

Golf Classic Recap!

On June 27, the Marion Foundation held their 11th Annual Golf Classic at Hunters Ridge Golf Course in Marion. The event brought together 24 foursomes, fabulous community sponsors and a variety of prizes and giveaways that kept our golfers happy all day.

More than 40 companies sponsored holes and flag events or donated awesome prizes. The day's activities were capped off with a tasty beef brisket and pork ribs dinner and the awarding of prizes to three flights of winning foursomes.

Proceeds from this annual outing benefit the students and faculty of the Marion Independent School District. For additional golf wrap up details, photos and more about the Marion Foundation, visit www.marion-foundation.org.



The big winner was the team from City State Bank which included Andrew Sprague, Steve Willette, Austin Black and Dave Simcox.



Annual *For the Love of Marion* Fundraising Event

Friday, March 14, 2014 ~ 6-9 p.m.

Vernon Middle School

\$10 per person ~ RSVP by March 6

- Wear your red & gold or vintage Marion gear
- Enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres & desserts
- Marvel at student entertainment & "Being Marion" winning essays
- Recognize "Leader Award" recipients
- Bid on silent & live auctions
- Play games & Win prizes!

Several sponsorship opportunities are available – ask how you can be a "Spear-It" of Influence event sponsor!

Contact the Foundation office or visit www.Marion-Foundation.org.

Plan now to attend!

Save the date for the 12th Annual Golf Classic at Hunters Ridge Golf Course on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

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Your \$5 Will Make a Difference in Our Schools!

\$5

The Foundation's **Drive for Five** campaigns in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011 have collectively raised more than \$30,000 for our schools.

The Marion Foundation supports students in the areas of literacy, special education, STEM, the arts, higher education, athletics and projects like *One Day in May* and *College for Kids!*

Thank You for Supporting Marion Students!

Marion Independent School **FOUNDATION** & Alumni Association

Mail your \$5 check (or more) made payable to MISD Foundation, 777 S. 15th St., Marion **by December 31.**

You may also drop off your donation at any of the school offices.

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The Mission of the Foundation is to maintain, develop, increase, and extend the facilities of the Marion Independent School District, and to provide broader educational service opportunities to its students, staff, faculty, and the residents of the geographical area which it serves.

Paying it Forward, One Year at a Time



Greg Hapgood, President



LaNisha Cassell, Executive Director

What an amazing start to the 2013-14 school year!!! Our varsity boys showed their stuff against their homecoming opponents with a 41-0 win on October 4. Benton didn't know what hit them! Also showing off was our MHS Scarlet Spectrum Marching Band. Among other high ratings this fall, the band took first place in 3A at the Mount Pleasant

Marching Invitational and received a division 1 rating at the State Marching contest. There's so much to be excited about, so be sure to read this issue in its entirety for all the happenings throughout the District.

Don't forget to pass on kudos to our extraordinary students and teachers who are making enormous strides as leaders in our community. Leading the Marion Foundation is that much easier when we can share news like this all year long! As the Foundation embarks upon its 26th year as the fundraising and alumni relations resource for the District, we look forward to continuing our tradition of "making money, to give it away." This effort is only made stronger with a board of trustees that is committed to and passionate about our District and this community. Take a moment to "meet our trustees" inside this issue. They are proud to serve you and are grateful for your own personal commitment.

On behalf of the Marion Foundation trustees, I am pleased to invite your attendance and participation on March 14 when we all have a chance to show our true Indian spirit "For the Love of Marion." This 8th annual event has been re-vamped for you! We will be at Vernon Middle School for a casual evening of school spirit, teacher recognition, fun activities, yummy food and, above all, to raise necessary dollars for our kids. Thank you for helping us pay it forward!

Marion Foundation Annual Meeting & Board Retreat

The Marion Foundation held its 2013 annual meeting at host site, Hills Bank & Trust Company in Marion. The board was welcomed by First Vice President and Branch Manager, Sharon Woodward. In addition to a working lunch, the meeting included annual elections and District updates from Superintendent Sarah Pinion.

Thank You - Resignations from the board included long-time trustee **Sheryl Campbell Morgan** (MHS 1973); Marion Chamber president, **Jill Wilson Ackerman** (MHS 1994); and **Mike Cannoy** (MHS 1984) who has helped spearhead the annual Golf Classic the last several years. We will miss the contributions of these three trustees and wish them well.

New Trustees - New trustees were elected and include **Peg Fraser** with Country Financial; **Bryan Ryther** (MHS 2002) with Depuy Synthes Spine; **Patty Webster** with Hills Bank & Trust Company; and **Steve Willette** with Ohnward Bank. We look forward to working with our new members in meeting the mission and goals of the Foundation.

Bricks, Flags, Ornaments Still Available

A brick from the old MHS/VMS building, with a certificate of authenticity, can be yours with your gift of \$50 or more. The bricks have been



enhanced with a beautiful gold plate engraved with the image of the original building. Shipping

is just \$12 per brick (may include a brief note upon request). If your gift exceeds \$200, we will ship your brick at no additional cost. They make wonderful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas.



High quality Marion car flags are also available for only \$15 each. Let everyone know who you're rooting for!



The last batch of Vernon Middle School holiday ornaments can be purchased from Deb Menken at dmenken@marion-isd.org.

2013 Class Reunions



Marion High School Class of 1963 - 50th Year Reunion



Marion High School Class of 1973 - 40th Year Reunion



Marion High School Class of 1983 - 30th Year Reunion



Marion High School Class of 1998 - 15th Year Reunion

SAVE THESE 2014 DATES

Class of 1954 - 60th Reunion - Sept. 5-7, 2014
contact Shirley Post Pantini, 319-377-3724

Class of 1959 - 55th Reunion - Sept. 13, 2014
contact Judy Midcalf Crowley, 319-377-3993

Thank You!

Special thanks to Pearson for their recent contribution of \$3,000 to the Marion Foundation. A leader in education services, Pearson applies their deep education experience and research, invests in innovative technologies, and promotes collaboration throughout the education ecosystem. For more information, visit www.pearsoned.com.



Bernita Sebern - The Quiet Adventurer of 1927

We learned that Bernita Sebern was a Marion graduate from the class of 1927 when she passed away last December. Ms. Sebern was 104 years old. Although she had lived many years in Pasadena, CA, she had strong and lasting ties in Marion.

Her niece, Dr. Nancy Sebern (MHS 1971) shared that her aunt and all her siblings (Wilbur, Lowell, Elizabeth and Benjamin) graduated from MHS. Their mother, Myrtle Bowman was also an alum; graduating in 1892 – one of the earliest MHS classes.

According to the 1927 Quill, Bernita was called “Beetie” and was involved with the Girl Reserves, Glee Club, Basketball, Latin Club and more. Briefly noted in the Quill was a trip she and twin brother, Benjamin took to Long Beach, CA. In their Class Will, the two wrote they would leave, “Our experiences in the West to any teacher who would like them, but can’t afford the pleasure.” It seems that Bernita had already developed a love for the West and would eventually make that side of the country her home.

She first graduated from Coe College after majoring in Sociology and Economics. Moving to Pasadena in the early 1950s, Bernita worked for the City with the department of Public Health. Though she traveled internationally during the '60s and '70s, she often made her way back to Marion for family gatherings.

Never having married, Bernita shared stories of her years in Marion with niece Nancy and her siblings, Dorothy (MHS 1969) and Jim (MHS 1965). “She was a very gracious and quiet person,” Nancy said of her late aunt.



Bernita celebrated her 100th birthday in 2008.

New Performing Arts Facilities Fund

The Marion Performing Arts Council kicked off its new fund via the Marion Foundation with a generous gift from the Marion High School Thespians. This new fund is dedicated to the enhancement of the District’s performing arts spaces; including the current auditorium and other facilities used for performances by the district. The fund may also be used towards the future construction of a new auditorium. Tax-deductible contributions may be made at any time to the Marion Foundation. Please designate “Performing Arts” on the memo line.

Foundation Supports C4K Participants

The Grant Wood AEA College for Kids (C4K) summer program offers advanced-level academic and fine arts courses in a college setting to eligible students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Students can select advanced or specialized curricula, or explore a topic of interest not typically available in middle school general education. This summer, 12 students from Vernon Middle School received a \$50 scholarship from the Marion Independent School Foundation to offset the cost of the program.



MISD Former Staff and Retirees

Meeting on the first Friday each month
at the Longbranch - 11:30 a.m.

Contact Mrs. Betty Spearman
319-377-3097



April 12-14, 2014

The Marion Rotary Shoes For Kids program benefits students in all area school districts.

For more information, visit
www.marathonforshoes.com

Where Are They Now?

After learning that former MISD teacher Jennifer Erbe and Marion alum Nathan Stewart were doing some awesome things since leaving Marion, we decided to find out what some of your favorite teachers and alum have been up to over the years. What you read might surprise you!

Jennifer Erbe Kennedy



Ms. Erbe began her teaching career in 1995 at Starry Elementary. In 2002, Kennedy was named Iowa's Teacher of the Year. She traveled to over fifty schools throughout Iowa, presenting

lessons in space science and engineering to students in grades pre-K through sixth. Kennedy also had the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream of attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. There, Jennifer met her future husband, Wesley, who was also an elementary science teacher. Following her tenure as Teacher of the Year, Jennifer moved to Alabama, where she and Wesley were married. In Alabama, Kennedy earned her MA in Special Education, Gifted Education from the University of South Alabama. In 2012, her work with middle school robotics was recognized when she was awarded the Toyota Teacher Leadership Award for the Tennessee Valley's Building Engineering, Science, and Technology's robotics hub and as a national finalist for the Samsung Solve For Tomorrow grant competition. Kennedy is a recipient of the 2013-2014 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship. Jennifer "is so proud to have begun my teaching career in Marion. It will always be a part of who I am as an educator." Keep up with Jennifer at <http://jk421.blogspot.com>.

Nathan Stewart



(MHS 1998) Nathan graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Management Information System (MIS), was hired by The Boeing Company in St Louis in 2002, married

his wife, Lindsey, earned his MBA from Lindenwood University in St Charles, Missouri and been blessed to have two boys (Dylan, 8 and Joshua, 5). In 2010, the family moved to Huntsville, Alabama to support the Secure Borders Initiative (SBI-net). This was a turning point in their

lives. Two significant things happened: They met Rick Walker on his way off the SBI-net program, and they began attending Summit Crossing Community Church. Nathan's faith began to change his motivations in life. Nathan and his new friend, Rick decided that in order to spend more time with their families, self-employment was the way to go. This realization gave birth to Day Three Coffee (plants were created on the third day). Nathan and Rick have spent countless hours learning the coffee business. In 2012 the partners started operations and have seen a steady growth in business ever since. Day Three Coffee offers quality beans, and contributes thousands of dollars for the coffee growers in Guatemala and several organizations in the Huntsville area. Find out more about Nathan's work by visiting www.daythreecoffee.com.

Cynthia Martin



(MHS 1968) Ms. Martin began her career with the District at MHS as the speech teacher in 1977; retiring in 2006. She moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, to teach English and be the

drama director at the American School Foundation of Guadalajara. Cynthia also took a four week class in Prague and became certified in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language). She then spent two years in Texas to be near family and to teach freshman English at Hirschi High School. Cynthia returned to Marion in 2010; taking care of her granddaughter and coaching wrestling cheerleading at the high school. Since retiring from coaching, Cynthia has been enjoying her granddaughter, Elin and traveling. Last summer she spent five weeks traveling in Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece, and Turkey. Cynthia also enjoys the MHS monthly book club meetings to keep up with former co-workers and school news.

Shane Ehresman



(MHS 1989) Shane just began his fourth year as Superintendent of the Lynnville-Sully Community School District. Previously, Shane was principal at Washington High School in Washington, Iowa; earning Principal of Year by the Iowa High School Press Association.

From 1995 – 2005, Shane worked at Marion High School as assistant principal/ activities director and social studies teacher; earning Assistant Principal of the Year by School Administrators of Iowa. While at Marion, Shane was instrumental in construction of a new soccer field and baseball/softball concession stand. In addition, he collaborated with others to create the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame as well as recognition of all-state performers in the high school cafeteria. Shane and his wife, Tashia reside in Sully with their five children – Sage (16), Kasiah (15), Drake (13), Kaleah (11), Kale (9).

Angela Bys



(MHS 2007) Angela's K-12 academic and volleyball experience at Marion provided a great foundation for her future endeavors. Even as early as elementary school, Angela's teachers

at Marion inspired her career interest in teaching and helped to engrain her love of learning. After graduating from Marion, Angela graduated Magna Cum Laude from Drake University with a degree in Secondary Education, and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree. She is enjoying her third year as a 6th and 7th grade math teacher at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny, as well as serving on their building's PBIS and District's curriculum review teams. Angela says "It's fulfilling to help young students not only understand mathematical concepts, but to assist them in discovering and building upon their strengths and character." Angela is now a member of the Iowa Ice Pro-League team that represents Iowa. She has coached numerous age levels in club volleyball and serves as the head coach of the Ankeny Hawks 9th grade team.

Tom Zrudsky



(MHS 1967) From 1972-2005 Mr. Zrudsky was a teacher at Longfellow, Washington, Starry, Mentzer, Vernon, FMI and MHS. He taught PE, health, and high school driver's

education and coached 7th grade boys and girls basketball. Tom keeps busy golfing, walking, biking, and watching sports. Tom bikes most mornings when it's not raining.

Pinion's Perspective



Sarah Pinion,
Superintendent

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to be become involved in a child's education and extra-curricular experiences. It is a researched fact that young people who have adults taking an active part in their lives, are more successful and do better in school. There are many opportunities for involvement. Those opportunities include participation in PTOs, the Performing Arts Council, Booster Club, providing scholarship funds, supporting the Marion Foundation, and volunteering.

Involvement can also take the form of talking about what happens at school and in a young person's life. Attending events in which young people are

involved and encouraging them through cheering and applause is another great way to support the young people of our school district.

We have many reasons to be optimistic because we have a great school system in Marion with a long history of student successes. Our community values education and we will continually strive to improve student achievement, facilities, safety and character development. None of these are easy tasks but working together as a community with parents, staff and students; we can accomplish great things in a positive and safe learning environment.

Your support and contribution to creating a well-educated, caring, respectful and responsible generation of young people ready to lead in the future is valued and appreciated.

The Packers and the Hawkeyes are still his favorite teams. Tom and his wife just celebrated 43 years of marriage, and still live in the same house they purchased just before their son Chad (MHS 1997 and current MHS Associate Principal) was born. The Zrudskys are proud of Chad's and their daughter-in-law, Whitney's careers in education. Their grandson, Elliott "is the joy of our lives." They love helping with babysitting and playing all day. Elliott keeps them busy playing with Legos, running races and battling with light sabers and blasters. Tom is "especially proud that Elliott is the 4th generation of Zrudskys to go to school at MISD, a wonderful school district to educate children and to work as an educator."

Jill Olsen, Ed.D.



Jill Olsen retired in 2009 as the MISD Curriculum Director. She began her career with the District as the high school French teacher in 1986. Upon retirement, Jill returned

to the family farm, and has since done extensive work for Rotary International, first helping to immunize children in India against Polio and also helping to build a catch-dam in a northern province there. In 2012, her daughter Leah passed away suddenly, so it was in deep grief that she began her year as District Governor for Rotary. This past June, Jill traveled to the Rotary Convention in Portugal, then connected with her son Drew and wife Renee to bicycle in her father's native area in Denmark. She continued her travels in Poland to fulfill an 8th grade promise to her history teacher to visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Jill teaches in the Graceland University Graduate Program, supervising students in their research. She will be traveling to South Africa in January to do service work there for Rotary and Blessman Ministries. Jill also serves as Chair of the Iowa Department of Human Rights Board, and as a member of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Organization for Women Educators, and the Iowa Women's Foundation. She is also working with her family to establish an impactful memorial for Leah. Email Jill at joslen@graceland.edu.



Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts 8 New Members

Eight new names were added to the Marion Athletic Hall of Fame during the homecoming football game on Friday, October 4. Honorees included:

Lori Dostal, coach

Doug Hutchins MHS 1946, community member

Bob Hoyt, administrator/community member

Garth Hunter MHS 1934, athlete

Russ Seeks MHS 1952, athlete

Bob Hoglund MHS 1963, athlete

Whitney Perkins MHS 2005, athlete

Matt Holland MHS 2006, athlete

Visit www.Marion-Foundation.org to see the complete Hall of Fame honorees from 2001 to the present.

District Website Updated

MISD Technology Director, David Canaday, says the District's new website "has a more polished and professional presence."

The site is much more user friendly for students and teachers.



Users will be able to post blogs, participate in discussion boards and more. The site's new host is Sharpschool.com, which will save the District about \$2,600 annually. Visit www.marion-isd.org to see what's new.

2014 Project Graduation

Project Graduation is a seniors-only, drug and alcohol-free celebration that is held the night of Marion's graduation. It's a full-scale party packed with food, fun, prizes, music, games and activities to give the outgoing senior class one last chance to celebrate with their classmates. Want to support this initiative or just learn more? Contact Cathy Gorman at 319-377-6508 or email namrog884inall@hotmail.com. Or you may also contact Project Chair, Vivian Quinn, at 319-551-3713 or email vquinn@marion-isd.org.

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Be sure to also sign up for the Classroom Cash program. Each time you make a purchase with your debit card, Hills Bank will make a donation to Marion Schools. Fill out an application at any Hills Bank location or online at www.hillsbankclassroomcash.com. Once you have your debit card and sign up you can begin making purchases and earning money for your school.



MISD School Board members (l. to r.) David Law, Dennis Trout, Alan Tribble, Shari Funck, Shelly Pearson, Bill Huntoon and Dan Barkley.

School Board Election Brings New Member

Congratulations to re-elected board members, Bill Huntoon and Alan Tribble and to brand new member, Shari Funck, who filled the seat left vacant by Diane Bys (after seven years of service). Shari and her husband, Joe have a 5th grader at Vernon Middle School. While juggling the demands as a project manager at Verizon, Shari has also volunteered in the classroom, is a member of the School Improvement Advisory Committee and has recently joined Vernon's PTO, the Performing Arts Council and the Athletic Booster Club.

Two Teams to Compete for MHS Robotics

The 2013-14 robotics season began on Sept 15 with the release of this year's **First Tech Challenge** game called "Block Party." Students will spend a month and a half engineering, building, and programming their robots to compete in regional qualifiers. Marion will have two teams this year – second-year veteran team *Drop It Like Its Bot* and a rookie team *Element of Surprise*.



Drop It Like Its Bot team members start building their robot.

Both teams hope to participate in the Linn-Mar regional qualifier on November 9. Both teams have set the goal of participating in the state competition in late February.

Teams are currently seeking sponsors for the robots. Sponsors are recognized with logo/name on each robot, team t-shirts, and team banners. Sponsors may be businesses or community members. Contact coach, Chris Martin at cmartin@marion-isd.org or 319-560-6192 for more information.

MHS to Perform *Prodigal*



Rehearsals are underway for this year's fall musical which has been written by the MHS Director of Choral Activities,

Jonathan Dyrland. The high costs associated with performing a well-known musical (upwards of \$4,000 in 2012 because of rights and associated royalties) made writing the musical an option worth pursuing this year.

Prodigal will feature a cast of over 60 students. Dyrland is supported by assistant director, David Canaday, and technical director, Kevin Wake. Performances will be held in the high school auditorium on November 1- 2, and 7- 9. Tickets can be purchased in advance (\$6) at the high school or at the door (\$8).

WaMaC West Division Honors



Marion High School social studies teacher and coach, Becky Herman was named WaMaC West Division Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.

Students Abby Phillips was named 1st Team All-Conference on the girls' team; Lexie Rael and Lauren Rausch were named 2nd Team. Honorable Mention went to Alice Dixon and Erica Kelly. Matthew Minks and Enoch Duval were named 1st Team All-Conference on the boys' team, Brandon See and Steve Hartzler were named 2nd Team. Honorable Mention went to Carter Stigge and Noah Smith. Congratulations to all!

Rotary Honors MHS Teacher



MHS English teacher, Kevin Wake (back row, center) was honored at the Rotary Cedar Rapids West teacher appreciation luncheon along with eight other area educators on Wednesday, September 18. The luncheon provided an opportunity for the Rotary Club to publically acknowledge the tremendous impact great teachers have on the lives of students, the culture of a school, and the future success of a community.

MHS Marching Band Receives 1st Place

Congratulations to the Marion High School Scarlet Spectrum Marching Band on their 1st Place class 3A finish at the Mt. Pleasant Marching Invitational on Saturday, September 21. The band also received Best Drumline and Best Hornline in Class 3A and placed 2nd Overall. The show theme for this year's 98-member band is "Les Miserables."



The band also hosted its 33rd Annual Marion Marching Invitational at the MHS football field on September 28. More than 1,600 students from 19 bands participated in this Iowa High School Music Association sanctioned event.



Popular Vernon Science Club Receives New Opportunities

The Vernon Middle School Science/STEM Club is off to a great start with over 80 students involved! Deb Menken has earned a DNR grant and the students will be involved with water testing Indian Creek twice a month using the Iowater program. The Science/STEM Club will also be involved with AWIM (A World in Motion) thanks to a STEM grant and will be making mechanical toys! Finally, the greenhouse is up and, once the building is fenced, the students will be involved in a variety of activities. If you would like to volunteer your time or resources to help out, please contact Deb Menken at dmenken@marion-isd.org.

The Blanket Brigade

While visiting at the University of Iowa Hospitals, Amanda Freese (FMI music teacher) noticed that while the waiting rooms have recliners and couches; even pillows, there were no blankets available. Amanda decided to organize the "Blanket Brigade" and make fringe-tied fleece blankets to donate to the hospital. The blankets are made by students participating in "One Day in May" at MHS, "Hunger Games" at VMS, and also by FMI families and students. With help from VMS teacher, Carolyn Munson (and her husband, retired teacher, Larry Munson) and VMS teacher Katy Neff (and her daughters Kathleen, Marlys, and Kennedy) the Blanket Brigade has donated nearly 200 blankets over the past two years!



Marion & Linn-Mar Students Start Building 23rd Home

The school year is under way and our 23rd house has already begun construction at 2905 Bullis Dr. Students not only learn workplace skills but are also taught by tradesmen from the community who help assist and teach students about their respective trade. In this photo, Darrell from Best Plumbing is working with Joe Cache soldering pipes for the water supply. This home will be completed and placed on the market at the end of the school year. This house features 1,590 sq. ft. main level, 850 sq. ft. finished lower level, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and a 3-stall garage.



MISD Welcomes New Teachers

Marion High School

Daniel Lang, 9th Grade English
Sarah Poe, Special Education (Autism)
Terri Keeney, Math
Paige Junge, Language Arts, Speech Coach

Vernon Middle School

Kiley Chihak, Special Education
Daniel Lang, 8th Grade Literacy
Steve Vanderhei, Special Education

Elementary

Emily Friedle, 1st Grade, Emerson
Sarah Patterson, K-4 TAG, District-wide

MHSAP

Daniella Scaffadi, Writing Teacher
William Nelson, Writing Teacher
Kathy Allen, Supervising Teacher

Marion Home School Performs *Beauty and the Beast*

Marion Homeschool Assistance Program students will be performing a fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast" on November 21-22 at 7 p.m. and November 23 at 2 p.m. All performances will be at the Marion High School auditorium. Admission is \$2 per person, payable at the door. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Connie Ostroot at 373-9209.

Empty Bowls

The Marion High School art department hosted its 14th annual Empty Bowls Sale last May at the Marion Arts Festival. Ceramic bowls were donated by many eastern Iowa art students. Wooden bowls were also created and donated by the Corridor Woodturners Association. Marion High School student volunteers and art teachers set up and managed the sale of the bowls with all proceeds going to area food banks. This project has donated over \$67,000 to area food banks since it began.

Marion Alum Honored



Kylie Cimaglia (MHS 2011) was honored with the Kirkwood Community College 2012-13 Outstanding Student award in the Automotive Collision

Repair program. She was also the Iowa state title winner of SkillsUSA auto refinishing competition, and finished second in their national competition.

Summer Camp Introduces Marion Youth to Civil Engineering

Summer Explorers camp is a two-week day camp for 4th-8th grade students in the Marion Independent School District. The camp was started two years ago by science-enthusiast Chad Zrudsky, who is also Associate Principal at Marion High School. Zrudsky had noticed that while a variety of sports- and music-related



summer activities are offered to students, there were few options for kids interested in science and technology.

The first two camps focused on water and agricultural sciences. This year's topic was civil engineering with a specific focus on bridges, and was

led by Zrudsky and Deb Menken, who teaches science at Vernon Middle School. Camp participants engaged in hands-on activities to explore bridge structure and design, learn about balance and forces, and build and test their own bridges. They also took field trips to see bridges and bridge-building in action and to meet engineers at Hall and Hall Engineering.

This year's camp was made possible through a new partnership between the Marion Independent School District and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach – Linn County. Funding was provided by the Giacoletto Foundation, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association, Dr. Richard Wolken D.D.S, and Pediatric Dentistry P.C.

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