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Stockbridge Community News Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

Where We Started



The newly formed Stockbridge Community News Task Force convened September 22 at the home of Jim and Patrice Johnson. Discussions focused on ways to guide and grow the new SAEF-sponsored public communications service. (Left to right, Front to Back: Nancy Wisman, Jennifer Hammerberg, Molly Howlett, Emma Lockhart, Chuck Wisman, Judy Williams, Patrice Johnson, Hope Salyer) Not pictured: Roberta Ludtke.

Where We Are Today



The Stockbridge Community News Board of Directors met to discuss the November Edition at the home of Roberta and Gary Ludtke. (Left to Right, Front to Back: Nancy Wisman, Vice President Molly Howlett, President Patrice Johnson, Roberta Ludtke, Treasurer Judy Williams, Rose Collison, Connie Risner, Secretary Bev Glynn and Intern Hope Salyer) Not pictured: Diane Rockall and Mary Krummrey.

Veterans Day falls on November 11 and Thanksgiving on the 23rd, so this issue is dedicated to giving thanks to our veterans and to those who serve our amazing country and local community.

Dear Reader,

We did it! The Stockbridge Community News has reached its one-year anniversary. The board of directors would like to extend its gratitude from the bottom of each and every one of our hearts to everyone who has helped make this accomplishment a reality. We couldn't have done this without the help and support of the entire Stockbridge, Munith, Gregory, Fitchburg and Pleasant Lake communities.

The Stockbridge Community News was originally started to fill a void in the community about which many residents in the Stockbridge area had expressed concern. The idea was to provide a two-page insert into the Sun Times newspaper each month with highlights of the Stockbridge community. After careful consideration, then SAEF Board President Chuck Wisman and SAEF board member Patrice Johnson of the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation and intern Hope Salyer realized a four-page newspaper each month circulated to the entire Stockbridge Community School District would better serve the community.

What started out at a four-page paper has now grown to the 16-page edition you hold in your hands. Publishing a monthly print publication in an age of new media is not an easy feat, and it would not have been, nor could it continue to be, a success without your support. Whether you are a charter sponsor or advertiser, patron donor or simply a reader, the board members would like to thank you for everything you have done to make this paper a reality.

The Stockbridge Community News is focused on promoting the common good and general welfare of residents in the local Stockbridge, Munith, Gregory, Fitchburg and Pleasant Lake community through the collection and dissemination of local educational news and social-benefit information. The board of directors and volunteers of the Stockbridge Community News are dedicated to providing this service to the greater Stockbridge area for as long as the community supports us.

Thank you again for everything you have done and do to make this project a success, and thank you also for joining with us as we celebrate our one-year anniversary with this special Anniversary Edition.

Sincerely,

The Stockbridge Community News
Board of Directors

Stray Horse Finds Home with the Help of Social Media

by Patrice Johnson

At 2 p.m., Thursday, October 12 the Stockbridge Community News Facebook page published a lost-and-found announcement from an Enbridge Engineer: "Stray horse found," the announcement read, "at Stockbridge Enbridge station near Dansville! Contact Enbridge if this is your horse."

Emojis began to fly. 😊 😬 Within an hour, Joe Gordon replied, "He's ours....Kristin, go get your horse."

In no time, the peripatetic equine was back home safe again, and Kristin Gordon wrote, 😊 😊 Naughty old man horse



is home!"

Before all was said and done, the post had rifled through 376 shares with 16,600 views.

Stockbridge Jr. Sr. High School Cuts Ribbon with Tours and Open House



Athletic Director Meghan Kunzelman, Jr. High Principal Joe Wenzel, Superintendent of Schools Karl Heidrich, and High School Principal Jeff Trapp prepare for remarks at the open house. Photo Credit Judy Williams

by Judy Williams and Patrice Johnson

Superintendent Karl Heidrich, Jr. High Principal Joe Wenzel, Sr. High Principal Jeff Trapp and Athletic Director Meghan Kunzelman were on hand Wednesday, October 25 for the unveiling ceremony of the new Stockbridge Community Junior/Senior School facilities.

"Nearly two years ago on November 3, 2015 the Stockbridge School District voters passed the bond election for a 20-year, \$19.8 million bond," Superintendent Heidrich announced. "The benefit was to have high technology and efficient spaces for student learning," he said. "I'm pleased to announce we have met every objective and goal we promised from the original proposal."

He cited the following:

- District-wide technology upgrades
- Additions to include new high school science classrooms and gymnasium at the high school
- To accommodate new grade configuration for creating a junior/senior high
- Remodeling of high school's existing science labs, library, career and technical education, bathrooms, lockers, new ceilings, and stage updates.
- Safety improvements including secured entrances at all three buildings and bleachers and lights at the stadium
- Energy-efficient mechanical and electrical upgrades
- Site work that includes improvements in parking and funds reserved for the removal of the former middle school
- Purchase of new buses.

Story continued on page 3.

Who We Are

The Stockbridge Community News is a Michigan nonprofit organization, (IRS #C4-4001565), operated by an unpaid, volunteer board of directors. Our print newsletter serves nearly 8,000 households in the 125-square mile area of the Stockbridge school district, reaching approximately 24,000 residents. Our Website and Facebook pages are pleased to serve more than 20,000 viewers each month with a growing list of more than 600 daily followers. Any proceeds beyond one year's operating expenses will be donated to a charity of the Board's choice.

Our Mission

To promote the common good and general welfare of residents in the local Stockbridge, Munith, Gregory and Fitchburg community through the collection and dissemination of local educational news and social-benefit information.

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Included below are the names of community residents who have recently died and of whom we have been notified. The included names were also listed on Stockbridge Community News website within the past month. If you wish to have a death notice included in a future edition, please contact Stockbridge Community News. There is no charge for this public service. Full obituaries are also available for a fee.

- Ruth A. Foster - died Oct 1, 2017 - burial Oct. 11, 2017, Williamsville
- Jeanette F. Otto - died Oct. 7, 2017 - burial Oct. 12, 2017, Stockbridge
- Earlene H. White - died Oct. 12, 2017 - burial Oct. 18, 2017, Stockbridge
- Mollie M. Kirk - died Oct. 13, 2017 - burial Oct. 18, 2017, Ann Arbor, Bethlehem Cemetery
- Debra K. Cole - died Oct. 13, 2017 - burial Oct. 17, 2017, Stockbridge

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 1-30 - Friends of the Stockbridge Library Silent Auction at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 - St. Joseph Mercy Workshop for People Living with Long-term Health Problems 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Coffee Chats 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 2 - Fiber Fun 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 - St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Courses for Mental Illness 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

Nov. 4 - Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stockbridge UMC 219 E. Elizabeth St.

Nov. 4 & 18 - Euchre Nights 7 p.m. at Dansville Community Center

Nov. 6 - Stockbridge Village Council Meeting 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 112 of the Old Middle School Building.

Nov. 7 - Make Movie Magic with Stop Motion Animation (Ages 7-17) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 11 - Dinner for Veterans and Spouses 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Stockbridge American Legion

Nov. 11 - A Chicken and Biscuit Supper 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Plainfield United Methodist Church

Nov. 12 - Jazz Series 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Back Street Bar & Family Restaurant

Nov. 13 - Kids Read to Oliver (Ages 6 & up) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Stockbridge Library

Nov. 20 - Stockbridge Township Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Stockbridge Town Hall

Nov. 21-22 - SRSly Lock-In 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. at Stockbridge Bowl

Nov. 23 - 24th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School

Nov. 25 - Small Business Saturday Market and Luncheon 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Presbyterian Hall

Community Calendar

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Veteran-Alumni-Teacher Bob Richards, Leading by Example



Bob Richards credits his military experience with equipping him with an unusual perspective. "I've seen what young people can accomplish," he said.



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STEM." (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Richards says his former career in the military provided him with the training and experience necessary to function effectively as a teacher. "I began teaching at the age of 38," he said, "while most of the new teachers that year were in their early 20's." He believes his age and experience gave him an advantage in the hiring and interview process, too.

Richards cites isolation as the biggest drawback to teaching. "Being stuck in the same room all day is not something I considered," he said. "Also, I miss the camaraderie of military service, and I do miss being a soldier from time to time." Richards attributes the success of the Underwater Robotics program directly to his military experience, specifically his training in administration and logistics. "Organizing and planning each of the missions to Palau was like planning a deployment in the military." He grinned. "From the training of the students, to packing and documenting all of our equipment, to movement overseas and through customs—I doubt we would have been able to carry out our projects in Palau without my military experience."

Perhaps most importantly, Richards credits his military experience with equipping him with an unusual perspective. "I've seen what young people can accomplish," he said. "Young soldiers barely out of high school are thrust into positions of great responsibility every day. They run high tech equipment and assume responsibility for completing the mission regardless of self and without the promise of financial reward. I tend to expect the same out of my students."

Richards takes pride in the underwater robotics team's ability to carry on without him and its adaptability. He feels he can count on his students to perform without his hovering over them. "Each student," he added, "is cross-trained to perform more than one duty position on the team." This independent work ethic and ability to wear multiple hats, he says, "have allowed us to interchange team members on extended field problems while working on boats here in Michigan and in Palau."

His advice to young people? "I always tell students that joining the military was the right choice for me," Richards said. "They should look at all their options and make the right decision for themselves, rather than do what others want them to do. I also tell them to speak with veterans and make sure they know what they are signing up for. There are many benefits to serving, but the military is not for everyone."

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Waterloo Farm Museum Hosts 2017 Pioneer Day



Woman dressed as man in Civil War Union (Yankee) uniform. "It wasn't unusual for women to disguise their gender and put on a uniform," said Jim Wait, one of the many volunteers who see to the success of the annual Pioneer Day event.

by Alex Weddon

A constant stream of guests enjoyed the 2017 Pioneer Day at the Waterloo Farm Museum on Sunday, October 8. The weather was beautiful, if not down right warm, and Scott Otto of Chelsea was there to help the thirsty with his hand cranked apple cider press producing gallons of delicious cider. "You won't find any fresher cider than this!" he crowed while pouring a cup for a guest.

President Brian Dewey, Vice President Cathy Gillem, Treasurer John Ocwieja, Secretary Cheyl Greaney, plus Ron and Arlene Kaiser were in constant motion, tending to one thing or another from the 1855 farmhouse to one of the many barns. Volunteers who devote countless hours over the fifty-plus years of the event are the reason the day runs smoothly, from pie contests to the ol' timey music to making sure vendors

have bottled water. Dried flower arrangements, knitting samples and other make-and-take crafts were instant souvenirs of the beautiful day. A neighborly event for sure.

Always held on the second Sunday of October, the 19th century farm life re-created on the day also includes tours of local treasure Dewey School. During tours of the one room school, former rascals that squirmed in the old wooden desks now fondly recall days of outhouses and no air conditioning.

Improved parking east of the entrance at 13493 Waterloo-Munith Road meant a shorter walk to the fun and into the past. Soldiers, farmhouse tours, demonstrations of baking, cooking, iron working and many other necessary skills for a productive homestead were all on display. Life on the farm was an active life, back in the day.

For more on the Waterloo Farm Museum, check them out on FaceBook and the web at: waterloofarmmuseum.org.

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"The new school is providing new opportunities for our students in technology and facilities," Principal Trapp said, "as you see in the physics and journalism labs, where teachers Brian Tasior and Elizabeth Cyr are conducting a demos."

And how did construction go? "Your staff has been great," construction project Chris Kuhl of Wolgast said, "probably the best I've worked with, and I've been at this 13 years."

"We are very proud of our new and remodeled school facilities," Heidrich added, "and we are grateful and thankful to our school district community for their ongoing support of Stockbridge Community Schools."

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Veteran-Alumni-Teacher Bob Richards, Leading by Example from page 2

Richards feels a special bond with the school and community. "I take pride in my work and hope to promote Stockbridge High School and the community with our successes." He added that Stockbridge is his home. He, wife Judy and their children all went to school here. "I hope to show my students what is possible, that growing up and going to school in Stockbridge can give them a well-rounded education that they can build upon for the future of their choice."

Junior Michelle Zemke summed up Richards' contribution to the community. "I am so grateful that I am able to have Mr. Richards as my teacher," she said. "He has always taught me how to achieve my goals by working hard. He has given us countless opportunities to help us prepare for our future, which has greatly influenced my life by helping me branch out and find a field of work that I can make a positive impact on the world."

Uncaged Student News Nabs Second National Title for the Year



Uncaged team at Michigan Interscholastic Press Association awards ceremony in April 2017. The staff earned the coveted Spartan Award for its print publication as well as numerous individual awards.

they submitted as a print newsmagazine and an online news source that provides different types of news and storytelling. The online source is supposed to offer various media designed and coded in digital modes that differ from print.

Full list of winners on www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com

Fifty print newspapers and sixty-two hybrid newspapers were chosen as Finalists for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Crown Awards to be presented in March 2018 at ceremonies in New York City. The news publications were published during the 2016-17 academic year.

The Crown Awards honor top student publications chosen from CSPSA's members. Crowns are selected for overall excellence in a head-to-head comparison. Student publishing in news, magazine, yearbook or digital (online) formats are all-eligible. During Crown consideration, publications are judged on their excellence as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage and writing.

A total of 1,100 publications were eligible for judging.

Crown Finalists are actual winners, not nominees. Some will be announced as Gold Crowns; the rest are Silver Crowns. Final results will be announced and presented at the CSPSA ceremonies in March 2018.

Uncaged's award is for a hybrid because they submitted as a print newsmagazine and an online news source that provides different types of news and storytelling. The online source is supposed to offer various media designed and coded in digital modes that differ from print.

Michigan Senate Transportation Committee Recommends Dedication of a Portion of M52 in Stockbridge as the "Deputy Grant Whitaker Memorial Highway."

by Patrice Johnson

On October 5, Michigan's Senate Transportation Committee recommended the dedication of a portion of M52 in Stockbridge as the "Deputy Grant Whitaker Memorial Highway."

The unanimous vote came as the result of testimony from Grant Whitaker's parents, Mary and Clyde Whitaker, and from State Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr. (D).

December 7, 2014, Ingham County Deputy Grant Whitaker was killed in the line of duty at the age of 25 during pursuit of a fleeing driver who was attempting to elude a traffic stop. Deputy Whitaker's patrol car left the roadway and struck a tree, causing him to suffer fatal injuries. As reported in the Lansing State Journal, "The driver of the fleeing vehicle was arrested several days later, convicted of eluding police and driving on a suspended license, and sentenced to prison."

"Deputy Whitaker was a model public servant, and was known as an energetic young officer who was always ready to step up when duty called," Sen. Hertel said. "This memorial sign will be a visual reminder of his impact on the community that he so proudly served, and I hope it brings his family and friends some comfort to know that he will never be forgotten."

"The State of Michigan naming this road after Deputy Whitaker is a great way to always remember Grant and the ultimate sacrifice he paid for our community," Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth stated. "This roadway is meaningful because it runs right through Stockbridge where Grant grew up and lived when he passed away."

Senate Bill 509 would rename a portion of Highway M-52 in Stockbridge Township in Ingham County from the intersection of Highways M-52 and M-106 to the intersection of Highways M-52 and M-36.

"We realize that none of us are immune to a phone call or a knock on the front door that will change your life forever — but we've lived it," said Mary Whitaker. "Grant was a wonderful young man. To go into the type of service he did shows that he wanted to do what was right and keep people safe. We will never forget him, the type of person he was, the sacrifices he made and the sacrifices we have made. Through the grace of God, your highway is coming up, Grant."

SB 509 now moves to the Senate floor for a full vote.



A Look Back in Time

by Diane Rockall

History is usually thought of as what happened a long time ago, but it is actually everything past. So now a bit of recent history for future records and historians.... As you will read elsewhere in the November print edition, the Stockbridge Community News begins its second year of operation. The first four-page edition, delivered in November 2016, featured Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation School Employee of the Year, Kim Carpenter, as well as other community events. It also included a brief note about its own heritage and information about assistance and the five original charter sponsors. Names of eight task force members were included.

More charter sponsors were added in December's edition, along with more advertisers. The community calendar was published and a Board of Directors named. No paper appeared in January, but print editions returned in February. Feature stories covered construction work at the Stockbridge High School at the hands of local graduates and Governor Snyder's visit to the high school robotics lab. More sponsors appeared, and feature articles covered community activities, organizations, businesses and individuals.

In April the paper expanded to eight pages with more of everything. "Look Back in Time" first appeared. Inserts were added in June. In August Death Notices began to appear, as did the nature photography of Rose Collison.

In September our new color masthead highlighted an expanded 12-page paper, and October saw the paper expand to 16 pages. In short, it has been a busy year with hopefully many new and exciting additions around the corner.

Although every day of every year brings about news and history to each of us, it is only fitting to recognize particular stand out dates with some regularity. In this November edition, those dates are Veterans Day on the 11th and Thanksgiving on the 23rd.

U.S. Government statistics (most recent for 2014) indicate that 7.3 percent of all residents of this country are either active military or veterans of military service. Essentially, one in every 15 people we see has been or is in military service. On November 11 at 11 a.m. we pause to remember and honor those who are with us and those who have passed. Veterans from each of America's wars are and will continue to be buried locally. We all know or have known some of these warriors, and on this date we salute them.

Papers used in the past for this column mentioned Selective Service requirements in 1917 and the draft in both 1917 and 1943. In 1943 there were also regular requests for donations of "scrap" and "junk" metal to be turned into weaponry. In 1967 Stockbridge Oaklawn Cemetery honored its 105 veterans of previous wars.

For the past 24 years, Stockbridge community members have celebrated with a "free Thanksgiving dinner" on Thanksgiving Day. In most recent times the event has been held at Heritage School, but the festivity began elsewhere. Many families come to share their time with individuals who find themselves alone for the day.

In November of 1992 the Stockbridge Area Arts Council joyfully welcomed a new piano for its Festival Choir Fall Chorale program. On November 22, "Voices of the Township Hall" celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Stockbridge Township Hall.

In 1999 the library celebrated Children's Book Week with a special event on Nov. 6. In 1992 A Stockbridge school bus was involved in an accident while transporting 30 students. Fortunately none were injured. Also in November of that year Donald G. Sommer was killed in a farming accident.

DIANE ROCKALL, a member of the Board of Directors of the Stockbridge Community News, currently writes "A Look Back in Time" and posts the weekly Police Blotter. She also publishes death notices and obituaries on the website when the information is made known to the Stockbridge Community News. Rockall and her husband moved to Stockbridge more than 20 years ago after having lived for about 13½ years in Northville.

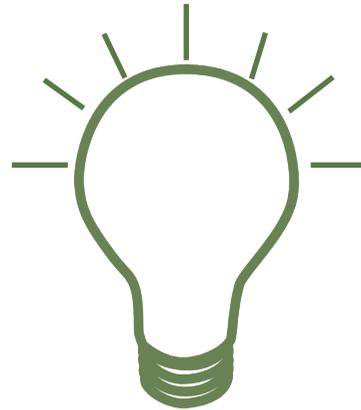
Rural Perspectives



Sun sets off Dexter Trail. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Fall colors reflected in a lake north of Stockbridge. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Green Light a Vet

Let's turn our community GREEN this November! Honor our vets, some of our nation's bravest men and women, by the simple act of changing one light in a visible location in our homes or offices to green. Keep this light glowing every day as a way to honor some of our nation's bravest men and women. As a community, let's show them that we appreciate the sacrifices they have made to keep our nation safe. Put your light on the map. Post your light on the "Greenlight a Vet" map to make sure every veteran across the country can see your support. Go to greenlightavet.com Our local hardware stores are carrying green lights.

Veterans comprise about 11% of the nation's adult homeless population. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 39,471 veterans are homeless on any given night. Of 22.6 million veterans in America today, less than 1/20th of one percent (0.17%) are homeless. Of that group, most are male; most are over the age of 50.



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Article Prompts Letter to the Editor

Dear [Editor]:

I'm sure you saw this article in Bridge today about the Saline Post---but it prompted me to send a word of thanks and encouragement to please keep doing what you're doing at Stockbridge Community News.

I'm not a Stockbridge/Gregory resident, but it is home to some of the people closest to my heart, and as a former journalist I firmly believe that local journalism is a critical part of the foundation of our communities. Thank you for your tireless work.

<http://www.bridgemi.com/success/small-town-michigan-newspaper-said-goodbye-then-readers-stepped>

All the best,
Abby Walls

Editor's note:

When Saline residents learned that Tran Longmoore, their "one-man media band," was discontinuing local coverage, his words of farewell roused a sleeping giant. Community members flooded Longmoore's Facebook page, asking what they could do to keep the Saline Post alive.

"I started getting texts within 20 minutes," Longmoore said. "I got a call from someone telling me, 'You can't close your doors, 'cause no one else is covering Saline.' Checks started coming in," he continued. "Five-dollar checks, ten-dollar checks. It was overwhelming."

Within 24 hours, according to Bridge, "Saline's community newspaper had been saved by, of all things, the community itself." ("A Small-town Michigan Newspaper Said Goodbye. Then Readers Stepped in," Oct. 5, 2017)

Sound familiar? Those who have followed the birth and development of the Stockbridge Community News may recognize an almost déjà vu quality to Saline's chain of events. In fact, communities around Michigan are losing their local newspapers at an alarming rate. According to Pew Research, newspaper circulation peaked in 1990 at 62 million daily papers across the country, and that number dropped almost half in 2016—to 34.7 million. The "lowest it's been in more than 70 years," CNN's Editor at Large, Chris Cillizza wrote in June 2017.

Advertising revenue, the lifeblood of newspapers, has also declined nearly 50 percent since the 2000s—from \$49 billion a year to just over \$25 billion in 2012. "It's not exaggerating to say that all kinds of local reporting — from day-to-day city hall coverage to world-changing investigations...is faced with extinction," media columnist Margaret Sullivan declared in the Washington Post.

In fortunate communities, creative solutions are arising, not from the government or even from the free capitalistic markets, but from readers themselves.

As Longmoore noted, "Most journalists are civic-minded. What's the old saying, about journalism being democracy's oxygen? You have to provide the people...the information they need to decide who they're going to vote for, or which city council members to call on certain issues."

Judy Williams, Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Stockbridge Community News, agreed. "Having a local publication is vital," she said. "Obviously, it's where people obtain a lot of their local news, and it's a place where community members can voice concerns. But it's more than that. Information exchange is the glue that holds a community together. It's like any relationship—if you don't talk, you can't grow together."

As Longmoore told his Bridge interviewer, community coverage is "providing a public service."

As with the Saline Post, the Stockbridge Community News is free. Donors have taken the place of subscribers, and providing local news is gaining recognition as a community service. Like parks and streets, SCN requires the public's support.

Last month, thanks to the generous support of the local community, SCN generated enough revenue to cover its print and postage costs, plus pay the hourly wage of its part time intern. The goal of its hardworking, volunteer board is to some day garner sufficient cash flow to fund a part time administrator. If growth continues as planned, neither the Saline Post nor the home offices that form the neural network of the Stockbridge Community News will be going dark any time soon.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating our first year anniversary, and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Patrice Johnson
Editor in Chief



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Eleventh Annual All Clubs Day a Resounding Success...and a Comment to the Stockbridge Community News



Streets lined with motorcycles. Photo credit Molly Howlett

by Judy Williams

This fall has been an exciting time in Stockbridge with numerous weekend events. One of the favorites was All Clubs Day, an invitation-only motorcycle show. This year marked the 11th annual event. An 8 a.m. breakfast at the Stockbridge First Presbyterian Church was followed by a pulled-pork lunch sponsored by the Stockbridge Lions Club.

Suzi Greenway, chairperson for All Clubs Day, stated, "The event would not have been possible without the help of Stockbridge Township, the Village of Stockbridge, SAESA, Russ MacKinder, and the Wheels of Destiny Club for traffic control, the Lions Club for the pork lunch and the Presbyterian Church for the breakfast."

Greenway is already looking forward to, and making plans for, next year's event.

A comment on the online posting on www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com

Thank you so much. I love [the article above]. It completely told the story of the kindness at the show of all peoples attending. Thinking about all the group gatherings that fear violence, we had at least 3,500 persons attend without one word of discord. THAT is Stockbridge. THAT is Motorcyclists.

I totally appreciate you all.

Suzi Greenway



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2017 Homecoming Queens Announced



Senior Homecoming Court Queens and Escorts: Zach Myers, Audrey Bradley, Jessi Taylor, Matt Bellestri, Kelly Cool, and Martin Hoeksema. Photo Credit Steve Doran

by Hope Salyer

The 2017 Homecoming Queens were announced during halftime at the game against Waverly on Oct. 13.

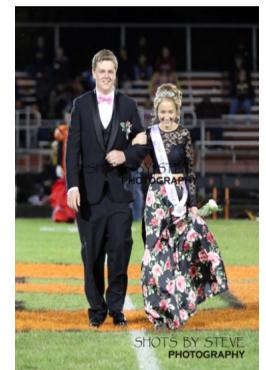
Senior Queens Audrey Bradley and Kelly Cool tied for the crown. 2016-2017 Queen Jessi Taylor presented the crowns during the ceremony.



Freshman Queen Chelsey Asquith & Brock Jones



Sophomore Queen Jordan Myers & Brad Niec



Junior Queen Rachel Frazzini and Kenny Newman



Senior Queen Jillian Cadieux and Jake Sutton



Senior Queen Madison Gee-Montgomery and Kyle Lilley



Senior Queen Shelby Hall and Lucas Wood



Senior Queen Madison Howard and Colin Lilley



Senior Queen Emma Humrich and Zane Turner



Senior Queen Faith Whitt and Logan Long



Stockbridge Community Schools Continues to Improve and Enhance School Safety Initiatives

by Karl Heidrich

As part of our continuing effort to enhance school safety at Stockbridge Community Schools, we are in the process of implementing a part-time

School Resource Officer. We are currently teaming up with Stockbridge Village Police to have an officer in the Junior/Senior High on a part-time basis to assist with coordination of emergency drills, enhance school safety initiatives with students, educate students regarding positive choices, and maintain police visibility in our school district. Our officer has undergone school resource training to work within public schools, and we are expecting to begin the program by December 1, 2017.

All secured entrances are fully functional at the Junior/Senior High, Heritage, and Smith Elementary. To gain access to a building after school begins in the morning or before school ends in the afternoon, entrants will need to be buzzed in. All doors will be locked during the school day. A buzzer system and site recognition camera are located at the entrance of each building. Simply press the buzzer, face the camera for recognition, and a member of the office staff will come on the PA to unlock the door for you. You will then be allowed to enter the building through the office door.

A new security camera system has also been implemented across our school district. We now have the ability to view clear video of hallways, parking lots, and entrances. Please call central office at (517) 851-7188 if you have any questions or concerns regarding school safety initiatives. Thank you for your continued support and feedback.



A Teacher's Two Cents: Homecoming at SHS

Photos and article by Jessica Martell

Since school began, we've been trying to settle into our new spaces. This week, our building finally began to feel familiar again. Today, thanks to the efforts of our students, is our homecoming in more ways than one.

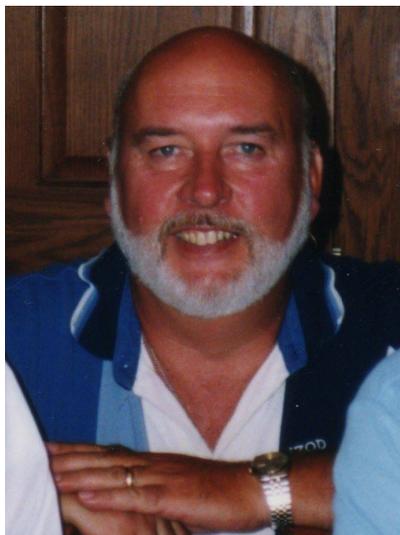
A BIG THANKS to Mr. Baird's leadership students for decorating the school and organizing the pep assembly.



No Leftovers. We didn't stuff the 19lb bird with Grandma's secret recipe. Or make sure Dad got a wing. But we did heat the oven for an unforgettable Thanksgiving dinner. When the energy you invest in life meets the energy we fuel it with, clean plates happen.



Lee Byerly: Lessons from Vietnam War Combat Veteran



by Patrice Johnson

The year was 1968. Lee Byerly, born to proud parents Ken and Helen Byerly, was graduating from Adrian College — but with a cloud over his head. You see, Byerly was male between the age of 18 and 25, and the Vietnam War was in full swing. While that bachelor's degree promised to open doors, it was also dropping an axe on his college deferment. A letter had arrived from the Selective Service telling Byerly he had been drafted into the US Army and was to report for his physical.

For a small town youth who had grown up on a farm along Heeneey Road, adjusting to soldier life came as a shock. Byerly dropped 40 pounds during his eight weeks of basic combat training at Ft. Knox, KY. He went on to receive further training in Fort Benning, GA; Ft. Polk, LA; and Fort Dix, NJ. Now a non-commissioned officer, he was shipped out to Vietnam.

During his 11-month tour of duty in the war-torn country, Staff Sergeant E-6 Byerly served in the combat infantry and became squad leader in Bravo Company. His team, nicknamed "the Professionals," was part of the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade and the Americal Division.

While in Vietnam, Byerly earned a Combat Infantry Badge. He also was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery, which according to Wikipedia, "is a United States decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone."

On his return to his homeland, Byerly tended bar at the Stockbridge Bowling Alley and substitute taught at Stockbridge Schools while he took advantage of the G.I. Bill to earn a master's degree. He was hired full time in 1972 and retired 35 years later. He currently lives in the Pleasant Lake area.

In addition to his weight loss, the most memorable parts of Byerly's military service speak to his emotional experience. What stands out after all these years are the "Monsoon rains, the 'Freedom Bird' flight home," and he added softly, "the loss of friends in combat."

Answering questions about his military service, Byerly admitted, "tore the scab off old wounds." But he indicated he values his military experience for having taught him the importance of teamwork, organizing and discipline. He appreciates the opportunity it gave him to meet "people from all walks of life."

Byerly recommends the Ken Burns series on Vietnam and his advice to young people is to "Be aware of the value of friends and family. Choose your leaders wisely. Be involved in your community and respect all cultures."

Advice from Korean Veteran Hilbert Proctor, "Do Time in the Service."



by Patrice Johnson

Stockbridge resident Hilbert Proctor was born to Grace and Asa Proctor, also of the Stockbridge area. He attended Dansville schools and joined the Army on November 2, 1954. His four-year tour of duty stationed him for a year on the Korean peninsula. For two years, he served in Okinawa, Japan, whose two-dozen or so islands lie approximately 400 miles south of Japan's main island.

Serving in the Army as military police, M.P., Proctor says was a "good experience," and a great way to "see part of the world."

On his return to civilian life in 1958, Proctor began to drive trucks, a profession he continued for 50 years. In 1959, he married Dorothy Brooks, and together, the couple raised five children: Bob, Roger, Scott, Robin and Tracy.

His advice to the younger generation? "Do time in the service."

Stockbridge Joint Meeting to Finalize Parks and Recreation Plan

by Molly Howlett

On Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30, the Stockbridge Township and Village of Stockbridge Planning Commissions will meet in the Township Hall to solicit input and answer questions about a proposed updated Parks and Recreation Plan. At 7:00, the Planning Commissions will have a joint meeting facilitated by Warren Rauhe, Principal, Rauhe Design Studio LLC and Associate Professor, Emeritus MSU to review and discuss the Plan. This Plan needs to be updated every five years, and for the first time will include both the Township and Village.

With the Plan's completion, the Parks and Recreation Committee will be able to apply for grants to complete proposed projects. Also on display will be the plan for the proposed Stockbridge Sports and Educational Complex across from the Junior/Senior High School.

Dave and Beverly Glynn Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

On August 25, after returning from an Alaskan cruise, Dave and Beverly Glynn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Bev and Dave have two children, Kristin (Barry Mergler) and their two children Vivian and Jason and Brian (Megan) Glynn and their two children Morgan and Peyton.



Village of Stockbridge Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Hollenbeck at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: PRESENT: President Robert Hollenbeck, Trustee Frederick Cattell, Trustee Patrick Harden, Trustee Richard Mullins, Trustee Molly Howlett ABSENT: Trustee Christina DuWig, Trustee Carmelita Valdez-Weaks, Others Present: Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk, John Gormley, Village Attorney, Citizens were also present

Pledge of Allegiance President Hollenbeck led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by Mullins to approve the September 11, 2017 agenda. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

Approval of Minutes MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by F. Cattell to approve the minutes of August 7, 2017 as presented. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FINANCIAL REPORT: F. Cattell discussed the financial status of the village for possibly purchasing a building.

Accounts Payable MOTION by Howlett SUPPORTED by Mullins, to approve the accounts payable as presented by Clerk Nogle in the amount of \$596,336.09. AYES: Howlett, F. Cattell, Harden, Mullins, Hollenbeck NAYS: None ABSENT: Valdez-Weaks, Duwig MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS Building Committee Report President Hollenbeck informed the council that the move to the DPW was put on hold until Dalton meets with school.

Treasurer Position MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED; to hire Trish Good as office assistant, temporary employee, \$10.00, 20hours per week. Ayes: Harden, Mullins, Howlett, F. Cattell, Hollenbeck Nays: None Absent: Valdez-Weaks, DuWig MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Public Comment Dan Cabage discussed the SAW Grant, Lakeland Trails, E. Elizabeth Street Culvert statuses.

Council Member Comments Mullins discussed his appreciation regarding the stump being taken care of on Water Street. Howlett discussed blight in the village.

Attorney Comments Gormley will review the laws pertaining to posting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Debbie Nogle,
Village Clerk

Thank You Veterans!

Homeless Veteran Takes Shelter in Munith Park Dedicated to Veterans



Photo and article by Patrice Johnson

Pull up to the Munith Community Park, and you're likely to find a homeless veteran seated at a picnic table with a stiff-legged, wolf-like dog at his side. You may also encounter Marge Perkins dropping off canned dog food, or Pastor Sue Trowbridge from the United Methodist Church offering blankets and foodstuffs. Commander Jerry Kunzelman from the American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510 may stop by, or a state trooper, or local law enforcement. To each in this stream of visitors, military veteran Perry extends a warm smile.

On this sunny, fall day, leather-jacketed Perry admitted, "I've been sleeping outside for a couple of weeks." He declined to provide his last name and claimed he was 62 years old, born in Jonesboro, Arkansas. "I lived in Flint until I joined the Army when I was 16," he said, adding that he had lied about his age and his mother had vouched for him. "Never met my father."

Perry said he had been stationed in Australia where he dealt in explosives and served as an MP, military police. Brightening with pride, he said he had held the third highest level of National Agency Check clearance, a NAC.

After his tour of duty, Perry said he returned to Flint and attended Mott Community College, studying metallurgy for two years and leaving two credits short of an associate degree. "Life after that was all welding and ironworks," he said. "We didn't use harnesses in those days. I fell a couple times. No

broken bones." Perry grinned. "I've had head injuries in my life."

Seated in front of a graffiti-laced stone fireplace, Perry waved to a man who was strolling across the yard of an adjacent white house. "That's my friend, Conrad," he explained. "He lets me sleep in his yard. He's a good guy." Then Perry confided, "The Katie's been down here." He explained that his Veterans Administration caseworker had offered to find him a place to live through the HUD-VASH program. The US Department of Urban Development and Housing, in collaboration with the VA, assists homeless veterans in finding permanent housing.

"I'm in the system," he added, "but it doesn't allow dogs over 40 pounds." Perry shook off the thought of parting with his 14-year-old companion. "Hey, Dog," he called, and the aptly named canine refused to acknowledge his master's greeting with so much as an ear twitch. "He's not affectionate, but if I walked across the street, he'd follow me." Perry chuckled and then proffered softly, "and I drink alcohol. Have most of my life."

According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs website, "Veterans who need case management services have serious mental illness, substance use disorder history, or physical disability." It also states, "In order to be eligible for the VASH-HUD program, candidates are expected to participate in case management and utilize the supportive services, treatment recommendations and assistance needed to successfully maintain recovery and sustain housing in the community."

For those like Perry who appear to qualify on all three counts, those eligibility requirements may feel like a bridge too far.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans declares on its website, "in addition to the complex set of factors influencing all homelessness – extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income and access to health care – a large number of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse."

Layers of issues are likely to account for Perry's turbulent relationship with his family. Daughter Sonya Fulks wrote that she took her father into her home after he and his brother were experiencing so much conflict that they could no longer live together safely. But once in her home, Perry's belligerence and substance abuse became intolerable. She said she bought him a trailer to live in, but still she felt threatened. "He has been given every opportunity to better himself and get on his feet again, but he chooses to spend his money on booze."

When asked about his local relatives, Perry pointed northward with his left hand and snugged his disabled right arm across his abdomen. "We had a falling out," he said. Then his somber face lit up with affection. "I have three grands and two great grands."

As far as living homeless, Perry expressed no complaints. "Conrad keeps asking me, 'What are you going to do when it turns cold?' But I tell him I can go anywhere I want. I'm a free man. I can hitch a ride with a trucker and go to New Mexico if I want." Then Perry's voice softened, and he said he was looking to rent a room for the winter. "Even though I'm having trouble with my family, I want to be near them." He expressed gratitude for his income from the VA and other benefits.

As he was speaking, Perry spotted a woman walking her small, white dog along the railroad-track trail. "That's my friend, Poppy." He beamed. "A nice lady." After a pause, he added, "I get along with everybody. I do no harm." Moments later, he chopped his arms to demonstrate a new form of karate he was developing "for women's self defense."

When asked if he had noticed the park's commemorative plaque, Perry said no. He and Dog shuffled over to the large, granite stone with its weathered bronze engraving. "This park," it read, "is dedicated to those who served their country and to those who gave their lives defending human rights and democracy."

Making no comment on the irony of the situation or the complexity of issues, Perry took a seat on the rock and pulled Dog close. The depth of understanding and compassion in Marge Perkins' words during her earlier departure seemed to hang in the air. "Pastor Sue has spoken with him," Perkins had said. "People are helping him. I told Jerry Kunzelman—I'll get dishes and linens and whatever he needs. He's a good person, very respectful. We should take care of our vets."

Helping hands appear to be extended from all around. The question is: What can they do?

Elwin Breniser: Proud to Have Served His Country

by Judy Williams

As long as I can remember, Elwin Breniser has been a fixture of the Gregory community. He was born at his home in Gregory and has lived there his entire life. Elwin's parents were Dewey Breniser, originally from Ohio, and Hazel Rowe Breniser from Onaway. He attended school in Gregory and then Stockbridge High School.

In 1949, Breniser was drafted into service four years after World War II had ravaged Europe. During his two years of service, he was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas and Bremerhaven, Germany. As a mechanic in the



Army, Breniser's job was to fix anything from trucks to tanks.

One of Breniser's most vivid service memories was his trip to Germany on a large ship. The ship had been welded together, and he was sure that it was going to sink, which it didn't. Breniser recounted, "It took a week to get to Germany with everyone on the ship sick due to the rough waters."

In 1953, after being discharged from the army, Breniser married his high school sweetheart, Eleanor Topping. They had two daughters, Mary (now of Stockbridge) and Diane. Breniser worked in a shop for a couple of years and at the Breniser Garage. He sold the garage in 1978. Along with working at the garage, he owned and worked a farm in Gregory.

Breniser has always valued community service. He served as a volunteer firefighter for Unadilla Township and as a member of the Stockbridge Community Schools Board of Education. He is a current member of the Stockbridge American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510.

Breniser is proud to have served his country and admires the men and women who now serve or have served our country. He also stressed that our flag should always be treated with respect.

Walter Jarvis, WWII Veteran. Advice to the youth, "Use the G.I. Bill!"

World War II veteran Walter Jarvis II, born to Walter and Luella Jarvis, grew up in Redford, MI, now Detroit, and graduated from Redford High. On March 23, 1943, four years into the raging Second World War, Jarvis joined the Army Air Corps. Corporal Jarvis served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations as an aerial photographer and photo technician. He was awarded four bronze battle stars.

When the war ended in September 1945, he came home and took advantage of the G.I. Bill to further his education, attending Marshall College, Michigan State Normal College, and ultimately, Northern Illinois College of Optometry. In 1948, Jarvis married Toni Vetter, and the couple raised three children: John A, now an attorney in Stockbridge; Walter F. III, now a registered nurse with his bachelor of science in nursing; and Marc A., who holds a bachelor of science in outdoor recreation.

Jarvis offers this advice to the youth of our generation: "If you have the desire for further education but not the dollars, please consider enlistment into the armed forces. Use the G.I. Bill!"

Letter to the Editor: Medical Marijuana

October 10, 2017 Letter to the Editor:

In 2016, State of Michigan legislators passed the Public Act 281, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA). The legislators worked for years to provide access to Michigan Medical Marijuana registered patients and caregivers. This effort, according to the legislators I spoke with, was to fill the gap of access to medical marijuana to patients when their crops failed or if their caregivers have gaps in their crops. Access is the key.

After painstaking research and negotiations with community organizations, public and safety organizations, and the business communities, there is still a community of conspiracy theorist and fear mongers as the loud opposition. They say, "marijuana is the gateway drug, and it'll lead to children using drugs like heroin," "crime will elevate in communities with medical marihuana businesses," "property values will diminish," and "legalizing marijuana will lead to a drugged up society." These are just a few.

None of these are true, studies have shown, and it's all to mislead and misinform society. According to the Colorado Department of Public Safety and the FBI Uniform Crime Report, the city of Denver experienced a 2.2% decrease in violent crime rates and an 8.9% reduction in property crime offenses during Denver's first year of the legalization of marihuana, according to a Metropolitan State University study. Colorado Department of Safety reported a 6.9% decrease in violent crime rate statewide from 2009 to 2014.... Other jurisdictions that legalized the recreational marijuana industry have experienced similar declines in violent crime.... In Washington State, violent crime rates decreased by 10 percent from 2011 to 2014. Portland, Oregon, saw crime rates drop since legalizing the recreational marijuana industry as well. (Colorado Politics, Brian Heuberger March 22, 2017).

James Paine, managing partner at West Realty Advisors, told CNN Money, "There has been a huge bump in real estate prices due to the legalization of marijuana. It's massively pushed up raw land and industry prices." Just within the last year, Denver median sales prices increased \$32,500 (11%). The average price per square foot for this same period rose to \$308, up from \$276. (Blog – BeSmartee.com "Marijuana Legalization Affect on Real Estate Prices," by Amanda Curry, Nov 6, 2016)

I began this letter with this information because the loud opposition in Stockbridge, MI, is no different than the modern day reefer madness crowd. "We don't want to be the WEED COMMUNITY, but they hold up signs with a big WEED leaf on them. They procure misleading information with no facts to support their opposition only scare people. It was said at a recent township board meeting that medical marihuana supporters did not come out, because of fear of public shaming or physical harm. The board had to request a county sheriff to attend to protect citizens from the loud opposition. That was outrageous and truly shameful, particularly, while there is a national debate regarding silencing speech.

In fact, a recent letter to the editor published in last month's Stockbridge Community News publication, in which the writer spent more time attacking prospective businessmen than providing factual information against the MMFLA. This is typical when there is a lack of facts; and when the purpose is to silence people. The typical strategy; call them out by name and attempt to get citizens to hate them. Well, we are not afraid. Mr. David Zannon a professional. Mr. Travis Pollack is a professional. Mr. Azar is a professional. And they show their professionalism every time they approach the township and the township board. There is no need to attack them and their motive, other than to intimidate them.

The 2016 MMFLA was passed to allow registered patients and caregivers access to medical marijuana. Whether marijuana has medicinal purposes is a mute

point, because an majority (over 60%) of Michiganders voted to allow the use of marijuana in the State of Michigan for "medical purposes." Period! If the loud opposition doesn't agree with that, then they can proceed with an effort to convince a 3/4th majority of Michigan legislators to overturn the 2008 Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. They won't. They only intend to mislead and intimidate supporters.

Medical marijuana facilities are business ventures. According to the Michigan Department of License And Regulatory Affairs, the medical marijuana industry will generate over \$700 million dollars in its first year of implementation. Each participating municipality will share in those dollars, proportionately. I could go on and on about jobs, tax revenues, real estate purchases, and monies to law enforcement. However, the most relevant issue is safe access to registered patients and caregivers of a safe marijuana product that is monitored, tested, tracked, monitored, and tracked.

Ingham County has over 8,000 registered patients and caregivers, of the 250,000 registered with the State of Michigan. Ingham county ranks #23 in Michigan counties with 28.8 patient cards per 1,000 residents. Of the 3,896 citizens in Stockbridge Township, there are a good number of registered patients and caregivers. Thus, Stockbridge citizens are not only using medical marijuana, but are growing and distributing medical marijuana. Right now, as are you reading.

As stated above, Public Act 281, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Facilities Act was passed to provide registered patients and caregivers access to medical marijuana. It wasn't formed to lead children to heroin, no more than alcohol leads children to methadone. Most important, the MMFLA was to provide registered patients and caregivers access to a safe and monitored product. Please do not allow the loud opposition intimidate your support and become the loud supporters.

Thank you.

Brant Johnson

From the "Lansing based cannabis attorney."

Local Artist Awarded First Place at the Potter Center Art Show

by Patrice Johnson

Lifetime Stockbridge Township resident, Dorothy Craft, received the news October 5. Her oil painting, Henny & Roo-roo, had won First Place at the Potter Center Art Show. Petite brunette Craft, a resident of Stockbridge Township, was all smiles.

"Wow!" she said, "was I surprised...and excited." In addition to the honor, the first place award conveys \$100 to its recipient.

Henny & Roo-roo is no stranger to awards. In a July meeting of Jackson Civic Art Association, the



painting was voted People's Choice Award and hung in the hall of the Ella Sharpe Museum during the month of August. It is now on display at the Jackson Potter Center for the 26th Annual Potter Center Juried Art Competition, which ends October 25.

Henny & Roo-roo also received a blue ribbon from the Day in the Village Art Show last June. Art Show, hosted by the Stockbridge Area Arts Council, is conducted annually in the Stockbridge Township Hall.

Craft works hard at honing her natural talent and has studied art throughout her life. She recently returned from a September 17-22 workshop in Dubois, Wyoming where she was one of only 175 invited guests. There, Craft studied with some of the country's top-named artists who had gathered to promote art for the Susan Kathleen Black Foundation.

When asked what inspired her to paint a hen and chick, Craft said her good friend and neighbor, Julie Taylor, had shown her a photo. "Julie was telling me about her chickens and how she names them. Then she showed me the picture of Henny and Roo-roo, and my heart warmed." Craft said the black contrast against the tender scene had captivated her. "I knew I just had to paint it," she said. "I asked [Julie] if I could paint them, and she was so generous to say, yes."

With her characteristic humility, Craft said, "I am truly blessed," and she expressed her appreciation to Taylor for providing the reference photo for the painting.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2017

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on October 16, 2017 at 7:32pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the meeting Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer Kris Lauckner, Trustee Terry Sommer, Trustee Ed Wetherell. Member absent from meeting: None

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Smith Elementary school students Klayre Smith, Zoie Spadafore, Kailynn Schneider, Brayden Collins, Bentley Hergenreder, Owen Salyer, Drew Muraf

Moment of Silence: 7:35pm

Review Agenda: Lantis wanted to add Enbridge to agenda. Lauckner motion to accept the Stockbridge Township regular schedule board meeting agenda for October 16, 2017 as amended Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizens Comments: Discussion

Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2017 as written. Wetherell seconds All in Favor Motion Carried

Stockbridge Township Financial Report Sommer motioned to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial Report from April 1, 2017 thru October 16, 2017 Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried

Went over the Stockbridge Township Building department Quarterly Reports for the second quarter of 2017 and the third quarter of 2017.

Old Business: Recycling/Trash is tabled for now Wetherell and Lantis will reach out to Stockbridge Village and see if they will be willing to put it on Village property.

Additional weather siren has two possible locations to go up Either at the corner of Milner Rd and Bud Rd or the Corner of Sheppard and Green Road. Wetherell will reach out the siren company and see what location will work best for the siren. Wetherell motion to pay \$10,000 to match Enbridge \$10,000. Stockbridge Township Board will do a budget amendment and take the \$10,000 from the Clerk other expenses. Sommer second. Roll call vote Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Lauckner Yes, Lantis Yes.

Building/Grounds/Light Poles are moving along

Citizen's Comments: 8:15pm Discussion till 8:22pm

New Business: Fire Department was not available

Lauckner motion to approve Pidd Family Farm PA 116 Wetherell second.

Roll call vote Wetherell Yes, Lauckner Yes, Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes

Lauckner motion to accept Stockbridge Art Council Rehearsal on November 17, 2017 and Concert on November 18, 2017 at the Stockbridge Township Hall Wetherell second All in Favor Motion Carried. Lauckner motion to allow permission for stuff a bus on the grounds the first Saturday in December 2017. Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to purchase a new computer for the Stockbridge Township Clerk costing \$829.00 with additional \$50 per hour for transferring data and networking services. Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried

Stockbridge Township has agreed to spend up to \$5,000 on Holiday lights and placing them on the Stockbridge Township Hall and Tree. Wetherell second. Roll call vote Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Lauckner Yes, Lantis Yes.

Stockbridge Township is working with the Mason and the Stockbridge Community Schools on a Child Id program. Gathering will be November 2nd at the Mason Lodge. Time is still being determined

Stockbridge Community Schools will have an opening Celebration for the New Junior and Senior High on October 25, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Supervisor Lantis and Trustee Wetherell meet with Rusty Smith and David from Enbridge on Monday October 16, 2017 to discuss Enbridge Safety and Emergency protocol.

Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board monthly bills for October 2017 in the amount of \$ 25,254.97 Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen Comments: Discussion

Supervisor Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township Board meeting at 9:09 pm on October 16, 2017 Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried

Dorene White: A Military Wife and Life Well Lived



by Roberta Ludtke

It is rare in today's transient world for a person to be born and live the majority of her life in one community and rarer still to have lived the life of a military wife during World War II. But this is the story of the extraordinary Dorene White.

The daughter of Casper and Ethel Glenn, Dorene was born less than a mile from where she has lived for the past 64 years. Casper Glenn

and his brother, Jay opened Glenn's Garage in 1913 and expanded to a car dealership in 1915, as one of the first to sell Chevrolets and Buicks. To this day, you can see Dorene, almost 95 years old, driving her Buick up-town to retrieve her mail.

Dorene's mother, Ethel, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1913 with a degree in literature—an extremely unusual feat in her time. Ethel served as a teacher until she married Casper, but in the early 1900s, once a woman married, she was no longer allowed to teach. Ethel also earned money playing piano for silent movies, which were shown in Chelsea, her hometown, and in Stockbridge in the building next to Cravingzs.

Dorene's husband, Curtis White, hailed from East Lansing. Curt took a position as a math and science teacher in Stockbridge in 1938. He taught, coached football, basketball, and baseball all for \$1,200 a year. With World War II looming and his draft number coming up, Curt quit his teaching job in 1940. Realizing that Curt was going to war, Dorene said she gave him two options, either they would agree to date other people in his absence, or they would get married. Two weeks later Dorene Glenn became Mrs. Dorene White.

After Curt completed basic training, Dorene moved with him to Manchester, New Hampshire. There Curt attended school as a weather observer while Dorene worked at Woolworth's selling sweets at the candy counter. Curt later was sent to weather forecasting school in Illinois.

Dorene worked for the Air Force, as a driver in the motor pool. She drove a pick-up truck and transported soldiers where they needed to go. After Curt completed his training, the young couple was transferred to Denver Colorado. There Curt served as a weather forecaster at Lowry Field, and Dorene worked as a secretary typing out troop orders for the Air Force.

A week after Dorene learned she was pregnant, Curt was shipped out to Hawaii. The day was Victory in Japan Day (VJ Day), and Curt returned three weeks after their son, Larry, was born.

After the war ended, Curt took a job forecasting weather at the airport in Detroit. Living in the city lacked appeal for Curt and Dorene, so when the position of parts manager opened in her father's car dealership, they happily returned to Stockbridge. There Dorene and Curt raised four children: Larry, Rick, Sally, and Barb. Two of her children, Larry and Sally, became teachers, while Rick and Barb made their careers in Social Services for the State of Michigan.

Dorene has given back to her community, as a volunteer, most of her adult life. For 50 years, she was a member of the Legionettes. She stated she was proud of the fact that they were an independent group responsible for much of the fundraising in the community. The Legionettes raised funds to fight Polio, for United Way, and community projects.

Few people today are probably aware that the gate at the entrance to Veterans Memorial Park was funded by the Legionettes. Dorene remembers giving the dedication speech once the gate was installed. She has also given her talents to the PTA, Cub Scouts, the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation and was a founding board member for Stockbridge Community Outreach. She has been a member of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church since she was eight years old.

What advice does Dorene have for youth of today? "I'd encourage young people to understand that the choices they make have consequences," she said. "They should be responsible for their actions and not blame others."

Doctors often ask Dorene what her secret is for such a long and relatively healthy life. Her response: a good attitude, gratitude, chocolate, and a bowl of ice cream daily.

Wisdom to live by.

Unsung Hero: Cheryl (Tide Me Over) Holloway



Cheryl Holloway displays two filled Tide Me Over bags "for my kids."

Photos and article by Patrice Johnson

It's 10 a.m. Wednesday. Cheryl Holloway could be hitting the golf course or joining friends for coffee. Instead she steps through the back door of the Old Middle School and saunters down a dark hallway to room 115. Tables fill the room, and stacks of canned food line the walls. Time to stuff the Tide Me Over bags.

Over the course of an hour or two, Holloway will stuff enough orange nylon tote bags to feed 56 needy Smith Elementary children over the weekend.

Throughout the school year for the past eight years, Holloway has devoted several hours each week to hauling cases of cans and boxes and bags onto the tables. She arranges healthy breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks into assembly-line rows. Then she fills the Tide Me Over bags, two at a time. Today, each TMO bag received one can of ravioli, tuna fish, green beans and peaches; a box of chocolate milk; and a packet of pudding, ramen noodles, Cocoa Puffs, Cheetos, peanut-butter sandwich crackers, oatmeal, raisins, grape jelly and peanut butter.

Even while working full-time as an SHS teacher, the tall and quiet

Holloway managed to squeeze several hours out of her busy schedule each week to operate the Tide Me Over program, a service she and fellow teacher, Jean Buurma, launched in 2009 to stave off hunger among the elementary school's most vulnerable students.

Holloway credits Buurma. "Jean was on the Outreach Board when she saw a TV news broadcast about an inner city program that sent food home with children to tide them over the weekend." No similar program existed for "little towns like us," Holloway said. "There was such a need for the kids that we thought, 'hey, let's try that.'"

Buurma and Holloway applied for grants from the state and Ingham County, and as the program took shape, supporters stepped forward. 5 Healthy Towns provided funding. Farmers State Bank donated orange nylon carry bags. Churches collected food. Members of the community opened their checkbooks. Holloway said one donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, contributed \$5,000 last year and \$7,000 this year. "He grew up going to bed hungry," Holloway said, "and he doesn't want other children to experience that."

Last year funding exceeded \$10,000, but when Buurma retired to spend more time with her family, Holloway found she was all alone, providing TMO bags for more than 100 students, pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. "It was taking me hours just to stuff the bags," Holloway said—not to mention keeping track of recipients, managing inventory, shopping, arranging delivery and tending to myriad tasks that come with running the program.

Once again, Crossroads Community Church, 5 Healthy Towns and others extended helping hands. The program was divided into two parts with Holloway now managing Tide Me Over for Smith Elementary's pre-kindergarten through second graders. Crossroads members, headed by Cheryl Dobos with the help of Julie Scott and sons Ryan and Kevin attend to Heritage Elementary's third through sixth grade TMO.

"The program is very beneficial," Dobos said. "We supplement what we order from the school lunch program and Food Bank. We go out and purchase."

"It takes an army," Holloway emphasized, "and the need keeps growing." Since its inception the complex supply chain has grown steadily. "The Heritage folks have more than 50 students."

To qualify, students must show need and be enrolled in the free or reduced lunch program at school. Each orange bag is marked with a student's name. "The kids are responsible for returning their bags," Holloway insisted. "If they don't bring theirs back, no TMO for them next weekend."

Food items vary each week. Holloway orders supplies from the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Meijer, Sam's Club and the school lunch program. "A lot of churches donate." She smiled. "The Stockbridge Presbyterians collected all summer and gave us a whole bunch of food." She patted a wheeled, blue cart with particular fondness. "This came from North Lake Methodist," she said, "and it makes transporting the bags easy."

"Outreach takes over during the summer," Holloway said. "They provide TMO for whole families by the week with coupons for groceries like milk."

Food storage, packing supplies, staging tables, and transporting equipment require significant space, and Holloway hopes a buyer will purchase the Old Middle School, "so the program can continue to have a place to operate, and we won't have to move."

Donations may be made c/o the TMO program to Stockbridge Outreach, located behind the Old Middle School, 370 Cherry Street on Monday and Friday (9-3) and Wednesday from 1-6 p.m. Mail to Stockbridge Community Outreach, P.O. Box 682, Stockbridge, MI 49285. Questions or comments? Email Holloway at 56Hollowayc@gmail.com.



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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Girls Golf Team Finishes Season



Article by Coach Lyn St. Dennis, SHS Girls Varsity Golf. Photo by Sarah Robinson

What a season it has been. The Girls Varsity Golf Team just finished up a very successful season for Fall 2017. The team was heading into the GLAC All-League Tournament, 28 September 2017, all tied up for first place with Lakewood. Pressure was on and expectations were high for the 18-hole decisive match.

Despite great efforts by all team members, SHS came up a little short in the tournament day match. However, spinning it to the bright side, Stockbridge finished the season in second place in the league. Best ever in recent memory for the Girls Golf Team.

PLUS: Stockbridge's Mackenzie Williams was number one golfer at the Tournament and that clinched her place for number one golfer in the GLAC League. Shannon Smith (6), Victoria Rattai (12) and Alexis Hansen (10) all finished in the top twelve golfers in GLAC with Smith and Hansen earning All-League recognition. The team enjoyed a great season this year, and the future looks bright with four returning seniors.

The coaches look forward to a re-building season next year and wish to encourage new and interested players (experience not required) to contact the Athletic Director, Meghan Kunzelman, or the Golf Coaches directly.

GO PANTHERS!

Stockbridge Varsity Football Falls to Waverly 30-6 on Homecoming Night



Fravier Arce going after the Quarterback. Photo credit Steve Doran



Miguel Medina runs for some of his 130 yards on the night. Photo credit Steve Doran



Zach Myers working the Offensive Line. Photo credit Steve Doran

Stockbridge High School Boys Varsity Cross Country finishes 3rd place

On October 21, Micah Beauregard and Ron Tolson earned First Team All Conference Honors. Maison Beauregard and Colin Lilley earned Honorable Mention All Conference.

Stockbridge High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Ties Northwest High School 1-1

In a tri-match at Northwest on October 12, the Panthers defeated Charlotte in two sets. In the second match of the night, the Panthers lost a close battle with Northwest. On the day the Panthers were led on offense by Madie Gee-Montgomery, Sylvia Whitt, Macy Kruger and Grace Hall. Defensively the Panthers were led by Kaylee Samulak, Macy Kruger and Kaitlyn Knieper.

Stockbridge Girls Varsity Golf Player Mackenzie Williams Selected 1st Team All League



by Hope Salyer

Stockbridge High School Varsity Girls Golf team golfer Mackenzie Williams was selected 1st Team All League. Williams, who helped lead the team to multiple first place finishes this season, was the top Greater Lansing Athletic Conference golfer.

Stockbridge Homecoming Parade



Soccer Team Photo credit Rose Collison



5th and 6th grade Cross County. Photo credit Rose Collison



Touchdown Club Cheerleading. Photo credit Rose Collison

Stockbridge Residents Witness the Greatest of Humanity Amid Trauma of Las Vegas Massacre



Ed and Julie Chappel had checked out of the Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Casino Resort and were lodged a few blocks away as nation's worst mass shooting in recent history unfolded.

Article by Tina Cole-Mullins

"Dear Hate, I saw you on the news today!" The lyrics to Maren Morris's newly released song rang all too true to two residents of Stockbridge on October 1. You see, Ed and Julie Chappel had checked out of the Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Casino Resort and were lodged a few blocks away as the nation's worst mass shooting in recent history unfolded.

Attracted to Nevada not so much for its gambling and nightlife as for its hiking trails, the local couple had arrived at the Mandalay on Sunday, September 24th for a much-anticipated, two-week vacation. They spent the night in a room on the 24th floor. Intrigued at the Route 91 Harvest Festival taking place on the grounds below, the couple had inquired about tickets. But the three-day country music event was sold out, they were told, so they continued on with their original plans. The two left the Mandalay the morning of the 25th to spend the remainder of their vacation at the Club 36 Resort. The following Sunday night, October 1, around 11 p.m. Julie said she and Ed had settled in for a bit of television when live, breaking news interrupted their program.

"Police: Reports of active shooter," CNN announced, "near the Mandalay Bay Casino on the Las Vegas strip."

A quick scroll through media channels confirmed that the police were

asking people to stay away from that area. Neither Ed nor Julie could hear shots, but reports were streaming in: Multiple victims. A shooter had opened fire on the crowd at the 2017 Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival. Emergency response lights were flashing en-route to the Mandalay and surrounding the area.

By morning, news broadcasters announced that the shooter, from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay, had fired hundreds of rapid-fire rounds into a crowd of country music fans. In addition to 58 fatalities, hundreds of people were injured, including off-duty firefighters, law enforcement and first responders trained to lay their lives on the line. The 64-year-old Stephen Paddock had committed suicide and was named the lone gunman.

Headliners Sam Hunt, Eric Church and Jason Aldean had been hosting the annual event, and Aldean was on stage when shots began to rain down on the crowd before him. Within hours, the deeply affected Church wrote and released "Why not me?" Maren Morris, who along with Church had performed during the festival's opening night, released "Dear Hate," which she told Rolling Stone magazine she had written two days after the 2015 church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina and had recorded last year with Vince Gill. Unsure when to release her song, she had held off until now. All proceeds, she declared, would go to the victims of the shooting. She confessed that she, too, was suffering from survivor's guilt.

When asked what most stood out from her experience in this tragedy, Julie Chappel stressed that she was amazed at the outpouring of compassion among the Las Vegas community. "Strangers and tourists, Uber and cab drivers—all were transporting victims at no charge," she said.

There appeared little the Chappels could do to help, so they made their way to a blood drive. The facility was so overwhelmed with donors that the couple was told they might have to make an appointment. While standing in line, "I saw kindness in two folds trickle down," Julie said, "as volunteers began bringing volunteer donors food and water."

Whether fate or happenstance or powerful forces had guided Julie and Ed out of the Mandalay and away from the festival, they could only speculate. But they knew with certainty that amid the darkness of trauma they had witnessed the strength of community and the greatness of humanity.

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Local Residents to Exhibit in One of Michigan's Top Ten Craft Shows

Local residents Nancy Wisman and Dorene Palmieri are slated to exhibit at the Saline Craft Show on November 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In its 31st year, the show is rated as one of the top ten shows in Michigan.

"This will be my sixth time at this extremely well co-ordinated show," Wisman said. "Since it is juried all handmade crafts are of a very high quality."

In a juried craft show exhibitors are selected and pre-approved based on their portfolios. This process is intended to ensure that visitors and shoppers receive the highest quality, one-of-a-kind and limited edition work.

Palmieri's business, Charming Individuals II, was founded in 2010 and features "unique jewelry created by you." Palmieri uses "beautiful beads, crystals, bottle caps and dominoes to create handmade individual charms that can be used to adorn necklace chains, purses, belts, backpacks, zippers... whatever you like!"

"I hand knit baby and children's sweaters with matching hats," Wisman explained, adding that her business is Nancy's Needlework. "The ensembles are one of a kind. Most are made of cotton yarn, which is perfect for children and easy to care for." Wisman also uses novelty buttons and flower accents, and her work may be viewed at Nancy's Needlework on Facebook. "My booth will be located in the center of the main gym," she said.

The annual event is hosted on the grounds of Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road, Saline from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Over 249 craft persons, Wisman and Palmieri included, will showcase their most recent and exceptional work.



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Stockbridge Town Decorating: Here's What's Up with These Snazzy Lamp Poles

Article by Deanna Kruger and photos by Rose Collison

The first Stockbridge Town Decorating ran from October 1st to October 31st. After seeing the great success of our neighbors in Leslie, I decided to see what the interest would be to decorate Stockbridge. I was hoping to have 10 interested, and the list quickly grew. We had more than 30 poles and trees decorated with fall colors. Some reflected their decorator's business, some their school sport and some are just Halloween fun.

Adiska Dental, Bowling Alley, Cravingz, Jax Salon, Heritage Elementary, Positively Chiropractic, Specialty Satellite, and Simply You hosted buckets that allowed viewers to vote for their favorite pole. Each vote cost \$1, and voters cast their ballots with their dollars, placing money in an envelope (provided) and writing the pole number on the envelope. The envelopes and money were collected every few days. Updates were announced periodically on the top 10 vote getters.

Where did all this money go? Each decorated pole or tree donated \$20 to participate. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) assisted with tracking the money and received a donation. Angela and Jeff Humrich additionally donated \$200 to the top three

vote getters. Each pole decorator chose a local charity to receive its winnings. The top three vote getters were given money to make their donation and be announced on the Stockbridge Facebook page and at the S.A.E.S.A. (Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority) costume contest on Halloween.

Because this is our first year we are learning. For instance, we learned not all poles have a light on top. We learned not each pole has electricity. We also learned that our local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are helpful to get the electricity going. We learned the creative talent in our town is amazing. We are still learning how to spread the word and how to guarantee beautiful weather each year for decorating.

C.G. Lantis and Kate Rogers donated all the signs. I look forward to hearing ideas about making future events even better.

Stockbridge Town Decorated Lamp Posts (View More on www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com)

Stockbridge Wellness Coalition Breaks Ground on New Lakeland Trailside Basketball Court



Article by Diane Rockall. Photos by Rose Collison and Molly Howlett

Thanks to \$11,000 awarded by 5 Healthy Towns Foundation and \$4,000 donated by Stockbridge Township, the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition gave the go ahead to Quinn Excavating and Paving to begin work on the new Lakeland Trailside basketball court. Not wasting any time, on September 27 Quinn and crew began leveling the ground directly across the trail from the new playground.



Mason Kreeger of Fowlerville enjoys the construction-themed lamp post.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPOOKY HALLOWEEN PARTY



Tractor Show Sponsored by Sons of the American Legion



Article by Judy Williams. Photos by Rose Collison

September 29th and 30th was another busy fall weekend in Stockbridge, as the American Legion Mackinder Glenn 510 Post sponsored their first-time Tractor Show. The event drew a good-sized crowd over its two-day program that began on Friday with the children's pedal tractor pull.

One of the event organizers, Bev Smith, smiled to recall the activity. "They were going downhill," she said, "so they turned them around and made them push uphill." A bonfire and music followed later Friday night.

Saturday's program started with a memorial to the year's fallen farmers. This year, Tom Cooley, who farmed from Howell to Dansville and Paul Bollinger, a Chelsea farmer, were remembered. Besides remembering those who had passed, a portion of the service was dedicated to honoring the very much alive Elwin Breniser, longtime farmer and pillar of the Stockbridge/Gregory community.

As ever, a mainstay of the Tractor Show was its parade of tractors, which started at noon. Spectators were amazed at the variety of tractors.

The chug of Doug McKim's red 1951 International Harvester brought tears to daughter Becky (McKim) Whitaker's eyes as she looked on with her daughter, Nancy (Whitaker) Somerville.

"Dad's birthday was September 28 and he passed away on September 28," Whitaker said, "so we brought his old tractor to the show." Becky's father had used the tractor on the farm for many years, she said. "He had it restored years ago and drove it in lots of parades. He would have loved this."

After the parade, festivities commenced from the Webberville FFA Alumni Boosters platform as teenagers Calah Hahn and Paige Oliver led the audience in singing the National Anthem. Hahn and Haylee Field were then among the first to drive in the Draggin' Wagon, a lawn tractor pull.

Traditionally, the Tractor Show, organized by Vickie and Lynn Osborne and Bev and Kim Smith, was held in conjunction with the community's Harvest Festival. This year, Kim said, "The Legion called me and wanted to do it here, and it looks like it worked." The Smiths and Osbornes worked with Legionnaire Marty Bliss to relocate the event to the Legion's grounds in Stockbridge.

"There's a lot of local support," Kim said. "We had a lot of sponsors." He emphasized that each participant who brought something to the event was passionate about his or her pieces. "This community was built on agriculture," Smith added. "We were known as the vegetable basket of the country." He explained that the local Dixon farm was once world-renowned for its onions. "I'd hate to lose that heritage," he said. "A lot of people don't know where an ear of corn comes from. That's the point of this event."

"We've had an awesome turnout." Bev Smith pointed out that 83 tractors participated in the first night's event and even more on Saturday. "We had 53 in the parade." She smiled.

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