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MANISTEE BOYS SWIM TEAM FINDS SUCCESS AT STATE MEET!!

Written by Jayna Edmondson

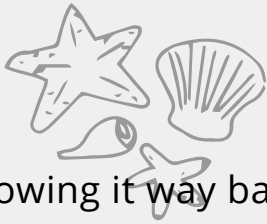
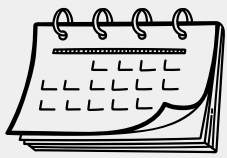
Alec Lampen earns All-State Honors in 2 Events!

Last week, the swim team traveled to Holland, Michigan, for the **Division 3 State Swim Championship Meet**. As a team, the Mariners collectively earned 45 points, placing 16th in the entire state. **Senior Alec Lampen** competed in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Alec Lampen finished with a personal best in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 49.83, which allowed him to place second in this event. Lampen also finished in third place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.59. Lampen also competed with the relay team of **Drew Mendians (12), Ajae Gouker (12), and Oliver Holtgren (11)** in the 200-yard medley, finishing in 14th place overall. Mendians also qualified to compete in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished with a season-best time of 1:00.42, which earned him 11th place.

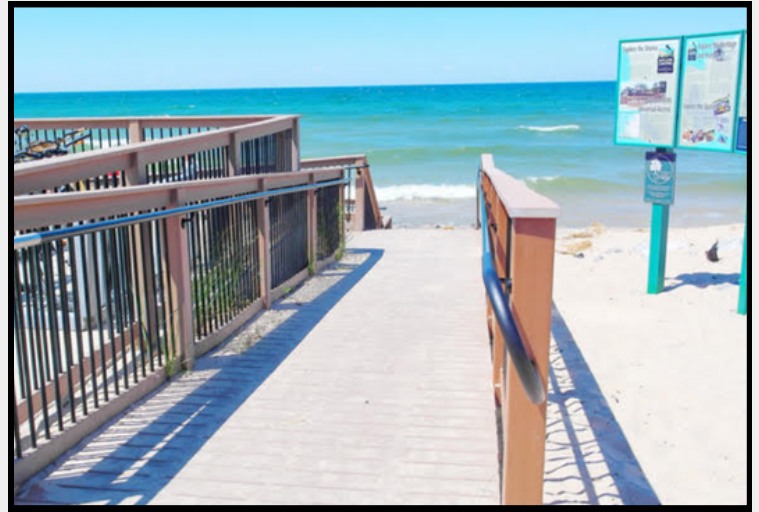


This meet marked the end of the swim season for the Mariners, as well as the end of a swimming career for **four seniors**, including **Lampen, Gouker, Mendians, and Wang**. However, Lampen will continue his swimming career at the University of Kentucky next year. Wishing the best of luck to Alec next year!!

Written by Kaleb
Shoemate



We're throwing it way back, all the way to 1924. From the March 7th, 1924 edition, it reads, **"greater use of the Bar Lake region by picnickers should result during the coming summer season, due to the improvements which are being made in the road leading to it."** It was interesting to see how the road in question, Lakeshore Drive, was being improved to better support



different groups of people. Specific to picnickers! **Ruby Madsen (9): "I just love food and the outside. I think it's so interesting that people hundred years ago loved eating as much as I do."** It is great to see the differences from a hundred years ago, because if we're being honest, how often do you go picnicking? Get out and try it! Get in touch with history, and participate in an activity that some of your ancestors may have done! There are plenty of areas that would be excellent for a picnic! On March 8th, 1924, a section reads, **"The Manistee High School basketball squad made basketball history for itself on Friday night (March 7th, 1924) at the Ramsdell Hall by drubbing the Traverse City Northern Michigan championship, claiming court squad 18 to 9, in the most thrilling game here in some time."** This piece of history hits close to home, as our boys' basketball team (2024), just made their history, as they advanced into districts for the first time in some years! Interestingly, we can relate to history, even 100 years ago! Along with all of this "buzz" in the same edition, the Manistee High School announced that they'd be performing two Shakespearean plays. Along with the senior selected play *The Arrival of Kitty*, they decided to add on *Twelfth Night* by Shakspeare. It was announced that they'd be performing them sometime in May. It's interesting to look back a hundred years and think about how some of these things are so different today. You know what they always say: history repeats itself. Boys make history in basketball, a play (we recently had our Spring Musical), it's more connected than you think.

The article information is credited to the *Manistee News Advocate* for their weekly editions of historical pieces from a hundred years ago.

Written by Kate Somsel

This previous Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, **Mrs. Puchtel** hosted a bowl-making class for MHS National Honors Society members. It was recently decided that NHS will host an **Empty Bowl food drive** in the fall of 2024. In sum, the empty bowls project is a metaphor for people who don't have food to eat. Instead of asking for donations in the form of food or money, a bowl created by students is provided. So students and NHS members got together to make the bowls that people would eat out of and then take home. The fundraiser will consist of soup, bread, dessert, and of course, bowls.



People will come in and pay for the meal and then keep the bowl once finished. All of the proceeds will be donated to local food banks. NHS has a three-year plan. In the first year, students will make the bowls, and NHS will provide funds to make the soup. In the second year, NHS wants to expand the project to include donated bowls from local potters and donated soups from local businesses to cut costs. The overall goal is to have a self-sustaining fundraiser, meaning that there will be plenty of money to make a donation. Overall, NHS members enjoyed getting together and making bowls for the fundraiser.



At first, **senior Luke Smith** stated, "I was nervous because I didn't know how to make a bowl. But once I got there, I was up for the challenge and really enjoyed spending time with my best friends making bowls for hungry people." Adding on, **Laura Eix (12)** exclaimed, "I've always wanted to do pottery. This was a fun way to help people in need, but also to spend time with friends." All of this wouldn't have been able to happen with **Mrs. Puchtel!** She mentioned how she was "very happy to provide time and space for students to come in and participate in bowl-making for the fundraiser!" NHS is planning on having another bowl-making class in late April.

Written by Noah Maue

On March 10th, the **96th annual Oscars** ceremony commenced and awarded some of the greatest films to release in 2023. To nobody's surprise, **Oppenheimer** was the big winner of the night, winning a historic **seven Oscars**, including Best Picture and Actor in a Leading/Supporting Role. However, other films took home most of the 23 titles awarded that night! **Poor Things** managed to take away **four Oscars**, including Production Design and Best Actress in a Leading Role. To many film addicts, the latter was a shock, as Native American Lily Gladstone was the favored actress to win.

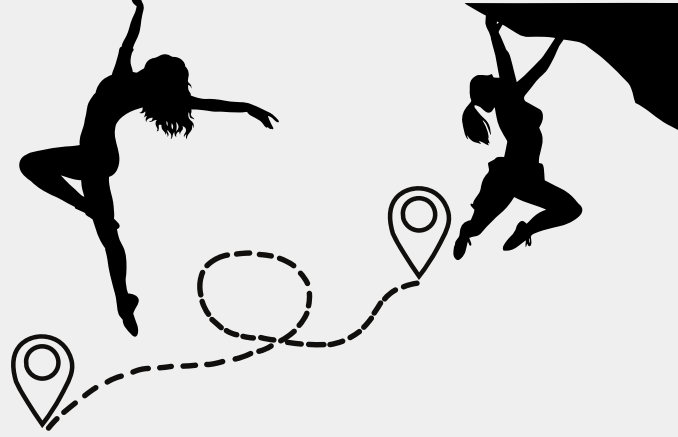


Wes Anderson, director of hit films like *The Grand Budapest Hotel* and *Asteroid City*, finally won his first Oscar for his short film "The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar" after years of nominations. **The Zone of Interest** won Best International Feature Film and Best Sound, while "What Was I Made For?" by **Billie Eilish** ultimately beat fan-favorite "I'm Just Ken" in the Barbie War for Best Original Song. While there were some controversial upsets, like **American Fiction** winning Best Original Screenplay, the comedy routines, and other awards were enough to make this a night to remember!

Two highlights were when **John Cena** announced an award while he was naked, and when **Emma Stone's** dress ripped as she ran up to accept her award! **Cady Brown (11)** believed "Greta Gerwig was robbed, but the costumes were crazy." **Gabriel Weber (11)** was delighted by *Godzilla Minus One's* Best Visual Effects win, claiming that "Arnold Schwarzenegger's pronunciation of 'Godzilla' was peak."

Overall, this year's Oscars ceremony was one of the most well-received in recent times, and we look forward to seeing what the Academy offers in 2025!





STAFF OF THE WEEK: MRS. BERGEMAN

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

This week's staff spotlight is a new edition to the MAPS staff. Just recently, MAPS welcomed Lauren Bergeman onto their staff. Mrs. Bergeman as the new Administrative and Communications Liaison. Mrs. Bergeman has an incredible story, so let's let her tell it!



Question 1: Where are you from?

- I was born in Tokyo, Japan, and moved to the States when I was in elementary school. I originally moved to West Virginia, followed by California, both SoCal and NoCal. Before moving to Manistee, I lived in Phoenix for about 5 years!

Question 2: Where did you go to college?

- I went to San Francisco State University. It was right in the middle of a big city so I was busy exploring the city. I also took dance classes and acrobatic lessons downtown. Flying trapeze was probably my favorite part of the week, even if I was terrified of heights. I was also near an international airport so I made sure to travel to my dream destinations such as Hawaii and Iceland.



Question 3: What is one interesting fact about you?

- I jumped off the Stratosphere in Las Vegas to try and get over my fear of heights. It was over an 800ft jump, and my fear of heights got worse. So I decided to try rock climbing, and my fear of heights was finally cured.

Question 4: Does it go sock-sock, shoe-shoe, or sock-shoe, sock-shoe?

- Sock-sock, shoe-shoe for sure. Anyone who does sock-shoe, sock-shoe probably pours the milk before the cereal.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JOEY BANICKI

Written by Jayna Edmondson

In honor of the seniors' final semester here at MMHS, each week one male and one female senior will be randomly selected to be senior of the week. For the first week of this newest addition, the first two seniors that were chosen were Joey Banicki and Vincent Wang!!

What are your plans after highschool?

- To attend nursing school.

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I have been a part of the wrestling team for the last 5 years, and an NHS member for 3 years

What's one interesting fact about you?

- I have my Phlebotomy certification, and I've drawn blood over 40 times



What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- Being undefeated in powderpuff

What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- Attend Prom, complete Clinical's, and go to state for HOSA

What's some advice you would give to an underclassman?

- It's never too late to try something new!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: VINCENT WANG

Written by Jayna Edmondson



What are your plans after highschool?

- I plan on doing some traveling and enjoying my summer before going to the University of Michigan to major in Mechanical Engineering.

What activities have you been involved in at MMHS?

- I've been involved in XC, Swim Team, Track, YIG, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, and Theatre.

What's one interesting fact about you?

- I was born here, but my parents shipped me off to China for my first three years before coming back to the US.

What is your favorite memory at MMHS so far?

- My experience going down to MSU for the State Science Olympiad my Sophomore year

What are you excited to do before you graduate in the spring?

- Nothing, I just want to survive until graduation.

What's some advice you would give to an underclassmen?

- Try as many new extracurriculars as you can and stick with the ones you like.



Written by Noah Maue

WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE VOGUE?

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

- Dune: Part Two
- Bob Marley: One Love
- Oppenheimer



**Spring Break
AT THE VOGUE**
Free movies all week long
MARCH 22-28

10:00 1:00 4:00 7:00

Day	10:00	1:00	4:00	7:00
Friday 3/22	OFT - 42 Seat Oleson Family Theatre	Super Mario Bros	Bob Marley: One Love	Oppenheimer
Saturday 3/23	Super Mario Bros	Oppenheimer	Bob Marley: One Love	Oppenheimer
Sunday 3/24	Super Mario Bros	Oppenheimer	Bob Marley: One Love	Responsible Men
Monday 3/25	Bob Marley: One Love	Super Mario Bros	Oppenheimer	Pitch Perfect 2
Tuesday 3/26	Oppenheimer	Bob Marley: One Love	Super Mario Bros	Mario Bros
Wednesday 3/27	Super Mario Bros	Bob Marley: One Love	Oppenheimer	Top Gun
Thursday 3/28	Bob Marley: One Love	Super Mario Bros	Oppenheimer	Frankenstein

Written by Libby McCarthy

As the year comes to an end, one of the most exciting things we look forward to is seeing where our seniors decide to go to college, trade school, or anywhere to start their future. We have already heard from a handful of our first graduating class of the Manistee Mariners about their decisions!

So far, here are the decisions made:

West Shore Community College: Faith Cameron, Nick Judkins, Olyvia Beccera, Matthew Thies, Ruthie Jados, and Joey Banicki

Michigan State University: Drew Mendians

United Parcel Service: Mason Gunnett

University of Michigan: Vincent Wang

Ferris State University: William Somsel

Western Michigan University: Jaret Edmondson

Forge Christian Ministries: Caius Johns

Marquette University: Libby McCarthy

Grand Valley State University: Sadie Verheek

University of Kentucky: Alec Lampen

Business and Restaurant Entrepreneur: Colin Edmondson



A graphic for Vinny Wang, a student from Manistee High School Class of 2024. It features a photo of him in a red sweater on the left. On the right, there is a blue background with a large yellow 'M' logo for the University of Michigan. Below the logo, it says 'UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN' and 'MAJOR: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING'. At the bottom, his name 'VINNY WANG' is written in large white letters on a yellow background, with 'MANISTEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024' below it.



A graphic for Mason Gunnett, a student from Manistee High School Class of 2024. It features a photo of him standing on a road next to a car on the left. On the right, there is a brown background with the UPS logo and 'UNITED PARCEL SERVICE' text. Below that is a white envelope icon. At the bottom, his name 'MASON GUNNETT' is written in large white letters on a yellow background, with 'MANISTEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024' below it.



A graphic for Olyvia Beccera, a student from Manistee High School Class of 2024. It features a photo of her sitting in a field on the left. On the right, there is a green background with a white logo that combines 'W' and 'S' for West Shore Community College. Below the logo, it says 'WEST SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE' and 'MAJOR: PRE-PHARMACY'. At the bottom, her name 'OLYVIA BECERRA' is written in large white letters on a blue background, with 'MANISTEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024' below it.



A graphic for Sadie Verheek, a student from Manistee High School Class of 2024. It features a photo of her in a white dress in a field on the left. On the right, there is a blue background with a white 'GV' logo for Grand Valley State University. Below the logo, it says 'GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY' and 'MAJOR: SECONDARY HISTORY EDUCATION'. At the bottom, her name 'SADIE VERHEEK' is written in large white letters on a black background, with 'MANISTEE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024' below it.

While many have shared their decisions, many have theirs but aren't quite ready to share them with the world. Whatever you choose, seniors, your school, and your community support you and can't wait to celebrate your decision to make that next step in your life.

To continue to see the decisions of the Class of 2024, follow the Instagram **@mhs_decisions_2024**.

If you want your decision posted, email 24mcceli@manistee.org with a senior pic and all of your decision information!

Congrats to the seniors so far, and good luck to the rest as they finalize their decisions!

MCCARTHY → MILWAUKEE

Written by Kaleb Shoemate

With the end of the school year, rapidly coming, seniors are starting to make final decisions about their futures. On Friday, March 15th, **Libby** held her official signing in the MMHS Library. Friends, family, teammates, and coaches, all surrounded Libby to watch her take this step in her academic and athletic career.

Marquette, located in **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, is a **D1 college** within the NCAA. Libby has signed with **Marquette University** to become a part of their track and field team, she will be participating in the high jump. I interviewed Libby to get the inside scoop, of her process on all of this! Our mariner community is incredibly proud of Libby, with this wondrous achievement. Great Job Libby! Golden Eagle in the future, but a Mariner at heart, always.



What made you choose Marquette?

- I liked the school and the city of Milwaukee. It's a very diverse campus, and I'm excited to meet a lot of people. Their track team also seemed fun.

What are you most excited about for Marquette?

- I want to meet new people and go to big track meets.

What's one piece of advice you'd give to underclassmen that are wanting to pursue a career like you?

- Use setbacks as your motivation.

Did you ever think you'd be going D1?

- No. All you gotta do is find a coach who believes in you.



CECI POSTMA: SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Written by Libby McCarthy

This Saturday, our very own MHS **senior Ceci Postma** left her Science Olympiad competition and headed to the MSU Breslin Center to be honored as a **Michigan Scholar-Athlete**. She is among 31 other high school seniors to receive this amazing honor and recognition for her outstanding academic and athletic career these past four years (and beyond).

This award recognizes athletes who not only have athletic success but also continue to better their school and community through their actions.

Ceci has done just that and has pushed herself to do her very best both academically and athletically during her high school career. She earned all-state honors in cross country and all-conference and academic all-state in cross country and track. She has been a team captain for the past two years in cross country and will be a team captain on the track team this spring. But along with all of this, she is the National Honor Society President, a four-year student council member, on the Science Olympiad team, a Youth in Government member, a writer for the Mariner Chronicle, a member of the MHS band, and in a number of AP and advanced classes.

With all of these factors, Ceci is more than qualified for this award. She was honored at halftime at the boys' state championship game at the Breslin Center along with the other scholar-athletes. Ceci shared what the experience and honor was like:



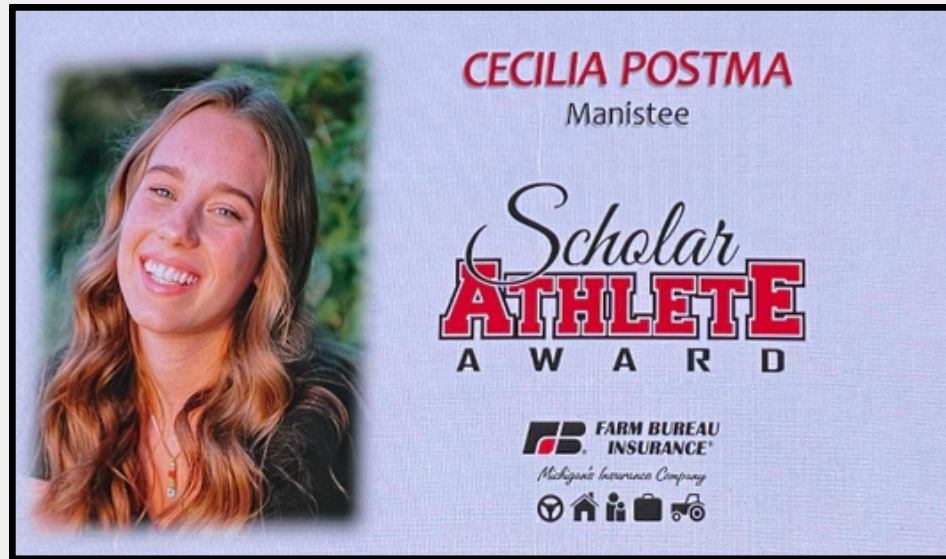
"I'm very thankful to have been chosen for this scholarship. It was super cool to meet other kids who have loved high school sports but who are also super smart and have similar passions to me. And it was cool to watch the d3 state final basketball game and get to see some of the behind-the-scenes of the Breslin Center!"



POSTMA CONTINUED...

Ceci is the most ideal teammate and athlete. She is supportive, hard-working, and consistently pushes her teammates to get

better as she pushes herself in practice, competition, and in her own free time. I have had the personal honor of being Ceci's teammate during high school and middle school. She is undoubtedly the most amazing teammate and friend I have been able to be on a team with, and nobody deserves this award more! Although she doesn't know exactly what she is doing after high school yet, she is going to attend college on the premedical track. She is undecided about continuing her running career. Congrats again, Ceci, on this amazing honor!



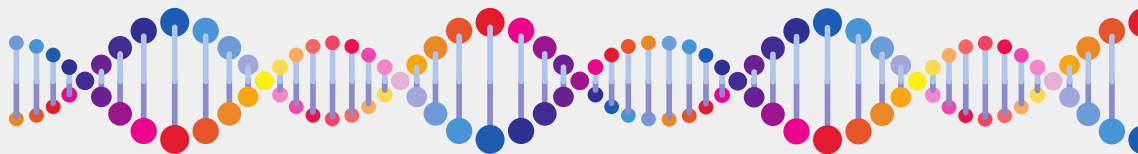
REMINDER

Written by Kate Somsel

**THE END OF THE MARKING PERIOD IS
TOMORROW!!!!**

**TURN IN ALL MISSING WORK AND GET YOUR
GRADE UP!!!**

**RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK! MARCH
22ND- APRIL 1ST**



MARINERS SAIL TO REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONSHIP!

Written by Libby McCarthy

This Saturday, our Mariner Science Olympiad team made their way to the **Central Michigan University** campus to compete in the Regional Championship competition. With good competition, the Science Olympiad team was able to take the Regional title due to their extremely well-rounded team!

Out of the 23 events in the competition, the Mariner team got medals in 17! First-place finishes consisted of:

Disease Detectives: **Ceci Postma (12)** and **Valerie Wagner (10)**

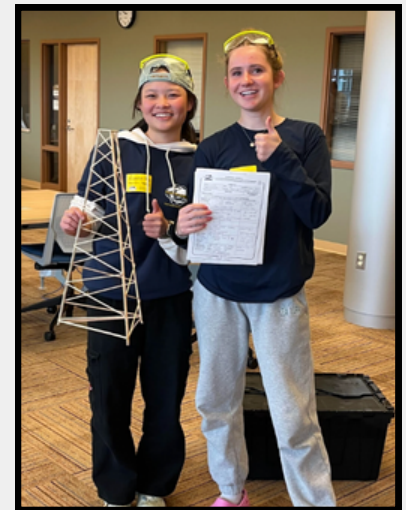
Chemistry Lab: **Jack O'Donnell (12)** and **Luke Smith (12)**

Forestry: **Hanna Konen (11)** and **Avery Vaas (12)**

Astronomy: **Luke Smith** and **Sarah Huber (11)**

Scrambler: **Will Somsel (12)** and **Adah Korzeniewski (11)**

Flight: **Annika Haag (12)** and **Georgia Haag (10)**



Second-place finishers were:

Experimental Design: **Clear Wang (10)**, **Hanna Konen**, and **Annika Haag**

Forensics: **Sarah Huber** and **Clear Wang**

Microbe Mission: **Cece Sandberg (10)** and **Avery Vaas**

Ecology: **Hanna Konen** and **Avery Vaas**

Tower: **Annika Haag** and **Georgia Haag**

And the third-place finishers were:

Dynamic Planet: **Valerie Wagner** and **Cece Sandberg**

Fermi Questions: **Luke Smith** and **Jacob Scharp (12)**

Geologic Mapping: **Jacob Scharp** and **Jack O'Donnell**

Optics: **Jack O'Donnell** and **Valerie Wagner**

Air Trajectory: **Will Somsel** and **Ceci Postma**

Detector Building: **Noah Maue** and **Clear Wang**



Very impressive performance to everyone on the team! They will finish off their season at the Science Olympiad State Finals at **Western Michigan University** on **May 4th!** Great work, Mariners and way to represent Manistee!!!

STAYCATION ACTIVITIES!

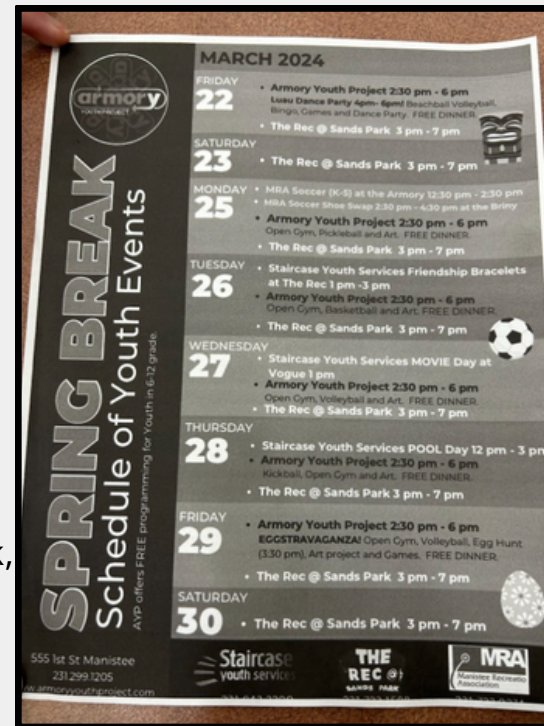
Written by Luke Smith

While some students may be traveling to many different places next week, there is still so much to explore around Manistee. It can be easy to overlook some of these special places right near our hometown! These are just a couple of the many inexpensive activities in the area that students can discover on their spring break in Manistee:

1. Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area. Part of the enormous Manistee National Forest, this location is just a short drive south of Manistee off Quarterline Road. Coming from the North, take a right on Nurnberg Road and drive the 6.5-mile dirt road until you reach the trailhead. From there, you can take several trails found on the map at the bottom of [this](#) brochure. Personally, I love the Nordhouse Dunes Trail. This area becomes very busy during the summer, so now is a great time to beat the crowds and have the place to yourself!

2. Armory/Staircase Youth Services Activities. Over break, Staircase Youth Services and the Armory Youth Project are offering several activities to keep students active. Check out the flyer for more information on these!

3. Explore Downtown. Manistee's downtown area may be small, but there is always lots going on! Go see a movie at the Vogue Theatre, go shopping, walk the boardwalk, or get some food at one of our many local restaurants! Supporting Manistee's small businesses is always a great way to use the money saved by not traveling for spring break.



4. Just Relax. Spring break is a time to step away from the stress of your schoolwork and take some time for yourself. Read a good book, go for a walk around the neighborhood, or play some video games. Explore somewhere not listed here. As long as you're spending some time de-stressing from your life, it is a break well spent.

5. Take Some Pictures. Share your adventures with others—and the Mariner Chronicle! Send pictures of you (or some friends) doing fun things in and around Manistee over break to our editor at 25somkat@manistee.org. These will be featured in the next edition of the Chronicle!

GET TO KNOW YOUR MHS STUDENTS!!

Written by Kate Somsel

IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE FOR SPRING BREAK, COST IS IRRELEVANT, WHERE WOULD YOU GO? WHY?



Jorren Edmondson (10)- South of France. It just looks fun!



Kiedes Underwood (10)- Europe. There Is a lot of cool architecture In Europe!



Anthony Doremus (10)- I would return to Texas to see old friends!

Jacob Lee (10)- Alaska. I really like the cold.





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



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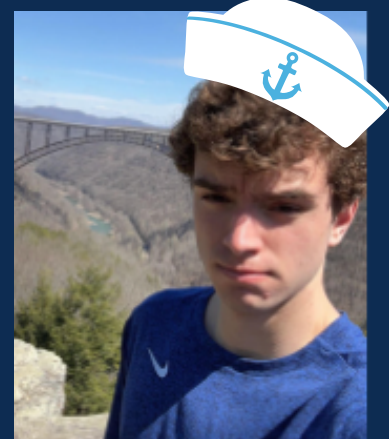


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*"I'm not perfect, but that
won't stop me from trying
to be."*



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



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