

YOUR GUIDE TO BEAR PRIDE

BEHIND THE SCENES

Homecoming Week

By Aaron Davis

During The month of October, Marion School celebrated Homecoming Week with a variety of activities designed to build school spirit and community pride. During coronation, Jackson Donlan and Kallie Johnson was crowned homecoming king and queen. Both the high school and middle school participated in themed dress-up days, creating class floats, and competing in events to earn points. The student participation was strong throughout the week, with many of them embracing the themes and showing enthusiasm for each day's challenge. High school students also painted the street with their names, adding a colorful and personal touch to the celebration. On Wednesday, students took part in an activity day featuring laser tag, archery tag, flag football, and other games that encourage teamwork and friendly competition. The week concluded with Friday's annual Homecoming parade, a spirited pep rally, and a big win for the Phoenix football team, who defeated the Tornadoes by a wide margin. The Junior class took first place among the high school grades, while the 8th grade class claimed the top spot for the middle school. Both winning classes were awarded golden plungers as their trophies, marking a fun and memorable end to the Homecoming Week.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Justin Escobar and Kolter Schmidt

What will you miss the most about high school?
Titus Sperling-“I will miss my friends and sports the most.”

What is your favorite high school memory?
Titus Sperling- “My favorite school memory is going to Hill City and winning a playoff game.”

Who has inspired you the most during your time in school? Jackson Donland-“My mom has inspired me the most because she pushes me to do my work.”

What was your favorite class and why? Titus Sperling-“My favorite class was Lanfear’s class, because he is a good teacher and there is good vibes in his class.”

What is one accomplishment you are really proud of? Jackson Donland-“One accomplishment I am really proud of is getting to play in the state basketball tournament.”

What advice would you give to underclassmen? Titus Sperling-“The advice I would give to the underclassmen is to stay caught up with your homework.”

If you could relive one school year, which one would it be and why? Jackson Donland-“I would relive sophomore year because that is when I peaked.”

What are you most excited about for your future? Titus Sperling-“The thing I am most excited about for my future is making tons and ton of money.”

How do you think you’ve changed since freshman year? Jackson Donland “How I have changed is I matured when I tore my ACL.”

What is one thing you wish you had done differently in high school? Titus Sperling-“ The one thing I wish I had changed in high school was trying harder my freshman and sophomore year.”



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

BY MALIYAH NANKIVEL AND DANICA SPERLING

On today's month of staff spotlight we have Mindy Fischer with Danica Sperling and Maliyah Nankivel asking her questions to get to know her better!

Question 1: Where did you get your education? “I didn’t need one, but I have my CDA online.”

Question 2: If you could take a field trip anywhere in the world, where would it be? “I would take a field trip to the universal studios to learn about new technology in the VR roller coasters.”

Question 3: What's the weirdest thing a student has said to you? “ The weirdest thing a student has said to me was that I look like a character out of Halloween.”

Question 4: What would you do if your students turned to zombies during your class? “If my Students turned into zombies during class I would run and leave everyone for themselves!”

Question 5: If you had to be a fruit for a week what would you be? “I would be a banana because they are yummy and skinny.”



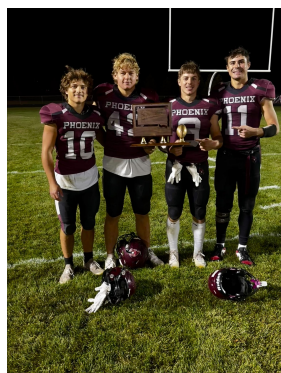
Amanda and Mindy during Homecoming Week.

SPORT HEADLINES

Road to the Dome

By Jackson Donlan and Titus Sperling

The Freeman-Marion-Freeman Academy (FMFA) Phoenix are having a very wonderful season. They are ranked number 1 in class 9AA with an undefeated record. The Phoenix hosted number 1 Avon Pirates of class 9B on and took them down 58-8 in the conference championship on Friday October 17. The Phoenix just played Garretson in the first round of the playoffs on Thursday October 23. The Phoenix had a quick night ending the game by halftime (59-7). The Phoenix play again Thursday October 30 against the 9 ranked Kimball-White-Lake.



Crowd Awakeners

BY Lanae Waldner and Claire Donlan

The Par-Mar Pheasants volleyball girls had a great start to the season. Their record of now is 14-13. They got top 4 in the Bonhomme tournament. Then they won the silver bracket at the Pentagon tournament in Sioux Falls. The JV is also having a good season with a record 7 wins and 5 loses.

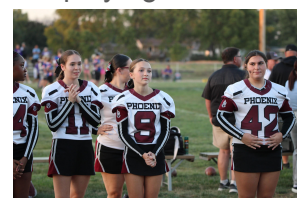
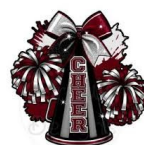
Kallie Johnson accomplished her 1,000 digs this month against Chester. According to Prep dig Lanae Waldner is 1st in the state for the most Blocks with 127, and Kallie Johnson is 9th in the state for digs with 350.



Cheering for the Champs

BY Ariana Piehl

This month has been quite a riot starting off with our boys being number 1 in 9AA football, Our cheerleaders especially have been excited! September 29th- october 3rd was hoco week, the cheerleaders put on a halftime dance with k-5th grade girls at the football game that was in Marion against Centerville! On October 23rd we play our first round of playoffs against Garretson, if we win then we go on to play again until we reach the dome!



HEADLINE TOPIC IN THIS BOX

COUNSELING CORNER

BY Jenna Yusella

Counselor's Corner

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Life can get hard sometimes, but it's important to remember you are loved, valued, and needed by someone. If you, or someone you know, is struggling with mental health- get help. Reach out to Mrs. Yusella or call/text 988 for the national suicide prevention hotline.

"When it is darkest, we can see the stars" – Ralph Emerson.

It has been a busy start to the school year in the counseling department! In elementary, we are learning about the "Zones of Regulation" and how we can manage big feelings. The students are really starting to understand how our brain talks to our body, and our body talks to our brain- which helps us know what to do when we're feeling blue (or yellow, or red).

In high school, we are spending time preparing for the future. 9th grade attended the "Freshman Impact" at the Hanson High School on September 10th. At this event, students participated in several activities that encourages making safe and healthy choices as they get older. Mrs. Yusella also held class meetings for our juniors and seniors to discuss college and career prep plans for the school year to come. We held a Financial Aid Night for seniors during conferences, and next week the juniors are off to Mitchell for a college fair, career expo, and a tour of DWU! Exciting things are happening!

Upcoming Dates to Note:

October 1st- SD Free College Application Period starts

October 9th- College Fair/Career Expo Day for juniors

November 6th- Sophomores to MTC

November 7th- District ACT

November 7th- Red Cross Blood Drive (hosted by NHS)

December 17th- Freshman to STC

BEAR-Y BUSY STUDENTS

SCIENTIFIC FUN

This month in science class the students have been doing lots of fun projects, the Chemistry class has been studying the reactivity to metals based on the periodic table!! The Biology class as well as the life science class has been studying cell theory and non living organisms. The Biology 2 class have been doing a project on recycling and they plan to recycle all of the school's used paper this year and see how much it weighs out to! In the Physical science class the students have been studying chromatography and how colors and chemicals bond with each other to make a mixture!!

THE AG-ADVENTURE BEGINS

This whole quarter the 8th grade AG class has been growing different types of lettuce such as Romaine, Butterhead, Spicy salad bowl, and Gourmet lettuce mix. On thursday the 8th grade AG class will be making a salad with there lettuce they've been growing all quarter!!!

THE FORMULA FOR FUN

This month the 6th grade science class, taught by Mrs.Friesen, have been doing some from projects including making elephant toothpaste by mixing yeast and hydrogen peroxide, making salt water evaporate, and making clouds by mixing cold ice and hot water with matches , which the 6th grade science class had a lot of fun doing!!!



MEET THE TEAM

Phoenix JH Football

By Rory Strout and Greyson Schmidt

The Phoenix Junior High football team had an eventful season, starting off with a tough loss to Bon Homme on September 2nd, falling 28-6. However, they quickly bounced back on September 15th dominating the Gayville-Volin Raiders 28-0, highlighted by Oakley McConnel's impressive performance, scoring three rushing touchdowns! The momentum continued on September 19th as the Phoenix defeated the Alcester-Hudson Cubs 34-6! On September 29th, they hosted their first home game against the Howard Tigers and came away with a solid 20-0 victory! The team kept their winning streak alive on October 3rd during the Marion homecoming game, shutting out the Centerville Tornadoes 28-0. They closed out their run on October 10th with a 24-6 win over the Irene-Wakonda Eagles in Freeman, capping off a strong season. They finished the season 5-2!



Pheasants JH Volleyball

By Aryssa Strout & Faith Pekron

This years JH volleyball team did really well over the season. Starting off with working really hard at practice and improving everyday. They liked to learn from their mistakes and take advice from their former teammates. They won a lot of their games and had a very loud bench cheering them on! The girls did a lot of strength and conditioning to get themselves ready for their games. The girls ended with a record of 15-14!



MARION CROSS COUNTRY

By Faith Pekron and Aryssa Strout

Marion's cross country runner Faith Pekron is doing good this year. Improving by every mile she runs. Let's see what Faith started this year off with. Heading to the Beresford meet, she got 48th. Next stop ahead is the MCM meet where Faith made 13th place. Now you can see she got 23rd at the Canton meet. To the right is the 11th place Faith took at the Freeman Flyer's meet. Hopping over to the Elk Point Jefferson meet where Faith placed 10th. At the Lennox meet Faith finished 42nd place. Our next stop will be the Big East Conference meet all the way up in Volga securing the 7th spot. The regions in Parkston Faith placed 46th. That will be the end of the cross country season. Can't wait for the support next year.



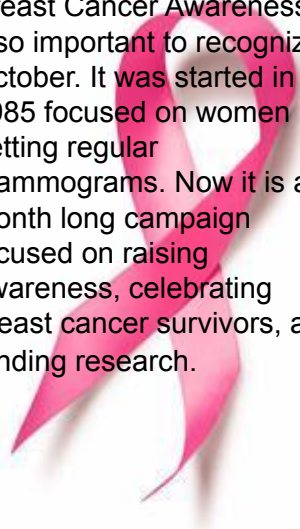
MIND-BLOWING FACTS AHEAD!

By Hallie Folger and Elizah Beil

National Pumpkin Seed Day is the first Wednesday in October. Every autumn, many of us fondly recall roasting pumpkin seeds after carving a Jack o' lantern. What once seemed like a simple seasonal treat has, in fact, been treasured for thousands of years. Archaeologists have traced pumpkin seeds as far back as 7000 BC, discovered in a tomb in central Mexico—evidence of their deep roots in human history.

Another fun fact about October is, it is national pizza month. In October 1984, this day was created by Gerry Durnell, the publisher of Pizza Today magazine. Some people observe this month by trying several different types of pizzas or going to different pizza restaurants.

Breast Cancer Awareness is also important to recognize in October. It was started in 1985 focused on women getting regular mammograms. Now it is a month long campaign focused on raising awareness, celebrating breast cancer survivors, and funding research.



ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT: PRE-K

BY MALIYAH NANKIVEL AND DANICA SPERLING

On this month of student spotlight Danica and Maliyah interviewed the Pre K class!

Question 1: What would you do if you were a teacher for the day? He would have Heidi Johnson do lots of work, no recess, no PE, and no music.

Question 2: If you opened a store what would you sell? Strawberries

Question 3: Who do you look up to? A Dinosaur?

Question 4: Would you rather burp glitter, or sneeze jelly beans? He would rather have jelly beans come out of his nose.

Question 5: If you were any superhero, who would you be? He would be batman.



November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 National FFA Convention
2	3 VBall regions	4 VBall regions Girls Basketball: Parker/Marion vs Irene- Wakonda	5 High School Oral Interp District	6 FFA- Jackrabbit LDE VBall regions	7 Help day Blood drive Football playoff Boys and Girls Basketball: McCook Central/Montrose vs Parker/Marion (Junior High)	8
9	10 School board meeting	11 Sweet 16	12	13 State Football	14 School in serves State Football	15 State Football
16	17	18 Donuts with Grownup Oral Interp Regions	19	20 Adopt a grand parents day	21 Help day	22
23 Test Event	24 FFA District 3 LDE	25	26 12:30 dismissal	27 No school	28 No school	29
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