

2014 MHS Reunions

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Alumni Reunion Hot Spots

Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham

Owned by Barry Smith, MHS 1983. Barry is offering all MHS alum planning a reunion during 2014 a 30% discount on Microtel Inn reservations. This Marion hotel is located at 5500 Dyer Avenue and recently completed a \$1.5 million remodel and improvement project. Contact the hotel directly at (319) 373-7400.



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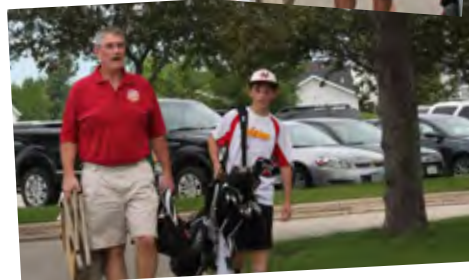
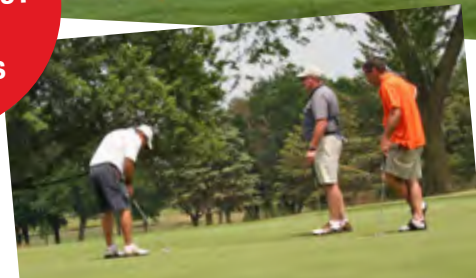


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The Mission of the Foundation is to maintain, develop, increase, and extend the facilities of the Marion Independent School District, and to provide broader educational service opportunities to its students, staff, faculty, and the residents of the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

**2014 Foundation
 Scholarship Recipients**

Each year, the Marion Foundation disburses thousands of dollars in college scholarships to graduating seniors on behalf of District families as memorials and tributes to loved ones. Details about each scholarship can be found online at www.Marion-Foundation.org.

- Kelly Grishaber Memorial Scholarship**
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Daniel Tribble (Univ. of Northern Iowa)
Matthew Minks (undecided)



Marion celebrates its rich 175-year history with a variety of events throughout 2014. View the event listing and learn more at www.cityofmarion.org.



**Marion Alum Shares
 Impact School Had on His
 Career and Donates Photo**

Gary Albaugh, MHS Class of 1974 and Electronic Tools Coordinator with Marion Mixers, recently spoke with three classes of 6th graders at Vernon Middle School. He talked about his career path as a graphic designer and photographer and the spark he got while he was a student at Vernon. Gary shared that his 38-year career in the field started with an 8th grade industrial arts class, Pictorial Drawing at Vernon. He began his career as a Technical Illustrator for Iowa Manufacturing; largely due to that drawing class taught by David Cahalan. Gary paid tribute to Vernon by donating a canvas print of the original Vernon Middle School. Principal, Phil Cochran was on hand to receive the gift; which now hangs in the school office.



**Foundation
 Assisted by
 Student Intern**

The Marion Foundation was fortunate to attract the attention of MHSAP student, Emma Hartman as its first student intern. While she is primarily homeschooled, Emma does take some core and elective classes at MHS. Emma is a freshman who enjoys serving in her church, community and school. Emma helps with routine tasks which allows the Foundation's two-person staff to concentrate on development and programming.



June 13-14, 2015

The Marion Rotary Shoes For Kids program benefits students in all area school districts. Visit www.marathonforshoes.com



Barry S. Smith

MHS class of 1983

Barry is the owner of Platinum Development LLC, Platinum Series Homes, Mirage Properties Corporation, and Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham. He is a licensed Realtor in the state of Iowa and has been in business since 1993.

Wife Toni and daughter, Alexis, is a student at Vernon Middle School

Role models include his parents & grandparents; Ted Steel, his 5th grade Marion teacher; as well as Presidents Ronald Reagan and Abraham Lincoln

Barry is a “follow your dreams” and “live life to its fullest” kind of person.



Christiane Joy Hultquist

MHS class of 1992

Christiane (aka Christian Joy) has made her mark dressing the likes of the Yeah Yeah Yeah, Klaxons, Santigold and Oh Land. She’s traveled the world showcasing her designs in elaborate exhibits in London, Tokyo, New York, and Los Angeles. She got her start in New York by crafting one-of-a-kind t-shirts and re-fashioning old prom dresses. With much talent and a little “right place, right time” she’s been snagging big time kudos for her ultra quirky designs for more than a decade. Last September, Christian Joy launched an art show called Bok Joy at Secret Project Robot (SPR) in Brookly, New York.



Marion Fund Allocates Nearly \$20K

The Marion Fund is an internal grant program offered to District staff through the Marion Foundation. The Fund supports the educational experience and enhances opportunities for students at Marion schools. This unique opportunity is available to only a handful of districts across the country. The 2014 selection committee included: David Canaday, Greg Semler, Terri Schmidt, Cynthia Martin, Boyd Potter, Greg Van Gorp, Jeane Eagle, and Nancy Wittstruck. Requests for funding must be aligned with the mission statement of the District and the Foundation and all recipients must submit a written evaluation of the funded project to complete the process. 2014 Marion Fund grant projects are listed below with the name of the lead/teacher applicant and the school(s) impacted:

Finale Notation Software

Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School

Software that offers unique opportunities to create, download, scan and record for enhanced practice and better competition performances.

Group Activities

Alan Read – Vernon Middle School

Equipment to turn the existing wrestling room into an alternate PE classroom, outfitted with exercise equipment; allowing for a variety of fitness classes.

Rolling Mirrors

Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School

Mirrors for the purpose of improving and enhancing performances. The mirrors offer students immediate feedback. Will be used by multiple groups.

Robotics Team Displays

Chris Martin – Marion High School & Vernon Middle School

High quality, stable and long-lasting portable display units that can be regularly changed will help meet the robotics teams’ growth, additional competitions and the ability to compete at a higher levels.

Kids Code Club

Peggy Murphy – Vernon Middle School

Student accounts for coding programs to allow interested students to begin learning code in order to meet the growing need/ demand for coders in the workforce. Club would use VMS computer lab during, before and/or after school.

Science Bird Aviary

Tony Perkins – Marion High School

Replace a 17-year-old existing structure with a new and in-house designed structure for the Botany and Zoology wing.

Summer Explorers 2014

Chad Zrudsky – Marion High School, Vernon Middle School & Francis Marion Intermediate

To engage students entering 4th-8th grades for a summer science program focused on engineering. The lessons combine science and literacy.

Show Choir Risers

Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School

To purchase new risers that are safe and stable for class, rehearsal, performances and competition. The risers will enhance the quality of performances and can be utilized by several groups.

Wind and Light!

Amy Tursi – Marion High School

To purchase laboratory materials and supplies that promote understanding of energy and natural resources in the Earth & Space science class.

Students Calculating Their Future

Emily Logan & Carrie Johnson – Marion High School

To provide graphing calculators to students earlier in their high school career to promote long-term understanding and growth in math and to advance students’ math skills for the future.

Performing Arts Cameras

Jonathan Dyrland – Marion High School

To provide students with this integral piece of equipment that will enable them to enhance performance through analyzing recorded choreography, facial expression and more.

Capturing the Year

Sarah Eicher – Marion High School

Provide for quality work and experiences with the purchase of two new digital cameras for journalism class, yearbook and more. Students will utilize the equipment for class and competition.

These are worthwhile enhancement opportunities for our students. Teacher applications are available each winter. For additional information about the Marion Fund grant process, visit the Foundation at www.Marion-Foundation.org.



Remembering John Fowler

Bill Huntoon (MHS '60; MISD School Board)
He was not only my principal, but my baseball coach in junior high...an excellent experience.

Mark Morgan (MHS '75; Co-owner, Fosters Heating & Air Conditioning) *One fine spring day some freshman testosterone really boiled over and a couple of big, hairy 9th graders started mixing it up tooth and nail at the north end of the playground between the Junior High and the old Lincoln building. As was our custom, many of us circled the combatants and chanted "fight-fight-fight" along with words of encouragement to the boy we perhaps knew best. I so clearly remember, after a bit, looking up at Mr. Fowler's second-floor office window and seeing him looking down and sizing up the situation. He watched for awhile, then strolled out of the building alone and apparently in no particular hurry. I don't remember him saying a word or even showing any annoyance. I suspect that a man who earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star wasn't very worked up over a couple of almost high-schoolers who were probably just fighting over a girl. Anyway, the circle parted and Mr. Fowler ambled in and grabbed a fistful of each of the pugilist's hair, dipped them to their knees and stood them right back up. The look of shock in those guy's faces was priceless and I remember thinking that looked like a well-practiced move; one that I darn well didn't want to be on the receiving end of. I'm sure those guys got a "stern talking to" in the principal's office, bandaged up by the school nurse and probably detention. I'm*

equally certain the police didn't come, charges weren't filed, those tough guys didn't miss a second of class time AND they didn't want any part of tangling with Mr. Fowler again. While I may not have recognized it at the time, 45+ years later it's an honor and a privilege to have been part of the generations of MISD students positively impacted by John Fowler.

Joyce Hutchins (MHS '54; former MISD staff) *John Fowler was always a gentleman. He loved kids and wanted them to succeed. Whether it was in the classrooms or in the athletic arenas, John was there cheering on each and every kid. I happened to work in the superintendent's office when John was principal at the Jr. High in his early years at Marion. He soon earned the respect of the students and all the employees. MISD was privileged to have had John C. Fowler in its employ for many, many years. He will be missed."*

John K. Castle (MHS '59; CEO, Harlan Castle, Inc.) *John Fowler was a great teacher, coach and most importantly, role model!*

Shane Ehresman (MHS '89; Superintendent, Lynnville-Sully Community School District) *I remember Mr. Fowler leading "around the world" basketball shooting competitions after students finished eating their lunch in the gym. Of course, he was the best shooter in the school.*

John Fowler was a family man and an educator who did everything with passion and loyalty. He was married to his wife, Bonnye for 67 years, was Principal of Vernon Middle School for 35 years, was the PA announcer at Marion Indian football games for 22 years, served our country in the US Army (earning numerous awards) and spent his lifetime serving with countless educational and community organizations. John was inducted into the Marion Foundation's Hall of Fame in 1996. Through the generous contributions of those he touched, the Foundation, on behalf of John's friends and family, is presenting memorial college scholarships to a 2014 and a 2015 MHS graduating senior. We could tell you more, but why not let those who knew him best, share in their own words? Here are just a few sentiments from those whose lives he touched.

Bonnye Fowler *John really liked that transitional group of students from elementary to high school. He loved them, understood them, and was always one step ahead of them. He was also a great father...our kids had a lot of friends and all were welcome; leaving our yard without much grass as many of them visited – often.*

Bill Page (MHS '45; former MISD teacher) *In later years, John was my very best friend. He, I and our wives traveled all over the U.S. while enjoying our retirement. When I was a teacher in Marion, he was one of my superiors; a loveable and likeable guy. Of course, we had some disagreements, but they never interfered with our friendship. I knew him as a kind, trustworthy man who loved children and did his very best to help them grow into good citizens. He was bullheaded and didn't easily back down, but when proven wrong, graciously accepted defeat – most of the time. My wife, Loyce, and I love him and Bonnye dearly. A part of our lives has died with him.*



Reverend Linda Rinas Livingston (MHS 1967) found this photo among the things of her late father, Bruno Rinas. From left to right, Bonnye and John Fowler with Jim and Phyllis Risk in the late 1950s.

Marion Alum Goes To the Mat with “Pledge For Pins” Fundraiser

by Ann (Churchill) Gillaspie, MHS 1987



As a 1987 graduate of Marion High School little did I know, 27 years later, I'd be writing an article in honor of one of my sons, Alex Gillaspie. Alex is a freshman at Marion High School

and member of the wrestling team. He was born with a genetic retinal eye condition call Leber's Congenital Amaurosis and is totally blind.

With the help of my MHS classmate Nancy Goldsworth, we held a Pledge for Pins Fundraiser. People could pledge any dollar amount per pin by the entire team for the season or just make a donation. “Wrestle with a Vision” was a win/win fundraiser for Marion High School. The team amassed 118 pins for the season; raising \$1320.18 for MHS Wrestling and \$3,000 for the Foundation for Retinal Research in honor of Alex.

The team and I want to thank everyone who pledged, donated, bought t-shirts and cheered us on! Donations may still be made by contacting Ann at anngillaspie@mchsi.com.

Ann, her husband Charles and sons Alex and Hunter (a senior at MHS) reside in Marion.



Fun and Fundraising at the Annual For the Love of Marion

The 8th Annual *For the Love of Marion* fundraiser for education was held on March 14 at Vernon Middle School. The new venue, new date, new variety of activities and casual, Marion-themed attire made for a fun family night for all.

The event was emceed by Mark Morgan, MHS 1975 and co-owner of Foster's Heating & Air Conditioning, and recognized District staff and students. The MISD Leader Award was presented to four staff members highlighted for going “above and beyond” their normal duties – **Charles “Chuck” Clark**, Science Teacher, Marion High School; **Nicole Harmer**, Associate Principal, Emerson & Starry Elementary Schools; **Ricky Jacobs**, Custodian, Vernon Middle School; and **Corby Laube**, Activities Director.

The Foundation also recognized Vernon Middle School students for their winning “Being Marion” essays. Recipients were Laura Duarte Dos Reis, Jon Lockhart, Allie Donohue and Hannah Sacora. Five Vernon student artists were also selected to display their artwork: Sierra Cochran, Jacob Kray, Mason Rahe, Seth Paulson and Samantha Waddington.



The “Building Spirit Award” was awarded to Emerson Elementary for the best percentage of staff in attendance. (They even did a little song and dance!) Ohnward Bank & Trust presented the school with \$300 on April 23.

Guests enjoyed a fantastic appetizer and dessert reception by LJ's Catering, bid on items in the silent auction, and played games like Plinko and Heads or Tails to win prizes. Guests parted with delicious chocolates from The Chocolate Shop.

There was a tie for “Best Dressed” between Chuck Kent (MHS 1954) and Jeane Hutchins Eagle (MHS 1977.) They earned a certificate, prize AND bragging rights until next year!

Special thanks to all supporters, including our Platinum Sponsor, OPN Architects and Gold Sponsors: Miles Capital, Country Financial, Sunderman Construction, CRBT, and Philip's Diamond Shop.

A TALE OF TWO QUEENS – Marion Towers Kelso and Marjory Ostrander Martin like to boast the fact that the class of 1943 had two homecoming queens! Kelso, who now resides in Blacksburg, Virginia was queen in 1941 as a sophomore, while Martin, who lives in Marion, was selected during their senior year in 1943. “Yes, we both are so proud!”



Original bricks from the old MHS/VMS building are available through the Foundation office. Each brick comes with a certificate of authenticity and can be yours with your contribution to the Foundation of \$50 or more. The bricks have been enhanced with a 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.

Hills Bank Sends FMI Students to Performance

Francis Marion Intermediate special education teachers Denise Holmes, Connie Parnell and Virginia Utsinger were able to take 26 students to see a performance of “Stuart Little” at the Old



Creamery Theatre in April because of a thoughtful gift from Hills Bank & Trust Company. “I can’t tell you enough how much we appreciate the funding for our kiddos with special needs to attend

Stuart Little at the Creamery Theater,” enthused Ms. Holmes. “The play let us use our imaginations and create a new ending,” she continued. Hills Bank & Trust Company is well known in the community for supporting these types of grass roots initiatives that have such lasting impact. “This is what Hills loves to do,” said Marion’s branch manager, Sharon Woodward.

MHS First Tech Challenge Robotics Teams Making Great Strides

The First Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics teams, *Drop It Like Its Bot* and *The Element of Surprise* finished their seasons on April 5.



Drop It Like Its Bot qualified for and competed in the FTC Iowa State Championship on February 21-22. The team was a semi-finalist and earned a trip to the North Regional Finals. The team competed against 71 other teams from the north-central states at Carver Hawkeye Arena on April 3-5 but fell short of making it to the World Championship in St. Louis. *Drop It Like Its Bot* team members were:

Tara Zumwalt (12), Kara Egan (11), Steven Long (12), Brandon See (12), Ross Brunner (12), Luis Corona (9), Willis Fulmer (12), Quinn Lamb (12), Andrew Peterson (10), Austin Priborsky (12), and Axel Zumwalt (9).



The Element of Surprise competed in two qualifiers this season and were very successful for a rookie team. Team members were Richelle Brunner (10), Trenton Garbers (10), Salem Snoop (10), and Tiegan Wilson (10).

The returning members from both teams will join together next year as one high school team with plans for the second team to be filled by middle school students. The high school team will started recruiting this month.

The teams are always looking for opportunities to share their experiences with robotics. If you would like the group to put on a demonstration or you would like to visit our workshop, please contact Chris Martin via email at cmarton@marion-isd.org.

Pam Bannon Leaves MHS After 23 Years



Teaching has been a major part of my life for the past 36 years and I have many memories that I will take with me when I leave Marion High School. I started teaching special education when programs were first developed and have continued in special education for my whole career from the elementary to the high school level. The years have gone by quickly and at times it doesn’t seem like I should be ending

my teaching career. At this time I plan on spending more time with my husband and three children. Our family is all involved in education at various levels so I will still be associated with education after I leave my teaching position. The students, parents and staff that I have had the opportunity to work with have had an impact as to the type of teacher and person I have become. At the end of the school year I will walk out of Marion High School and end my teaching career and begin the next phase of my life. I have enjoyed my career as a teacher and will always remember Marion High School. I wish the best to those who I have been associated with during my career and know that education will continue to move forward in the years to come. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Marion Independent School District. – Mrs. Bannon



MHS Girls Bowling Team 2013-14 Records

Bre Smith - high game - 247
Bre Smith - two game series - 439
Girls team - 1st round total - 1811
Girls team - baker game - 236
Girls team - baker game total - 973
Girls team - total pinfall - 2784

I. to r.: Camryn Brice (9), Bre Smith (10), Ashley Ohl (11), Taylor Lamm (12) and Aleann Romo (9). Taylor and Bree finished 1st and 2nd respectively on the two game series total with scores of 438 and 418 at the state bowling tourney.



Pinion’s Perspective

Sarah Pinion, Superintendent

One of the key indicators used as a measurement of school districts and specifically high schools, is the graduation rate. The Marion Independent School District has a graduation rate well above the state rate.

Rates are calculated by the State Department of Education and Marion High School’s rate has been going up in recent years. The state rate for the 2013 graduates was 89.7% while Marion High School’s was 93.64%. This is a commendable achievement and one in which the high school as well as the whole district should feel pride.

Our success as measured by graduation rate is due to a community having parents and educators willing to encourage and support the work of our young people. Education is valued in Marion and that directly impacts students staying in school and graduating.

Marion Home School Assistance Program Honors

Marion Homeschool Assistance Program student, Shanel Ann King wrote, "When I see our flag, it makes me think of my Grandma!" in response to the American Legion Post #298 annual essay contest. This year's theme was "What the Flag Means to Me." Shanel was one of several winners representing Marion and Linn-Mar schools.



MHSAP has another feather added to its cap with their Mock Trial successes. Teams "Red Kestrels" and "Team Phoenix" successfully competed in the State Mock Trial Tournament in March. Thirty-two teams competed in Des Moines for the state title. Winning their first three rounds, "Red Kestrels" made it to the "final four," earning a 3rd place victory, and Noah Smith was awarded "Outstanding Witness" award. "Team Phoenix" competed well, winning two out three rounds, finishing 15th.



"Red Kestrels" team members include Abby Leonard, Cole Flatland, Ben Carlile, Noah Smith, Blake Stickley, Christina Hawkins, Nick Leonard, and Jessica Ertz.



"Team Phoenix" members include McKenna Kephart, Micah Stickley, Stephen Sawatzky, Andrea Ertz, Lexi VanLeuven, Nathan Charles, Josie Riedell, and Colin Gorton.

Ending the "R" Word

In March, MHS participated in a "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign – an initiative by Special Olympics and Best Buddies to raise awareness about the derogatory use of the "R" word (retard/retarded) and promoting acceptance and respect.

National History Day

Social Studies teacher, Becky Herman took five Marion students to the local National History Day competition in Iowa City on March 21. A pair of students created



an exhibit, and three other students each entered an individual paper. Student participants were Jade Carter, Makayla Beik, Mahlia Brown, SaCora Fisher, and Hannah Faley. This year's theme was Rights & Responsibilities. Fisher and Faley won and went to the state competition (individual paper division) in Des Moines on April 28. Though the girls didn't qualify for the National contest in DC, they had a tremendous experience.



Starry Celebrates Dr. Suess

Starry students celebrated beloved children's author, Theodore Seuss Geisel's birthday in March during a week-long event aimed at highlighting the importance and fun of reading. Daily themes were based on five Dr. Seuss books – like crazy socks day to tie with *Fox in Socks* and students wore fun hats and teachers dressed like Thing 1 and Thing 2 to tie with *The Cat in the Hat*. A school-wide assembly was held with guessing games, skits and songs.



MISD preschools include Bright Beginnings and Apple Kids. Preschool class field trips this year have included the apple orchard, pumpkin patch, Indian Creek Nature Center and Wickiup Hill.



Marion Show Choir Hosts First Invitational

Over 3,000 people attended the first annual "Marion Masquerade Invitational" held February 28 and March 1. Twenty-two middle and high school show choirs performed in the MHS Red gymnasium which had been transformed into a world-class performance venue with the help of Spielman's Event Planning, 16th Avenue Music, Marion Music Boosters, and lots of parents and students. The event was recorded by Blue Sky Productions and featured KCRG-TV 9 media personalities Joe Winters, Kaj O'Mara and Nicole Agee as emcees. *SAVE THE DATE* for next year's competition on February 27-28, 2015.

Tour of Italy - Summer 2015

Marion High School art instructor, Barb Shultz, will lead a 13-day tour of Italy during the summer of 2015. The tour includes the cities of Rome, Pisa, Naples, Sorrento, and Florence, plus cruises to the islands of Capri and Sicily. The tour departs late July and returns early August 2015, and is open to the public. Visit codejazz.com/mhsitaly2015 for details or contact Barb at bshultz@marion-isd.org.

Vernon Students Visit DC & NYC

Mark Brase, 8th grade social studies teacher at Vernon, organized a trip for 7th and 8th grade students



and their families to visit Washington DC and New York City during spring break this year. Highlights included visiting several of national monuments, memorials and museums; Times Square; the Broadway Musical "Wicked;" and the 9/11 Memorial. Fourteen students and nine adults, including Brase, Lori Hall (6th grade language arts), and Phillip Cochran (principal) participated.

Marion Throwback Football

It seems Nick Perkins, MHS 1990, has football in his blood. Nick is the current sophomore assistant coach for MHS. He played for Marion from 1986-1989. His father, Larry was offensive coordinator from 1961-1983 and his brother, Tony has been head football coach since 1999.

Nick's passion for Marion football has turned into a fundraiser for Marion's football program.

He has spent the last couple of years digitizing the old Kodak slides taken by Jack Klawitter who was team photographer from 1979-1989. Jack is also a 2007 MISD Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.



The 1980 State Championship season, 1981, 1982 and 1987 seasons have all been transferred to DVD, include pictures and memorabilia, and is set to music. Each season has between 200-400 photos. You can have a front row seat to this on-going process by visiting www.MarionFBthrowback.com. This website will allow you to purchase the completed DVDs as well view MHS football history, coaches and time capsules from 1980-1989 seasons. All proceeds go directly to the Marion Football Program. DVDs are just \$20 per season and can also be purchased during HOME games at the Athletic Booster Club trailer. Contact Nick directly at Nperk10@gmail.com.

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