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SHREK THE MUSICAL!

Written by Kate Somsel

The weekend of March 14th, the Manistee Theatre Department performed the well-known musical of *Shrek!* Over one hundred people worked together in order to have the musical run so smoothly. This includes cast members, backstage help, and more! Many of your classmates have been working tirelessly and practicing thoroughly since early winter to perform such a masterpiece.

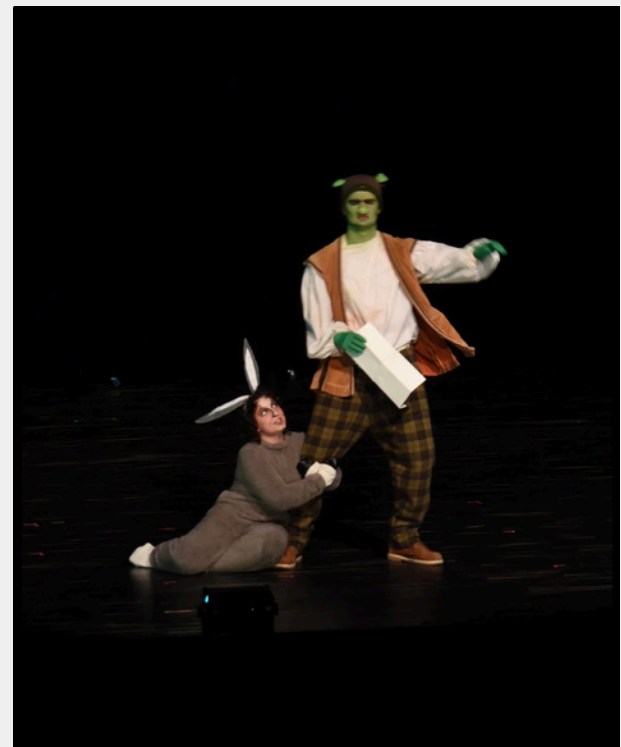


The performers acted in four shows over the course of three days. Some key students involved were **Andy O'Donnell (10)** as Shrek, **Cady Brown (12)** as Donkey, **Natalie Cameron (9)** as Fiona, **Anthony Doremus (11)** as Captain of the Guards, and **Noah Maue (12)** as Lord Farquaad. Brown expressed "I feel so lucky to have been able to work with such a loving and hardworking cast. This has been my favorite production of all, so I'm happy I get to go out strong!"



Additionally, O'Donnell, playing his first lead role, stated "It was a lot of fun and I'm so happy we got to put on such a great show for the school. I really hope everyone that went enjoyed it as much as I did while participating!"

In total, there were nine seniors acting in the production: **Natalie Beldo, Flynn Anderson, Lillian Hernden, Gaetano Bellizzi, Lila Bechtel, Isabelle Stansell, Hanna Konen**, in addition to previously mentioned Cady Brown and Noah Maue. Seniors, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication throughout your years. It doesn't go unnoticed! Overall, congratulations to all theater members for putting on such an amazing show!



STAFF OF THE WEEK: MRS. WATKINS

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Staff spotlight is a way for everyone to get to know the new and old faces around the school! This week we have Mrs. Watkins! She teaches Algebra 2, Geometry, and Pre Calculus. We are so lucky to have her here and appreciate all she has done for MAPS!

Question 1: How long have you been teaching?

- About 25 years, but 10 years here.

Question 2: What inspired you to become a teacher?

- I like working with students.



Question 3: What are your favorite hobbies?

- Hiking and traveling the world.

Question 4: Where's a place you've always wanted to go to?

- Hawaii, and that's where I am going this summer!

Question 5: What is a fun fact about you that people don't know?

- I have a Mary Poppins desk, like if you need something it's in there. Screwdrivers, salt and pepper, popsicle sticks, bandaids, deodorant, binder clips, a ton of hand lotion, chapstick, even a pair of crocs, nail file and clippers, make sure it's known I have a stop the bleed kit.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BROOKE ROZGA

Written by Aubrey Rischel

Each week, we 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. This week, we selected Brooke Rozga and Christian Schramski!

What are your plans after highschool?

- My plan is to study Social Work at Grand Valley State University.

Do you have any extracurricular activities or hobbies you'd like to share?

- I did varsity cheerleading for 3 years.

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

- I've grown a lot socially and stepped out of my comfort zone.



If you could give advice to incoming freshmen, what would it be?

- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

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

- Definitely the people I've grown close to over the years.

What excites you most about the future?

- Going to new places and experiencing new things.

What's your favorite high school tradition or event(s)?

- Homecoming spirit week!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTIAN SCHRAMSKI

Written by Aubrey Rischel



What are your plans after highschool?

- I'm planning to go to college and run on their track team while I study electrical engineering

Do you have any extracurricular activities or hobbies you'd like to share?

- I run Track and Cross Country, and I play the guitar

What excites you most about the future?

- Being able to explore the world

If you could give advice to incoming freshmen, what would it be?

- Do not procrastinate! Grades matter

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

- I'll miss the sports the most

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

- I've learned to do what I enjoy rather than trying to "fit in"

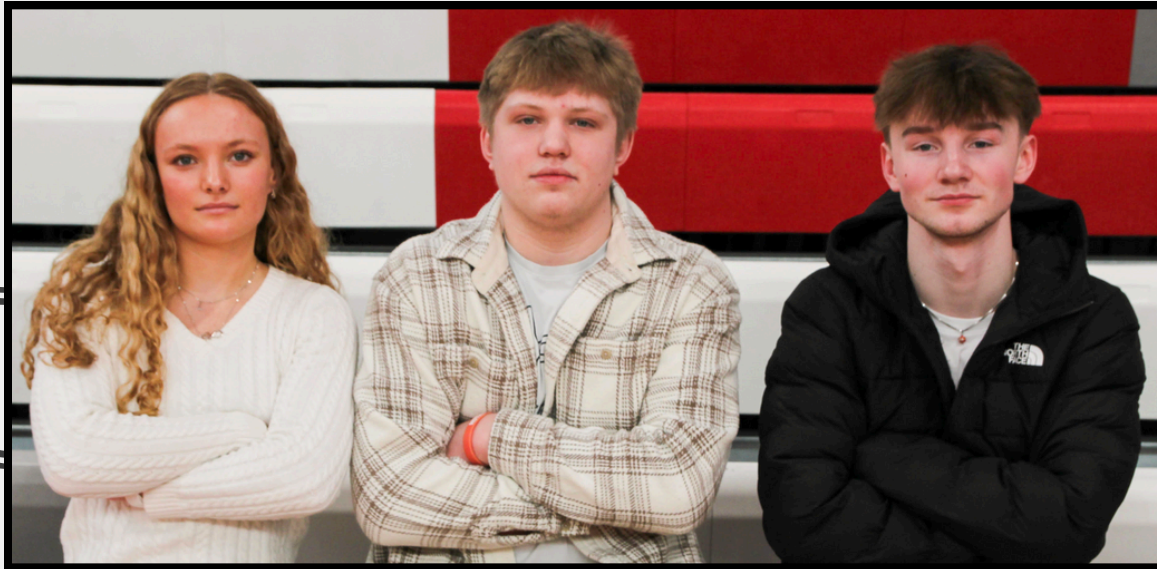
What's your favorite high school tradition or event(s)?

- The Tire hunt



ALL CONFERENCE HONORS

Written by Alayna Edmondson



After winter sports are done, the coaches of all winter sports meet with the rest of the coaches in the conference to talk about their players and fight for them to get an All-Conference spot. We had 3 players from Manistee named All-Conference first team, and 1 for honorable mention. **Kaden Kott (12)** and **Landin Sowa (11)** are two that made the first team. Throughout the season they did many amazing things that not only fans could see, but also the coaches from the other conference teams. Furthermore, **Alayna Edmondson (11)** was awarded first team, while **Hattie Driver (9)** received honorable mention. Driver was the only freshman for honorable mention, and the one of two underclassmen listed for the whole girl basketball lakes division!



Those who earned first team honors, went to Orchard View High School and to Buffalo Wild Wings. They spent all school day down there, along with all the other athletes who were awarded in the conference. Sowa said "it is a cool accomplishment and it was a unique and fun experience!" Personally, it was an honor to be there and I had a great time, especially being able to skip some of school. Great job Mariners!

SPRING BREAK IN

3...2...1...!!!

Written by Hailey Johnson

Spring break is coming up fast! Here are some of your fellow MHS members exciting plans!



Bella Sagala is heading to Orlando, Florida! Enjoy the sun!



Sophomore, Callie Shively, is heading to the Sunshine state as well!



Hailey Johnson (12) is traveling to California and Montana! Enjoy!

STUDENT LIFE CONTINUTED

BREAK CONTINUED...

Senior Aubrey Rischel is heading to Orange Beach, Alabama!!

Mr. Joseph is taking Miles Joseph, Luke Olson and Andy O'Donnel to Indy for March Madness. Then, he is road tripping south to Nashville for a little solo revelry!! Have fun!



Kate Somsel (12) is flying to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic!

Mariners, whether you're traveling far or staying home, remember to enjoy your break- you deserve it!



Written by Piper Eskridge

Michigan winters are famous for lake effect snow, a weather phenomenon that dumps heavy snow on parts of the state while leaving others barely touched. This happens when cold air moves over the Great Lakes, picking up moisture and turning it into snow once it hits land.



Lake effect snow is tough to predict because it's so localized. It can make driving dangerous and shut down schools, but it also fuels Michigan's winter fun. Skiing, snowmobiling, and winter festivals all thrive thanks to the steady snowfall.

WINTERS IN THE MITTEN STATE!!



The hardest-hit areas are along Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, including cities like Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Marquette. With westerly winds pushing the snow inland, some spots see over 100 inches of snow each year! The snowfall can be intense, with whiteout conditions and inches piling up in just hours.





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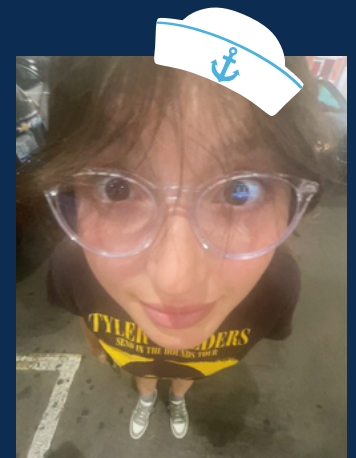


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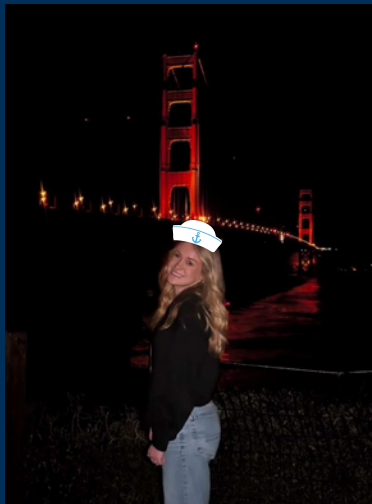
"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"



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Mr. Quakkelaar
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"You've got to be kind"

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