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BEN SCHLAFF SIGNS TO ALBION

Written by Tug Thuemmel

On Wednesday, April 26th, coaches, teachers, and friends of **Ben Schlaff** gathered in the library to watch his signing for Albion College. The 18-year-old has been playing soccer for years and is excited to continue his passion for the sport at the college level.

When asked about his decision to commit to Albion, Ben cited the school's strong academic programs and the opportunity to play soccer. “Albion was of course a place I could play soccer but it also checked the boxes for academics. Liberal Arts is a good subject because I’m still not 100% sure what I want to study.”

As a center-back, Ben is well-versed in the defensive aspect of the game. He looks up to some of the all-time greats like Sergio Ramos, Paolo Maldini, and Carles Puyol, and counts his own coach, Coach Prince, as a major role model. Everything came together for the Chippewas in 2022, when they won a district title. For the position he plays and the style he plays it with, Coach Prince thinks Schlaff will fit the college system well. “A lot of college systems are built patiently, and really utilize their center-backs to get possession and get the ball forward,” said Prince. “Ben is able to do that very well."

STUDENT LIFE

BEN CONTINUED...

While balancing academics and athletics can be challenging, Ben is confident in his ability to manage his time effectively. He believes there is always time to find a balance between school and soccer and that it's all about recognizing the time to do so.

Looking ahead, Ben has set some ambitious goals for his soccer career at Albion. He hopes to make an NCAA tournament appearance and win the MIAA conference title with his team. For aspiring college soccer players, Ben has some advice: put yourself out there and don't wait around for colleges to find you. He encourages students to start their search early and to have fun with the process. We wish Ben all the best as he embarks on this exciting new chapter at Albion College!

PROM TICKETS FOR SALE

Written by Libby McCarthy

PROM TICKETS FOR SALE!!!

$15 at lunch and

$20 at the door of the dance

EVERY DAY THIS WEEK

DURING 1st AND 3rd LUNCH !!!

ZACHARY HOFFMAN'S ART AT DENNOS MUESUM

Written by Jayna Edmondson

Among many other talented artwork, junior Zachary Hoffman's artwork had been accepted to be shown in the Dennos Museum in Traverse City, Michigan, for many to see. We asked Zachary a few questions to understand the process and inspiration behind his creations.

The piece that will be displayed in the Dennos Museum.

Q1: What was the process of getting your artwork shown in the Dennos Muesum?

Hoffman: I had to take pictures of my drawings and submit them to the NMC Registration page, and then an online jury decided whether my pieces would be accepted or not. I submitted two pieces; the first one was not accepted, but the second one was.

Q2: What inspired you to create this piece?

Hoffman: The inspiration behind this piece was a manag series called Blue Lock.

Q3: How long does it usually take to finish your artwork?

Hoffman: For pieces of this quality, it can take anywhere from four days to a couple weeks, depending on how many hours I spend on the art daily.

Zachary's artwork will be displayed in the **Dennos Museum from May 12th to May 28th.** Also, if you would like to see some of his other creations, take a look at the display case by the middle school hallway.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MRS. NOWICKI

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This week's staff spotlight is Mrs. Nowicki! Mrs. Nowicki is the assistant principal here at MMHS!

Q: How long have you been working for MAPS?

A: I started teaching at MAPS in 2008, so 15 years here, but this is my 20th year overall in education.

Q: What's your favorite part about working at MAPS?

A: The relationships created over the years with students and staff.

Q: Who was your biggest inspiration growing up?

A: Honestly, this may be a cliche response, but my parents were my biggest inspiration as a child. I attribute much of who I am as a person today due to their guidance, support, and love.

Q: What's one goal you wish to accomplish?

A: A personal goal I have for myself this summer is to get in the habit of waking up early so I can dedicate more time for myself and take advantage of being productive!

MRS. NOWICKI CONTINUED...

Q: What's your favorite flavor of potato chip?

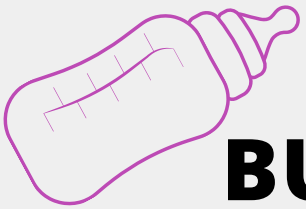
A: Sea Salt & Cracked Pepper!

Q: If you could choose, would you rather be a dragon or a fairy?

A: Dragon - THey are strong, energetic, and protect those around them!

Q: Who do you nominate for next week's staff spotlight?

A: Mr. Bigelow !



BURNS BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

On April 22, 2023 Mr. and Mrs. Burns welcomed their newest addition to their family. Vera Lynn Burns was born to our very own HS Gym teacher and Sophomore English teacher.

Mr. Burns told us "Vera so far has brought so much love and joy into our lives. Along with some very sleepless nights." Mr. and Mrs. Burns want to thank the students for their support and well wishes during this time. Be sure to congratulate Mr. Burns on his new title!

Welcome Vera to the Chippewa Family. You're loved by many!

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Written by Jazlyn Madsen

This Saturday, May 6th, **Rebels Sanctuary** is participating in Free Comic Book Day! Free Comic Book Day, which is the first Saturday in May, is an annual promotional effort — founded by Joe Field, owner of Flying Colors Comics to attract new readers to independent comic book stores. Stores all over the country participate, and we are lucky enough to have one right here in Manistee! Keep reading for an exclusive Q & A with the owner, Greg Hiltz!

Q: What inspired you to open a comic book store?
A: I've always dreamed of a place where people could come socialize with others over their mutual interests. I have always had a love for comics and gaming and wanted to be able to pass that along to others. When the opportunity presented itself, I couldn't let it pass by.

Q: What are your personal favorite comic books to read?
A: Personally, I enjoy comics with more depth to their characters, especially villains. I enjoy Flash because he sees the good in all people and shows empathy even to his e**nemies.**

Q: Where can people find you?
A: We are located at 135 Washington Street. Just north of Maple Street Bridge.

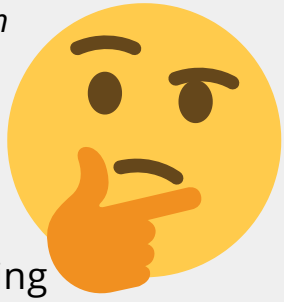
Q: How long have you been participating in Free Comic Book Day?
A: This is our third year joining stores around the nation in participating in Free Comic Book Day

Q: How can one get their free comic?
A: We will have over 40 titles available this **Saturday May 6 from 12-6pm**

Q: Anything else you want readers to know?
A: We have also partnered with Manistee Library and are hosting Comic Collages where kids can come and make collages using old comic books. That will be available from 12-2pm. We will also be giving away free candy and bottles of water as well

Have You Noticed?: Driver's Ed Difficulties

Written by Jazlyn Madsen



Have you noticed how increasingly difficult it is to get into drivers ed? Additionally, have you noticed how the price just keeps getting higher and higher as time goes on?

When students reach the age of 14 and 8 months, they are eligible to take drivers ed. However, with only one company in the area providing the training, it's nearly impossible to get in. Students end up on a wait-list for months, and by the time it's their turn they are behind schedule.

Another issue is the cost. The 3 week course costs an arm and a leg just for students to have to pay again for segment two a couple months later.

What my major question is is why? Drivers ed used to be provided through schools as an after school activity. You'd sign up through to the school and one of the teachers was your instructor. Even the driving was done after school. Why did this end?

After some research I discovered that this was just another thing taken away from students due to budget cuts. Schools could no longer afford to pay for the course for students, so private companies began to step in.

Here in Manistee, with only one private company, Premier Driving Academy, prices are soaring for a class necessary for students to get their licenses. This makes it increasingly difficult for families who don't have a lot of cash to spare to get their children through the course. At what point will the price of the course become so much that students will just wait until their 18 to get their licenses? Will it ever come to a point where that becomes the new normal, and companies like the Premier Driving Academy become obsolete?

So, did you notice the changes in drivers education? If not, you will now.

NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS WITH NOAH

Written by Noah Maue

John Wick: Chapter 4 – The Best In The Series

This past Friday, *John Wick: Chapter 4* finally arrived at the Vogue Theatre after over a month of waiting. In that time, I was able to rewatch all of the prior John Wick movies, and I am more than confident in saying that this is probably my favorite of the series so far!

John Wick is a film series about a retired hitman who returns to work after some criminals assault him in his house, as well as destroy his final gift from his deceased wife. You might be wondering how exactly a movie with such a simple premise would spiral off into four entire movies while still being entertaining, but this film shows exactly how to handle action-oriented sequels without getting stale!

Almost the entire film relies on fight sequences, and everything else seems to serve as a plot device to get to the bloodshed. While this is a risky approach to creating a film, I completely believe that it pays off! I have not been this excited throughout an entire film since *Everything Everywhere All At Once,* which is my favorite movie of all time. While there were way too many parts where John Wick should've died from a blow, the sequences are unbelievably well-executed that it barely bothered me!

Overall, this film is an absolute delight to watch! My only major complaint about this film is that there's not really a lot of emotional weight behind everything like there were with the prior entries, but this still makes for a great movie to watch when you have an insatiable urge to watch cool people do cool stuff. You should probably watch the prior films before seeing this one, but it's more than worth the time investment! **I give *John Wick: Chapter 4* a rating of 8/10.**

SPORTS CORNER

TRACK TEAM CONTINUES ITS DOMINANCE

Written by Brooke Jankiwietz

Last week the MHS Track Team packed up and headed away for two track meets on Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday, the Chips went down Oakridge, and on Thursday stayed close to home only going to Scottville. Overall the girls team took 1st at both meets, while the boys took 2nd at Oakridge and 3rd at Scottville.

There were many first place finishers at both of the meets. At the Oakridge meet, there were only two guys who finished first for our team, and they were **Christian Schramski (10)** in the 3200m, and **Caius Johns (11)** in Discus. As for girls, there were many individual and relay races that took first place. First place finishers included **Lacey Zimmerman (12)** in the 100m**, Audrey Huizinga (10)** in the 200m and the 400m, **Georgia Haag (9)** in the 800m, **Ceci Postma (11)** in the 1600m and in the 3200m, **Alayna Edmondson (9)** in the 300m Hurdles, **Brooke Jankwietz (11)** in Shot put, **Madalyn Wayward (9)** in Discus, and **Libby McCarthy (11)** in High Jump.

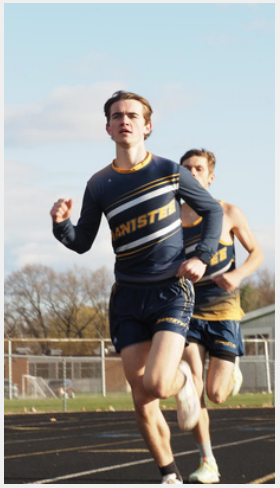
At Oakridge, all of the girls relay teams were also first! The 4x100m team of **Ashtyn Janis (12), Alayna Edmondson, Libby McCarthy, and Lacey Zimmerman**. The 4x200m team of **Ashtyn Janis, Audrey Huizinga, Libby McCarthy and Lacey Zimmerman.** The 4x400m team of **Libby McCarthy, Ashtyn Janis, Audrey Huizinga and Ceci Postma**. And finally, the 4x800m team of **Georgia Haag, Lindsey Gardner (9), Gabby Senters (9), and Ceci Postma.**

SPORTS CONTINUED

TRACK CONTINUED...

On Thursday, the Chips found themselves at the Scottville Optimist Invitational also getting many first place finishes. For boys, **Caius Johns** secured first place in Discus. Girls who achieved first place in their event are **Lacey Zimmerman** in the 100m, **Audrey Huizinga in the 200m, Ceci Postma** in the 800m, **Brooke Jankwietz** in Shot Put, **Madalyn Wayward** in Discus, **Libby McCarthy** in High Jump, and **Ashtyn Janis** in Long Jump. As for relays, the 4x100m team of **Ashtyn Janis, Alayna Edmondson, Libby McCarthy, and Lacey Zimmerman**, took first again. As well as the 4x200m of **Ashtyn Janis, Audrey Huizinga, Libby McCarthy and Lacey Zimmerman**, and the 4x400m team of **Libby McCarthy, Alayna Edmondson, Lacey Zimmerman, and Audrey Huizinga**.

The Chips will be at the Ken Bell Invitational this Friday, where they will hopefully gather more first places, and improve their performance as individuals, and as a team!



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"The shell must break before the bird can fly."

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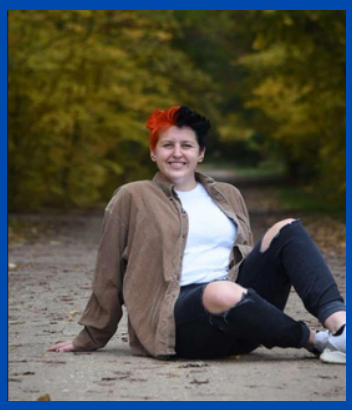
"I'm not perfect, but that won't stop me from trying to be."



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"You can make up a quote for me" - Jaz

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"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting." -Paulo Coelho

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Live Laugh Love

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"Don't let the muggles get you down"
-Ron Weasley

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