



SHS Graduation: Class of 2017 Shows Insight and Heart



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Then the band, conducted by Patty Pniewski, played Pomp and Circumstance (more commonly known as The Graduation March), in the tradition of virtually every high school band across the United States. Superintendent Karl Heidrich kicked off the ceremony with a warm welcome. Then Senior Class President Jessica Taylor expressed the seniors's gratitude to teachers and advisers, saying, "We are very thankful for all you have done for us."

Four seniors stepped away from the seated graduates in order to deliver their final performance with the band. Afterward, Julia Olson, a senior class officer, took the podium to say, "We have been blessed to have teachers who accept nothing less than our best."

Valedictorian and Senior Class Vice President, Hana Allen, gave thanks to her peers. "Some may believe that we are just another class graduating, but to me I see a combination of unique individuals. I see the next entrepreneurs, artists, engineers, doctors, innovators, and so much more. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. This is the time to make mistakes, fall in love, and change your mind again and again. I believe that each and every one of you will accomplish amazing things, but always remember who you started

with and where it all began."

Class Treasurer Poppy Cox thanked the parents. "Family doesn't have to be blood. Each and every parent helped us grow," she said. Then she counseled, "You cannot let other people control your feelings. The only one who can control them is you."

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Article and photos by Patrice Johnson

Sunday, June 4. Graduation Day unleashes a swirl of emotions, from pride at a loved one's achievements to anticipation (and, yes, anxiety) for how the future might unfold, from nostalgia at events past to regret for what might have been. Hence, cars loaded with friends and relatives of seniors overflowed the Stockbridge High School's parking lots and spilled onto Main Street. Graduation Day had arrived for 124 members of the Class of 2017.

A steady stream of attendees jam-packed two tiers of bleachers and floor seating in the gymnasium, set to host its final graduation ceremony before a new facility opens this fall. Behind the scene, black-robed members of the Board of Education and high school faculty lined up in preparation to lead the procession.

Deeper in the hallowed halls, seniors queued up. Some grads chatted, and some fidgeted nervously. Others stood in quiet contemplation of the watershed moment affecting their lives.

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Stockbridge High School Alumni Association Hosts Its 121st Annual Banquet



FRONT ROW, LEFT-RIGHT: William Paul Stephens, Ruth Camp, Ellen O'Brien Boring, Donna Bachelor Sloan, Judy Donohue Sweet Williams, Joe Singer, Dan Bloxom, Kim Gorrell, Linda Stephens, **2nd ROW:** Billy Allen, Paula Arnett Clark, Mary Feldpausch, Carolyn Minix Myer, Calvin Poe, Gene Cowan, Sid Smith, Judy Stephens, Patty Hardt Perkins, Mary Reed, Gail Allen, **3rd ROW:** Doug Atkinson, Bob Zick, Bob Renner, Sue Brown Wagner, Larrel Whitaker, Doug Sommer, Nancy Zeitz Gutierrez, Jere Connor, Nick Carpenter. **Not shown in photo:** Elizabeth Minix Gerber, Larry Steffey, Steve Collins, Bob Burton, Dale Kellenberger, Stan Samulak, Greg Cipta, and Monika Skepinaitis Galinaitis.

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The rumble of conversations and laughter filled the cafeteria at Heritage School on Saturday, June 10 as 105 schoolmates reunited for the 121st annual Stockbridge Alumni Banquet. In celebration of its 50-year anniversary, the Class of 1967 hosted the event.

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Rachel Cassidy Celebrates 100th Birthday



Rachel Cassidy, teacher to Class of '67, studies the Alumni Banquet program. Cassidy celebrated her 100th birthday in January.

STEM Gains STEAM at Smith Elementary



Rachel Vliet and Owen House using Ozobots. Owen explained how using the different colors on the iPad app programs the Ozobot to move different ways.

Photos and information provided by Alicia Phillips

Stockbridge elementary students experienced a STEAM museum, but not the sort that converts heated water to vapor. Rather, STEAM education encourages critical thinking skills through science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Through an integrated process, students learn how to solve problems and explore real-world ideas. On Friday, June 2 the concept came to life when Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. transformed Smith Elementary's gymnasium into a hands-on STEAM museum.

"The event provided an excellent conclusion to STEM projects that students have worked on with Mrs. Burke throughout the school year," explained Brad Edwards, Principal of Smith Elementary.

At the outset, students gathered to interact with an autonomous, programmable humanoid called a NAO robot. Then they explored the museum at their own pace, managing their time between stations with myriad hands-on activities. One station challenged young minds to build an arch; another featured a plasma sphere. A friction runway demonstrated issues of heat and resistance. An area for 3-D printing boggled the mind with possibilities.



Second graders work together to build an arch.

Harvest Festival



Make plans to participate in the upcoming Village of Stockbridge Harvest Festival on September 8-9. Volunteers are needed for planning and during the event. If you are interested, contact Debbie Nogle at (517) 851-7435. [CORRECTION: THE DATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE HARVEST FESTIVAL WAS MISPRINTED WITHIN AN AD IN JUNE'S PRINT NEWSLETTER.]

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Village of Stockbridge, Synopsis of Council Meeting, May 1

Call to order 7:00 p.m. President Rob Hollenbeck. All trustees present. Agenda approved. Council went into closed Strategy Session, Collecting Bargaining Agreement.

Session re-opened. Unanimous approval to agree to meet with union to discuss regular, part-time hourly wage and will provide a job description. Paul Crandall presented the Library's Annual Report. Clerk Nogle gave the Treasurer's Report and discussed her clerk assignments. Accounts payable of \$15,126.50. Unanimous approval to pay. Hollenbeck discussed updates in the village. Council reviewed the police report. No DPW report or SDDA minutes. Commissioner Tom Wallace reported the Planning Commission is working on Zoning Ordinance. No report from Zoning Administrator. Clerk Nogle discussed village business.

Committee Reports. Building: Village Building prospects are ongoing; Cemetery: No report; Personnel: Will be conducting interviews; Finance: Audit is upcoming.

New business: 1) Erin Clifton discussed her event during Day in the Village, the village agreed to assist in preparing the trails. 2) Seasonal Employment to hire a seasonal part-time cemetery laborer; advertise in the Sun Times, \$9.50 an hour, up to 25 hours per week. Motion carried. Motion to change the Rules and Procedures as amended; omit Financial Reports, Department Reports, Committee Reports (unless a request is made to add to agenda) to the Agenda for Village Council Meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Naomi Corson discussed her easement progress at 915 S. Clinton Street.

Council Member Comments: Molly Howlett discussed her meeting with the Wellness Coalition, discussions included the Stockbridge Township partnering with the village on a joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan to obtain a \$75,000 grant through the State of Michigan. Patrick Harden is acquiring quotes for a basketball court at the new park. Adjournment 8:11p.m.

For complete minutes, see stockbridgecommunitynews.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 1 - Chelsea Farmers Market 2 to 6 p.m.

July 3 - Stockbridge Village Council meeting 7 to 9 p.m. in room 112 of Old Middle School.

July 4 - Gregory Parade at noon and Chicken BBQ, Fireworks at dark

July 5 - Stockbridge Library Howell Nature Center - Animal Architects 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

July 6 - Painterly Pottery Workshop (13+) 4 to 5 p.m. at Stockbridge Library

July 6 - Fiber Fun for Adults 5 to 7 p.m. at Stockbridge Library

July 7 - Activities in the Park 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Veteran's Park

July 7 - Open Air Market of Stockbridge 4 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

July 8 - Young Eagle Aviation Days 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 8 - Dansville Community Center/Peter Pan 2 to 3 p.m.

July 12 - Music Duo Gemini 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Stockbridge Library

July 13 - Steampunk Magnets (12+) 4 to 5 p.m. at Stockbridge Library

July 14 - Open Air Market of Stockbridge 4 to 7 p.m. on Township Square.

July 15 - Lego Times 9 to 11 a.m. at Dansville Community Center.

July 15 - Patrice Johnson Book Signing 2 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Library

July 17 - Township Meeting 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall.

July 19 - Variety Show 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Stockbridge Library

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And there were the air pressure, magnets and magnetic liquid exhibits to check out.

"Pedaling on a bike generator that converted kinetic energy into electricity was a student favorite."

Second-grade teacher Alicia Phillips noted as she snapped photos of Elizah Muzzin and Christian Hurley burning off steam (pun intended).

Using iPads, students also loved to program Ozo robots that measured one inch in height.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN JUNE



The Stockbridge Crazy Quilters make 75 lap quilts a year and donate them to Hospice. Photo Credit Roberta Ludtke



Annabelle Lane, grinding corn to make cornmeal. Photo Credit Alyssa Trenchard



Tristen Moon, Kayda Metcalf, and Aidan Bradley, cooking in the Waterloo Farm Museum house. Photo by Alyssa Trenchard



Ms. Trenchard's class, writing on slates to practice their handwriting. Photo Credit Alyssa Trenchard



Dan and Jessica #Team Jessica. A few feet from the finish line her dad helped her out of her chair, and she walked across the finish line. They run races all across the state. Photo Credit Rose Collison.

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The high school choir, led by Carol Hatch, included three senior choralists, and the group sang "Blessing." Salutatorian Cade Wright took the stage and confessed that his parents had encouraged him to lead with a joke. "But I'm just not a funny guy." He shrugged and turned to his class. "Embrace challenge," he said, "because you don't truly know what you're made of until you are challenged."

Valedictorian Austin Forbes waxed philosophical. "Each piece we lay today starts us on a new path," he mused. "Each piece in the past cannot be changed."

Valedictorian Mason Gee-Montgomery cited a few of the many amazing accomplishments of current graduates, and he warned students not to discount themselves as being kids from Stockbridge. "Be positive. Help others," he urged. "Don't let anyone tell you it's impossible because it's not."

Valedictorian Sam Nichols stepped to the podium with a grin. Then he brought down the house with an original rap song that concluded with a tear-inducing "I love you" to his parents.

With a shake of his head at having to follow Nichols, Valedictorian Alex Twining vowed to keep his remarks short. "Live wholeheartedly," he said. "Act justly."

Meanwhile, tears were trickling down a mother's cheeks. A sophomore brother, two years shy of donning the mortarboard himself, peered in awe and admiration at his graduate brother. Soon-to-graduate Lucy Learned looked on, and the expression in her green eyes appeared to plumb a well of emotions that brimmed with love and compassion, uncertainty and optimism.

"Thank others." "Embrace challenge." "Make mistakes." "Fall in love." "Live wholeheartedly." "Act justly."-- Words well spoken and exemplified by the class whose homecoming float won first place, four years running.

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Following a welcome by Master of Ceremonies Joe Singer and an invocation by Billy Allen, attendees enjoyed a hearty dinner, home-cooked by Juanita Medina. Sue Brown Wagner then read off a roll call of attendees according to the year of their graduation. Linda Stephens was slated to welcome this year's graduates to the ranks of alumni, but since no one from the class of 2017 was present, she offered her sage wisdom to the audience, saying, "I would have advised them to be flexible because the only thing they can count on in the future is change."

Judy (Donohue) Williams amazed the crowd as she explained the background of the long-standing and prestigious Ostrander Award. "Don Ostrander, a 1931 graduate of Stockbridge High School, worked with the space program that developed the rocket boosters that propelled Alan Shepard into Space and Neil Armstrong to the moon," she said. "While serving as director of the Office of Aerospace Research, Ostrander administered the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs."

Mike Loso triggered chuckles with his tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 50-year class, as did Sid Smith with his recollections of being summoned to Principal Howlett's office. "We were active kids, for sure," he said, "but more like the hijinks of Happy Days."

No eyes remained dry as Larrel Whitaker conducted a remembrance ceremony. He read individual names of deceased '67 classmates as friends paid respect by placing, one-by-one, yellow roses in a vase.

After Mary Joan McArthur conducted a business meeting, piano accompanist Roberta Barber Sweet led the 50-year class in singing "How are Things in Glocca Morra" from Finian's Rainbow, a musical the group had produced as high schoolers.

The entire audience sang Auld Lang Syne, and with his characteristic jovial flare, Joe Singer drew the evening to a close with an invitation for the party to relocate to Willow Creek restaurant.

Considering the full house, great food and touching program, next year's hosts (the class of 1968) will have their job cut out if they hope to top the night's events. Under the guidance of Mary Joan McArthur and Ruth Bessey, that banquet, too, promises to please.

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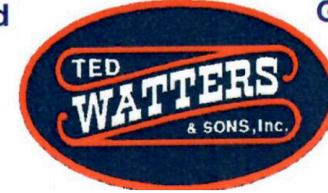
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The Abbott and Fillmore Agency's Roots Run Deep



Jon Fillmore takes a customer call.

by Roberta Ludtke and Patrice Johnson

In 1947, Wendell Abbott founded the Abbott Agency. Now, seventy years and two generations later, it is still going strong as the Abbott and Fillmore Agency. What is its secret to success? Ask different people, and you're likely to hear different answers...and stories.

Owner Jon Fillmore was quick to credit his friendly, talented staff. "Plus, we're unique," the tall, youthful-looking executive added, "in that we represent several different insurance companies." He cited Allstate, AAA, Auto-Owners, Fremont, Progressive and others. "For example," he said, "the Allstate rate is the exact same that a person would get by calling an agent that only represents Allstate, but we can compare all those other companies, too. One phone call—but five or more different insurance company quotes."

Customer Jim Johnson gave the question some thought. "Let me tell you a story." He described a Saturday afternoon not long ago when he was experiencing a coverage issue with another insurance firm. "I called the Abbott and Fillmore Agency, and its answering machine gave an emergency number." Johnson said he called, and Jon answered. "He told me he was out of town and in his car, but he could meet me in his office in an hour and a half." Two hours later, Johnson said, the issue was resolved.

Customer Molly Howlett was quick to reply with a wide smile. "The kind of service they give to us is just irreplaceable." She then launched into a tale of her own. Apparently, while driving in town one afternoon, she became so engrossed in the beauty of a local resident's trees that she lost track of the road.

"Bam," Howlett said. "I smashed into the rear end of a truck."

The next day, she said, her phone rang and the caller identified himself as from the Abbott and Fillmore Agency. "Molly?" the caller asked. "Did you hit Chuck's brand new truck?"

"I replied, 'Yes, actually I did.'" Howlett sighed. "And that was it. So pleasant. Effortless."

So how did all of this personalized service come to be? The original Abbott Agency sold insurance, real estate, and license plates for the Secretary of State. In 1956, Marjorie Abbott joined her husband in selling insurance. By 1967, the agency had grown to the point where another partner was necessary. Wendell approached Ronald Fillmore, father of six children

(including young Jon), and offered him the opportunity to be a third partner.

Ron was currently juggling three, part-time jobs: Stockbridge School art teacher, swimming pool installer, and Farm Bureau Insurance representative. He proved the perfect fit.

Eight years later, Marjorie retired, and Ron's wife, Hester (Jon's mother), stepped in to handle payroll and accounting. She soon rose to partner, too, and in 1975, the business became the Abbott and Fillmore Agency. Ten years later in 1985, founding partner Wendell decided to retire, so Ron bought him out.

Meanwhile, Jon Fillmore was growing up. He graduated from Stockbridge High School and from Michigan State University with a degree in finance. In testament to his capabilities, he was accepted into the University of Michigan's prestigious School of Business. There he earned a Masters of Business Administration and accepted a management position with Comerica Bank in Texas. Within eight years, Jon was promoted to vice president, responsible for opening offices in Dallas.

Then Ron fell ill, and Jon came to a crossroads. He decided to leave Comerica and come home to help out with Abbott and Fillmore. To quote a 1995 edition of Stockbridge's Town Crier: "We have been planning this for 30 years." Ronald Fillmore jokingly recalled how his son, as a young boy, would tell people, "I'm going into business with my dad."

Ron remained at the agency for two years, helping Jon transition. Hester stayed on for five years after Jon took over the reins. Wife Elizabeth has also helped out in the office reviewing renewals and assisting clients. The couple has raised three children in the community: twin daughters and son Austin. Kristen Fillmore Rouse, a Stockbridge resident, is an associate in Wealth Management for Plant Moran. Jacqueline (Fillmore) Olson serves as an accountant for Price Waterhouse Cooper in Grand Rapids. MSU-student Austin is studying what else? Finance, of course.

Jon credits much of his agency's longevity and growth to its flexibility. "We specialize in small business insurance," he said, "especially contractors and in providing medical coverage for small groups of 50 or less." Most recently, Abbott and Fillmore expanded into parts of Indiana, Ohio, Florida and Arizona through InsuranceMichigan.com.

Challenges? "All the government changes in health insurance," Jon said, "and auto regulations." Jon's future plans include opening offices in different states using the domain name InsuranceDog.com, and don't count out the possibility of another generation of Fillmores entering the scene. "Kristen has expressed an interest," Jon admitted, and his face lit up at the thought.



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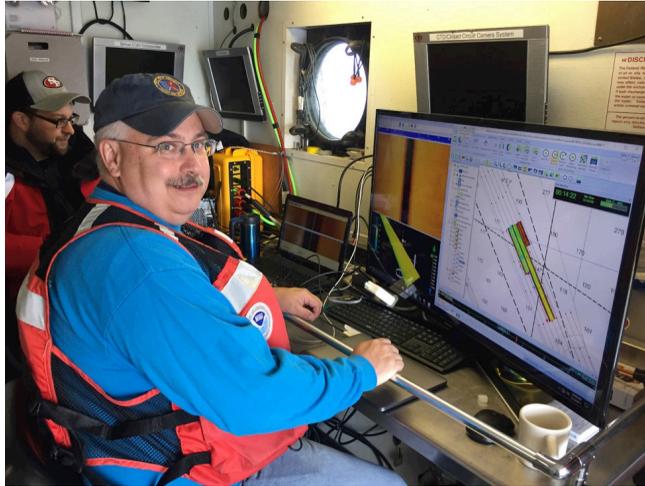
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Local Teacher Part of High Tech Survey on Lake Huron: History Meets Technology in Shipwreck Alley



Stockbridge High School Teacher Bob Richards learning to operate side scan sonar equipment on board the R/v Laurentian

by Sarah Waters in collaboration with Bob Richards

The vast stretches of cold, fresh water in the Great Lakes hide the stories of thousands of ships that wrecked in our nation's inland seas. According to historical records, more than a hundred shipwrecks have yet to be discovered in Lake Huron's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and research teams hope to discover more this summer.

Stockbridge High School teacher Bob Richards, along with three other Michigan teachers, was invited to observe and participate in this month's expedition. According to Mr. Richards, "Opportunities to work with the staff of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA and the University of Delaware will allow me to update my skills and learn valuable new techniques and skills that I can take back to my students and implement over the summer." He also stated, "I'm hoping to learn more about the use of multi-beam sonar so that my students and I can use the data collected to improve our searches for missing World War II era aircraft and shipwrecks in the Great Lakes."

From April through August, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary will lead four different teams using advanced technologies to push the boundaries of underwater archaeological survey and seek yet-to-be-discovered shipwrecks within the sanctuary.

Cold, fresh water preserves Great Lakes shipwrecks remarkably well, and this provides an opportunity to locate these underwater time capsules and tell their stories. The continued preservation of these histories for future generations relies on accurately locating and documenting the shipwrecks.

But finding and assessing shipwreck sites is not always easy. The shallow and rocky areas of Lake Huron that trapped these ships in the past are just as difficult to navigate today, and no single tool is a catch-all solution for finding and recording information about shipwrecks. This research project will test methods of surveying shallow, nearshore water with unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and will explore deep, offshore waters using different acoustic surveying systems, looking for the best approach to rapidly collect information.

The first phase of the project will run from April 10 through 21. Sanctuary partners NOAA Remote Sensing Division and Alpena Community College will use cameras onboard UAS to capture images of the shallow waters of North Point Reef, Middle Island, and Black River. The high-resolution photographs will be used to identify shipwreck remains, and also to produce photomosaics that may help with identification.

From May 15 through 26, the team will transition to deep-water exploration of the northern area of the sanctuary. Using a wide-sweeping sonar device from the University of Delaware, as much of the lake bottom as possible in this area will be surveyed over 10 days, in 24-hour operations onboard a research vessel from NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab. Expected results of this phase of work will be a number of "targets," or non-natural items, discovered along the lake floor.

For full story visit www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com



Fishing wisdom. We didn't check the tackle box the night before, or get up before sunrise. But we did power the boat that would help him realize there's more to fishing than just catching fish. When the energy you invest in life meets the energy we fuel it with, beautiful things happen.

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Erin Keiser	
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Hannah Bolton	Frederick Choate
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Samantha Drew	Abbey Salyer
Derek Young	
World History	
Margaret Pulley	

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Psychology

Erin Keiser	
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Spanish

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Anastasia Schlaff	

QUIZ BOWL AWARDS

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Derek Young	

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD AWARDS

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Hunter Fee	Shaddai Demerath-Shanti
William Fredenberg	Adam Twining
Baylee Heidrich	Derek Young
Madison Howard	

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Carissa Heinzman	Malena Rosedale
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A Look Back in Time

by Diane Rockall

In July thoughts turn to patriotism as well as to carefree summer fun. Through its history, the Stockbridge Area has celebrated July 4, and 1905 was no exception. Large crowds gathered to see the GAR (Guardians of the American Republic) and the WRC (Women's Relief Corp.) dedicate their Civil War Memorial on the corner of Township Square. For the 1976 US bicentennial, the Stockbridge Businessmen's Association planted 2,000 tulip bulbs around the memorial's base and surrounded the flowerbed with curved concrete benches.

The 1917 celebration began in Stockbridge at 10:30 a.m. with an auto parade featuring three automobiles. Special attractions consisted of rope walking, strength demonstrations and "educated sheep." In the afternoon B.E. Brower spoke. Stockbridge's First 9 lost 12-2 to the Lansing Reos (probably a baseball team). The day ended with the Pritchard Players, a free motion picture show and a big dance. Throughout the day, the Stockbridge Band provided music.

July 4, 1967 was cold. Residents wore jackets and sweaters to enjoy fireworks after a long day of festivities that included a Boy Scout chicken barbecue, the Jaycees auction sale and a bicycle-tricycle decoration competition.

Refusing to let a tradition die in 1992, area residents Pat Beduhn, Sharon Barker and several friends treated hundreds of other area residents to a first-rate parade and a full afternoon of activities. Roland Stoffer acted as grand marshal for the Gregory 4th of July parade. Unadilla Fire Department hosted a chicken barbecue. Fireworks were eliminated due to the cost.

Other July highlights throughout the years: In 1917, three years into World War I, Robert Anderson was the first selected for the draft from Stockbridge Township. His draft number was 1005, and in the end, all who had registered were drawn to service. Ingham County was required to supply 130 men from outside of Lansing. Lansing provided an equal number.

During "polio weather" in 1949, parents were advised to keep children away from large crowds.

In July of 1967 Stockbridge bought a new fire truck for \$20,000 and used it within the week to successfully put out a fire, well engaged when the truck arrived. Also within the month, isolated wind, rain and hail storms damaged farm crops across one square mile in the Brogan Road area. Other area farmers suffered as well, but the Brogan Road area farmers estimated as much as 50% losses.

In 1992 Gary Ludtke, President of the Stockbridge Area Arts Council, announced plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the Township Hall. A musical revue, interspersed with theatrical narratives, was planned for November 21 and 22.

Also in 1992, Stockbridge Memorial Park received a new basketball and a new volleyball court, a sidewalk around the pavilion, a drinking fountain and a swing set.

I am still seeking individuals who have memories of events in the Stockbridge community school district, whether small or large. Send your ideas for articles to drockall@mac.com.



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