time.



Kaydence DeWoody, '17, soaks up the sun while lounging on the water, propelling herself in her kayak down Indian Creek.

Dedication in the heat

By: Skylar Miller-Baker @skylarbaker15

The summer is the time for swimming, ice cream, and staying inside where the air conditioning is on full blast. Some people use it to binge watch Netflix shows, and others use it as a time to travel, but for some dedicated athletes the summer is the time to get ready for an upcoming sport.

Even when not in season, some athletes work just as hard in the off-season as they do in the regular one. They put in the hard work year round, always getting ready.

Junior West, senior, is one of these dedicated athletes. West would practice football with the team every summer before the season would start

it was really hot summer practice-but not too hot. I but I am used weather," West

Sam Gordon, doesn't think that the summer is that that bad. I just drink a bunch of water and I am fine," Gordon said.

The heat did affect some of the practicing though. "The sweat from the heat would sometimes drip into my eyes and make it hard to see," West said. He also said sometimes they had to cut practices short if it was too hot outside.

West would practice almost everyday in the summer to get ready for the upcoming season, and even though the heat was sometimes hard to practice in, he fought through it. "Practicing in the summer is better than practicing in the cold," West said.

Everybody spends their summer time differently. Whether that be swimming, trying to cool down, or working hard at a sport they really love.



Junior West, '16

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New opening: Omaha Safari

The Omaha Zoo s a great place to take a family trip.

By: Amery Bruce @AmeryBruce

Everyone is always looking for something to do in the summer. There's always a demand for new places to go.

One great place to go, with family or friends, is Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. The zoo is full of fun exhibits, cafe's, and a huge gift shop full of anything from key chains to giant stuffed animals.

There are some exhibits that have been standing for a while, but never cease to be a blast. The Desert Dome is a huge attraction, and it's almost impossible to go without heading into the dome.

There are also some new projects popping up, each one making the Omaha Zoo even bigger and better. According to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium official website, Alaskan Adventure is a new splash park being put together, costing fourteen million dollars. It will be coming sometime this year, and is including a new sea lion pool and

a home for the polar bears.

Water will spray out of over seventy-five bronze sculptures, creating a fun environment where people can walk amongst the dancing waters.

The main feature of the Alaskan Adventure is going to be massive. An eighteen foot humpback whale will be the centerpiece, with water trailing down it's fins. Other sculptures in the area will include puffins, jumping salmon, sea lions, brown bears, and orcas.

Alaskan landscape and misting nozzles will make the area feel authentic.

Adding this splash park is a way to incorporate larger structures of animals that the zoo doesn't feature extensively already. It also gives the opportunity for younger generations to learn about the animals out on the coastline of Alaska.

The new adventures are will be located near Red Barn Park and Sue's Carousel. Work is being done now, and the Zoo plans on having it done this summer.

Productive summer tips

By: Caitlyn Smith @Csmit05

The season for Netflix watching and food binging is rapidly arriving. While staying inside is easy and fun, having a productive summer can be just as exciting. Some people may not know what to do because their summer routine is a simple life inside their house. Well, there are many activities for students to partake in to have an enjoyable summer.

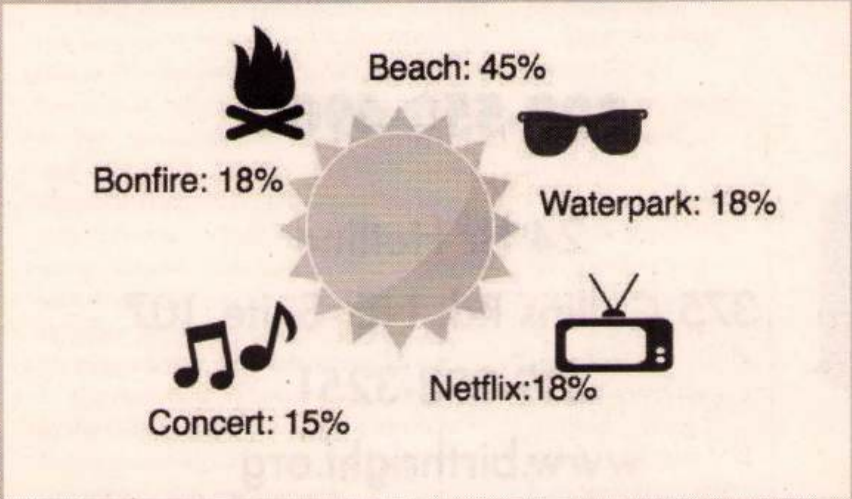
One thing to do during the summer is to go to a water park or amusement park with friends. Lost Island in Cedar Falls and Adventureland in Des Moines are the closest ones to Marion. Taking a one day trip to one of these parks is an easy way to make memories during an amusing summer.

Another enjoyable thing to do with friends is spend a day at the lake or beach. While there it is fun to go boating and tubing. Not everyone owns a boat though, so people can also just stay on the sand or in the water and take in the sun with friends. This is a relaxing activity.

A fun thing to do at night is go to see your favorite band or musician in concert. This is another way to make memories that can last a lifetime. Lee Brice and Hunter Hayes will both be in Council Bluffs this summer. Justin Bieber is coming to the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Carrie Underwood, Florida Georgia Line, and Cole Swindell will all be at the Jones County Fair. Jason Derulo and Dierks Bentley can both be seen at the Iowa State Fair this summer.

An easy and simple way to spend time with friends is to have a bonfire at someone's house. A bonfire allows friends to catch up with one another. To make it even more enjoyable people can roast s'mores.

With summer fast approaching many people may find themselves bored. These are a few ideas to hopefully have a more productive summer. Watching Netflix and binge eating is always acceptable, but maybe try to get out every once in awhile.



A poll of Marion students showing what they would prefer to spend their summer doing instead of just sitting around.

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

Fun exhibits to visit during a summer trip to the zoo.

Desert Dome
Plants and animals from the Namib desert, the Red Center of Australia, and the Sonoran Desert are on display.

Expedition Madagascar
Every display in this exhibit is linked to an ongoing project in Madagascar.

Kingdom's of the Night
In the world's largest nocturnal exhibit, creatures of the night are on display.

Scott Aquarium
This underwater exhibit features a 70 foot shark tunnel.

Simmons Aviary
In the world's second largest free-flight aviary, over 500 species of birds can be seen.

Cat Complex
This complex houses 30 species of cats including tigers, lions, and jaguars.

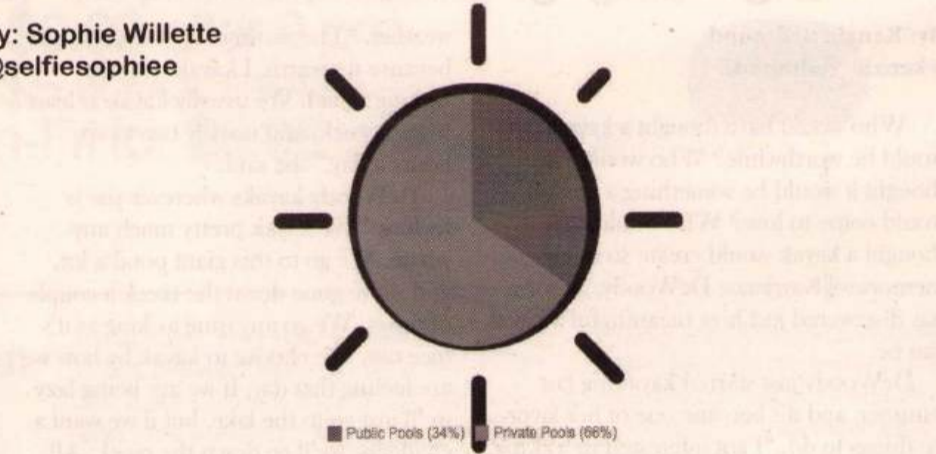
African Grasslands (Coming Soon)
This project is 28 acres in size and will feature exhibits of giraffes, rhinos, and more.

Hubbard Gorilla Valley
This three acre exhibit makes it feel like the visitors are on display, instead of the gorillas.

Berniece Grewcock Butterfly and Insect Pavilion
This total immersion exhibit allows visitors to wander among free-flying butterflies and other insects.

Pool wars: public vs private

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee



Public pools and private pools are a big issue when it comes to summer vacation. Public pools are fun because pretty much everyone and anyone can go. You can meet your friends there and just chill out. But there are more negative things about public pools than positive, that being anyone can go which can get kind of disgusting when you're swimming in pee water. That's when private pools come in. Private pools are so nice because you choose who comes with you and most of the friends you choose won't pee in the pool. Long story short one has the power to choose whether or not they want to swim in pee water or clean water.

Public pools		Private pools	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
1. Anyone can go so there can be big groups of friends hanging out.	1. Little children are everywhere and that means there is most likely pee in the water.	1. There usually is not pee in the water.	1. There is not a lot of room for many people.
2. New friends can be made.	2. The pool always closes for lunch breaks or for adult swim.	2. Friends can be chosen to hang out with instead of a large group.	2. One has to clean it and keep the chemicals balanced.
3. Slides and diving boards make the experience even more fun.	3. The food that's available to buy is kind of expensive.	3. Floaties are always welcome.	3. The pool itself is usually smaller.

"Lemonade" versus "Views"

Though I'd typically use this space to talk about an artist most people have never heard of, two albums have recently been released that are just begging to be talked about. Ranking number one and two on iTunes across the world, these two artists are names everyone knows. Beyoncé and Drake are no stranger to the top charts, but each of them have released pieces of groundbreaking art that must be discussed.



By: Alex Coleman
@Its_YoPalAI

The first of these two released was "Lemonade," Beyoncé's ninth album and the mark of a thirteen year long success story. Since 2003, Beyoncé has rocked our world with anthems like "Crazy in Love" and "Single Ladies." Her last album was dropped at random with no previous publicity, yet it still broke the record for most albums sold in a week and was number one in 104 countries.

"Lemonade" has been no different. Although some may be weary to spend seventeen dollars on an album with only twelve tracks, this is a must have for any music lover. Not only does the album come with the tracks, it comes with an hour long film of the album. This is really what one is paying for. Over the top, culture driven, and full of emotion, this poetic experience of an album has captivated anyone who took the time to watch. Beyoncé has really outdone herself with this stylistic step in her career. Not only is the film breathtaking, but each and every song works as a unit and separately.

Although not for the same amount of time, Drake's success story isn't much different. Known for his mixtape release in 2009, this Canadian singer has been rapping heartstopping one liners for seven years. "Take Care" was arguably his best album, which was released in 2011. Since then, Drake has released a few more albums and mixtapes alike, but none that has fully worked as a whole album since.

"Views" has completely changed my thoughts on Drake. Honestly, me and lots of other people were starting to wonder if Drake would ever go back to the emotional, nearly R&B sound that "Take Care" was so famous for, and he has given us just that. Possibly Drake's last work, twenty songs have never flowed so well together. When listened to all the way through, the album is an experience worth the money.

To ask who takes the cake for best album is difficult. Beyoncé tugs on emotions that so many people can relate to, as does Drake in different ways. Beyoncé's angelic voice and undeniably likability carries listeners through every song, while Drake's undeniably incredible verses leave listeners head banging all the way through. Personally, Beyoncé's album does not have a song on it that I do not like, whereas Drake's does, but everyone should go and listen to both albums before deciding whose team to cast their vote for.

How to accessorize a cap and gown

During graduation, it's not difficult to dress up the ceremonious garb.

By: Lexi Morgan @Lexi_Morgan17



Erin Thomason, '16

Wear jewelry like a necklace, bracelets, and earrings to dress up your outfit.

Wear a nice top, dress, or a skirt

Dress up with sandals or heels

Dress up with a nice shirt with jeans, dress pants, or khakis

Wear any shoes except tennis shoes or flip flops



Josh Holley, '16

The cap and gown can be a boring thing to wear, but with a few simple items, graduates can dress up the traditional attire.

For girls, it's quite easy to make the outfit more interesting. It is a dressier occasion, so a dress or a skirt would be the best option. Our cap and gown is red, so choosing a red dress might not be the best option, mostly black or white would look the best.

Heels or flats would be the dressier option for shoe, but heels can obviously be hard to walk in. Vans would also work if that's what some are more comfortable in.

Finally, jewelry would be a great option to take the outfit to the top. Any kind like necklaces, bracelets, or earrings would make the simple outfit look better.

For guys it isn't too challenging either. Just a nice shirt and nice pants dresses up the cap and gown. Basketball shorts, t-shirts, or sweatshirts wouldn't compliment the occasion very well.

Also, guys should compliment their outfit with shoes other than running shoes or flip flops.

The cap and gown is quite traditional, but can be dressed up in many different ways.

This is a poll on whether students would rather go to a waterpark, beach, or a pool during the summer.



Summer
Festivities

By: Kenzie Redmond @Kenzie_Redmond2

54% said they would rather go to a waterpark.

45% said they would rather go to a beach.

1% said they would rather go to a pool.



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where do you see yourself in 10 years?

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Shack - 3% House - 67%

Relationship status:

Married - 63%
Single - 16 %
"It's Complicated" - 19%
Divorced - 2%



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Teacher - 35%
Celebrity - 14%

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"I think this senior class was willing to push themselves and willing to take difficult classes because lots received the math and science award. I will miss their willingness to try and work."
-Ms. Madi Ramaekers



"I will miss the camaraderie of the students."
-Mr. Kevin Wake



"I will miss all the leadership from the senior class. They are the best senior class as far as leaders in my 11 years."
-Mr. Erik Triik



"I will miss their kindness and the way they treat each other. They are very good leaders."
-Mrs. Emily Logan





Transformation Tuesday



Noah Nissen




Kirsten Way




Alex Gaffney



Kaela H







Underclassmen say good-bye to their favorite seniors

Katie,
I'm going to miss you so much when you leave for college. We have grown so close these last 2 years, and you've been like an older sister to me, and I couldn't thank you enough. Thanks for being one of my BFFs. Have fun at college, I'll miss you lots. Love you so much.
-Camryn



Katie Serbousek, '16 & Camryn Cannoy, '17

Lys,
I wish nothing but the best for you in college. It sucks that I won't get to see you everyday but I know you'll do great things. Thank you for being my person in the little time I've known you. Don't forget about me Lys, I love you. -Andrea

Alyssa Thomas, '16 & Andrea Landuyt, '18

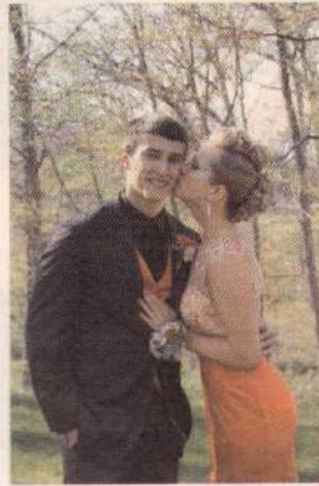


Ryan and Noah,
It was good having you as soccer captains even though no one listened to you but I hope you have fun in college or where ever you go @Ryan. <3 -Rhys



Noah Walter, '16, Ryan Whalen, '16 & Rhys Regan, '18

John,
Thanks for being my best friend going on five months now. You've taught me how to live life and not care about what other people think, and do what makes me happy. Good thing you're not leaving me because I have no clue what I would do with out you by my side.
-Chloe



John Harms, '16 & Chloe Jenatscheck, '17

Keanu,
Sorry about putting a dent in your mom's car, but I love you and will miss you.
-Chris

Keanu Quinn, '16 & Chris Mohwinkle, '18



Dani,
I am gonna miss you so much! I know that you have such a bright future ahead. Thank you for your wisdom and encouragement! It will be so different not having you on the bball team. Come and visit me sometime! Love you lots! -Brianna



Bayley Fuller, '16 & Maddie Knapp, '19

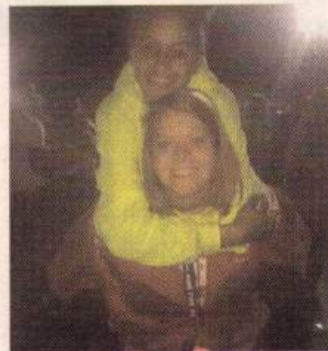
Bayley,
Thanks for being one of my best friends, I'll miss you buddy.
-Maddie



Danielle Dunne, '16 & Brianna Horrach, '18

Meg,
Wow Meg, I'm gonna miss ya. I know you are going to amazing things at Iowa. You better come back every weekend. We have so many memories from softball to camping with Mo. This summer shall bring many, many more. Thanks for always making me laugh till I cry and making me smile when I'm upset. It's really gonna suck not seeing

you everyday, but hey we got FaceTime and we are NOT losing that snapstreak on Snap. I love you girl, have fun at Iowa. -Livvy



Megan Glovik, '16 & Livvy Draves, '19

Clayton,
I'm going to miss you next year. But hey, let the rest of this year be a blast. We've gone through five dances and one and a half years of dating. Which is a lot. I will probably cry my eyes out at graduation. You're starting a new chapter in your life, which is amazing. Yeah I will miss seeing you everyday in the hallways and hearing you talk about music things that I still don't understand. But rock it next year at Kirkwood. Love you. -Paige



Clayton Kwater, '16 & Paige Martinson, '18



Gage Kray



DeLaney Fisher



William Randall



10 Senior Interviews



Tyler Thompson

What will you miss about Marion?: My friends, teachers, and fellow students.

Future plans: Go to ISU & get a Bachelors in computer science & possibly a doctorate for AI research.

Quote/piece of advice: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die' -John 11:25

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Accumulation of knowledge.



Dakota Timmerman

What will you miss about Marion?: Go Fish in mentor.

Future plans: Electrical apprenticeship

Quote/piece of advice: Nut up or shut up.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Putnam's blueberry cheesecake.



Shantelle Trimble

What will you miss about Marion?: My friends.

Future plans: Start an in-home daycare.

Quote/piece of advice: If you put your mind towards something you can achieve it.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: A struggle.



Bobby Vanderlind

What will you miss about Marion?: Banana Cream Pie.

Future plans: Banana Cream Pie.

Quote/piece of advice: Banana Cream Pie.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Banana Cream Pie.



Hannah Vanderlinden

What will you miss about Marion?: Hanging out with my friends.

Future plans: Go into the Marines.

Quote/piece of advice: Don't let success get to your head, but don't let failure get to your heart.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: It was fun.



Tyler VanWey

What will you miss about Marion?: Show Choir, and the amazing friends I've made.

Future plans: Go to Ozark Christian College to major in preaching.

Quote/piece of advice: "Life is tough, but it's tougher if you're stupid."

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: A fun ride.



Amanda Vasey

What will you miss about Marion?: Choir, the teachers, and cheer.

Future plans: Go to Coe for nursing or elementary education.

Quote/piece of advice: "I don't know where I'm going from here but I promise it won't be boring." -David Bowie

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: I am done.



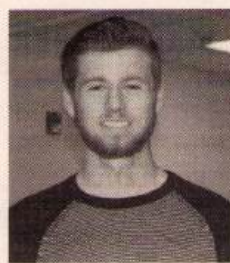
Kory Walsh

What will you miss about Marion?: Juicy Brucy.

Future plans: Trades.

Quote/piece of advice: Making your parents proud is an amazing feeling.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: What's the shed say?



Noah Walter

What will you miss about Marion?: The water.

Future plans: Run Kirkwood for two years.

Quote/piece of advice: "Yo, wanna know something about my right arm? I done flex so hard, I set off fire alarms." -RIFF RAFF

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Ball is life.



Kirsten Way

What will you miss about Marion?: Appropriate dancing.

Future plans: Study Marine Biology at CCU!

Quote/piece of advice: You can fail every test and still pass the test ;).

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Grinding is bad.



Pauline Weah

What will you miss about Marion?: The support and welcoming feeling.

Future plans: Social worker.

Quote/piece of advice: Patient dogs eat the fattest bone.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Procrastination.



Isabelle Webber

What will you miss about Marion?: MadRam, Show Choir, Marion Girls Golf, and Marching Band.

Future plans: Attend U of I, hopefully own a couple cats.

Quote/piece of advice: You can sleep when you're dead.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Tardy, neat, decent.



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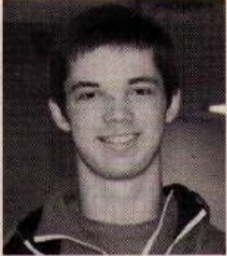
William West Jr.

What will you miss about Marion?: Donut runs.

Future plans: U.S. Marines.

Quote/piece of advice: Run track.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Could be worse.



Tiegan Wilson

What will you miss about Marion?: The chop saw and the replaceable ceiling tiles.

Future plans: ISU for Mechanical Engineering, then workforce or masters in Biomedical Engineering.

Quote/piece of advice: High school is like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire. And the ground was on fire. And everything was on fire. Because it was hell.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Can I graduate?



Emily Wyant

What will you miss about Marion?: Mrs. Thilges & Trilk, for sure.

Future plans: Go to Kirkwood and major in Human Services.

Quote/piece of advice: Just keep swimming.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: It gets easier.



Caan Zangerle

What will you miss about Marion?: Mr. Oldenkamp, Mr. Dyrland, Mr. Trilk, the bass section, Marching Band, and Band.

Future plans: Kirkwood for music then UNI or U of I.

Quote/piece of advice: "For me it's important to be in balance. To not let fear get in the way of things, to not worry so much about protecting yourself all the time." -John Frusciante

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Late night cram.



Christopher Zimmerman

What will you miss about Marion?: Most of the teachers.

Future plans: College/ Illustration.

Quote/piece of advice: Being yourself is only the beginning of who you become.

If you could sum up your high school experience in three words, what would they be?: Very, very tiring!



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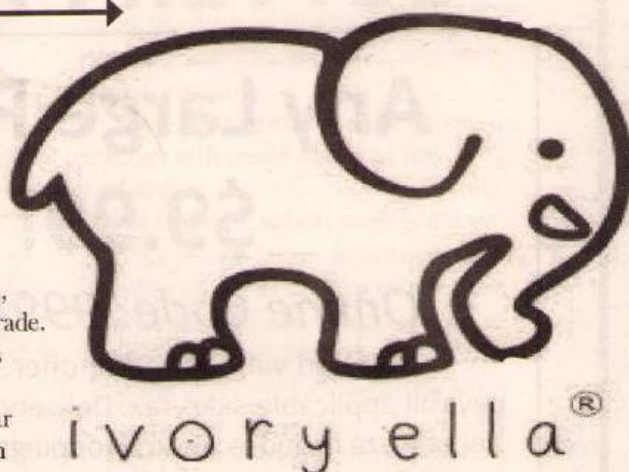
How to spend your money online to look cute and help others.

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee

Everyone loves a trendy bracelet, a stylish shirt, or a cute pair of shoes. So why not buy those items from companies who give back to charities and organizations for all different causes? Here are some great brands that have super cute items, and also donate to awesome causes.

Ivory Ella

This is one of the most popular brands that has been totally trending lately. They make elephant printed shirts, sweatshirts, and even jewelry. Ivory Ella's purpose is to raise money for research, prevention, and awareness of illegal ivory trade. Ten percent of all of the profits go to the Save The Elephants organization. Over the past year Ivory Ella has raised more than \$285,000 for the cause.



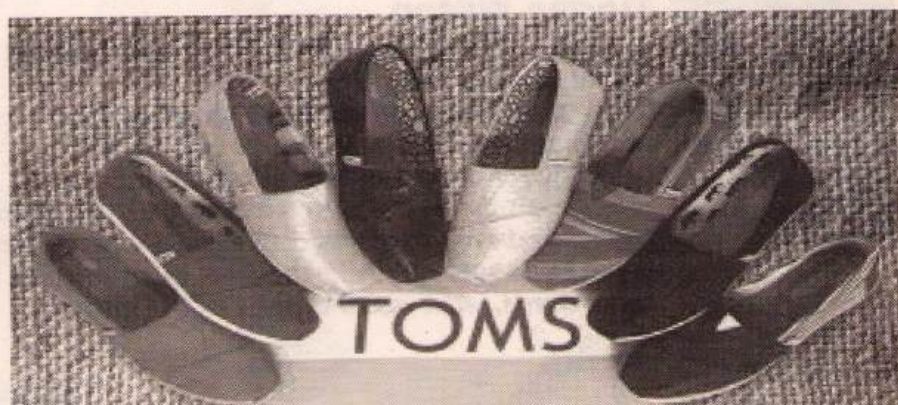
Savannah

Savannah is a brand that is selling bracelets made from different woods, minerals, and stones with a little lion charm on them. Ten percent of their profits go to the Wildlife Conservation Network to help save Africa's lions.



Toms

Toms is a shoe company known for giving one pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair that is purchased. Recently they have partnered with National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative to try and decrease the number of big cats like lions, cheetahs, and jaguars that are dying around the world. Toms is donating most of the money made from the shoes to that organization to help save the big cats.



These are only a few of the awesome brands out there that donate to good causes. Next time instead of going into a typical store, go online and see if you can make a difference and donate to an important cause. Not only do the profits go to a good cause, but the products are super stylish.

Deals at local restaurants to spend less

By: Lexi Morgan, @lexi_morgan17

How to get cheaper food

- Starbucks Happy Hour - 1/2 prices frappuccinos
- Buffalo Wild Wings - \$0.65 wings Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Kum & Go - \$1.00 fountain pop and Kooles
- Outback - "No worries wednesday" 3 course dinner for \$12.99
- Applebee's - 1/2 priced appetizers after 9 pm
- Perkins - 1/2 priced appetizers, 1/2 priced pie, & a burger, fries, and drink for \$9.99 after 9 pm
- Pizza hut - \$5 flavor menu
- Fazoli's - Get lunch Mon-Fri for \$5.00 until 2:30 pm



Changes underway in downtown Marion

By: Mia Laube @Mia_Laube21

High school students are at the age where they must learn the rules of the road and take a driver's test. Some things, like residential roads, are an easy drive; navigating others, like roundabouts, might seem more difficult.

However, Marion residents have never really had to drive through many roundabouts, until now.

There is a new project in the works, and one is going to be installed at the intersection of 7th Avenue and 7th Street. To some, this is news, but the Central Corridor Master Plan was adopted by the City Council and has been in motion since 2009, according to cityofmarion.org. Within this plan, improvements include "new street, roundabout, sidewalk, trail and utilities as well as new street lights and signage." The aim is to better life for pedestrians in general, thus creating a better atmosphere downtown.

Construction is expected to be finished in the fall or winter of this year, which is fast-approaching. Everyone must adjust to driving in a new environment.

Some students are not sure whether it will be a good idea or not. "There's one by Robins and it's okay, but I don't think they shut put one in the traffic here," said Bethany Darling, junior.

For a blind student, this type of intersection can be dangerous, and they have to evaluate the risk involved with a roundabout. "I understand [roundabouts] help the flow of traffic, but for blind people they're not very easy to navigate," said Alex Gillaspie, a junior at MHS who has gone through life being blind.

Although many are not for the change, some adults think it is good for the future. Mr. Chad Zrudsky, assistant principal, said, "It's going to help maintain a proper level of traffic flow and ultimately will reduce traffic accidents. There may be an uptick for a year, but it will reduce accidents long-term."

There are many positives to roundabouts according to

iowadot.gov. They reduce crashes, traffic delays, pollution, and costs to the city. They also control speed to make residential areas safer. The Iowa DOT website also provides insight into navigating roundabouts to ease the minds of those who may be nervous to drive in them.

Change may seem scary, especially in a smaller town, but the goal is to improve in every way. As said by George Bernard Shaw, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." Marion is taking steps forward.

Roundabouts: how students behind the wheel feel



27% Like them



73% Don't like them

* Prefer regular intersections



In a recent survey conducted on Twitter, the majority of students revealed they do not like roundabouts, and would prefer Marion keep its normal intersections instead. Only about a quarter do not mind roundabouts.

On to bigger and better competition

By Caitlyn Smith @csmit05

The sad senior takes a look back at the field, court, track, or alley and takes a deep breath. That was their last game they got to play, unless a senior has committed to play a sport in college. In that case, the senior has a new adventure ahead of them. They will be welcomed into a new team and will be taking their game to the next level. This year there are seven seniors that will be continue playing the sport they love.

One of those seniors is Keanu Quinn. He has been playing football since fifth grade and will continue his career. Next year he will be attending Iowa Western to play football. Quinn will be playing linebacker at Iowa Western. To prepare for the new season he will be given a summer workout sheet from his coaches to stay in shape. Quinn's thoughts are, "I am excited to get to play with my brothers."

Another senior who has decided to play a sport in college is Olivia Frazier. She has committed to Cincinnati Christian University to play volleyball. The university is seven and a half hours from home. Frazier will be playing middle or right side hitter. She chose Cincinnati Christian University because she liked the location and community. "Playing a sport in college will get me more involved and help me avoid the freshmen 15," Frazier said.

Alyssa Thomas, senior, has also decided to play volleyball in college. Thomas will be playing as an outside hitter six rotations at the University of Minnesota at Crookston. She will be nine and a half hours away from home. She is nervous yet excited about this because she will get a fresh start. Thomas said, "I am thrilled I get four more years to play volleyball. I

am happy that I get to play division two because that's been my goals since I was little.

A senior who has committed to running track next year in college is Maddie Bach. She will be participating in cross country and track at Iowa Central Community College. During the summer Bach said she will up her mileage to 65-70 miles a week to prepare for the new experience. The decision for Bach to continue running in college was simple. "I love competing. School would not be the same without it, and it's something I've always looked forward to," she said.

Another senior who will be running track at college next year is Skylar Miller-Baker. She will be running at Wartburg College. The coach will be giving her summer workouts to get prepared for the season. Miller-Baker can't wait for the season. "I'm really excited to be able to compete at the next level, because not a lot of people get the chance to run at the next level," she said.

Bre Smith, senior, has committed to participate in bowling next year at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Smith has been bowling for ten years. She is going to be bowling in a summer league to give her the tools she will need to learn how to bowl on college patterns. Smith made this decision because she simply wasn't ready to give up competing. This opportunity may change her college experience. Smith said, "It will keep me busy and allow me to meet great new people. It will also get me outside of my comfort zone a bit."

Holli Jones, senior, has committed to playing soccer at Mt. Mercy. Jones has been participating in soccer since she was four or five. She decided to continue playing because she didn't

want to give up the game she loves. Jones is both excited and nervous for this new journey. "I am excited for something new, but nervous because it is also something new and different," she said.

Whether it is creating new workouts in the summer or participating in a bowling league, these students will not be stuck doing nothing during the summer. They will be training to get ready for a new chapter that is a little different than most students.



Holli Jones, '16, goes to kick the ball with power up the field to the forwards while playing Clear Creek Amana at home.

Miller's taekwondo skills are killer

By Amery Bruce @amerybruce

Danger is ever present in the world, even if it doesn't feel like it for one personally. Being able to protect and defend oneself is a great goal to have. Some people get brief self-defense lessons during Drivers Ed, some just rely on their strength, and others just hope they aren't ever in the situation where they would need to protect themselves. Lindsey Miller, sophomore, is someone who went the extra steps to be able to defend herself.

When Miller was about nine years old, she obtained a black belt. She had been put in Taekwondo since she was little, under the request of her parents. "My parents wanted my siblings and me to be able to defend ourselves, in case something ever happened," she said.

It took around six to seven years for Miller to become a black belt, but she is now able to handle herself if a situation ever comes up where she is in danger.

During her years in Taekwondo, having a black belt proved helpful. "While I was in Taekwondo it was good to have, but I haven't used it for anything since," she said. Even though

she has been fortunate enough to not use her skills as a black belt, it's comforting to know that she could if she ever needed to.

Miller isn't the only one in her family who is a black belt. "My two older brothers Zach and Maverick are black belts, and so is my mom," she explained.

Defense isn't the only reason one does Taekwondo. There are many other ways it can help someone. It can boost self-esteem, build confidence, and teach discipline and determination.

There are also physical benefits. Stretching, aerobic moves, and other things strengthen and tone the body, and increase flexibility and stamina.

Maverick Miller, '17, also sees the benefits of Taekwondo. "It taught me how to focus and work hard to achieve a goal," he said, "and breaking boards with my elbows, hands, and feet is awesomeness."

With all the danger in the world, it's a good thing that Miller is able to protect herself. She has developed these skills over years of Taekwondo, and is now confident that she can hold her own.

Summer life saving

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Trent Kuethe, '17

Sitting by the pool, hanging out with friends, and trying to get a really nice tan are all things the typical teenager does over summer vacation. However, there are a select few who get to do all of those things at the same time, and get paid for doing it everyday. Those chosen teens are lifeguards.

Trent Kuethe, junior, is one of the lifeguard's at the Marion Pool. He has been working as a lifeguard since he was fifteen years old, and plans to continue working as one until his senior year. Kuethe is also involved in many activities at MHS. He is a member of Take Charge, National Honors Society, One Day In May, and also plays soccer and basketball.

Becoming a lifeguard is not as hard as one might think it is. The lifeguards in training have to complete a class through the Red Cross that consists of; eight hours of swim lessons and eight hours of safety procedures and regulations. The training class usually only takes one weekend, but according to Kuethe that weekend is not very enjoyable, "It is my most hated weekend of the year when I have to take that class."

After one passes the class they are officially a lifeguard. The only catch is that every lifeguard must be re-certified every two years, this class is not as long as the first class, it's more of a shortened version. However, Kuethe forgot to go back and be re-certified so now he has to take the full class all over again. Although the training class might not seem like a lot of fun, it is worth it in the end.

Kuethe has a lot of experience being a lifeguard at the Marion Pool and he has pretty much seen it all. From stepping in someone's poop while cleaning the locker room to watching little kids slip and fall on the wet concrete even after he would yell, "No running!". Kuethe has even had to jump in and rescue two people. "The second time I had to rescue someone from the deep end, I pulled him out of the water. And after he yelled at me and told me that he didn't need my help and that he knew how to swim," Kuethe said. The man just wasn't appreciative of Kuethe's help, that could have in fact, saved his life.

As this school year comes to an end and opening day at the Marion Pool draws closer and closer, Kuethe will soon be starting his summer job. Sitting atop his high chair overlooking the swimmers, while getting a nice tan. "It's a place where I get paid for having fun and doing what I love." Says Kuethe. Sounds like he's doing summer right.



Lindsey Miller, '18, practiced taekwondo in her studio when she was nine years old.

A modeling masterpiece

Shea Bohland explains her experience as a first time model.

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She walked down the runway with the spotlight on her at the Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore Gala as a first time model. This is Shea Bohland, sophomore.

Bohland started modeling back in March, but just started walking down runways a few weeks ago. Her first fashion show was set up by her agent, Roxanne Smith, at the gala.

Bohland was found at the Marion Masquerade. "I was hosting, sitting in the hallway, and an agent or scout came over, and handed me her card. Roxanne is in charge of finding people for the gala and then she sets you up with an agency. She gets some photoshoots, but it's usually the agency that takes care of that," she said.

She didn't get paid for it, but she enjoyed the experience, and she hopes to continue modeling for bigger events. "The next step would be to go to Chicago and sign with an agency there," she said.

Bohland is a catalogue model. "I'm considered a curvy model which means I could get hired for a Sears catalogue. I wouldn't be on an actual runway as much. I'm a curvy model because of my body proportions" she said.

Smith has specific ways she determines if the model will work for the event. "I just know. It's an inner beauty. They must be 5'9 to 5'11 and meet the specific requirements. It's an expression in their eyes," she said.

Bohland likes the atmosphere that modeling creates. "I like the people that I've worked with so far. They've been really nice," she said.

Smith also loves the atmosphere. "My favorite thing about my job is probably all the people, and everybody I get to meet. I meet some amazing people," she said.

Bohland's had a couple favorite parts about the gala. "Elegant Repeats donated



Shea Bohland walks down the runway.
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summer outfits, so we could go and pick out anything from the store. A lot of shoots do your makeup for you, but the gala wasn't as strict, so we got to do it ourselves, plus I don't have to diet or anything," she said.

Bohland may like multiple pieces of the modeling process, but there's definitely some downsides. "My least favorite thing about modeling is probably that you don't get as much of a say over what you wear, and sometimes you're not crazy about the outfit," she said.

She has heard of Factor, which is a modeling agency, and hopes to sign with them in the future.

Many people say Bohland looks like Gigi Hadid, a professional model, and Bohland takes it as a huge compliment. "I think she's really pretty, so I feel pretty good about it," she said.

Bohland may be a first time model, but she has enjoyed her experiences so far, and hopes to continue in the future.

Nannying is nifty for summer

By: **Chloe Mallon** @chhhloe17

Finding the perfect summer job can be tough, and lots of people have to start applying for summer jobs as soon as March or April. With high schoolers having crazy schedules all the time though, finding that perfect job with flexible hours can be hard. Ashley Lappe, senior, nannies during the summer, and the flexible hours and laid-back work environment suit her well.

Lappe started nannying for the family she nannies for now a while ago. She watches the kids everyday after school, and then will just continue it during the summer throughout the entire day. "I pretty much don't do any school activities anymore, I just focus on work and school," Lappe said.

Karis Holley, sophomore, also spends her summer making money by nannying. "I nanny for a family after and before school some days, and then during the summer," Holley said, "I love hanging out with the kids, and the money is great to have." Holley has been babysitting for quite a while now, and wants to continue it for the summers to come.

Holley babysits for two children. She babysits for one girl and one boy. "The little girl's name is Alaina and the little boy's name is Camden," Holley said, "I watch them in the mornings during the school year and in the summertime I will watch them more often."

Holley thinks that nannying is a great way to make some good money and relax over the summer. "I just hang out with the kids and

play with them," she said.

Nannying is a pretty easy summer job that doesn't require much work and pays well. The average pay for a nanny is \$10-15 an hour according to Care.com.

Clearing out her schedule and making time for nannying has been a perfect situation for Lappe. "I like to focus on the kids and help out the family as much as I can," Lappe said. She is very dedicated to working with the kids, and loves being around them.

Although finding the perfect summer job can be difficult, Lappe and Holley were able to find a good and flexible job that fitted her needs. She is able to drive the kids around and make the family's life easier. Nannying can be a great and easy way to make some money over the summer.

If someone is trying to find a good paying job which doesn't require much work, taking on a nannying gig for the summer is a good idea. Lots of high schoolers go out and find a family to nanny for, and when taking a nannying job it could even lead to other babysitting opportunities.



Karis Holley, '18, poses with one of the little girls, Alaina, that she babysits.

Rahe spends his summer helping with a sport he loves

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The best thing that someone can do with their summer is to get involved with something that they enjoy. It makes the time fly. If it's a job, it doesn't seem like one. Mason Rahe, freshman, is doing just this.

This summer, Rahe is spending some of his time umpiring younger kids' baseball games. This will be his first job. He picked it because he plays baseball and the job seemed like it would be fun for him. The kids he umpires are on 8U, 9U, and 10U teams of USSSA. The games are usually held at Lowe Park in

Marion or on the back diamond of Marion High School.

Sometimes Rahe has a partner, sometimes he umpires by himself depending on if the event is a tournament or just one game.

There are always those individuals in a crowd at a game that argue with the umpire, but they don't understand what it's like to be in their shoes. "It seems easier than it is," said Rahe, "it's a lot easier because I've played the game a lot," he said. His experience and knowledge with the game of baseball that he has gained over the years comes in handy for this summer job of his.

For this summer, Rahe will be umpiring two to three games per week. He is planning on continuing with this job for a while, possibly two or three more years. Because he only umpires a couple games each week, there will still be time for Rahe to do other fun things this summer. "It shouldn't take up too much time," he said. This is a good thing for most high school kids because they have the opportunity to have a job and there is still time for other things that they choose to do.

Trevor Paulsen, freshman, also umpires for his first job. Both would recommend this job to other high schoolers. "I would recommend it to people who know the game of baseball. It makes it a lot easier and more fun," said Rahe. "I would recommend it because it usually isn't too hard and it's not boring," said Paulsen.

Obviously someone who isn't into sports probably wouldn't like this job very much, but someone who is a sports junkie would love it.

There are some things about Rahe's job that will help him with any job that he comes across in his future. "You have to be very professional and social to coaches and players," he said. Those types of communication skills will carry over to anything that comes later on in life. It's important that high schoolers learn them during this time.

It's good to give back to younger kids in the community. "My favorite part is getting to have a job with something that I enjoy doing and watching kids play," said Rahe. There are many positives. "I like it because you can choose when you want to do it, and you make good money," said Paulsen.

The boys may not have a free summer, but he is spending his time doing something that he loves and he's learning vital lessons along the way. Those are things that are most important in life.



Mason Rahe, freshman, stands behind the catcher ready to make the call during his first summer umpire job.

Alex Coleman: high school is a hoax, it's a trap, abort!

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, yada yada yada. I'm not here to spout off quotes from books none of us actually read. Okay, well, some of us read them, but reading a book in class never held the same merit as absorbing the literature on my own time. Did I learn anything from Romeo and Juliet besides that relationships at this age are worthless? No, the best lessons I learned in high school, the most important ones, were not learned sitting at a desk listening to a teacher drone on (at least for the most part).

For me, the best part of high school were the things everybody else took for granted. As a home schooler, I was never meant to attend a homecoming dance or cheer at a pep rally. It was never my parents' plan for me to be in journalism or to attend so many classes at Marion. How was anyone to know that these would be the best memories of mine?

Every burning of the M, every 'please mom let me do this' when she was being overprotective, every stupid decision I was allowed to make over the years were the most thrilling. Open blocks spent down at The Freeze, all the times I soaked up things my mother would cringe at, all the good music and great friends I made was it for me.

As for the worst part, one word: boys. Every. Single. Boy. Ever. Well, maybe not every boy, but a large percentage of them. Some people have better luck than I do I guess. Should I have listened to my mother while she tried to tell me nothing

good comes out of high school relationships? Probably. Did I fall stupidly in love and get my heart-broken a few times? You bet. Was it worth it? Honestly, probably not. Now I see why everyone thinks I'll end up a lesbian, maybe it's not such a terrible idea.

I thought I had high school figured out before I stepped through the doors on that first day. I knew who to be friends with, who my enemies were, and who would be helpful in the long run. Instead, I ended up becoming friends with my tormentors and underclassman, I lost some of the people I thought would be by my side forever, and all in all got thrown around as if high school was some sort of cheap carnival ride.

It never made me too sick to stop going back, though. Through the hardest, most trying times of my life, I prevailed. High school was always there to rough me up a bit, to surface fresh drama, to throw something new at me that kept me on my feet. High school, to me, was a living, breathing thing, a monster of a thing. Just when I thought I had things figured out, some new problem arose. But, days away from my final battles, I will walk away with only a few scars.

So to the friends I'll miss, the people I kissed, and those I dissed, I offer only one word of advice. Don't let these four years pass by without making the memories you deserve. Sure, high school sucks sometimes, but it's also the first stepping stone into finding yourself. Take the first steps, immerse yourself in something you love, and when it's over, move on. But don't forget what it taught you, because even though not every book has a happy ending, each chapter is a promise for something great.



Lexi Morgan: grind or die

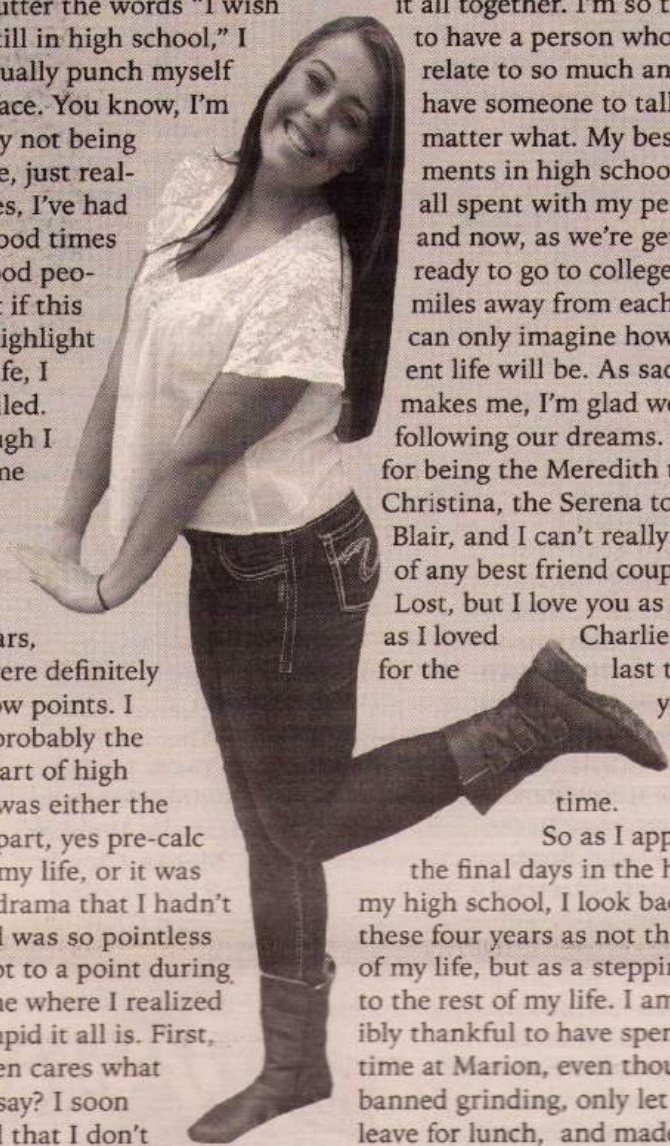
High school is sometimes said to be the best four years of our lives. People often say they wish they were still in high school or sixteen again. Hearing this not only makes me laugh, but it seriously baffles me. To call this the best time of my life is borderline psychotic. If I ever look back on this time in my life when I'm forty and utter the words "I wish I was still in high school," I will actually punch myself in the face. You know, I'm honestly not being negative, just realistic. Yes, I've had some good times with good people. But if this is the highlight of my life, I have failed.

Though I had some great times these last four years, there were definitely some low points. I mean, probably the worst part of high school was either the school part, yes pre-calc ruined my life, or it was all the drama that I hadn't realized was so pointless yet. I got to a point during this time where I realized how stupid it all is. First, who even cares what people say? I soon realized that I don't have any interest in what anyone has to say about what I do or who I am. It's easy to let it affect our day when people are unnecessarily mean, but it isn't worth it. In the end, if something makes us happy, then that's what we have to do or be. It's silly to waste our lives being what other people want. Yeah, that's deep.

Anyways, I'm sure there are a lot of times in high school where

I was like "Omg this is the best day of my life!" So, I guess the best part of high school for me was meeting my best friend. We became best friends so shortly, and she is still the longest lasting relationship I've ever had. From being warm up partners in softball to preparing to graduate high school, we've been through it all together. I'm so thankful to have a person who I can relate to so much and to have someone to talk to no matter what. My best moments in high school were all spent with my person, and now, as we're getting ready to go to college 1,121 miles away from each other, I can only imagine how different life will be. As sad as it makes me, I'm glad we're both following our dreams. Thanks for being the Meredith to my Christina, the Serena to my Blair, and I can't really think of any best friend couples in Lost, but I love you as much as I loved Charlie. Thanks for the last three years, it felt like a lifetime.

So as I approach the final days in the halls of my high school, I look back on these four years as not the best of my life, but as a stepping stone to the rest of my life. I am incredibly thankful to have spent my time at Marion, even though they banned grinding, only let seniors leave for lunch, and made me go to mentor every single day. I will miss Marion and the simplicity of high school. Most importantly, I will miss my fellow classmates, my journalism team (even those who quit), and my favorite little underclassmen. Thank you to everyone who helped shape my high school experience, and made these four years unforgettable. Lastly, grind or die.



Skylar Miller-Baker: I'm bad at coming up with titles, sorry

Everybody always says that high school is the best time of your life. While that may be partly true, it isn't entirely. High school is full of ups and downs. One day you might be crying yourself to sleep to the song "Somebody Like you" by Adele, while the next day you are having the time of your life with some of your closest friends. These moments might seem like they will last forever, but they won't, so make the best of them while they last.

Everybody has already heard me say it, but track is honestly my favorite part of high school. Freshman year when I was an awkward, zit filled, brace faced teen, this team helped push me through not only the finish line,

but through these last four years. Every day at practice we died together doing repeats down at the track. Every time the coaches would yell, "we still got one more," after doing like seventy, these girls would help push me to finish. The girls always pushed me while the coaches always believed in me, that's what has helped mold me into the person I am today.

Track has also taught me some valuable lessons, like to work hard and to never give up. I know these



are some cliché lessons, but you really experience them first hand in track. If you don't work your absolute hardest during practices, then somebody else is and you can bet they will pass you in a race. It's not fun to lose a race, the thrill and the excitement of a first place finish is a feeling you want to relive over and over again.

As high school comes to an end, I have to realize all the people that I will leave behind, and this is honestly the worst part of high school. At the end of the summer, everyone will be going off to college. Some colleges are only thirty minutes away, while others

are hours. I have made some of the best of friends while at Marion, and it's hard to realize that we will all be going our separate ways soon. I will also be leaving behind some underclassman friends to finish up their high school careers, I can't imagine having to spend more time high school, but I wish them the best of luck.

My time in high school has been short. It seems like just yesterday I was walking through the front doors as an awkward little freshman. I have had some once in a lifetime experiences here at this school, and to all the underclassmen, I recommend that you enjoy your time here because it goes by fast. You will never be able to get these times back.

"Oh, the places you'll go"



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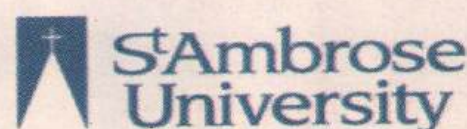
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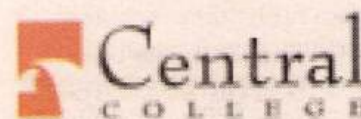
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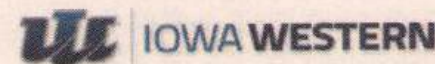
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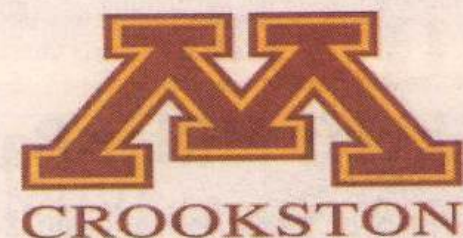
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