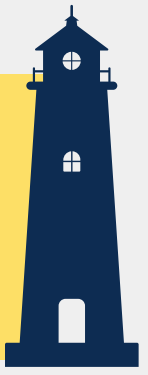




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SENIOR COUNTDOWN IS ON!

Written by Kate Somsel

Seniors! Congratulations for all of your hard work throughout your past four years of high school, and all the time prior! The work is about to pay off-graduation is coming up fast and the schedule is loaded up until the big date. Stay locked for a couple more days... you are almost there! Remember, action can still be taken up until commencement, so be on your best behavior during these last few days.



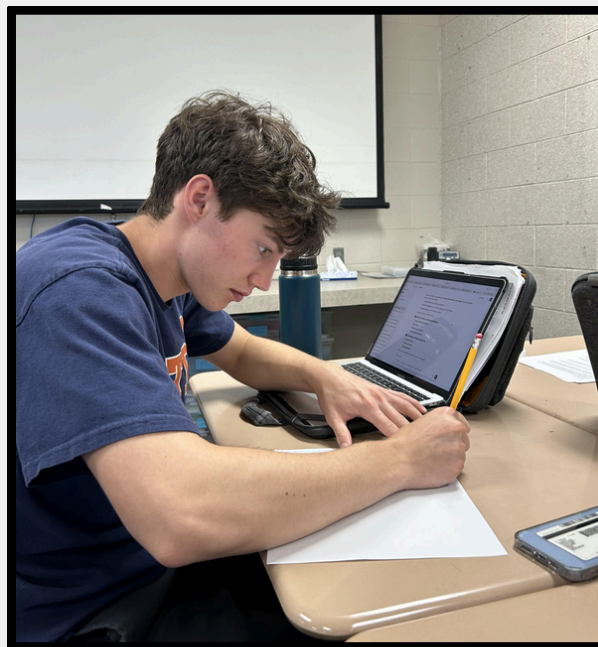
The past couple weeks have been full of fun activities! For spring week, the week before prom, there were many dress up days which students participated in. Prom was held April 19th at the Ramsdell! The junior class did a wonderful job putting on the masquerade themed dance!

Additionally, the senior class had a fun round of senior assassin! Almost 40 seniors participated in the game that lasted around two weeks. **Reese Shively** was named the Ultimate Assassin (being the last one alive), **Kate Somsel** was the **Expert Assassin** (out with the most eliminations), and **Blaine Gibbs, Emily Haiss, Maddysin Muscat, and Eowyn Thompson** all got multiple eliminations. This game was a fun way to end the school year for the senior class!

MOCK ELECTIONS!

Each year, the yearbook staff sends out fun categories for the seniors to vote for people who fit best. Here are the results:

Academic Weapon	Hanna Konen Mason Robinson
Best Glow Up	Karsen Illig Kaylee Loper
Best Sense of Humor	Caiman Best Cillian Holden Karsen Illig
Biggest/Best Tea Spiller	Eowyn Thompson Flynn Anderson



Class "Main Character"	Noah Maue Reese Shively
Class Artist	Adah Korzeniewski
Could be a Movie Star	Cady Brown Flynn Anderson

STUDENT LIFE CONTINUTED

MOCK ELECTIONS CONT...

Most Likely to have an Energy Drink	Eli Fulton Trenton Miller
More likely to start a new show instead of Joseph's Essay	Eli Workman Kait Sullivan Louis Mosher
Most Likely to Survive a Horror Movie	Marcus Chick Blake Wandrych
Most Likely to text back in 3-5 business days	Emelia Root Oliver Holtgren



Most likely to bring a dead laptop to class	Alex Aldridge Eli Workman
Most Likely to Bring Snacks	Avery Cook Christian Schramski Isabella Sagala Lily Mungia
Most Likely to Ghost Everyone After Graduation	Kane Black Miley Kankwietz
Most Likely to have a Netflix Documentary About their Life	Noah Maue



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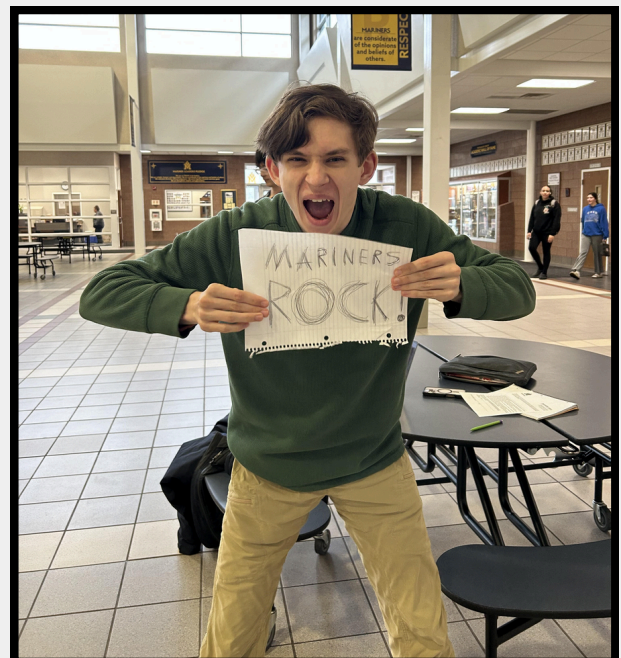
SENIOR YEAR CONT...

Everyone's Friend	Flynn Anderson Rudy Shearer
Most Aura	Kaden Kott Kate Somsel
Most Competitive	Kaden Kott Reese Shively
Most Gullible	Emelia Root Megan Rochman



Shortest	Flynn Anderson
Tallest	Caiman Best
Worst Senioritis	Mya Ziehm Nathan Brown
Youngest	Blaine Gibbs Kaylee Loper

Most School Spirit	Noah Maue Reese Shively
Most/best drip	Caiman Best Derric Carey
Reality TV Worthy	Megan Rochman Rudy Shearer



STAFF OF THE WEEK: **MR. BILLER**

For each Mariner Chronicle issue, we choose a staff member as our staff spotlight. This issue is with Mr. Biller. He is a new teacher here at MAPS and is the director of the bands.

Question 1: How long have you been teaching?

- This is my first year teaching!

Question 2: Where are you from?

- I am from right here in Manistee! MHS Graduate of 2020!

Question 3: What are you looking forward to expanding and continuing with the band?

- I am really looking forward to continuing the traditions of the band program and providing new opportunities for the band to perform. We will be performing at Disney World in 2027!!



Question 4: What is your favorite type of cuisine?

- I love Italian food!

Question 5: What is your favorite day of the week?

- My favorite day is Thursday- I am not sure why...



Prom Night 2025!

Written by Hailey Johnson

Prom was held for the junior and senior class at the Ramsdell this year! Many people spent the day, April 19th, getting ready, spending time with friends, and cherishing the last dance of the year! Here are some pictures from the fun night:



STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED



SPORTS RUNDOWN

Written by Alayna Edmondson

The Mariner sports teams have been staying busy with multiple different games, meets, and/or matches a week. Here is some summaries on the athletics happening around the school.

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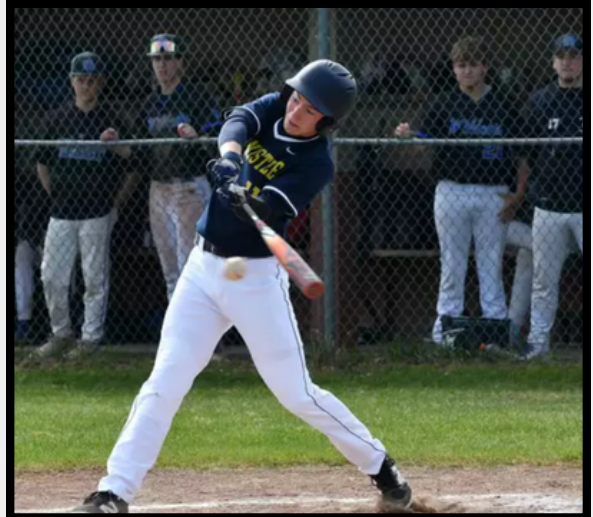


The Mariner Tennis team topped Fremont, 6-2. For singles, number one, **Georgia Haag (11)** defeated them with scores of 6-1. Number two, **Leia Gilliland (10)** defeated 6-2 and 6-1. Number three, **Keira Padilla (11)** won 6-2 and 6-0. Moving onto doubles, number one **Bella Sorenson (10)** and **Sophia Shobe (10)** scored 6-2, 4-6, and 6-2. Number two, **Lily Mungia (12)** and **Kaylee Loper (12)** defeated with a score of 6-1 and 6-4. Lastly, with scores of 6-4 and 6-2, **Olivia Salmon (11)** and **Clear Wang (11)** won. The next home match for the Lady Mariners is May 13th at 4 pm against West Michigan Christian!



SPORTS CONTINUED

The baseball boys played against Evart, Oakridge, and Orchard View. They split with Evart, losing the first game 1-9, but coming back in the second game to win 7-2. In the first game, **Miles Joseph (11)** and **Luke Olson (11)** each collected one hit for the Mariners. However, in the second game, **Eli Workman (12)**, **Braylen Zimmerman (11)**, and **Ray Maycock (10)** each drove in one run. Their next games against Oakridge were another split, winning the first game 5-2 and losing the second 4-5. **Landin Sowa (11)**, **Josh Weiss (11)**, and **Adam Olson (9)** each had one run, while **Workman** added two. **Joseph** chipped in two runs, while **Sowa** and **Weiss** added one each again for the second game. Lastly, the Mariners won both of the games against OV, the first 6-4 and the second 13-0! **Joseph** had two runs, while **Sowa**, **Mason Robinson (12)**, **Keegan Shannon (11)**, and **Zimmerman** each tallied one run in the first game. The second game didn't last long before OV called it quits, although **Robinson** added three runs, **Joseph** and **Zimmerman** two, and **Sowa**, **Workman**, **Olson**, and **Weiss** each collected one run. The next home game is at 4 pm on May 12th, where they will play Whitehall!



SPORTS CONTINUED

Written by Alayna Edmondson

The Mariner Softball team won two double headers. One was against Brethren and the other against Bear Lake. We hosted Brethren and won both games through the mercy rule. The first game was 16-0 and the second 22-7. In the first game, **Morgan Erway (10)** led the Mariners with three hits and three RBIs, **Hattie Driver (9)** added two hits and an RBI, **Faith Ferguson (9)** chipped in one hit and three RBIs, and **Marah Miller (9)** and **Mackenna Mcleod (10)** added one hit and two RBIs. Continuing, **Mariah Elkins (9)** put up one hit and one RBI, while **Emma Monroe (10)** and **Kat Vasquez (10)** added an RBI apiece. **Erway** pitched the whole game and left them scoreless; she only gave up one hit and had seven strikeouts. In the second game, **Monroe** hit a home run, two hits, and seven RBIs! **River Blair (11)** added two hits, while **Ferguson** chipped in one hit and two RBIs. **Driver** also earned a hit along with an RBI, and **Miller** had an RBI. **Monroe** pitched the whole second game, giving up three earned runs on three hits and five strikeouts. Moving onto their second win, they faced Bear Lake, where they defeated them with scores of 14-11 and 12-8. In the first game, **Erway** had three hits and two RBIs, while **Aubrey Nickleson (11)**, **Monroe**, and **Elkins** each earned one hit and two RBIs. **Ferguson** also chipped in one hit and one RBI, while **Robyn Winters (9)** and **McLeod** each added an RBI. **Erway** pitched the whole game, she only gave up four earned runs on 10 hits and seven strikeouts. In their second game of the doubleheader, **Monroe** put up two hits and five RBIs. **Elkins** also chipped in one hit and three RBIs. **Monroe** pitched during the second game and only gave up six earned runs on six hits with seven strikeouts. **Erway** pitched some more and only gave one hit and no runs. They will play at home on May 15th, 4 pm, facing off with Mason County Central.



SPORTS CONTINUED

Written by Alayna Edmondson



However, it was a different story against Fremont. The Mariners came out losing 1-6. Somsel had one goal. But, they moved on and turned around with a win against Shelby with a score of 1-0. Once again, the goal was scored by Somsel. Somsel scored another goal against Glen Lake, along with Gardner and Edmondson, to come out on top with a score of 3-1. Lastly, the Mariners came out short against Ludington and scored no goals. However, **Piper Eskridge (12)** had 19 saves for the Mariners! The next home game for the girls' soccer team is also May 12th, where they will take on Montague at 5 pm!

Soccer has had a busy schedule with 3 games each week! These games were: Chippewa Hills, Orchard View, Ravenna, Fremont, Shelby, Glen Lake, and Ludington. The Mariners won against Chippewa Hills with a score of 5-1. **Macaela Bruce (11)** had two of the team's goals while **Kate Somsel (12)** had the other three. Moving forward to their game against OV, they came out on top again with a score of 5-3. **Alayna Edmondson (11)** had 3 goals, and **Somsel** scored two. Another win for the Mariners was against Ravenna, a score of 4-3, **Somsel** scoring three goals again, and **Lindsey Gardner (11)** with one.



SPORTS CONTINUED

Another busy season for the varsity track team, where they competed at Oakridge, Fruitport, Orchard View, Mason County Central, and here at MHS. There were multiple teams at each meet, especially those in our conference. The three conference meets were Oakridge, Fremont, and here at Manistee. At Oakridge, **Kaden Kott (12)** placed second overall in the 100 with a time of 11.56 seconds. **Kaden Worch (11)** placed 3rd in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:01 minutes, and came second in the 3200 run with a time of 11:22 minutes. However, **Christian Schramski (12)** came in a close third for the 3200 with an end time of 12 minutes. With a time of 17:83 seconds, **Nolan Dalke (11)** placed third in the 110-meter hurdles, and another third place in the 300-meter hurdles, coming out with a time of 45.95 seconds. Our boys' 4x100 meter relay, consisting of **Ean Guenthardt (10)**, **Braden Banicki (11)**, **Dayvion Neal-Berry (10)**, and **Kott**, has been going strong and took first place and had a time of 46.02 seconds. Moreover, the 4x2 team collected another first place, having a time of 1:36 minutes. The team for that relay is **Banicki, Neal-Berry, Kott**, and **Wyatt Protasiewicz (10)**. The field events also had great placing, one being **Guenthardt** with a third-place finish for shot put with a throw of 39'9.5". With a jump of 5'6", **Protasiewicz** took third in the high jump. We had two top three finishes for the boys pole vault, first place was **Damien McEntaffer (12)** with 13'6", followed by **Layne Piper (9)** with 9'. And, the last field event for the boys was long jump where there were two more top three finishes, from **Kott** and **Neal-Berry**. **Kott** placed second jumping 19'1" and **Neal-Berry** placed third with a jump of 18'8".



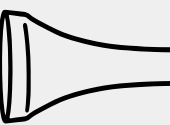
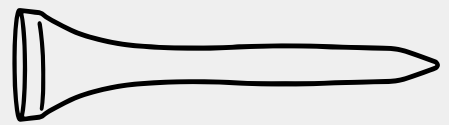
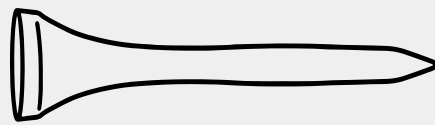
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SPORTS CONTINUED



The girls at Oakridge had many top-three finishes as well. Starting with **Driver**, with a time of 13.56, took first overall in the 100-meter. Then, Manistee had all of the top three finishes in the 200-meter. **Audrey Huizinga (12)** took first with a time of 27.57 seconds, then **Driver** in second with a time of 28.67 seconds, and in third was **Maya Goodspeed (9)** with a time of 29.68 seconds. Another first-place finish for **Huizinga** was in the 400-meter with a time of 1:02 minutes, and **Goodspeed** took third with a time of 1:08 minutes. **Lena Herberger (11)** also took third place, but in the 800-meter, finishing with a time of 2:55 minutes. Adding another third-place finish, **Herberger** had a time of 6:42 minutes for the one mile. **Ava Sielski (9)** also contributed a third-place finish with a time of 14:44 minutes in the two-mile. **Gilliland** raced in both the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, she placed second and third. She finished the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.73 seconds. Moreover, in the 300-meter hurdles, she had a time of 1 minute. In the relays, Manistee girls took first for both the 4x400 and 4x800. The 4x400 team consisted of **Driver, Huizinga, Herberger,** and **Goodspeed**. They finished with a time of 4:30 minutes. The 4x800 team was **Herberger, Sielski, Gilliland,** and **Yael DeBoni (9)**. Their overall time was 13:08 minutes. Ending with field events, once again, **Madalyn Wayward (11)** took first for both shot put and discus. She threw 30'5" for shot put and 105'6" for discus. Lastly, **Gilliland** finished first in the pole vault with a vault of 8 feet. You can keep up to date with the track team through athletic.net to see personal results and team placings.

As track meets continue, we wish the best for everybody on the team!



The golf team has been cruising along throughout their season. They have had a couple of West Michigan Conference Jamborees. Their first one, they finished in fourth place overall, with a team score of 204. **Max Scharp (11)** finished third in a field of 40 golfers, shooting a +7 (43). The others scoring on the team were **James Jados (11)**, +15 (51), **Owen Polcyn (11)**, +18 (54), and **Trevor Haag (12)**, +20 (56). In the second jamboree, the Mariner golf team finished with a total of 167. **Scharp** medaled and carded a +2 (38). **Kane Black (12)** and **Polcyn** both finished at +6 (42), and the team was rounded out by **Jados** with +9 (45). Finally, their third jamboree, **Scharp** had +7 (42), **Jados** a +9 (44), **Black** with a +12 (47), and **Haag** with +14 (49). Overall, the team finished with a total score of 182. We are excited to see their team grow and what they accomplish with the remainder of the season!



The Mariners still have lots of time remaining in their spring sports, and we hope you find time to go and support your peers in their sporting activities!

Written by Alayna Edmondson

APARTMENTS?

Manistee is taking a big step forward as demolition begins on the old school building on E. Parkdale Ave., clearing the way for a new apartment complex. The project is part of a broader effort to tackle the local housing shortage and support the community's growth.

The demolition was funded by a Michigan blight elimination grant, with over \$670,000 awarded to the Manistee County Land Bank Authority. Removing the aging school, which had been closed since 2011, is a major milestone for the area and a key part of revitalizing the neighborhood.



Support for the project has come from more than 20 local employers who see housing as essential for keeping and attracting families, workers, and future generations. With this progress, Manistee is turning a forgotten site into a fresh opportunity for growth and connection.



In place of the school, Riley Apartments will rise, bringing 144 rental units in the first phase, spread across four three-story buildings. The plan also includes a management office and future expansion. The apartment project has been years in the making and reflects the township's long-standing goal to turn an unused, blighted space into something that serves the community.





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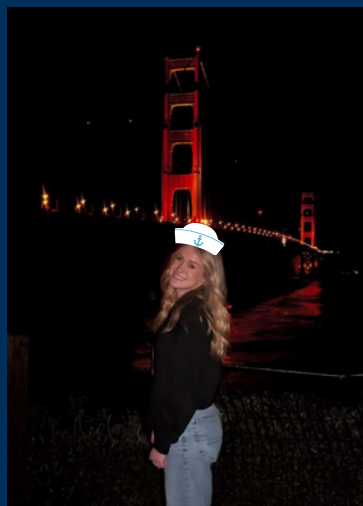
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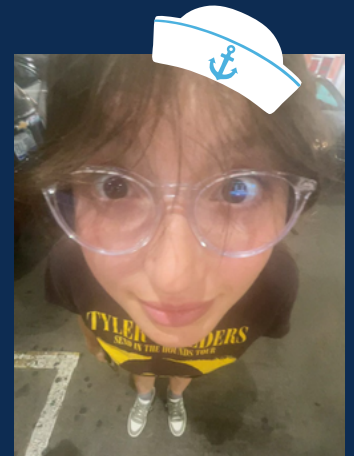
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