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## MHS FBLA SWEEPS SOUTHERN AREA CONFERENCE

by MHS Newspaper

MHS Chapter 737 attended the FBLA Southern Area Conference in the beginning of January, competing in a multitude of events that ranged from speaking and presenting, to test taking and group projects. This impressive group, filled with more than 50 students, will now advance to State in April to showcase their events and participate in the FBLA fun. FBLA President Rece Roper was also elected FBLA Secretary after delivering a winning speech to the 500+ students in attendance. (con).

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# MHS ROBOTICS

by Abby Koerber

Sports teams here at MHS are not the only ones who are busy. The MHS Robotics Team has been working diligently as they have been to three competitions already in their season. In their latest competition they attended, one of their teams, The Demigods, placed 2nd in the competition. This competition was held on January 11th and this was their last normal one before going to the state qualifiers competition, which will be held sometime in February.

Not only are these competitions serious and hard-working, but they also bring amazing memories to every member of the Robotics Team. "My favorite memory was when I was a freshman and we got into the World Competition by a wild card...just meeting all those people and seeing their well-built robots was just the best experience of my life" says senior Liam Wallace, who has been with the Robotics Team for 4 years.

The team has spent many hours in the STEM Lab, working hard every day to build and program their robots to the best of their ability. "The programming here is much simpler than the Junior High's Robotics Team, so it's really easy to catch on to" says freshman Madilyn Stephens. The Marion High School Robotics Team will head off to State Qualifiers sometime in February. If you are interested into joining the team for next year, see Mr. Stephens or Mr. Wallace for more details.

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## FBLA SOUTHERN AREA (CON)

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After Rece was named FBLA State Secretary, he, along with Paige Newlin and Victoria Shore competed in the FBLA Battle of the Chapters where they were quizzed over FBLA Trivia. These three students led the Chapter to second place and advanced to the state Battle of the Chapters in April as well. Along with competing at State, our FBLA Chapter is also hosting a career fair with local professionals in the next few months. Congratulations to all of the students who competed and won at Southern Area, and good luck at State!



## LA GALLERIA FOOD REVIEW

by Alexandra Clark

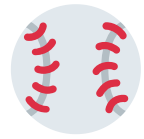
Recently in Marion, another Mexican restaurant has opened up. La Galleria Mexican Cuisine and Creamery is located in the exact spot where Don Sol used to be. It is in a strip mall across the street from Walmart. La Galleria is not like the other Mexican places in Marion. This restaurant has more authentic Mexican food, not just plain nachos and bean burritos. It is a family-owned, dine-in restaurant and has great service. Even though it is slightly expensive, if you want more authentic Mexican food then this is definitely the place to get it. The food is amazing, as is the ice cream in the creamery next to the restaurant. The ice cream is made by La Galleria and offers a wide variety of flavors. You can get flavors such as lime or guava, instead of just plain vanilla or chocolate. I highly recommend that even if you don't want to spend the money on food, you should at least try the ice cream. Every time I go, I try a new flavor and they never disappoint. La Galleria is definitely a place everyone should try, you won't be disappointed. As well as La Galleria opening, Fujiyama is getting its own building now as well, which has everyone excited and for good reason.

# OBSCURE INTERESTS

by Jesella Kingery



# MHS SPORTS



## BASKETBALL UPDATES

Two weeks ago, the MHS Boys Basketball won the championship at the Graves County New Year's Bash Tournament. Jackson Connor scored his 1500th point of his career, propelling him to second place in total number of points in MHS history. Connor played solidly, scoring a game high of 22 in the opening game, 31 in the semifinal, and 24 in the title game.

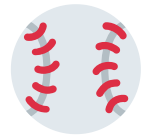
Although the Wildcats recently lost their last game with the Mt. Vernon Rams(73-60), they put up a valiant effort. Currently, they have an overall record of 12-6, and are tied for second in the South Seven Conference. Girls Basketball has an overall record of 8-11



## MHS DANCE QUALIFIES FOR IHSA STATE COMPETITION



# MHS SPORTS



## MHS WRESTLING BREAKS RECORDS

By Riley Roan

The Marion wrestling team has had a very eventful and successful past few weeks. They have totally shaken up the scoreboards leaving everybody delightedly impressed and wanting to see more. To start the season off they won over in Danville, scoring 5th place in the whole competition. The team record is twenty-three and four, twenty-three being total wins and four losses. A member of this team Kayne Gunn has a personal score of 26 and 14. He is ranked third on the team as a freshman and has shown his ability to adapt and overcome any problems.

They broke their own record earlier this season at home and brought it up to 23. Also in Mascoutah, three people placed, while two got second in their own division. In tournament, Kanye Gunn ranked third overall division. This win definitely secured his place on varsity. Jaqueveon Smith Has made his mark on the JV team by having an overscore of 9-5 as a freshman really showed his true colors. Of course, there are many others that have shown great improvement and help the team all the way up to state personally I hope to see more recognition for the wrestling team because they have really ripped up the competitions wildcats should.

# NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

By Emma Pyatt and Ava Segers

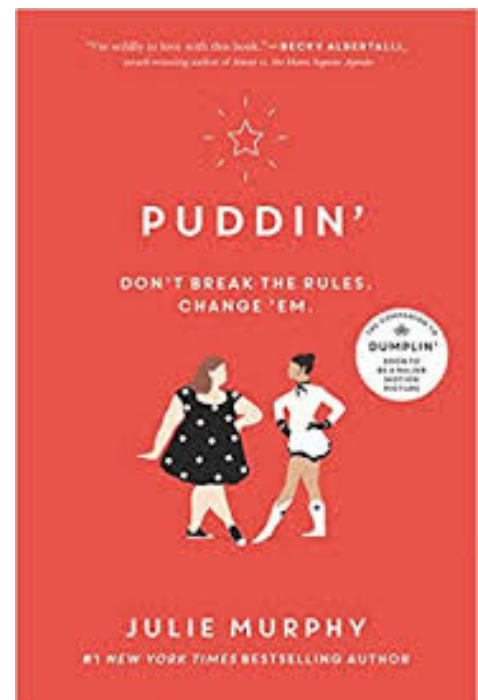
A new year means a fresh start; a way to better yourself. For centuries, people have been making resolutions, in hopes of improving their lives in the new year. About 4,000 years ago, the ancient Babylonians were the first people documented to make New Year's Resolutions. A resolution is a commitment one makes to accomplish a personal goal. Resolutions are commonly made to drop bad habits. The most common New Year's Resolution is to lose weight and become fit. Another common resolution is to quit smoking. How do we keep these resolutions?

Here are some tips that might help you keep yours: Decide how you will deal with any temptations that distract you from your goal. Make sure to stick to it, experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit and 6 months for it to become part of your personality. Most importantly, don't beat yourself up, obsessing over the occasional slip up won't help you achieve your goal. We interviewed some fellow students and teachers and asked what their New Year's Resolutions are. Kenley Ashmore (freshman) said, "My New Year's Resolution is to become a better softball player and work even harder than before." Mrs. Dunderdale said her New Year's Resolution is to "manage stress by working out more." What is your resolution?

## BOOK REVIEW: PUDDIN'

By Sierra Gee

Millie Michalchuk is a teenage girl that has struggled with being overweight her whole life. Every year she goes to fat camp. However, Millie wants to go to a news broadcasting camp in Austin, Texas. Telling Mrs. Michalchuk about Millie's change of heart is going to be hard because she can not get past the dieting aspect of life. Then Callie Reyes comes crashing into Millie's world. Callie is a member of the dance team and one of their sponsorships drop them. The novel *Puddin'* written by Julie Murphy takes the reader on an emotional struggle bus down a bumpy road to help finding oneself. It helps the reader to also understand that high school students are not alone when it comes to sports, life outside of school, and home life.



# MHS STUDENTS ATTEND IMEC ALL STATE

By MHS Newspaper Staff



Senior Jack Graham, first chair at ILMEA Jazz Band and first chair in the ILMEA Jazz band, was selected for the 2020 IMEC All State Concert Band. Junior Victoria Shore, one of the top two chairs in the ILMEA Jazz Choir, was selected for the 2020 All State Jazz Ensemble.

Both Students attended this State wide conference where they practiced for 8+ hours a day, mastering very skillful pieces of work and perfecting them for their performance at the end of the week. Congratulations to these two students!

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: GAIGE OWENS

By Fallon Heady

This edition's Senior Spotlight is on Gaige Owens, MHS's very own wrestling champ and future public communications student at Iowa Wesleyan University. Gaige is a member of PBIS, but he spends most of his time focusing on wrestling. He has worked his way into all conference matches three times, has been a regional champion twice, and has consistently been a state qualifier. Gaige holds the honor of having the most wins in MHS history and is on his way to breaking the school record for most takedowns! Throughout high school his motto has been "If you weren't with me during my struggle, I won't need you when I'm up." Good luck with all your future endeavors Gaige!

