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Stockbridge InvenTeam receives \$10K grant from Enbridge



Instructor Robert "Bob" Richards addresses the InvenTeam at the Enbridge check presentation.

Also present, Enbridge Communications Strategist Ryan Duffy said, "We are very excited to be part of this project. It's great for the community and the students."

Since 2010, business and technology teacher Robert Richards has taken students to the other side of the world to explore uncharted, underworld territory using robotics technology. This program makes a positive impact on the world while putting Stockbridge Community Schools on the map. The SHS robotics program is known nationwide for its awards and outstanding accomplishments.

Enbridge first built the Stockbridge Terminal within Stockbridge Township and Ingham County in 1999, 19 years ago. Over the past five years, it has expanded its operations and grown Stockbridge Terminal to employ 15 full-time employees.

See Enbridge on page 3.

All Clubs Day Vintage Motorcycle Show draws world-class displays



Lakey and Speery Land Speed Record Holder, Clarkston area, Mich., Roosevelt Lackey, driver, 81 yrs. old. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

Article and photos by Amy Haggerty

The Stockbridge High School Robotics Team, better known as the Stockbridge InvenTeam, received a generous gift of \$10,000 from Enbridge on Tuesday, Sept. 18. The grant, awarded before a sizable gathering at the newly renovated high school, will help fund the team's trip to American Samoa, located in the South Pacific some 7,000 miles distant from Stockbridge.

John Gauderman, Enbridge director of operations for the Great Lakes Region addressed the students. "I want to encourage you to continue to study engineering and earn an engineering degree," he said. "It's a challenging and versatile field with a wide range of specialties that you can use in a variety of ways. I hope you'll earn that degree and maybe one day come to work for Enbridge."

For more than a year, the InvenTeam has been working to organize and assemble ROV kits, underwater cameras systems and drones for their trip. Sending two adults and 13 students will cost \$40,000, so the gift from Enbridge moves the team a major step closer to realizing its dream. The funds will also help students build a sonar unit for their remote operated vehicle, ROV.

Harvest Moon Festival brings home another success



A 6-year-old border collie, aptly named Splash, sails through the air and catches a chew toy mid-flight before hurtling into the pool during the Ultimate Air Dog attraction. Owner Ann Williams, of Lansing, grinned. "Be careful what you name your dog," she said, as blue-eyed Splash peered longingly at the pool of water, hoping for another turn. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

by Patrice Johnson

The annual Harvest Moon Festival began Friday night, Sept. 14, with a Pre-Glow Celebration beer (and wine) tent at Veterans' Memorial Park. The band, Hot Southern Mess, kicked off the village of Stockbridge festival, sponsored by the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority.

Saturday's festivities included a Kids Area at the park with a dog show. New this year, Enbridge sponsored a popular Ultimate Air Dogs attraction, with dogs leaping into a giant pool to fetch a chew toy. Kids were thrilled by pony rides, an exotic animals pet zoo, and two enormous bouncy houses.

See Harvest on page 24.

Three SCN board members travel to NFPW conference to collect awards and attend workshops



On behalf of the Stockbridge Community News, board members Patrice Johnson, Hope Salyer and Judy Williams receive national awards at the National Federation of Press Women's annual conference.

by Hope Salyer

Stockbridge Community News board members Patrice Johnson, Hope Salyer and Judy Williams traveled at their own expense to Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 6 through Sept. 8, to receive national awards and attend workshops at the National Federation of Press Women's annual conference. *See NFPW on page 3.*

SAWC gains approval for 12 proposals and \$75K funding



SAWC Chair Dave Peck and seventh-grader Coco Cesarz present the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition's Year 7 Plan at the Aug. 5 Healthy Towns Foundation board meeting.

Article and photo by Ashley Tomasi
The Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition announced Sept. 13 that the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) Board of Directors has approved its Year 7 Comprehensive Wellness Plan.

The plan, approved Aug. 27, contains proposals for projects and programs aimed at improving the health and wellness of residents of the Stockbridge School District. All 12 proposals included in this year's plan, totaling \$75,000, were approved for funding.

SAWC Chair Dave Peck and seventh-grader Coco Cesarz, initiator for the elementary school water bottle filling stations, gave a presentation outlining the coalition's plan prior to the 5HF Board of Director's vote at their August meeting. Proposals included revitalization of the

playground in Munith, water bottle filling stations at Smith Elementary and Heritage Schools, a new connector trail to link Beckwith Preserve to Lakelands Trail Park, and a match for an Ingham County trail grant. Continued funding will go toward maintaining Stockbridge trails, Stockbridge Wellness Center's Be Fit program, continuing the Bridge to Wellness Challenge, healthy snacks for the elementary school, Community Outreach's Learning By Doing and Tide Me Over programs, SRSly Stockbridge, and marketing initiatives.

SAWC celebrated its 2017-2018 accomplishments with the community at Cravingz on Aug. 16. The celebration included music by Generations band, door prizes, and discounts on food and drinks.

"We thank all our members for their commitment and continued dedication to improving wellness in the Stockbridge area," Peck said.

For more information about SAWC, visit www.5healthytowns.org, www.facebook.com/StockbridgeWellnessCoalition, or join an upcoming meeting the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at 305 W. Elizabeth St., Room 108.

Stockbridge Community News welcomes Zabrina Yannella



Zabrina Yannella Photo credit Meghan ATB Reese
White Oak, Grass Lake, Leslie, and Jackson. SCN's website and Facebook pages regularly serve more than 20,000 viewers each month with a growing list of more than 1,000 followers. SCN is a Michigan nonprofit organization (IRS #C4-4001565), operated by an unpaid, volunteer board of directors

Zabrina Yannella was hired by unanimous vote to fill the administrative assistant position for the Stockbridge Community News on Sept. 5. Yannella, is currently a freshman at Washtenaw Community College and is majoring in journalism.

"I was a journalist for the Uncaged Student News and The Panther yearbook at Stockbridge Jr./Sr. High School for three years and my passion for writing, reporting and designing is what drives me to go out into the world and tell people's stories," Yannella said.

SCN circulates an educational news publication free of charge to 8,000 households in the 125-square-mile Stockbridge School District, which includes Munith, Gregory, Pleasant Lake, and Fitchburg plus portions of Pinckney, Fowlerville, Chelsea, Dansville, Webberville,



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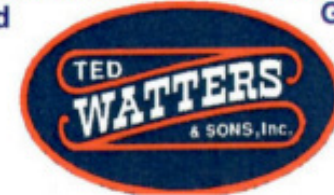
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NFPW page 1

After winning top honors in several at-large competitions with NFPW entrants in more than 19 states, SCN went on to earn three national awards in the organization's 2018 National Communications Contest. To receive these honors, the work of SCN board members competed against dozens of other first-place award winners across the country.

Johnson, Williams and Roberta Ludtke received the first-place award in the Special Series category for their Veterans' series. Judges comments included, "This series gives voice to veterans in one Michigan community, offering residents the opportunity to get to know each other and consider perspectives they might not have otherwise encountered."

Salyer and the SCN board won second place for their Marketing Program or Campaign for a new or existing service or product category in the "Stockbridge Community News Celebrates One-Year Anniversary." Judges wrote, "Impressive statement and project. The result is a high-quality local news and information service in a community that needed such a campaign. From start to finish this effort shines of professionalism."

Johnson and Nancy Wisman received third place in the Photographer-Writer category for their "North Star Reach Touches Lives and Hearts." Judges commented, "Provides an excellent portrayal of the camp through both the text and the photos, despite having the hardship of not being able to feature the campers (due to privacy considerations) as they normally would be included."

Unrelated to SCN, Johnson's book, "The Fall and Rise of Tyler Johnson," received honorable mention in the national nonfiction category.

The Stockbridge Community News would like to thank everyone who has supported its journey and made the local community publication into a national award-winning success.

Enbridge page 1



From L to R: Molly Nichols, Hailee Fraser-Gutting, Julia Marhofer, Hailey Howard, Kaleb Adkins, Katelyn Knieper, Chloe Miner, Kael Bunce, Sylvia Whitt, Chelsey Asquith, Baylee Heinrich, Michelle Zemke, Rusty Smith/Enbridge, Laura Hansher/Enbridge, Rob Kitchen/Enbridge, Bob Richards, Mike Moeller/Enbridge, Brian Buck/Enbridge, John Gauderman/Enbridge Photo credit Amy Haggerty

Enbridge has invested more than \$400,000 in community-strengthening initiatives across Michigan, and its liquids pipelines have delivered over 15 billion barrels of crude oil and other petroleum or natural gas liquids.

The 13 students, leaving Nov. 21 and returning Dec. 5, are focused on achieving four goals: First, they plan to study the fish at the bottom of the ocean. Second, they will conduct research of Palolo worms leaving their burrows for their annual spawning season. Third, they will actively connect with the students in American Samoa to share information and learn about marine technology. The InvenTeam's fourth and final goal is to search for geothermal vents under the ocean floor.

In a move that characterizes of the robotics program's culture of excellence, the team intends to stretch beyond its former limits and navigate its ROV to a depth 300 feet below the ocean's surface.

"So it'll be a new depth record for our students," Richards said.

Poisonous snake bites former Stockbridge teacher

by Diane Rockall

On Aug. 20, a Massasauga rattler bit former Stockbridge art teacher Laura Bowen in the backyard of her Pinckney residence. The Stockbridge Community News is pleased to report that she is recovering nicely and by mid-September felt well enough to take a brief trip. Bowen says she expects to return to normal soon.



Massasauga Rattlesnake Photo courtesy of Dave and Laura Bowen

On the day of the incident, Bowen was cleaning her garage and had decided to

move several items to a storage building. Because her hands were full, she lacked clear visibility and apparently came too close to, or actually stepped on, the resting snake. It responded with a nasty bite.

Bowen felt a sharp burning sensation and looked down to see the coiled snake eyeing her. She had her cellphone with her, so snapped a picture of the culprit and emailed it to her husband, David. He told her to call 911 at once.

He arrived home while emergency workers were preparing to take her to the hospital. The snake was quietly slithering away, so David snapped its photograph, above.

Massasaugas have been considered federally threatened since 2016 and are expected to become extinct. Therefore, unless one's life is threatened, it is illegal to harm them.

See Snake on page 16.

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Oct. 3 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 3 - Preschool Storytime with Crafts (Ages 3-6) 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 6 - Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet 10 a.m. to noon at the Gregory Community Church

Oct. 6 - Lakeside Treasures Open House Celebration 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lakeside Treasures

Oct. 7 - Oaklawn Cemetery Tour 4 to 5 p.m. at the Oaklawn Cemetery

Oct. 9 - Tangible Tuesdays Series (Age 13 and older) 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 10 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 10 - Preschool Storytime with Crafts (Ages 3-6) 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 10 - Kids Read to Oliver (Ages 6 and older) 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 13 - Indie Author Day at the Capital Area District Library Downtown Lansing 1 to 5 p.m. at the CADL

Oct. 13 - Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Stockbridge United Methodist Church

Oct. 16, 23 - Tangible Tuesdays Series (Age 13 and older) 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 16 - Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gregory Community Church

Oct. 17, 24, 31 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 17, 24 - Preschool Storytime with Crafts (Ages 3-6) 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 18 - Third Thursday LEGO Junior Makers (Ages 4-7) 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 18 - SAWC Meeting 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 108 of the Old Middle School Building

Oct. 20 - Free Clothing and Food Pantry 10 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Church of Christ

Oct. 27 - Turkey Supper, Bake & Craft Sale 5 to 7 p.m. at Millville UMC

Oct. 27 - Spooktacular Night 5 to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge United Methodist Church

Oct. 31 - Spooky Halloween Storytime with Crafts (Ages 3-6) 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Community calendar
www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com



First place winner, National Federation of Press Women 2018 Communications Contest.

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 more than 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 1,000 regular followers.

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Pleasant Ladies Golf League wraps up season with Fun Day and awards



by Patrice Johnson
Twenty-seven

members of the Pleasant Ladies Golf League rallied Aug. 30 for their annual Fun Day season finale at Hankerd Hills Golf Course, Pleasant Lake.

Before foursomes set out to play two-person, best-ball scrambles on the Back Nine course, many players decorated golf carts to the theme of their favorite holidays.

Christmas and Fourth of July proved popular, but Halloween skeleton caddies and creepy-crawly spiders ruled the day. After member votes were tallied, winners were First Place, Judy

First row: Marylynn Doletzky, Judy Williams, Karlene Rydjord, Joan Iverson, Susan Daily; Second row: Paula Watts, Diane Hudson, Faye Moore, Nancy Osterberg, Jan Balluff, Delores Boos, Claudette Wilcox, Gail Thompson. Third row: Debby Cortright, Marilyn McPherson, Kim McGee, Lagaia Simon, Shelly Heaviland, Barbara Jo Smith, Marianne Tomasik, Pat Eichenberg, Barb Smith, Bev Halsey, Jean Buurma, Cheryl Holloway. Not pictured and present: Kathy McClinchey, Patrice Johnson, Fieta Miltenberger. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

Williams and Karlene Rydjord; Second Place, Diane Hudson and Faye Moore; Third Place, Nancy Osterberg and Shelly Heaviland. Marianne Tomasik won best costume.

For the past three years, President and Handicapper Joan Iverson and Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Halsey have voluntarily organized the weekly league. Starting May 30 this year, 34 women golfers joined the league and competed in A, B and C-level flights.

Iverson owns a home adjacent the front course and drives her own electric golf cart to play.

"I like helping organize the league," she said. "Golf's been a part of my life for as long as I can remember."

Cheryl Holloway of Stockbridge, Diane Hudson of Munith and Judy Williams of Unadilla Township comprised the three-person Fun Day Committee. When thanked for their hard work, each redirected credit to their fellow committee members.

Holloway, however, bore responsibility for aberrations that materialized on each hole. Thanks to her, golfers were challenged to drive wearing oven mitts or putt left-handed, to use only two clubs per hole and alternate hitters.

"They put the fun in Fun Day," Halsey chuckled.

2018 Pleasant Ladies Golf Season Award Winners

Flight	Low Gross	Low Net	Pars	Low Putts	Most Improved
A	Bev Halsey: 40 Nancy Osterberg.: 41 (pink)	Diane Hudson: 32 Marylynn Doletzky: 32 (pink)	Joan Iverson: 18 Lagaia Simon: 18	Marilyn McPherson: 14	Kathy McClinchey: -4 (1 Eagle) Jan Balluff -4 (pink)
B	Cheryl Holloway: 44 Paula Watts: 46 (pink)	Barb Smith: 30 Pat Eichenberg: 33	Gail Thompson: 13 (pink)	Claudette Wilcox: 15 Delores Boos: 15	Kim McGee: -5
C	Judy Williams: 50 Jean Buurma: 52	Denise Tefft: 35 Debby Cortright: 36	Faye Moore: 8	Barbara Jo Smith: 14	Shelly Heaviland: -3

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Have a Pet Peeve? Air it here.

Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to launch a column that requires your direct hand. Here's how: I'll queue up a question; you'll send me your answer. Top responses will be published online and in next month's print edition. It's as simple as that.

First up, let's talk about pet peeves. What's your biggest one? Personally, I cringe at the sight of drivers picking their noses as if they're hidden under some invisibility cloak. You're in a car with glass on four sides, for Pete's sake!

Now it's your turn. Please, no off-color, audience-inappropriate topics or politics—and please resist all future temptations to pick your nose while driving. Send responses to StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com, subject line: Attn: Pet Peeves. Or snail mail your thoughts to SCN, Attn: Pet Peeves, P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137. Answers must be received no later than the 10th of next month.

Heads up for Halloween: Send me a photo of your favorite kid costume, entered in one of these categories: 1. Scariest 2. Cutest 3. Most creative 4. Other (You name it).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Gimme A. Break

Vote here in Community Stress Test

by Patrice

Johnson

Stress tests are designed to check on a body's health, whether human or institutional, and National Book Award Winner



James Fallows and his wife undertook a 54,000-mile journey around the country in their single-engine plane in order to identify key benchmarks for measuring healthy cities. Fallows' findings, "Eleven Signs a City Will Succeed," appeared in the March 16 edition of *The Atlantic*.

So, what are the signs of a healthy city that the Fallows couple found on their tour of our country, and how does our local community measure up to those benchmarks? Granted, our local community enjoys few economies of scale available to highly populated cities or towns. Our school district encompasses a sizable 125 square miles, stretching through portions of Henrietta, Ingham, Leroy, Leslie, Unadilla, Washtenaw, Waterloo, and White Oak townships.

Yet we residents have long considered ourselves part of a united community. Our unique rural characteristics and school district, combined with myriad churches and organizations, pull Fitchburg, Gregory, Munith, Pleasant Lake and Stockbridge together into a close-knit local community. In fact, one purpose for starting this news publication was to help maintain and enhance the bond our residents share through local information exchange.

So, are there lessons we might glean from an examination of Fallows' 11 benchmarks?

Below, SCN invites readers to assign a score to each measurement and thereby rate our community's health. To participate, simply circle a score from 0 to 9, with 0 representing a complete failure to demonstrate that sign, and 9 a complete success in implementation or accomplishment of that sign. Readers are invited to share their reasons for choosing their scores, and SCN will compile results into a final report.

Benchmarks

See Test on page 17.

Club's page 1

"Why that's Rosey Lackey!" an onlooker explained in awe. "He and that bike broke the world's speed record down in the Salt Flats of Nevada."

When questioned, Rosey Lackey nodded shyly. "It has gone as fast as 179 [mph]," he said, "and that was enough to acquire the world land speed record in its class." The slender, 50-looking man first began biking in 1954, he said, and he was now 81 years old. (Yes, 81—not a typo.)

Local organizer Suzi Greenway referred to Lackey's Bonneville as one of the day's amazing attractions.

"This is the 12th annual All Clubs Day on the Township Square," she said. For 16½ years prior to relocating the event to downtown, Greenway hosted the event at her home on Morton Road, so the event's longevity actually totals to an impressive 27½ years.

By 1:30 p.m., at least 15 clubs and approximately 250 bikes were parked around the square.

"Throughout the day, several thousand will be riding in," Greenway said. "But they don't stay. They want to ride the roads that are famous in this area." She estimated the combined motorcycles' value at several million dollars.

Activities? Breakfast at the Presbyterian Church. For lunch, the Lions Club offered pulled pork next to the Township Hall. Business at local merchants was humming, too. Appetizing smells from Cravingz's smoker drew a constant stream of customers, and 20-foot lines queued up to place orders. The new bakery shop was open, as was the diner.

"It's all for the pleasure of everyone, just to gather." Greenway grinned.

Another highlight, she said, was the 1911 Flanders IV, made in Chelsea, Mich., and now housed in the Chelsea Area Historical Museum.

Lynne Roskowski-Farley said, "They only made a few of them, and this one was a basket case that came from California." Elliot Andrews bought it, she said. Then Andrews and her husband, Arthur Farley, decided to restore it as an awesome project. Both are now deceased, but they lived to see it run, Rosckowski-Farley said. "Arthur was the first to ride it." She smiled through her grief.

If Greenway could leave readers with one parting thought, she said it would be the kindness of motorcyclists. "People need to see and recognize and get rid of the Marlon Brando image of motorcyclists," she said. "I used to print T-shirts that read, World class motorcycles...and people."



From the superintendent's desk Weather Closing and Emergency Drills

by Karl Heidrich

Student safety is our priority.

Last spring, our district began new procedures for emergency drills. Stockbridge Community Schools is now certified as an ALICE trained school district. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter,

and Evacuate.

According to the ALICE Institute, ALICE training is a research-based, proactive approach to responding to an active shooter situation. It has been adopted by businesses, schools, and organizations across the nation to prepare employees, staff, students and personnel for how to respond to violent intruder situations.

Stockbridge Community Schools will continue with district-wide ALICE drills throughout this school year. If you have any questions regarding our drills, please contact our office at 517-851-7188.

This is also the time of year to remind parents that it sometimes becomes necessary to close or delay school due to deteriorating weather conditions. As winter season approaches, our administrative team will make every effort to make a decision no later than 5:45 a.m. We begin to evaluate road conditions in the morning as early as 4:15 a.m. A variety of factors are considered before a final decision is made for the school district to be delayed or closed.

Stockbridge Community Schools operates on a two-hour delay or school is closed for the day. During a two-hour delay, school operates two hours after the normal school start time.

Parents and students may find closing or delay information from the following resources:

- Parent All Call Email/Phone notification system
- TV Announcements (WILX Channel 10, WLNS Channel 6, and Fox 47)
- District Website
- Social Media

It is important to not rely solely on the Parent All Call system for the announcement of a delay or cancellation. If the Parent All Call system experiences technical difficulties, it may be necessary to seek out another source of information such as TV announcements.

Sincerely,
Karl Heidrich

Karl Heidrich has been an administrator for Stockbridge Community Schools since 1999 and has been the Superintendent of Schools since 2013.

Baby Hannah alive and well. Trooper who saved her awarded Heart Saver Hero Award

by Patrice Johnson

At first glance, infant Hannah Paielli looked like a normal baby resting in her father's arms under a shade tree at the Harvest Moon Festival on Sept. 15. But anyone familiar with Hannah's story would recognize the newborn as a special, and fortunate, little girl.

Thanks to her parents' quick thinking and the heroic efforts of a Michigan state trooper, baby Hannah is alive and well today.

Just over seven weeks ago, local homeowners Jessica and Andrew Paielli were making a mad dash for Henry Ford



Allegiance Health Hospital in Jackson when their fourth child insisted on entering the world breech and unresponsive in their SUV.

Unable to revive the baby and desperate at seeing her turn purple, Andrew called 911 and pulled

into the Michigan State Police barracks in Blackman Township, Jackson. Michigan State Trooper Ronnie Tucker, just 23 years old and with MSP only eight months, answered the call. After he administered lifesaving techniques, baby Hannah began to breathe.

See Hannah on page 23.

See Hannah on page 23.

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Rural perspectives

article and photos by Rose Collison

There are strange bugs among us, cool-looking, strange-sounding bugs. One of them, the katydid, derives its name from the sound it makes. Its repetitive clicks and calls resemble someone saying, "ta-ty-did." Both genders are capable of producing the sound. Katydid's are related to crickets and grasshoppers, with large back legs for jumping. They have wings, however, to help them fly away from danger.

Then there is the walking stick. This bony insect varies from 2 inches to 8 inches in length. Most are without wings and are brown, tan, gray or green. Imagine a stick with long legs and antennae, and you'll picture a walking stick.



The katydid, named for the sound it makes, is sometimes called a leaf bug.



Walking sticks are known by several names, including devil's riding horse, prairie alligator, witch's horse and musk mare.

After retiring from Stockbridge Community Schools, Rose Collison joined the board of Stockbridge Community News. She serves as volunteer photographer and manages the Where's Waldo contest. She and husband Ken have lived in the area for a number of years.



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Stockbridge Sprockets begin their reach for the stars



by Agnes Geiger

The Stockbridge Sprockets, a robotics club for grades seven and eight, launched into its second year of competition and learning in early September with a kickoff event at Oxford Middle School.

Team members are participating in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology or FIRST Tech Challenge.

Under the direction of teacher and lead coach Mary Waterhouse and other mentors, the Sprockets will design, build and program a robot to play a floor game against robots designed by other teams of students.

Sprockets members currently share one robot, but the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation has approved a grant for a second robot kit for the team. With the additional robot, the students can work together in teams and create additional designs for testing.

During the Oxford Middle School kickoff, the students discussed the year's challenge, viewed an official pit area and setup for the competition, and had a chance to test their robot designs.

Because July 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of man's landing on the moon,

The Stockbridge Sprockets, a robotics club for grades seven and eight, launched into its second year of competition and learning in early September with a kickoff event at Oxford Middle School. Photo credit Jennifer Hammerberg

the FIRST competitions this school year all have an outer space theme.

The games involve the robots moving items from one space to another. Extra points are earned if robots can start off the ground and pull themselves up at the end.

The students compete in an alliance format, working with another team, as red or blue groups. The alliances are random, and students may be working with one team in one round, but competing against the same team in another round.

According to the FIRST website at firstinspires.org, the activity is "way more than just building robots."

"Students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles," it states, "while realizing the value of hard work, innovation, and sharing ideas."

Students also may be eligible for college scholarships because of their participation and learning in the FIRST program.

FIRST was founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest in science and technology. The nonprofit organization is based in Manchester, N.H. About 530,000 students in grades K-12 participate in FIRST on 60,000 teams in more than 80 countries.



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Student of the Month: Anna Schlaff



Anna Schlaff, a 16-year-old junior at Stockbridge High School, has an incredible skill set. Teacher Timothy Salow describes her as “an exceptional hard worker, confident, involved and a model student.” Photo credit

Cindy Lance

model student.”

Stockbridge High School Principal Jeff Trapp agrees.

“Anna is a dedicated individual both in the classroom and in all of her extracurricular activities,” he said. “She cares for everyone.”

Anna said her classmates would probably describe her as fun, caring, smart and mature.

Her caring nature is demonstrated through her involvement in the district’s LINKS program.

LINKS are the students who help student “buddies” with disabilities. The LINKS attend classes with their buddies and provide support in the classroom.

Anna feels being involved with the LINKS program “taught me patience, and my true love for helping others.”

She plans to continue helping students one day in her career as an elementary school teacher.

Along with parents, Ralph and Amy, Anna has a twin brother, Andy, and little sister, Abby. She is technically the middle child, born an hour and five minutes later than her brother.

The siblings have attended Stockbridge schools since preschool.

Anna likes Stockbridge because “it’s small and secluded, so you know almost everyone.”

“In the school, everyone cares!” she said. “Walking down the hallways, everyone smiles. Just a super positive environment.”

by **Cindy Lance**

Anna Schlaff, a 16-year-old junior at Stockbridge High School, has an incredible skill set.

She’s a model student, receiving the English and Spanish awards at last year’s honors night. But Anna’s also involved in many extracurricular activities. She acted for years with the local theater group and shows animals in 4-H.

Yet she’s also an athlete and runs on the cross country team. Anna even set a personal best time at her last meet.

Her dedication, hard work and caring nature win praise from her teachers and principal, and led to her being named the Student of the Month.

Teacher Timothy Salow describes her as “an exceptional hard worker, confident, involved and a



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What’s new at school

by **Cindy Lance**

School is back in session, and students will see some changes this fall.

Over the summer, a flurry of activity improved the school buildings. Crews installed new windows and doors at the Junior/Senior High School, and completed other finishing touches made possible with money from the recent bond issue. Thanks again to the community for the overwhelming support and investing in the education of our youth!

Changes to the staff occurred as well. Some new faces filled the hallways in all of the buildings and some familiar teachers were absent.

After a combined 82 years of service, elementary staff Judy Brune, Mary Pashkevich and Teresa Snyir retired from the district, leaving a lasting legacy in the lives they touched.

Stockbridge alumni are part of the additions: Ashlee Muscato is the Early Childhood Discovery lead teacher and Heritage welcomed Brittany (Waters) Floyd in fifth grade.

Corrine Turner will be stepping in as fourth-grade long-term substitute. Heather Asquith, who previously spent much of her time at the Junior/Senior High School, will be filling the long-term substitute role in K-5 STEM.

The Junior/Senior High School also had some staff changes, as resignations by two teachers and one administrator created openings. To fill those voids, Jessica Highfield was hired for senior high English and Hannah Reyes will teach junior high science. Meghan Kunzelman, the athletic director and previous math teacher, will become junior high principal.

See *School* on page 16.

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Outreach opens for business in new digs



Article and photos by Patrice Johnson

Volunteers and local residents gathered Outreach's grand reopening in its new digs at the Old Middle School, Sept. 5.

Three rooms were newly renovated: one to house food; another to display clothing; and the third room was set to receive donations.

Attendees are invited to

Room two displays clothing.

enter in the back (south side) of the Old Middle School.



Cheryl Holloway tours the newly renovated and equipped food room.

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Grants approved and funded by SAEF July 26th 2018. Grants are approved quarterly, our next grant request approval will be on October 25th. Please submit grant requests in writing to Karl Heidrich 100 Price Ave, Stockbridge MI 49285. Grant request criteria can be found at <https://www.panthernet.net/our-district/saef/> or by contacting Karl at 517 851-7188.

A look back in time

by Diane Rockall

One hundred thirty years ago, in 1888, the then-Stockbridge Sun editor W.B. Gildart reported on visitors to the community and surrounding areas, a slow recovery from illness by Charles Low, and the death of Mr. Chappell from Williamston at a pole-raising. The Detroit Journal, it was announced, was offering a \$1,000 prize in gold for the person who



could name the four coldest days in the coming Dec. 1 to March 1 period.

Twenty years later, in 1908, political activity was heating up by October on the local, state and national scene with our local paper reporting on the upcoming election. A number of slates were provided by early October. The Stockbridge football team played Howell on Oct. 10. On the same week, Mrs. J. K. Stanley advertised hats with ostrich plumes and fancy feathers. W. Dancer Co. advertised coats and skirts for ladies and children. Other ads included Winchester (guns), Sayles (candy), Glasgow Brothers and many more. On a wider front, Henry Ford introduced his Model T on Oct. 1.

Eighty years ago, in 1938, the local weekly still carried local, state, national and international news. A faculty group held its first get-together for teachers, featuring presentations, dinner and games. The PTA began an ambitious year of meetings and activities as well.

The paper carried comics and serialized books in addition to the ads and news copy. Munith Methodist Church held a meeting. Gregory School and community had a program at the town hall. Stockbridge schools had a two-day recess to mark the M.E.A. (Michigan Education Association) conference being held in Lansing.

James G. Mason, of Lima, Ohio, married Marion Dancer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H.Dancer.

Stockbridge High School set the date for a big Amateur Show on Oct. 13 and 14. The Community Club planned a Halloween party. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lillywhite celebrated their golden anniversary.

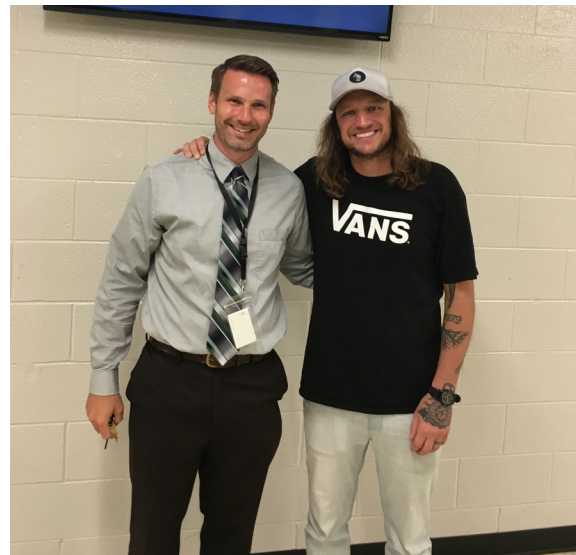
Twenty years ago, in 1998, the Stockbridge Area Arts Council (SAAC) sponsored an Oct. 10 performance by pianist Bob Milne at Stockbridge Township Hall. Unadilla Township made plans to discuss millage proposals. Pipeline construction on Michigan 106 led to temporary closure plans for the road. Julie Zick was named homecoming queen. Waterloo Farm prepared for Pioneer Days. Outreach prepared for a food drive on Make A Difference Day. The Millville United Methodist Church held a turkey dinner, including a bake sale and a white elephant sale. Later that month, the death of community leader Ron Fillmore was announced. He died Oct. 13.

Diane Rockall and her husband moved to Stockbridge 20-plus years ago from Northville, where they were active in the Northville Historical Society among other organizations.

Mike Smith inspires students at Stockbridge High School

by Amy Haggerty.

Small-town guy, Mike Smith, grew up to have grandiose ideas and big dreams that he turned into reality. Thursday, Sept. 6, with the help of a grant from the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation, Smith came to Stockbridge and inspired students from seventh through 12th grades during a morning



Mike Smith (right) with Stockbridge Sr. High School Principal Jeff Trapp (left). Photo credit Amy Haggerty

assembly. Later, he met with smaller groups of students in the library and individual classrooms. Throughout the day, Smith inspired Stockbridge students, sharing information about his own life.

Smith grew up in Nebraska, from a small town that most people have never heard of, much like Stockbridge. He was an average student and an avid skateboarder in his free time. After high school, he attended a small college where he played sports.

Over time, though, Smith built a portfolio of small businesses. He is now the owner of six companies. Dressed in jeans and a T-shirt that read "Vans," sporting long hair with a baseball cap, Smith hardly fit the stereotype of the typical business owner—which was one of his points.



Small-town guy, Mike Smith, grew up to have grandiose ideas and big dreams. Over time, though, he built a portfolio of small businesses. He is now the owner of six companies. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

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Obituaries



Oscar Ousley, age 88, of Munith, MI passed away on September 8, 2018 at Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital in Jackson, MI. He was born in Prestonsburg, KY on October 10, 1930 the son of Hargus and Alice (Shepard) Ousley. Surviving are his children Rick (Vicki) Ousley of Munith, and Ronald Ousley of Munith; siblings Earl (Nancy) Ousley of Prestonsburg, KY; four grandchildren Kegan (Damian Azofeifa) Ousley, Kasey (Kim) Ousley, Dina Hackworth, Dale (Joline) Moffat; nine great-grandchildren: Colten, Riley, Kalianna, Kiaira, Kyla, Rachel, Jordan, Luke, and Adalyn. Oscar moved from Prestonsburg, KY in 1952 to Munith, MI. He enjoyed playing pool, gardening, playing euchre, and harness racing. Funeral Services were held on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with visitation from 1-3 p.m. Burial was at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Henrietta Twp. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Jeruel Baptist Church.

Local sophomore runs in Australia



SHS sophomore Any Schlaff traveled to Australia to run a new course this summer. Photo credit Cindy Lance

by Cindy Lance

Stockbridge High School sophomore Andy Schlaff traveled far to run a new course this summer.

Andy participated in the 22nd annual Gold Coast Classic Cross Country race, representing Team USA, in Brisbane, Australia. He said it was an honor to have been selected.

His journey started with a letter of invitation from a DownUnder sports recruiter. The recruiting team looked at the Michigan High School Athletic Association website, and noticed Andy's improving race times and personal bests.

Andy and his dad, Ralph, went on the 10-day adventure June 29 through July 8. Andy had time to try his surfing skills, hold a koala, take selfies with a kangaroo, and taste calamari.

But his most memorable moments, he said, "were the ones spent with my teammates."

"We became friends quickly and still get together and talk on Snapchat," he said.

Andy returned home with many great memories of the experience. If any of his Stockbridge Cross Country teammates also get invited, he would encourage them to go.

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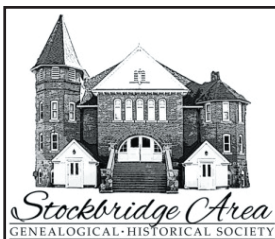
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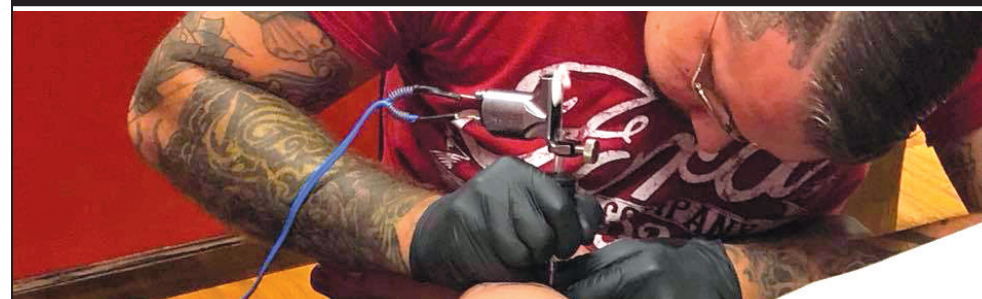
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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Stockbridge High School Girls Varsity Cross Country finishes in 2nd place at Springport



The Stockbridge varsity girls cross country team placed second at the Springport Invitational on Sept. 5. Runners from L to R: Brianna Hill, Kaitelyn Walker, Rachel Owen, Peyton Killinger, Anna Schlaff, Hailey Howard, Rylee Tolson. Photo and information from Kim Killinger



Peyton Killinger (left), and Kaitelyn Walker (right) run at the GLAC conference Jamboree in Perry on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Photo and Information from Kim Killinger

Stockbridge High School Boys Varsity Cross Country finishes 2nd at GLAC Jamboree I at Perry

by Steve Allison

The Boys Cross Country team lost a close battle with Olivet for the lead in the league at the first jamboree.

The Panthers finished 2 points behind but have put themselves in a position to compete for the championship at the end of the season.



Eighth-grade middle school runner, Trey Chmielewski, at the GLAC conference Jamboree in Perry Tuesday, Sept. 18. Photo and information from Kim Killinger

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Hell's annual Hearse Fest not dead yet



About 65 to 70 hearses could be seen at Hearse Fest 2018 in Hell, Mich., about the same as in past years, so canceling the event had little, if any, impact on the turnout of hearse enthusiasts. Photo credit Tina Cole-Mullins

by Tine Cole-Mullins

HELL, Mich. — It seems that a lot of people want to go to Hell. Sometimes, you just can't stop them.

Organizers of Just Hearse N' Around's 17th annual Hearse Fest found they couldn't keep visitors away on Sept. 15, even though the event had been canceled.

"People plan their vacations around it. There is no way to stop the hearses from coming here," said John Colone, the self-proclaimed mayor of Hell. "I've already announced it's officially canceled, but it's been a tradition with hearses coming from all over the country."

After all, what better place to try and set a world record for the Longest Hearse Parade?

But this year a curse seemed to befall this ghoulish event. A conflict with the township over obtaining a permit for the festival brought plans to a screaming halt.

On the eve of the event, WHMI Livingston County released an updated statement from the Putnam Township supervisor and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department on plans to enforce a temporary traffic control order, put in place by the Livingston County Road Commission.

And police presence clearly was visible upon entering the hamlet of Hell for the festival. But there was no sign of the expected "No Stopping, Standing, or Parking" signs along Patterson Lake Road. However, a Livingston County police car and "No Parking" signs were visible every few feet along Riverbank Drive.

Colone could be seen speaking with a Livingston County police officer about vehicles parked on Patterson Lake road in front of the Hell Hole Bar.

Meanwhile, "Vehicles parking alongside the road will be towed" blared intermittently between the Hell'oween music.

While it appears as if another festival fell under Hell's curse, as had the Helluva Cruise and Event 666, the truth has nothing to do with the supernatural.

Hell simply can't hold thousands of people at a given time, and as many as 10,000 attended the Event 666. An estimated 1,000 attended Hearse Fest midway through this year's unofficial gathering. With numbers like these, safety becomes a concern.

Reports claim local residents have complained to the township about parking and traffic. In an attempt to pacify those who complained last year, resident Alex Santos put up no-parking signs along the same roads as the official signs and police presence.

"It never bothered me, nor did I have an issue with it," he said. "I see it as an exciting time and the reason for moving here in the first place."

"With the addition of the no-parking signs, everything was perfectly passable," he said. "Without these events, we'd be just another lake community—might as well just change the name."

And when you live in Hell, you just might expect to see a hearse or two. But with 107 the world record to beat, the Guinness Book listing will have to wait for another year.

About 65 to 70 hearses could be seen, about the same as in past years. So canceling the event had little if any impact on the turnout of hearse enthusiasts.

On the plus side, the cancellation left the Hell Hole Bar as the only place to buy food or beverages on site. In addition to its traditional menu items offered inside the bar, Hell Hole served pulled pork, coleslaw and beer on tap under its tent. Screams Ice Cream and Novelties next door also enjoyed a steady flow of patrons.

For a canceled event said to be cursed, retail establishments sure seemed to do a helluva business.

Letters we receive

Alex Slocum posted "lost puppies" on SCN's Facebook page:

"Update! Thanks to this site, and the good Samaritan who recognized them, these 2 pups are now home and reunited with their family! Thank you so much to everyone who helped and spread the word! Social Media success story"



Caterpillar Conundrum



Molly Howlett encountered this fuzzy brute of a caterpillar inching along a grassy trail north of Stockbridge. When fully extended, Green Giant stretched 3 or 4 inches long with a 3/4 inch girth. Should we sound the alarm that aliens have invaded, or will one of our readers please identify the kind of moth or butterfly that this docile creature will metamorphose into? Photo credit Patrice Johnson



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Autumn's a fine time for composting

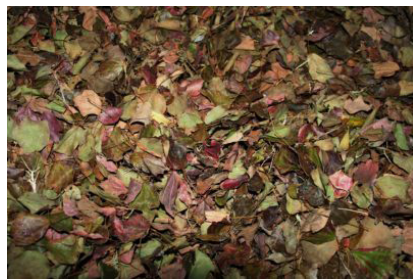


Photo credit quickcrop.ie

by Michael Sweet

It's harvest time! The season brings a lot of potential material for your compost. If you are new to composting, this is a great time to start your first pile.

First, consider the location. You will need a minimum area of 3 feet by 3 feet in a fairly sunny area. This is where you will pile scraps and waste.

Start by placing a layer of "browns" on the ground. Browns are the dry, dead plant material from around your yard and

garden.

On top of that, add a layer of "greens." Greens are wet, still colorful fruit cores and other scraps usually from your kitchen, but they can also be freshly cut grass or plants from the yard. At a minimum, try to keep your brown to green ratio at 50-50. More browns are better.

To speed up composting:

- Cut the material up into small pieces.
- Keep the pile moist (not wet).
- Stir/turn over the pile once per week to keep it aerated.

For winter composting, make sure you bag and save as much brown material as you can.

Generally in winter, all of your compost material is coming from your kitchen. This material is usually the green, wet material. The browns you save in the fall will be needed to offset this material.

Tarp the pile in the winter to prevent excessive moisture and to help contain heat to keep the process going. Try to turn the pile once per week, but don't stress if you can't.

Some things to remember:

- Do NOT put any chemically treated material in your compost.
- Only put plant material in your compost.
- Put healthy material into your compost.
- Keep your brown to green ration at 50-50.
- Save some brown material for winter composting.

Last but not least, on those really cold and snowy nights, curl up with a good seed catalog and plot out what you will grow with all of your beautiful new compost in the spring.

Snake page 3

They are rare, but commonly found in open wetlands with few trees or shrubs nearby. Their major habitats are located in Ontario, Canada, and Michigan's lower peninsula.

Use caution in these areas. The full-sized snake runs 2 feet long and can strike from 1 1/2 feet away. These reptiles possess rattlers that they use to send warning signs, but those unfamiliar with the sound or engaged in conversation may fail to notice.

Antivenins are available, and as it turns out, Bowen's photographs were most helpful because antivenins vary for each poisonous snake. Without a definite description and identification of species, valuable time may be lost testing for the right treatment. The photo also showed the snake had five rattlers, which assisted in the determination of dosage.

Bowen spent time in the hospital and had to return several times afterward for additional injections of the antivenin. She recommends that everyone carry a phone with them all times, ideally with camera capacity, when walking or running.

Although poisonous, the dose is not sufficient to kill an adult human. But if not treated in time or treated incorrectly, it can cause permanent damage to the area bitten. Take special precautions and try to avoid walking in areas lacking full visibility, as in deep grass in marshland areas.

School page 10

A new position of guidance counselor was added for grades three to eight. Natalie Kinsella will fill that role. Kunzelman, the junior high principal, said Kinsella "is working really well with the students."

Stockbridge schools are off to another great year! Go Panthers!

Munith Lions to host annual Halloween Parade

<p>Munith Lions HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</p>	<p>Halloween Parade Saturday, October 27th 1 pm ~ Line up on First St. 2 pm ~ Parade FREE cider, donuts, candy & popcorn treats FREE eye sight testing for kids Prizes for top 3 floats</p>
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For over 40 years, the Munith Lions have sponsored this yearly event, the only event still celebrated within this small community. Bikers, walkers, tractors, etc. may join in the parade; just show up for the line up on 1st Street in Munith at 1 P.M.

The top three floats as judged by the Grand Marshal will receive \$50 \$30 and \$20 respectively.

The Lions will also be giving free vision testing for kids at the Munith Methodist Church on 7th Street.

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Due to the support from our community, the **Harvest Moon Festival** was a great success! The Village of Stockbridge would like to thank everyone involved, especially our generous sponsors.

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Test page 7

1: Divisive national politics seem a distant concern. Fallows wrote, "...overwhelmingly the focus in successful towns was not on national divisions but on practical problems that a community could address. The more often national politics came into local discussions, the worse shape the town was in." To quote Thomas Jefferson, "I never consider a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, or philosophy, as a cause for withdrawing from a friend." As food for thought in scoring, readers might ask: Does anyone care whether a volunteer is a Republican or a Democrat? Do I vote in local elections based on party preference or on the caliber of the candidate?

2: You can pick out the local patriots. "Who makes this town go?" Hint: Answers may vary widely.

3: Public-private partnerships are real. "...in successful towns, people can point to something specific and say: This is what a partnership means."

4: People know the civic story. Are you able to describe how this community works? Would you say it has a lifestyle? How has our local community morphed and changed over the years?

5: They have a downtown. The downtown is vital to holding a community together. Do you know where to go for Halloween celebrations? Memorial Day parades? Festivals? Open Market? Prom Promenades?

6: They are near a research facility. "Research universities have become the modern counterparts to a natural harbor or river confluence. In the short term, they lift the economy by bringing in a student population. Over the longer term, they transform a town through the researchers and professors they attract."

7: They have and care about a community college.

8: They have unusual schools.

Can you describe special aspects and points of pride in our school system?

9: They make themselves open. Is the community trying to attract and include new people?

Every small town in America has thought about how to offset the natural brain drain that has historically sent its brightest young people elsewhere. The same emphasis on inclusion that makes a town attractive to talented outsiders increases its draw to its own natives.

10: They have big plans. "If I see a national politician with a blueprint for how things will be better 20 years from now, I think, 'Good luck!'" But when a Township Supervisor or Village Council President shows a map of future trails, or a healthy town, or civic project, people think they'd like to come back. Communities make plans because they can do things. Do you see big plans in this community?

11: They have craft breweries. "One final marker, perhaps the most reliable: A city on the way back will have one or more craft breweries, and probably some small distilleries, too. A town that has craft breweries also has a certain kind of entrepreneur and a critical mass of mainly young (except for me) customers. You may think I'm joking, but just try to find an exception."

Source: "The Story of Kennett: Shaping our Future One Child at a Time" by Joan Holliday and Bob George, 2017.

Reader Survey

Please circle one. 0 = a complete failure to demonstrate, 9 = a completely successful implementation or accomplishment.

Benchmark

1: Divisive national politics seem a distant concern.

Score: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Care to share an example?

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Care to share an example?

Name, email and phone number (optional):

Please vote only once. Email your response to StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com or snail mail to SCN, P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137. Thank you for participating!



The great indoors. We didn't check the forecast for cold weather. Or bring out the coloring books and crayons. But we did provide the heat so this family could enjoy the day together. When the energy you invest in life meets the energy we fuel it with, indoor fun happens.



**STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2018**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on September 17, 2018 at 7:31 pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer Kris Lauckner Trustee Terry Sommer, Trustee Ed Wetherell Member absent from meeting: None Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Ian Ferris Kaylee Baker, Johnny Hayes

Moment of Silence
Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting agenda as printed Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried
Citizen's Comments: Discussion

Sommer motion to accept Stockbridge Township Board meeting minutes as printed. Wetherell second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to accept Stockbridge Township Board Financial report as printed. Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Lauckner motion to accept the Stockbridge PTO to be recognized as a 501C3 Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried

Lauckner Motion to accept Kerri Klubhouse application to have up to 12 children with Planning Commissions request of a boundary fence around yard. Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Sommer motion to accept report from Planning Commission as written and approved with emergency number listed on gate along with all entrance codes given to Stockbridge Emergency and Ingham County Sherriff office, and annual inspection done. Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Library clean up is schedule to start this week.

Lantis motion to purchase the mulch for the Stockbridge Township Square up to \$2000.00 and store it over the winter and when spring come Stockbridge Township Board will hire someone to lay the mulch and put a new border around building in the Spring. Lauckner Second roll call vote Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lauckner Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes. All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis Motion to have Private Drive letters send on Attorney letter head and sent out certified to those private drives that had reached out to the Stockbridge Township Board for help on maintaining the Private Drive Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis motion to go with Tom's bid from Specialty Satellite in Stockbridge to purchase movie equipment for Stockbridge Township Board to show movies on the Stockbridge Township Square up to \$3500.00 Sommer Second. Roll Call Vote Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lauckner Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Building painting will wait till spring when the weather is better for painting.

Lantis motion to accept changes to the building department forms that is described in the MIOSHA Construction Standard (Part 21, Guarding of Walking and Work Area. Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Muraf will check with MTA and see if the Township can purchase candy for Halloween

Lantis motion to donate \$100.00 to The Stockbridge Fire Department Annual Cider and Donuts on Halloween. Sommer Second. All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis motion that Clyde Whitaker will continue the maintenance of Derby Cemetery for 2019 for \$950.00 Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Sommer Motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board bills in the amount of \$33,034.98 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis Motion we close open session and open close session at 9:06pm Sommer seconds All In Favor Motion Carried

Lantis motion we close close session at 10:26pm and open open session Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis motion we vote on our topic of discussion during close session Sommer Second Lauckner recused herself All other Board members in Favor Motion Carried.

Lantis adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Boarding Meeting at 10:30pm
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Stockbridge Equestrian team finishes districts with reserve champions of D4



Kinzley Byerman riding Saddle Seat Equitation with her horse, Legz. Photo credit Kelly Scurlock.

by Hope Salyer
The Stockbridge Equestrian team finished districts with reserve champions of district 4.

The team pushed past Hartland by 22 points.

The Equestrian team shows next at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason on Sept. 28-30.

Death Notices

Included below are names of community residents who have recently died and of whom we have been notified. Death notices 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 available for a fee.

- Jeannette Schneider - died August 24, 2018 - Stockbridge
- Rose M. Haas - died September 2, 2018 - Gregory
- Jean E. Krichbaum - died September 4, 2018 - Munith
- Oscar Ousley - died September 8, 2018 - Munith
- Steven Blackburn - died September 8, 2018 - Gregory - Memorial Services October 13, 2018
- Cindy Ann Quinn - died September 9, 2018 - Holt
- Phyllis Stowe - died September 14, 2018 - Stockbridge

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**Waterloo Township Board Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
28 August 2018 7 P.M.
9773 Mt. Hope Road
Munith, MI 49259**

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister, Morency. Also present: 4 residents.

Public Comment: Ruth Burgess spoke regarding the playground equipment that was removed at the Portage Lake County Park. She asked if we could approach the DNR to help with replacement of it or if the Township would contribute to some of it and she would match funds. The park could use some upgrades. Lance said perhaps 5 Healthy Towns would assist in this endeavor.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/ none. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Morency stated that the Planning Commission discussed the responses to the interim text amendments to current Zoning Ordinance received from Jackson County Planning Commission and approved them with Jackson County recommended comment (certified vs. official surveys). Regarding Commercial Solar Farms including wind sources, proposed text additions to the Waterloo Township Master Plan were reviewed and edited. Additional text will be added under Chapter 2, Farmland Resources. Additionally, the additions to Table 9.2 of the Zoning Ordinance were reviewed and completed. The question was raised again about the noise ordinance. It was stated that many ordinances are being complaint driven. We cannot do anything about the text of the noise ordinance. Since the noise ordinance was written to be a police issue, we are unable to do much about it yet. The special event permits will be looked into and including the noise ordinance could be addressed.

- Walz stated that they are working on a final language of the grant from the Consumers

Energy Group for \$500 to use on the walking path. They are also working on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to bring it up to date for obtaining any future grants from DNR. They still need one more resident to be on the committee.

- Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the Article 4, Section 4.03 B Interim amendment, interim amendment 4.04 B to and interim amendment 60.5 to current Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

- Lance motioned with support from Walz to approve resolution R-18-08-28-1 Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

- Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve resolution R-18-08-28-2 FOIA Procedures and Guidelines. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Both of these were presented by our lawyer in connection with the current FOIA requesting all of the paperwork including ballot copies regarding the 2016 Presidential Election.

Other Business That Comes Before The Board: Lance gave information regarding Aggregate Industries request to mine through Green Road. The request started in Jackson County. Jackson County Commissioners were meeting 8/28/18 to approve or disapprove the request. Question on road right of way. Question was if someone lives on that road will it be blocked at any point because they always need a way out.

Public Comment: None.

Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website at www.waterlootwpmi.com and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmichigan)

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk



As an example of our evolutionary connection with other species, Eric Rasmussen points to the vestigial remnants of a nictitating membrane in the corner of his eye. Birds, reptiles, and some mammals possess a fully functional, translucent third eyelid that can be drawn to protect the eye. Photo credit Eric Rasmussen.

The Wonders of Science

Mechanics of sight, Part 2

by Eric Rasmussen

"They say seeing is believing, but the opposite is true. Believing is seeing."

— Errol Morris

The sense of sight is a marvel of biological evolution. This unique property gives those who possess it the ability to look upon the brilliance of nature with its many shapes, vivid colors and contrasting textures. So how does our vision work? What biochemical processes allow for this unique sense?

Our eyes are composed of a swath of different cells, all responsible for various functions. Among these are photoreceptor cells responsible for converting light into visual stimuli our brain can interpret. Three known types of photoreceptor cells function in the eyes of mammals: cones, rods and

photosensitive retinal ganglion cells.

Cone cells

In addition to perceiving color, cone cells are unique in that they cluster in the central fovea of our eyes. Here light is most strongly focused, so cone cells are capable of high resolution of small objects. The next time you are super hungry and staring at a brightly-colored box of McDonald's French fries, you are utilizing your cones.

Rod cells

Unlike cone cells that require large amounts of light to start a signal, rod cells are extremely sensitive. A single photon, the subatomic particle that makes up light, can trigger rods to action.

Because rod cells are so sensitive to light, our night vision is mediated through these cells. However, rod cells are located along the periphery of our retinas, so rod cells resolve objects best when not looking directly at them.

To test this phenomenon, just look directly at a faint celestial object in the night sky. Then slightly avert your gaze.

Each of us may notice the object looks brighter. Why? Because we are now focusing on the object with our low-light sensitive rod cells.

Photosensitive retinal ganglion cells

These cells, intimately linked with our bodies' internal clocks, are better known as our circadian clocks. They initiate biochemical pathways in relation to waking up and going to sleep. Studies suggest when these cells detect higher intensity blue light, they signal the body of daylight hours. To prevent users from suffering sleeplessness, phone manufacturers sometimes offer a feature to turn off the blue light emitted from their mobile devices. In this way, our cellphones won't interfere with our natural biorhythms.

Biochemical process

Although differences exist in the sizes, shapes, and locations of photoreceptor cells in the retina, all three engage in similar biochemical processes: They convert light to sight. The process involves a photosensitive pigment called retinal, a form of vitamin A bound to specific proteins called opsins.

Opsin molecules are highly photosensitive and react strongly to light. When a person looks at a light source, photons stream through the eye lens, and opsin molecules absorb them. Light energy absorption causes a physical change in the structural shape of the opsin molecule, which induces an electrical current to run from eyeball to brain along the optic nerve. Our brains then register these electrical signals into a mental image of the outside world. The body then expends energy to reform the structure of the opsin molecule, so as to make it ready to function again. But this process takes time to complete, which is why we must wait up to 30 minutes to have full night vision after seeing a bright light!

Another wonder of science.

Next month, we'll explore the evolution of color vision and shed some light (pun intended) on the evolutionary history that connects us with other species across space and time!

Sources: <http://10000birds.com/wp-content/uploads/Nictitating-membrane-opening-on-a-Great-Egret.jpg> & <http://i42.tinypic.com/1z2nnrd.jpg>

Eric Rasmussen, BS, M.Ed., obtained his bachelor of science degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He majored in ecology and evolutionary biology, and now serves as a Learning Technology Coach at Erie High School and Erie Middle School in the St. Vrain Valley School District, CO.

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School Staff Spotlight: Robin Tekieli



by Amy Haggerty

Patient and caring Robin Tekieli has worked 21 years for Stockbridge Schools. Now during the day, Tekieli works with special needs children in Nicole Borowy's classroom at Heritage School. Afternoons and evenings, she works with the Kids Club program.

Tekieli has two adult children, 35-year-old Brian Kloviski and Joseph Tekieli, 25 years old. She has been married to Joe Tekieli for 26 years, and they live in the Stockbridge area. She recently became grandmother to granddaughter, Bea, whom Tekieli describes as the sunshine of her life. Bea lives in California, but spent time with Tekieli this past summer.

Before coming to work at Stockbridge Schools, Tekieli owned her own child care service in her home. There, she watched children for family and friends. One of her former sweetest jobs involved working in a bakery where she was a cake icer. She said, "My job was to prepare cakes by icing them for the decorators."

Tekieli credits her mother as the greatest influence on her life. "She was a wonderful, loving, sacrificial mother to us," Tekieli said, adding that she was blessed with a mother who didn't work outside of the home. "She was an excellent cook and taught me a lot about how to make something out of nothing. She made our house a home, and that's a wonderful feeling."

Tekieli attributes her love of children as the main reason she jumped at the opportunity to work at Stockbridge Schools. She emphasized the importance of "putting family first," and working for the school district enabled her to find employment outside the home yet balance family obligations, an important credo that guides her life.

"I have always had a soft spot for children that struggle in life," she said. "I feel blessed to have hopefully helped them through some difficulties." Tekieli feels it is important to let children know you care about them and to give them a chance to make things right without bringing up their past missteps. "Making mistakes is part of life," she said, "and learning from them will make you a better person."

Teacher Borowy described Tekieli as having a heart of gold, and as a person who always goes above and beyond to help children feel successful. "She is patient and kind to every student she interacts with," Borowy said. "She is truly a superhero!"

"I am thankful for the many years I've worked at Stockbridge Schools," Tekieli said, "and for the opportunity to work alongside some pretty amazing people."

Teacher Nicole Borowy described Robin Tekieli (pictured above) as having a heart of gold, and as a person who always goes above and beyond to help children feel successful. "She is patient and kind to every student she interacts with," Borowy said. "She is truly a superhero!"
Photo credit Amy Haggerty

Women's right to vote



Blacks gained the right to vote after the Civil War in 1868, but an additional 50 years passed before women gained the same rights.
Photo credit The Telegraph.

by Diane Rockall

In a September presentation at the Stockbridge Library, Carlos Villegas-Castaneda discussed how women fought and continue to fight for women's right to vote. The crowd was small, but highly interested in his knowledgeable presentation.

Mr. Villegas-Castaneda, an instructor of Spanish language, literature and culture at Adrian College, began his talk with highlights of efforts in Great Britain and in the United States, starting in the middle of the nineteenth century. Women in Great Britain put up a fierce and forceful battle and won the right nationwide in 1918.

Women in the United States actually started their push for suffrage earlier, but it took them longer because federal law requires changes to voting rights have Constitutional Amendments. As a result, women's right to vote needed state by state approval. Only after enough states agreed, could the amendment be ratified nationwide.

Michigan men voted to give women the right on Nov. 5, 1918. So as of Nov. 2018, women in Michigan will have enjoyed voting rights for 100 years. Of note, they couldn't vote in national elections until two years later, for while they had the state right, they lacked the national right.

Finally in 1920, the amendment garnered enough support to amend the U.S. Constitution.

Villegas-Castaneda's discussion continued with highlights of the rest of the world. Other nations followed suit, he said, but not in some cases until quite recently. Of course, there are still nations where no one has the authentic right to vote. Still other nations continue to exclude women from that right.

India and Israel were the first nations to have women leaders. Indira Gandhi led India from 1966-1977, while Golda Meir led Israel from 1979-1974.

Villegas-Castaneda concluded with a brief summary of worldwide activists for women's rights from the 19th through the 21st century.

How do US women rank in terms of voting rights with other groups?

- 1868: Citizenship is guaranteed to all male persons born or naturalized in the United States by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, setting the stage for future expansions to voting rights.
 - 1870: The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prevents states from denying the right to vote on grounds of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude."
- In other words, while the Civil War led to blacks gaining the right to vote, an additional 50 years passed before women gained the same rights.**

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Band students complete week of band camp



by Joann Brooks

Aug. 6-10 band students completed a week of band camp.

Band students completed a week of band camp, working eight hours a day to learn new music and marching routines for the upcoming football season. Photo credit Joann Brooks

These students

worked eight

hours a day, learning new music and marching routines for the upcoming football season.

The band is small, but these students showed determination and grit in working to master their program throughout the week.

The community can see their hard work at all the Panther home games this season.

Our Panther Band will also be representing the community in May of 2019 at Disney World in Florida.

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October's 'Where's Waldo' mystery location

Think you know the area? Here's your chance to prove it. Each month, SCN photographer Rose Collison is photographing a mystery location within the Stockbridge School District. Names of readers who correctly identify the subject of the photo will be entered into a drawing and one overall winner will be selected.



Recognize the subject of this picture and its location? Enter to win a \$20 Farmers State Bank Branded Prepaid Visa gift card. Photo credit Rose Collison

October's winner will receive a \$20 Farmers State Bank Branded Prepaid Visa gift card. Thank you to Farmers State Bank.

Congratulations to last month's winner, Pastor Josh, for correctly identifying the statue that stands in the Town Square. Pastor Josh's name was drawn at random from other correct entries.

To participate, enter your best guess as to the subject of the photo and its location along with your name, address and phone number. Email Rose at stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com or send by snail mail to Stockbridge Community News (c/o Rose), P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137.

Entries must be dated or postmarked no later than Oct. 6.



Thank you to Farmers State Bank for sponsoring this month's contest and good luck to all participants!

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The Friends of the Stockbridge Library bring local art display program to the community



by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Starting in January 2017, local artists have adorned the shelves in a continuing, monthly exhibit of art at the back of the Stockbridge Branch at the Capital Area District Library. A local

The library hosts Pam Gower's mixed media art in September. Photo courtesy of the Stockbridge Library

carpenter, with funds and guidance from members of the Friends of the Stockbridge Library, built the shelves upon which the art is displayed. Volunteers from the Friends help organize the changing galleries.

Though the works displayed have varied from beautifully painted gourds by Julie Glair to small sculptures by Mike Jones, most of the artistic creations have been two dimensional paintings, photos and drawings. Artists have ranged from high schooler Shuyler Clark to nonagenarian Dorene White.

June's featured artist was Mary Chillison and her acrylic paintings. July ushered in Shuyler Clark's paintings and drawings. Dorothy Craft's paintings brightened August, and the library hosted Pam Gower's mixed media art in September. Bethany Stone's acrylic paintings will be on display throughout October.

"The art displays not only beautify the space in the library but also give a creative outlet to local artists, whether they plan to sell their work or not," said Jo Mayer, secretary of the Friends and organizer of the displays. "We continue to be amazed at the diverse talents of our community and are proud to be able to help showcase their work."

The Stockbridge Area Garden Club releases monarch butterflies



Tammy Porter, Wendy Koker, Dorothy Craft, Terry Sommer, and Andrea Stickney hold monarch butterflies before releasing them. Photo credit Judy Williams

Local native Gregg Hartsuff builds U of M's rowing team to a powerhouse



Gregg Hartsuff, only son of Reid and Judy of suburban Gregory, has been the rowing coach at U of M since 1992.

Photo credit Wikipedia

championships, beating perennial powerhouse, Yale. In 2007, the governing body of collegiate rowing removed college club teams, like U of M, from being able to compete for a national championship. Now, the American Collegiate Rowing Association, of which Hartsuff was the first president, holds its own national championship for up to 70 colleges with rowing clubs. This competition is held every Memorial Day weekend at Lake Lanier in Georgia.

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When talking rowing, Gregg's passion for the sport really resonates. An understanding of physics and mechanical engineering helps to develop an oarsman's technique. A person's size is very important in rowing. Bigger is not necessarily better. The more weight in the boat, the lower it sits in the water and the harder it becomes to row faster. Two hundred twenty pounds is about maximum weight for a top-notch male rower.

Twelve events make up a regatta, which is a competition among several schools. Varsity eights is the highest level event and wins the most points in the regatta.

Interestingly enough, rowing was the first sport to be contested on the college level, dating to the 1800s.

See Hartsuff on page 23.

by Jim Brown

If you've ever heard the expression, "local boy done good," it fits the career of Gregg Hartsuff.

If you happen to pass by the Huron River near Ann Arbor, you might see Hartsuff's University of Michigan men's eight (eight oarsmen in a boat plus a coxswain) rowing team practicing.

Hartsuff, only son of Reid and Judy of suburban Gregory, has been the rowing coach at U of M since 1992. Not only has Gregg coached at U of M, he has also coached over 20 U.S. teams in championships all over the world. He just recently returned from a 10-day competition in Shanghai, where he said the temperatures were 100 degrees plus with oppressive humidity.

After graduating from Stockbridge High in 1986, Gregg learned to row in Grand Valley State University's program. "That's when I first knew I wanted to stay involved in this sport," he says. Upon graduation from GVSU in 1990, he became the freshman rowing coach at U of M, then advanced to interim head coach the very next year. The following year, Gregg was named head coach!

Ivy league schools typically dominate rowing, but Hartsuff has made U of M a force to be reckoned with; so much so, that in 2006, the Wolverines finished sixth in the national championships, beating perennial powerhouse, Yale. In 2007, the governing body of collegiate rowing removed college club teams, like U of M, from being able to compete for a national championship. Now, the American Collegiate Rowing Association, of which Hartsuff was the first president, holds its own national championship for up to 70 colleges with rowing clubs. This competition is held every Memorial Day weekend at Lake Lanier in Georgia.

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Meeting called to order by President Howlett at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: PRESENT: President Molly Howlett, Pro-Tem Frederick Cattell, Trustee Patrick Harden, Trustee Richard Mullins, Trustee Quintanilla, Trustee Christina DuWig, Trustee Valdez-Weaks; ABSENT:; Others Present: Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk, John Gormley, Village Attorney, Johnnie Torres, Police Chief, Citizens were also present

Approval of Agenda MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Harden to approve the September 4, 2018 agenda as amended; add Hardware for Consideration Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

Approval of Minutes MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Quintanilla to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018 as amended. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accounts Payable MOTION by Mullins SUPPORTED by Cattell,; to approve the accounts payable as presented by Clerk Nogle.

AYES: Cattell, Mullins, DuWig, Harden, Valdez-Weaks, DuWig, Mullins, Howlett, Quintanilla,; NAYS: None

ABSENT: MOTION PASSED

POLICE REPORT MOTION by Mullins SUPPORTED by Valdez-Weaks, APPROVED; Hire Frank Nehr for the position of Part-Time Police Officer; \$16.50 an hour, up to 50 hours bi-weekly.

AYES: Cattell, Mullins, Harden, Valdez-Weaks, DuWig, Quintanilla, Howlett; NAYS: None ABSENT: MOTION PASSED; NEW BUSINESS: Trash Day: MOTION by Harden SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; Up to \$2,000 for the mutual Trash Day with Stockbridge Township. AYES: Harden, Cattell, DuWig, Valdez-Weaks, Mullins, Quintanilla, Howlett; NAYS: None; ABSENT: MOTION PASSED; DPW – 2nd DPW Worker - MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Mullins, APPROVED; hire a temporary DPW worker at 20 hours, at \$13.00 per hour. AYES: Valdez-Weaks, Cattell, Mullins, Harden, Howlett. NAYS: Quintanilla, DuWig. None; ABSENT: MOTION PASSED; MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Mullins, APPROVED; to purchase wireless and new computer for the Clerk in the amount of \$5051.00. AYES: Quintanilla, Mullins, Valdez-Weaks, Harden, Cattell, DuWig, Howlett. None; ABSENT: MOTION PASSED; OLD BUSINESS: Sale of Real Property MOTION by Quintanilla, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED; An Ordinance to authorize the sale of real property by the Village of Stockbridge in the amount of \$2,069.40. AYES: Quintanilla, Mullins, Valdez-Weaks, Harde, Cattell, DuWig, Howlett. NAYS: ABSENT: MOTION PASSED; Closed Session: MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED to in to close session to discuss a formal employee Personnel Issue as requested by the former employee Batdorff. AYES: DuWig, Mullins, Cattell, Harden, Valdez-Weaks, Quintanilla, Howlett. NAYS: ABSENT: MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by Quintanilla, APPROVED; to open the meeting to the public at 9:02pm. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

MOTION by DuWig, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED; to sustain the termination of Shane Batdorff.

AYES: Mullins, Cattell, DuWig, Valdez-Weaks, Howlett. NAYS: Quintanilla, Harden ABSENT: MOTION PASSED

ADJOURNMENT- MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:07pm. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Nogle,

Village Clerk

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Gregg currently has about 60 oarsmen on his team, along with five other coaches. Fall is the season for conditioning, while spring is reserved for competition. Peaking for the national and world championships is very important. Obviously, teamwork is a must because one weak oarsman throws off the entire team.

Hartsuff credits his small-town roots to his rowing success. He says, "Hard work was always important in my life. I helped my family in the construction business and later worked at Ransom's for John. I took what I gained from those experiences and applied them to rowing. I wanted to work hard and challenge myself in this sport." He credits retired JV football coach, Tom Tucker, with helping him become a better athlete and realizing everyone on a team must contribute to its success.

Growing up with what Hartsuff calls "Midwestern values" has certainly made a difference in his life. Gregg Hartsuff is the type of person who makes a community proud.

Hannah from page 7



On Sept. 13, Trooper Tucker received the American Heart Association's Heart Saver Hero Award for his role in saving Hannah. Photo credit Jessica Leighann

Now Tucker is an adopted member of the Paielli family, and an alert Hannah is thriving. Saturday, she soaked up the sights and sounds in the Kids Area of Veterans' Park during Stockbridge's Harvest Moon Festival.

"You just missed Ronnie." Jessica smiled in the direction of the parking lot.


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A build-your-own scarecrow activity enabled young and young-at-heart participants to “make it and take it” home.

Crafters lined Main Street, blocked off by shiny new vehicles from sponsor Golling Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Chelsea, and night two’s beer tent featured the band, Fools F&it.



A puzzled sheep listens intently as Liam explains how Fudge, the tortoise, escaped his cage and nearly succeeded in making a slow-motion getaway. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Friendly sheep try to convince Delilah it’s safe to pet them. She’s flattered but hardly convinced. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Chief of Police Johnnie Torres and Officer Tony Coln patrol Harvest Moon Festival in a high-speed, jet propelled (not really) golf cart. Photo credit Patrice Johnson




Ultimate Air Dogs, sponsored by Enbridge, challenged water-obsessed dogs to leap, paddle, fetch and splash to their hearts’ content. Photo by Tracy Bumpus

Garden of the Month

Congratulations to Mallory May, of Munith, who is October’s “Garden of the Month” contest winner. A judge wrote, “Mallory enjoys the transformation from start to finish.”

If you have a favorite garden, send in photos of it. Each month, July to March, the Stockbridge Area Garden Club will select a garden for this feature. In March 2019, readers will vote for their favorite garden. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Tulip Tree Gardens. To enter, email up to five photos by the 10th of the month, attn: Gardens at stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com. Include your name, physical address of the garden, and a phone number.

 **Thank you to Pathway Landscape for sponsoring the Garden of the Month contest.**

