



# MARINER CHRONICLE



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## YOUTH HUNT '24!

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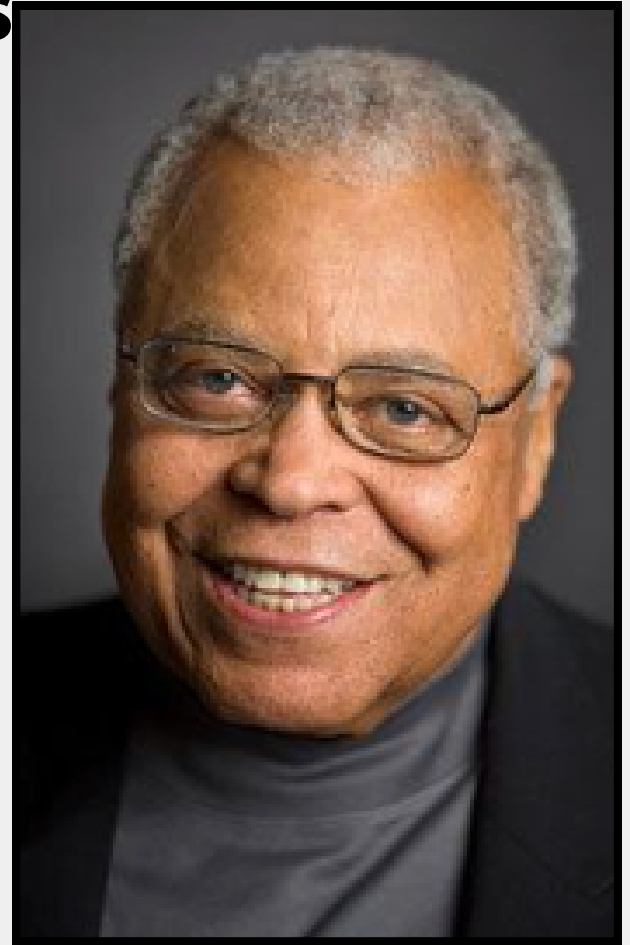
The youth hunt took place over the weekend of **September 14th-15th**, and it was a great chance for young hunters to get out and enjoy some time in nature. For a lot of the kids, it wasn't just about hunting but more about spending quality time with family and doing something they love. The event gave them the perfect opportunity to learn new skills, have fun, and connect with the outdoors.



**Madalyn Wayward (11)**, one of the participants, shared her excitement about the weekend, saying, "The hunt was really fun, even though I only sat for one day, but my favorite part is definitely getting to spend time with my dad doing what we love to do!" For her and many others, the best part was just being out there and enjoying the experience with family.

## DEATH OF JAMES EARL JONES

On **Monday, September 9, 2024**, renowned actor **James Earl Jones** passed away. Even though it is always heartbreaking to see such a great actor go, James spent a large portion of his formative years in Manistee County, so this loss is very personal. At the age of five, he moved to Dublin, attending Dickson Rural Agricultural School (now Brethren High School), where he eventually became class president. James also devoted time to the Ramsdell Theater, working as an actor and stage manager, fostering his love of performing.



The rest of Jones's career lasted more than 60 years, during which time he broke down barriers in representation and established himself as an acting icon. His skill crossed genres, as seen by his ground-breaking performance in "The Great White Hope" and his iconic portrayals of **Darth Vader** and **Mufasa**. He achieved EGOT status, a testament to his versatility, by winning the Emmy, Grammy, Oscars, and Tony awards.





His influence went beyond the theater and screen as he supported diversity in the arts and served as a mentor to many aspiring actors. Manistee County remembers him not only as a Hollywood legend but also as a beloved local hero who encouraged countless people to follow their dreams. To all who knew him, he will always be an inspiration of greatness in the arts. Rest easy James.



## HOMECOMING!

*Written by Kate Somsel*

Homecoming is coming up fast! If you have a guest coming from a different school, there are permission slips in the office!

Tickets will be sold starting next week! Tickets will be \$10/each or \$12 at the door. Sales will be during 1st and 3rd Lunch on **Tuesday and Thursday, October 1st and 3rd**, and **Tuesday and Wednesday** during 1st and 3rd Lunch on October **8th and 9th**.

Enjoy, and see you there!

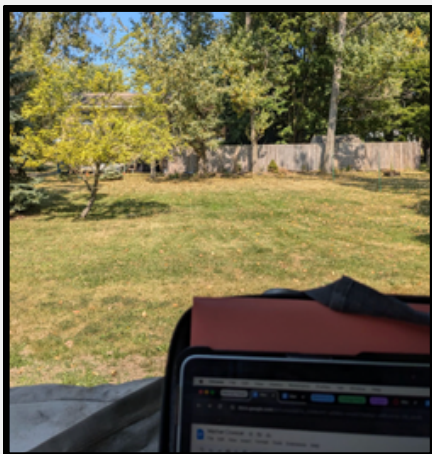
# SAVORING THE SUN!

*Written by Audrey Huizinga*

As Summer is turning into fall, it is important to go outside and enjoy the last of the warm weather. The weather



is cooling down, so it is important to enjoy the last little bits of summer weather. It can be hard to go outside because of the cooler weather, but it is important! You can get Vitamin D from the sun! Vitamin D is very important for the human body because it supports good bone health and mental health. So before it starts getting cloudy and cold outside, go outside and enjoy the warmth of the sun. We all know that the seasonal depression is coming for us, so why not go outside and try to ward it off for later in the year. Things that you can do to enjoy the last moments of summer are going to the lake, sitting under an umbrella while studying at home, and maybe going to get ice cream at the Alpine Chocolate Haus downtown. I hope you all enjoy the last days of summer and start preparing for the fall season!





# STAFF OF THE WEEK: **KARI EASTWAY**

Written by Alayna Edmondson

**Ms. Eastway** is a new teacher here at MAPS, she will be teaching 8th grade ELA, English I, Speech, and Novel Study. Here are a few things to know about her:



## Question 1: Where are you from?

- I am from McBain MI, but now live in Bear Lake.

## Question 2: How long have you been teaching?

- This is my first year in my own classroom, but I have subbed for a full year and student taught the past spring at Bear lake.

## Question 3: What are you most excited for this year?

- I am most excited to meet new students and advise the student council because you meet a ton of people through that.

## Question 4: Dream destination and favorite destination?

- This is more broad, but my dream destination is to go to all of the national parks. My favorite destination is probably the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. I have a bigger family and we went white water rafting through the mountains in Colorado.

## Question 5: What's your favorite animal and why?

- My favorite animal is a dog because they are great pets to have. I have three of them and they bring a lot of joy to life.





# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS



### FEATURING... WILLIAM HAMBRE

*Written by Gabby Senters*

Our exchange student program here at MHS is a great way to learn about different countries and make new friends. William is our first exchange student to be interviewed this year. Don't be afraid to start a conversation with him; he'll be here all year! If you want to learn more about our classmate William, read the interview below:

#### Where are you from and what's your age?

- I am from Gothenburg, Sweden, and 16 years old.

#### Who are your host parents?

- Kristi and Scott Mikolajczak

#### Do you play any sports?

- I used to play soccer in Sweden, but now I play football in America.



#### What do you want your future career to be?

- I want to become a military airplane mechanic.

#### Are you enjoying America, and how is it different?

- Yes, I went to the Silverlake Dunes and enjoyed the experience. The food portions are huge!

#### What are some of your favorite hobbies?

- I enjoy fixing trucks, eating American BBQ ribs, listening to the Swedish band; ODZ, playing guitar, piano, and drums.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MACY PETERSON

*Written by Aubrey Rischel*

It's the class of 2025's turn! Every week we will select a boy and a girl in the senior class to answer some questions about themselves so that we can all get to know them just a little bit better. For the first week, we selected **Macy Peterson** and **Trevor Haag**! So without further adieu...

**Which teacher has had the biggest impact on you, and what did you learn from them?**

- Ms. Watkins revitalized my desire to challenge myself, which has had a huge impact on my goals for the future.



**Was there a club or team that had a big influence on you?**

- The soccer team 100%. Super fun games & super fun people.

**What do you think you'll miss most about high school?**

- Not having to worry about money. Gonna miss blowing all my paychecks on video games :(



**What are your plans after graduation? College, work, gap year, or something else?**

- I'd like to go to college for either accounting or risk management

**If you could have dinner with any famous person (dead or alive), who would it be?**

- I'd have dinner with Aubrey Plaza. We'd have a great time

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: **TREVOR HAAG**

*Written by Aubrey Rischel*

**How have you grown as a person over your high school years?**

- It was very intimidating at first, especially hanging around people who have had a lot more experience in HS. But, as these people have graduated, I have begun to cherish the time that I have and the people that I hang out with.



**What do you think you'll miss most about high school?**

- I'll miss the people the most, especially in my grade, because of the years I've spent growing and learning with them. It's a bittersweet but comforting connection.



**What are your plans after graduation?**

- I plan to attend college, (probably MSU), although my major is undecided.

**What's your favorite high school tradition or event?**

- I wouldn't call this a tradition or an event. The exchange student program has been one of my favorite things. The memories I have created with different people from different countries have been unforgettable.

**What extracurricular activities have you been involved in, and how have they shaped your high school experience?**

- I have been involved in football, golf, etc. The relationships I have built with other athletes have shaped my personality and reputation, and I will never take them for granted.





NOW SHOWING:

MOVIE REVIEWS  
WITH NOAH*Written by Noah Maue*

## Beetlejuice Beetlejuice: Surprise, Surprise!

It's about time I wrote a review for this movie! Nearly three weeks after the original release of **Beetlejuice Beetlejuice**, how does it hold up as arguably the most unexpected sequel of 2024?

I've watched the original Beetlejuice multiple times over the years, and as a fan of most-things-Tim-Burton, I had highly anticipated the arrival of this film since its first teaser dropped! I loved the original movie's originality, world-building, and comedy from American treasure Michael Keaton (who plays Beetlejuice). I desperately prayed for these qualities to return in the follow-up film, and it most certainly did! However, I still wish it gave us more.

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice introduces numerous new characters, but while they all serve a purpose in the plot, they nearly all feel underutilized. For example, the heavily advertised villain "Delores" is the ultimate driving force of the entire film. However, they don't actually appear in the movie for more than a few cutaways and a five-minute climax. This issue could've been solved if they had more time to interact with the pre-established characters, but the screen time is incredibly condensed as-is, so it might have been challenging to do so.

However, despite that egregious issue keeping this from being as good as its predecessor, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice is still a fun time! It keeps the same wild humor from the original, and though it takes a while to get going, it manages to fit multiple hilarious plotlines into a very compact runtime. I give Beetlejuice Beetlejuice a rating of **7.5/10**. See you next time for Joker: Folie A Deux!



## XC BAKING AT BRANSTROM!

*Written by Kate Somsel*

On a hot **Tuesday, September 17th**, the Manistee cross-country runners traveled to Fremont for their first conference meet of the season! The meet was held at **Branstrom Park**, which has been voted one of the top 5 hardest courses in Michigan.

The park has five steep hills that caused the runners to have slower than normal times. Some of the hills have names that prove exactly how hard this course is: Sled Hill, Hernia Hill, Toboggan Hill, and Step Hill. While a beautiful course and park, the meet itself was tough and a test of the runner's mentalities. **Gabby Senter (11)** mentioned, "It was really hilly, and it was a struggle, but we powered through!" Runners truly had to power through. **Georgia Haag (11)**, **Audrey Huizinga (12)**, and **Kate Somsel (12)** placed 9th, 14th, and 15th for girls. **Kaden Worch (11)** placed 16th for the boys.



Other runners like **Eddie Huizinga (9)** stated that, "they thought 'what is the course where we could torture kids? And they made this course.'" **Adam Olson (9)** was one of the course's many victims- "I fell," he voiced after the meet. Cross Country has its next WMC meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at WSCC! Good luck runners!



# MARINER FOOTBALL

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*



JV football has had 4 games so far this season, and are currently 1-3. They played a hard game against Oakridge, but ended up losing 49-0. But, when they traveled down to Muskegon Orchard View, they came out winning the game 22-0. This being their first win of the season. Their touchdowns were scored by **Hudson Cole (9)**, **Morgan Binicki (9)**, and **Caleb Thompson(9)**. Their next game at Whitehall.

Our Varsity football team has also had 4 games thus far this season. They are currently 3-1! Against Oakridge, they had a tough loss, 49-22. They quickly answered Oakridge's touchdown, with **Kaden Kott (12)** having an 80-yard run touchdown! Then **Dayvion Neal-Berry (10)** got the 2-point conversion. This put the Mariners ahead 8-7. However, the half ended 21-8, with Oakridge leading. In the 4th quarter, down by 41, **Wyatt Protasiewicz (10)** scored on a 14 yard run. **Josh Weiss (11)** added to the score with an 80 yard run. Weiss also led the team in rushes with 109 yards for eight carries, then Kott had six carries for 92 yards, and Protasiewicz had 57 yards. Defensively, **Trevor Haag (12)** led with 10 tackles, then **Ean Guenthardt (10)** and Neal-Berry both had 7, and **Landin Sowa (11)** with 6.

Their next game against Orchard View turned out with a win, 41-0. Our touchdowns were scored by Sowa, Kott, Weiss, Protasiewicz, and **Braylen Zimmerman (11)**. Neal-Berry completed 6-of-8 passes for 124 yards. Defensively, Guenthardt led with 11 tackles. He was followed by Sowa with 8 tackles and **Brayden Schweitzer (11)** had 5 and a tackle for a loss! Their next game will be against Whitehall at Whitehall!



*Written by Gabby Senters*

The Fremont Sportsmanship Event involved learning the importance of respecting athletes. The students who attended this event are **Reese Shively (12), Hailey Johnson (12), Rudy Shearer (12), Aubrey Nickelson (11), Gabby Senters (11), Ean Guenthardt (10), Nolan Freeman (9), and Hattie Driver (9).**

Several negative encounters occur in the sports world that could easily be prevented. This could happen to a friend, teammate, coach, or even you! The best way to avoid these encounters is to kill them with kindness. If you notice something is wrong stand-up and be a leader. We have seen acts of cyberbullying in “barstool” accounts that students run. However, our school has done a great job keeping the barstool clean from any maleficence. There is a fine line between a joke and taking something too far. As students, we have to recognize this and do our best to make sure everyone’s high school experience is a good one. Don’t be the reason someone feels bad about themselves.



No one wants to be around someone who cannot control their temper. On a team, you are representing MMHS. If you act inappropriately this reflects poorly on not only you but the entire school. Next time you are in the stands or on the field know that you are representing the Manistee Mariners.

Remember, sportsmanship is something that we all have to keep in mind. Next time you think about being a bad sport, think about how that may make the other person feel. Don’t let your emotions get the best of you. Good luck Mariners!

Written by Piper Eskridge

Manistee's "Block Party" was held on Saturday, September 14th in front of TJ's downtown, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere in the heart of the town. The event transformed River Street, which was closed off to traffic for the event, into a lively space filled with people enjoying the celebration. Crowds gathered to socialize, enjoy food, and take in the sounds of live music performed by the band "The Downtowners." Their performance created a fun, energetic vibe that kept attendees entertained throughout the evening.



**Macaela Bruce (11)**, an employee working during the block party, noted the high energy of the night, saying, "It was super busy, but it was very fun. Me and **Georgia Haag (11)** enjoyed it." Despite the busyness, it was clear the event brought a lot of enjoyment to both workers and attendees. The block party allowed locals to come together, relax, and celebrate in the downtown area, making for a memorable night in Manistee.



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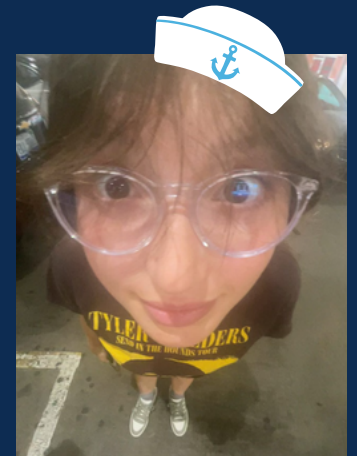


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*"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"*



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