



November 2016

## Employee of the Year Award Goes to Kim Carpenter



by Patrice Johnson

The practical nature of school oversight doesn't tend to pluck at a person's heartstrings, but the Stockbridge Board of Education's meeting at Smith Elementary on Monday, October 10 proved the exception—for the exceptional. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Superintendent of Schools Karl Heidrich asked Kim Carpenter, a 14-year employee and bus driver, to remain standing. Then he announced that the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation had selected her as the 2016 Helen B. Mitteer Employee of the Year.

"Mrs. Carpenter is very dedicated to our school system," Superintendent Heidrich said. "She's an amazing and caring bus driver who has the best interest of all of her riders to and from school."

A stunned Carpenter hugged Transportation Supervisor Tracey Wooden, the person who had nominated her. "Kim Carpenter is a leader amongst her peers," Wooden added. "She is always the first to volunteer. At the end of each day, it is all about each and every student who steps onto her bus. The students that ride her bus are 'her kids,' and she treats them as such. Kim is an asset to the Transportation Department, and I can't imagine doing my job without her."

The SAEF accepts nominations now through springtime. Directors will select the next annual recipient during the SAEF board meeting in July 2017. Nomination forms may be downloaded off the [www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com](http://www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com) website.

Photo credit Judy Brune, Director, SAEF. President Chuck Wisman presents Kim Carpenter with flowers, a certificate and a \$1500 grant toward a Stockbridge School District program or building of Carpenter's choice.

### Who We Are

The Stockbridge Community News is intended for educational and charitable purposes. It is free to all and carries no subscription fees. The News is brought to you through a grant from the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation and the Charlotte and Robert Camp Memorial Endowment Fund, and through the tireless efforts of volunteers. We are grateful for the generous support of our local sponsors and viewers like you. The selection process for articles depends on their educational value and relevance to the local community.

### Our Mission

To disseminate educational news and information in the public interest within the Stockbridge, Gregory, Munith, and Fitchburg community through a multi-media approach.

### Dear Reader,

Welcome to the premiere edition of the Stockbridge Community News. Access to quality, consistent information is the glue that binds a community together, and it is the hope of the Task Force overseeing the Stockbridge Community News that print and online editions will blossom as the go-to spot for up-to-date local news and information.

Thanks to the generous support of the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation and the Charlotte and Robert Camp Endowment Fund, college intern Hope Salyer has joined the Stockbridge Community News as Director of Community Relations. An honors graduate of Stockbridge, Hope is currently a junior at Eastern Michigan University where she is majoring in public relations and journalism. Please join the News in welcoming Hope, and we encourage you to extend a helping hand.

You may assist in many ways. For example, the News is working to create a plump "Community Calendar," so please send Hope dates, times and locations of upcoming events. Perhaps you attended a rousing soccer game and have pictures of your goalie daughter blocking an opponent's kick? A church potluck coming up? Someone you know receive a notable award or recognition? Email information or articles (photos welcome) to Hope at [stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com).

We hope you enjoy this first print edition and will check daily for current information online. To keep issues coming, please send a donation to the SAEF, attn: Stockbridge Community News, 305 W. Elizabeth St., Stockbridge, MI 49285. With enough financial support to cover expenses, we hope to bring regular print editions to your door.

Sincerely,  
The Stockbridge Community News Task Force

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## Sixth Annual Harvest Festival Comes to Stockbridge Square

by Hope Salyer

The sound of children's laughter carries through the air as parents and children circle around the petting zoo. Running around the metal fencing, children reach in to touch the many animals, including llamas, goats, and a calf.

The Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the sixth annual Harvest Festival at the Stockbridge Township Hall. The festival included live acts on the square, a pumpkin decorating contest, arts and crafts vendors and a petting zoo.

According to Chamber Treasurer Kristi Brewster, the chamber officially took over hosting duties the third year of the festival and likes to focus on Stockbridge's farming heritage.

"I think that recognizing the farming heritage is a big part of our community is important," Brewster said. "Farming is what has supported Stockbridge through the years and what has brought it up, so paying special attention to those and the fallen farmers memorial is what makes it important."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 13 - Barons of Brass (see ad)

Nov. 15 - Opening Day/Buck Pole

Nov. 18 - Kid's Night Out/ 6-8 Grade Neon Dance (see ad)

Nov. 24 - Free Thanksgiving Dinner (see ad)

Nov. 26 - Small Business Saturday

Dec. 1-4 - Town Hall Players Holka Polka

Dec. 3 - Community Education Chicago Bus Trip, Reservations Only

Dec. 3 & 4 - Waterloo Farm Museum Christmas on the Farm, 10-4

Dec. 10 - Stuff a Bus and Sundaes with Santa, 10-2, & 12 respectively

Dec. 11 - Stockbridge Library Holiday Open House, 1-3

For more information and events visit  
[www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com](http://www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com)

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# A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



Photo Credit Hope Salyer A crowd gathers Saturday, Oct. 29 on Munith's Main Street in anticipation of the Munith Lions' Halloween Parade.



Photo Credit Patrice Johnson Justin Collison and Kayden Scurlock dressed as a skeleton and headless horseman.



Photo Credit Hope Salyer The SRSLY Stockbridge Mascot helped pass out candy at the first annual My Body Shop Trunk or Treat event.



Photo Credit Hope Salyer An Alice in Wonderland "Down the Rabbit Hole" float was one of many parade entries in the Munith Lion's Halloween Parade.



Photo Credit Patrice Johnson The Bumpus family's Halloween yard decorations.

## FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Preparations are underway for the 23rd Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

The meal will be served on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Heritage Elementary School in Stockbridge, MI.

This long-standing tradition is only possible through the kindness and generosity of people like you.

If you are in a position to make a donation, please make checks payable to the Stockbridge Community Schools, MARKED: Thanksgiving Day Dinner Fun and mail to 305 W. Elizabeth St. Stockbridge, MI 49285.

For more information feel free to call (517) 812-3217.

## MOBILE WINTER FARMERS MARKET IN STOCKBRIDGE

### Location

First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge, 101 S. Center.  
Pickup in the Christian Education Building- Just look for the signs!

### Basket Pickup Times

Wednesdays 3:30 – 6:30 pm,  
November 2016 - April 2017

Order online at [chelseafarmersmkt.org](http://chelseafarmersmkt.org)  
OR call (616) 734-9123  
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Order a pre-assembled "basket" of products from different farmers market vendors worth \$20 or \$40. Baskets include:

- Fresh vegetables and greens
- Baked goods
- Specialty items like eggs, coffee, honey, jam

We accept SNAP Bridge Cards: Receive double the amount of food through our Double Up Food Bucks program. Spend \$10 off your Bridge card and get the \$20 value basket, or spend \$20 for the \$40 value basket.

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Stockbridge Community Education  
Presents

## NEON Night at Heritage School

November 18, 2016

With DJ Phat Boy, Don Lockhart

Proceeds benefit Stockbridge Community Education programs.

For info about other Community Education programs, please check out our Website, [www.panthernet.net/community-ed](http://www.panthernet.net/community-ed) or Facebook or call 851-8222



## NEON Kids Night Out!

Grades K-5\*, 7:00-8:30 pm

\$5 = admission  
+ 5 tickets

Famous raffle drawing at closing!

Doors open at 7 pm

\*Parental escort suggested for Kindergarten attendees.

## NEON Dance

Grades 6-8

9-10:30 pm

\$5 = admission

+ 2 tickets

Famous raffle drawing at closing!

Doors open at 9 pm

# Heritage of the Stockbridge Community News

by Ruth Camp

The family of Robert and Charlotte Camp was pleased to provide seed money for the on-line and print, Stockbridge Community News. To provide background information about the legacy of my parents, Charlotte and Robert Camp, I have re-written a column I wrote for The Sun Times, June 30, 2009 edition:

It was March of 1996 when I became the owner and managing editor of The Town Crier newspaper. I was proud to follow in the footsteps of my mother, Charlotte Ruth Camp, who left an indelible mark on this village and a lasting impression on me.

This is my final week at The Sun Times, which bought The Town Crier a year ago. This parting message is, in reality, a tribute to my parents who instilled in me a great love of community and responsibility of a journalist.

When the last of her four children entered school, Mom began working part-time for The Ingham County News. In 1967 her boss bought the Stockbridge paper (which she re-named The Town Crier) and made her editor.

Two weeks later, she bought the paper.

Controversy came with the territory. "It's a lot of fun owning a small town newspaper, but you have to be honest," she said. "You have to tell the truth."

One thing I admired about my mom was her courage. When town officials were talking about tearing down the historic township hall, according to a Lansing State Journal columnist John Schneider, Mom used the newspaper to whip up opposition.

The building escaped the wrecking ball even though she was offered a one-way ticket back to Germany where she was born.

The newspaper was a family affair. My dad,

Robert, worked behind the scenes attending meetings, covering sports, taking award-winning pictures, and typing stories (on a typewriter then).

Early on, I tagged along when Mom covered stories and spent many hours in the office. I was a school correspondent as was my sister, Faye, who also typed classifieds and solicited advertising.

My brother, David, and later, my sister-in-law, Rachel, picked up bundles of papers from the printer early in the morning and distributed them to post offices and businesses in Stockbridge, Munith and Gregory.

When my parents died, a month apart, I knew I wanted to be like them. What they were is best summed up by the former United States District Judge Robert Holmes Bell:

Charlotte and Robert Camp cared deeply for Stockbridge. They wanted the community to be successful in everything it did.

They wanted government to run well and expected nothing less than complete integrity from government officials. They were politically incorrect enough to insist some things are inherently wrong, not only for those doing it, but for all of us as well and had the forthrightness to say what they thought.

As we review the void in our lives and community left by Charlotte and Bob Camp, it falls to us remaining to seek inspiration from their example.

As they left Stockbridge a better place than they found it, so should we redouble our efforts in order that our children and community can benefit from our efforts to improve our lives and environment for those around us.

# Waterloo Historical Society Celebrates Pioneer Day



Photo Credit Hope Salyer A homemade butter demonstration was one of over 45 demonstrations and vendors at Pioneer Day.

by Hope Salyer

Over 45 demonstrators and vendors gathered at the Waterloo Farm Museum's Pioneer Day on Sunday Oct. 9 to turn the museum into an 1800's revival.

According to Arlene Keiser, a Pioneer Day volunteer, the first celebration started in 1962 and was called a Fall Festival. Keiser said at the time, it was more of an open house to see the restoration of the farmhouse.

"The farmhouse was in really bad condition," Keiser said. "The windows were broken, and boards needed replacing. The Fall Festival gave people the opportunity to come and see the revival of the farmhouse."

Over the years, the Waterloo Area Historical Society worked to grow the festival, gained more vendors and demonstrators, and turned the festival into what is now the annual Pioneer Day.

Pioneer Day offered attendees multiple demonstrations and vendors including woodcarving demonstrations, homemade butter maple syrup tastings, a flower barn, horse drawn wagon rides, music, and a pie contest.

Sandy Ridge Farm's vendor Herb Confer said his favorite thing about the festival was the atmosphere.

"I love coming to the Stockbridge area," Confer said. "I love the atmosphere here. Being in the trees at the historical site. I like the costumes, the dress, I think it adds a really nice touch."

# SRSly STOCKBRIDGE Coalition Meetings

Thursdays, 6-7:00pm, room 108, former Stockbridge Middle School, 305 W Elizabeth St.

- December 1, (6-7:30pm)
- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 13

Coalition meetings are open to anyone, youth (ages 10+ or adults, interested to participate, contribute, and learn about how we are preventing youth substance abuse in Stockbridge. Dinner will be provided.

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# Stockbridge Community Outreach Holiday Assistance Program 2016

by Karen Smith

Stockbridge Community Outreach offers holiday assistance to qualifying families for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Food baskets are given for each holiday, including all the fixings for a holiday dinner, as well as gifts for each member of the family for Christmas through our Adopt-a-Family program.

For those needing assistance, we will begin taking applications on October 26. The application process involves updating information for existing clients, or opening a case file for new clients. You must live in the Stockbridge School District area and provide proof of address. Proof of income (pay stubs, bank statements, benefits letter) is also required and must fall within income guidelines.

If found eligible, we will then ask you to help us fill out a "Wish List" for your family. Please be able to provide clothing and shoe sizes for each household member as well as a few items each person needs or wants. The list is then given to an outside donor or filled with donations received by Outreach.

To maintain privacy, each family will be identified by a case number and donors will not be made aware of the names of the families they adopt.

Completion of the wish list application means you will receive assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Stockbridge area community is extremely generous and we have many individuals, groups, and businesses who donate to the holiday program, but the need here is significant, and we

always need more! There are several ways to donate.

While the donation room is closed from Nov. 18 through the first week in January for accepting USED donations, we continue to accept donations of food, new items for gifts, and, always, money throughout the season. The only used items we accept during this time are winter coats.

Another way to help is by adopting a family for Christmas. This entails purchasing gifts for a family. Outreach provides food baskets for each family.

Once you choose a family, you will receive a copy of their holiday wish list. We expect to assist over 100 families this holiday season, so please consider donating to our cause. We are often asked what is most needed at holiday time, and here is a list that might help:

**FOOD:** turkeys, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, canned yams, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, cream of mushroom soup, canned fruit, jello, canned pumpkin, candy.

**NEW ITEMS FOR GIFTS:** toys, blankets, sheets, towels and wash cloths (bath and kitchen), small household appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.), socks, underwear, pajamas, gift cards, personal toiletry items, warm gloves/mittens and hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, DVD movies, tools, wallets, anything for teens.

Have questions about this or other programs we offer? Please call (517) 851-7285 during office hours, which are Monday and Friday 9-3 and Wednesday 1-6.

## THANK YOU CHARTER SPONSORS

We are grateful for the encouragement and support of all who have helped bring the Stockbridge Community News to light. While those who have contributed their time and effort are too numerous to mention here, the News gratefully wishes to recognize our Charter Sponsors for their monetary donations.

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**Hats off to the Stockbridge Community News  
from the Stockbridge Area Garden Club**

L to R: Molly Howlett, Hester Fillmore, Jeannine Wayman, Karen Lunsford, Audrey Price and Jean Bliss. 2nd row: Sue Lindemer, Dorene White, Connie Risner, Nancy Wisman, Susan Daily, Terry Sommer, Judy Williams, Bev Glynn. Top row: Andrea Stickney, Mary Wilson, Roberta Ludtke, Patrice Johnson. Not shown: Dorothy Craft, Dona Erhart, Janine Falk, Peg Glenn, Cheryl Guck, Nancy Macaluso, Laura Morehouse, Julia Neuhaus, Nancy Ocwieja, Tammy Porter, Carol Steingasser, & Vicky Woolcock

## The Stockbridge Area Arts Council Presents



The Barons of Brass were such a popular hit a few years ago when they entertained the community with their holiday concert, we could not resist asking them to return again this year.

The **Barons of Brass** will be performing in concert on

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

The concert will begin at 3:00pm, in the **Stockbridge Township Hall**