



**MARION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**

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**Superintendent Summary  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

All board members were present.

**Retiree Recognition**

Becky Moss, Superintendent, and Shannon Mohr, President, recognized the following teachers and staff for their years of service to the District. They presented them with the traditional Unit #2 school bell and thanked them for their service and dedication to Marion Unit #2.

<b>Certified</b>			
Dawn Jackson	Washington	3rd Grade Teacher	34 years in education
Lori Mausey	Washington	1st Grade Teacher	34 years in education
Megin Rice	MHS	Science Teacher, Dept Head - Science	20 years in education
Cleo Robbins	MJHS	6th Grade Language Arts Teacher	19 years in education
Toni Shoukletovich	Longfellow	3rd Grade Teacher	30 years in education
John Fletcher	Lincoln	Principal	32 years in education
<b>Non-Certified</b>			
James Russell	Washington	Custodian	16 years of service
Jennifer Ninness	Washington	Secretary	21 years of service

**Example of Educational Excellence**

Kim Burns, Adams School/Extension Center Principal and Stephen Poggendorf, Extension Center Teacher, gave the annual report for the MHS Extension Center. There are 18 students graduating from the program this year. The graduating students are planning to either attend college in the fall, enter into the workforce or the military. She thanked the board for supporting the program which enables students to graduate.

Kelly Simmerman, Adams 6th-8th Grade ELA Teacher, highlighted the program she and Demita Martinez, Adams Kindergarten Teacher, designed to create a connection and promote kindness

**Example of Educational Excellence (con't)**

between Kindergarten and Junior High students through various activities during the school year. Gavin Blue and Paxton Westberry presented a slide show showcasing many of the memories that were created during the 2024-2025 school year.

**Audience to Visitors**

Public comments were given by Heath Blumenstock to express gratitude for the program connecting Kindergarten and Junior High students at Adams School.

**Marion Education Association**

No comment was offered.

**Consent Agenda**

The board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**a. Minutes** - the minutes from the April 15, 2025 regular meeting and the May 6, 2025 special meeting and closed session as presented.

**b. Bills** – the April supplementary bills and the May bills for payment as presented.

**c. Donations**

- i. ReadersLink to the Elementary Libraries - Books valued at \$2,196.00
- ii. Beth Wilson with Wilson Realty to 5th Grade Field Day - Team Flags valued at \$50.00
- iii. Tyler Young with The Print Shop to 5th Grade Field Day - Team Flags valued at \$50.00
- iv. SPREHE Family Foundation to MHS - Wildcat Runway Donation valued at \$500.00
- v. Sue Rhine to Jefferson PTO for Candy Bingo - valued at \$500.00
- vi. El Ranchito to Jefferson - Lunch for teachers/staff valued at \$400.00
- vii. Lavish Bath Box to Jefferson PTO for Candy Bingo - Raffle Baskets valued at \$100.00
- viii. Fowler Heating and Cooling to Jefferson PTO Candy Bingo - Raffle Baskets valued at \$100.00
- ix. Estate of Sharon Wilson to Lincoln Elementary - Baldwin Piano
- x. Pepsi to Jefferson PTO for Candy Bingo - Drinks valued at \$100.00

**d. 2025-2026 Fundraisers**

**Personnel Recommendations**

The board voted 7-0 to approve the following personnel recommendations as presented:

**EMPLOYMENT:****Certified****MHS Summer School Teachers:**

Lucas Launius, Cody Pauls, Jenna Gillespie, Kerry Martin, Katie Evans, Dean Schulmeister, Jason Dunning, Marty Cameron, Trebor Hill, Eli Baker, Michele Tate and Brittany Willis.

**Non-Certified**

Chelsea Napier, Secretary assigned to Washington, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Personnel Recommendations (con't)**

Alexander Wagner, Custodian 2nd Shift assigned to Washington, effective April 22, 2025.

Travis Gwaltney, Custodian 2nd Shift assigned to TBD, effective April 22, 2025.

Jesse Hines, Hall Monitor assigned to MHS, effective May 21, 2025.

**RESIGNATIONS**

Carrie Pettigrew, Elementary Instructional Assistant assigned to Washington, effective May 26, 2025.

Courtney Strang, Elementary Instructional Assistant assigned to Washington, effective May 5, 2025.

Brett Leeper, Maintenance assigned to Marion CUSD #2, effective May 30, 2025.

Randy Barton, Custodian assigned to Lincoln, effective May 30, 2025.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Kaylee Evans, 3rd Grade Teacher assigned to Adams, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately August 11, 2025 with a tentative return date of September 22, 2025 using accumulated sick leave and dock days.

Brandi Stanley, Float Nurse assigned to Marion CUSD #2, a medical leave of absence beginning May 6, 2025 through the remainder of the school year using dock days.

Sarah Allen, 1st Grade Teacher assigned to Adams, a maternity leave of absence beginning approximately August 13, 2025 with a tentative return date of September 29, 2025 using accumulated sick leave.

**RETIREMENTS**

John Fletcher, Principal assigned to Lincoln, effective July 30, 2025.

Brad Seger, 5th Grade Teacher assigned to Lincoln, effective at the end of the 2028-2029 school year.

**Natural Gas Contract**

The board voted 7-0 to approve the natural gas contract to Century Energy LLC/Mansfield Power and Gas for 36 months at \$0.4640 per term for the time period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028.

**Bids and Proposals**

The board voted 7-0 to award the bid for Property, General Liability, and Automobile insurance to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT).

**Intergovernmental Agreement**

The board voted 7-0 to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Marion Community Unit School District #2 and the City of Marion as presented.

## **Technology Report**

### **Summary of activities:**

- Technical preparations are being made to move District Internet Access from ClearWave to ProTek Fiber.
- Received USAC confirmation for e-rate reimbursement for Internet Access for the next 5 years.
- Preparation being made for district website to be moved to new application (Final Site).
- Deleting/Updating/renewing SOPPA Agreements (Student Data Privacy).
- Public School Works Safety Trainings – added Cyber Security training for Admins & Staff.
- Processing Access, IAR, DLM-AA and ISA scores and corrections.
- Arranged for a Recycle Company to pick up old/defective equipment from the District office, MJHS and MHS.
- Attended a ROE Workshop focused on Cyber Security.

## **Maintenance Report**

**Washington Elementary School:** Tuckpointing on the brick for both gymnasiums will begin on May 28. Once tuckpointing has been completed then roof replacement will begin in designated areas. The combined projects should be completed by the first of July. The maintenance and custodial departments are also gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning.

**Lincoln Elementary School:** The maintenance and custodial departments are gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning. They also continue to work on building preventative maintenance, work orders and general housekeeping items.

**High School:** Roof replacement will begin as soon as school is out. The two main areas that will be under roof construction will be Wilson gym and the cafeteria. This project is expected to last several weeks. The maintenance and custodial departments are gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning along with continuously working on building preventative maintenance, work orders and general housekeeping items.

**Jr. High:** Roof replacement will begin as soon as school is out. The two main areas that will be under roof construction will be over the band room and sections of the east side. This project is expected to last several weeks. The maintenance and custodial departments are also gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning and continuously work on building preventative maintenance, work orders and general housekeeping items.

**Jefferson Elementary School:** The maintenance and custodial departments are gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning and continuously work on building PM's, work orders and general housekeeping items.

**Adams:** The maintenance and custodial departments are gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning and continuously work on building PM's, work orders and general housekeeping items.



### **Maintenance Report (con't)**

**Longfellow:** The maintenance and custodial departments are gearing up for summer repairs and deep cleaning and continuously work on building PM's, work orders and general housekeeping items.

**Custodial Teams:** The custodial team is gearing up and preparing for their yearly deep cleaning of the buildings. This includes cleaning each room from top to button.

**Maintenance Team:** The maintenance team is gearing up and preparing for summer repair jobs.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Mrs. Moss thanked the community for their generous support and contributions which will assist the more than 50 families impacted by the recent tornado.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report:**

Mrs. Watts expressed her gratitude to the teachers and staff for a great 2024-2025 school year.



## **Sports**

### **Adams School**

**Girls Track & Field** - Ellington Mann set a new girls long Jump school record with a jump of 14'10.5" at the Old "Little 6 Conference Meet."



## **Academics**

### **Marion Junior High School**

**Choir** - Congratulations to the 6th Grade Choir and Jazz Choir for winning 1st place and the Concert Choir for winning 2nd place at Music in the Parks Six Flags at Six Flags in St. Louis.



## Academics

### Marion Junior High School

**Robotics** - Congratulations to the MJHS Robotics team for winning the Sumobot Tournament in O'Fallon, IL.

1st Place - Logan Clendenin

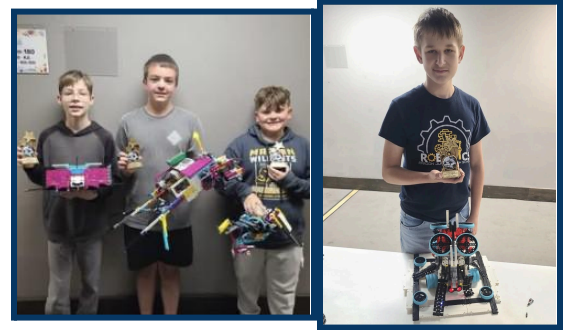
2nd Place - Jasper Sims

3rd Place - Eli Myers

Specialty Awards:

Most Creative - Gunnar Wells

Best Engineering - Brain Chen and Luka Jakobsen



## Sports

### Marion Junior High School

**Golf** - Congratulations to MJHS Golf Team's Drew Menckowski and Layton Freebourn on qualifying for State.



**Girls Track & Field** - MJHS 7th Grade Girls Track & Field team received 1st place at the Big 7 - 7th Grade Conference Meet.



**Girls Track & Field** - MJHS 8th Grade Girls Track & Field team received 1st place at the Big 7 Conference Meet.



## Sports

### Marion Junior High School

**Girls Track & Field** - Congratulations to the MJHS Girls Track & Field team on being Regional Champs.



**Girls Track & Field** - Congratulations to the MJHS Girls Track & Field team received 2nd Place at the SIJHSAA State Track Championship Meet held at Carterville.

- 10th Place - Adrianna Davis (100 M-8th Grade)
- 4th Place - Nahla Weaver (100 M-7th Grade)
- 5th Place - Hannah Mitchell (100 M-7th Grade)
- 4th Place - Nahla Weaver (200 M-8th Grade)
- 9th Place - Alayna Porter (400 M)
- 10th Place - Zenobia Glispie (400 M)
- 1st Place - Adrianna Davis (100 M Hurdles)
- 10th Place - Carmen Holderfield (Shot Put)
- 9th Place - Carmen Holderfield (Discus)
- 7th Place - Gretchen Lampley (High Jump)
- 10th Place - Zenobia Glispie (High Jump)
- 4th Place - Lucy Taylor (Pole Vault)
- 10th Place - Kylee Allen (Long Jump)
- 2nd Place - Serenity Huse, Adrianna Davis, Zenobia Glispie, Nahla Weaver (4x200 8th Grade Relay)
- 4th Place - Hannah Mitchell, Nadalynn Green, Memorie Maxwell, Serenity Huse (4x200 7th Grade Relay)
- 11th Place - Julianna Smith, Alayna Porter, Memorie Maxwell, Hannah Mitchell (4x400 Relay)



**Boys Track & Field** - MJHS 7th Grade Boys Track & Field team received 1st place at the Big 7 - 7th Grade Conference Meet.





## Sports

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**Boys Track & Field** - MJHS 8th Grade Boys Track & Field team received 1st place at the Big 7 - 8th Grade Conference Meet.



**Boys Track & Field** - Congratulations to the MJHS Boys Track & Field team on being Regional Champs.



**Boys Track & Field** - Congratulations to the MJHS Boys Track & Field team on winning the SIJHSAA State Championship Meet held at Carterville. Marion won by 63.5 points over 2nd Place.

- 1st Place - Vance Burford (100 M)
- 1st Place - Vance Burford (200 M)
- 4th Place - Landen Bowen (400 M)
- 5th Place - Jake Young (400 M)
- 1st Place - Seve Bruce (1600 M)
- 1st Place - Vance Burford (100 M Hurdles)
- 2nd Place - Angelo Jones (100 M Hurdles)
- 1st Place - Elijah Purdiman, Ja'Kwon Lewis, Eric Dixon, Vance Burford (4x100 8th Grade Relay)
- 1st Place - Angelo Jones, Landen Bowen, Eric Dixon, Elijah Purdiman (4x200 8th Grade Relay)
- 6th Place - Liam Webb, William Lee, Wyatt Tabor, Jackson Ellis (4x200 7th Grade Relay)
- 1st Place - Angelo Jones, Eric Dixon, Jake Young, Seve Bruce (4x400 8th Grade Relay)
- 4th Place - Kylan Smith (Shot Put)
- 5th Place - Angelo Jones (High Jump)
- 3rd Place - Elijah Purdiman (Long Jump)



## **Sports**

### **Marion Junior High School**

**Boys Track & Field** - Congratulations to the Boys Track & Field team on having an undefeated 2025 season.

**Boys Track & Field** - Congratulations to MJHS Boys Track & Field's Vance Burford, Seve Bruce, Angelo Jones, Landen Bowen, Eric Dixon, Elijah Purdiman, Ja'Kwon Lewis, and Vance Burford for breaking school records.

Vance Burford broke the school record for the 100 M Hurdles and the 100 M Dash.

Seve Bruce broke the school record for the 1600 M Run with a time of 4:40.15.

Angelo Jones, Landen Bowen, Eric Dixon, and Elijah Purdiman broke the 8th Grade 4x200 M Relay school record with a time of 1:36.85.

Elijah Purdiman, Ja'Kwon Lewis, Erick Dixon, and Vance Burford broke the 4x100 M Relay school record with a time of 45.88.

## **Academics**

### **Marion High School**

**Questbridge College Prep** - Congratulations to Junior, Tatyana Wyatt, for being named a Questbridge College Prep Scholar. Juniors from around the country applied for this academic distinction. This year 3,657 were given this designation nationwide from typically around 16,000 applying. The average gpa of a College Prep Scholar this year was 3.93.



**CAD** - Seven students from MHS attended the IDEA State Drafting Competition at ISU Bloomington. Four of the seven students placed in the competition.

1st Place State Champion - Hailey Muldrew in 2D Architectural CAD  
3rd Place - Brody Smoot in Assembly Modeling  
3rd Place - RJ McCaffrey in 3D CAD Modeling  
3rd Place - Collin Merkel in Architectural CAD 3D



## Academics

### Marion High School

**English** - Congratulations to the following English students who submitted Letters about literature to the Illinois Center for the Book.

Kaylee McAlpin - Honorable Mention  
Emma Kronsbein - Finalist  
Molly Johnson - Finalist  
Harlan Whiteford - Finalist  
Kyleigh Rivett - Honorable Mention  
Mayleiona Carter - Honorable Mention  
Allison Hylin - Honorable Mention



**Spanish** - Congratulations to the following Spanish students who were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy. (**Jobi McCann, Kyra Graham, Abby Perez, and Lana Orril**)

Also, congratulations to the following Spanish students who were awarded Commendation Towards Biliteracy in Spanish. (**London McGuire, McKenna Walters, Lea Wong, McClellan Meacham, Aubree Thompson, Breena Stearns, Riece Utley, Tyler Henry, Addi Hunziker, Haydan Little, Parker Bradshaw, Carsen Chelin, Seth Beirman, Addi Blue, Khaner Barber, and Troy Robinson**)



**Spanish** - The following Spanish students were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society. (Seth Bierman, Ryan McCaffrey, Amelia Odle)





## Academics

### Marion High School

**Art** - Art students received their awards from the IHSAA Central Regional Art competition in Bloomington.

**Jurors Choice:** Easton Rubright

**Photography Bronze:** Alexes Grant

**Design Silver:** Ellian Glover

**Design Bronze:** Cara Glass

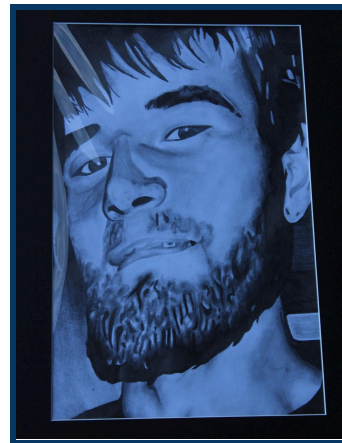
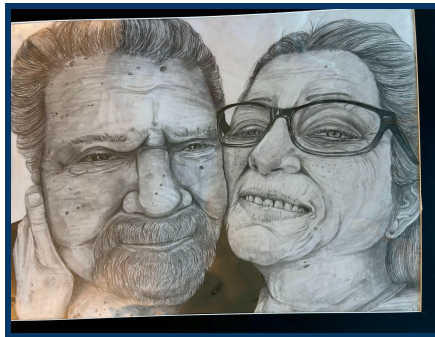
**Sculpture Bronze:** Dan Brame



**Art** - Two Art students placed in the Illinois 12th Congressional District Art Show. Both art pieces will be on display for the next year - one in Murphysboro and one in Effingham.

**3rd Place** - Zoey Garner for her pencil drawing

**5th place** - Aeilohni Clark for her pencil drawing



**FFA** - Marion FFA's Officer Maddie Morse was elected to serve as the Vice President on the 2025-2026 Section 24 FFA Officer team.

**Class of 2025 Scholarship Night** - The MHS Class of 2025 was awarded approximately \$3.2 million in scholarships at the Scholarship Ceremony.



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**ESports** - Wildcat ESports battled to the end of their first ever IHSA Sectional. The cats came up just short of having several state qualifiers.

5th Place - FIFA

Tied for 5th Place - Super Smash

3rd Place - Mario Kart

3rd Place - Rocket League



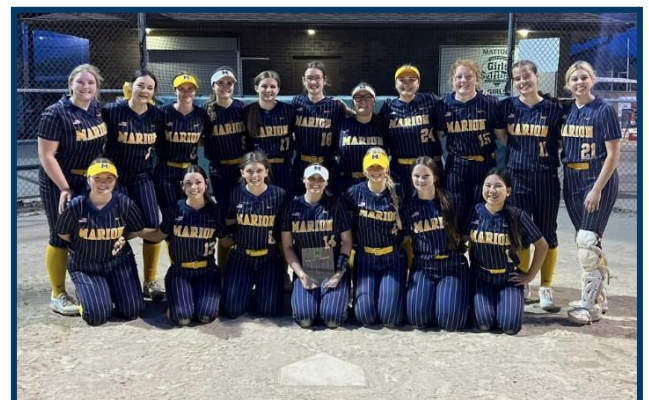
**ESports** - Congratulations to Brandon Aviles who earned Top 16 at IHSA State for EAFC and Top 12 for Rocket League.



**Bass Fishing** - MHS Bass Fishing's Colton Hartwell and Jake Williams took 3rd place at the 2025 Marion Invitational.



**Softball** - MHS Lady Wildcat Softball team won the Mattoon Tournament for the 3rd straight year.





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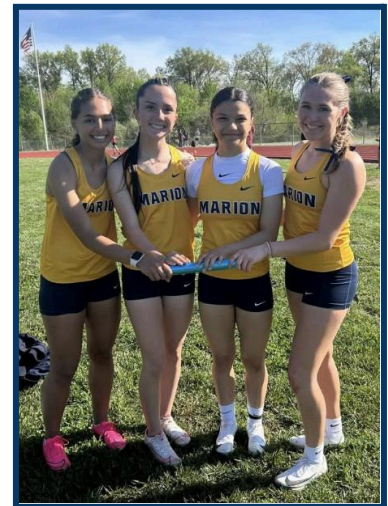
**Softball** - Congratulations to the MHS Lady Wildcat Softball team on being the 2025 Benton Invite Champs.



**Softball** - Congratulations to MHS Softball team's Coach Joy Neal on her 300th career win.



**Girls Track & Field** - Brenna Stearns, Leigha Nelson, Linlee Beck and Isa Greer ran a new school record with a time of 49.25 in the 4x100.



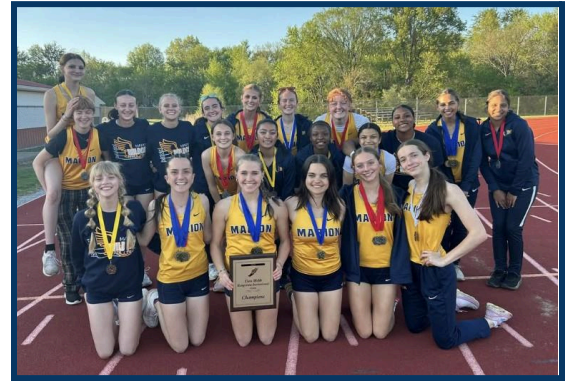
**Girls Track & Field** - Brenna Stearns set a new school record with a time of 45.89 in the 300 hurdles.



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



**Girls Track & Field** - The Lady Wildcats Track & Field team is the Don Webb Invitational Champions.



**Girls Track & Field** - Both Varsity and Junior Varsity Lady Wildcat Track & Field teams are South 7 Conference Champs.



**Girls Track & Field** - The Lady Wildcat Track & Field Team had 11 IHSA State Finals Qualifiers and placed 2nd overall at the Mascoutah Sectional.

2025 IHSA Girls 2A Track Sectional   May 15, 2025		
PL	Team	PTS
1	 Waterloo	95
2	 Marion	86.5
3	 Mascoutah	80
4	 Mt. Vernon	70.33
5	 Freeburg	61
6	 Carterville	42
7	 Harrisburg	41
8	 Carbondale	40
9	 Pinckneyville	38
10	 Murphysboro	36

**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Brenna Stearns qualified for IHSA State Finals in the 300 M Hurdles.



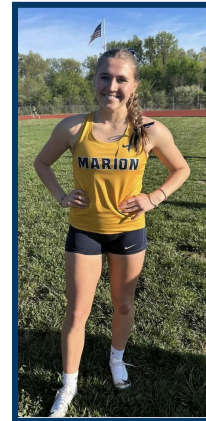
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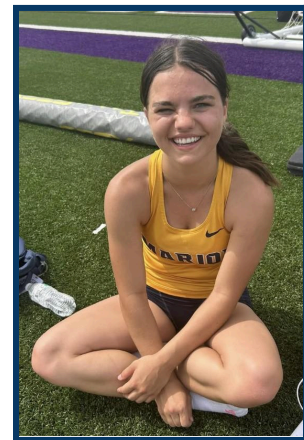
**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Brenna Stearns, Leigha Nelson, Linlee Beck and Isa Greer qualified for IHSA State Finals in the 4x100.



**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Brenna Stearns qualified for IHSA State Finals in the 100 M Hurdles.



**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's McCayla Rowatt qualified for IHSA State Finals in Pole Vault.



**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Akira McMillen, Lydia Rogowski, Emma Mohlers, and Isa Greer qualified for IHSA State Finals in the 4x200. They also broke the school record that was set in 1981 with a time of 1:45.97.





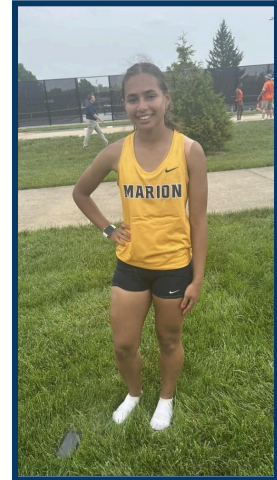
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**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Emma Skeate qualified for IHSA State Finals in Shot Put and Discus. She won the IHSA Sectional in shot put.



**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Isa Greer qualified for IHSA State Finals in Long Jump.



**Girls Track & Field** - Lady Wildcat Track & Field's Linlee Beck, Lydia Rogowski, Brenna Stearns, and Amelia Odle qualified for IHSA State Finals in the 4x400.



**Boys Track & Field** - MHS Wildcat Track & Field's Haydan Little set a new school record in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 38.85.



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**Boys Track & Field** - Congratulations to MHS Wildcat Track & Field's Haydan Little on being named the Coach Gene Watson Most Outstanding Athlete of the 2025 Marion Relays.



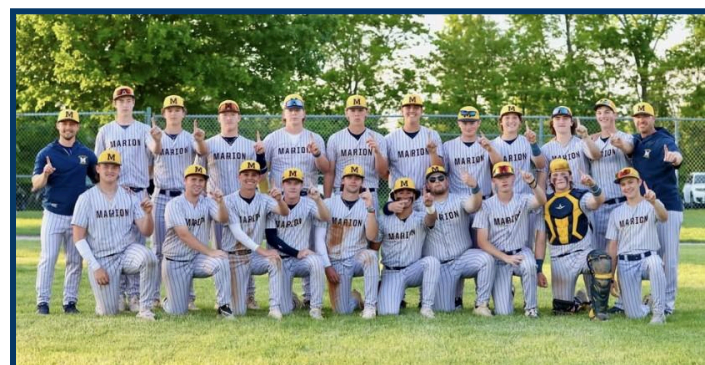
**Boys Track & Field** - MHS Wildcat Track & Field's Raphy Greer set a new meet and stadium record for the 1600 Meter in Mattoon with a time of 4:18.91.

Mattoon Greenwave		Boys 1600 Meter Run	Ht/Ft: 2
Place	Name	Affiliation	Time/Mark
1	Greer	Marion	4:18.91
2	Greer	Marion	4:20.00
3	Butler	Olney (Richland	4:30.01
4	Orr	Urbana	4:40.88
5	Halligan	Taylorville	4:41.19
6	Mavis	Mt. Zion	4:46.60
7	Davis	Taylorville	4:47.10
	Brent	Mt. Zion	
LYNX		Running Time: 4:18.90	

**Girls Soccer** - Congratulations to the Lady Wildcat Soccer team on being named 2025 South 7 Champions.



**Baseball** - Congratulations to the Wildcat Baseball team on being named 2025 South 7 Champions.





## Sports

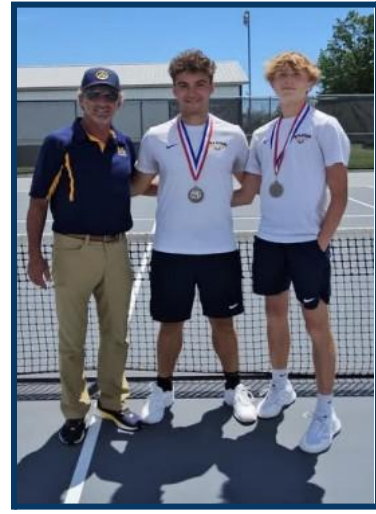
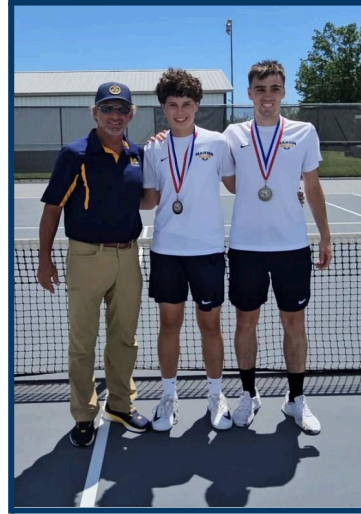
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**Tennis** - Marion Wildcat Tennis team finished 3rd At the South 7 Conference Tournament.

1st Place #1 Doubles - Sievers/Arbelaiz-Aguirre  
2nd Place #2 Doubles - Nicolaides/Wilson

Singles:

3rd Place #1 - Luke Gregory  
3rd Place #2 - Michael Diederich  
3rd Place #3 - Cooper Whiting  
3rd Place #4 - Marley Ben Avi



## Extra Curricular

### Marion High School

**Prom** - Congratulations to MHS 2025 Prom Queen and King, Gwendolyn Weaver and Cole Warren, and Prom Prince and Princess, Addisyn Blue and Owen Misner.



**Library** - Congratulations to the 2024-2025 top three 1 million word winners.



**Extra Curricular**  
**Marion High School**

**Library** - On April 24, 2025, New York Times Bestselling author, Sharon Cameron, visited MHS. She spoke in the auditorium, then had lunch and interacted with MHS 1 million word participants in the MHS library.



**District**

**Donation** - Thank you to the Bittle Family for their recent \$1,000 donations to our baseball program and bass fishing team.





## **District Teacher Recognition**

From Aime Chelin:

A huge shout-out to our last group of teachers who officially completed their LETRS course of study with their final training on April 29, 2025! In addition to participating in 48 hours of training and implementing new instructional practices in their classroom, these teachers have committed over 80 hours outside their school day during the past two years to participate in this professional development. Thank you to our district for providing this professional development and to all our administrators for working through sub issues to allow them to attend our unit trainings. Although their training is complete, I feel the impact it will have on students is just beginning. We are excited to continue to implement our new learning. I am so very proud of this group and their commitment to their students!

" Informed teachers are our best assurance against reading failure. While programs are very helpful tools, programs don't teach; teachers do." - LETRS



## **Treasurer's Report**

The district is 83.3% of the way through the fiscal year as of April 30, 2025. The Education Fund expenditures are at 78.22% and Operations and Maintenance Fund expenditures are at 78.39%. Expenditures for all district funds are at 74.45%.

## **Miscellaneous and/or Discussion**

## **Adjournment**

The board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.