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## Life with twenty personalities

Ash Dennis, '18, opens up about having 20 personalities and staying true to who she is.

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Sitting inside of a classroom filled with 20 different people, doing annoying things constantly, singing constantly, and talking constantly. One would think that this would be a very hard circumstance to be in, but Micaela Dennis, junior, better known as Ash, has multiple personalities—20 to be exact—that wait eagerly to come out into the real world on a daily basis.

### Early start during childhood

Wanting to be an individual has come easy to Dennis since she was young. Dennis feels she has always known she wasn't meant to be like everyone else.

"Mainly I've had a drive to be an individual since I was a kid. Watching Lady Gaga didn't help that, she was my biggest role model since I was around 12. But besides watching her, I've always had a drive to be who I want to be," she said.

### Making the transition

Being home-schooled until her freshman year was not ideal for Dennis. "In the home school, you basically had to fit in or else you would not be included in any social stuff. They were very judgmental. I'm not saying all of them are, but from my experience the majority were," she said.

Dennis didn't want to fit in with the rest. Moving to Marion allowed Dennis to be whoever she wanted or needed to be.

### Making her name known

Known for her flamboyant style, Dennis expresses whoever she may be, however she wants to.

"We can be ourselves in this school," she said.

Describing herself as creative, complex, and multiple, Dennis is someone who is easily recognized in the hallways. One of her personalities, known as Kitty, is the easiest to acknowledge. Kitty has furry wrist warmers and cat ears which helps her to feel comfortable in her own skin.

Each personality has a different taste in clothing. "Each of us likes to dress a different way. We dress how we want to dress to be ourselves," Dennis said.

But going against the norm is nowhere near easy. People aren't always as accepting as one would hope.

Dennis' escape comes through art. "I drown myself in my art, it's a good outlet for a lot of stress. I can stay positive when I focus on my art," she said.

But, criticism comes in many different forms; it isn't always behind one's back. Dennis seems to find herself in these situations and does her best to handle it in the best way possible. "I usually try and ignore them and not even take the time to look their way," she said.

### Supportive safety nets

Support from both of her boyfriends has made being an individual more realistic. Dennis has two boyfriends simply for the fact that there are many different personalities that cannot be handled by one person.

"Both know about my personalities. They have opened up and been kind to the other personalities. They support me through everything I do, like drawing," she said.

Raymond Wenger, junior, is one of Dennis' boyfriends who tries his best to push her to be who she wants to be.

"Whenever she wants to try something new, I am there telling her to go for it. Her multiple personalities can get interesting at times I'll say that. It's not a huge debilitating thing or anything," he said.

### Advice for others

Standing out in a world that is all about fitting in is difficult for any teenager, but Dennis knows she would never want to change who she is to please others. "You shouldn't

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-Raymond Wenger, '18

have to. You should be able to be yourself. If a person doesn't like who you are, then they aren't your friend," she said.

### Biggest supporter

Dennis also receives a ton of support from her family. Her mother, Erica Seemann, is very proud of who her daughter is. "I have always wanted Micaela to be the best Micaela she can be," she said.

Having a daughter with multiple personalities would be challenging for many parents, but Seemann has a positive outlook on the situation. "She creates an awesome dynamic," she said.

People with Multiple Personality Disorder, or any disorder, have options. Dennis and Seemann have both explored their options to make sure they are getting accurate support. "Professional help is nice, but in saying that, it can be hard to find a therapist the child meshes with," Seemann said.

### Expressing one's self

Being an individual has been a huge learning experience for Dennis. "You're going to get hate, but you have to keep trucking if you want to be yourself. It's not good to keep who you are inside the shell of your body," she said.

Dennis is a firm believer that being one's self feels so much better when truly expressing themselves. "Don't let the hate get to you, you should be who you are. It's a good thing to try and strive to achieve," she said.

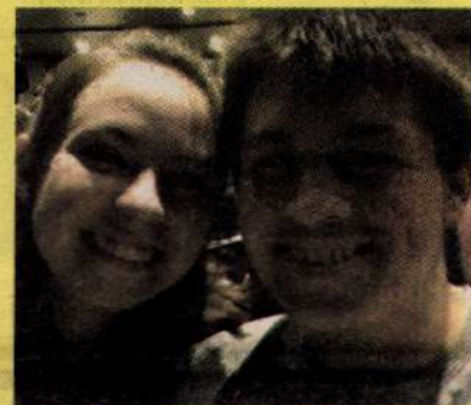
To be incomparable means stepping outside of society's norms and allowing one's self to be whoever they want to be. It's challenging at times and can push people to their limits, but loving one's self for all they are is more than worth it.

Ash Dennis, junior, has Multiple Personality Disorder. The left-most picture displays her personality known as Kitty, and on the right is Scarlet.

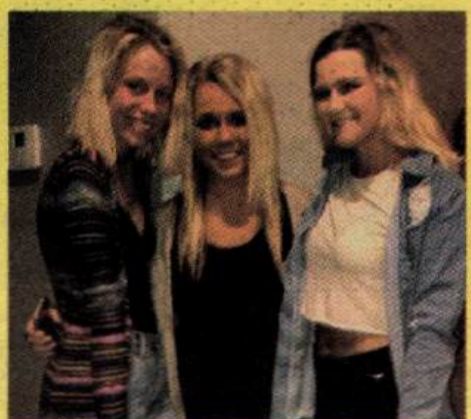
## Students doing things



Madison Wilson, '17, and Sophia Kabance, '18, take a picture while hanging out.



Kyle Holmes, '18, and Bethany Darling, '17, watched "The Crucible" together at Theatre Cedar Rapids.



Sydney Stigge, Kaydence DeWoody, both '17, and Chloe Jenatscheck, '19, take a picture before going out.



Karis Holley, Celia Daubs, both '18, and Livvy Draves, '19, celebrate another girls' track meet.

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# Do tests really help us learn?

The culture of classes that only prepare for a final test needs to change.

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When the teacher at the front of the room signals to begin, students feel a mixture of panic and focus. This could make or break their grade and success: the big, bad test. One concern that arises from this all too common situation is that testing is prioritized over actual learning.

It seems like testing and learning are opposite things. Why must testing be so stressful? Many students don't understand why their whole grade is based upon their ability to memorize two hundred dates, seventy names and fifty different concepts instead of measuring the things they will actually use later in education and life.

Students would rather gain interpersonal skills, be taught how to be financially successful and be given more class options in career fields they want to explore. It's great to learn, but when it's constant throwaway information forced down the throats of

kids, school can become dreadful.

What if one day, taxes in front of us and a family to feed, we sit there and the only thing we've been taught is the Pythagorean Theorem, the most important battles of a random war overseas and how a cell wall works?

There should be more to a class than preparing to be tested. This is especially prominent in Advanced Placement courses, where it seems the only goal is to do well on the test, not receiving higher learning. If information can not be applied in a non-school setting, why is it important?

Also, the current testing culture makes stress levels increase, which can lead to more cases of depression, suicide and negative health effects. According to Time Magazine, the most stressed out generation is our group of young adults, and many other studies have shown stress levels in students spiking to extreme levels.

Getting a pencil mark perfectly inside a small bubble, racing the clock and knowing the resulting score will have a large impact on the future all only add to the stress of difficult classes and higher competition.

However, the fact that classes are geared toward testing should not take away from those who do well on tests. These students display a degree of hard work it takes to get homework done on time and memorize material. It shows that students do not have to be a genius to do well in a class, and a lot of school is based upon discipline instead of smarts.

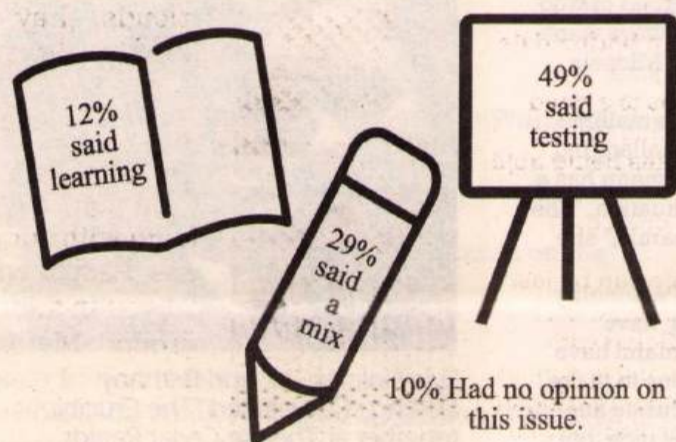
When it comes down to it, students are more than a number. A timer and a lot of random facts can't really show a person's intelligence. If we want to get the most out of our educational opportunities, what we need is to create a system where students can learn applicable skills and be taught concepts they can develop to better the world.

There must be a motivation to learn, but a good grade on an exam is not the best reward.

It's up to us to break out of our standardized shell and transform our learning environment. Go to a school board meeting, join the student government organization, or write a letter sharing your thoughts. The change we make is the real test.

In your opinion, do  
classes focus more on  
testing or learning?

(Vox Online Poll)



About half of students polled said think their classes only prepare them for a test instead of setting them up to retain the information and use it later on.

## Non-athletes work hard too

By: Baylea Bruce @baylea\_marie

I finally got home from a long and tiring day. I left my house at 8:00 this morning, went to school, rushed to work, stood on my feet for five hours, and finally arrived at my door at 8:00 at night. I allow myself a blissful five minutes to lay down before a start on the hours of homework I have. However, I'm not that tired. In fact, I wasn't even busy. Why not? Well, that's because I'm not a student athlete and there is no grind like that student athlete grind.

Student athletes have gotten a lot of criticism in the Twittersphere lately with light hearted Tweets making fun of those hard working, no-days-off student athletes. These Tweets are not unprovoked, as some athletes have been tweeting about how those involved with sports show the most

dedication and persistence. Some go as far as suggesting that those who play sports and attend school deserve curved grade scales or they're the only people who really have busy days.

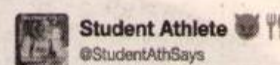
Now, there is no doubt that student athletes work hard. It's just some weren't made for that type of lifestyle. Honestly, if it were me that was going to school, then after school practice, then practice for my club sport and finally home to eat, shower, and do my homework I'd probably be tweeting about how busy my life is too while simultaneously throwing myself down the stairs trying to break an ankle.

Similarly, if a student athlete gave up practice for a week and started going to a job after school, they probably wouldn't think it was the easiest thing ever either. After dealing with the 60th angry customer of the night, they

would start to see our pain as well.

At the end of the day, all of our feet hurt and we're crabby and tired. We still have stuff to do. We're all busy, we're high school students. We involve ourselves in every activity there is until we combust into a pile of dust. So instead of arguing about who really has it worse, let's work together to make our lives easier. I'll tell you the best coffee to get at Dunkin Donuts while pulling an all nighter and you let me know how the heck to do problem

seven. Then, maybe we all can make it through this with a minimal amount of breakdowns.



Student athlete sneezes\*

Me:Bless you

Him:Bless me?! I'm already blessed to be at the top I grind day and night !! don't on me!

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This Tweet is an example of the light hearted teasing that student athletes have been receiving.

## The server saga

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Work can be a drag to go to, but it is the necessary of evils. Getting home from school, sitting on the couch after a long day, then having to get back up a half hour later to go work and serve people for six hours does not sound pleasant.

The life of serving can be long and take a while, but working with the public can be extremely rewarding. The feeling of knowing that you helped someone and maybe even made an impact on their life is so satisfying.

Lots of times at the pizzeria I work at, folks will come in and say that they drove hours just for our pizza. I agree that our pizza is top notch, but that is quite the hike just for a hot pie.

It's moments like that which make serving feel so enjoyable. It's great helping someone, making a memorable impact, and hopefully showing what a pleasant atmosphere the restaurant is.

Whether or not someone is a server, jobs can be super great. They can introduce you to new people you might have

never talked to before and show you have true responsibility, all while helping you make connections with a variety of customers.

Jobs are important and build great stamina, especially for high school students. Making time for one could be extremely beneficial, not just for the wallet, but also in the long run for building character.

I have been extremely blessed with a great job in my entire high school career. Knowing how to work with people, take directions from management, and so much more will help me a ton in the long run.

I started working at the pizzeria I work at when I was fourteen years old and have now maintained the same job for four years, with many raises and promotions along the way.

I believe that having a job in high school is one of the best ways to build character and it prepares you immensely for the future. I will go into college now knowing how to make my own money and how the customers are always right. I am so glad that I made the decision to get a job four years ago.

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## Cover your cough

Keep germs away during the allergy season.

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One is sitting in class doing their work as instructed when all of a sudden, the kid sitting behind them has a cough attack and doesn't cover their mouth, leaving all of their germs to fly out and touch the back of their neck. With sickness still lingering in the air and allergy season underway, this is a prevalent problem that we all face.

There's nothing more annoying than sick patrons not taking the necessary precautions to keep others around them healthy.

The main reason this occurs is because the sick person refuses to acknowledge they're ill because they somehow believe they're immune to all sickness. Everybody gets sick at some point, so take some medicine to feel better and stay home if it's necessary. It's okay to have a sick day every once in awhile.

However, don't stay home every time your nose it a bit runny and you've coughed a few times because that's just borderline playing hooky. There are classmates and coworkers that depend on you, so

it's important you be there as much as possible.

As a citizen, it's very frustrating to be walking in public and someone walking downstream sneezes without covering their nose, leaving all those pathogens to brush against your cheek. Thank you stranger, now everyone in your path gets to deal with that for the next week. Please cover your cough or sneeze. This has been enforced for our entire lives, so let's be courteous and follow it.

Now, it's understandable that a sneeze can't always be covered because surprise sneezes are a thing and can sneak up out of nowhere. One can be sitting and in point two seconds, their forehead can be a millimeter away from smacking their desk.

The reality is, all humans fall ill at some point, so it's important that they take care of themselves so as to not spread sickness because germs are icky. Even if they're suffering from a non contagious allergy, it's still important to cover their mouth because it's never fun to have germs spraying out into the air like Febreeze.

## Bashing non-workers is wrong

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee

A common debate within the society we live in these days is whether or not teenagers should have a job. Most of the time the battle being fought is between the people who don't have jobs versus the people who do.

There are many students who don't have jobs and there are numerous reasons for someone not to have a job at our age. But it's unfair for people who do have jobs to bash on the ones who do not. It's also not okay to accuse someone of being bratty or lazy because they don't have a job. Everyone has different situations that either allow them or do not allow them to have jobs.

Sports and extra after school activities such as show choir or band, often take up the time students would use to have a job. As most student athletes know, it's very difficult to balance between school and practices or games. Their lives are already hard enough and have very little room for free time, so if they're also trying to manage a job, it's nearly impossible. If a student athlete does happen to have a job, they really aren't able to work more than once a week, usually occurring on the weekends. Sometimes students don't work because their parents don't want them to or won't let them work, even if they themselves want a job for the money. Some parents don't want their kids having jobs because after they graduate high school, that's all they're ever going to do with their lives. So they want their kids to enjoy the time they have during high school rather than working.

Another reason students don't have jobs is because they simply don't need them. Maybe they don't need their own money to buy clothes or other items one might buy with their own money. Some people might just be happy with what they have and don't feel the need to buy extra clothes, shoes or anything else. There are also students who would just much rather spend their free time doing something else other than an after school job. Not to say any of these people are spoiled brats or lazy, but some people simply don't need or want to have a job.

There's nothing wrong with having a job either. But the people who do have jobs should never bash on anyone without a job. Everyone is entitled to their own choices and some people choose to not work at our age. Just because some people don't choose to work does not mean they are "entitled", "privileged", or "spoiled". It's unfair for anyone to assume things like that, therefore just don't assume them.

It's best to be kind. Whether one makes the choice to find a job or chooses not to work at all, everyone should respect everyone and never bash on how another person chooses to spend their time. Then, we all make it work.

## Dancing dateless

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Every year there comes a time when people begin getting nervous if they don't have a date to a dance. They frantically try and find someone who isn't going just because they don't want to find themselves taking pictures alone and being a third-wheel to every other couple there. But in reality, dancing dateless isn't as bad as everyone makes it out to be.

Dancing unaccompanied means having the freedom to dance with whoever, whenever. It's not always fun to dance with the same person all night long, especially if one's date doesn't have the same attitude towards the dance. Sometimes people's dates make it difficult to have a good time. Dances are more memorable when the music is loud and people are energetic. It's easier to walk in without worrying about making sure that their date is having a good time, too.

There's nothing is worse than getting on the dance floor ready to make some memories and having a date that wouldn't participate in the "Cupid Shuffle." Then, it's just like going solo in the first place. No one likes a boring date who doesn't love to scream at the top of their lungs to a good throwback song. Being solo on the dance floor means being able to jump up and down and being obnoxious without one's date getting annoyed.

Going with a date can be just as fun, but dancing alone isn't a bad idea either. Going with friends is an option if one cannot find a date to a dance. Tearing up the dance floor with people who are just as goofy is bound to be a good time.

Dancing alone implies that happiness can come from the simplicity of being alone. The night, whether a drag or fun, shouldn't depend on being with someone or finding someone to dance with. Dancing alone shows everyone that a good night

doesn't have anything to do with having an attractive date that pays no attention. Dances are about having a good time, and if that means dancing alone and making a fool of oneself, then so be it.

### What were the perks of going to a dance solo?



"It was better to go with friends. When you're with someone there's more pressure." -Abigail Schmitz, '20



"We still had boys in our group but it was less awkward." -Summer Forsblom, '20



"I enjoyed spending time and dancing with my friends." -Kay Mundy, '20



"You don't have to go with someone. People will let you in their group." -Boche, '19



"The best part was not spending as much money." -Brandon Tuttle, '17



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# Offseason baseball grind

A look at the hard work put in during the offseason.

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Baseball is approaching and Chase Zielke, junior, is working during the offseason to prepare for the upcoming season.

Zielke and other baseball players have a few opportunities a week to attend baseball workouts. "Offseason baseball workouts are different from other sports because we all have one goal and that's to get better, so we are all working hard," Zielke said.

He has been able to attend a few since basketball has ended.

These workouts include the basics: throwing and hitting. "Baseball workouts help a lot to get our bodies into baseball shape so we don't go into the season cold," Zielke said. The benefits for Zielke are simply getting better.

These workouts are not much different than regular season practices in many ways. "All practices in

season and offseason are all about business we're there to get work done and we are all on the same page," He said.

He enjoys the relationship side of baseball. "I like the people and teammates out for baseball," he said. "I'm playing for them first and me second,

I want to make this year memorable." His motivation for the season is to perform well for the whole team, especially for the seniors.

The teammates Zielke is so fond of have one goal: State. "I'm looking forward to how far we can make it because I know we could go far this year," Zielke said.

"I'm not really nervous about anything. I have confidence in my team and they have confidence in me."

Zielke said to personally help the team achieve that goal he needs to improve many aspects of his game. "I can contribute to the team the most through my hitting, so I need to improve that aspect of my game," he said.

Rick Atkins is also involved with the offseason workouts. "To be good

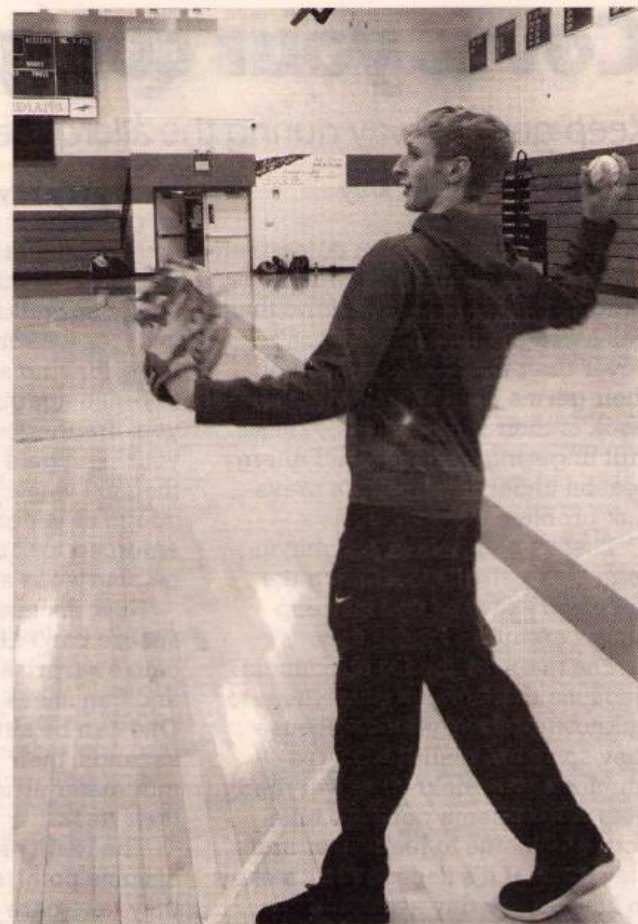
in the regular season you have to make sacrifices in the off-season," Atkins said. The sacrifice Atkins is referring to is the six nights a week he has of baseball. "It's something I love to do," Atkins said.

Zielke's long term baseball plans do not necessarily include playing, but rather to coach a youth team. However, he is excited to see the results this season. Atkins on the other hand, hopes to play baseball at the college level.

"The fans should expect a good season and some fun baseball to watch because we're ready to get work done," Zielke said.

The team hopes they can build off last year, only losing two seniors, in their goal for a state title. He and Atkins

know the extra time they and their teammates put in will pay off in the nearing season.



Chase Zielke, '18, throws a baseball back to one of his teammates during an off season workout.



Kelsi Huhndorf, '18, and Hallie Kephart, '19, run at the Marion home track meet. Both girls are good candidates for qualifying for the Drake relays.

## The distance to Drake

By: Maddie Knapp  
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The Drake relays is known as one of the biggest track meets in Iowa. Chloe Trca, sophomore, is planning on running at Drake this year.

One of the biggest questions most people have about the Drake relays is the difference it has between state

track. "Drake is a lot more pressure. It's the top of the top competition, and you're racing against new schools that you haven't seen all season," Trca said. Many people then question which is more important.

"State is more important because it's the teams [in your class] who you have been racing all season. Drake is more of a fun meet. At state, you can win a championship."

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-Chloe Trca, '19

Track is a hard sport, but Trca has fallen in love with it. "[I love track because] it's an independent sport. It involves a lot of self discipline, but it also involves a lot of teamwork," Trca said. "The 4x1 is my favorite race because it's short and sweet."

Preparing for any type of track meet requires a lot of time and hardwork. "[Practices are] a lot harder than last year. Gaff isn't away watching Marcus play, so we have set workouts. We focus on something new each day," Trca said.

Trca runs in the 4x1, and they have made time to qualify for Drake so far, but that could change. "You have to place top 80 in the 4x1." So, a team

could qualify one meet, but then get kicked out if their time gets beat and they're not in the top 80 anymore.

Trca is really looking forward to the run to Drake. She is confident that her 4x1 team will qualify. "My biggest motivation is to be able to run at Drake and state, and feel accomplished about the season. Livvy pushes me the most because we both always try to outdo each other, and we both love track."

Livvy Draves, sophomore, is also preparing for Drake. "Training every day during practice and on Saturday's. Constantly checking the website for Drake qualification times and jumps. Thinking about my goals and really focusing on how to become better and imagining myself and my relay on the blue," Draves said.

Trca has big goals for Drake this year. "[I hope] that I will get a personal record, and that the 4x1 will get their season best," she said.

Drake is really important to all tracksters, and they work hard all season to reach their goals. Hopefully a lot of our runners, girls and boys, will qualify this year.

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## Annual Sand Volleyball Tournament

Who: 6 people or more on a team

When: May 7th, 2017

Where: Volley's on Blair's Ferry Road

Time: 12:30- 3:30 p.m.

Cost per team: \$70

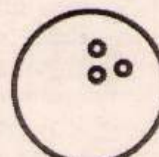
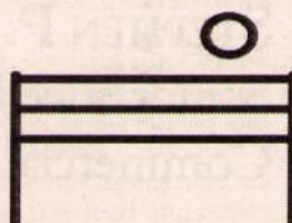
Cost will pay for a piece of pizza and a drink as well.

Contact: Pick up team sign up form from the office.

Make sure all team members' parents sign the form and return to the team leader.

Entry forms due by: Monday, May 1 by 3:00

Extra information: If raining, players will go to Cedar Rapids Bowling Alley next door.



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## Her "love" for tennis

A new teacher and a new coach comes to play.

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Every year teams may get the chance to experience new coaches. Ms. Andrea Zalaznik, math teacher, is volunteering as the new assistant coach for the girls' tennis team.

Zalaznik enjoys tennis and previously played throughout high school. "[I chose to help coach because] it's my favorite sport and I really enjoy it," she said.

Zalaznik is ready to tackle this upcoming season for something new. "I've coached track, basketball, and volleyball, just not tennis," she said.

Coaching isn't always the easiest thing to do, but Zalaznik enjoys doing it and she's very good at connecting with the team members. Zalaznik also works to continue learning new techniques and strategies to teach the girls.

Building relationships with team players is important for those involved in coaching. "[I plan to] be there for them whether it's for a win or a loss, and during practice," Zalaznik said. The team

plans to do well this year, and Zalaznik wants the best for the players. "I hope to see improvement from the first and last meet," she said.

Team players may have a hard time adapting to new coaches. Cayla Attwood, sophomore, has mixed feelings on the matter. "Tennis is an individual sport, it's not like we need the help. It's more for support, but it's also another coach to help teach us things," she said.

Others on the team love it. "She's really helpful and has really good points. She's a great addition to the team," Samantha Garbers, junior said.

Sometimes members can struggle with keeping motivation, and that's one thing Zalaznik plans to keep in their minds. "I want to get them excited and have fun," she said.

Every team deals with new coaches. Zalaznik is working to be a great coach and to help make this season a success.



Ms. Zalaznik, math teacher, and tennis coach, talks with player Patience Duval, '20.

## Clifton tees off for a final season

By: Brandon Hamilton @bhamilton\_3

The season is underway for many spring activities, including golf. Trey Clifton, senior, is very excited for his final high school season in the sport he loves most.

Clifton has been playing competitive golf since he was a sophomore. He is the only senior and a leader on the varsity team. "It's relaxing for me. I can just have fun," Clifton said.

The ride for him hasn't always been smooth. "Sophomore year was difficult

to enjoy. I wasn't that good, I had to work hard," he said. "[I] really practiced a ton. I started to relax and I learned to control my emotions a lot better and really got a grasp of the right mentality."



Trey Clifton, '17

Clifton has overcome the adversity making it the farthest into the postseason last year.

Clifton hopes he can make an even farther individual run this year to State and also hopes the team could make districts. He thinks they have a really good chance. "I believe our team could always get better," he said. This year's team is young, and Clifton is confident they have a very bright future.

Mark Horcher, sophomore, also has expectations that the rest of the season will go well. He has some goals similar to Clifton's, for he and the team to make districts and State. This is a game Horcher really appreciates. "The thrill of the game you receive is like no other experience gives," Horcher said. "I enjoy it because it's all on you. It provides a self-rewarding feeling."

Horcher and Clifton are hoping to achieve their goals and the team's goals and have a successful season.



The Marion Mock Trial team holds up the trophy after one of their competitions. They competed at State back in March.

## Marion mock trial

By: Solomon Groothuis  
@gagaslacefront

Marion offers a wide variety of activities from sports, to show choir, to robotics, to band, to speech, but one activity isn't as widely known. The Marion Home School Assistance Program, Marion High School's sister school, offers competitive Mock Trial. Mock Trial is a competition that showcases academics, acting, debate, public speaking, and knowledge of the legal system.

Andersen Coates, senior, explained what mock trial is. "Mock trial is a representation of a real life court case in a competitive manner. Depending on your role within the team, you'll either be a witness or an attorney meaning you act out a character who plays a role in the case or you play the part of an attorney who defends a certain party," Coates said. Coates has been involved in mock trial for three years. MHSAP has one of the most successful mock trial teams in the state.

During last year's competitive season, Marion represented the state of Iowa at the national level in Boise, Idaho. They won the championship, as well as Gabriel Groothuis, a senior at the time, winning All-State best attorney in the nation. Marion has attended nationals twice in the

last four years, coached by Dana Miller with Daniella Scaffidi and Matthew Dake as assistant coaches.

This year, Marion had three teams competing, all going to the state level. One team was the first-runner ups, the second placed eighth, and the third did not place. However, the accolades don't come easy. "Most practicing happens on your own running material over and over until it's in a function state,"

Coates said. "We also have two team practices a week where we scrimmage and run material."

Although mock trial is through the home-school program, all students

are eligible. "Anyone who has the ability to be coachable, has a way with words or acting, or is interested in working hard for a competitive game [can audition]. Any students in 9th-12th grade enrolled in the Marion Independent School District," said Coates.

The Marion Home School mock trial team is exceptional, and looking for more students. Marion High School students can get involved with Dana Miller, head coach. "[Students] just need to email me at dmiller@marion-isd.org and I can answer questions," Miller said. All MHS and MHSAP students are capable to audition for Marion's top-ranked mock trial team.

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# Babysitting guidelines

Babysitting tips can help you score the job.

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

Babysitting is a common small job for high schoolers and college students all over. Whether it consists of spending a summer by the pool watching kids and feeding them or just going over to put kids to bed on a date night, babysitting can be a great way to make some money on the side.

Here are some tips and tricks on how to land that summer babysitting or nanny job and how to maintain it. Babysitting can actually be a super fun time with the children if someone is to make it one.

It is always good to make sure one is getting the most that they can out of their nanny or babysitting job. Make sure that a parent is not trying to short one money, or leaving one with responsibilities that aren't theirs.

Caring about the children and actually looking out for their well being is important. No parent is going to have a babysitter back if they spend the entire time babysitting on their phone. Kids will be uninterested and want the babysitter who actually

plays with them and that they have fun with.

While babysitting, the babysitter needs to make sure to always tend to the child's needs. Some children require more attention, while others require very little. When first meeting the child, make sure to know personal needs as well.

If a child appears to be too much work for someone, it may not be a good fit. Make sure that when finding a family, they are perfect for one's needs and they are able to take good care of them.

It is good to make sure when babysitting to always clean up after messes too. Parents love to come home to a clean house after a night out or a long day at work. This will earn a babysitter brownie points for going out of their way to do the extra mile and make the house look nice for when they get home.

While babysitting is a great way to make some money on the side, it is very important to do the job correctly. Following these tips can help out with scoring the job and maintaining it.



## Babysitting tips:

1: Find a family that is perfect for one's needs

2: Don't spend the entire time on a phone

3: Clean up after messes of the children

4: Go the extra mile and do the dishes or clean up extra things



5: Make sure to thank the family when leaving



Here are some tips and tricks while babysitting to help maintain the babysitting job and to win the kids and parents over.



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## Nice weather activities



By: Lauren Fruehling @laurenfruehling

### Go fishing

Grab a friend and your license and head out to the local pond.



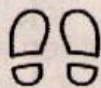
### Camp out

The smell of a campfire on a spring night can make a memory that lasts forever.



### Go on a walk

A nature walk on a nice day can be very refreshing for anyone.



### Bike ride

A bike ride can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors and be active at the same time.



### Watch a movie outside

Watching a scary movie on someone's house at night can be a great and scary experience.



### Have a picnic

Go out with one of your best friends to a park and pack some delicious snacks.



### Go star gazing

Enjoy the outdoors at night and look at the sky above with a friend.



### Tie dye shirts

A great way to get outside and have fun is tie dying shirts with someone.

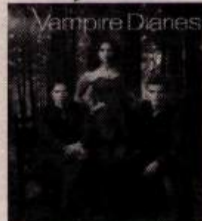


# NETFLIX

## WHAT TO WATCH WHEN THERE'S NOTHING TO WATCH

By: Solomon Groothuis @gagaslacefront

### If you've finished this...



"The Originals" is a spinoff fantasy series of "Vampire Diaries" that will give the same motifs of fantasy and drama.

### ...try this



### If you've finished this...



"Twin Peaks" is also a thriller show with vintage and small town elements.

### ...try this



### If you've finished this...



"The Office" and "Parks And Recreation" are classic comedies, full of dry humor and geeky which "The It Crowd" has plenty of

### ...try this



## "Drag Race" domination

Revolutionary reality TV show rises to the top.

By: Solomon Groothuis  
@gagaslacefront

"Gentlemen, start your engines. And may the best woman win." This iconic phrase is the start of an episode of "Drag Race," but perhaps not in the sense that you know. "RuPaul's Drag Race" is the hit reality TV show that mashes-up "America's Next Top Model," "Project Runway," "Keeping Up With The Kardashians," "Toddlers In Tiaras" and just a pinch of "Bad Girls Club." The main difference: they're all guys in

dresses. The premise of the show is a group of professional drag queens competing in challenges each episode, showcasing a range of talents from acting to sewing to comedy. At the end of each episode, the worst two queens of the week lip-sync to see who gets to stay and who must "sashay away." The final prize is the title of America's Next Drag Superstar, including a \$100,000 prize.

The first episode of "RuPaul's Drag Race" aired on February second, 2009. The show had a minuscule budget and slim odds of success, but the host and executive producer, RuPaul Andre Charles, had a vision and a knack for show-biz. The show was unique in concept, but slow in taking off. For the first few seasons, it was not mainstream and had a fringe fandom, but the show was garnering enough support to renew itself season after season.

Over time, the show became quite popular with the general public, and became the hot new show to watch. That leads us to the present, season nine.

As well as RuPaul, Michelle Visage, a singer and reality TV star, co-hosts along with Ross Matthews and Todrick Hall. Guest judges are cycled in each week.

There are a variety of challenges which can range from sewing runway looks, acting out a short skit, writing a stand-up sketch, or even dancing and singing. Only

the most talented queens in the country are invited to participate. As RuPaul said, "This is the Olympics of drag."

Drag is such a huge culture with so many sub-categories that RuPaul tries to showcase. There are campy (comedic or flamboyant) queens, fishy (feminine or female-looking) queens, and everything in between.

The show has always been produced by World Of Wonder and aired on Logo TV, an obscure queer channel, but this season it has been airing on VH1, where RuPaul had his first show, "The RuPaul Show." "Drag Race" has always featured celebrity guests, but this season has big names like Lady Gaga and Lisa Kudrow. Drag Race is currently the sixth biggest reality TV program according to IMDb, making it one of the fastest growing shows. The show has launched the careers of over 100 drag queens and entertains millions of fans.

"This is the Olympics of Drag."  
-RuPaul Andre Charles, producer

## The ideal picnic



By: Summer Williams  
@summer rose2001

### Strawberry lemonade

**Ingredients:**  
-12 strawberries  
-2 tablespoons of white sugar  
-1 cup of white sugar  
-2 cups of lemon juice  
-7 cups of water

**Tools:**  
-Blender  
-Knife  
-Pitcher  
-Measuring cup  
-Tablespoon

15 min. 12 servings 87 cal.

**Directions:**  
1. Cut the strawberries in half and place in blender  
2. Add sugar over top of the strawberries  
3. Pour in 1 cup of water  
4. Blend the ingredients until it is a juice  
5. Next, combine the juice with 6 cups of water, sugar and lemon juice.

### Fruit kebabs

**Ingredients:**  
-Pineapples  
-Mangos  
-Blueberries  
-Watermelon  
-Grapes  
-Kiwis

**Directions:**  
1. Cut each of the fruits into cubes; besides blueberries and grapes  
2. Take the fruits and place them onto the skewer in the desired order

Tools: -Skewers and knife

15 min. 10 servings 72 cal

Places to go:

-Thomas Park  
-Newbo  
-Marion Square  
-Indian Creek Nature Center

### Cucumber Sandwiches

**Ingredients:**  
-8 oz of whipped cream cheese  
-1 lb of cocktail rye bread  
-1 cucumber  
-1 teaspoon dried parsley  
-3/4 teaspoon black pepper  
-1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
-1/4 teaspoon onion powder  
-1/8 teaspoon dried dill

**Tools:**  
-Large mixing bowl  
-Large spoon  
-Knife  
-Paper towels

**Directions:**  
1. Use a large spoon to mix the whipped cream cheese, dried parsley, black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder and dried thyme  
2. Slice the cucumbers thinly and then pat them dry to avoid the bread from getting mushy  
3. Spread the cream cheese mix onto each slice of rye bread and then place 1-2 cucumbers on top

15 min.

About 30 servings

143 cal

## As seen on TV products

By: Kayba Laube @KaybaLaube

### True Touch



True Touch is a simple product that makes pet owners' lives easier. Most animals hate getting their fur brushed, so this item makes it feel and look like the human hand is simply petting the animal.

### Ever Brite



Ever Brite is a solar powered light that lights up when it detects movement. This device sticks on any type of surface and is very helpful when it's dark, you can't see, and your hands are full.

### Air Curler



This is a hassle free hair curling device that only uses air from your hair dryer. It's helpful if your hair is damaged and you don't want to use heat.

### Night View Glasses



These night view glasses are a cool and stylish way to see in the dark. Most people use them when they're driving, but they could be used for activities outside at night.

### Chillow

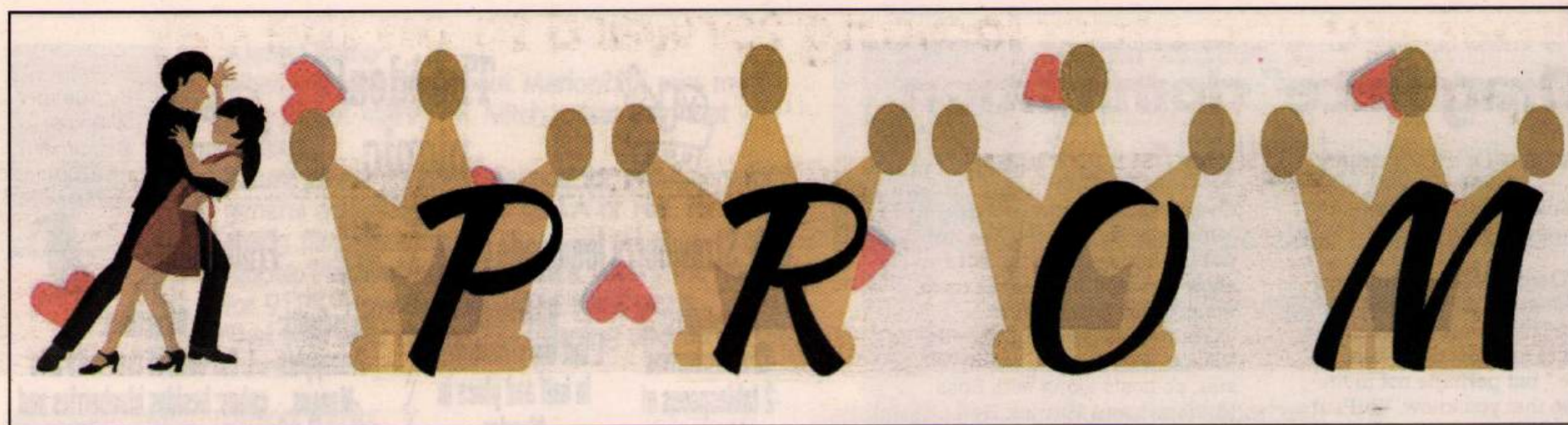


This product is a memory foam pillow and it keeps your head cold and dry. It goes inside the case. It's helpful if your room is hot and you like sleeping in the cold.

Order your copy of the 100th volume of the yearbook.

Orders are due to jostens year-books.com by May 12!

As seen on TV products can be sketchy when they arrive at your house, but if you find the right one, it can change your life forever.



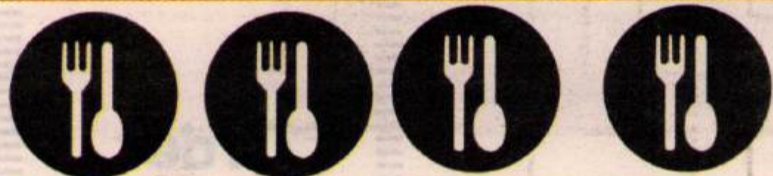
### Prom nails

Sophia's Nail Salon    Venus Nails and Spa  
Diamond Nails & Spa    Secret Nails  
Hollywood Nails    iNails



### Where to eat before the dance

Olive Garden    Osaka  
Biaggi's    Cheddar's  
White Star    Red Lobster



### Where to find a dress

Macy's    Elegant Repeats  
Dillard's    Von Maur  
David's Bridal    Online websites



### Where to get your hair done

Ulta Beauty    Fix Salon  
Urban Vintage Hair    Moods Salon & Spa  
Studio + Spa    Younkers Salon



"I am going to Diamond Nails."  
-Caitlyn Smith, '18



"I am going to Sophia's nails, I feel like a princess."  
-Miracle Mason, '18



"I'm eating at the 'Back [Outback] because the servers are good-looking."  
-Elliot Kruser, '18



"We're eating at the Rock Bar. I've never been there before so I wanted to try it."  
-Allie Lupkes, '18



"I'm getting my dress from Madison Wilson."  
-Emma Collins, '18



"I got my dress from Elegant Repeats."  
-Meghan Greene, '20



"I am getting my hair done at Moxie's across town."  
-Beth Foster, '20



"I'm going to the salon in Younkers."  
-Madison Berry, '18

## Dancing like no one's watching

There are a few easy tips for those who want to jump out on the dance floor or who don't have any moves come prom night.

By: Mia Laube @mia\_laube21

There's nothing worse than being an introvert in the middle of the crazy crowd at a dance. Some find themselves enjoying pictures, dinner, and even having a good time with their friends or date but still dreading the main event of the night: the dance itself. While it may appear overwhelming, there are a few easy ways to make this experience more enjoyable- no expensive dancing lessons or major changes necessary.

First of all, let yourself adjust to the other dancers. Show up a half an hour into it after the dedicated dancers have already arrived and let yourself get a feel for the vibe as you initially mingle or get pictures. Then, you can see what kind of moves to try out when you're ready to brave the dance floor.

Second, find your own groove. It may be cliché, but the ones who are most fun to be with are those who don't care what they look like. It's easier to throw yourself into the middle of the mob than to try to dance on the outside where more people are watching you. The most memorable people at

the dance are the ones who go all out on it. Third, don't be afraid to ask for help. es. The usual crowd will run their hands around you and don't think of it as moves. S "lame," but for instance, event with in.

Fourth, don't be afraid to ask for help. attention. special moves. songs pe ing to. L you an a follow in over wha Lastly, beat. The doing a there are arsenal cut out according don't for the many sparkly s accessor



Joey Pearson, '18, and Beth Foster, '20, take a picture after Pearson asked Foster to prom. Using flowers and a poster, he came to her house and asked. This was Foster and Pearson's first prom.



# What are you most looking forward to on the day of prom?



"I'm looking forward to the pictures because I like having the memories."  
-Autumn Hardman, '18

"Probably dinner because I like to eat all of the good food."  
-Jack Eichhorn, '18

"I'm looking forward to post-prom because I will hang out with all of my friends."  
-Morgan Barenz, '18

"I'm excited because I've been waiting for this night since like seventh grade."  
-Kalista Reyes, '18

"I am looking forward to eating at dinner and to walk in grand march."  
-Aleann Romo, '17

"I'm excited to eat dinner because I've never been to the restaurant Bata's before."  
-Dylan Morahan, '18

"I can't wait to go to prom to just hang around with my friends."  
-Mattias Steen, '17

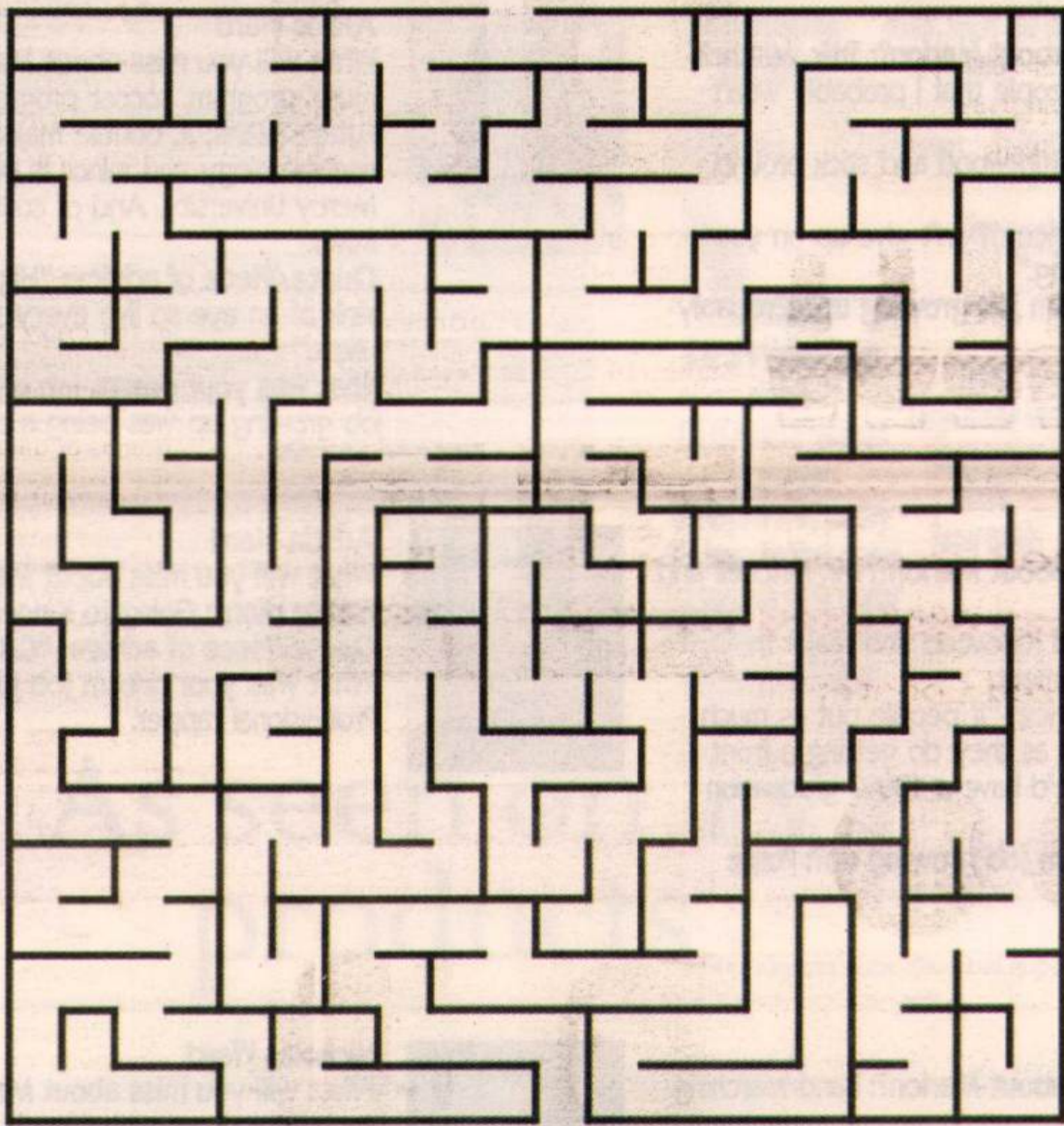
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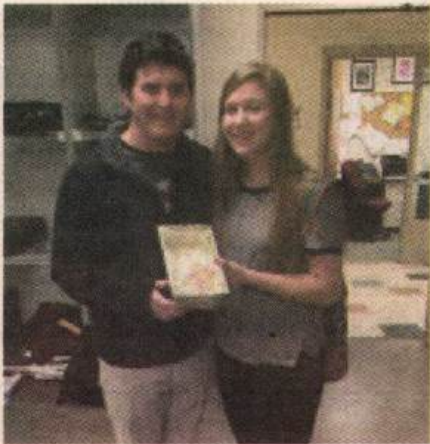
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## Dress-up dilemma



Help the couple get to their dress clothes so they're ready for prom night!



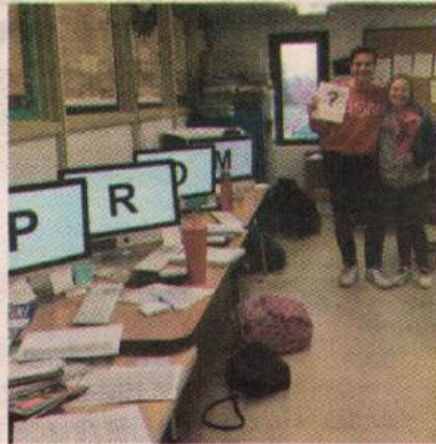
Hayden Wahlstrom, '17, and Summer Williams, '19, pose for a picture after Wahlstrom asked Williams to prom. He got her a Starbucks drink and made cookies that spelled out prom.



Braden Walter and Alexis Smith, both '18, take a picture after Smith asked Walter to prom. She asked using cookies with frosting on top spelling out prom. For both, it will be their first prom.



Katie Hemann, '18, asked Colin Zeets, '17, to prom using Dunkin' Donuts and a note on the top of the box asking him. This will be Hemann's first prom and Zeets' second.



Solomon Groothuis, '18, asked Amery Bruce, '17, to prom using the journalism computers. He surprised her when she walked into the room and also gave her a bouquet of flowers.



**Aleann Romo**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** I'll miss my friends, but mainly Mr. Mitch, other than that nothing.

**Future plans:** Attend Kirkwood for two years for general education then to go LA or NYC for their acting film academy.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Quick what's the number for 911?" "How do I know?" -Little Rascals.

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Be an actress.



**Devon Trentz**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends, teachers, and fun classes.

**Future plans:** Get a job after high school; life skills practice.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Be yourself."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Working with computers.



**Hayden Wahlstrom**

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

**Future plans:** Attend a four year university to major in music education and trombone performance.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Good is the enemy of great."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Marine biologist.



**Alexandria Walderbach**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The teachers, especially Senora Henkel and her Cinco de Mayo parties.

**Future plans:** Graduate after third term, work full time over the summer, and go to ISU for design in the fall.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Be who you needed when you were younger."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Artist.



**Seth Tuetken**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Trilk, Mitchell, and the everyday people that I probably won't ever see again.

**Future plans:** Go to Kirkwood and stick around Marion.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Don't give up on your dreams, keep sleeping."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Probably to be in the NFL.



**Alexis Ward**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The teachers, music program, soccer program, and all my friends.

**Future plans:** A double major in criminal justice and sociology and minor in psychology at Mount Mercy University. And of course play soccer for MMU.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "High school goes by in a blink of an eye so live every moment of it to the fullest."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** My dream job growing up was being a cop.



**Brandon Tuttle**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Trilk.

**Future plans:** Attend Kirkwood and major in construction management.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "If people put as much effort into education as they do getting a front row spot, maybe we'd have a 100% graduation rate."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Police officer.



**Austin Ward**

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

**Future plans:** Going to Kirkwood next year.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "C.R.E.A.M."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Professional rapper.



**Antonio Valle**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Band/marching band and friends.

**Future plans:** Go to Kirkwood then to Iowa to become an EMT.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "People get mad at you when you treat them how they treat you."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** To become a vet.



**Nicholas Ward**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Playing sports and hanging out with friends.

**Future plans:** Going to Kirkwood for welding.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Have fun all the time."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Surgeon.



**Bryce Valvoda**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends.

**Future plans:** Go to Kirkwood and then a four year for pre-dentistry.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Let your dreams guide your way."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** To become an orthodontist.



**Peter Ward**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Sports, friends, show choir, and choir.

**Future plans:** Going to get my RN nursing degree at Kirkwood.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Fine feathers make birds." "Swerve."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Firefighter.



**Miracle Waters**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Teachers, coaches, and soccer.

**Future plans:** Kirkwood for nursing.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Enjoy the little things in life... for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Nursing.



**Chase Wood**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** I will miss the friends and teachers I've made and playing soccer.

**Future plans:** Attend Iowa for biomedical engineering.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Young dumb broke high school kids."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** A male escort and/or a professional basketball player.



**Rachel Westergren**

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

**Future plans:** Traveling before going to college for chemistry.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Don't get too caught up in future plans that you don't enjoy the present."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Something in the medical field.



**Tristan Zimmerman**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My locker.

**Future plans:** Community college.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "School goes by faster if you think about how close the next holiday break is."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** A cop.



**Tanea Westhoff**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Mr. Trilk.

**Future plans:** Move to North Carolina and go to Wake Tech Community College.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "If you ain't first, you're last!"

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Interior designer.



**Axel Zumwalt**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Robotics, marching band, and my friends.

**Future plans:** Attend ISU for computer engineering.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "My happiness can only be made with my own hands! My happiness doesn't depend on anyone but me!"

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Inventor or scientist.



**Brett Wheeler**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** I'll miss everything including friends, teachers, learning things, and the food.

**Future plans:** I have no idea.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Just do well in school and do not get your homework turned in late."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Anything sports.



**Mitchell Wiese**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** I will miss all my friends.

**Future plans:** I plan on going to a four year college and play baseball.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** I don't have one.

**What was your dream job growing up?:** I don't have one.



**Madison Wilson**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The teachers, sporting events, and my friends I've made over the years.

**Future plans:** Go to Coe College as a biology major.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "You can't please everyone."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** Veterinarian.



**Collin Zeets**

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends.

**Future plans:** Military.

**Quote/Piece of advice:** "Embrace the suck."

**What was your dream job growing up?:** A soldier.

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## Spring shopping

Here's where to renew your wardrobe.

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee

### Local shops Online shops

**Böhme-** Located in the Lindale Mall, Böhme is a perfect place for stuffing your closet with spring styles. It has more of a boho, chic feel and will never disappoint with tons of options.

**Francesca's-** Located in the Lindale Mall, Francesca's is the place to go for all spring accessory needs. It has anything from sunglasses to necklaces and headbands. Francesca's also has a good selection of girly clothes.

**Lillian's of Marion-** Located on 10th Street in Marion, Lillian's is a perfect spot to shop for all types of spring clothing. It has everything from jeans to dresses. They also offer some casual clothing for the spring season.

**Hazel and Olive-** Hazel and Olive has a large selection of spring clothing styles. Floral dresses and casual tees are some of the most popular purchases and would be great assets to anyone's spring clothing arsenal.

**The Mint Julep Boutique-** The Mint Julep Boutique offers many different styles of clothing for any spring time occasion. Mint Julep also offers clothing items and accessories that're available to monogram names onto.

**Modern Vintage Boutique-** Modern Vintage has a style that sounds exactly like the name. They offer clothing with a girly, chic, and vintage look. There are many different options and any of them would look great during the spring season.

## Fun at the Marion Arts Festival

By: Lauren Fruehling @laurenfruehling

### About

When: May 20th or the third Saturday of each May

Where: City Square Park in Marion

Description: The Marion Arts Festival is a highly anticipated event among locals. Located in City Square Park, 50 exhibitors are chosen each year by 10 jurors. Each artist gets to showcase their artwork in separate tents for people to observe and buy. Consistently ranked in the top tier of fine arts events nationwide, the MAF has been named as being among the Top 25 festivals in the country as the #1 show featuring 100 artists or fewer and as the best one-day event in the nation. Not only does the festival include showcasing art, there is food, music, the MAF Half Marathon, and a 5K Run and Fun Walk. The running activities take a flat, fast course through uptown Marion.

### Activities

Exhibitors: View the 50 exhibits chosen from 358 entries by a top notch judging panel. Observe many types of art, ceramics, glass sculptures, and jewelry.

Half Marathon, 5K Run, and Fun Walk: The Marion Arts Festival half marathon and 5K run & fun walk are favorite season openers for serious amateurs, recreational runners and casual walkers, with \$3,250 in prize money (\$2,150 for the half and \$1,100 for the 5k), giveaways and thousands of dollars in raffle drawings.

Empty Bowls Project: Every year students from twenty-four schools work to create ceramic bowls to be donated and then sold at the Marion Arts Festival, raising funds to benefit local food banks. Artists from the area also work to donate ceramic bowls along with wood bowls masterfully crafted by the American Association of Wood Turners, Corridor Chapter. Over \$92,000 has been donated since 1996.

## Days downtown

By: Maddy Redmond  
@maadday\_

### Newbo Market

Newbo market has a constant buzz, whether it's conversations being overheard, food and drinks being ordered, or negotiations of prices to buy items. It's filled with variety. Cupcakes, pasta, fresh smoothies, and tacos are all food options found in various different shops. The businesses found within the market were started up by people who wanted to sell their passions to people in Cedar Rapids. But food isn't the only thing to offer at the Newbo Market. There are also small shops filled with a selection of home decor and small jewelry for roamers to buy. Newbo Market is full of life and options.

### American Popcorn Company

Outside of the Newbo Market is the famous American Popcorn Company. Entering the shop is a more than beautiful experience. Sweet and salty aromas fill the air and can instantly catch someone's attention. The sight of bundles of fresh, savory popcorn line the tables. Their popcorn is something that is difficult to not completely devour. Next up is their famous ice cream. Having plenty of options to choose from, flavors vary from a fruity flavor to a smooth caramel treat. It leaves the taste buds always wanting more.

### Brewhemia

Brewhemia is a home away from home. With twinkling lights, delectable coffee, and cheap, warm pancakes, it's the perfect aesthetic. Filled with coffee talk and welcoming faces, Brewhemia is a vacation for a few hours. The overall appearance of the coffee shop is instantly calming. There are plenty of options when looking at the menu. Croissants, omelets, or a breakfast bowl, no matter what the choice, it is simply satisfying. A cup of coffee from Brewhemia can change someone's day one sip at a time.



A patron enjoys a good book while tasting the drinks and atmosphere of Brewhemia.

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**THE FREEZE**

**A MARION HOMETOWN TRADITION SINCE 1969**

# Kiernan jumps into the working world

Working constantly has its benefits.

By: Kenzie Redmond  
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Many people start having a part time job once they enter high school, but one student took a big step forward in his life. He goes to the farm almost every single day to work, and it's a good learning experience. A

high school student working around 50 to 60 hours a week may seem like a lot for many people, but Hunter Kiernan, junior, doesn't let it hold him back. It's not just work, it's a hobby.

Kiernan works at a farm in Lisbon and has been working there for around two years. He loves working on the farm for many reasons. "My favorite part is being able to go to work and to be able to do something I love and not have it just be your ordinary high school job. I also like being able to always drive big equipment," he said.

Working many hours a week can come with some setbacks, however. "My least favorite part is having to work so early sometimes and not getting a break because we have so much to get done in a short amount of time. I'm so exhausted at the end of the day," he said.

He has a lot of duties he has to perform on the job. "I have to feed cows and build houses in the off season. Right now we are building a new cow

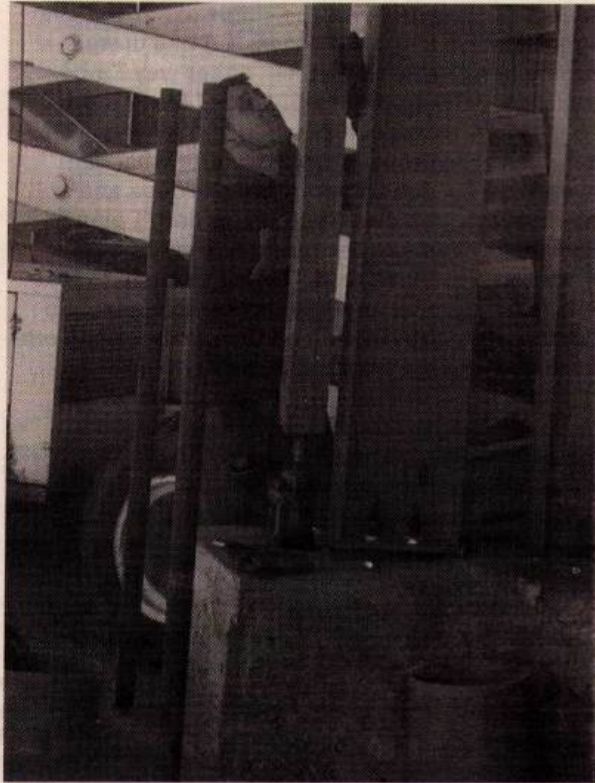
barn where the cows are inside. We also do a lot of random things that you would do on a farm including keeping things up to date and running," he said.

Many would believe that Kiernan is missing out on his high school experience due to working many hours a week, but he thinks otherwise. "I'm being able to save money early in life and learn a lot of new things. I just want to get on with life and into the real world. I just hang out with my girlfriend, friends, and I make money," he said.

Chase Wood, senior, works as a takeout specialist at Chipotle. He also feels as though he isn't missing out on his high school experience. "I work outside of high school. I schedule around my work so I still get the high school experience while I'm working. The people are great. The people I work with make it enjoyable. My favorite part is going to hang out with my friends even though they're just my co workers," he said.

Kiernan may work more than a typical high school student, but he plans on continuing to work at the farm in the future. "My plan for the future is to stay at the farm as long as possible and hope things work out there for me," he said.

Kiernan hopes to utilize the information and skills he has learned through this experience and take it to the next step after high school. The work may seem like a drag to some, but Kiernan stays motivated in order to finish the task.



Hunter Kiernan, '18, works on the farm in Lisbon. Kiernan has worked there for two years.

## The mayhem of being a multiple

-Commentary-

Shopping with siblings can be a grueling task. No matter the type of shopping, it can be hard when one sibling wants to look for the best deals possible, one is on the search for high fashion material, and the other just wants to go home. Keeping emotions in check is key, and one of the most high stake situations is shopping for Prom.

There are multiple situations when it's imperative to diffuse the tension in order to avoid a full on breakdown. The first is one of the easiest places to find a dress, but one of the most dangerous as well: online. There are many things that could go wrong here, but it's important to stay positive and reassuring.

Shopping in store is another common way to get a dress, but when you're all looking for different things, it's a feat to have everyone leaving happy. When one sibling has tried on eight dresses and liked none, it's important to pretend like you're still having a good time, even though it's been four hours and you wouldn't care if they wore a paper bag at this point.

Giving opinions can be one of the hardest things in these situations. Negative comments can make the mood worse, but you have a specific duty not to let your sibling wear a dress that looks bad. The best thing to do is to wrap the bad things with compliments. This helps avoiding a meltdown, but it still moves the process along by weeding out another dress.

Whenever shopping together, just keep a few things in mind. Stay calm because the shopper can smell fear and discomfort. Stay as positive as possible because negativity will only make it worse. Be honest, but not brutal, so the shopper doesn't get their feelings hurt. Follow these rules to be able to diffuse a ticking time bomb.



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Baylea Bruce,  
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## Putting in hours

By: Brandon Hamilton @bhamilton\_3

Many people find pleasure in helping others. It can help them and the other person feel better on a good day, or a bad one. A great way to help other people is to volunteer.

Volunteering comes with many great rewards, such as getting a good look into what a job could be like. Sydney Stigge, senior, volunteers at Witwer's, which is connected with St. Luke's Children's Hospital. She volunteers every Monday from four to six in the afternoon.

Stigge finds many advantages to volunteer work. She says it gives good experience and looks good on scholarship essays. "I wanted to get experience in children's therapy," she said. Stigge appreciates the variety of work she gets to help with. "It's something new every week."

Those tasks can range from cleaning to helping the therapists with kids. "I get their rooms set up for therapy sessions and get them any materials they

need for that kid," Stigge said. "It makes you feel good for helping."

Randi Wright, sophomore, also volunteers once a week at St. Luke's. Lately, Wright hasn't been able to help because of volleyball and basketball, but has started back up volunteering once a week for around four hours. "I escort patients and I have to look up patients' room numbers and

provide information for the guests," Wright said. Wright said she volunteers "To get experience in the medical field and to help others."

Stigge said if one would like to volunteer, talk to the office to get more information on different volunteering opportunities. As far as why anyone should volunteer, Stigge said, "It'll put you ahead in the long run."



Sydney Stigge, '17



Randi Wright, '19

## A prom for all grades to enjoy

By: Summer Williams  
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Prom is three days away, and lots of students are excited. Although with these dances, problems can arise and questions are asked. Should underclassmen be able to go to prom?

There's plenty of different opinions on this topic, and there are lots of things that can come into play.

Meghan Greene, freshman, is going to prom with Tylor Fairbanks, senior. "It will be a fun experience since I didn't get to go to Homecoming," Greene said. Going to prom as freshman can be a great time, but it can also

be daunting. "It's kind of nerve wracking because I'm a freshman," she said.

Past experiences at other school dances haven't been great for Greene, so she plans to make this one great. "My first dance I wasn't able to be with my friends. I was always stuck with my date," she said.

Since underclassmen can't go to prom, some may come up with creative ideas to go. A popular thing that's done is date swapping. Faith Algharib, sophomore, was planning on date swapping with her two friends who are juniors so she could go to prom with her boyfriend, who is also

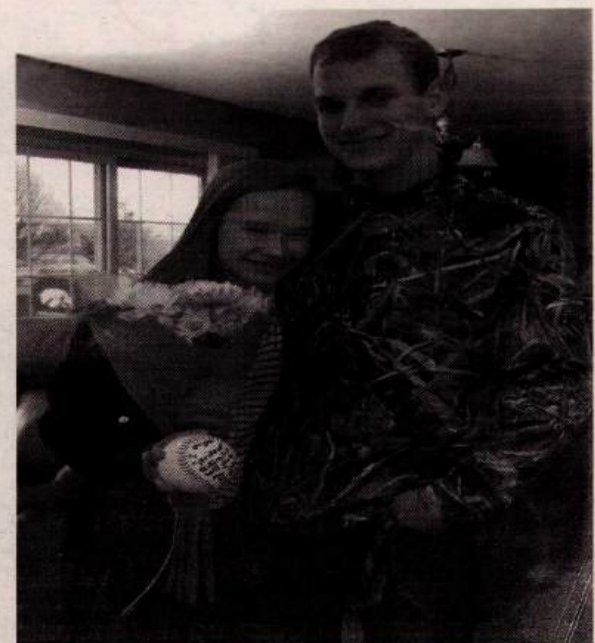
a sophomore. Usually, this plan doesn't work out, and in Algharib's case, it didn't. "Z said you have to go with who you sign up with, so I can't go," she said.

Upperclassmen can get bothered by sophomores or freshmen, but most don't mind.

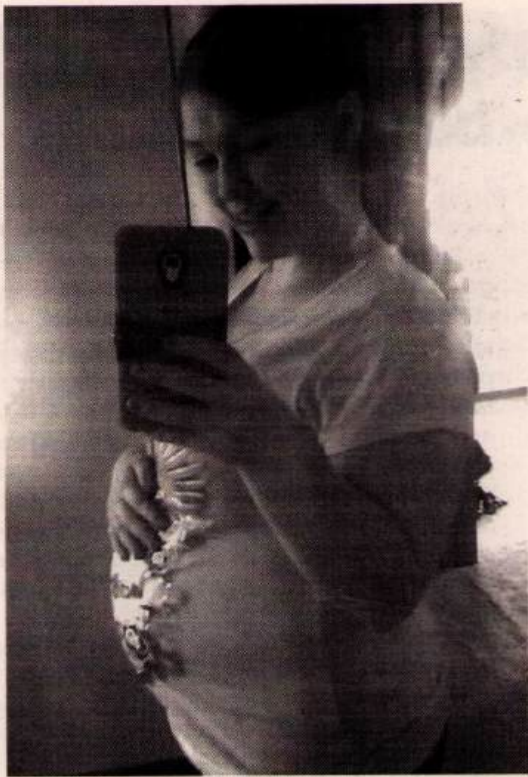
Skye Reece, junior, thinks that prom should be more for seniors and juniors, but she doesn't mind if some underclassmen come along. "They shouldn't be going just them, they should be going with a group [of upperclassmen]," Reece said.

Greene, however, thinks it shouldn't be an upperclassman's concern on whether she goes to prom or not. "It's not their choice so they shouldn't be bothered by it."

Regardless of other people's opinions, Greene is planning on going to prom with a positive attitude and is ready to have a great time.



Tylor Fairbanks, '17, asked Meghan Greene, '20, to prom with a softball and flowers.



Ali Block, '17, poses for a picture with her pregnant belly. She is due on May 23rd.

## Giving birth before graduation

Alison Block, '17, has a due date shortly before she must walk at graduation.

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

Imagine waking up one day and everything has changed. A senior in high school trying to keep up with grades and school activities now has to face the biggest challenge of all: raising a baby.

Alison Block, senior, found out that she was pregnant the fall of her senior year. Nervous and scared at first, she thought a lot about her options. "I considered adoption for a couple of months," Block said. "I thought about what would be best for the baby, but I decided against it because I couldn't see anyone being a parent to my baby expect me."

Block put aside her feelings of nervousness to focus on her baby. "I found out it was a girl and I couldn't have been more excited," Block said. She had so many ideas and visions of her with her daughter.

Knowing that she was going to have a girl, Block started envisioning her life with her. "I can't wait to make milestones with her and do activities with her," she said. "I want to see her grow into a beautiful little girl."

Block loves the feeling of being pregnant. "I love feeling her move," Block said. "I like to know that she's in there, feeling healthy and loved." Although Block has had slight sickness, she doesn't let it overcome her. "I know that soon I will be with my girl and it'll be worth it," Block said.

Block considered lots of names before making the decision on what her baby should go by. "I've always loved the name Athena," Block said. "And my grandmother who passed away a week before finding out I was pregnant was named Elizabeth, so that seemed like a good middle name."

Block is unsure on how involved a father figure will be. "I was raped by someone while in a relationship," She said. "I'm not sure if either will be involved." She worries about her daughter not having a solid father figure, but knows she will have support either way.

Due to her baby being due on May 23rd, Block is not completely sure what the status of her walking at graduation is. "I'd like to walk at graduation, but either way I'll be getting my diploma," Block said.

Block plans to make Athena feel proud of her no matter what she does. Everything she does and will be doing will be for her. "I plan to make her proud however I can," Block said. "I want to prove to her that anything is possible, just like graduating on time and proving others wrong that said I couldn't."

## Laughter is the best medicine

By: Mia Laube @mia\_laube21

No one student at the high school is exactly like another. Some go out for four sports, some make themselves gourmet lunches every day, and some like to blast their music loud and dance like nobody's watching, even if everyone's watching.

One particular group of students keeps everything interesting, and that group is the funny ones, or the students that make humor a large part of their personality.

Macey Lovell, junior, is one of those extroverted students who likes to make others laugh, and has been doing it for a long time. "When I was a kid, I was really chubby and I just wanted to fit in," she said.

There are many other reasons people choose to spend most of their time laughing. "Life's too short to be serious," said Harrison Vanderlinden, sophomore.

Vanderlinden enjoys the aspect of humor in his life. "I use jokes like sarcasm, memes, and spice."

Dawson Schmidt, senior, likes a different kind of humor. "I like puns such as 'I was driving on the highway and I hit a nail and my tired popped. It was a tread-ful experience.' Whatever's happening, I try to make a joke based on it," said Schmidt. Although he doesn't use the internet as much as some for his jokes, he uses material from television and current events.

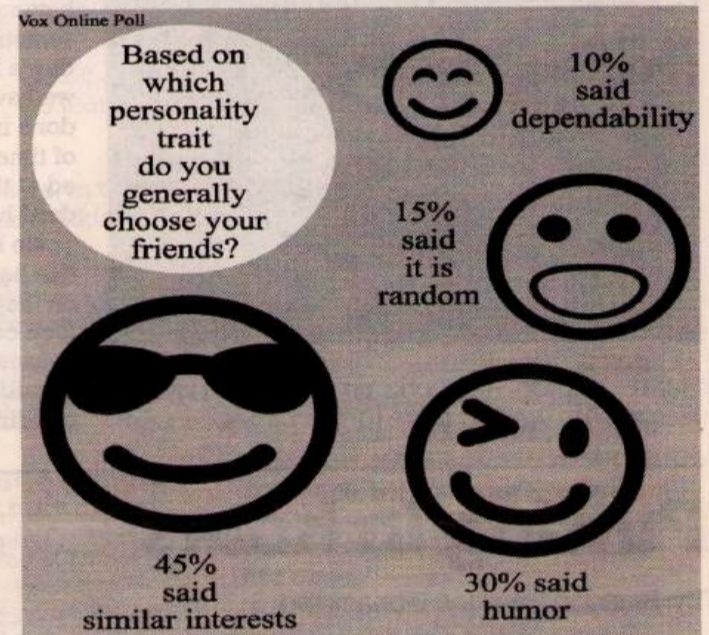
Michaela Sacora, freshman, finds humor mostly in face to face conversations. "I just find a lot of things funny. I don't try to be funny, but people think I am," Sacora said.

Many people are drawn to those with easygoing personalities and people they can joke around with. "[Humor] helps me break the ice," said Lovell. "I

like to surround myself with people that laugh at my jokes. Sometimes when they're funnier than me I feel threatened."

Although there are dependable, positive, or serious friends, others choose peers solely on the

"I like to surround myself with people that laugh at my jokes. Sometimes when they're funnier than me I feel threatened."  
-Macey Lovell, '18



fact that they're funny. "If they have no sense of humor, I'm out," said Sacora. It's good to have people in life who lighten the mood at the right times.

No matter what, laughter is the best medicine, and to these students, they're living life the right way.

## Spring gardening

By: Kayba Laube @KaybaLaube

Spring is arriving, which means many new hobbies and activities are coming into play. With the warm weather, there is so much to do outside. There are things such as sports, going on walks

outside, and gardening.

Carter Klauer, sophomore, is one of many who enjoys gardening in the spring and the summer. Klauer really likes the fact that he is part of a hobby that he has so much fun doing. "I just wanted to participate in an activity. It's my hobby," he said. No matter what the hobby is, if one likes it, that's all that matters.

Klauer has a medium size garden, which works perfect for what he grows in it. "At home we have corn, tomatoes, summer squash, and zucchini," he said. Klauer has been gardening since he was about 12 and learned from his parents.

Klauer also participates in Gardening Club here at the high school. Gardening Club is after school in the spring and summer. Many students participate in Gardening Club for different reasons. Some join for the free food and others join for the enjoyment of gardening. Klauer said, "We plant stuff here at school, water stuff, weed, and pick stuff to take home." It's a fun way for him to garden with other people than just at his house every day.

Gardening club is a good way to bring extra food home for one's family or just do it for fun. Kasi Rupert, senior and president of Gardening Club, said, "We use whatever harvest we get to make a fun recipe or donate it to someone that needs it." If one wants to help others out and have fun, they should think about joining the club.

The one downfall for gardening is picking out the weeds. Klauer said,

"Weeding out is hard to do at times, but the final product is worth it." He will do what it takes to make the vegetables turn out perfectly.

In the end, gardening is worth all the time put in. Klauer said, "It's hard work, but it's fun with friends and family." Gardening will always be his favorite hobby no matter what.

### Why is gardening so great?



"It allows you to foster life and that's really cool to be responsible for."  
-Kasi Rupert, '17



"It makes the school a Blue Zones school."  
-Sammie Garbers, '18



"I get volunteer hours for it."  
-Cheyenne Thompson, '18



Carter Klauer, '19, checks to see how ready the dirt is for the spring. Klauer is involved in the MHS Gardening Club.

# Fighting for bathroom rights

Aiden Zimmermann, '19, gives his take on the transgender bathroom issue.

By: Lauren Fruehling  
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The controversial topic of transgender rights is continuing on into 2017, mainly regarding bathroom policies. Many states have allowed transgender people to choose which bathroom they feel most comfortable in, though some states are swaying the other way. Some people don't feel comfortable being in a bathroom with a transgender person, or they simply don't think it's the right thing in today's society.

One of the most difficult and important tasks a high school student can go through is making the switch to become transgender. With the stress of socially not being accepted as well as being completely vulnerable as one would ever be in high school, transitioning can be one of the scariest things someone can go through. Aiden Zimmermann, sophomore, said, "The transition was terrifying. I didn't actually come out to my dad myself, my friend actually said 'Aiden,' and

then I had to explain that to him and it was incredibly awkward. But now he is one of the most important people that I have."

People can respond very differently with a huge transition like switching to the opposite gender. Zimmermann said, "Most people are pretty good about it and are usually really nice. My freshman year there were people that were kind of mean, but they were faced with other people that called them out and told them that's not okay."

The transgender bathroom issue is a big topic this year, and many people are outraged at the new policies. Zimmermann said, "I'm actually beyond angry about it. It's like being told when you finally get the confidence to do something, people are like oh yeah, you can't, because legally it's not a thing you can do. It's horrible."

Many people of the LGBT community are also very angry about the issue. The Trump administration recently withdrew Obama-era protections for transgender students in public schools that

let them use bathrooms and facilities corresponding with their gender identity. Zimmermann said, "Everyone is outraged. It goes from not just the LGBT community, but then there are allies that also see that this is obviously not okay. There are also individual places that say you're okay to go in the bathroom that matches your gender identity, but there's no way to tell which

places are okay with it and which ones aren't okay with it. So, some transgender people get stuck in the anxiety of not knowing what to do."

It takes a lot for a person to gain the confidence to go into the bathroom they finally feel confident in. Zimmermann said, "At Marion, I can go to the bathroom in the nurse's office because that one is gender neutral. So it's like, you finally get yourself to go into the right bathroom you feel you're comfortable in, but then you're told you can't be there so you get that completely ripped away from you as well and that's awful."

Mr. Greg Semler, principal, stated, "We will honor everyone's selected gender, if they identify as a girl, they can use the girls' bathroom. If they identify as a boy, they can use the boys' bathroom. If anybody has any problems with that they can come talk to me."

The way President Trump is handling the issue is making the LGBT community infuriated. Zimmermann commented, "President Trump needs to think of the younger generation and how the new generation thinks. He doesn't do what the people want, he does more of what he wants, and it doesn't help everyone in the long run. There's [over] 700,000 people in the US who identify as transgender, and if you take that against the population that's [over] 700,000 people that are out about being transgender and are not able to go into the bathroom that they choose or that they feel comfortable in and we have a president who's supposed to be running the country that says you can't go where you're comfortable. That's degrading and humiliating."

The transgender bathroom issue is a huge problem in today's society, and will hopefully be resolved in the years to come. Overall, this is a huge controversy in the United States, and the LGBT community and their allies will continue to fight for their rights.



Aiden Zimmermann, '19 (left), poses with Alex Lovejoy, '18 (right), and an advocate for LGBT rights during a conference to make Iowa schools safer.

## Car accidents

By: Leah Kray @leah\_kray

One is driving down a suburban road and listening to music on a mild day when out of nowhere, the car in front slams on their breaks leaving the car behind to smash into them. The air bags emerge out on impact a leave a bloody lip, which is far more manageable than anything more extreme. Car accidents are a scary deal, and Shannon Sellers, senior, knows that all too well.

Sellers got into her first and only car accident during her junior year. "The girl in front of me slammed on her breaks and I rear ended her, so technically it was my fault but I don't think so," Sellers said.

Accidents can be traumatizing and be a wake up call for all drivers. "Pay attention, keep your eyes on the road, and don't get too close to the people in front of you," Sellers said. If one didn't get into the accident themselves, even hearing of one can remind them to be more cautious.

While some accidents occur because of a collision with another vehicle, others happen due to reckless driving. This was the case for Jacob Heth, sophomore. "I was going 55 [miles per hour] on a gravel road and I pressed on the breaks, then we started swerving and went into the ditch and flipped," Heth said.

While accidents are terrifying at the scene, the aftermath can be even more petrifying. "I was scared to tell my mom and I just freaked out that it happened," Heth said.

An accident of this magnitude can be avoided, and Heth has plans to be a more safe driver. "I'm not going to do stupid stuff when I'm driving and not go on gravel roads in general," he said.

Some accidents are unavoidable, but the best way to refrain from one is to do what you can to be safe and be focused on the roads.



Jacob Heth, '19, had a wrecked car after his reckless driving accident.

## A new beginning out of state

By: Maddie Knapp @MaddieKnapp

One is walking to class, not knowing anyone, or familiar with anything. They cannot just go home when they're homesick, or just go hang out with old friends. Going out of state for college is a game changer.

Going out of state for college can be very nerve racking, but Jenna Danninger, senior, is ready to take on the challenge. Danninger is going to attend UW-La Crosse in La Crosse, Wisconsin. "[I'm not scared because] I'm excited to experience new things and meet new people," she said.

Danninger is involved in gymnastics and wants to continue that in college. "I plan on trying out for their

gymnastics team," she said.

Danninger is majoring in biology and physical therapy. While making the choice for a college may seem challenging to some people, Danninger was prepared. "My dad suggested, so I toured, and I just really wanted to go there. I really liked the atmosphere. They have a good biology program and a good gymnastics team," she said.

Tanea Westhoff, senior, is also going out of state. Westhoff is planning to attend Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Westhoff doesn't know what she is majoring in yet. She is really looking forward to going and getting out of Iowa. "I hate it here, I really love North Carolina, and my brother lives there [so that will help]," Westhoff said.

Danninger, on the other hand, will miss Iowa. "I will miss my family and my friends. I will miss how easy the classes [in high school] are too," said Danninger.

Danninger and Westhoff are really looking forward to their adventures to Wisconsin and North Carolina and they hope to make some great memories.

Even though they will be living out of state, they will still be part of the Marion community.



Jenna Danninger, '17



Tanea Westhoff, '17

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# Springing into spring

## Famous Birthdays



James Franco  
(April 19th)

Age now:  
38

Interesting  
Quote:  
"I'm a big  
cardigan  
sweater  
guy."



Queen Elizabeth  
II (April 21st)

Age now:  
90

Interesting  
Quote:  
"Grief is  
the price  
we pay for  
love."



Gigi Hadid  
(April 23rd)

Age now:  
21

Interesting  
Quote:  
"Eat clean to  
stay fit, eat  
a burger to  
stay sane."



Tim McGraw  
(May 1st)

Age now:  
49

Interesting  
Quote:  
"I live in a  
house with  
four women.  
Just shut up  
and say 'yes  
ma'am.'"



Meek Mill (May  
6th)

Age now:  
29

Interesting  
Quote:  
"Big dreams  
turn into big  
things."



Scott Disick  
(May 26th)

Age now:  
33

Interesting  
Quote:  
"I don't  
need to be  
walking  
around like  
I'm some  
peasant."

## Spring adventures for instant fun

Read and use  
these ideas to  
spice up the  
spring of 2017.

Plant a little flower garden  
with  
friends

Volunteer to pick up  
trash along the side of the  
road or in a park

Paint a canvas in bright  
colors for a spring room  
decoration

Create a scavenger hunt list  
in town and use bikes and a  
phone camera to race to  
complete it

Make cookies for an Easter  
gathering

Start a baseball game with  
the neighbors

Learn how to make  
homemade ice cream

Do a photoshoot

Help a sibling learn a new  
game

Start an exercise journal

Make some money by  
washing cars or mowing  
lawns

Make May Day baskets  
for friends, family and  
neighbor kids

## "This April in history" time line

### 18th

(1795) Midnight ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes  
(1906) San Francisco Earthquake

### 19th

(1989) 47 U.S. Sailors killed by an explosion on the  
U.S.S. Iowa off of Puerto Rico

### 20th

(1889) Birth of Adolf Hitler  
(1999) Deadly school shooting in Littleton, Colorado at  
Columbine High School

### 21st

(1836) Battle of San Jacinto led by Sam Houston in Texas

### 22nd

(1864) "In God We Trust" included on newly made coins

### 23rd

(1616) Death of William Shakespeare

### 24th

(1800) The Library of Congress was established

### 25th

(1967) First law legalizing abortion was signed

### 26th

(1912) First home run hit at Fenway Park

### 27th

(1981) First female soccer official hired by NASL

### 28th

(1945) Former Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was  
shot along with other Fascist leaders in Italy by Italian  
partisans

### 29th

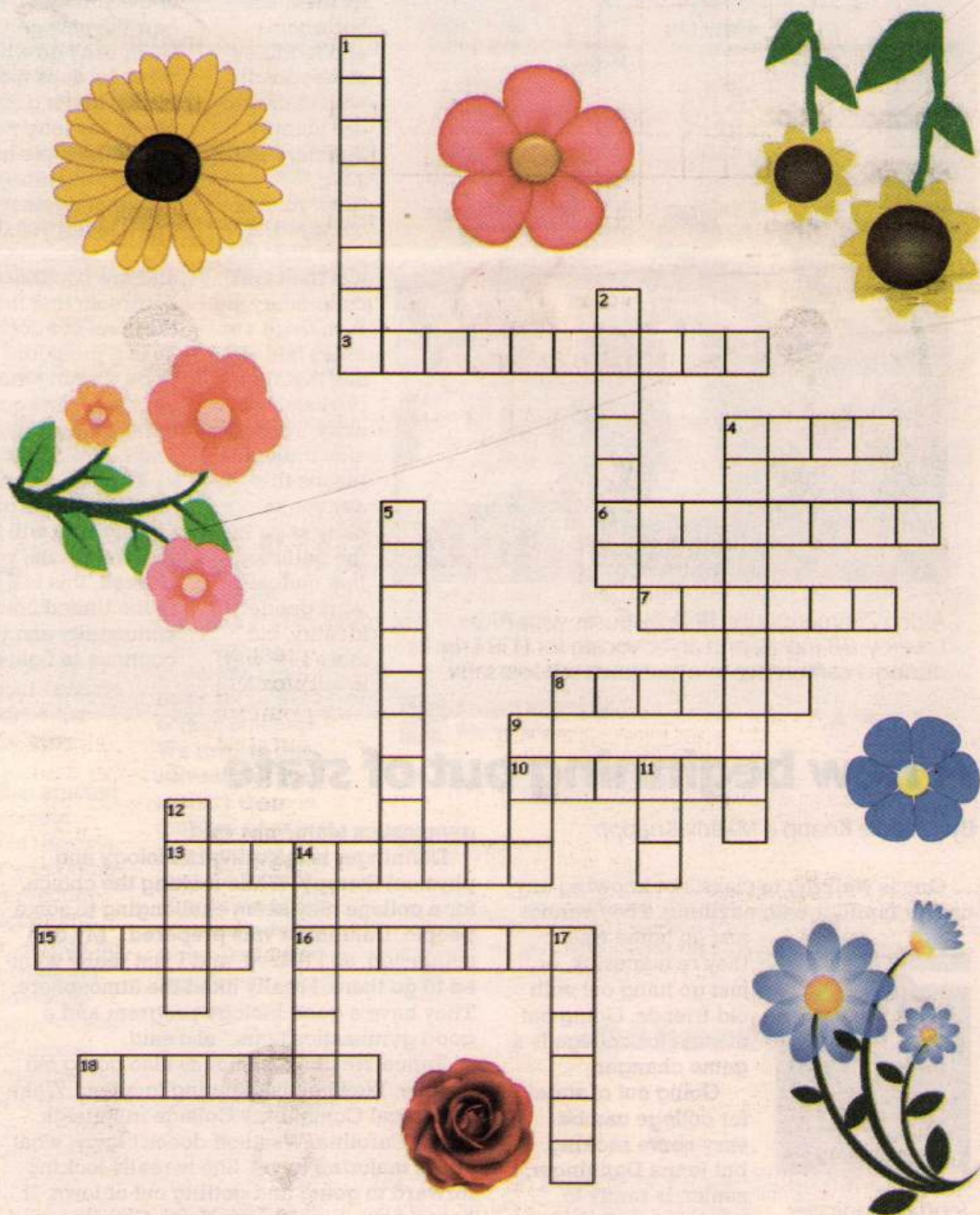
(2004) Dick Cheney and George W. Bush testify before  
the 9/11 Commission in a closed  
hearing in the oval office  
(2005) Syria ends 29 years of occupation in Lebanon

### 30th

(1789) George Washington inaugurated as first ever  
President of the U.S.  
(1952) Mr. Potato Head is first toy advertised on  
television

Historical facts provided by Historyplace.com and  
Onthisday.com

## Spring things crossword



### Across

3. April 1st Holiday
4. Month of the summer solstice
6. (blank) Savings time
7. 1st of May
8. Lighter than a coat
10. Place to cultivate flowers
13. Another name for "Hay Fever"
15. Baby chicken
16. April (blank) bring May flowers
18. These bloom

### Down

1. Rain protection
2. (blank) Season in Iowa- bad weather
4. Colorful candy
5. Predictor of the start of spring
9. Easter Bunny hides these
11. Found on the grass in the morning
12. Month of the spring equinox
14. Christian Holiday in April
17. Spring is one of four