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## HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

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**Kaden Worch (12)** found the tire on Wednesday!



**Alayna Edmondson (12)** and **Landin Sowa (12)** after being crowned at halftime.



**Emily Marquardt (10)** kicks for the extra points!



**Hattie Driver (10)** pulls off flags against the Seniors!

# HOMECOMING CONTINUED

**Monday** - To start the week, Monday's dress up day was beach day. Powderpuff kicked off after school. First Freshman played the Juniors. The final score was 16-14 in the Juniors favor. The Sophomores played the Seniors and were defeated 30-7. The tire was not found on Monday.

**Tuesday** - The dress up day was twin day. The tire was found shortly after school by the Senior class.

**Wednesday** - The dress up day was class colors. There was Powderpuff to follow the school day. First the Freshmen and Sophomores played for third and fourth place. The Sophomores defeated the Freshman 26-0. The Seniors and Juniors followed, competing for first place. The Seniors came out on top with a score of 30-6. The tire was also quickly found by the Seniors.

**Thursday** - The dress up day was pajama day. The tire was also found by the seniors.

**Friday** - The dress up day was blue and gold. The parade added to the festivities, by showing off the class floats, and our homecoming representatives. The football team played Ludington at 7. During halftime **Alayna Edmondson (12)** and **Landin Sowa (12)** were announced as homecoming Queen and King. The overall Homecoming scores were announced, and the seniors won.



## STUDENT LIFE CONTINUED

*Written by Leia Gilliland*

# FALL FUN

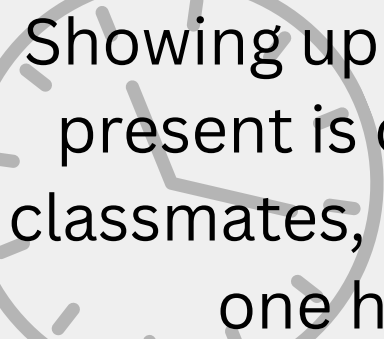
Fall is in the air, and there's no better way to celebrate the season than with Fun on the Farm Weekends at **Orchard Market!** Starting Saturday, October 4th, every Saturday and Sunday through October enjoy fall fun, including: Apple Cannons, Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, and Wagon rides through the haunted forest. **Riley Sturgeon (11)** says, "this is going to be a great season. Come see me and **Sophia Shobe (11)** working on the apple canons this fall!"



**Lewis Farms** has also kicked off their fall festivities! General admission includes access to over 46 attractions, including the corn maze, petting zoo, and countless photo opportunities perfect for capturing seasonal memories.


## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*



Showing up to class is so important! Being present is crucial for your learning, your classmates, and your teachers. Missing just one hour can put you behind!

You also need to be at school in order to participate in your sports and activities. Show up every day and be to school on time!



## RACING THE LINE: MANISTEE STUDENTS IN THE DRAG SCENE



While many students spend their weekends at home or out with friends, a small group of Manistee High racers spend theirs at the drag strip. For them, drag racing isn't a pastime but a competitive sport that demands focus, preparation, and precision.

Drag racing involves two cars launching side by side down a straight quarter-mile track, aiming to cross the finish line first. Races are held at sanctioned drag strips under strict safety regulations, making the sport structured and accessible to young drivers.

Several Manistee students have taken part in these events. **Cheyenne Martin (11)**, competes in these events and had this to say about the feeling of lining up before a race; "It's all about reaction time. Either you get it or you don't."

Many racers work on their cars themselves, spending hours tuning engines, adjusting parts, and learning the technical side of performance driving. **Ean Guenhardt (11)** said this about how often he tweaks his car: "It mostly just depends on what happens at the track. Say I blow up some things then there will be more maintenance to do but it's mostly measuring and changing fluids in the car."

Traveling to tracks across not only Michigan but the entire US, these students spend their weekends competing against racers from all over. Beyond the competition, they describe a welcoming community of drivers and crews who share advice, cheer each other on, and celebrate improvements.

"Seeing everything come together is really satisfying because racing is not an easy sport like everyone says it is. It's really rewarding when everything comes together in a race." **Guenhardt** said.





*Written by Macaela Bruce*

## STAFF OF THE WEEK: COACH DREW SHEFFIELD

In this issue of the Mariner Chronicle, we interviewed Coach **Drew Sheffield**, who is helping coach the girls swim team and will be coaching the boys later in the year. Get to know your future coach through some interesting facts! Read more about him down below:

- **What do you coach?**
- “Girls swim as an assistant, and also the new boys swim coach. Boys get ready for your season!!”
- **How long have you coached?**
- “1 year”
- **Did you play this sport? What sports did you play?**
- “I swam from 6th-12th grade, along with soccer, cross country, track, golf, and tennis.”
- **What’s your favorite part of being a coach?**
- “My favorite part is seeing the joy on an athlete's face after achieving a personal best, sharing my passion for the sport, and seeing the improvement in athletes from the start to the end of the season.”
- **What’s a fun fact about yourself?**
- “I love ice cream”, he went on to say he gets ice cream almost every night around 9pm.
- **If you weren’t coaching, what would you be doing?**
- Drew said if he wasn't coaching he would be spending time with family and friends doing hobbies that he enjoys (including tennis, golf, swimming, rock climbing, disc golf, motocross etc)



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: **CLEAR WANG**

*Written by Gabby Senters*

The senior spotlight is a great way to get to know your MHS seniors. The graduating class has a big responsibility to lead their younger peers. If you want to learn more about your senior **Clear Wang** read about her below:

- **What is your favorite subject?**
- I think I would go with physics.
- **What teacher has had the greatest impact on you as a student, and why?**
- Ms. Watkins because I don't know why but I just started following her around in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and she has helped me build my schedule, and has helped me with my personal life while I was in her class. I also enjoy giving her a star ornaments for Christmas because I am her star.



- **What advice would you give to underclassmen?**
- Do your homework on time because it piles up fast, sign up for things like mock-rock while you can, and join the golf team!
- **What will you miss most about high school?**
- Seeing my friends everyday and playing roblox everyday.
- **What is a fun fact about yourself that others may not know about you?**
- When I was born my name was supposed to be Claire, but the doctor thought my mom said Clear, so that ended up being my name.







# BEYOND THE FIELD

## STUDENT ATHLETE INTERVIEW:



### FEATURING... JACOB LEE

*Written by Gabby Senters*

Athletics are a big part of the MHS experience, however you may not know a whole lot about the athletes behind the scenes. If you want to learn more about **Jacob Lee (12)** read about him below:

- **What is your favorite sport?**
- Football, to play and watch!
- **What got you interested in the sport?**
- The team atmosphere, and the friendships that you make.
- **What is your favorite part about being on the team?**
- Multiple different people working towards the same goal.



- **Do you plan to continue your athletic career past high school?**
- Possibly, if any offer comes my way.
- **What advice would you give to younger athletes?**
- Start as soon as you can. You might really enjoy it and make great memories, you never know what you're good at.
- **How long have you been playing sports?**
- Football for 5 years, swim for 8 years, and track for 3 years



## BOYS SOCCER TAKE DOWN BENZIE

The Manistee Mariner Varsity Soccer team has already beat its win total from last season, with more games remaining! On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Mariners won their seventh game of the season against Benzie Central with a score of **6-0!** Within the first minute of the game, the first point was on the board from **James Murray (11)** through an assist from **Max Scharp (12)**. However, **Scharp** scored the next goal to increase the lead. **Scharp** tallied on another assist by passing to **Felipe Sainz Pardo Alvarez (10)** to add another goal.



*Photo courtesy to Luke Moorey of Mnaistee News Advocate*

To bring the score to 4-0, **Scharp** assisted yet another goal for **Nolan Drake (12)** to finish off. Before the second half, **Scharp** added another goal before **Landon Sanford (9)** assisted for **Chauncy Manke (11)** to score the sixth goal for the team. Despite the threats in the second half, neither team was able to score. **Layne Piper (10)** picked up his third shutout of the season this game! The boys will play Shelby High School at Mariner field on the **8<sup>th</sup> of October at 6pm**. Make sure to come out and support them through the rest of the season.





## CROSS COUNTRY OVERVIEW

The Mariner cross country team had a conference meet at Montague. The girls team came out in second place, and beat their rival: Ludington! **Georgia Haag (12)** placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall, followed by **Ava Sielski (10)** who took 7<sup>th</sup>. Coming in third for the team was **Hattie Driver (10)** with a 9<sup>th</sup> place finish, then **Yael DeBoni (10)** placing 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by **Magdalena Herberger (12)** placing 15<sup>th</sup>. The boys couldn't score as a team due to two runners being out. However, **Eddie Huizinga (10)** took 7<sup>th</sup> place, followed by **Adam Olson (10)** placing 32<sup>nd</sup> and **Brock Adamczak (10)** who took 44<sup>th</sup>. **Zachary Hernden (10)** rounded out the team with a place of 59<sup>th</sup> place.



The cross country team will host a home meet, the traditional Grabowski Meet. This will take place **October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm.**

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# MARINER VOLLEYBALL

*Written by Alayna Edmondson*

The Lady Mariners traveled to Muskegon Oakridge and left with a victory in four sets. They fell in the first set, but came back to win the next three. **Lindsey Gardner (12)** lead the team by putting up 13 kills, one ace, one assist, 11 digs, and a block! **Maya Goodspeed (10)** chipped in 10 kills, one ace, three digs, and three blocks. **Paelynne Kolk (11)** also contributed one ace, two assists, and six digs. **Madalyn Wayward (12)** notched seven kills, three aces, 22 assists, and 18 digs.



*Photo courtesy to Luke Moorey of Manistee News Advocate*

The ladies are now 7-8 in the season and play home on **October 7<sup>th</sup>** for their pink out game at **7pm!** Make sure to show up in your pink to support cancer research funding and your volleyball team!



# GIRLS SWIM

*Written by Macaela Bruce*



The girls swim season is in its last stretch, having one month left. So far it has been a tough but successful season. Although the team has struggled with some injuries this season and as a team they haven't won any meets, each girl has been hitting their personal bests and coming home with individual wins!

Against Ludington and Alma; **Evelyn Koller (12)** took first in both her individual events: the 50 free and the 100 fly. In the same meet **Macaela Bruce (12)** took first in the 100 Free and the 100 Breast. In the 200 Medley relay and the 200 Free relay, each meet the team has broken the personal record. The best being a 2:04 in the Medley, swam by **Aubree Speicher (12)**, **Macaela Bruce (12)**, **Evelyn Koller**, and **Faith Fessenden (11)**.

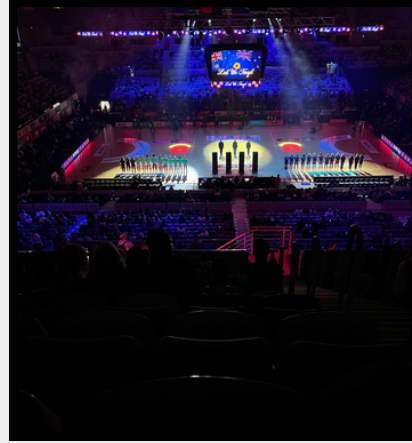
The team is made up of only 6 swimmers at the moment, with three new additions to the team. **Emily Marquardt (10)**, is in her first year of swimming since middle school and is crushing her PR's every meet. **Leah Szynski (9)**, only a freshman is taking on new events and doing even better than we could have thought! The team also have a junior, **Faith Fessenden**, coming all the way from Onekema to practice everyday.

**If anyone else is interested in swimming, it is not too late to join!!**

*Written by Lilth Vela*

# FROM THE OUTBACK TO OUR HALLS

**Ava Gibbs (10)** is an Australian exchange student spending the school year with us. She came here from Canberra, Australia. Canberra is not only her hometown but also the capital of Australia. It is based alongside the Molonglo river, whose name comes from an Aboriginal word meaning “like the sound of thunder.” This city is surrounded by mountains and bushlands, which is why it’s often called the “Bush Capital.” Known for its many parks, lakes, and nature reserves, Canberra is a unique blend of modern city life and access to the outdoors.



**Ava** has chosen to become an exchange student because her aunt had also studied abroad and she went to Paris, France. Her aunt had shared her wonderful experience when she was an exchange student and this inspired **Ava** to do the same, and we are so happy she did! So far her favorite things about America is that the people here are friendly and kind to her and the how different and beautiful the landscape is. She is especially excited to experience what an American high school experience is like from classes, to sports, and high school events!

Aside from Australia, **Ava** can be seen playing volleyball. She enjoys listening to all types of music, watching different types of shows, and movies, and spending time with her new friends! With her adventurous spirit, **Ava** is making the most of her exchange year and is eager to keep learning from the people and opportunities around her.



To conclude, **Ava** brings a new Australian culture while also embracing and adapting to new experiences in America. Her adventurous decision to become an exchange student shows courage and curiosity that can be inspiring to everyone. She will continue to make new memories and friendships here. She is a reminder of how valuable culture exchange can be connecting everyone from around the world!



# MANISTEE LACES UP FOR A CAUSE



On Saturday, **October 4, 2025**, downtown Manistee hosted the "**Run the Town Pink**" 5K and 1-Mile Memorial Walk from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The event brings together runners, walkers, families, and supporters to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and support services.

Participants are encouraged to wear pink outfits, tutus, and even fun socks to show solidarity with those affected by breast cancer. It's not just a race—it's a community celebration full of energy, support, and inspiration. Local businesses line the streets cheering on runners and walkers, creating a vibrant atmosphere for participants of all ages.

The 5K run challenges those looking for a fast-paced event, while the 1-mile memorial walk gives families and friends a chance to honor loved ones affected by the disease in a more relaxed setting. Event organizers emphasize that everyone—from seasoned athletes to casual walkers—is welcome.

In addition to the race, participants can enjoy music, refreshments, and prize giveaways. Kids can participate in fun activities while learning about the importance of health and fitness. Volunteers and local sponsors help make the event run smoothly, ensuring it's a day full of fun and purpose.

"This event isn't just about running," said organizer **Sarah Thompson**. "It's about bringing the community together, honoring survivors, and raising awareness for a cause that affects so many people."



# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: JORDYN JONES

This week's star middle school student is **Jordyn Jones**! This middle schooler is a bright and hardworking 7th grader, whose teachers agree that she truly deserves this recognition. She stands out as not just a hard working student with strong academic performance but she's also chosen because of her positive attitude, kindness to others, and dedication to everything she does.

One of **Jordyn's** favorite parts of school is her science class, where she enjoys learning about the natural world and discovering new things. She also shared that her favorite teacher is also her science teacher, Ms. Olson! Who always makes learning fun and excites her curiosity in the classroom.

Outside of school **Jordyn** is kept busy with softball. She has been playing for a couple of years and has grown to love the teamwork, discipline, and determination it teaches her. Softball also gives her a chance to stay active while working hard toward her goals. **Jordyn** explained that the lessons she learns on the field, help her in other parts of her life, including her schoolwork. When not on the field or in class she enjoys spending time with her three dogs named Holly, Clouse, and Hank. She also shared her favorite type of music is country!



When she was asked why she thinks she was chosen she humbly said, "she thinks this is because she thinks she's nice, hard working, and she achieves good grades." Some quotes from her teachers are:

"She is an amazing student, very positive and helpful. She also has a positive attitude. She is a great friend and student!" - Ms. Dean

"Jordyn comes to class with a smile and always says hello, she makes really great artwork and tries her hardest. She supports the class and classmates, and is a pleasure to have in class!" - Ms. Puchtel

Congratulations, **Jordyn** on being this week's star student! Your hard work, kindness, and positivity shine through and set good examples for everyone around you!



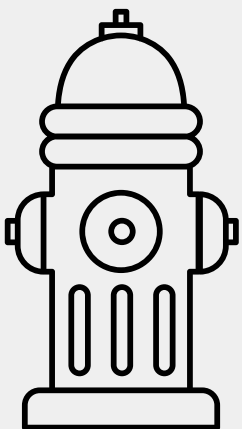
*Written by Achilles Eckerson*

# Fire Up! Mariners it's time to put this fire out!



The Manistee Fire Department invites the community to its Open House on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This free event is part of National Fire Prevention Week and offers a unique opportunity for residents to engage with local firefighters and learn about fire safety.

Attendees can participate in guided station tours, witness live demonstrations on fire extinguisher use and technical rescues, practice CPR, and experience a smoke house simulation. Children will have the chance to try on firefighter gear and enjoy complimentary popcorn and lemonade. The event also features a tribute to the department's historical legacy, showcasing vintage photos and stories. Additionally, information will be available on how to contribute to the Great Lakes Burn Camp, supporting young burn survivors.



Fire Chief Tom Hernden emphasized the dual purpose of the event: fostering community engagement and honoring the department's long-standing service. This Open House provides a valuable learning experience for all ages and underscores the importance of fire safety awareness.



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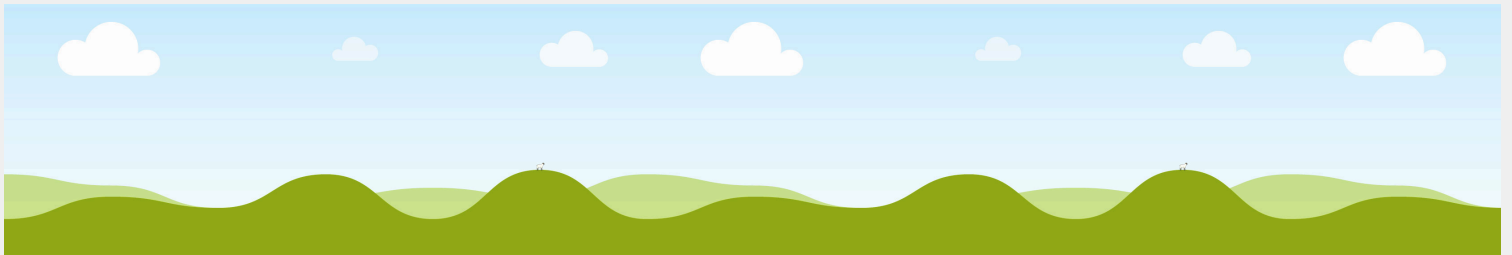




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