

# Pebbles

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## Roundhouse Phase II is Underway

By Emily Miller

The long-awaited Roundhouse Phase II renovations have drastically changed the layout of Marshalltown's historic gym. "It has been an amazing project to watch unfold" MHS Principal Jacqueline Wyant said.

Phase II of the Roundhouse renovation includes a home base for the wrestling team, as well as a second practice gym and locker rooms. The additions are expected to be completed in January, 2019.

Wyant explained how funds for this project came to be. "Our community has been very gracious by raising money from private donors which is then matched with district funds generated from property taxes. In fact, the *Drills* sculpture was tied into Phase II when the funds were granted from the Iowa Arts Council with assistance from Marshalltown Public Art Council and the Marshall County Arts and Culture Alliances from the Iowa Great Places Grant. Phase II will [also] tie in aspects from the south side *Drills* remodel to northside: lighting, seating and banners."

While these new features are exciting, Wyant said that she is more hopeful about the impact on the community from this project. "I am excited for students and teams to access these spaces. As each generation passes through these facilities, it is my hope that they imagine their own children attending MHS and participating in activities held in the Roundhouse and experiencing the magnificence of the space."

## Homecoming 2018 Recap

By Emily Miller

Marshalltown High School's Homecoming 2018 came to an end after a week packed with fun activities for students and the Marshalltown community.

On Sunday, September 23, the annual Powderpuff football game and the Powderpuff volleyball match took place. The Seniors grabbed a win in Powderpuff, but lost to the Juniors in Powderpuff.

On Wednesday, September 26, the first ever MHS Homecoming Carnival took place on the track. The "Cats Carnival" was started by a parade around the MHS complex, featuring the Homecoming Court in golf carts along with the MHS marching band, cheerleaders, dance team and MHS students. The "Cats Carnival" included activities run by various clubs, student organizations and athletics for the whole community to enjoy.

On Thursday, September 27, the Homecoming Coronation took place in the MHS Auditorium. Queen Daisy Lopez and King Derrick Garth were crowned.

On Friday, the Homecoming football game against Sioux City West took place bringing home a win for the Bobcats 41-14.

Saturday was the dance in the MHS cafeteria. The theme for this year's dance was "Cats Carnival". Students dressed up, had their pictures taken by Stalzer Photography, and danced the night away.



The Bobcat Marching band lead the spirit march through the MHS hallways Friday afternoon before the Homecoming football game against Sioux City West.

(Photo by Valerie Ramirez)



Pebbles Poll! 2018 MHS Homecoming saw some changes. What was your favorite thing about Homecoming this year?



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## Don't Miss!

October 26: End of Quarter

October 27: State Cross Country Meet @ Fort Dodge

October 29: No School

November 2 & 3: Girl's State Swimming and Diving @ Home

November 9 & 10: MHS Fall Musical, 7 p.m.

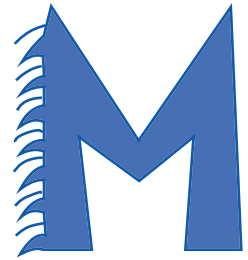
November 15: All State Music Festival @ Iowa State University

November 21-26: Thanksgiving Break





# October 26, 2018 Sports



## Girls Cross Country Season A Success

By Emily Miller

The Marshalltown High School Girls Cross Country team stayed consistent this season Head Coach Stacy O'Hare said. "We have had some good meets and individual performances. Several Girls have run their personal best."

Top returners this year included sophmores Odaly Flores and Mary Kate Gruening and juniors Aida Almanza, Jade Tejada, Kaci Uhde and Mia Barajas. Leaders this year included freshman Phoebe Hermanson and Barajas. "Phoebe and Mia have run well and worked hard in practice," O'Hare said.

While the team has been doing well, O'Hare said she still has some concerns. "As a team, we need to do a better job of not worrying so much about time and just compete."

As the season comes to an end, the team is looking toward next year. "The varsity group all returns next year. We need to put in time over the summer. We have the chance to be very competitive as a team but we need to put the work in to make that happen. The goal is to make it to state as a team," O'Hare said.

Editor's note: Freshman Phoebe Hermanson qualified to compete in the individual Iowa High School State Cross Country Championship in Fort Dodge on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

## MHS Swimming and Diving Makes a Splash

By Zyrus Whitehead

This year's MHS girls swimming and diving team is a young squad, but this hasn't held the team back from improvement. Head Coach Angie Nelson said that this has been a year of growth for everybody, and there has been remarkable time drops from her whole team. Nelson added that the team has worked hard and pushed themselves to beat their records and grow as athletes.

Nelson mentioned that she loves when her girls get so excited about their time cuts and developing skills. She added that watching her team get into shape and get better and better with every race made her glad to be a coach because she gets to celebrate with them. Nelson said that this brings everyone closer as a team and that this season has been especially celebratory with the personal advancements that have been made by everyone on the team.

According to Nelson, swimmers have adapted to competition this year by being placed in a variety of different events in both swimming and diving. The team is very versatile, so switching around the events that they're in helps new swimmers develop and expand their skills in all areas. Nelson said she calls this "filling up her time sheet" and said that she hopes that every student gets an opportunity to fill up their timesheet and get as much experience as possible.

Varsity returning swimmers included Shakira Herrera, Taylor Hrabak, Allison Trowbridge, Samantha Trowbridge, Carissa King, Kelsy Bartles and Emily Sickles. Nelson said that the strong leadership and encouragement from varsity swimmers helped the younger athletes. She said that it is a conscientious team and they all know how to help each other and better the team as a whole.

Nelson added that she hopes that each athlete will go out for swimming again next year and continue in their growth as an athlete and as a well-rounded student. She said that she hopes that all the swimmers will do some training in the off-season to be ready for a great season next year. "It is so important to be involved in school activities and to expand your interest and skills. It's a great day to be a Bobcat!" Nelson concluded.

## Bobcat Football Team Gains Confidence

By Zyrus Whitehead

It has been a great season to be a Bobcat in the football realm this year. Head Coach Adam Goodvin highlighted that the tremendous effort put forth by each player has been competitive, despite the win-loss record. "Every night I go home and reflect on how proud I am of these kids and the improvement they've had not only from last year, but day-to-day within this season" Goodvin said.

The Bobcat coaching staff, according to Goodvin, focused on helping each student to play with confidence and fortitude. Goodvin said that this attitude of determination and morale sets up a chance to win football games every week. He added that it's important to remember that every week is different and as a team it's good to focus on how to put the players in positions to be successful.

When asked if there were any specific players contributing to the overall success of the team, Goodvin said, "You can never single out one or two specific players as being the sole reason for the success throughout a season. All the success we've earned has been earned by the efforts the entire team has put in throughout the off season and each week during practice."

Goodvin said that the growth made by the players and coaches this season made the season a six out of 10. "I'm a tough grader...I always encourage our coaching staff and players to never settle for good enough and find ways to improve daily." Goodvin added that this mindset of constant improvement can push a team to play their best and grow together in their skills and in their relationships.

The general goal for next football season is to simply "get better." Goodvin said he would like to see improvement in both on the field performance and off the field behavior from his players. "As a team, we will set goals for the season and discuss how we will achieve them," Goodvin said.

## Strong Work Ethic Evident in Runners

By Emily Miller

The Boys Cross Country team continued to work hard this season according to Head Coach Chad Pietig. "The strength of this team is their work effort. They are working very hard in practice, and with only one upperclassmen on varsity, the young guys are learning a lot about racing in our conference."

Top returners this season included sophmores Eli Thiessen, Freddy Ross, Noah Hermanson and Javier Rodriguez. The sole upperclassmen is Junior Zach Bitker. The team was also joined by freshmen Conner Smith and Marcus Baker. "I feel like we are way ahead of where we were last year at this time," Pietig said.

As the season comes to an end, Pietig said that he already has a plan in formation for next year. "If this group of guys will stick together, all of their hard work from this year should be rewarded. They have the potential to be very competitive next year, but they have to stick together and put the team first. They are the best group of runners we have had in a while, just very young. So they should see the benefit of this experience they gained this year in the next season."



The Marshalltown volleyball team ended their season in a semifinal match against Ankeny High School Tuesday night at the MHS Roundhouse.

Photo by Alexis Ortiz



## October Horoscopes

By Zyrus Whitehead

**Aries (March 21 – April 20)**

Put your thoughts into action. Take care of your own responsibilities before you help others. Save your money and guard your time.

**Taurus (April 21 – May 21)**

This is not the day to be extravagant. Don't be taken advantage of by any fast-talking salesperson trying to part you from your cash. Your ability to talk to people will allow you to meet interesting people.

**Gemini (May 22 – June 21)**

Be disciplined to get what you want. Stay calm and don't blow situations out of proportion. Spend your money wisely this month, Gemini.

**Cancer (June 22 – July 22)**

Your communication skills are at an all-time high. Make sure you follow through with plans you make. Don't make promises you won't be able to keep.

**Leo (July 23 – August 22)**

Be careful not to be too preoccupied or minor accidents or injury could derail you. Make your intentions clear to others and find out exactly what is expected of you.

**Virgo (August 23 – September 23)**

You need to keep busy doing those things that you truly enjoy. Don't avoid situations that may deteriorate; try to mend them. Your energetic nature and ability to initiate projects will add to your overall appeal to others.

**Libra (September 24 – October 23)**

Don't overspend or give too freely to others. You need to take a good look at all sides of an issue before making a decision.

**Scorpio (October 24 – November 22)**

You may feel that people are ignoring you, but it is most likely due to a misunderstanding. Don't allow someone to bully you into doing things their way; stand up for yourself without losing your temper.

**Sagittarius (November 23 – December 21)**

Focus on your own problems and let those around you know how you feel but don't take on their problems. Watch your spending, but you could benefit financially if you put money back into your living quarters. Set realistic goals for the upcoming year.

**Capricorn (December 22 – January 20)**

You need to spend some time reflecting on past experiences and try to be patient with those people who don't accept you for who you are now, not who you were in the past.

**Aquarius (January 21 – February 19)**

This is a great time to look into courses or hobbies that interest you. Be direct with your feelings and don't allow others to make demands on your time that are impossible for you to handle.

**Pisces (February 20 – March 20)**

Social get-togethers will help bring you in contact with intelligent new friends and lead you into new circles and open doors that will give you a unique outlook on life.

## Clubs to Consider at MHS

By Tariq Martin

The A.C.E. Mentor program is an after school at Marshalltown High School that introduces students to careers in architecture, construction, engineering and similar disciplines. A.C.E. is made up of mentors that are enthusiastic and committed to sharing with students the many aspects of their career as well as helpful information for students about how they might pursue a similar career path.

With the A.C.E. program, students work with engineers, contractors and architects to experience what those professionals do in their jobs. Each year students will take on a project that may consist of designing a shelter, a tiny house, a convention building or other structure. Students go through the entire design process from brainstorming to the potential of the project through construction.

Ryan Carroll, MHS PLTW teacher, is advisor to the group. "With this program you can get letters of recommendations from the mentors as well as possible internships or door openings at their [mentors] place of work, like Emerson or TSP Architects. But, also don't forget about all the knowledge and skills you will also learn from the group [of mentors]," Carroll said. A.C.E. member, Tariq Martin, senior at MHS, added that, "it would be great for anyone who is interested to attend the meetings and learn more about the fields of construction, engineering, or architecture for their future."

A.C.E. Mentors meets every other Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 3 at MHS.



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