

## COOKING CAN BE MURDER

*Written by Luke Smith*

This weekend, the Manistee Theater Department will show off its latest production: "Cooking Can be Murder." Over the last two months, the cast has been working hard rehearsing in preparation for this weekend.

The play stars **Cady Brown (11)** and **Noah Maue (11)** and includes a "murder mystery" storyline. Cady is playing the victim—Mr. James Casanova Valentino Bond—while Noah will play the detective Rufus Annette Biddle. The large supporting cast includes a variety of actors, ranging from sixth graders to high school seniors. Participating in the play has brought them all closer.



**Cady** commented on this aspect specifically, describing how she has "enjoyed working with many new people. Having new kids involved has been great and it is so cool to see how much the program has grown. On the other hand, it has also been special to see how those cast members I've worked with for a while have grown. We have all had a great time preparing for the show."



# STUDENT LIFE

## FALL PLAY CONTINUED...

**Noah** felt that “being able to act alongside such interesting characters has been a delight, and I hope that everybody will enjoy the play as much as we did rehearsing it!”

There will be four shows over the weekend: **Friday at 7:00 PM, Saturday at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday at 2:00 PM.** There are two different casts, so some people play certain characters during the evening shows, and then play a different role during the afternoon shows. Details can be found on the Theater Department’s Instagram, **@maps.fineartsboosters.** Go support your classmates as they perform!



## VOTE FOR NICK !!!

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

One of our Mariner Football Players were nominated for conference MVP!

Vote for **Nick Hornkohl** as he concludes his amazing senior season!!!

Vote through this link,  
congrats Nick!



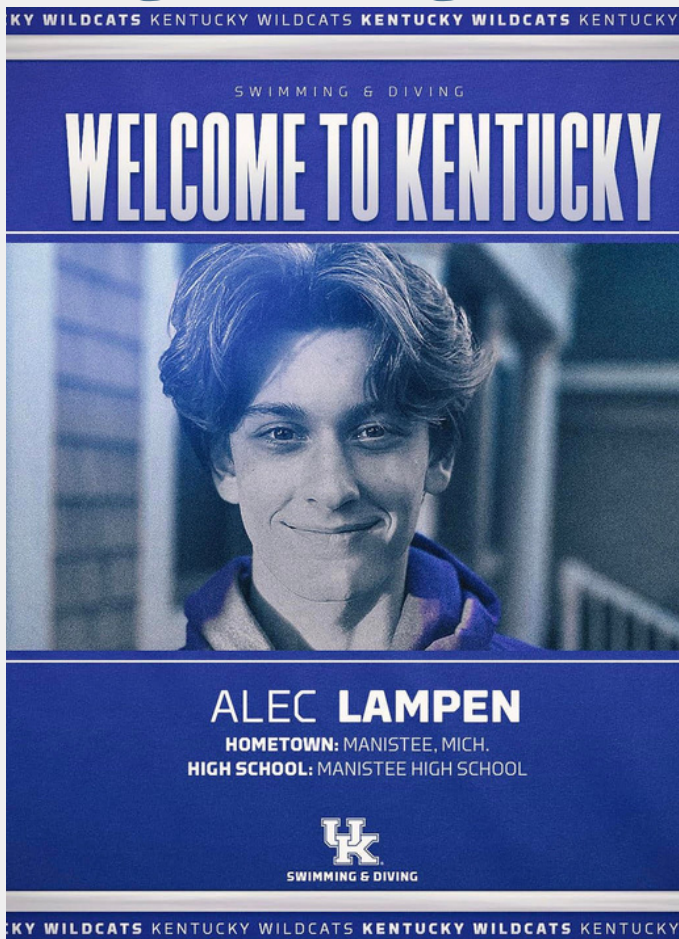
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# ALEC LAMPEN COMMITS TO KENTUCKY

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*



This past week senior Alec Lampen signed to continue his academic and athletic career at Division I, University of Kentucky. We interviewed Alec to understand the recruiting process, and what made Kentucky stand out from all of the other colleges.

## Q: What was the recruiting process like?

**Lampen:** The Recruiting process was very interesting. I used an app called Swim Cloud where colleges can find my swim stats and call me if they're interested. I also could search for colleges and call the coaches to learn about the different programs.

## Q: What other college programs were you interested in swimming for?

**Lampen:** I was also very interested in Oakland University's program. But Kentucky just seemed more fitting.

## Q: What made you choose the University of Kentucky?

**Lampen:** I had a lot of reasons to choose Kentucky. It's a great school. I was really impressed, though, with the team's atmosphere and academic help the school provides.



**Q: What are you hoping to accomplish at Kentucky?**

**Lampen:** I am hoping at Kentucky just to see my full potential and possibly qualify for Olympic trials.

**Q: What are you expecting out of your senior season at Manistee?**

**Lampen:** This senior season I am pretty much just looking to enjoy my last season with this team and hopefully take another state title at the end of the year.



Please help congratulate Alec by joining him at his official signing ceremony next week in the Library!

## CHRONICLE FEEDBACK

What do you enjoy or dislike about the Mariner Chronicle?  
What would you like to see?

Share any and all feedback to [24mcceli@manistee.org](mailto:24mcceli@manistee.org) !



# ISAIAH DAVIS ENDS HIS FOOTBALL CAREER



*Written by Isaiah Davis and Libby McCarthy*



The tough loss against Kingsley a week and a half ago marked the end of Isaiah's football career. Being everyone's fan favorite, Zay not only put on a show every Friday night, but he also showed a significant amount of love for the game of football, his teammates, and his coaches.

Isaiah shared what his final moments were like on the field:

"Down two touchdowns with the ball in our hands, I remember as if it just happened a second ago: Coach Bytwork saying 'I still have two timeouts left. Make me use them.' With around four minutes left, I still had hope that we could do the impossible even if it seemed unlikely. Coach Bytwork conveyed confidence and I was ready to make history. Tragedy struck once we fumbled for the third time and the opponent got the ball, and ran the clock with a QB Kneel. Reality hit me like a brick once I came to the realization that I would never play the game I love so much with these people ever again. Anytime I think of football I'm going to be thinking about a minute portion of my career which is of that dreadful game. Although my last memory of football is sad I still will know that the bonds and camaraderie that were built over all the years will last forever. But I will always think about what a well-knowledged man once said, "A finite game that blossoms friendships that last for infinity"-Jeffery Huber."

Isaiah wants to remind all the athletes to take in every last second of their game, even the bad moments. The feeling of a sport ending is a terrible one, but hold onto those memories. As it ends, you can remember the moments you had with the kids you've grown with in the sport.

Thank you #2!



# CINDERELLA AT THE RAMSDELL

Written by Libby McCarthy



This fall, the dancers at the Conservatory of Dance are bringing the story of Cinderella to life. Many of our students at MHS are performing in the show including senior **Josselyn McGowan** as the star Cinderella! Josselyn has dedicated a large amount of her life to dance and is very excited to perform as the lead in the show. The show is held at the **Ramsdell the 16-19 @7 pm!!**

Excited for her last production as a high school student, Josselyn shares her thoughts and feelings with us, "We have been having three-hour practices in preparation for the show. This whole week has been dress rehearsals which have been very fun and build everyone's excitement for the production. Cinderella is my last production and I am going to miss it very much. I will miss everyone I dance with and I can't wait to be on the stage with them one last time this week."

Other MHS students in the show include; **Bella Sagala (11)** as one of the step sisters and **Gracie Pruyne (10)** as a dance mistress.



You can get your tickets at [theconservatoryofdance.net](http://theconservatoryofdance.net) or at the Ramsdell before the show!



Cinderella isn't the only show put on by the Conservatory of Dance, they also have their June recital held in the MHS auditorium! Dance is a beautiful sport and going to the shows/recitals is a great way to show support to our dancing classmates!



# GRAD BASH

Written by Kaleb Shoemate



Seniors! Now that your year is a 1/4 of the way done, it's time to start preparing for things to come after graduation. Including the celebration of your achievements, meaning grad bash! Some of the parents are doing incredibly hard work trying to arrange fundraisers, and activities, to give us a grad bash we won't forget. But, they can't do it alone. We as seniors need to take the initiative and kick it into gear so we can raise money, to have a good grad bash! Currently, the **grad bash committee is selling Christmas wreaths. Order forms** are available in **Mr. Joseph's room**. They are due, along with the money, on **November 17th, to Mr. O'Donnell**. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on November 26th. Anyone interested in ordering a wreath contact any senior!

Wreath forms  
in my room!



The Grad Bash Committee is working every day to organize new fundraisers and activities. If your parents are not yet a part of the committee, contact me ([24shokal@manistee.org](mailto:24shokal@manistee.org)) and I'll lead you in the right direction. Grad Bash is currently planning some more fun things for the month of December... **On December 4th from 4 pm - 8 pm**, there will be a fundraiser at **Pizza Hut**. 10% of all of Pizza Hut's sales will go to our Grad Bash!!! Grad Bash is also hosting a **movie night at the Vogue, on December 19th**. They will be showing National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. There will be gifts, door prizes, fun raffles, and so much more! Stay tuned for more updates about Grad Bash 2024.

Give me your  
money seniors!





# FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVIEW : PANDORA ORTEGA

Written by Jayna Edmondson



**Question 1: Where are you from?**

- I am from Spain

**Question 2: Who is your host family?**

- I live with Amanda Beck and another exchange student from Brazil.

**Question 3: Why did you want to come to America?**

- I have been studying English for many years in Spain and I wanted to learn about a new culture. And have new experiences in a place far from my home. Also, I wanted to become more independent.

**Question 4: What activities do you participate in? Or what are you interested in trying?**

- I am now on the basketball team and I'm very excited to do tennis too in the spring.

**Question 5: What's the biggest difference between school in America and school in Spain?**

- There are no sports or activities related to school in Spain, it is simply just a place to study. Also, teachers are a lot more strict in Spain, like there are no phones in schools in Spain. And teachers are the ones who move from class to class, unlike how the students move in America.

**Question 6: What is your favorite American food?**

- I love cornbread or any type of barbecue food. I also love to eat reeses!

**Question 7: What are you excited to do this year?**

- I love Christmas, so I am very excited to make Christmas cookies and play in the snow. Also, I am excited to see some of the school musicals and plays.





# STAFF OF THE WEEK: MRS. MOORE



Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This week's edition of the staff spotlight is **Mrs. Moore!** Mrs. Moore is a new addition to MMHS' fleet of teachers. Mrs. Moore teaches algebra, geometry, and tech math. Mrs. Moore has been a fan favorite over the past couple of months. We've been looking forward to learning more about her!



## Question 1: How long have you lived in Manistee?

- I've lived in Manistee for 3 1/2 years.



## Question 2: Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

- Actually, yes! In 4th grade, I really realized that I wanted to be a teacher. I never made the dream a reality until very recently!

## Question 3: What is one piece of advice for a high school student, you wish you'd had?

- To enjoy these years and spend more time with your friends.

## Question 4: What is your favorite color to wear?

- Yellow. It makes me happy.

## Question 5: How do you like your steak?

- Medium. Petit filet minion, to be exact.

## Question 6: What was life like for you growing up?

- Chaotic





# GIRLS BBALL FUNDRAISER

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

As the season begins next Monday, the girls basketball team are working to fundraise for the 2023-24 season. Coach Kott came up with the idea to sell fun-shaped pasta! Some of the themes include; Christmas, birthday, sports, music, and wintertime! Here is the link to purchase your pasta to support the girls team!

<https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/manistee-girls-basketball>

The girls have been conditioning for the past two weeks! Stop by today or tomorrow right after school in the gym to get ready for the season!

It is never too late to join! March Madness is this Sunday night @midnight to start off the season with a late night practice then a sleepover in the gym. We hope to see you there!!



## ATTENTION SENIORS !

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

If anyone needs help with FAFSA,  
college applications, setting up a job,  
or anything for your future,  
see Mrs. William's in the library

**Don't procrastinate, your future is here!**





NOW SHOWING:

**MOVIE REVIEWS  
WITH NOAH**
*Written by Noah Maue*

## The Marvels: A Marvel-ous Change of Pace for Marvel

Moving into my 115th consecutive Vogue movie review, I was honestly not expecting much from this film. Having seen some of Marvel's recent inadequate products on Disney+, I expected this to be around that level of quality. However, I am happy to confidently say that this was a decent turn-around for Marvel after their struggles this past half-year!

I won't act like this is a "saving grace" for Marvel, as they still have lots to prove if they wish to redeem themselves. Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3, their last film, was still significantly better than this and does not even come close to that in terms of quality. However, compared to their other projects like Ant-Man: Quantumania and especially the first Captain Marvel, this felt like a surprisingly unique film that was a joy to watch!

For those unaware, this is a sequel to Captain Marvel that uses the gimmick of three superheroes' light powers connecting, thus allowing them to switch places with each other. Though it sounds simple in concept, its execution led to some of the best fight scenes in a Marvel movie in quite some time! The dynamics between the main characters lead to fantastic fights, but they also create great dialogue that makes the movie a joy to watch!

However, this film also has a significant flaw: its villain. We get a singular backstory scene for her, and despite her ability to quite literally end planets, she feels seriously underbaked and unimposing. Additionally, she has no personality and feels like a placeholder that only exists because there "has to be a villain."

Despite my grievances with this movie, I did have a pretty fun time watching this film!  
**I give *The Marvels* a rating of 6.5/10.**



## FALL ATHLETES: FIRST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Written by Libby McCarthy

Now that fall sports are officially over, the results for the exceptional athletes in our conference have been released. This is our second year in the West Michigan Lakes conference. It is very competitive and many of our athletes have been recognized for their performances during conference games and matches.

There were a number of Mariner athletes who were rewarded with a First Team All Conference Recognition. They also got to attend a lunch in Orchard view with the first team athletes from the other schools. The first team athletes include:

### FIRST TEAM:

#### Soccer:

Luke Senters (12) - Midfield

Luke Smith (12) - Midfield

#### Football:

Caius Johns (12) - Tackle

Braydon Sorenson (12) - Guard

Kaden Kott (11) - Running Back

Isaiah Davis (12) - Blocking Back

Nathan Doremus (12) - Linebacker

Nick Hornkohl (12) - Defensive back

Caius Johns (12) - Defensive End

#### Volleyball:

Libby McCarthy (12) - Outside Hitter

#### Cross Country:

Ceci Postma (12)



#### Soccer:

Will Somsel - Defense

#### Football:

Landin Sowa (10) - Tight end

Isaiah Davis (12) - Lineman

#### Cross Country:

Christian Schramski (11)

Jack O'Donnell (12)



Congrats to everyone!!! Carry on the hardwork to the winter season!



# SWIM CONFERENCE MEET

*Written by Luke Smith*



The Mariners swim team concluded their season with the Coastal Conference Finals on Friday and Saturday, November 3 & 4. Manistee competed against some top schools, including Traverse City West, Ludington, Gaylord, and Cadillac.



The team performed well and came away with a number of personal best times in their events. Manistee's **Laura Eix (12)** finished 4th in the 50 Free, with a time of 27.12 in the finals. Laura was just off the state qualifying time for this event. Laura finished 5th in the 100 Free with a time of 59.62, another personal best. Laura commented, saying "We had a great season! I'm so proud of these girls - we all had some of our best times at conferences! I'm looking forward to seeing how much they achieve next year."



From the diving platform, **GeGe Hansen (10)** also finished 4th. Manistee's **Annika Arendt (12)** finished 5th in the 500 Free with a time of 6:16.45, a personal best. The team's 200-free relay finished 3rd in the conference, coming in at 1:52.54.

**Marina Reid (12)** thought that "conferences were a great way to end the season. While nobody qualified for state, we all had a great time swimming with each other and I couldn't have asked for a better season or better teammates."



# CROSS COUNTRY STATE FINALS

*Written by Jayna Edmondson*

On Saturday, November 4th, the two athletes traveled to Michigan International Speedway to compete in the MHSAA Division 3 cross-country state finals. Due to their top 10 finish at the regional meet the previous week, **Jack O'Donnell (12)** and **Ceci Postma (12)** both individually qualified to compete against all the top Division Three runners in the state.

Jack finished 92nd overall, getting a personal record of 17:17.6.

Additionally, Ceci finished 22nd with a time of 19:06.6, earning herself All-State honors. This meet marked the end of the 2023 cross-country season!

Congrats to everyone who had a great season!



## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

*Written by Libby McCarthy*

Thanksgiving is the time to be grateful! Not everyone is as fortunate as others, we can help people have a great holiday regardless of their situation.

**Talk to your advisory teacher about Thanksgiving donation baskets! Or any staff member.**

**Remember to be grateful and generous this holiday season!**





# ESPORTS: THE WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

*Written by Noah Maue*

This year, Manistee High School started its first eSports program with coach Chad Murray at the helm. Many students have asked about what exactly this program is about, so I'm here to break down everything you need to know about this program!

eSports, in simple terms, is the competitive playing of video games. In our program, we're matched up online against schools around Michigan to battle in several games like Rocket League, Super Smash Bros., and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. A state-wide leaderboard tracks these matches' results, and after the end of the regular season, the top teams can make their way through playoffs to eventually battle in the state tournament!



These matches take place from Tuesday to Thursday for eight weeks, and this just so happens to be the final week of the state Fall '23 season! A second Spring season takes place in February next year, which allows the #1 teams in the state tournament to make their way to a national tournament with some serious prizes!

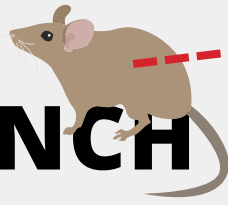
With this season coming to a close, we project anywhere between one to five of our teams will be competing in playoffs to compete in the state tournament, including our currently undefeated Manistee Riptide Racers team competing in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe!

As for our school, we'll be live-streaming playoffs Tuesday-Thursday following Thanksgiving week at 4 PM sharp! You can watch our live streams at [twitch.tv/manistee](https://twitch.tv/manistee), but if you can't be there for our live events, we will always upload replays of the entire live stream at [youtube.com/@manisteehighschool](https://youtube.com/@manisteehighschool)! And if you only care for our highlights, we also have an Instagram and TikTok account at [@mariner.esports!](https://www.instagram.com/mariner.esports/)

Thank you for taking the time to catch up with our Manistee eSports team, and we'll be sure to update you once playoffs have concluded in three weeks!



**Evan Holden (12) and Alexander Duncan (12)** battling each other in Super Smash Bros.



# NEZKI AND LUNCH

Written by Ceci Postma

**Setting:** First Hour AP Calculus, Nov 13, 2023

**Jacob Scharp (12):** There's a mouse!

**Nezki:** Oh! That's lunch! He likes to crawl up the wires on the wall behind me.

**Vincent Wang (12):** Lunch? The mouse's name is lunch?

**Nezki:** Yah, I named him Lunch because when he gets big enough I'll eat him for lunch.



**Entire Class:** nods in agreement (some students have seen Mr. Nezki eat a goldfish before... so this doesn't seem so far-fetched).

The class resumes their calculus problem while lunch scurries around.



Suddenly,

**Drew Mendians (12):** AHFFF!! I just stepped on Lunch!

**Entire class:** Is he okay?

**Nezki:** I'll try to catch him.



While the class yet again resumes their math problem Mr. Nezki walks around the room calling,

**Nezki:** Here Lunch, come here you little bugger.

After a few failed attempts of catching Mr. Nezki sat back at his desk.



The next thing students know, Mr. Nezki is walking out of the classroom holding Lunch by his tail.

A minute later he returns.

**Nezki:** Lunch is outside playing on the playground, so we can all return to our work.

**End Scene.**

Thank you to Lunch for creating an entertaining first hour! And congratulations to Mr. Nezki on his stealthy mouse catching skills.



*Written by Will Somsel*

This week the wonderful Mrs. Williams enlightened me on some of her most thoughtful advice for high school students. She told me the best thing you can do is to:

“believe in yourself, be yourself, and don't compare yourself to others”

She said that this is the best thing you do for yourself in and out of school. If we spend too much time worrying about others, we lose track of ourselves. Be the best version of you, and everything will work out. As always, she mentioned the importance of getting out and doing things. Whether that's trying a new sport, participating in things outside of class, or volunteering. These activities make us all more rounded people.

Her advice to students was to **"Don't be afraid to participate in class, learn to speak out and present"**. The only wrong thing is being silent. We'll need to speak up for what we think, and learning to do so starts now. You can take more out of experiences by simply joining in and talking. The final piece of advice she offered me was to master time management. She said that anyone who can master this in school will be able to succeed out of school. As a senior, being able to manage time has made taking hard classes manageable and less stressful.



# EKUP 2023

Written by Luke Smith



Last Tuesday, November 7, Manistee students, staff, and alumni took on the annual 9.3-mile (15 km) EKUP run. The challenging distance, along with the cold weather, did not deter the group of dedicated runners from completing the feat. Over 20 competitors participated, a group of Mariners hailing from several different sports, with cross-country and track being the primary sports represented.

Finishing first on the girls' side was cross-country star **Ceci Postma (12)**, who also recently concluded her XC season at the state championship with an All-State finish. She ran much of the way with Manistee alumni and current assistant coach Ashley Lindeman, who Ceci found makes "longs run easier" because she has someone to talk to.



On the boys' side, **Christian Schramski (11)** came away with the first place finish, another Mariner cross-country athlete.

**Georgia Haag (10)**, who competed in her second EKUP on Tuesday, found that EKUP "was actually somewhat enjoyable and very rewarding," despite "all of the hills." The fact that they "had [their] cross country squad running together made it very fun." Georgia enjoyed it enough to the point where she hopes to "be running it next year...with [her] teammates again!"



The EKUP route leaves from 12th St in front of MHS, takes Maple across the bridge, out towards Burger King, and then runners take the path to Hill Road, before turning onto Kott and taking Lakeshore back into town. After a turn on River Street, runners must climb up Cedar Hill before completing the race back in front of MHS. Finishers were rewarded with donuts and chocolate milk after the run.





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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."*



**Ceci Postma (12)**  
**Writer**

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



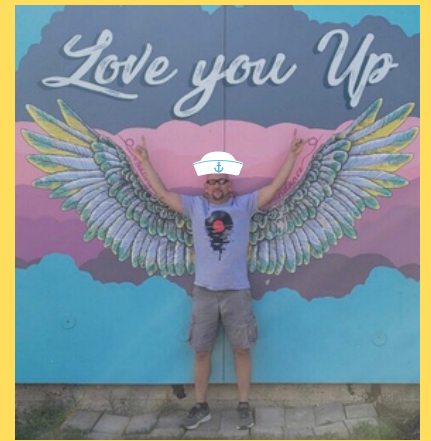
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*"Think deeply about simple things."  
-Arnold Ross*



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*"Enjoy nature. It's the only thing that doesn't judge."*



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**Advisor**

*"Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."  
-Vito Corleone*

# ***GUEST WRITER***

**ISAIAH DAVIS (12)**

