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## Receiving the precious gift of life

Blake Dunne, sophomore, finally was given the kidney transplant he needs to live.

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Most students don't think of the definition of their lives on a day-to-day basis. Their usual thoughts include classes, how much homework they don't want to do, or wishing they didn't have to work to earn money. Blake Dunne, sophomore, has a lot more on his mind.

### The battle he's been fighting

For several years, Dunne has been battling kidney failure, which is when the kidneys can no longer filter the waste they're supposed to. According to the Mayo Clinic, kidney failure occurs when less than 15% of the kidney is working, but the symptoms of it vary.

There are two types of treatment for kidney failure: dialysis and a transplant. Dunne needed the transplant, but not at first. "I had a live donor from a family member for about a year. As long as my kidneys were functioning at a certain level and I did not need dialysis, the doctors wanted to wait as long as possible to perform the surgery. After about a year, the live donor no longer qualified," Dunne said.

From that point, Dunne needed to get on the active donor list where he would wait for news on an available transplant. "I was then placed on the active transplant list while my family started their search for another possible live donor. After being active for three weeks on the transplant list, we received the call that changed our lives," he said.

### Waiting for the day

This call came with news that would alter Dunne's life. "My parents received a call from the University of Iowa Hospitals on Saturday, October 1st around 5:15 pm. We were told that a kidney became available from a deceased donor in the state of Iowa. The unknown donor donated all of his or her organs to save many lives," Dunne said. He would then go into surgery on the next day.

While his wait on the active donors list may not seem long, it seemed that way for his family. "Up until the surgery, Blake had been waiting to address and fix his kidney disease for years. The waiting and not knowing when that would be was the worst part," Danielle Dunne, graduate and Dunne's older sister, said. "This wait was hard for me personally because during it

I was actually in the process of being tested to give Blake my kidney. Had we not gotten that call, it is possible that I would've given him my kidney."

When they got the call, the family soon became incredibly excited. "We were surprised," Dunne said, "but we were really excited for the surgery to take place."

### The process of the transplant

The kidney transplant took around three and a half hours. "The new kidney was placed on my right side. I have a C shaped scar from it," Dunne said, "the doctors kept my original kidneys. The original kidneys are kept because they are working a little bit but the goal is to have the native kidney function transfer to the new kidney."

While the kidney transplant was a blessing for the family, they were all relieved when the surgery was over. "We are all extremely relieved and excited now that the surgery is over. Blake will eventually need another kidney sometime down the road, since they don't last forever, but for the time being it's a huge relief. He has deserved to be a healthy kid for so long and I'm so happy he can finally feel great," Danielle said.

### Recovering from the surgery

With the surgery taken care of, the next step for Dunne is recovery. "I was released from the hospital on October 7th," Dunne said. "My recovery has gone quite well so far. So far, I am feeling much better with the new kidney. I am not as tired as I used to be."

"His body will be going through a lot of changes with a new organ, so he is expected to have

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-Blake Dunne, '18

higher energy levels and live a more healthy life," Danielle added.

Surgery takes a lot out of one's body. Dunne has a lot to go through before he is completely back to normal. "Although recovery is going well, it will be a long process. I have a lot of medications to take, and I visit the doctors in Iowa City twice a week. I am up walking every two hours as well," Dunne said. "I am to stay away from large crowds, and I won't be back at school for six weeks following my release from the hospital," he said.

A good recovery will help Dunne get back to his activities and interests. "Last year I was in Garden Club, and this year I am helping Coach Fruehling with Freshmen football. I also love Xbox, and scary movies," he said.

He also has some goals set for the future, aside from making a full, healthy recovery from his life changing surgery. "My immediate goal after recovery is to get a part-time job," Dunne said.

### Effects on the whole family

The surgery has had many different effects on Dunne's family. He is adapting to this new change, and Danielle learned things as well. "This experience has really opened my eyes to the importance of organ donation," she said, "One person saved four lives that weekend, one of which included my brother."

Dunne has gone through an incredible change in his life, and is adapting to that change.

His kidney transplant went well, and while he still has to take a few precautions during his recovery, he is incredibly grateful to have been given the blessing of a transplant.

While the donor was anonymous, he has a message for them. "I want to thank the anonymous donor family for giving me the precious gift of life."

Blake Dunne, '18, sits in a hospital bed before his surgery, talking with his sister Danielle Dunne, '16 graduate.

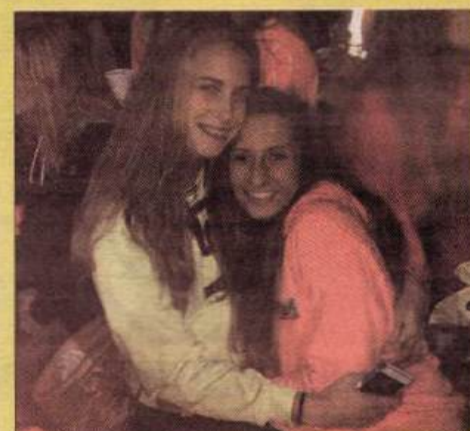
## Students doing things



Amanda Bradley, Autumn Hardman, and Aubrie Hird, all '18, are in their U.S.A. gear for a football game.



A group of Marion students pose for a picture after a Marion football win.



Delaney Rice, '20, and Holly Faley, '19, pose at the neon out against CPU.



Kaylie Johnson, Sydney Ward, and Allie Donohue, all '20, pose for a picture on the field after participating in a student section black out for a winning football game against CCA.

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## The server saga

Working in a restaurant has its ups and downs. Sometimes servers will come across really amazing customers, and other times there will be some not so great customers.

Tipping is one of those things that is necessary. Servers do not make a living hourly wage, and get all of their money off of the tips that are left for them. When someone stiff a server, they get no money off that table.

One of the things customers need to understand is if someone had an issue with their meal not being satisfactory, it is not the server's fault. While they were the one taking care of you, they have no way to make a customer's food cook faster, or to make sure it is up to their taste buds' standards.

20% is a good tip, and all someone would have to do is pull out their phone calculator to figure out how much that is off of their bill.

Teenagers often come in for dessert late at night, and it is

especially fun when they come in ten minutes before close. Just kidding, it's actually pretty annoying. Aside from what time they come in, usually the teenagers are very rude to their servers and think that just because they are getting dessert means they don't have to tip very well, or at all.

Back to the main point: tip your servers. Servers work super hard at their job to deliver food to customers who can often be rude. I love serving so much, but it does make it more enjoyable when you are making a good amount.



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## Spooky season of fundraising

Bruce shows the horrors of fundraising and the cons to doing it

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When one finally gets comfortable, they're sitting down on the couch, snuggled up in their favorite blanket, popcorn in hand, ready to start a movie. Then it happens. They hear the most terrifying noise this time of year. It's the doorbell. A million different scenarios run through their head. Is it UPS finally dropping off their package? Is it the neighbor looking for a cup of sugar? Or is it something much worse? Stealthily, they peek around the corner hoping that it was just a harmless ding dong ditch, but it's much worse. It's a tiny Boy Scout pulling a wagon full of tins of popcorn. They try to whip their head back around, but it's too late. The little boy has seen them, giving his award winning smile to sucker them in to buy his product. They cave, adding yet another overpriced item to the pile of things they'll never use or eat. This is the horror of fundraising.

As the school year gets into full swing, every club or activity starts the grueling task of raising money with thousands of products to push like cookie dough, fun-shaped pasta noodles, and coupon books. Each one has their own hype man saying how these products practically "sell themselves." Almost everyone has high hopes; they're sure they can win that limo ride. After three days of going door to door and raising a total of twelve dollars, these team members realize the hype man was a dirty liar.

While many people love to help their community, the pricing of these fundraisers can be ridiculous. Fifteen dollars for ten cookies or thirty dollars for some flowers doesn't encourage anyone to donate to the cause. Even with these high prices,

clubs are still only receiving around ten percent of the profit.

Along with being expensive, the idea of going door-to-door to sell items is not ideal. For little kids, it could potentially be a fatal practice. Many schools or organizations are encouraging only selling to family members and close friends. This is a much safer approach, but one person can only know so many people. With the goal of each member selling about a million dollars, one person would have to know the whole state of Iowa or have a parent that works at Rockwell. Those people have it made.

Fundraising can sometimes be the only way activities stay afloat, so they need people to want to participate. This dislike for traditional, door-to-door fundraising has forced some revolutionizing. More groups have been holding clinics, such as a volleyball or cheerleading clinic where little kids learn the fundamentals of the activity. Most of the time the fee covers the clinic and a t-shirt. That way, little kids get to have fun, and parents feel they're getting more for their money than just an obscure kitchen utensil. Others have been using the un-fundraiser method, otherwise known as straight up asking for the money. Donors are so sick of the useless products they buy that many would rather just give cold hard cash.

Fundraising is a hassle for both the fundraisers and those wanting to donate. While nobody likes to do it, it's crucial to keep these clubs and sports afloat. It's okay to bite the bullet and buy the giant tin of popcorn. You'd be helping fund something that makes a lot of people happy and also getting some popcorn out of the deal.

## Teens' technology takeover

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At what point is it safe to say someone's addicted to their phone? This is an enticing question that is sweeping the nation.

Cell phones are taking over teens' lives and cause many distractions during virtually any activity. There's no denying it. Almost everyone is guilty of it. According to Kelly Wallace, author for CNN, 80% of teens check their phone hourly and 72% feel obligated to check their phone when they receive a notification.

When would someone know if they have an addiction to their phone? If one would rather be alone and on their phone than hanging out with friends and not engaging in activities, there's a problem. This may seem extreme to our society because we've become so accustomed to our phone usage, but in other countries it's normal.

The need for savvy technology users to have their

phone in their hand to text, scroll through social media, or pretend to be doing something important on their phone to avoid certain conversations is becoming extremely popular.

Many adults and parents point fingers at younger generations and say that we are obsessed with mobile devices, but the fact is, adults have a problem with phone usage too. According to Kelly Wallace of CNN, 69% of adults check their phone hourly.

Overall, as a society our cell phone obsession is immense. According to Kelly Wallace of CNN, 73% of Americans feel anxious without their phone around them. We've become so dependent on these devices, and it's a hard habit to break.

With such broad capabilities, it's no wonder why millions of people are hooked. But with one simple action a day, one could become less dependent on their phones. At the end of the day, power down the devices and appreciate the world around. There is no need to constantly be invested in phones.

## Beliefs: everyone's got 'em, everyone's entitled

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People have their own beliefs; it's a fact of life. There have been things to believe in forever, and there will continue to be. Whether it's believing in aliens, Santa Claus, God, or the Illuminati, everyone has their own right to support whatever cause they choose to stand behind. What people don't have a right to do, however, is tell other people what to believe in.

One of the current events that has warranted a lot of bickering between people is the presidential election. Some people are for Trump, some are for Clinton, some are for others, and some don't have a single clue what's going on in politics. All of these are acceptable, and everyone is entitled to their own opinion about the candidates.

It's when one starts going on public rants, shaming others for their beliefs, and giving those who didn't ask for it their opinion that lines start to be crossed. No one enjoys

someone else's beliefs being shoved into their face.

Social media is a place where discussing presidential views is easy, and sometimes it's helpful. Learning new points from credited sources and using it to find new points to help one take a stance are good uses of social media. Some people, however, use social media to belittle those with different beliefs. Those aren't good ways to get an opinion across, and looking down on someone for having a different view on the candidates is never okay.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, whether someone else agrees with them or not. Having reasonable discussions about who one wants to vote for or what points they agree and disagree with is fine. People almost always love to argue, but when the debates get a little too heated and someone begins to put others down, take a step back and remember that everyone gets their own say. There is no reason to put others down for thinking a different way than another.

## What would you do without your phone?



"I would just cry."  
-Austin Fritz,  
'20



"I'd get mad at the start and then I would get over it quickly."  
-Calvin Stigge,  
'19



"I would die."  
-Calista Dittmer,  
'18



"I would lose my mind."  
-Kayla Clark,  
'20

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# The shift to a softer society

Today's society is growing soft, and it's time for a change.

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In this ever-evolving world, it's impossible to avoid change. New products come out, different world leaders are elected, and the philosophy of people is in a constant forward motion. Not every development or way of thinking always seems good, though.

One apparent shift is that the toughness in our society has decreased. To put it plainly, many people are soft.

This includes a variety of concerns. People are oversensitive, there's less discipline for the youth, kids feel everything will be handed to them, and everything that goes wrong is given an excuse or outside point of blame.

First of all, people are increasingly sensitive. One cannot say anything without it sounding too harsh or offensive. Parents are moving away from giving "tough love" to their children and coddling them instead. Teachers or coaches can't be too up-front when bettering or disciplining students, or the student will be shocked as if the truth wasn't candy coated enough for them.

Our society is too worried about what people want to hear and how people's feelings will be hurt. This oversensitivity makes it easy for kids to talk back, for people to act out and for respect for adults and each other to decrease.

Another problem is the lack of discipline millennials display. Being a member of that age group, it seems as if a lot of kids don't try anymore. Of course there are always hard working people, but if something is too difficult, the ones who aren't quit and nobody bats an eye. It's important at this time in our lives to be pushed and try new approaches. Being lazy is not one of them.

Along with that, a lot of people have a sense of entitlement. It's dumbfounding how some people expect things to be handed to them. A student may complain about a teacher

not giving them respect and talk poorly about them when in reality, they acted disrespectfully and did nothing to earn it. Athletes who don't put in extra work still become upset if they don't get the coveted spot on the team. Things in life don't come free. However, effort is rewarded, and the ones at the top rarely got there on natural ability or luck.

One final issue is the amount of excuses that often come out of people's mouths. It wasn't the teacher's fault the test grade was bad. It wasn't the alarm clock's fault the individual was late. It wasn't the referee's fault the game was lost. More often than not, excuses are made up only by us to justify our own faults to ourselves. There's typically a way to change the outcome of a situation: preparedness, hard work, or mental toughness for example.

As a society, we need to buckle down and see our faults. It's important to look in the mirror and assess ourselves instead of receiving constant praise. There are a few people that still don't know life isn't an easy pathway paved with kind words and a light workload. Don't be soft.



## Do:

- Go the extra mile
- Practice Discipline
- Embrace competition
- Accept constructive criticism
- Prioritize respect and responsibility

## Don't:

- Give an abundance of excuses
- Quit difficult tasks
- Believe to be above being respectful to others
- Only listen to praise and become offended by criticism

# How much does age matter?

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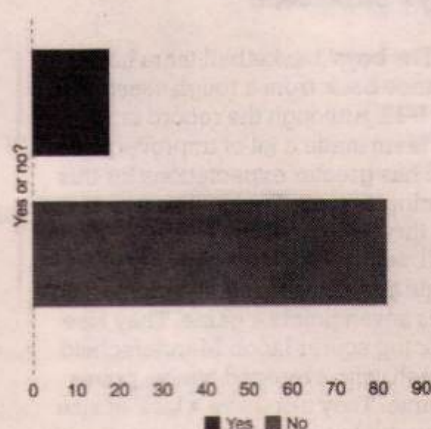
With the 2016 presidential election taking place, students want a say in who will run our country. Teens pay an estimate of almost ten billion in sales taxes, but aren't allowed to vote. High schoolers 14 or older should be able to vote because they pay taxes and have valuable views and opinions.

Youths are subject to adult criminal penalties despite lacking the right to vote. At the height of the Vietnam War, most Americans realized the sickness in sending 18 year olds to fight and die for their country when they couldn't participate in choosing our leaders. Some teens have to spend time in jail for breaking a law they have no say in. Being penalized with adult charges isn't the only reason teens should be allowed to vote.

High school students have a unique perspective and different concerns than adults. Would it be acceptable to limit the right to vote based on someone's income? No, it wouldn't. So why is voting based on someone's age? Many adults reason that teens should have to wait a few years until they are more mature. Americans with low income would only have to wait a few years until they make more money or work

harder. Voters vote based on their individual circumstances. The concerns of a 14 year old and a 40 year old are different, as are those of a poor man and a rich man. If adults care at all about the needs and desires of youth, they must be allowed to vote for themselves.

Many people argue that high school students and even adults who don't care about the government or our president and laws shouldn't vote. Those teens who do care should wait until they're 18, more mature, and know what they're voting for. If children are the future, shouldn't teens



100 students voted whether or not students should be able to vote right when they turn high school age.

# Is 25 minutes enough?

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When students start high school, work can be overbearing and tedious. There are lots of assignments and projects that incoming students school might not be used to, and their one outlet in the day is lunch time. The joys of being able to go and join friends at a lunch table and vent about how awful certain classes days are is one of the only things that gets students through the day.

Unfortunately, at Marion students only receive a twenty-five minute lunch. How is that at all a suitable amount of time to eat lunch? It's not. The worst part of this lunch debacle, though, is that there is only one lunch line. That's right, one line for around one hundred and fifty students. Granted, lots of students bring lunch or leave, but what about the students that don't?

Some students just want to be able to enjoy their walking taco or cheese bread in a normal amount of time, but after waiting in the line for about half of the lunch period, students must rush to shove food down their throats and trot off to their next class.

Only having one lunch line is extremely inconvenient for the students, but also must be for the lunch ladies. With over half of the student body all charging to grab their yogurt parfaits and bags of chips at once, it must be overwhelming.

Last year in the lunchroom there was a salad bar. This salad bar was taken away, and since then the line that it occupied has not been used. What is the point in having an area where students could be

getting food when it is not being put to use?

The solution to this problem at lunch can be solved in two different ways. Either students need a longer lunch period to be able to enjoy their food after waiting in an obnoxious line, or the other line not being used needs to be opened. There could be volunteers to help students gain silver cord hours and working experience, and also aid the staff.

It is ridiculous to expect students to be that patient in a lunch line or to have to eat their food at the pace of a food-eating contest. Lunch is supposed to be a great outlet and time period for students to see friends they might not have classes with and to grab a healthy meal before learning more information, not a race down the hallway to be at the front of the line.



"I don't think it matters, as long as we get food."  
-Brennan Erkel '20



"It'd be nice if there were two lines, it would go faster."  
-Grace Byers, '19



"Since there are two windows there should be two lines."  
-Lindsey Miller, '18

have a say? All people are affected by the decisions politicians make; allowing teens to vote allows them to have a say in their future. Adults don't want teens to vote because they claim they don't care, but the ones who don't care probably wouldn't anyway. By not taking this away from teens for fear of irresponsibility, we prevent the ones who do care from having their opinion heard.

High school students should be allowed to have a say in who is making their life impacting decisions that affect their future. Some teens may not care, wouldn't be mature, or would just vote as a joke, but their needs and perspectives are still valuable and could help make an impact in their and others' future. Contact local senators or congressman to help make the opinion of the younger generations count.

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Marshall Boche, '19, looks for the perfect outfit from the rack to wear for the play performance.

## Boche's big showcase

The fall play should be filled with drama and comedy.

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The bell rings after a long day of school and it's the one thing students have been looking forward to. As the hallways empty, the auditorium fills with participants. When everyone is present and accounted for, warm ups begin. This is a common occurrence for Marshall Boche, sophomore, who is a part of the drama department.

Boche is taking part in this year's touching fall play at the high school. He enjoys acting and likes being on stage to perform. "I have a lot of fun [acting] and it gives me an opportunity to meet new people and express myself," he said.

The play is called "Front" and premieres on November third, fourth, and fifth and is directed by Ms. Junge. The drama takes place in London during World War Two and portrays people trying to survive the hardships of the London Blitz.

Although the performance is a drama, Boche's role lightens the mood and adds some humor in the dark play. "I'm the comedic relief, so that people won't cry," he said.

The play is based on a traumatic event and it's what drew Boche to performing in it. "I wanted to take a small thing and make it into a big production," Boche said.

The actors in the production have high aspirations for the outcome. "We have a good cast and a good play," Boche said. Rachel Wilkey, sophomore, agrees with Boche. "We have high expectations because it's a good drama," she said.

There's a lot of new things in the play this year, compared to last year. "I'm excited to see the audience see the difference from last year's play to this year. It went from a comedy to a drama," Wilkey said.

Participating in a performance alongside other students can call for some fun times. "We have warm ups before practice so it's pretty entertaining," Boche said. "I'm excited to see Rachel [Wilkey] dance with one of the tallest guys in school- Bobby [Lockhart]," he said.

Along with the excitement for the play, there are some challenges with putting on a big production like this. "I have a lot of long lines, so it's a lot of remembering," Boche said. Wilkey has many lines to remember as well. "There's a lot of monologues in [the play] and it's hard to memorize; even big and small roles have a lot to remember," Wilkey said.

Whatever one decides to engage in, make sure it's something one can be passionate about; and be sure to break a leg!



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## Lang's hunting pastime

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His adrenaline has kicked in. He's shaking like crazy, but he stays focused on his target. He aims and the wildlife goes down. This is a typical scenario for Jacob Lang, junior.

Lang has been hunting all his life. "I have been hunting since I was five. I usually hunt by myself, but sometimes I hunt with my dad and mom," he said.

Lang was born into hunting. He hunts in the spring, summer, and the fall. "I hunt deer, turkey, and waterfowl in Anamosa. I hunt with a bow and arrow, shotguns, and rifles," he said, "my favorite season is fall because it's hunting season and leaves make everything pretty. The worst time to hunt is early October and December. The best time to hunt is anywhere from late October to mid November."

Hunter Krousie, freshman, knows the pros and cons of hunting. "My favorite part is after you shoot whatever you're hunting. I'm really focused and everything else stops. You're in the heat of the moment when you're about to shoot a deer. My least favorite part is the feeling you get if you miss your target," he said.

Lang has a specific way of focusing when he's about to kill some type of wildlife. "When a deer walks in I focus or I start shaking and get an insane adrenaline rush. Once I shoot the deer I shake and feel joy, but I also feel uncertain on my shot. There is no greater adrenaline rush

than shooting a deer or a turkey," he said.

Lang has had many good and bad memories while hunting. "My favorite memory was my first ever kill with a bow and my dad got a video. I drew back, and after my dad interviewed me. My worst memory was one time I shot a deer so big and I killed it, but we couldn't find it so I cried," he said.

Lang's ranked in the state of Iowa for turkey hunting. "My biggest kill was an eight point deer and a 30 pound turkey. The turkey holds the heaviest turkey in Jones County and it's ranked 10th in the state," he said.

Lang may be ranked already, but this doesn't keep him from going out and doing what he loves even more.



Jacob Lang, '18, proudly displays his turkey from a hunting trip.

## Winter sports are ready to roll

By: Mason Rahe @masonrahe12

more wins from last year.

With the fall sports season coming to an end, there are a lot of high expectations for the winter sports. Whether it's bouncing back from a rough season last year or improving from a good one, the pressure is on these athletes to perform well this coming winter.

### Girls' basketball

After an unfortunate ending last year, the girls' basketball team looks to improve from last year's 20-5 season. They made it to the semifinals of State last year, losing to Pella 48-54, but still had a very good season. The outlook for this year is very promising as they return all five of their starters and all of their top scorers. Chloe Rice, junior, averages fourteen points a game and Mia Laube, junior, averages ten points a game. The team will be led by mostly juniors and sophomores as only one senior, Isabella Sade, returns to the team. With the all-around play this team has, we can expect another great season from the girls' basketball team this winter.

### Boys' basketball

The boys' basketball team hopes to bounce back from a rough season, going 9-13. Although the record isn't great, the team made a lot of improvements and has greater expectations for this coming season. They return two of the top three scorers from last year. Baylor Fish, senior, averages eight points a game and Chase Zielke, junior, averages seven points a game. They lose their top scorer Jacob Manderscheid though, who averaged twelve points a game. They also have a lack of size this year, but hope to overcome it with outside scoring and good defense. If the team can make up for the losses on the offensive side, there should be a lot

### Wrestling

The wrestling team went 9-15 last year. Trey Clifton, senior, is ready for this upcoming season. There are very high hopes for the team this year after only losing two seniors from last year. "I believe the expectations for this season are higher and we can be much better than last year," said Clifton. The rest of the team also believes they can accomplish more than last year and have been working very hard this offseason. Caleb and Colin Conway, seniors, hope to lead the team and get a couple wrestlers to state because nobody made it last year. With hard work this offseason and in season, there's another bounce back season in store.

### Bowling

The bowling team had a decent season last year with the boys going 4-6 and the girls team going 5-5. Once again, the expectations are higher this year for both teams returning almost all their bowlers. The big loss for the girls' team is Bre Smith, graduate, who qualified for state last year and continued her bowling career at St. Ambrose. The team will be led by junior Alexis Smith and senior Alicia Steepleton. They hope to return to the state meet, but there will still be a major hole to fill there if they want to succeed. The boys' team also lost a few players and hope to improve and hopefully have some state qualifiers. They are returning three of their top bowlers from last year, including Jarrett Steward, senior, who averaged 406.1 a series, and Dylan Nash, senior, with 388.5 a series.

There is a lot of confidence in the athletes preparing for this upcoming season and a lot of high hopes. The upcoming winter will be a great place to view great sports.

# 'Tis the season to sing and dance

Competition season is here, and Revelation and New Creation are ready.

By: Kayba Laube @KaybaLaube

After camp in the summer, practices in the heat and lots of singing and dancing, it's finally time to put all the preparation to the test.

Rachel Wilkey, sophomore, is excited for the upcoming show choir season. Wilkey is in Revelation, which is the prep for New Creation. Both groups have been working hard this summer and school



Rachel Wilkey, '19

year to get ready for the upcoming competitions.

Both show choir groups will be competing at four different places. Prairie, West Branch,

Lincoln Nebraska, and Cedar Rapids Washington. "Our goal is to place well in the competitions," Wilkey said.

The two groups practice from 7-10 pm on Monday nights. The directors are Jonathan Dyrland and his wife, Meegan Dyrland. For half of the time New Creation sings and Revelation Dances, then they switch places.

Performing in front of a big group of people can be difficult, but not for Wilkey. "It's not hard for me this year because I've been through this before," she said.

There is a lot to be excited about when show choir season rolls around. "I'm looking forward to the Marion Masquerade, competitions, and getting our costumes," Calista Dittmer, junior, said. The two groups get a week in the summer to learn the songs and choreography, and from there on out they practice a ton. "I really like to perform and travel with my group," said Wilkey.

Groups get judged on

executing the hard moves, the quality of vocalists, choreography, costumes, staging, and many other things. Whatever things that are on the ballot that is what schools are judged on at that particular competition.

"You're either a performer, a crew member, or in the band," Wilkey said. They will find out soon who will be singing solos, who's on the crew team, and the band that comes along and plays for them. No matter their role, they all contribute to what they have been working towards, which is winning.

Both groups will perform five songs at each competition, which may seem hard to remember, but it's not if they focus. "It gets easier to memorize the more you practice," Wilkey said.

This season should have a good outcome with all the hard work both New Creation and Revelation put in. Both show choir groups are excited to compete and dance their way to victory.



Adeline Shindelar, '19, showcases her hard work and dance moves during a show choir competition with the rest of the Revelation choir members.

## Unfinished business

By: JD Grawe @jd\_grawe

The volleyball girls step onto the court, ready to take home the championship. The girls volleyball team is back, and ready to dominate the competition at this year's state tournament.



Isabella Sade, '17

The WaMaC West Division champions are ready to take home the title they've been waiting for. These girls have been working out on the court since the beginning of summer and are ready to show what

Coach Roxanne Paulsen

they've been working on. The

Indians lost to Lewis Central in the 2015 State Tournament last year in the first round, and this year they don't want that to happen.

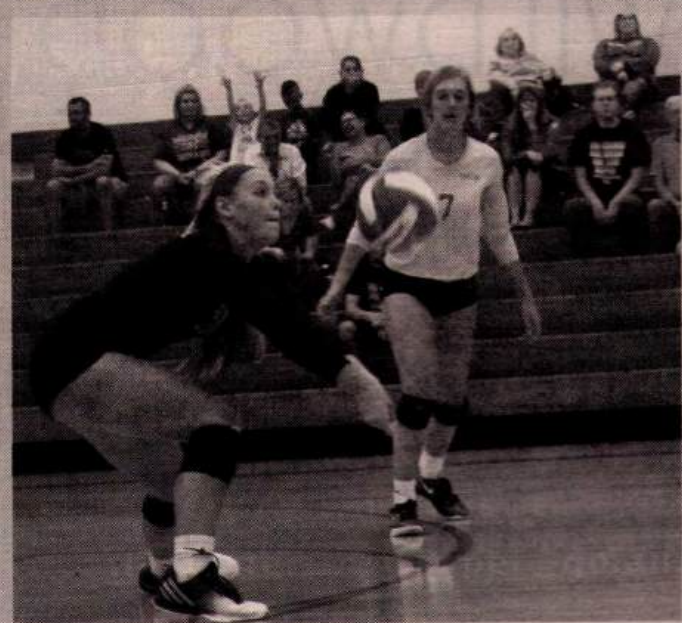
Currently the Indians are ranked third in class 4A in the state. As of print date the team is 31-9 and hopes to win even more games.

Isabella Sade, senior, is ready to take on her last year in volleyball and get to the state tournament. "We've got a good shot and we know we have to work hard," Sade said. They lift two days out of the week and work hard at practice everyday.

The volleyball players coach a little-league camp during the summer, and the children look up to the high school volleyball players. "When we coach the little kids camp it is nice to see them grow. They always come to the games and say they look up to us," Sade said. All of the players hope that they see little faces in the crowd if they make it to the state level.

The Indians will play Oskaloosa for their regional final game and hope to bring home the state title for the first time since 2008. With a WaMaC coach of the year in charge with Coach Roxanne Paulsen, they should be off to a good start.

"The accomplishments I get are because of the players, it's really about the kids and I couldn't have done it without them," Paulsen said. Everyone, coaches and players alike, are ready to get to the state level again and win some games.



Tanea Westhoff, '17, digs the ball during a home game against Iowa City High.

## New coach, moves, and team



The Poms team gives their performance at the last home football game.

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

They step out, hand in hand, about to have an amazing performance on the dance floor in front of them. The crowd screams and moms cry. The poms team performs at a few competitions every year, and for seniors it can be emotional. Every year is different and this year the poms team is ready for a change, with their new coach and some new dancing styles.

Kyra Bruce, senior, is ready to take on her final year of being on the poms team. Bruce has been a part of the team since her sophomore year and is so glad she made the decision to join. This year the audience should expect a great show. "The audience should look forward to seeing a new set of girls with new strengths and more technical difficulty in the routines," Bruce said.

The poms team goes to a variety of competitions, but the main ones are Stack the Stands at Prairie, State Solo in Newton, and State in Des Moines. At the competitions the team will perform against lots of other different schools in the area and receive a ranking. Some girls have solo auditions as well, and they perform those separately.

Ceci Pitstick, senior, is also ready to start her last competition season

off with a bang. "The audience should look forward to a new style of dancing because of our new coaching," Pitstick said.

"I just really enjoy going to the competitions and spending time with the team and my family," Pitstick said, "it's an opportunity to showcase the dances we have worked hard on." Pitstick and Bruce are both captains of the Poms team this year and can't wait to show off all the things they've learned.

The entire poms team is excited for the upcoming season after competitions and hopefully receiving some good scores. They are under a new coach now, Lori Hall, and are prepared to do well at competitions by learning new techniques and dancing styles through their new coach and new music.

State Solo is also a chance for the Poms team to show the audience what they have been doing on their own. "I am really excited for my solo this year," Pitstick said, "You'll be in my Heart' from Tarzan is my solo song and I love it."

The Poms team is off to a great start this year and can't wait to show everyone that they're back and ready to rock. With all of the new things they have learned and with passion and dedication, they will not be holding back.

# Fall T.V. show previews

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

It's time for Fall again which means pumpkin farms, apple orchards, combat boots, Pumpkin Spice Lattes, and so much more. Not only are all of these great parts of Fall, but let's not forget the best part: Returning of T.V. shows. That's right, all of the T.V. show viewers have been waiting for a reunion. While some shows are back, others shows are brand new.

Jane the Virgin first premiered in 2014. The show revolves around Jane, who was accidentally inseminated and becomes pregnant. The hilarious show on C.W. shows Jane's crazy lifestyle and all of the romances that go along with it. The American telenovela returns with it's third season this fall.

The Vampire Diaries first premiered in 2009. The show gives a love triangle between two vampires and a human, and lots more drama along the way. The shows kicks off its final season this fall, which is expected to have even more drama and romance than ever. The show is on C.W. and it's eighth season awaits.

Gilmore Girls was a sweet show about romance and family. The show featured a mother and daughter with lots of different drama and love surrounding them constantly. The show first came to television in 2000, ending in 2007, but is making a comeback for a reunion this fall. The reunion show will only be on Netflix, but hopes are high for this version to be just as good as the last.

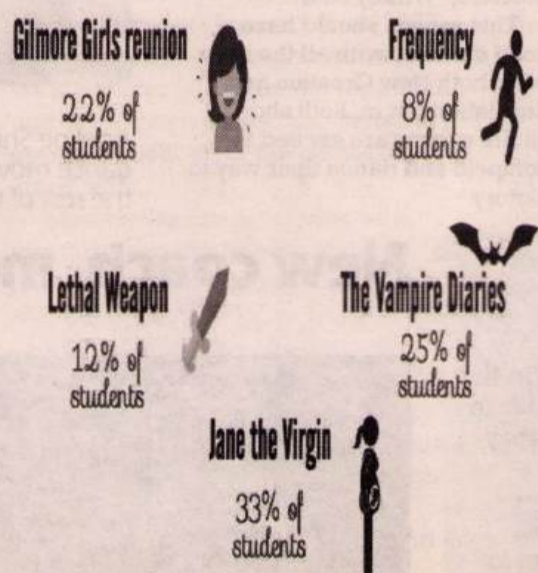
Frequency is a brand new show coming this fall. The show revolves around a New York Police Department detective who finds a way to communicate with her late father. She attempts to save his life through a radio, which causes all kinds of drama and murder craziness.

The show will be on the C.W. channel.

Lethal Weapon is a new show coming this fall as well. It is shown on FOX and shows the life of a cop with a veteran detective, trying to keep stress levels down. The show revolves around the partnership of the two and is expected to have humor and draw audiences in.

With all of the T.V. shows coming out this Fall, people all over will be very busy watching shows and episodes over and over. There is a lot of hype for the upcoming shows and seasons, and they will not disappoint.

## Which upcoming shows are students most excited for?



# Wonders of the World Series

By: Blair Brooks @BlairBrooks11

After thirty plus spring training games then a long and taxing one hundred and sixty two regular season games, twenty teams hang up their cleats for the season and the other ten look to contend for a World Series title. Now only two teams remain. They both have their own story to tell.

The two remaining teams in this postseason have not won a World Series in 174 seasons combined. The Chicago Cubs, as some know, have not won a World Series title since 1908. This has been blamed on certain people and occurrences such as the billy goat, the black cat, Steve Bartman, and so on. The Cubs are now coming off as one of the hottest teams going into this postseason.

They are not the only ones playing the waiting game, the Cleveland Indians have been without a World Series win since 1948. This has been put on hold though, since the Cleveland Cavaliers were crowned National Basketball Association champions this past summer, so the city of Cleveland has something at least and proved the city is not cursed.

In 1959, the Indians traded American League home run leader Rocky Colavito, who also played in Cedar Rapids when they were affiliated with the Indians, to Detroit for Harvey Kuenn who lasted only a year in Cleveland. With the Colavito curse as some fans call it, the Indians didn't manage to reach the postseason until 1995.

The Cubs are coming into the World Series 7-3 after cruising through the San Francisco Giants in the Division Series in five, and defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Championship Series in six games. Chicago comes in as favorites to

win series despite batting .222 as a team this postseason, they haven't had a problem scoring. They lead the postseason in home runs with twelve and lead in run production with 4.8 runs a game.

The Cleveland Indians come into the World Series with a only one loss in this postseason. The Indians defense and pitching have carried them this way holding an impressive 1.77 earned run average

The Cubs could end a hundred plus year drought. The Indians could have city bragging rights in the world of sports this year, minus the Browns of course.

Cubs fans now live in states that didn't even exist in 1908 and fans paid around a quarter to watch the game.

From the Bartman seat at Wrigley to the Billy Goat's restaurant, this could be the year to end the curse, or for the other teams, a chance to have all eyes on them.

Game one of the World Series began on October 25th with the American League team having home field advantage.

"The Cubs deserve it; they earned it and work really hard."  
-Brianna Horrach, '18

"I think the Indians will win. The pitching is too good."  
-BlaiK Swailes, '19



## How to: DIY apple pie

By: Kenzie Redmond @kenzie\_redmond2

### Pie Filling

- 8 cups Granny Smith apples
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

### Pie Crust

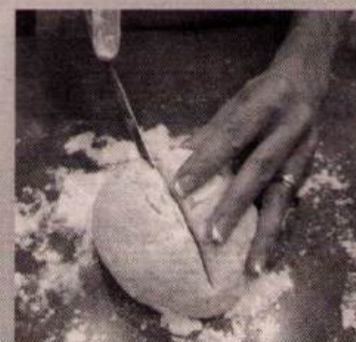
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 tablespoons crisco
- 7 tablespoons cold water
- Milk



Step 1: Peel and cut the apples. Sprinkle lemon juice on top to keep the apples fresh.



Step 2: Mix in sugar, cinnamon, and flour. Cover with plastic wrap.



Step 3: Mix flour, salt, and crisco with a knife and form a ball. Cut ball in half.



Step 4: Roll it out. Put in pie pan. Pour in filling and repeat for the top crust.



Step 5: Lay on top. Pinch sides and cut slits. Brush with milk, sugar, and cinnamon.



Step 6: Bake at 425 for 15 minutes. Turn oven down to 350 and bake for 45 minutes. Serve!



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# Lady Gaga's album review

By: Baylea Bruce, @Baylea\_Marie

It's been a long three years for Monsters and Lady Gaga stans alike. Lady Gaga's last album, "Artpop", was released in 2013 and her fans have been not-so-patiently waiting for another one. The wait finally came to an end with Mother Monster releasing "Joanne".

"Joanne" is another testament to the transformation Gaga has made since her first album, "The Fame", back in 2008 when she was just 22 years old. Gaga goes from electronic and poppy to a much more genuine and soulful feel. Instead of the electronic sound Gaga is known for, her new album has a more acoustic and open mic sound.

One of the singles off of "Joanne" that has already taken over the air waves is "Perfect Illusion." While this song isn't the electronic dance music that

Gaga started with, it still has some pop components to it that make it a more upbeat and fun song. "Perfect Illusion" shows how Gaga has changed as a singer. "Perfect Illusion" is the song to dance to or turn up in the car and belt the lyrics.

Songs like "Joanne" and "Sinner's Prayer" are a completely new sound that Gaga nails. These songs contain more acoustic and country sounding instruments with the majority of the song surrounded by Gaga's vocals. Her singing abilities are really what makes these songs so powerful, since Gaga has been dabbling in all sorts of different genres, including country and rock. The country feel that this album possesses is another area that Gaga can add to the genres she's able to execute.

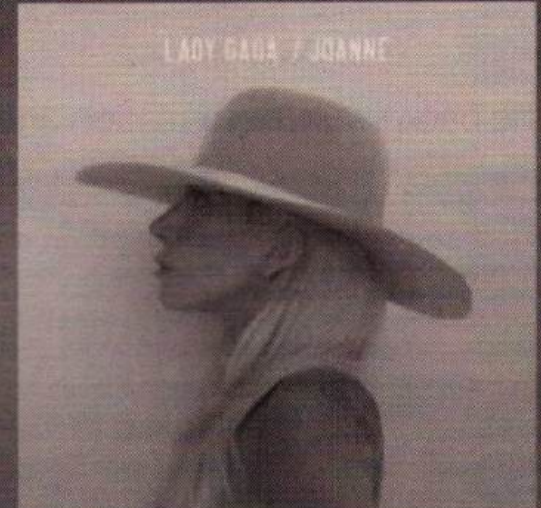
Not only is this album a new sound, it also covers all types of

current and pressing issues. "Angel Down," another track on the album, covers recent police shootings and police brutality. "Grigio Girls" was written for Gaga's best friend who was diagnosed with cancer, along with many other current issues.

Joanne is a beautifully crafted album that features a whole new sound from Gaga. This album is perfect for singing in the car or just chilling with a group of friends. Gaga's strong vocals would put anyone in a calm state. With 14 tracks, Joanne is sure to take listeners on a calming journey. Joanne is now available for \$11.99 on iTunes. The deluxe album for "Joanne" is currently number one on iTunes top charts. "Joanne" will be an album everyone will be talking about.

Joanne by Lady Gaga

Baylea's Rating: ★★★★★  
iTunes Rating: ★★★★★  
Google Play Rating: ★★★★★



## Blast from the past

By: Brandon Hamilton  
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Games such as Super Mario Bros, Mario Kart, Donkey Kong, Pacman, and Asteroids were very popular games when the gaming world started up. Each has its own perks and flaws, but why were they so popular and are still popular today?

Mario Kart is still an exciting game to play. Competition with cars, or in this case karts, is something a lot of gamers enjoy to play. Racing one's friends and having multiple characters to choose from guarantees everyone who plays has a favorite.

Donkey Kong was released in 1981 and has been a popular game since. More styles of the game have been released since such as Donkey Kong The Land.

Another popular game released in 1985, Super Mario sparked interest into gamers that is still popular today. Now known as Super Mario Bros, Mario needs to save Princess Peach from Bowser. IGN (Imagine Games Network) commented on the first version for Nintendo DS, saying it was awesome and giving a rating of nine and a half. Nintendo has developed Super Mario Run coming soon to App Stores, an example of how prevalent these games are still today.

Pacman was very popular and there is also an app available. In Pacman, Pacman goes through a "maze" full of dots while ghosts chase him. Once he eats all the dots while not getting caught by the ghosts, the player moves to the next level. This game was very fun for gamers when it came out and is still popular and fun today.

Asteroids can be found all over the internet and is also an old game. The point of the game is to shoot down asteroids while avoiding getting hit by them. The game starts slow and moves faster and faster. The game ends when the

player gets hit or misses so many asteroids, and they try to shoot as many as possible. This game was and is very addicting to many of the gamers who play Asteroids.

These games have been popular ever since they were released and are still fun to play. The competition and obstacles in the games are things gamers enjoy. These games were popular for those traits and that is why they are still widely popular today.



"Video games are fun, relaxing, and violent; and that's how I want to live my life."  
-Taylor Johnson, '19



"I play video games because they're fun."  
-Aiden Zimmermann, '19



"I play video games because they're extremely fun and addicting."  
-Tyler Peterson, '20



"I like Super Mario Bros because it has nostalgic values."  
-Bryan Crow, '19



"I like Donkey Kong because it's always been one of my favorites."  
-Kelly Fowler, '19

## Snapchat Streaks: a way to measure best social media friends

Some do it to for the record and not because they frequently talk with the person.

42 % Have many of them & snapchat the person once daily



42 % Have a few they actually chat with



16 % Don't do streaks



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## What does he stand for?

By: Kenzie Redmond @kenzie\_redmond2

1. Begin working on an impenetrable physical wall on the southern border, on day one.
2. Anyone who illegally crosses the border will be detained until they are removed out of our country.
3. Provide six weeks of paid leave to new mothers before returning to work.
4. The right to carry a gun should be legal in all 50 states.
5. Create a dynamic booming economy that will create 25 million new jobs over the next decade.
6. Establish the national goal of providing school choice to every one of the 11 million school aged children living in poverty.
7. Reduce and eliminate all barriers to responsible energy production, creating at least a half million jobs a year, \$30 billion in higher wages, and cheaper energy.
8. End the current strategy of nation-building and regime change.
9. Rebuild our military, enhance and improve intelligence and cyber capabilities.
10. Repeal and replace Obamacare with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs).
11. Work with Congress to create a patient-centered health care system that promotes choice, quality, and affordability.
12. Prioritize the jobs, wages and security of the American people.
13. Establish new immigration controls to boost wages and to ensure that open jobs are offered to American workers first.
14. Increase the size of the U.S. Army to 540,000 active duty soldiers, which the Army Chief of Staff says he needs to execute current missions.
15. Rebuild the U.S. Navy toward a goal of 350 ships, as the bipartisan National Defense Panel has recommended.
16. Provide the U.S. Air Force with the 1,200 fighter aircraft they need.
17. Grow the U.S. Marine Corps to 36 battalions.
18. End the radical regulations that force jobs out of our communities and inner cities.
19. Reduce taxes across-the-board, especially for working and middle-income Americans who will receive a massive tax reduction.
20. Reduce the cost of childcare by allowing families to fully deduct the average cost of childcare from their taxes, including stay-at-home parents.
21. Negotiate fair trade deals that create American jobs, increase American wages, and reduce America's trade deficit.
22. Ensure our veterans get the care they need wherever and whenever they need it. No more long drives. No more waiting backlogs. No more excessive red tape. Just the care and support they earned with their service to our country.



Donald Trump, the 2016 Republican candidate for the United States.

Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democrat candidate for the United States.



# Third Party Candidates

By: Leah Kray @leah\_kray



## Stein

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n party;  
res upon  
justice,  
mentalism,  
n-violence.

## Gary Johnson

Member of the  
Libertarian Party;  
Believes in civil  
liberties, non-  
interventionism, and  
abolition of the  
welfare state.

## What does she stand for?

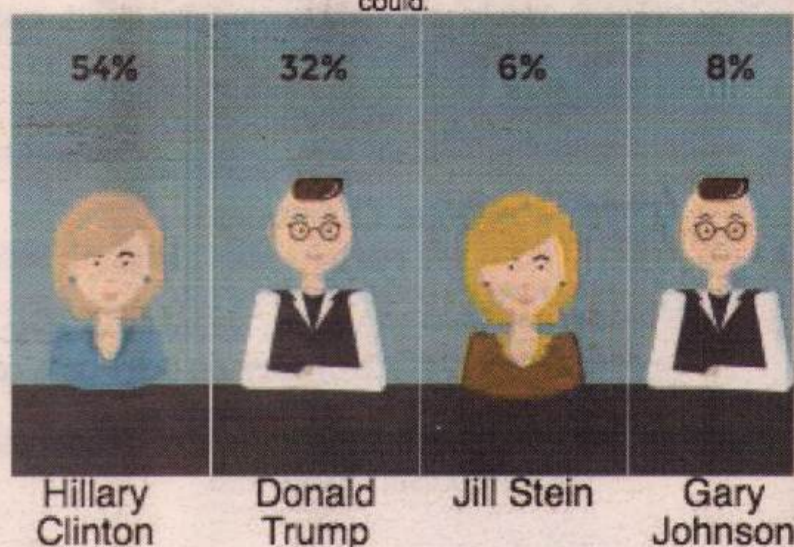
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1. To make sure that wealthy, Wall Street, and corporations pay a fair share in taxes.
2. To continue to open more opportunities for those with disabilities.
3. Help with addiction and substance use with treatment and training.
4. To make sure every child gets help with early childhood education.
5. To build an economy that works for those at the bottom.
6. To help build America with a stronger infrastructure.
7. Getting universal health care for everyone that is affordable.
8. Fighting against HIV and AIDS.
9. Better housing policies which help working class families in having more opportunities.
10. An immigration reform which helps immigrants get to full citizenship.
11. Having citizens do lots of good for national service.
12. To guarantee families paid medical leave.
13. Making sure children do not grow up in poverty.
14. To protect the animals and wildlife from the way society treats them.
15. To prevent Alzheimer's disease and help find a cure.
16. To help those with autism and find better ways to support them and their families.
17. Improving campaign finance reform, working for everyone and not just those who are wealthy.
18. Helping to end sexual assault on college campuses rather than just condemning it.
19. To finish the struggle with racial justice in America and put an end to it once and for all.
20. Taking on climate change and helping to improve America and make it clean.
21. Raising the minimum wage to a living wage and breaking into even more jobs.
22. Making sure that in schools there is a strong public education for the children of the future.
23. Making unions stronger and improving labor and workers' rights.
24. Giving the rights to the LGBTQ community and help them live without discrimination.
25. Improving the rural communities in America.
26. Making sure the small businesses in America are noticed and leveling the playing field for them.
27. To improve Social Security and Medicare in America and strengthen the lifelines.
28. Improving technology and innovation in America to harness the power of working.
29. Making college debt-free and having college available to anyone who wants to further their education.
30. Making it easier to vote in America.

By: Amery Bruce @AmeryBruce

### Which presidential candidate has the most votes in our school?

100 students tell which presidential candidate they will be voting for, or who they would vote for if they could.



## Obama Overview

By: Mia Laube @Mia\_Laube21

President Barack Obama is finishing his second term in office this year. He was a Democratic candidate and our 44th President, following George W. Bush, who was a Republican. He aided in the recovery of our nation, and also made a few mistakes.

### The good

- Saved economy from another Great Depression
- Made U.S. more financially secure and popular in the world's eyes
- Hunted and killed Osama Bin Laden
- Lowered unemployment and energy prices
- Created positives in both Obamacare and pulling troops out of Afghanistan
- Isolated countries threatening the U.S.
- Made America more equal for all genders and sexual orientations
- Absence of major war or terrorist attack
- Michelle Obama made strides in health, education, and poverty awareness.
- Great speaking skills

### The bad

- Racial tension is the highest it's been since the 70s.
- Border enforcement is minimized
- There are negatives to both Obamacare and pulling Afghanistan troops
- Certain actions have furthered turmoil in the Middle East and contributed to the rise of ISIS
- Debt has furthered

### The attempts

- Tried to install Green Initiatives
- Tried to solve immigration problems
- Tried to steer Iran from nuclear weapons

### Moving forward

President Obama did many things while in office. Not everyone likes every president, but many think in the years to come he will be regarded as one of the best presidents we've ever had for some of his actions. Hillary Clinton is the next Democratic candidate, and President Obama has been advocating for her with speeches and continued support. Depending on who fills his shoes, his policies may either be continued or totally reversed. The candidates show what they think of our standings during debates. We will just have to see where the nation goes from here.



### **Caleb Cechota**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** All of the fun teachers.

**Future plans?:** Go to Kirkwood.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Taking English really helped me get better at righting.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Juliet Curtis**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The environment and Color Guard.

**Future plans?:** Go to Kirkwood to be a nurse.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Don't let what others think dictate what you do and how you live.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Madeline Chambers**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Soccer, friends, and some teachers.

**Future plans?:** Go to school for graphic design.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Don't be a cancer to the Earth.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Jenna Danninger**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Ramaeker's dog Stanley.

**Future plans?:** Attend University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for physical therapy and gymnastics.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** No, I'm not going to the Olympics.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Trey Clifton**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Mr. VonBehren, Mr. Fish, and of course, Mr. Trilk.

**Future plans?:** Attend the College of Business at ISU.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. -Wayne Gretzky" -Michael Scott

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Ask Trent Kuethe.



### **Bethany Darling**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friends, Spanish (Henkel), Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, show choir band, choir, Kyle Holmes and Addie Shindelar.

**Future plans?:** Go to Kirkwood then Iowa or Iowa State for either Engineering or Actuarial Science.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "You can't achieve anything in life without sacrifice." -Shakira

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.



### **Jacob Clothier**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The great people.

**Future plans?:** Travel the world.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Diamonds dancin' on my wrist look like a blank disc.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.



### **Mason Daubs**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Being around my friends everyday and lunch gang.

**Future plans?:** United States Marine.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Life is better on one wheel.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Matthew Coder**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Soccer, friends, and school lunch.

**Future plans?:** Go to St. Ambrose, study chiropractic.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "No." -Rosa Parks

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.



### **Michael Davis**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The girls.

**Future plans?:** Go to a 4 year college.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Change is hard at first, messy in the middle, and gorgeous at the end.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.



### **Luis Corona**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Band, Drumline, Free Knowledge, having money.

**Future plans?:** Go to Iowa State for Graphic Design/Digital Imaging.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "You can't choose your DAD but you can choose your DADDY."

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Yes. . .



### **Jacob Demuth**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Mr. Raymond, Zach Cochran, and Logan Reeves.

**Future plans?:** Go to NWICC to be a power line technician.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "Because you'll be in jail." -Donald Trump

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



### **Christopher Cruse**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Marching Band & Show Choir.

**Future plans?:** Go to school to major in Actuarial Science.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Don't get stressed.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.



### **Kaydence DeWoody**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friday Night Lights and all my friends that I won't see at college.

**Future plans?:** Go to UNI and major in interior design and business.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Don't try to be everyone's friend because I promise you three good ones are better than ten fake ones.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** If I had to choose a toothbrush because yellow teeth aren't an option.

**Spencer Dobler**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Lunch time.  
**Future plans?:** To continue to booz with gang 'til the day I die.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "When I was a kid I inhaled frequently. That was the point." -Barack Obama

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** A toothbrush.

**Wyatt Ehr**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends I grew up with.

**Future plans?:** College for engineering.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "There's more to life than being really really really ridiculously good looking." -Zoolander

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Neither, I like to keep it simple.

**Brady Donohue**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The Baseball Team, Chloe Trca.

**Future plans?:** Play baseball at Mount Mercy.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "I know I'm going to get got, but I'm going to get mine more than I get got, though." -Marshawn Lynch

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.

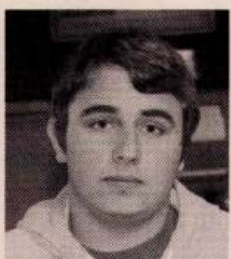
**Carli Eichelberger**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Being a part of the golf team, my coach, and of course Semler.

**Future plans?:** Kirkwood my first year then I plan to transfer to Mt. Mercy to major in social work and minor in criminal justice.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant. You don't have to talk, but you have to smell good.

**Ryan Draeger**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** I'll miss my teachers and friends.

**Future plans?:** Either go to ISU for aerospace engineering or go to Kirkwood for 2 years then UNI for 2 years for construction management.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Work hard. Do what you love to do. And . . . GET TO THE CHOPPER!

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.

**Tylor Fairbanks**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The experience of an awesome school and community.

**Future plans?:** Getting a degree in construction management.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Stop every once in a while and take life in.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.

**Talya Duffy**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends, the teachers, and the feeling of being one big family in the activities I'm in.

**Future plans?:** To go to Kirkwood for basics and then U of I to become an English educator.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** When you graduate don't have any regrets about what you did in high school. Join everything you can and find your passion in life.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Deodorant.

**Michael Duke**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Nothing.

**Future plans?:** Trades.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** We getting rich.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.

**Clayton Dulin**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The school lunch.

**Future plans?:** Military.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** Four years later and I learned more out of school than I did in school.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.

**Britney Duncan**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friends and teachers.

**Future plans?:** Study radiology at Iowa.

**Quote/ Piece of advice?:** You do you.

**Would you rather only have deodorant or a toothbrush?:** Toothbrush.



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## Non-national elections

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17

Not only is the huge presidential election coming up, but there are lots of other nearby elections which are causing a stir in the Cedar Rapids and Marion area. Local politics have their election on the same day, and there are lots of candidates, returning and non-returning, fighting for the title.

Liz Mathis, current senator of Iowa, is in the running again. Mathis was elected in 2011, and then re-elected for her first four-year term in 2012. Mathis studied journalism and worked in the field for twenty-five years and works for a child welfare and behavioral health agency today. She is a democrat running in the race against Rene Gadelha in the Iowa Senate District 34.

Rene Gadelha, a Linn-Mar school board member is running as a republican against current senator, Liz Mathis. She is very family-orientated and displays that in lots of her ads. Gadelha is a former English educator and achieves to help students get to their full potential. She currently serves on the Marion Planning and Zoning Commission.

Randy Ray, republican, is running for Linn County District Four Supervisor. He was born and raised in Marshalltown, Iowa and has been very active in the community and politics his entire life. He attended the University of Northern Iowa and majored in education. He has worked at both Regis High School and Washington High School. He helps out in the community with Boy Scouts, Youth Sports, and a variety of church programs. He also became owner of an office building, a packing and shipping business, and a car wash. He wants to be a leader who listens to what the members of the community say and not leave anyone out.

Brent Oleson is Randy Ray's competition in this election. He was elected to his first four-year term on the Linn County Board of Supervisors in November 2008 and was reelected in 2012. Brent represents District Four. He is a liberal running in the race and stands for conservation, environment, and solid waste issues more than

anything. While he served his last two terms as the district supervisor, he served on the board of the Cedar Rapids and Linn County Solid Waste Agency, the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Marion Economic Development Company. Brent lives in Marion with his wife and their four children. He graduated from The University of Iowa with a major of political science and communications, and then moved on to law school at the University of Iowa as well. He works as an attorney and is in state government for Iowa.

Terry Branstad, republican, is running again for the chance to be governor of Iowa. He is the returning governor. Branstad is from Leland, Iowa and loves the state. He has three older children and a wife whom he lives with in Iowa today. He was Iowa's longest serving Governor from 1983-1999 and then was re-elected in 2010. He stands for issues on the republican and conservative side, and feels very strongly about all of the issues he sides with.

Monica Vernon is running as a liberal in the election to be elected on Iowa's first congressional district. She will be facing Rod Blum, republican and incumbent. Vernon has served on the Cedar Rapids City council for eight years. Vernon has a degree in journalism from the University of Iowa and has a husband and three daughters who are grown.

Vernon's competition will be Rod Blum. Blum has been serving as a congressman for years before. He is a republican and sides on most things with them. He received a degree from Loras College and The University of Dubuque and lives there now with his family. He is currently a software company owner and the current congressman for the first congressional district.

These are some examples of some local candidates running for office. Often times with the presidential election going on at the same time, voters forget to pay attention to local politics near them. There are many different candidates who stand for different things and want to make a difference in the community.

## How to vote locally

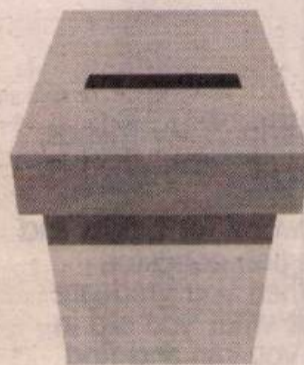
By: Mia Laube @mia\_laube21



### 2016 general election poll locations in Marion:



1. Marion Public Library (1095 6th Ave)
2. Kirkwood Training Services (3375 Armar Dr)
3. Grace Baptist Church (1461 East Post Rd)
4. Marion School Administration Building (777 S. 15th St)
5. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (3500 29th Ave)
6. First Baptist Church of Marion (1260 29th St)
7. St. Paul's Lutheran Church (915 27th St)
8. Squaw Creek Baptist Church (1410 44th St)
9. Ascension Church (2210 Grand Ave)
10. American Legion Post 298 (625 31st St)
11. Marion Christian Church (1050 McGowan Blvd)
12. Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center (4500 N. 10th St)
13. Christ Community Church (3000 Alburnett Rd)
14. Faith Lutheran Church (155 Boyson Rd)

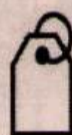


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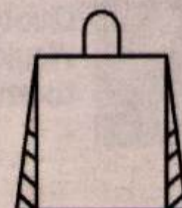
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## Some serious shopping

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17



### BLACK FRIDAY TIPS:



Find out all of the information shoppers need to know for this upcoming black friday!

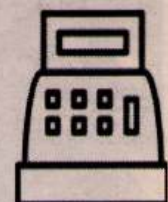
TIP NUMBER ONE: Always go for the deals that nobody else is paying attention to. Often times there are many deals that are overlooked.

TIP NUMBER TWO: Check out all of the deals online before heading out that night. This way shoppers will have an upper-hand on what to look for.

TIP NUMBER THREE: Get there early. Whether the store is opening at the crack of dawn or later, the best way to assure the best deals are to arrive at the destination early.

TIP NUMBER FOUR: Bring someone experienced. Don't bring a newbie Black Friday shopper who has never shopped before, know who you need to get you through the night.

TIP NUMBER FIVE: Always have fun! Black friday is all about getting out there and finding good deals for yourself, family, or friends for the holidays. This is a time to be happy and enjoy the deals.



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## The mayhem of being a multiple

It's a curse to have any relative who has any sort of talent, and one can sometimes live in their somewhat large shadow. All too often the answer to "Are you related to so and so?" is answered with a long groan and a not so excited "Yes." Even though most families love and support one another, for most there's always a little bit of competition.

Siblings always seem to be pitted against each other, constantly comparing who is better at what. Of course sometimes it's self inflicted, like one sibling harassing the other if they got the better grade. These types of match ups happen all too often when your siblings are in the same grade, sports, and some activities as you.

Some may think that these match ups can lead to intense, life or death competitions. This is true in some cases, but generally being in things together isn't that big of a deal to us. If one of us does really good, the rest are just proud of them. There is always going to be someone better and sometimes that person is a sibling.

That's not to say siblings never compete with each other. We have gotten into ample amount of fights over the winner of Wii Tennis, and who can watch a TV show in the least amount of time.

While some may feel that competition drives them further, what really helps makes us three more successful is working as a team. A couple of times we've all ended up in the same class at the same time. This is tremendously helpful when we all sit down to tackle the evil chemistry or math homework. Hopefully, at least one of us knows enough to get by. Now if some teachers consider this cheating, you didn't hear anything.

If it wasn't all too obvious from our completely different appearances, we're completely different people, with completely different strengths and weaknesses, just like every other team. One may be good at something the other isn't, so it's really helpful when siblings can sit down and work together.

Competition is still an important thing. How else would you decide who gets to sit in the front seat of the car? However, you'll go farther in life if you stop comparing yourself to others. Instead of being jealous of your relatives strengths, get them on your team. You'll be much more productive and efficient when united. And hey, you might even get them to do most of your homework for you.



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## A future sight to see for Gillaspie

With an experimental surgery, Gillaspie may gain sight for the first time.

By: Kenzie Redmond  
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How would it feel to see for the first time? What would a person choose to see? What happens if the procedure doesn't work out? These are all questions that Alex Gillaspie, senior, has running through his head.

Gillaspie is blind. He has never seen anything in his life. He was born without the CEP290 gene, which is when the retinas are unable to function. This was identified when he was eight years old.

However, there's a possibility his life could change forever.

There is a procedure that may occur that would allow Gillaspie to be able to see some things. It would involve injections of the retinas in the eyes. "At this point the procedure is highly experimental. It could be full vision but we just don't know right now," he said.

Gillaspie may face some roadblocks, but he keeps a positive mindset. "It's really inconvenient not being able to drive myself, but I don't have to worry about the expense of a car. But I'll have to have a person drive me when I get older," he said. "Being blind has made me a stronger person."

Gillaspie has had many supporters throughout his life, the biggest being his mom, Ann Gillaspie.

She has many emotions about this procedure. "[I'm most excited for him] to have the possibility to gain enough sight to see himself in the mirror, his family, his dog, and the beauty all around," she said.

"To my knowledge as of right now, the procedure would take place either in Philadelphia or at the University of Iowa," she said.

She's also worried about safety. "Alex's condition is not currently life threatening...He is happy, well adjusted, and healthy. The Gene Therapy would be highly experimental, so there's advantages, disadvantages, and lots of mixed emotions."

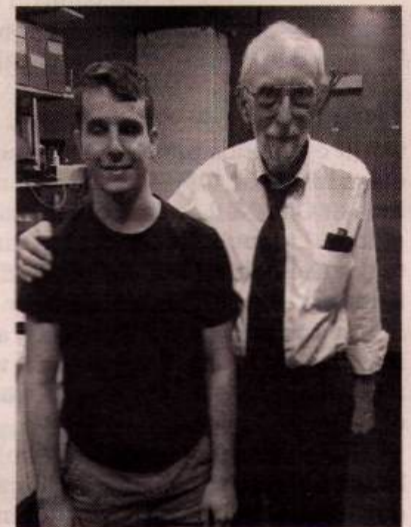
Ann believes in miracles.

"Depending on the outcome it could possibly hinder him. Depending on the level of vision, useful or functional vision could cause him to lose all that he has actually already learned. We would need to ask about side effects, but my speculations would be injury or possibly permanent damage to his eyes or an adverse reaction that would cause a more life threatening condition," she

said.

Gillaspie remains steady. "It'll be disappointing if it doesn't work out... I have nothing to lose. We would only be worried about the side effects," he said. "My biggest fear would be if it were to cause anything harmful and my brain wouldn't react correctly."

The Gillaspie family may have their own set of roadblocks, but they remain level headed and hope for a new treatment to be discovered.



Alex Gillaspie, senior, poses with a doctor helping with the trial.

## New country, same two brothers

By: Amy Noble @amy\_noble12

From Burundi, Tanzania, to small town Marion, Iowa. This is true for Niyokusenga (Niyo) Gady, freshman, and Ismail Havyarimana, junior. They lived in a town called Burundi, Tanzania until Gady was about five or six years old, then moved to Marion in 2007.

When they got to Marion, they faced the challenges of learning the American way of life. Moving to Iowa meant leaving behind a fun filled life and all the friends they had in Tanzania. Gady said, "I miss the open environment, forest, trees, fresh fruits, and my friends."

Niyo and many of his friends were born on a refugee camp to try to avoid the war that was going on in their hometown. Even though there was a war, the boys still made the best of it and had fun with everything they did. Because of how young Gady was, he didn't go to school. Instead he and his friends would go hang out with each other during the day.

Their father was the only one that got to go back to Tanzania. Given the opportunity, Gady would go back to his hometown to visit. He loves his hometown so much.

In Iowa, Gady is involved in football, soccer, and wrestling. In Tanzania, activities were very

different. "I remember playing with friends, running in the forest, climbing trees, and having a great time," said Niyo.

A day during the week in Tanzania would have been Havyarimana going to school and Gady going to play with friends. Weekends were different than the week. The boys couldn't play all day- these days were dedicated to going to church.

Moving across the country to a whole new way of life would be difficult for anyone, but Gady and Havyarimana are trying to work through that transition.



Havyarimana and Gady before a football game.

## Steen leads in FCA

By: Madigan Crowley @CrowleyMadigan

Every Friday, students come before school to attend FCA, or Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Matthias Steen, senior, is one of the student leaders for FCA. "FCA is student ministry on school campus to help impact and influence the community around them," he said. FCA holds meetings and also serves in the community by going to local events to share what they are all about.

"There are anywhere from seven to 15 students week to week with two student leaders," Steen said.

David Gorman, senior, is the other student leader for FCA. He asked Steen to help him lead the group when Gorman was a junior since they were involved in the same activities.

Steen has been part of

this group since he was a sophomore and he really likes the meetings. "In each meeting we go over announcements, have an icebreaker, have a short message, and end with a prayer."

As a leader, Steen has to do a little more than the normal student attending. Steen said, "As leaders we share the message, decide what we want to cover, and talk about current events going on."

FCA is for anyone who wants to attend. It's mostly made up of Christian and Methodist followers, but it is open to whomever. "Being able to come in relaxed knowing everyone shares the same feelings and are open is the best part of FCA," Steen said.

Everyone is welcome to join FCA, they are always accepting to people who believe in the same things. "The only thing I would change is the time we have meetings, we only get around 15 minutes when we have them in the mornings," Steen said. He encourages other students to come to meetings and see how they like it.

Steen will continue leading Friday morning groups for the remainder of the school year, and he will pass his leadership to someone else when he graduates this May.



Matthias Steen, '17

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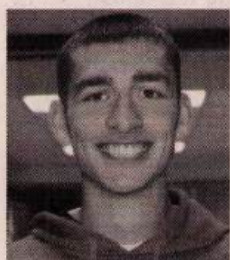
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# Debating with Daubs

One student figures out how to be involved in politics.

By: Kayla Berry @Kaylaaa\_001



Mason Daubs, '17

The night of one of the many debates between the presidential nominees, one student watched attentively because of his desire to learn more about the candidates and make an informed decision on who to vote for this upcoming election. That student learning about politics is Mason Daubs, senior.

Daubs first became interested in the world of politics after a government class last year. "We had to go to meetings at City Hall and administrative offices. I thought it was cool getting to see the behind the scenes stuff," he said. In the past, Daubs has been more interested in local politics, such as mayoral elections. The reason it wasn't more important to him was he wasn't old enough to vote.

There are a few ways that Daubs likes to involve himself in politics today. One of those ways is watching the debates between the two Republican and Democrat presidential candidates. "I usually spend around two hours watching the debates," said Daubs. If the candidate he's rooting for does well

during one of these debates, he usually feels a sense of gratitude. "The candidates being able to respect each other during this time is important, so if they don't during a debate, I feel disappointed," he said.

Other students get involved in the virtual world. "A lot of it comes from social media because everything is so modern now," said Sydney Brase, senior.

The other way Daubs likes to involve himself is by researching controversial subjects to help him choose a side. "Make sure to check all of your sources because each one is probably biased," Daubs said. Even though he does all of these things to try and involve himself, Daubs still feels like he should do more because it's important.

His hopes for the future include changes for the middle class because it would affect him personally and changes in gun laws and gun control. Daubs' political influences started early in his life. "My dad and his side of the family were very republican growing up," he said, "so I've always been biased towards the republican party."

Two hours later, after the candidates have argued back and forth about the issues currently occurring in the world, Daubs and many other people feel as though they can make a well informed decision on what candidate they would like to see in the White House.

# Teens advocate for Trump

By: Rick Atkins @RickAtkins22

For the last couple months, American citizens have been debating more and more whether the Democratic front runner, Hillary Clinton, or Republican front runner, Donald Trump, will be the best president of the United States. Though there are controversies about both, a lot of supporters still stick with their candidate.



Jake Demuth, '17

Jake Demuth, eighteen year old senior, plans to vote for Donald Trump during the upcoming election. "He's hardworking, very good with business, successful, and not afraid to speak the truth," Demuth said. His opinion is that all of Trump's ethics are better than Hillary's, swinging

Demuth more toward Trump. Kelsi Huhndorf, junior, agrees with Demuth and would vote for Trump if she had the option. "Between the two candidates, he's actually willing to follow the laws and help the country as a whole, not just certain groups or classes," she said.

Clinton and Trump are in a tight battle right now, making each vote that much more important. If Clinton wins, Demuth said, "[She will do] absolutely nothing to help the United States."

The reason Demuth is against Clinton is because of her ethics and lies. "Hillary's emails, her ties to Isis, her trashy suits, and Benghazi, are too much for her to be a president," he said. For Demuth to consider voting for Clinton, she must release her emails for the public to see.

One of the biggest issues for Trump is the immigrants he wants to deport. Some citizens say he's trying to get rid of minorities, but Demuth thinks otherwise. "He's not trying to get rid of minorities, he's trying to get rid of illegal immigrants," Demuth said. The issue has many minority groups voting for Hillary, which

could ultimately decide the outcome of the election.

Not everything is looking good for the candidates. There have been tapes released about Donald Trump which could affect his campaign immensely.

"Obviously they're not good," Demuth said, "Hillary will most likely win." Both of the candidates obviously have some work to do before the election is over.

With the presidential election coming up, only one of the two candidates can win. The race is very close, one of the closest in history. Demuth and other interest-teens will be watching the election. Many hope Donald Trump will win and make America great again.

# Youths rally for Clinton

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17

Every four years, the election rolls around and there are two main candidates that voters must choose between. Typically, one is a democratic candidate and one is a republican candidate. This year, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are up against each other for the nomination. Some people are huge Clinton fans, and some are huge Trump fans.

As a big Clinton supporter, Wyatt Ehr, senior, thinks that her opinions and viewpoints make much more sense than anything Trump has said. "She is a strong leader with years of experience; there is no other candidate more qualified or able for the job," Ehr said.

Clinton is a democrat running in the race, and has had many roles in the government previously, which is why Ehr and other supporters think she is more qualified than Trump.

"[Trump] lacks the temperament and compassion necessary to be president. He's continuously disgusted me with his personal behavior towards minorities and women, and lacks any real plan to move our country forward in a positive direction," Ehr said. Ehr is very excited to be able to vote for the first time ever in the upcoming election. He recently turned eighteen and will be able to have a say.

Trump has been in the media quite often lately for negative statements against women.

"Clinton has always been for the power of women, which makes her a more appealing candidate," Ehr said.



Wyatt Ehr, '17

Solomon Groothuis, junior, is also a huge Hillary supporter. "I actually can't vote in the next election, but she is way more qualified than other candidates," Groothuis said, "she is pro-equality and she'd have some corruption because she's been in politics for years, [but] if she is elected she will be top ten presidents ever." Groothuis spends lots of time researching politics and candidates in his free time. Although he won't be able to vote in this upcoming election, he plans to vote in the ones following.

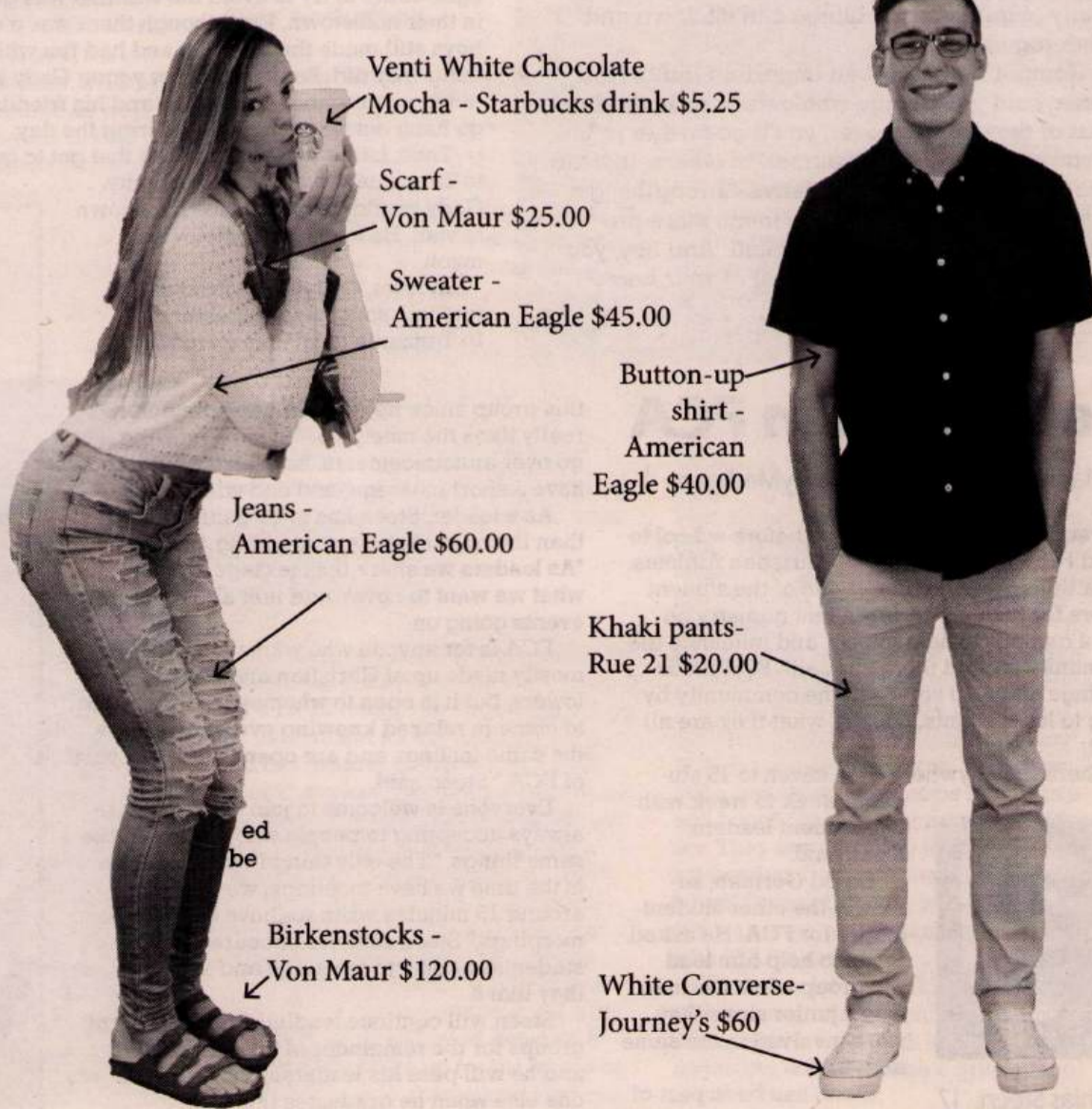
Although the election will be a tough race, Clinton supporters are strong and ready to campaign away. Both Ehr and Groothuis are very passionate about the election and Clinton winning.

Whether one is voting for Clinton, Trump, or even for a third-party candidate, it will be a crazy competition and one to remember. Americans all around are going crazy wondering what will happen in the election, and people are getting out to vote and have their voices heard.

# Favorite fashion trends for fall of 2016

Sophie Willette, sophomore, and Trey Clifton, senior, show their style.

By: Lauren Fruehling @laurenfruehling



# An early relationship step

Two students live under the same roof as their significant other.

By: Kenzie Redmond @Kenzie\_Redmond2



Jade Harter, '19



JuCorey Higgins, '19

It is not typical for a high school student to come home to their significant other. It is not typical for a high school student to live under the same roof as their significant other. It is not typical for a high school student to have their significant other in the room right across the hall. However, this is typical for JuCorey Higgins and Jade Harter, both sophomores, who have been dating for almost five months.

Higgins and Harter moved from Grinnell at the beginning of their

sophomore year. They never would have thought their moms would move in together in a Marion home. "I live with her, her brother, her mom, my mom, and my sister," Higgins said, "my mom and her mom were best friends and they both work in the same field so we moved out of Grinnell. We lived in two different houses before we started dating."

Higgins and Harter were filled with emotions when they found out they would be living under the same roof at such a

young age. "I was happy. I like it. I think it's great. I couldn't wait for the day," Higgins said. "It was scary at first, but very exciting at the same time," Harter said.

Many would believe that it would be awkward if they fought, but Harter and Higgins don't let arguing hold their relationship back. "Sometimes we just go in our separate rooms, but we get over it quick. You can't really stay mad at somebody who lives with you. We never really get alone time, but I like being with her. I think it makes us stronger, but we are never apart so leaving her sucks," Higgins said.

The couple has their favorite parts about living with one another too. "The best part is always having someone to talk to. I'm never bored or alone. We can't really fight and she can't really ignore my text messages. It's pretty great coming home to her," Higgins said. "The best part is having him around. Your best friend is with you all the time," Harter said.

Higgins and Harter enjoy each other's company the majority of the time. "She takes forever to get ready in the morning. I'm dressed and she's still brushing her hair," Higgins said. "He steals my food all the time and that's my least favorite," Harter said.

Although Higgins and Harter have only been dating for around five months, their relationship continues to remain strong. It may not be typical for a high school couple to be living under the same roof, but they wouldn't choose to live any other way.

# Embracing his leadership role

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17



Levi Herr, '18

He walks into the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance building downtown and is ready for a day full of team-building exercises and challenges. Levi Herr, junior, is in the Leadership for Five Seasons program, and loves making the

community better.

Herr started the Leadership for Five Seasons just this year. Students get nominated their junior year and begin with a retreat at the beginning of the school year. "The retreat was so fun, we went to Camp Wakonda and stayed in cabins, but they were really nice cabins," Herr said.

Since the retreat, the nominees for the Leadership for Five Seasons have met up every month. "We couldn't meet up when the flood was going on," Herr said, "I can't wait to start up the meetings again."

At the leadership days that occur once a month, they do a variety of networking activities to get to know each other better and also to get to know more about the community. "We find out more about the area's history and what's going on in society," Herr said.

There are many different themed days that take place. "We have a variety of days from history day, political science day, art days, and more," Herr said. At the different days they learn about things relevant to the community and also to the world.

Baylor Fish, senior, also participated in Leadership at Five Seasons last year. He enjoyed the different days and events they had a lot. "My favorite part was getting to know people from different schools," Fish said. After participating his junior year, he was nominated for National Council of Youth Leadership when he was a senior.

Most people involved in the Leadership of Five Seasons events are aspiring to be involved in the National Council of Youth Leadership by the time they reach senior year.

The leadership events offered at the high school are great opportunities, no matter what grade level or circumstances are and can be lots of fun for those who participate too. Whether the fun is from meeting new people, the retreat, or more, they are great things to be a part of.

Fish thought the whole opportunity was great and a good chance to meet people he may have never talked to before. There were lots of other people from different schools at the events.

There are many different opportunities to get to know people from different schools in the area. Both Herr and Fish enjoyed the aspect of getting to know people they would not have gotten the chance to know if they had not participated in the leadership conferences.

There are only a handful of students from each school chosen, which makes it even more special for the students. "It felt nice to be recognized as a leader in my school," Herr said, "it is such a great opportunity to give back and help the community and my own school too."

"One of the best things we did at the retreat at the beginning of the school year were challenge courses," Herr said. This consisted of different activities, level to the ground and also in the air with high poles, ladders and ropes. "We climbed ropes and it was so fun," he said.

Joining leadership activities, if given the chance to, is a great way to branch out in high school. There are opportunities to meet new people and learn more about the community. Students have loved the chance to get to learn new things at these events and will continue to in further years thanks to the opportunities these leadership events have offered and shown students.

# Duval makes strides to overcome her hardships

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Sasha Duval, freshman, wakes up every morning with the mentality that she is ready to conquer another day. For her, it's not just rolling out of bed to go to school, doing her hair, or doing homework that is difficult. Duval hasn't had movement in her arms or legs since the day she was born, making these simple tasks not so simple.

Duval grew up in an orphanage in Ukraine, was diagnosed with a musculoskeletal disorder called Arthrogryposis, and also suffers from scoliosis. "In the orphanage they put you in a bed and you do nothing. That's not how I wanted to live," she said.

After 11 years of her life passed by, Duval was adopted by her parents, Sherrie and Jim, and began her journey in America. "I saw a picture of her and I just knew she was my daughter," Sherrie said.

Recently, Duval has taken the time to show appreciation for her family. Being her biggest supporters, taking her in for appointments, and paying for surgeries, she knows it can be a handful. "They want to see me get stronger. They never gave up on me. They wanted to watch me do this," she said.

She spends hours each week encouraging her body to push itself while at Wheniwork

Children's Physical Therapy. Arthrogryposis is a condition where she has trouble walking and has intense pain constantly running through her muscles. However, Duval is more than determined to push her body to its limits in order to walk. "When I look in the mirror, I know I don't want to be like this. I'm missing out on things. I have to take care of myself if I want to get better," she said.

Duval has spent a lot of time trying to strengthen her hips and learning to knee walk. "I don't want to waste my life sitting in a wheelchair. I want to learn to walk so I can do things by myself so people don't have to do it for me. It's never wrong to try," she said.

Having a positive mindset, Duval knows she can accomplish the unthinkable. She knows it's a crazy concept, but she also knows it's not impossible. "Don't just say, 'I wish I could do that,' there's really nothing you can't do," she said.

As hard as the journey has been, Duval has found joy in her situation. She wants to help people who have disabilities and continue to make progress until she can be more independent. "I want to help others because a lot of people are struggling, some even more than me and now I know what it feels like. That's what my heart wants me to do, so I'm going to do it."



Sasha Duval, '20, does her homework in Mrs. Blumer's class.

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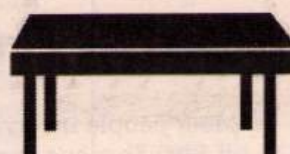
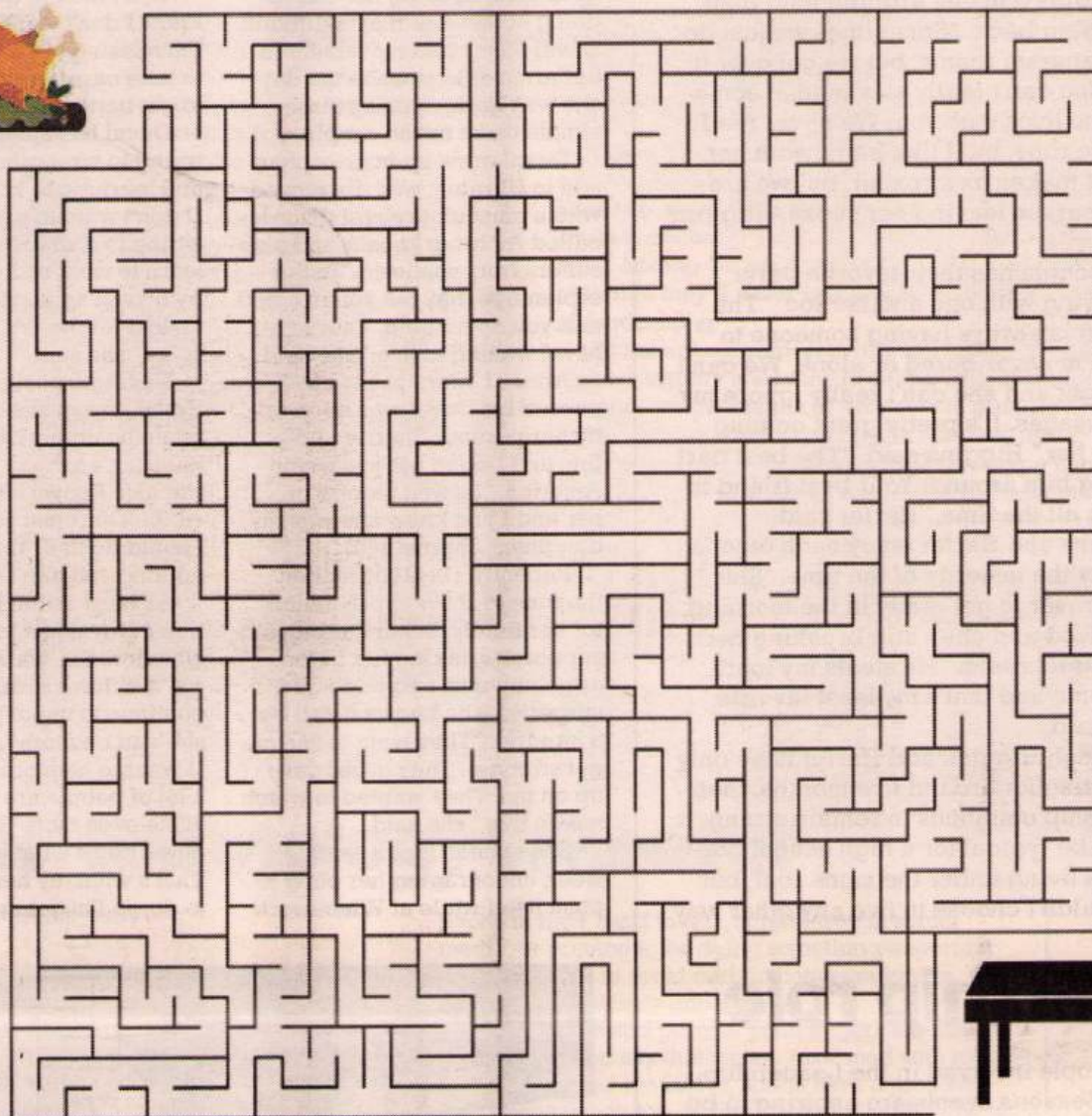
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# Thanksgiving time

It's November, and the time of turkey, family, and giving thanks is almost upon us.

## Help set the dinner table for Thanksgiving!



## November fun facts!

The two zodiac signs that inhabit this month are Scorpio (October 23-November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22-December 21).

On November 6th, 1869, the first intercollegiate football game was played in the United States between Rutgers and Princeton.

November is Peanut Butter Lover's Month and National Pepper Month.

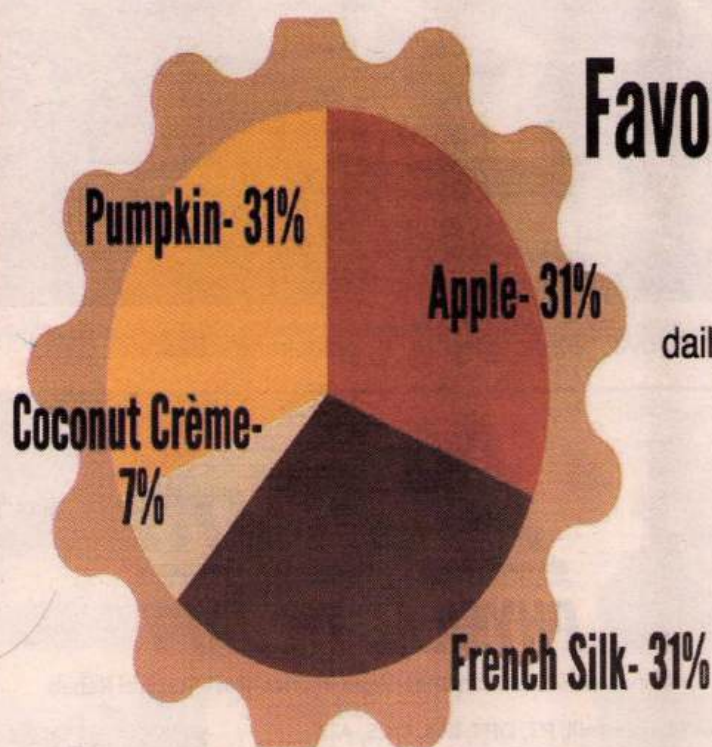
Leonardo DiCaprio's birthday is November 11th.

More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served on Thanksgiving.

Thomas Jefferson thought the concept of Thanksgiving was one of the most ridiculous ideas he'd ever heard.

On November 2nd, 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states of the United States of America, respectively.

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## Favorite Types of pie

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## Thanksgiving throughout history

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Thanksgiving dates back hundreds of years, and is very different and much more commercialized today. Back in 1621 in America, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared a large meal that is thought of as the first Thanksgiving.

For more than two centuries, "days of thanksgiving" were celebrated by individual colonies and states. In 1863 during the Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each

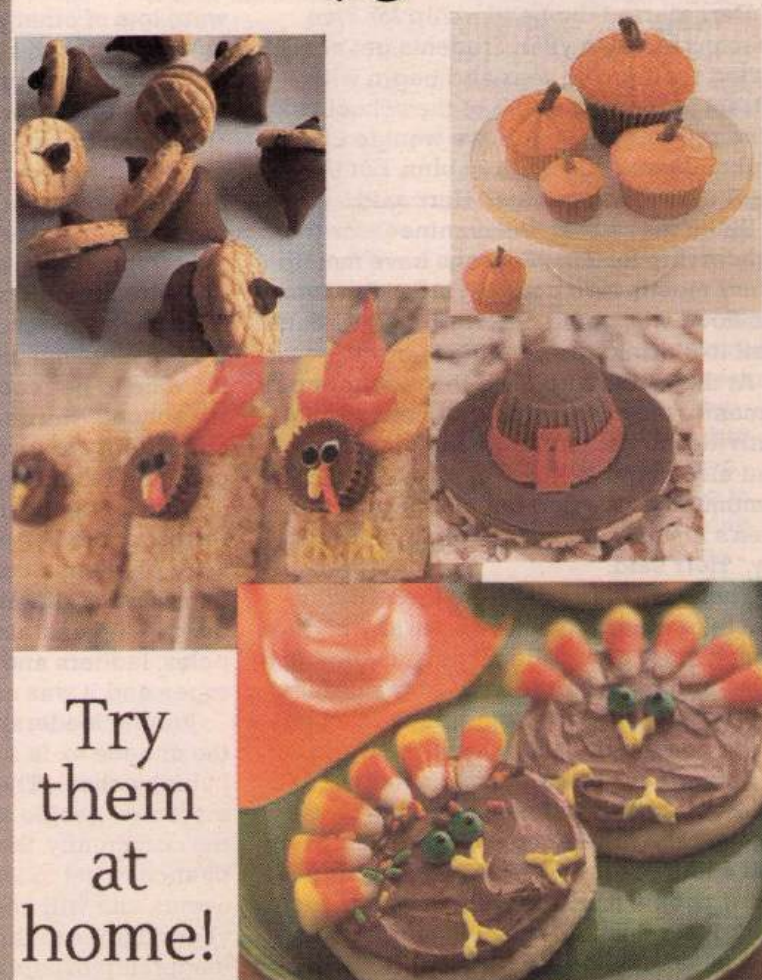
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Now, we now celebrate it on the fourth Thursday in November every year. Common foods include turkey, ham, potatoes, cranberries, pie, casserole, and much more. Of course, these were not the original Thanksgiving foods, but they bring us together as we watch football and the parade, spend time with family, and give thanks.

Canada also has a Thanksgiving Day which is held the second Monday of October. Other countries have similar celebrations for either historical or religious reasons.

## Easy Thanksgiving treats

### Cute Turkey Day treats



Try them at home!