

# THE CHIPPEWA HERALD

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## PREVIEW



## Skiing Their Way To State

By: Libby McCarthy

On Valentine's Day at Caberfae, the Onkama boys ski team finished second at their regional meet behind Cadillac to qualify for the MHSAA state finals as a team! Leading the team was **Braydon Sorenson (10)** who placed eighth to qualify for states as an individual. **Luke Kooy (12)** fell just short by three spots from going as an individual. In both events, Sorenson finished in the top ten back to back while **Kylar Thomas (12)** finished first in the giant slalom. The girls team finished fourth behind East Grand Rapids, Cadillac, and Grand Rapids Christian. They fell only 19 points short of finishing third.

**Luke Smith (10)**, a member of the Ski team, shared his excitement with us, "We knew going into the meet that we had a shot at qualifying for state as a team, but we would all have to show some solid, clean runs. In the morning, we skied giant slalom and we all produced decent times. The top 3 teams qualified for state, and we were 2nd after GS. (continued)

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Senioritis

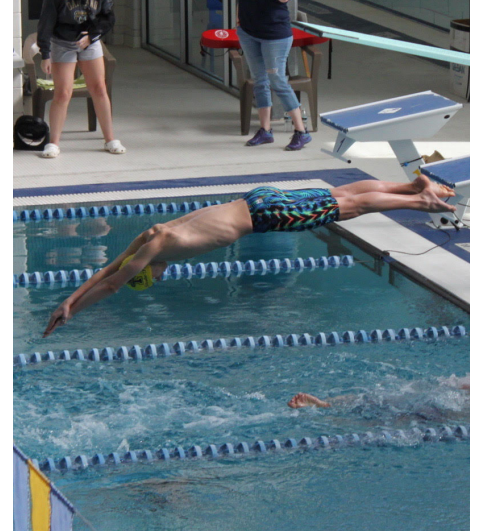
**SPORT**

Boys Swim

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## *Skiing Their Way To State (Continued)*

- Top 3 teams qualified for state, and we were 2nd after GS. In the afternoon, we skied slalom and continued to bring in good times, maintaining our 2nd place position and qualifying us for the state meet. Ultimately, it was a great experience and super exciting to work towards and achieve a goal as a team, drawing support from each other to keep working hard whether it was during practice or on race day".



## *Blondies End the Swim Season on a High Note*

By: Libby McCarthy

Many winter sports are finally coming to an end, and that includes our boy's swim team. Their final conference meet took place on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th of February. The meet that took place on Friday was in order to qualify for the conference finals on Saturday. If the swimmers were able to place in the top eight, then points were scored for the team. To say our boys were successful would be an understatement. The team ended their season on a high note, as they placed first overall. The final score ended with 531 points for Manistee, 477 points for Ludington, and 240 points for Freemont. Not only did the boys place first, but they also broke a record for the 400 freestyle relay, with a pool record of 3 minutes and 22 seconds flat. The previous record was set by Springhill, who is no longer in the same conference.

Although the season may be over for some swimmers, it is not over for everyone. Swim team members **Seth Thompson (12)**, **Alec Lampen (10)**, **Drew Mendians (10)**, and **Trevor Adamczak (11)** will participate in the state meet that will take place in a couple of weeks. State qualifier Drew Mendians states that "the meet went well for everyone that swam! We got some great times and broke a few records." He also mentioned that he is "really excited to go to state and compete against the best swimmers." It definitely seems like all of their hard work has paid off. If you see any of these boys roaming the halls- they are hard to miss with their striking bleach blonde hair- make sure to say congrats!



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## A Successful Youth in Government 2022

By: Libby McCarthy

“This year's YIG was a very successful year,” according to the MHS YIG advisor **Stacey Andrews**. Youth in Government is a program that was made to help youth develop an understanding and awareness of Michigan state government and national issues. The kids get leadership training to meet the needs of a democratic society. Those who get involved with Youth in Government strengthen themselves, their peers, and their community by emphasizing character development in many different ways. YIG creates an environment that helps students develop an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of others. The team of 8 students travel to Lansing for 4 days where they went to the state capitol, participated in many ice breaker activities, and did lots of debating.

Andrews continues, “Getting a bill signed has only happened a few times in all our years of participation. Each of the participants from MAPS has filled multiple roles at the conference, just as a Legislator would. I am very proud of how MHS Yigsters step up and try new things- **Sarah Huber (9)** running for Lt. Governor, **Anna Herberger (11)** doing the legislative oversight and Family Group Leader, and **Sadie Verheek (10)** who also filled the role as a Family Group Leader, to just name a few. I was so happy to be back and participating in Person for the conference. Last year all conferences were virtual.

Sophomore **Marina Reid (10)** shares her experience and role in YIG this year, “YIG was a great experience and it was awesome to witness the state government first hand. We go to see how the different branches in the legislature work together to get laws and regulations passed in Michigan. I personally love debating over bills especially because a lot of them have potential to actually be opened in the real senate. We get to experience the whole political process from debating bills to actually voting on youth governors and listening to their campaigns. I think that youth involvement in aspects like the government is important because it gives a voice to younger people where there usually is none. Everyone who goes does different things, and I served as a committee clerk. Committee clerks keep track of all of the amendments on the bills and whether they have passed or not. I did this in a committee, which is where a bill needs to be passed through in order to be debated in the senate or the house. It was overall a very fun and cool event to attend and I encourage others to do the same!”



## ***Are We There Yet? A Guide Through Senioritis***

By: Courtney Haag

With March well underway, many seniors are beginning to feel the symptoms of senioritis, defined by the Oxford Dictionary as “a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.”

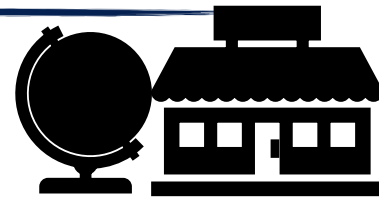
It can be hard to complete any assignments, or even the simplest of tasks because they seem, well, optional. At this point of the school year, the grades are finalized and many students are in the decision making process of what their future plans entail. This year’s work already seems irrelevant and pointless, because the pressure isn’t on the now, it’s on the next. This time of year, things are starting to pick up with spring break (in three weeks), and soon after graduation (about 76 days away from the time I am writing this), and it can be extremely difficult to stay motivated.

**Addy Wikowski (12)** a current senior, states that “senioritis is making me feel like I’m in an endless pit of despair because of all of the daunting homework that piles up and my lack of motivation to do anything.” Luckily, there are ways to combat this unfortunate illness. One way is to accept these feelings, I know for a fact they are normal, because everyone seems to be feeling this way! Another thing to do to help is to set goals for yourself, even little ones. Time management skills are a super important ingredient in being successful in college (and lots of other things) so learning them now would be super helpful for later. Making a promise to yourself that you will get things done by a certain time will reduce stress and hopefully help you keep some motivation. Lastly, enjoy the amount of time that you have left. You could join new sports or activities that you haven’t tried before, and just take advantage of what the school provides. Who cares if you suck at them, because it is mainly for the experience.



I know this time of year is hard, trust me, I have a paper to write in 3 days (thank you **Mr. Joseph**), but I know it will be worth it in the end! If you are not a senior, just keep in mind that this will soon be you, but I know you can make it! Time goes by fast, just enjoy what you can!

# World/State/Local



## Exchange Corner - Lucia Klei

By: Alyssa Jackoviak

**Q: What is your full name?**

**A:** My name is Lucia Klein

**Q: Where are you from?**

**A:** I'm from Germany.

**Q: Who is your host family?**

**A:** I'm living for my exchange year with the Ramsey family.

**Q: How long are you staying here?**

**A:** I arrived in August last summer and will return to Germany in June.

**Q: How do you like it here so far? Any specific likes and dislikes?**

**A:** I really like it to be in Manistee. I think Michigan is a beautiful place in the US and I love the big lake here!

**Q: Have you gone anywhere or done anything special while you are here?**

**A:** We traveled a bit through Michigan and also spent a few days in Canada. I think that was one of my favorite journeys. We saw a little bit of Toronto and spent a day at Niagara Falls which was really impressive and a nice experience.

**Q: What are the major differences between Germany and the US?**

**A:** I think there are a few differences. But specific to schools I think a big difference is the school spirit. Our sports teams in Germany are not connected with the school which means that there aren't any sports events.

**Q: Do you play any sports/participate in any clubs here? If so, what is your favorite part(s) of being on the team/club?**

**A:** I run in the fall Cross Country and I'm really excited for the soccer season in the spring!

**Q: What is your favorite American food you have tried?**

**A:** For sure Macaroni and Cheese!



## WHERE IS WALDO?

**Hidden somewhere in this edition of the Chippewa Herald is this image of Waldo! If you find him, email a screenshot to [23iudlau@manistee.org](mailto:23iudlau@manistee.org)**

**Shout out to THESE students who found Waldo last edition!**

- Lauren Mezeske (11)
- Abigail Robinson (11)
- Mila Herrmann (12)
- Sarah Huber (9)
- Nicklaus Judkins (10)
- Flynn Anderson (9)
- Eli Fulton (9)

## *Mask Mandate Update*

By: Courtney Haag

As Covid-19 cases are finally beginning to slow their roll, the need for masks becomes up in the air. Michigan has seen the best statistics since October with fewer than 2,000 patients with Covid hospitalized. Many health experts are optimistic, and believe that the state is in it's recovery phase. Because of this, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has recently discontinued the recommendation for wearing masks in many indoor settings. This brings up numerous questions, specifically in how this will affect the schools. Counties such as Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw, who have enforced mask mandates this school year, have plans to drop their regulations in the coming weeks. As for Manistee County, some schools have not implemented a mask regulation, and have left it up to the students to make their own decision. For Manistee High School, the decision regarding masks will most likely be discussed by the school board in the next couple of days. If the mask requirement was to be lifted, it would definitely be an adjustment, since masks have been a rule for the past two years. People are already beginning to wear masks less at indoor sporting events and other school-wide activities. Of course each school will have to make the decision based upon what is best for the students and faculty at the time, and how prevalent covid is at the school district.





## Pre-Festival Band Concert

By: Avery Vaas

Feb. 21 marked the Manistee Bands' pre-Festival concert. The concert served to help prepare the Manistee bands for the upcoming performance at District Band Festival, a prestigious event where the bands will perform for a judged rating. The concert on Monday marked a sort of 'practice performance'. Located at the Manistee High School, the 6th, 7th, 8th, and High School bands each performed respectively. In between the various bands' performances, time was filled by various solo and ensemble performances from our very own students.



Students who played in between the bands all received a 1 rating at the recent Solo and Ensemble. A 1 rating is the highest you can receive at Solo and Ensemble. Among the performances included a solo by percussionist **Sarah Huber (9)**, a duet by sophomore junior clarinet duo **Avery Vaas (10)** and **Emily Sullivan (11)**, a solo by **Emily Sullivan (11)**, and another clarinet solo by **Seth Thompson (12)**. The 7th, 8th, and High School bands will soon be participating at the District Band Festival, hosted at Shelby and scheduled for March 2nd.

The Festival performance will be followed by a performance for the high school band at Eastern Michigan University. The opportunity will allow the band to perform and receive criticism at the university, but without a rating.



Festival will include a rating, judging the bands' performance on a 1-5 scale. 1 is the highest score, and 5 the lowest. The band has a strong record of performances with 1s from the judges, so hopes are high for the up and coming festival. Monday night's concert served as a traditional preparation for the festival performance. If you see a band student, wish them luck!



## ***Saved by the Canine***

By: Courtney Haag

In the midst of a Michigan winter, mental health can be just as gray as the sky. Loneliness can become all-consuming, and the days can drag on like your mother's conversation with her friend at the grocery store. But, there are many solutions, and one of them is fairly easy: adopt a dog. It is scientifically proven that dogs can help alleviate stress and anxiety. Plus they give you something to help pass the time. Feeling lonely? Pet your dog. Feeling bored? Walk your dog. Feeling sad? Stare into your dog's soulful eyes. This is an easy solution, and many people would greatly benefit from incorporating a furry friend into their lives. Not only would it be helping the owner, it would also help the dog- especially if you choose to adopt. There are so, so many good reasons why adoption is a good choice. The most influential one is essentially that a life will be saved. Shelters nowadays are overflowing with pets in need of a home. Sadly, many of the dogs have a limited amount of time in the shelter before they are taken to be euthanized.



So, adopting one of these dogs will give them another chance, while also giving the owner a sense of accomplishment and personal fulfillment. Similarly, adopting a shelter dog will save you money. Normally, the price of adoption includes extra fees such as vaccinations and the costs of spay/neutering. And, many of the older animals have already received such things. The money is also going to a good cause- the shelter itself. There are so many more reasons as to why this is a good idea. My family adopted a pitbull/boxer mix named Phoebe from the shelter three years ago, and I honestly don't think I can imagine my life without her. Almost all shelter dogs end up there because of reasons that are out of their control, so many are just waiting for someone to love them and to show off their personalities. I'm sure many know of the Homeward Bound located off of M-55. So, if your family is looking for a furry friend, please consider adoption! You will not regret it!







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## What is going On in the World: News Overview

By: Avery Vaas

**Russia Ukraine Tensions:** Tensions between Russia and Ukraine have not been hidden. With the long speculated Russian invasion into Ukraine seemingly imminent, all aspects of the conflict have been preparing. Though Russia is claiming that they have no intent to invade, the amassing of military power speaks against their position. However, some speculate that evidence of Russia's looming invasion is being specifically shown in order to push NATO and other forces into action. President Biden has claimed that U.S. troops will not be participating in the conflict if an invasion does occur. With vastly conflicting information, the only sure thing seems to be the continued uncertainty of how tensions will escalate or dissolve.

**Saudi Arabian Oil Situation:** Saudi Arabia continues to keep a cap on oil exportation. As gas prices continue to rise in the U.S. there seems to be no resolution in sight. Tensions revolving around the possibility of Russia invading Ukraine have only served to escalate the situation. Countries like the U.S. (with oil prices continuously on the rise) have urged Saudi Arabia to pump more oil in order to alleviate the shortage. Saudi Arabia is claiming that they will not be changing agreements with nations that are responsible for the decrease in production levels.

**Brazil Mudslides:** An outbreak of mudslides in the country of Brazil has been drawing attention. The death toll is rising, with almost 120 confirmed dead and another near 120 missing. The land slides have been wreaking havoc on property and people alike, destroying a multitudinous amount of homes and structures in addition to human collateral. The mudslides themselves don't seem unusual enough to attract the attention they have so garnered, however. The fact of the matter is that many are concerned that the casualties are another result of climate neglect. The mudslides seem to be yet another tribulation of the severe weather coming with climate degradation.

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with kindness"  
- Harry Styles**

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**"You'll never hit the  
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shoot your arrow."  
-Anonymous**

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**"No matter where  
life takes me, find  
me with a smile."  
- Mac Miller**

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**"Sometimes I feel  
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don't appear as  
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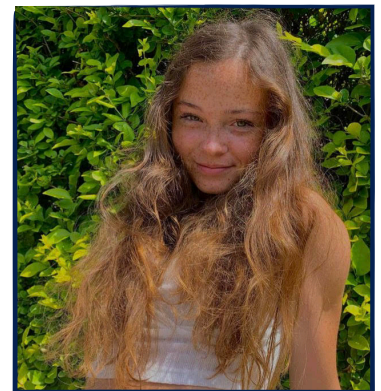


**"Every day is a new  
day."**

**Courtney Haag,  
Writer**



**Allie Thomas, Writer**



**"Honestly, don't  
you read?"  
- Hermione  
Granger, Harry  
Potter and the  
Sorcerer's Stone**