Flyers celebrate ‘4peat’ MAC Champs

By: Blake Schwieterman
Opinion Editor

MARRA FLYERS - The Marion Local Flyers claimed the MAC title for the fourth year in a row and are currently 9–2. The Flyers have won seven MAC titles in the past decade. They are preparing to take on the Fort Loramie Redskins, who have a current record of 10-1 and are ranked 3rd for Division VII. The Regional Semi-Finals for Division VII will be played this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s. The Flyers are trying to achieve their 11th State title, which would tie Division VI St. Ignatius for most State Championships in Ohio.

The seniors played their last home game ever against Mississinawa Valley Blackhaws in the first round of the playoffs on Nov. 9, and they made it count, beating them 56–6. The Flyers came out strong, scoring 14 points in the first quarter. They continued to shut the Blackhaws down. The Flyers have been on a winning streak and are using this momentum in their playoff run. They beat Coldwater 24-0, which made them MAC Champs. The Flyers lead the whole game, having a score of 17-0 at halftime. The game was not over, though, since the Flyers came back last year from a 20-0 deficit and took the Cavs to double overtime. On Oct. 25, the Flyers bounced back after a loss to Minster and beat the 3-5 Fort Recovery Indians 36 to 7. The Flyers started off top with a quick receiving touchdown by senior Brandon Fleck. They then went on a 36-0 run until the fourth quarter.

The Flyers’ only MAC loss was to Minster during Week Eight, losing 27-26. Marion Local started off on top with a 7-0 lead. As the game went on, both teams kept scoring back and forth. When it came down to the final minutes, the Flyers forced Minster to punt the ball. The Flyers had a good field position to start off the final drive, and they had to get four more yards on fourth down. Then a late flag called holding, which sent the play back to where the Flyers were out of position to score. Senior Dylan Heitkamp commented, “The team kind of shot themselves in the foot with little mistakes and not stopping them [Minster] on some big plays.”

NHS inducts 25 students

By: Brooke Homan
Sports Editor

MARRA STEIN - On Oct. 21 at 10:15 a.m., Marion Local inducted 25 new members into the National Honor Society. Out of the 25 new members, four were seniors and 21 were juniors.

The National Honor Society is a group of people who fulfill the characteristics of knowledge, service, leadership, character, and scholarship. In order to be eligible for the National Honor Society, the student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout their high school career. The applicants are required to write an essay on how they represent one of the pillars of good character, fill out an application, and turn in their up-to-date transcript. Teachers rate the students based on the pillars, and the votes are counted to see who the newest inductees will be.

Scholastic bowl back-to-back MAC Champs

By: Emily Nietfeld
News Editor

ST. HENRY - On Nov. 11, the JV scholastic bowl team defeated eight other schools to bring the MAC tournament trophy back home to Maria Stein after a nail-biting, sudden death bonus round. Marion Local and Parkway were tied at 59 points after seven rounds of academic questions, but the Flyers scored seven more points in the tiebreaker round, outscoring Parkway by one point to secure the trophy for the second consecutive year.

The winning team was Carson Holdheide, Noah Budde, Allison Bruns, Madison Mogler, Trevor Mahlendorf, and Drew Guggenbiller, coached by Mrs. Hemmelgarn.

Many thanks to bus driver Linda Broering for braving the snowy roads, and to varsity team members Alex Broering and Simon Mescher for showing strong fan support with their motivational “LET IT BE” sign and actual lettuce.

JV MVP Holdheide scored 127 points in the regular season. Only three students in school history have scored over 100 individual points: Isaac Budde, Dustin Bursin, and Holdheide.

This year’s scholastic bowl team had a competitive regular season, finishing with a record of 4-4 for the varsity and 5-3 for the JV team. Varsity Co-MVPs were Kacey Holdheide and Alex Broering with 56 points each throughout the season.

The varsity team will travel to Coldwater on Nov. 18 to participate in the MAC Varsity Bowl, which Marion Local last won in 2017.

This year’s varsity team consists of all juniors: Alex Broering, Kacey Holdheide, Zachary Kramer, Simon Mescher, Ryan Saintignon, and Kara Wolters. The first win for the scholastic bowl team came against New Knoxville. Following this, the team went on to beat St. Henry, New Bremen, and Parkway.

Along with these victories, the team had the great opportunity to appear on television, on channel WTLW-4’s Whiz Quiz. Marion’s match against Botkins will be aired in February 2020.

Scholastic Bowl President Mescher was asked his thoughts about the team’s season: “For a team of all juniors, I thought we did really well this season. We also had great style. Jeans with jean jackets and aviators are in.”
Ohio raises legal nicotine age

By: Blake Schwieterman
Opinion Editor

MARI SCHWIETERMAN - The State of Ohio has enforced a new law on the age of purchasing nicotine. Starting on Oct. 17, 2019, the minimum age of purchasing nicotine has been raised to the age of 21. Also, 18-year-olds who were previously able to purchase nicotine products are not grandfathered into this new law.

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Students scout out schools

By: Mackenzie Gross
Entertainment Editor

MARIA STEIN - With the first nine weeks already in the books, it is getting closer to the time the seniors finalize their college plans. But it’s not time, quite yet. Before making a final decision many upperclassmen are taking a day or two off school to visit their potential future colleges.

Students are allowed to up to three college visitation days that would be considered excused. Some students choose to visit more than one college on the same day or take a visit on days off of school to not miss out on any education at Marion Local. However, college visits are encouraged amongst the staff at Marion Local to help the students make the right decision. Guidance Counselor Mrs. Dippold added, “I think college visits are important so kids get a feel for the atmosphere [to see] if they will be comfortable and check out their programs. They allow for face-to-face conversations with advisors, financial aid, and counselors.”

Numerous seniors have already taken a sneak peek at what their future could hold.

Freshman class fundraiser cleans up

By: Abby Moorman
Staff Writer

MARIA STEIN - The freshmen this year have successfully completed their annual laundry soap fundraiser. The Class of 2023 raised $8,750. The money that they raised will help them pay for future school events like Prom and Graduation.

Amber Wendel was the MVP of the class, selling 66 buckets. By selling the most buckets of laundry soap, she earned a gift card to the Chickasaw Qwik Stop. Wendel commented, “I can’t wait to eat lunch before the sophomores! However, Brooke Homan was right: we didn’t beat the seniors.” The Class of 2020 holds the all-time sales record with 597 buckets.

The freshman team of three who sold the most buckets of soap consisted of Amber Wendel, Samantha Oury, and Olivia Schulze: these three won an extra-large pizza.

As a whole grade, because the freshmen surpassed their goal of 400 buckets of soap, they get to eat lunch before the sophomores for two days. This will be on two days of Principal Goodwin’s choice at the end of November. “I really don’t like that they get to eat lunch before us for two days because then us sophomores get less time to eat,” complained sophomore Carson Homan.

Freshmen who sold ten buckets or more get to watch a movie and eat popcorn during flex time in the week before Thanksgiving. The Freshman Class Officers, Sutton Rose, Lauren Ruhenkamp, Erin Bergman, Hannah Tangeman, Carson Holdheide, and Hanna Rose, have chosen Happy Gilmore for the students.

When freshman Jenna Knapke was asked about how she felt about all the rewards, she explained, “I think the rewards are a great opportunity for us, students, to get a good competition going and sell a bunch of soap buckets to reach our goal, and raise money for our class.”
Lady Flyers set for strong season

By: Kelsey Koenig
Features Editor

MARIA STEIN - The Marion Local girls’ basketball season has gotten underway, having their first practice Friday, Oct. 25. After losing three seniors from last year, current seniors Katelyn Hartings, Brooke Homan, and Kelsey Koenig hope to lead the Lady Flyers to many victories this season.

This year the Lady Flyers will be kicking off the season a little differently. The girls will be heading to Lima Bath to play in the Kewpee Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 22. The Lady Flyers are kicking the season off this way because the past three years the Flyers had won with ease. In previous years, the games against Waynesfield Goshen have not been close at all after a typical win.

When asking senior Hartings about how the team will do this winter, she stated, "I think this season will go really well. We have a lot of returning starters and new freshmen with a lot of talent. I think we can have a winning record and hopefully make it far in tournament this season."

The Flyers get their feet wet this season starting off with four scrimmages. They start off with scrimmaging Spencerville away at Spencerville. Next, the Lady Flyers travel to Greenville to face the Lady Green Wave. Thirdly, the Flyers will face Franklin Monroe at home. Lastly, the Flyers will face off with the Lady Knights away at Crestview.

Junior Molly Rethman states, "I think the upcoming scrimmages will help us get together as a team since we haven’t played together since summer. We’ve been getting huge in the weight room and giving our all during conditioning, which will really pay off."

This season the Lady Flyers have added a new coach to the coaching staff. Treva Fortkamp stepped down as the freshman coach and decided to become the varsity assistant. We asked Fortkamp why she made this move, and she stated, "Once being a varsity head coach for 18-plus years, I enjoy that level and want to be a part of the varsity level."

In her place leading the freshman team, Coach Larry Post has stepped in, in hopes of leading the freshmen to a successful season. Head Coach Beth Strehl and Assistant Coach Maria Moeller are also returning to the coaching staff this season.

Boys aim to ‘overcome inexperience’

By: Brooke Homan
Sports Editor

MARIA STEIN - As fall sports have been wrapping up, the Marion Local boys’ basketball team has been patiently waiting for their turn to dominate in the Hangar. Last year the team went 17-8, losing to St. Henry in the District Semi-finals.

Head Coach Kurt Goettemoeller remarks with excitement, "We are excited about beginning another year of Flyer basketball. This year’s squad will have to overcome inexperience and a late start due to football. We want to get better every day and hope to be playing our best basketball at the end of the year."

This year’s boys’ team is being led by six seniors: Matt Everman, Jason Hess, Reece Hess, Alex Nosterman, Bryce Moeller, and Nathan Ungruhn. Although the boys’ team is dealing with inexperience on the varsity level this year, they are confident about their upcoming 2019-2020 season.

The boys’ first official practice was Monday, Nov. 4. They are scheduled for two scrimmages in the month of November, preparing for their first potential game on Nov. 30 at St. Mary’s High School.

Due to the football team advancing far into the playoffs, the first basketball game has been canceled every year since 2011. Returning back to the varsity squad this year will be Everman and junior Alex Eyink. Due to the loss of six senior leaders, the Flyers are looking for new faces to represent and lead the Marion Local team. The six seniors will not be the only ones leading the team, as multiple juniors will be assisting them on the court, fighting for playing time.

Everman’s thoughts on this upcoming basketball season were, "I am excited to start playing again, but we are going to have to work harder this season than in the past. We do not have the height or a leading shooter like we normally do. We also do not have many returning players, so we all need to step up and get better together."

Senior Moeller claims, "Practices are difficult to run since there are only a few of us not in football. This gives us less time to prepare for games with our whole team, but we boys want no smoke. 100 percent gas, man! We are holding down the fort until the boys come back."

The boys’ team is scheduled to play a total of 22 games this year. They are hoping to dominate in the MAC and return to the Schottenstein Center in March to capture the 2020 Division IV boys basketball state title.
Seniors Kramer, Pohlman set to lead

By: Becca Rindler
Staff Writer
MINSTER - After the record high of 38 swimmers last season, the swim team is smaller in numbers this season, with 16 girls and 12 boys making the team. The swim team is kicking off practices for the season with Head Coach Scott Smith.

The team is joined by two new assistant coaches, Steve Hemmelgarn and Danielle Hartke. As practices start off this season, junior Tyler Francis comments, "Swim season will be a lot different this season with two intense coaches added to the staff."

The team had a strong run last year with the boys' team placing in the top five at five different meets, including one first-place win. The girls' team placed in the top five at six meets throughout the previous season and won first at Sidney last year.

The senior class is now represented by two swimmers. Seniors Halley Pohlman and Natalie Kramer take on the season with an easy decision to help guide the team this year. Kramer states, "I am very excited for swim this season and ready to take on the role of being a senior leader."

With 21 underclassmen this season, the team is looking to grow in numbers again in future years. The juniors this season consist of Tyler Francis, Matthew Oury, and Josh Brunswick. The sophomores will be strong in numbers with Riley Bruns, Lexi Brunswick, Olivia Clune, Logan Jones, Lauren Kramer, Katie Mescher, Noah Moles, Kevin Partington, and Emma Pohlman.

The swim team at their first practice of the new season.

PHOTO BY: SCOTT SMITH

Bowling rolls into season

By: Drew Ruhenkamp
Staff Writer
NEW BREMEN - The 2019-2020 bowling season is rolling into action with the first match scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 16. This year bowling is being coached by Mrs. Sue Bruns. The numbers are big, with the team having 10 girls and 13 boys.

Coach Bruns said about the team, "This year we have a young team, and this season will be a good season to rebuild. I'm hoping to get a few kids to Regionals or even further, but my main goal is for everybody to have fun."

The season starts in mid-November and ends at the beginning of February. The matches are all held on Saturdays at 9:45 a.m. for the girls and at 1:00 p.m. for the boys.

The Flyers are part of the WOHSBC, the West Ohio High School Bowling Conference, along with Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, Minster, New Bremen, Parkway, St. Henry, Versailles, Fort Loramie, Russia, and Mississinawa Valley.

Marion's home bowling alley that they compete at is Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater.

The girls' team, as well as the guys' team, has a total of ten conference games this year.

When asked about what he thought for this upcoming season, junior Cameron Gagel commented, "I'm really looking forward to this year's bowling season because I really liked having Sue [Bruns] as the coach and how interactive she was."

Last year the season went well for the Flyers. They had seniors Kendall Bruns, Matthew Prueter, and Isaac Bertke. Bruns had an average of 180 and a career-high of 221. Prueter ended the season with an average of 162 and a career-high of 215. Bertke ended the season on an average of 161 and had a career-high of 198. The guys finished tenth overall, holding a losing record of 3-8.

The girls' team graduated three starting seniors from last year: Tana Bruggeman, Hailey Platfoot, and Sidney Rindler. In their conference, they finished seventh overall with a record of 3-6. Although these are both losing records, the WOHSBC can be very competitive.
How to keep a significant other

By: Emily Nietfeld
News Editor

MARIA STEIN - The Class of 2019 made a lasting impression on our school while they were here. There was never a dull moment at Marion Local with the Class of 2019, but which seniors stood out the most and made the biggest lasting impression on the remaining underclassmen? A poll was taken throughout the school to figure out who Marion Local misses the most.

Derek Wilker - First on the list of top missed seniors is Derek Wilker. Wilker is known for many of his fun moments throughout his high school career. He is also remembered for the amazing style he showed off at both his senior and junior years of prom.

Austin Kremer - Number four on our list is Austin Kremer, commonly known as “Twerk.” Kremer’s unique personality and sense of humor are definitely one to remember. Kremer is also known for his long, luscious hair.

Timothy J. Knapschafer - Last but certainly not least on our list is Knapschafer. This missed senior was always fun to be around, which is why the student body voted him onto our list. He is remembered for his sarcastic comments.

The Class of 2019 has touched everyone involved with our school. Everyone can agree that this class was very special and unique.

Female Flyers sigh for Schwieterman

By: Abby Moorman
Staff Writer

MARIA STEIN - Walking down the hallway recently, you may have caught yourself drooling while looking at one of the top five cutest senior boys in Marion Local High School! 100 high school girls of all grade levels voted on which of the five boys was the cutest. It was a near-impossible choice, but the overall winner was Blake Schwieterman.

The vote was a tough decision for every female Flyer who was surveyed. Schwieterman is known for his right swoosh in his hair and his resemblance to Niall Horan from the band One Direction.

Kyle Muhlenkamp is the star high school quarterback what’s not attractive about a high school quarterback? Matt Everman is known for his cute curly blonde hair. Brandon Fleck, the gentle giant, is also included in the top five, but you may not see him in the hallway because he is always in the weight room getting huge. And finally, there is Jason Hess with his sweet and amazing personality and sense of humor, with his pearly white smile.

When Schwieterman, cutest boy in the high school hallway, was asked how he feels about being voted the cutest boy at Marion Local, he stated, “Please stop,” adding, “I have a girlfriend.”

Each girl that was given the chance to take the poll was given a list of these top five boys and was told to rank who they think the cutest boy is, five being the cutest and one is cute, but definitely not the cutest. After all the votes were tallied up, Schwieterman won with a total of 375 points, Fleck came second with 329 points, Everman came in third with 301 points, Hess stood fourth with 283 points, and Muhlenkamp finished the competition with 219 points.

When junior Caitlynn Schemmel was given the ballot of the five boys, she stated, “Wow, this is a really hard decision because each of the five boys are really cute... I wish Ryan [Klosterman] was this cute.”

Cutest boys alive from Marion Local High School emulate their idols, the band One Direction.

First on the list of the cutest boys is Nicko Knapschaefer. This missed senior is why the student body voted him the overall winner was Blake Schwieterman.

Most missed senior of 2019

By: Emily Nietfeld
News Editor

MARIA STEIN - The Class of 2019 had a really hard decision because each of the five boys are really cute. The first and only girl on our list, Arling comes in second with 329 points, Fleck came second with 329 points, Everman came in third with 301 points, Hess stood fourth with 283 points, and Muhlenkamp finished the competition with 219 points.

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Opinion

Should the spirit pal tradition continue?

By: Drew Ruhenkamp
News Editor

MARIA STEIN - Fridays at Marion Local are anything but boring. With Friday night football games and the weekend coming up, students and staff at Marion Local are always pumped for an exciting weekend. Everyone can agree that Fridays are the most relaxing days of the week. However, there is always one extra burden that is upon the senior girls every year: the responsibility of being a spirit pal.

The spirit pals tradition consists of the senior girls pairing up with football players and making signs to put on their lockers with some sort of treat with them every Friday. Although this tradition can be fun, there are people who believe that the tradition either needs to change or just end entirely.

There are several different opinions on whether or not the spirit pals at Marion Local have gotten out of hand. Some girls enjoy the tradition, stating that it helps create a fun school atmosphere with lots of school spirit. On the other hand, a few of the senior girls look at the spirit pal tradition as just being another responsibility to take care of.

Senior Brooke Homan states, “I have received our first report cards. To experience, having your parents sign it and sticking your straight A letter grades so they won’t work like a charm. Rip it up and say your dog got to it before them. Don’t have a dog? Just say the neighbor’s dog got to it before them.

I interviewed some people and got suggestions from some of them about what they would do. Junior Derek Schmidt stated, “Just show your parents mine, and they’ll forget all about yours being bad.” Junior Abby Moorman comments, “Just do not give your parents your Google Drive password.” When Junior Kelsey Broering was asked for his tactic, he said, “Wreck your car, so they forget all about the grades and signing your report card.”

Senior Kelsey Broering shows her technique of changing a C− to an A+. Kelsey does not use this technique, but it is a great tip for students in need.

Most senior girls are often stuck in the middle of the argument. Most agree that the tradition is still a fun and exciting activity to do, except for the fact that their spirit pal does not do anything in turn for them. According to senior Mary Lou Hoelscher, “I would have no problem participating in the spirit pal tradition, but it’s so much extra effort, and the boys never return the favor.”

On top of the time, money, and effort girls put into their spirit pals, there is also pressure on senior girls to create a good sign. In addition to having a good sign, the girls have to pick the right treat that their spirit pal will like.

A major complaint from senior girls is that after putting in the time and effort for their spirit pals, they still receive negative feedback. However, some girls claimed to have enjoyed the entire experience, stating that their spirit pals were grateful and fun to cheer on at games.

Overall, someone’s opinion on the spirit pal tradition depends on personal experience. There is no doubt that senior girls definitely deserve lots of gratitude for putting in the amazing effort of bringing school spirit every Friday.

Report cards 101: How to please parents

By: Drew Ruhenkamp
Staff Writer

MARIA STEIN - The end of the first quarter has come and gone, and that means that we have received our first report cards. To some people, this is a good experience, having your parents sign it and sticking your straight A’s on the fridge. But for others, this could mean angry parents and sitting at home for a weekend.

The following is some good advice to help with the signing of a report card but without the yelling and the grounding.

• Just throw the report card away. How can you get in trouble if they never see it?
• Use a Sharpie to alter the letters into different letters. They will never know the difference!
• Have a younger sibling sign it. The sloppy handwriting of your parents and your six-year-old brother will have an unrecognizable resemblance.
• Cross out the letters and write down new ones: your parents will just think your teacher made a mistake and had to make some last-second changes.
• Ask them to sign it while they are sleeping; they will end up sleep-signing it with out even being aware of what they are doing.
• Show your younger, smarter sibling’s report card. They’ll never know the difference!
• Just hold your finger over the letter grades so they won’t see what you have. It’ll work like a charm.
• Rip it up and say your dog got to it before them. Don’t have a dog? Just say the neighbor’s dog got to it before them.

Junior Dane Goettmeroeller throws away his grade card.

Senior Brooke Homan gave her unreasonable opinion, saying, “Maybe you should just get good grades in the first place.” When asking Senior Keiley Koenig about what she would do, she said, “I don’t have to worry about that problem because I don’t get bad grades.” These techniques are key ways to present the bad news of bad grades to our parents.
ML alumni Bruns, Prenger become TikTok famous

By: Drew Ruhenkamp
Staff Writer

COLUMBUS - In mid-October, Marion Local alumnus Kendall Bruns (aka playboikendall) posted a video on the social media outlet TikTok that made him famous. The video reached one million views on Nov. 4.

Bruns kept his fans updated and posted a photo on his Snapchat story of the video with its one million views. He also tagged his TikTok partner, 2018 Marion graduate Tyler Prenger, in the photo.

TikTok is an app comprised of short video clips. It is now very popular with high school students: a group of Marion Local freshmen informed us that they spend an average of two to three hours of their day scrolling through TikTok videos.

What Bruns’s now famous short clip displayed was a video of Prenger sleeping in the front seat of a car driving on the interstate, then being woken up by Bruns shouting. In front of him was a semi being towed backward, which made it seem like it was driving right at them.

Bruns first posted the video on Snapchat and then moved it to TikTok because of the good feedback.

Bruns is shocked to be officially famous: “It has truly been a humbling experience. The response we have received has been incredible, just incredible. I think I have officially peaked in life. I would just like to thank my family and friends for all the support and help on my way to fame—Kendall Alexander Sebastian Bruns.”

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Bruns shocked to be officially famous

By: Mackenzie Gross
Entertainment Editor

MARIA STEIN - We all know the feeling of walking into a class that you absolutely dread going to. But then you look up and see a substitute teacher sitting behind the desk today. Your day has probably just been made.

Most students at Marion Local absolutely enjoy and admire the presence of some of our finest substitutes: Mr. Bill Elking, Ms. Jane Heiby, Mr. Jack Homan, and Mrs. Jenny Albers. We got the inside scoop of what it is like as a substitute teacher sitting behind the desk today. Your day has probably just been made.

When questioned about their favorite thing about subbing at Marion Local, each responded positively. Mr. Elking remarked, “I know almost all the students and their parents, but it is getting tougher [to know them all]. We have GOOD kids!” Ms. Heiby said that she loves the people here. Mr. Homan responded, “The money is a plus. It is easy to follow up with my athletes.” Mrs. Albers stated she enjoys seeing the students and staff at Marion Local.

Even though it is pretty hard not to like Marion Local, the subs were asked what their least favorite part about subbing is. Ms. Heiby said she dislikes getting up early to be at Marion Local. Mrs. Albers said she misses seeing her kids and their friends at school, now that they are all graduated. Mr. Elking stated, “I am technologically challenged,” and that he does not know how to use the newer technology. Mr. Homan said, “Long days.”

When asked what his favorite class to sub for was, Mr. Homan replied, “Whoa, whoa, whoa, not picking favorites!” Mr. Elking added, “I would prefer history, but Mr. Grabowski never misses. I really do enjoy subbing for all the subjects. I’m just not very good at some of them.” Ms. Heiby added her favorite, saying, “Art and drawing classes because the students are so talented.” Mrs. Albers said she likes all the positions at the high school.

With not being in the class every day, substitutes are not familiar with the everyday routine of the class and something may go wrong, but it will eventually just lead to memories. Mr. Elking said, “I can’t remember first names. I have often called a student by his or her mom or dad’s name. The student may not always think it’s funny, but the other students laugh at my mistakes. Sometimes I don’t even know I do it!” Ms. Heiby reflected on her experiences, saying, “I was subbing for the yearbook class, and we needed the projector screen. Brennen Schlecht thought he had the magical touch, and he pulled the screen off the wall. We had to wait for Pooch [Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Hartings] to come and put it back on the wall. To this day, Brennen insists that it was not him that pulled the screen off the wall.” Mrs. Albers describes her experience when she was subbing in study hall and the monitor left a note saying that nobody should leave study hall that day. “Senior boys wanted to leave, so they slid a $10 bill on my desk and smirked at me and said, ‘Will this help?’”

All four of these subs stated that Marion Local was the only place that they sub at regularly. Mr. Elking added that he prefers the high school because he is not good at dealing with little kids.

Thanks to the subs for all that they do! We appreciate all the hard work you put into it.
Fortnite begins Chapter 2

By: Blake Schwieterman

Opinion Editor

MARIA STEIN - Epic Games continue to amaze us with new content added to the very popular game Fortnite. This time Epic Games had an in-game countdown that was counting down to the release of a new season called “The End,” but Epic Games never posted or announced when they will be released as they have done in the past seasons. On Oct. 13, Epic Games threw everyone for a loop when an asteroid crashed into the Season 10 Fortnite map and destroy the game. After the game was destroyed, all that was left on your screen was a small black hole where you couldn’t play anything. All you could do was wait for Epic Games to do something.

This caused a huge uproar in the Fortnite community; many people were upset that Epic Games would shut down the game and leave them hanging. Senior Matt Everman said, “I didn’t know what to even do with my free time since Fortnite was shut down. I just had to sit around with my family and actually talk to them.”

Two days later, Fortnite surprised everyone with a 20 GB update at 4:00 a.m. This new update was titled Fortnite Chapter 2, which meant that after ten seasons they had made a new chapter of Fortnite. With this entirely new map added to Fortnite, Epic Games decided to take the game back to its more simple and original times. With this new update, they keep it very simple, only having a few original components with different looks and better graphics. There are also not many different ways you are able to travel. They have gotten rid of the B.R.U.T.E.‘s, hoverboards, slides, and launch pads, making it difficult for players to get across the map. Epic Games did add boats into the game, which is helpful considering the map has many waterways, and you can also swim faster than ever.

Epic Games has made it easier for new players that do not have much experience at the game. They have added a new feature that reads how you play and will add bots so players can improve their skill levels. Bots are computer-generated players who act like real players but are not controlled by any human. These bots will start to lessen, the better you get at the game.

Spooky season gets scarier

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MARIA STEIN - Spooky season has officially ended, as people began to put up their turkey decorations, getting ready for the next holiday, Thanksgiving. However, the Marion Local students are not ready for Halloween to be over just yet.

“Halloween should be appreciated longer than just the month of October. It gives me a reason to wear my inflatable dinosaur costume places other than volleyball games and not get judged,” Senior Alex Klosterman said when asked about his feelings toward Halloween being over.

During the month of October, students got in the spooky spirit by doing numerous activities, such as carving and painting pumpkins, going to haunted houses, and trick or treating. Senior Nathan Ungruhn believes, “People say carving pumpkins is romantic to do with your girlfriend, but honestly, I would rather go to a haunted house so she pees her pants. This would be hilarious and a good memory that I can make fun of her about for the rest of my life. The carved pumpkin will just turn black in a week.”

To continue the fall festivities consider enjoying a fun corn maze with your family or friends. Senior Mackenzie Gross commented, “My cousins and I went to a corn maze on a rainy day. It was pretty fun until I was stuck in the back of the corn maze with two younger cousins and it was pouring down rain.” She went on to say, “We probably should have realized it was a bad idea to do the corn maze when we were the only people there.”

As fun as those activities are, sometimes laying on your couch watching a good movie gets you in the best spirit. October may have come to a close, but the Halloween spirit is still in the air as the Disney Channel and other TV networks are still airing legendary Halloween movies.

Junior Abby Moorman stated, “I love watching the Halloween movies every year on the TV, it just gets me in a fall mood.” Watching a movie is the perfect way to get in the spirit because you can watch it alone or even with a group of people so you do not look antisocial on the weekends.

If you’re looking to stay on your couch, maybe you will get lucky enough to catch someone football on television. Gather your family and some friends and watch some good American football. (We highly recommend watching the Cleveland Browns vs. the NFL referees on Sundays.) After completing one of these exciting fall activities, you may want to gather some delicious ingredients and whip yourself up a tasty fall treat. Senior Maria Heckman, along with her family, grew pumpkins in their garden and then used the pumpkins to make homemade pumpkin pie.

“The pie was amazing, and it was satisfying to make something completely from scratch,” Heckman added about her fall treat.

But, if you’re not a big fan of pie, just swing by any store during fall, and there will surely be something pumpkin spice-flavored for sale to boost your fall spirit. Products like pumpkin spice noodles, Pringles, spiced chicken, salsa, or even sausage links with a hint of pumpkin spice are available.

We hope one of these fall festivities will get you in the fall spirit. Whichever activity you choose will be sure to bring you extra fall spirit. Whatever you do, always remember Thanksgiving is a holiday, and please do not celebrate Christmas until Nov. 29.
**Vehicle of the Month**

By: Kelsey Koenig
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MARIA STEIN - The November Vehicle of the Month is awarded to Senior Derrek Kemper’s car, a.k.a. THE KEMPMOBILE! Kemper’s Kempmobile is a classic 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis.

Kemper’s car has a ravishing RED interior: the seats and floors are all RED! I’m not kidding, the whole car is RED. We asked Kemper his feelings about his ravishing RED Kempmobile, and he stated, “My favorite part about my car is the burrito holder. This comes in handy after my T-Bell runs.”

Kemper has over 80,000 miles on his car. For how old the cars is, it does not have that many miles on it. Some nice qualities about this car are, obviously, the RED interior, as well as the loud engine.

**Guess that baby**

By: Mackenzie Gross
Entertainment Editor

- This baby’s middle name is James.
- He was born on Sept. 30, 2001.
- This baby has one younger brother.
- He plays football and runs track.
- This baby lives on State Rte. 716.
- This baby’s middle name is Trenton.
- His birthday is on Oct. 26, 2002.
- He has one older brother as well as a younger sister and brother.
- This baby plays football, basketball, and runs track.
- This baby’s middle name is Marta.
- She was born on Feb. 18, 2004.
- She golfs.
- This baby has one older brother and an older brother who graduated last year.
- This baby’s middle name is Ann.
- This baby has two older brothers and one younger brother.
- She beat Aiden Eifert in their heat of the diaper derby.

**Mysterious Marion students**

By: Abby Moorman
Staff Writer

Answers are all last names.

ACROSS
1. Marcus Billerman
2. Charles Huelsman
3. Kenslee Kremer
4. Lydia Eifert

DOWN
1. This freshman boy was homeschooled till high school.
2. This senior jams on top of his car every Friday game day.
3. This senior girl missed 49.5 days of school freshman year.
4. Mrs. Hemmelgarn tells this junior boy “Happy birthday!” every day.
5. This sophomore rocks his headband.
6. This sophomore girl’s nickname is “Rocket.”