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OCTOBER'S HAUNTED DUO

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Every October, Manistee, Michigan turns into a haunted destination thanks to The Ghost Ship and Cages of Carnage!

The Ghost Ship also known as, S.S. City of Milwaukee, is a historic Great Lakes railroad car ferry, launched in 1931, designed to carry railroad cars across Lake Michigan between Muskegon, Michigan and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It operated until 1981 and was retired in our very own Manistee, Michigan! Now it is a National Historic Landmark. It serves as a museum, bed & breakfast, and host for special events, including the famous Manistee Ghost Ship which is a haunted attraction you can attend every October! On top of the scares the ghost ship's funds go to the maintenance of the ship to keep this tradition alive.



South of the ghost ship you can find Cages of Carnage also known as the haunted prison in Freesoil, Michigan. Which takes place in the abandoned Camp Sauble prison. "The property was purchased in 1960 from Native American Civil War Veteran, John Chinkwam. Originally constructed as a minimum security work camp, with over 300 inmates, the prison didn't even have a security fence... In 1982 Inmates started multiple fires in the laundry, burning the main prison building to the ground. Rebuilt in 1984, the fence going up the following year." but now it is filled with clanging chains, screams, and haunted prisoners. The local volunteer fire departments who recreate the site every fall, creating new scenarios like Prison Break or Night Terrors. All of the proceeds go to our local fire departments so not only can you have a spooky fun night with your friends but also help a good cause!

Both attractions both stand out not just for fright appeal but also as fun charity events that you can also volunteer at and be a part of the scare! The Ghost Ship and Cages of Carnage bring Manistee history and Halloween fun together, offering thrill-seekers the best of terror and spirit of community. For those brave enough to visit, every weekend of October there is a chance to go to both of them for a hauntingly fun fall experience!



MANISTEE'S FALL FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, October 25, downtown Manistee** will rise from the grave with the sights, sounds, and spooky fun of the annual **Manistee Fall Festival**. From **12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, the streets will be filled with families, friends, and students celebrating the season in style. This family-friendly event offers something for everyone. Local businesses will participate in trick-or-treating, handing out candy and goodies to kids in costume. Costume contests will encourage participants of all ages to show off their creativity, while games and activities will provide entertainment for those looking to test their skills or just have a laugh or scream. In addition to the festive treats and games, a haunted house will be open for brave visitors willing to face some spine-chilling surprises. The haunted house promises to provide a thrilling experience, complete with seasonal decorations, eerie music, and spooky surprises around every corner. Organizers also highlight the importance of local businesses in making the festival successful. "Our downtown merchants work hard to create a fun and welcoming atmosphere," said **Tom Richards, director of the Downtown Development Authority**. "The festival is a way for the community to celebrate fall while supporting our local economy." The Manistee Fall Festival is more than just an afternoon of fun—it's a chance to capture stories, take photos, and get involved. Whether you're seeking candy, games, or just a fun afternoon in the autumn air, the Manistee Fall Festival is the place to be this Halloween season. **Don't forget your costume!**



MARINERS - IT'S TIME TO PARTY

On **Friday, October 24, 2025**, the **Armory Youth Project** in Manistee is set to host its annual Spooktacular Youth Party from **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 555 1st Street**. This free event is open to all registered students in grades 6–12, offering a safe and festive environment for local youth to celebrate Halloween.

The Spooktacular Youth Party is designed to provide an engaging and inclusive experience for teens. Attendees can look forward to a variety of activities, including pumpkin painting, games, dancing, and the chance to win exciting prizes. Costumes are encouraged, adding to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

Janice Davidson, Executive Director of the Armory Youth Project, emphasizes the importance of such events in fostering community and connection among local youth. "Our goal is to create an engaging environment where young people can connect with their peers while enjoying a festive night," Davidson states. "We're excited to offer this event as a way to promote community, fun, and inclusivity for local youth."

In addition to the Spooktacular Youth Party, the Armory Youth Project offers year-round programming aimed at supporting the educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual development of students in grades 6–12. These programs include sports, creative activities, and academic support, all provided free of charge to registered students.

For more information about the Spooktacular Youth Party or to register for programs, visit the Armory Youth Project's website at www.armoryyouthproject.com or call **(231) 299-1205**.

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Written by Alayna Edmondson

SENIORS!

Be sure to stay up to date on your email!

It's time to start preparing class mottos,
songs, flowers, and colors.

You also need to begin picking out your
senior photo to send in!

Written by Lilith Vela

STAFF OF THE WEEK:

MR. VON

In this issue of the Mariner Chronicle, we interviewed **Mr.Von**, who is our gym teacher here at MAPS! He always helps everyone strive to be the best they can. Get to know Mr. Von through some interesting facts!

Read more about him down below:

- **What do you like most about teaching?**

“I like kids. I think they are fun/funny, I like helping them get ahead in life!”

- **What is an inspiration quote?**

“Never say ‘what if’”

- **What are some fun facts?**

“I’ve lived in 6 other countries; South Africa, England, Southern Germany, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. I also lived in Hawaii for 7 years. Therefore, I can speak many languages and am inspired to learn more. I speak a little Hawaiian, a little Icelandic, and a lot of French and Spanish.



Outside of teaching, **Mr. Von** has a vibrant and active life. He is a devoted rugby fan, he enjoys Australia’s unique rules for the sport, and he loves spending time with his playful four-month-old puppy. When he’s not teaching gym class or adventuring, he relaxes with his favorite foods; tacos and sushi. He also enjoys iced coffee; “cold, dark, and bitter.” If he weren’t a teacher, he says he’d be a landscaper, shaping and creating spaces just as thoughtfully as he shapes young minds. His life and career are an indication of curiosity, fun, and dedication, inspiring everyone around him. So, if you ever want to hear some cool stories, need some inspiration, or even talk about tacos, sushi, and bitter, cold, black coffee - he is your guy!

DISTRICT CHAMPS!

The Manistee Mariner Varsity Soccer team has entered the post-season tournament, and even went on to be district champs in district 35! The district finals game score remained 0-0 most of the game. However, with a time of 9:27 remaining in the game, there was a handball called, resulting in a penalty kick for the Mariners. **Max Scharp (12)** took the PK for the team, and was able to score! This is the goal that led the Mariners to a 1-0 victory for a district trophy.

The boys will go on to face Standish-Sterling in the Regional 5 semifinals on **Tuesday October 21st**. They will be playing at **Clare High School at 5pm**.



Photo courtesy to Luke Moorey of Manistee News Advocate



CROSS COUNTRY OVERVIEW

The Manistee Cross Country team competed in the West Michigan Conference Lakes Jamboree on October 14th. The ladies took third place with 50 points, while the boys team took sixth with 142 points. For the girls race, **Hattie Driver (10)** took sixth place with a time of 21:11.62, followed by **Georgia Haag (12)** who took eighth with a time of 21:33.60. For the boys race, **Edison Huizinga (10)** took sixth, as well, with a finishing time of 16:59.69. **Devin Swihart (11)** came in next with a time of 19:32.85 landing him in 31st. The cross country team has their regional meet on **Saturday, October 25th** and **Benzie Central High School**.

Photo courtesy to Coach Ashley Landcaster



Written by Macaela Bruce



Meet Ms. Courtney Cole

Most of you see her around the school every day, but how much do you really know about Ms. Courtney? We sat down with her to find out more!

- How long have you been working at the school?

She has been a full-time para pro for three years, and now she's still helping out as a substitute.

- What inspired you to work at the school?

“I just really like working with kids,” she says.

- What do you enjoy most about your job?

She loves making a difference in a student's life, especially those who might be struggling. “Being able to help someone who's having a bad day is the best part,” she shared.

- Do you have kids or pets?

Ms. Courtney is a busy mom of two kids and also has two dogs at home.

- What's one fun fact or surprising thing about yourself?

Outside of school, she loves camping and going off-roading in her jeep.

GET TO KNOW MS. BOHLE

Written by Macaela Bruce

You've probably seen Ms. Bohle in the gym or out on the field! She's a P.E. teacher, head softball coach, and assistant girls golf coach who loves helping students grow both in sports and in life.



- What sport(s) do you coach?

Ms. Bohle coaches softball and helps lead the girls golf team.

- How long have you coached?

She's coached one season of each sport so far.

- Did you play these sports?

"I played softball growing up and started playing golf more after college," she shared.



- What's your favorite part of being a coach?

"My favorite part of being a coach is getting to be around all the incredible student-athletes," Ms. Bohle said. "I love watching them grow and push themselves not only as athletes, but as people too!"

- How did your seasons go so far?

The girls' golf season just wrapped up, and Ms. Bohle is proud of how much progress the team made. "The girls progressively improved all year, which is great to see,"

- What are you looking forward to this year?

She can't wait to get the softball girls back together and continue building from where they left off last season.

- Fun Fact:

Ms. Bohle is left-handed!



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT : BRANTLEY WORCH

- What's your favorite class and why?
“Health, you get to do a lot of fun stuff”
- Who is someone who makes your day better?
“My mom”



- What's your favorite hobby or after-school activity?
“Playing video games. My favorite is geometry dash”
- What kind of music, movies, or shows are you into right now?

Favorite movie: Matilda

Favorite music: rap music

Lady Gaga's 'The Dead Dance': A Hauntingly Fun Fusion of Folklore, Music, and Dance



Lady Gaga premiered a new music video for her new song “**The Dead Dance**”, released September 3rd. It was directed by **Tim Burton** and has haunting visuals and great story telling. The video was filmed in Mexico on the Island of Dolls or in Spanish, Isla de las Muñecas.

This video portrays a haunted victorian style doll who has awakened from the graveyard. It is a classic black and white horror film which transitions to color in the chorus. Despite the scary themes of the video it is a fun synth pop song with smiling and dancing spooky dolls and **Lady Gaga's** charm. The choreography was choreographed by **Parris Goebel**. This style of dance was inspired by **Michael Jackson's** “thriller.”

“**The Dead Dance**” is also featured in Netflix’s Wednesday Season 2. **Gaga** appears as **Rosaline Rotwood**, a teacher at Nevermore Academy, performing the song during a pivotal gala scene. In addition to it currently being spooky season, the performance has boosted the song's popularity!

Not only is it for Netflix’s Wednesday, but the video itself was shot on Mexico's Island of Dolls which has a rich history of folklore that was brought to life by **Gaga** and **Burton**. The story goes that long ago **Don Julián Santana Barrera** moved to the island in the 1950s and found a young deceased girl who had been drowned. **Barrera** began collecting and hanging dolls around the island, believing they would ward off evil spirits and honor the drowned girl. Locals claim that the dolls are possessed; they have been said to move, change expressions, or make sounds at night, which is shown in a silly manner in **Gaga** and **Burton's** video.

“**The Dead Dance**”, **Lady Gaga** and **Tim Burton** have masterfully blended music, dance, and folklore into a hit single. From the eerie, haunted dolls of Mexico’s Isla de las Muñecas to the lively choreography inspired by **Michael Jackson's** “Thriller,” the video balances spooky storytelling with playful energy. By connecting the song to Wednesday Season 2, **Gaga** has brought the hauntingly whimsical visuals, proving that pop music can be both fun and deeply imaginative. This video is a perfect celebration of spooky season and Gaga’s signature charm.



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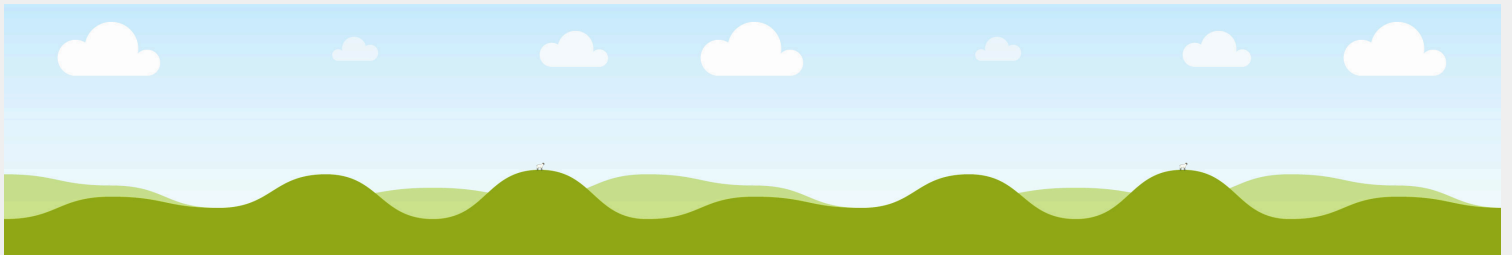
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