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MHS Fall Blood Drive Draws Many Donations

By Haley Bell

The Marshalltown High School blood drive was held October 10, 2017 in the high school auditorium lobby. The MHS National Honor Society sponsored the blood drive.

According to Meri Edel, MHS counselor and head of National Honor Society, the blood drive went well this year. "Everything ran very smoothly and we didn't have any issues that caused concern. One interesting tidbit- we were not able to do any of the double red blood cell donations, which we typically do. The facility that produces the equipment for the double red donations is located in Puerto Rico, so all the equipment was still there due to the recent hurricane."

This year's blood drive had a similar number of donations compared to past few years in terms of results. "Lifeserve sets a goal based on the previous year's drive, which they were aiming to meet. This year, 53 units of blood were collected," Edel said. In order to donate blood you must be 16 years old, weigh 120 lbs., and it has to be at least eight weeks since your last donation.

The National Honor Society has been hosting the Fall blood drive for over 10 years. "It is open for the community to participate, but we usually fill our time slots with MHS students and staff," Edel said. This blood drive helps replenish the local blood supplies in the community.

National Honor Society will also be hosting their regular campus cleanups and other volunteer projects. "It's possible that in the spring we will have another major service project to benefit our community, but that has not been determined yet. It will be up to our members to choose a meaningful one," Edel concluded.

Club Spotlight Zeros in on the MHS Math Team

By Emily Miller

The Marshalltown High School math team has seen an increase in members in the past year. The Math team, sponsored by Robert Griffin, meets on Tuesdays during homeroom and Wednesdays after school. According to captain Jacob Eberle, junior "Our goal this year is to help out MHS academics and get more members on math team." The team recently competed at a math meet in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on October 14, where they placed in the top five. The leaders of the group are Jacob Eberle and Zach Swartz. Zach Swartz, along with Jillian Lang, Trevor Ketchum and Marek Jablonski all qualified for the state meet in Ames, Iowa. The team will attend a total of seven math meets during the year, as well as the state meet in the spring.

Members of the math team include Jillian Lang, Jacob Eberle, Marek Jablonski, Zach Swartz, Molly Sickles, Trevor Ketchum, Carlye Castillo, Jordan Anderson, Jay Drummer, Diana Espinoza and Victor Zavala-Livengood. According to Jillian Lang, the club has seen an increase in girls joining math team this year. "Mrs. Fritzell (MHS XLP teacher) told me to join math team because at first, there weren't any girls. I'm really glad that other girls joined this year and I encourage anyone to go out for math team!" Lang said.

The math team is currently in the process of fundraising for team shirts to wear at competitions, and encourage all to donate to their Gofundme.com account.



Marshalltown High School students and staff donate blood during the annual National Honor Society blood drive held in the lobby of the MHS auditorium on October 10, 2017.

(Photo by Haley Bell)

Fall Muscial Production of Cinderella Opens Friday Night

By Shayelyn Pickett

The Marshalltown High School production of *Cinderella* will not be the Disney version that many people know. The version the MHS high school actors will perform is the original Broadway production written by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein. Amy Ose, MHS musical director, said that the play would incorporate a few changes from the original production. "We are updating it a little bit. The costuming is a little bit more Twentieth Century rather than Victorian or Renaissance style," Ose said.

According to Ose, the production will again be a family-friendly show similar to past musicals performed by MHS students. Ose added that the show is humorous. "One of the funniest characters is the king, which is played by Luke Pedersen."

Ose said that there is a strong cast and crew in the musical. She added that the actors quickly learned their lyrics and lines and characters were developing their personalities early on in rehearsals.

The auditioning process, according to Ose, began this year with students performing both a song and reading parts for consideration of available roles in the musical. Ose said that actors might have an idea of whom they want to play the part of in the play; however, the process involves reading from various character parts. For example, Ose said that a student might read the part of Cinderella, the queen, the stepmother and the stepsisters. Ose continued that this is to see how each actor reacts to quickly changing their personality from character to character. "Often times, I've got a great singer who can handle the singing part, but it really comes down to what we see in that audition as far as character and personality," Ose said.

The musical will open Friday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. with another performance on Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. MHS activity passes will be honored for the production.



The MHS Bobcat girls' swim team celebrated senior night on October 10, 2017. Seniors who finished their final high school season included Zoe Beals, Jacqueline Wahl, Olivia Ryan, Gretchen Benscoter, Bell Russel, Moira McCarville, Aubrey Hala and Claire Stalzer.

(Photo by Publications Staff)

Boys' Golf Team Wins 4A State Title

By ShaeLyn Pickett

The Marshalltown High School boys golf team secured the 4A State golf title on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Head coach Lucas Johnson said that the team knew that winning state was the overall goal for the season. "When you reach the goals you wanted, that's how you measure success," Johnson said.

The state team included Nate Vance, Luke Appel, Tate Carlson, Keygan Hansen, JD Pollard, Cole Davis, and Mason Reid. Johnson said that the team prepares in the off-season through practice and participation in tournaments.

The MHS team will lose five seniors this year, Vance, Appel, Hansen, Carlson, and Connor Beaty. Johnson stated that he will miss their leadership. However, according to Johnson, there are several eighth graders who are playing golf who will try to compete and contribute next season.

MHS Girls' Volleyball Team Ranked 15th

By Haley Bell

According to head coach Chris Brees, the Marshalltown High School volleyball team has had a great season. "I think anytime that you can get more than 20 wins in our conference, that is a success. We finished the season ranked 15, which was a goal of ours," Brees stated.

On a scale of one to ten, Coach Brees rated this season an overall ten. "I think every year has ups and downs for many different reasons, but the opportunity to get to coach and play a sport you love makes me give it a 10," he said.

Brees said he feels that the upperclassman put a lot of offseason time into their games. "This really helps translate into the fall season. They were able to provide a lot of leadership to younger players," Brees explained.

Brees said he advises the players to get in the weight room and also play club or AAU volleyball, as well as participating in other MHS sports.

Brees said he has high expectations for the next season. "We know that next year will be a rebuilding season, as we lose a great deal of talent with this senior class, but we want to be able to compete in our conference and get better every day," he concluded.

Football Team to Work Hard in the Off-Season to Prepare for Fall

By Jaqueline Wahl

This year's fall season for the Marshalltown High School football team was a season of opportunity, with a new coach and a large group of seniors stepping up to become leaders. It was the perfect time to see what the team had to offer.

Though the season did not end quite as hoped, the team, "played hard and grew tremendously as football players and, more importantly, as young men," head coach Adam Goodvin said. "Every single practice was something to look forward to."

Goodvin stated that now that the players are heading into the off-season, he encourages his players to continue competing in other sports at the high school and to work hard in the Bobcat weight room.

Though the group of thirty-some seniors this year will be missed, Goodvin said that the goal will be to get younger players attending football camps over the winter to continue to develop their abilities and knowledge about the game.

Boys' Cross Country To Train in the Off-Season

By Emily Miller

As the fall sports season comes to an end, the runners on the Marshalltown High School Boys Cross Country team are just getting started. Head coach Chad Pietig commented on the young age of this year's runners, saying "I feel like the season went pretty well considering we had a young team. I am proud of the hard work the guys put in and the progress they made both in getting faster but also learning how to race." Runners on the varsity squad that stood out to Pietig this year included senior Luke Pedersen, as well as underclassmen Javier Rodriguez, Zach Bitker, Noah Hermensen and Eli Thiesen.

While the cross country season is just coming to an end, and the team losing only two seniors, Pietig is already looking to the future. "Hopefully the underclassmen will follow Luke's lead and do summer running. There is no magical workout for cross country. It really comes down to doing the work. I hope we can improve upon what we did this year. If we do the off-season work, we will be more competitive and give ourselves a chance to win meets."

Girls' Cross Country Team Strives to Improve

By Emily Miller

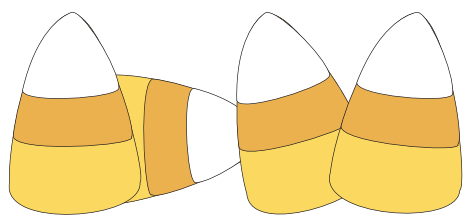
The Marshalltown High School Girls Cross Country Team wrapped up their season on October 12 in a conference meet at Marshalltown Community College. According to head coach Stacy O'Hare, "Overall, I thought the season was a success. The girls improved their times and got better as the season went on." The girls cross country team competed in a total of seven meets this season, with almost half of the varsity squad joining the high school team for the first time. "Kaci Uhde, Mary Kate Gruening and Odaly Flores all had a great first year," O'Hare said.

While the team remains optimistic, O'Hare still has concerns. "We need to put more time in the weight room and put more miles in this summer. I want to compete better as a team, not as individuals. If we improve as a team, everyone will improve."

With putting in work in the off-season being one of the team's priorities for the next year, captain Grace Metzger predicts a strong future. "We accomplished a lot this season and we worked really hard to improve. I'm really excited for the underclassmen because many of them show a lot of promise and I think they'll be great runners in future seasons."



Pictured above is senior Naomi Boland who completed her MHS career on the girls cross country team. (Photo by Julie Cano)



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Lifestyle



November Horoscopes



Scorpio (23 Oct. - 22 Nov.)



Happy Scorpio Season! This month will bring you strength, so use that to your full advantage.

Sagittarius (23 Nov. - 21 Dec.)

This month is getting ready to offer support in matters you're usually ready to shy away from. Hold your head up. From here on there's a future worth heading towards.

Capricorn (22 Dec. - 20 Jan.)

A change in your life has been affecting you more than you realize, but it's unlikely to last. Be supportive of yourself.

Aquarius (21 Jan. - 19 Feb.)

This month might make it hard for you to know who you can trust. You can control this if you act on facts, not fiction, and get information from the source.

Pisces (20 Feb. - 20 March)

Life starts to get exciting this month, and you start to realize that you are destined for great things.

Aries (21 March - 19 Apr.)

This may be a time when you have to choose between family and friends. They say that blood is thicker than water, but mixed emotions show you're not sure. Sleep on it, answers will come.

Taurus (20 Apr. - 20 May)

A challenge to your abilities can bring great results this month, so go for it. You may think you need to aim lower when the truth is you need to be aiming much higher.

Gemini (21 May - 21 June)

Don't chase dreams of others, not when you are so close to obtaining your own. Conversations with friends can reveal what really did or didn't happen.

Cancer (22 June - 23 July)

Look at how you are carrying out everyday tasks and you'll soon see that you have stage fright about an upcoming event and that's all! Take time out; all is set to go in your favor.

Leo (24 July - 23 Aug.)

You find yourself in great humor as this month brings joy to you. Don't hold back.

Virgo (24 Aug. - 22 Sept.)

Only you can decide whether to let that secret you're keeping out of the bag, so stop asking friends and family. Let yourself decide.

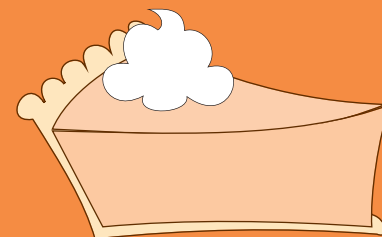
Libra (23 Sept. - 22 Oct.)

Arguments can find successful solutions if dealt with today. Your mind seems to be set on taking a certain action about a close one, but make sure you have all the facts before you act.

Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Eggnog Cheesecake

- Ingredients:** 2 (8 oz.) packages of room temperature cream cheese
 1 cup light brown sugar
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 (15 oz.) can of pumpkin
 1 can of evaporated milk
 4 large eggs
 2 tbs maple syrup
 1 tsp vanilla extract
 1 packet of unflavored gelatin
 1/2 tsp nutmeg
 1/2 tsp ginger
 1 tsp cinnamon
 Crust recipe of choice (graham cracker, crumbled cookie, oatmeal, or nut crust)

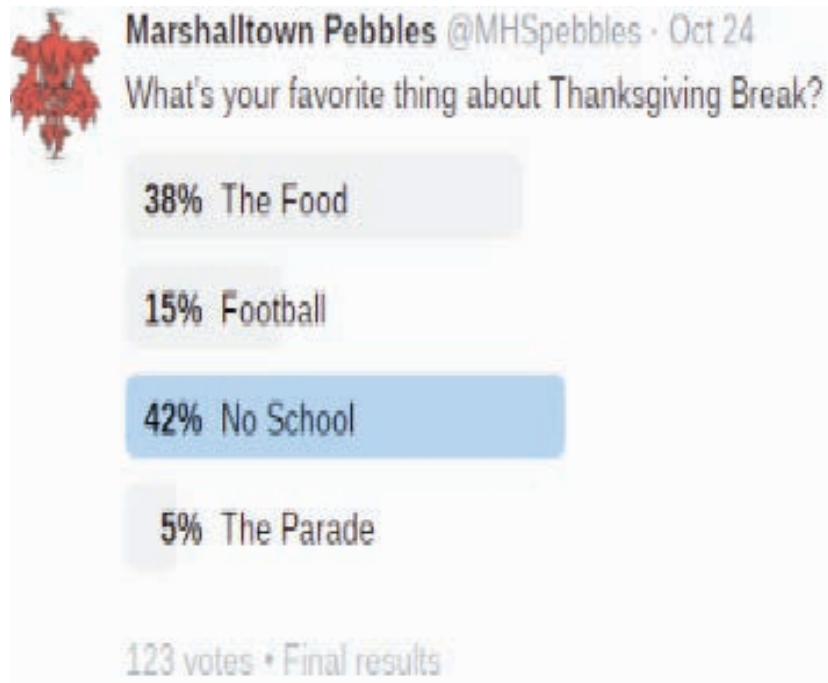


- Instructions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 2. Prepare crust mixture and spread out in bottom of large spring-form pan that has been coated with non-stick spray. Gently press down on it to firm it up and bake for about 12 minutes to set. Put aside to cool.
 3. Cream together the cream cheese and the sugars.
 4. Beat eggs in small bowl, then add to mixture. Stir.
 5. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
 6. Pour into the spring-form pan, over the crust.
 7. Loosely wrap bottom of pan in aluminum foil, and create water bath by placing in shallow pan with about 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water.
 8. Bake for 1 hr 15 minutes. Center will be set and edges will be starting to pull away. You may see faint cracks in edges, but they will be subtle.
 9. Remove from oven to cool, then refrigerate. Release from spring-form before serving.
 10. Top each slice with whipped cream and a pinch of nutmeg.

Easy Mini Cheesecake

- Ingredients:** 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
 3 tbs brown sugar
 5 tbs unsalted butter, melted
 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
 1 large egg
 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 1/4 cup sour cream, room temperature
 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Instructions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with cupcake liners.
 2. Make the graham cracker crust. Stir together graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and melted butter. Press about 2 tbsps into the bottom of each muffin liner.
 3. Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in sour cream, egg, sugar and vanilla extract.
 4. Evenly divide cheesecake among crusts. Bake for 18-20 minutes, until they just begin to brown. Cool completely and refrigerate for at least 3 hours or overnight.
 5. Serve plain or topped with whipped cream and berries.

Pebbles Twitter Poll



What's your favorite thing about Thank:

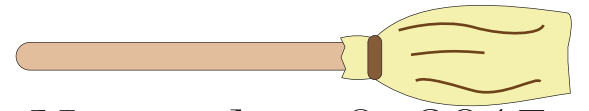
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Cinderella

The Cast and Crew

Cinderella - Hadley Wagner
 Stepmother - Olivia Stone
 Portia (Stepsister) - Yatnia Hernandez
 King - Luke Pedersen
 Herald/Town Crier - Eli Thiessen
 Chef - Taylor Naughton
 Mother - Molly Bach
 Little Girl - Reena Pearson
 Second Girl - Midajah Propp
 Woman - Maggie Stansberry
 Younger Sister - Kya Naughton
 Sloppy Girl - Josie Mukamganga McClain
 Studios Girl - Aliifah Bianca Nuradrina

Prince Charming - Lucas Thiessen
 Fairy Godmother - Carrissa King
 Joy (Stepsister) - Bell Russell
 Queen - Cassandra Wilkins
 Steward/Footman - Colin Jensen
 Father/Clumsy Man - Matthew Waldon
 Daughter - Dona Andrade
 First Girl - Emily Waldon
 Third Girl - Abby Murty
 Oldest Sister - MacKenzie Moyer
 Kid Sister - Olivia Adams-Zmolek
 Bad Girl - Phoebe Osgood
 Grandma - Amanda Hoffman

Ensemble Members

Marta Bao Gomes, Tha Dah, Kyra Dobbins, Erin Duffy

Production Crew

Drama Director - Heather Lee, Music Director - Amy Ose
 Choreographer - Amanda Loomis, Technical Director - Grant Gale
 Set Design/Construction - Heather Lee, Grant Gale, Al Paxson, Rachael Lee
 Light Design - Grant Gale, Zyus Whitehead
 Light Operators - Haewon Hwang, Nathan Thill, Zyus Whitehead
 Costume Design/Coordinator - Molly Holl, Heather Lee, Alexis Espinoza
 Auditorium Manager - Al Paxson
 Poster/Program/T-shirt Design - Heather Lee, Hair/Makeup - Rachael Lee

Stage/Tech Crew

Nyapukah Gatwech, Rylens Hornberg, Alexis Ortiz, Mackenzie Peter, Brenna Porsch

Pit Orchestra

Director - Brett Umthun
 Piano - Annie Greishop, Bass - Victoria Johnson
 Flute - Carmen Araiza, Flute/Piccolo - Amber Lawthers
 Clarinet - Skylar Lindeman, Ben Harris
 Horn - Jordan May, Laura Arneson, Heather Junk
 Trumpet - Brianna Dean, Victor Zavala-Livengood
 Trombone - Gavin McGerr, Tristyn Oberender
 Drums - David Barlow
 Percussion - Joshua Arment
 Violin - Andrew Corral
 Cello - Stella Roseburrough-Borras

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