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Waterloo Pioneer Day delights young

and old with history showcase



Four teams of horses from three different stables delight families while traveling down picturesque Schumacher Road, where fall colors are in their glory. Photo credit Joan Tucker

by Joan Tucker

The Waterloo Area Historical Society had perfect weather for its annual Pioneer Day at the Farm Museum and Dewey School, a few miles away. Local patrons and new folks came out to this historical event to see what farm life was like for families in the late 1800s and early

The Boy Scouts did an excellent job directing people where to park and how to enter the event, and many volunteers dressed in period clothing worked tirelessly to give all a great experience.

As always, horse-drawn wagons were popular. Four teams of horses from three different stables delighted families while traveling down picturesque Schumacher Road, where fall colors were in their glory.

Sheep drew the attention of children as well as adults as Steve Opp gave a demonstration of wool shearing. Small children just wanted to look and touch the gentle looking creatures.

Other demonstrations included cider making with an antique apple press, cookie baking with a wood-fired brick oven, and tool making by a female blacksmith. A local artist from Swallowtail Pottery crafted pottery at his potting wheel, making it look easy and fun. These are just a few of the events attendees experienced, along with shopping for local artisan products.

Conversations among friends and children's laughter was serenaded with dulcimer music from Jerry Kloock and period music from the Bourbon County Minstrels (5th Kentucky County C Reenactment Troop) playing from the porch of the Realy house. A three-piece string band performed under a tent close to the food barn.

Once again, Pioneer Day proved itself an entertaining and informative link to the past and something to look forward to every second October Sunday in beautiful Waterloo Township.

### Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical **Society Oaklawn Cemetery Tour**



Ten individuals who had a lot to do with making Stockbridge what it is today were brought back to life. Individuals featured were: Dr. Herman Brown, Corporal Edwin Parks, Merna Arnold, Casper W. Glenn, Wendell Barber, Beverly Caskey, Paul Ramsdell, Martha Presley and Adelaide Reid. Individuals who brought them back to life for the tour were Ben Barber, Tristan DeCroix, Barbara Krusinski, Heidi Barber, Larry White, Jeremy Muraf, Richard Ramsdell, Rev. Susan Trowbridge, and Sue Morris. Photo credit Laura Walsh

#### by Diane Rockall

The 10th tour of Oaklawn Cemetery presented by the Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society was held Oct. 7. Ten individuals who had a lot to do with making Stockbridge what it is today were brought back to life.

See Tour on page 3.

### Kitley's Custom Exhaust and **Auto: Moves and expands**



Owner and operator Ken Kitley and wife Tracy contemplate where to hang their sign as their business moves into new digs. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

#### by Bob Castle

Stockbridge residents may have noticed a flurry of activity at the intersection of M-106 and M-52 on the south end of town. That's because Kitley's Custom Exhaust and Auto is remodeling and moving into the building that once housed the Hybroco Company.

See Kitley on page 3.

### John Colone: From darkness to life



John Colone's defining moment came while he was serving in Vietnam, pronounced dead and zipped into a body bag. Photo credit Judy Williams

By Judy Williams We all have defining moments in our lives: the

birth of a child, an illness, a marriage or divorce. John Colone's moment came while he was serving in Vietnam. On February 19, 1968, he was pronounced dead and zipped into a body bag.

Colone grew up in the Pinckney area and was friends through sports with many Gregory and Stockbridge kids. "Back in those days Stockbridge High

and Pinckney High were about the same size, "he explained.
After graduating from Pinkney, he enrolled in college. "I attended Cleary College and worked for General Motors at the same time," he recalled.

"I was struggling in college because of my long working hours, See Colone on page 13.

Veterans Day falls on Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving on Nov. 22, so this issue is dedicated to giving thanks to our veterans and to those who serve our amazing country and local community.

by Judy Williams and Patrice

Measuring the impact of a local news

News is wrapping up its second year in

recently mentioned that for the first time

Real estate. Realtor Jackie Scheller

reports in an article on page 9 that over

the past two years, approximately 450

### **Stockbridge Community News celebrates** 2-year anniversary



Board of directors celebrates SCN's 2-year anniversary. Front row: Amy Haggerty, Bev Glynn, Hope Salyer. Row 2: Nancy

Wisman, Rose Collison, Patrice Johnson, Diane Rockall, Row 3: Roberta Ludtke, Joan Tucker, Judy Williams. Not pictured: Molly Howlett. Photo credit Jim Johnson

home sales have occurred in SCN's area of circulation. "Taking into account a national average of 2.3 people per household, this amounts to 1,000 new or shifting people in the area," she said.

Public perception. While chatting with a stranger in Chelsea, Patrice Johnson, SCN's president and editor in chief, mentioned she was from Stockbridge. "The woman's eyes grew wide," Johnson recalled, "and she said, 'My! That's the school with the amazing journalism and robotics programs. I've been reading about all the national awards they keep winning." Johnson grinned. "Two years ago, I hardly would have expected that response." Come to find out, the woman lives on a mail route that receives the SCN print publication.

So what is SCN's storied past?

In 2016, Stockbridge area residents were voicing alarm that the area was receiving less and less local news coverage.

See SCN on page 11.

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### Joan Tucker joins SCN board of directors



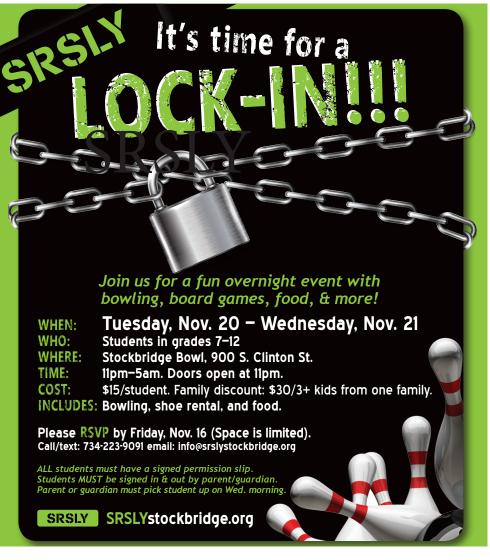
Joan Tucker joins SCN board of directors. Photo credit Jennifer Steffey

Oct. 3, the directors of the Stockbridge Community News elected Joan Tucker, by unanimous vote, onto the board of directors. Tucker is a retired RN of 38 years from Saint Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital, where she has served on various committees to improve quality patient care and the patient experience. Her leadership role has given her the opportunity to be an effective communicator, and she hopes to share some of that experience with SCN.

Tucker and her husband Tom have lived in the community for 42 years, raising four successful children. When their six grandchildren visit, they participate in local activities, giving them the experience of our vibrant

Tucker hopes to serve our residents by following the SCN Mission Statement: "To help build a stronger community and enhance the common good and general welfare of residents in the local area through the dissemination of local educational news and social-benefit information."





### What? No turkey on Thanksgiving?



May your day of giving thanks include gratitude and remembrance for the settlers who came to this land to find peace, prosperity and freedom. User provided photo by Ron Kaiser

Thanksgiving traditions in the Americas, Germany, and elsewhere are different from what we may think we know about the holiday and may have been taught in elementary school.

Settlers of the New World, most coming from Europe, were familiar with Thanksgiving traditions. The Pilgrims brought the holiday with them to Massachusetts. In gratitude for the blessings of the first harvest and the friendship of the Native Americans, a three-day feast was held beginning Dec. 13, 1621. Venison, duck, goose, seafood, corn, greens, berries and nuts were abundant at the celebrations. Records make no mention of turkey.

Then on Oct. 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation, designating for "the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving" to be held on "Thursday the 26th day of November." This 1789 date marked the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace in today's households.

But subsequent presidents failed to continue the tradition. Then in the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation as a one-day event scheduled for Nov. 26, 1863. For decades thereafter, the holiday was celebrated only occasionally in some regions.

Only in the 1940s did Thanksgiving become an annual U.S. national holiday on the fourth Thursday in November. The classic Thanksgiving menu of turkey, cranberries, pumpkin pie and root vegetables is based on New England fall harvests. In the 19th century, as the holiday spread across the country, local cooks modified the menu both by choice and necessity.

In the Chesapeake Bay, crab is the local favorite. In Minnesota, the turkey might be stuffed with wild rice. In the

Northwest, locally grown hazelnuts can be found in stuffing and desserts. In Indiana, persimmon puddings are a favorite Thanksgiving dessert. Baltimoreans often like sauerkraut alongside their turkeys. The entre isn't always turkey either; it could well be pork roast or ham.

Most of these regional variations have remained largely a local phenomenon with a connection to the local harvests and specialty foods. But giving thanks was part of all the celebrations. People were thankful for a good harvest, a year of good health and a year of peace, which did not happen every year.

May your day of giving thanks include gratitude and remembrance for the settlers who came to this land to leave a legacy of peace, prosperity and freedom.

### Kitley page 1

Owner and operator Ken Kitley, a veteran of the United States Air Force, started doing auto repair in Stockbridge years ago when he ran Brown's Muffler and Brakes. When that building burned, he moved the repair business to his home.

In June 2009 he moved again, relocating the business to Munith where the Kitley name is well known and respected.

At that time, as a one-man operation, trying to keep the books and do the repairs, Ken contemplated shutting down. But his then- fiancée, now wife, Tracy Sanders-Kitley, agreed to take care of the office work. That changed everything.

They relocated the business to the Lantis Plaza in Stockbridge in 2012.

Soon after that, Steve Heyne relocated his Hybroco business to downtown Stockbridge, putting his property just north of Lantis Plaza for sale.

After several years, the time was right for Kitley to purchase that building and make the move.

Since they have remodeled the office spaces, they will have two offices to lease, plus three acres to allow for future expansion or new businesses.

In addition to offering custom exhaust work, Kitleys also repair autos, sell and repair tires, do welding fabrication, and camper and trailer repair. They also custom build log splitters and trailers.

They have recently obtained a car dealer license and plan to sell cars at the business location.

While talking to Ken, one soon sees that he is deeply committed to taking care of his customers. The couple plans to see where business takes them and to ensure that the needs of their clientele are met.

### Tour page 1

Individuals featured were: Dr. Herman Brown, Corporal Edwin Parks, Merna Arnold, Casper W. Glenn, Wendell Barber, Beverly Caskey, Paul Ramsdell, Martha Presley, & M. Adelaide Reid.

Individuals who brought them back to life for the tour were Ben Barber, Tristan DeCroix, Barbara Krusinski, Heidi Barber, Larry White, Jeremy Muraf, Richard Ramsdell, Rev. Susan Trowbridge, and Sue Morris.

Although the weather proved less than perfect, about 50 visitors joined the 20 volunteers. Board member Richard "Dutch" Ramsdell was main coordinator. Organization president Laura Walsh provided the information and photographs.

Those interested in joining or receiving more information about the group can reach them at Stockbridge Area Genealogical/ Historical Society, P.O. Box 966, Stockbridge MI 49285. Membership is \$15. If interested, please include your name, address, telephone number, and email address. The same is true if you would like to help with next year's event.







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A public accuracy test for the Nov. 6, 2018, Primary Election was held on Tuesday, Oct.

30, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mount Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. The public accuracy test was conducted to demonstrate that the programs and tabulators being used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared and tested in accordance with the law.

Janice Kitley.

Waterloo Township Clerk



### **Community Calendar**

Nov. 1 - 30 - Friends of the Stockbridge Library Silent Auction 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 1 - American Red Cross Blood Drive 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church

Nov. 3 - Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet 10 a.m. to noon at the Gregory Community Church

Nov. 7 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 10 - Art with Jazz 7 to 10 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Hall

the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 14 - Kids Read to Oliver (Ages 6 and older) 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 15 - Buck Bash 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church

Nov. 15 - Third Thursday LEGO Junior Makers (Ages 4 to 7) 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 15 - Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition Meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Room 103 of the Old Middle School

Nov. 17 - Free Clothina and Food Items 10 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge

Church of Christ

Nov. 20 - Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet 6 to 8 p.m. at the **Gregory Community Church** 

Nov. 20 to Nov. 21 - SRSLY Lock In 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. at the Stockbridge **Bowling Alley** 

Nov. 21 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 22 - Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heritage Elementary

Nov. 24 - One-Stop Holiday Shop 8 a.m. Nov. 14 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at to 3 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School

> Nov. 24 - Stockbridge Small Business Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downtown Stockbridge

Nov. 24 - Festival of Lights in Downtown Stockbridge

Nov. 28 - Coffee Chat 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 30 - Book Discussion Group noon to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Nov. 30 - Town Hall Players perform Harmony Romances 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Hall

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

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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 19,000 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. **Our Mission** 

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

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# SongLab debuts to an appreciative audience at CADL-Stockbridge



Pictured performer is Larry
Guenther, one of four local
musicians featured in the
SongLab event held recently at
the Stockbridge Library, CADL.
Guenther was the winner of
the musicians' raffle for \$300
in professional studio time at
Troubadour Recording Studios in
Lansing. Photo credit Laura Walsh

by Paul Crandall, head librarian at CADL Stockbridge

Live, original music took center stage in four weekend performances recently at the Stockbridge Library – part of a new initiative called SongLab, featuring local musicians Letha Allen, Jack Falk, Harold Henry and Larry Guenther.

The performances were part of an effort by CADL-Stockbridge to help local musicians get heard and to partner with them as they develop their careers, as well as to add locally imagined and produced content to the CADL collection. The performances were recorded and will be added to the CADL collection

in CD format and streamed from the CADL website.

Surveys returned by audience members expressed a good deal of enthusiasm for the project. "Excellent music and great for the community. Fun time!" wrote one respondent. "I really enjoy hearing local talent." Wrote another: "Great idea, what a great way to support local music!"

Larry Guenther was the winner of the musicians' raffle for \$300 in professional studio time at Troubadour Recording Studios in Lansing.

"Awesome," said Guenther via text. "I'm so happy and surprised."

Audience members were winners, too, as 10 of them won drawings for gift cards to local eateries. "I love that the prizes are for local shops," wrote one survey respondent. In all, 45 attended the weekend performance/recording sessions.

SongLab was funded by a public service grant made available by CADL to local branches for special projects.

"We were thrilled to support the SongLab at CADL-Stockbridge through the public service grant," said CADL Executive Director Scott Duimstra. "It's the type of project that fits the mission of the grants where funds are used for developing innovative services and events that empower, support and entertain the communities we serve. Paul, his staff and the Stockbridge community did a fantastic job in making the project a success."

# Library light pole celebrates 20 years of CADL and Harry Potter book series



Volunteers for the Friends of the Library get to work on a light pole display that celebrates the 20th anniversary of both the Capital Area District Libraries and the Harry Potter book series by J.K. Rowling.



The CADL-Stockbridge/Harry Potter pole is one of dozens decorated in a civic celebration of the Halloween season.

#### by Paul Crandall

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### **Heritage Fall Family Fun** Night hosts 150 or more kids

by Michelle Hilla and Jill

Care to wear a living

snake necklace? Like to pet

a pigeon? Learn about local

teeth, body and self? Sept. 27, Fall Family Fun Night

at Heritage School featured

face painting to informational

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it all, from a petting zoo to

Cubs PTO and Title I, the

community came together to

help provide a fun, safe and

public trails? How about

learning to care for your

Ogden

displays.



Pet the pretty snake, or wear it as a necklace. Photo credit Michelle Hilla

educational event for students.

"We had a great turnout!" Director of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle Hilla said. "I would say at least 150 kids!"

"I am so proud to be a part of this community," PTO president Jill Ogden said. "We reach out to local businesses and services for donations and volunteers to put on these events, and they always tell us, yes!"



Adiska Family Dental helps kids protect their smiles. Photo credit

### Green giant caterpillar identified as imperial moth

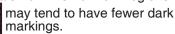


Caterpillar in question.

by Patrice Johnson

Thank you to readers who contacted SCN to identify the mystery moth caterpillar. Based on its coloration, furriness and size, we believe our giant green creature was an imperial moth caterpillar (Eacles imperialis).

The wingspan of the adult moth will reach between 3 1/8 and 6 7/8 inches with a high amount of variation within the species. Colors of the adult are always primarily yellow with red, brown, and purple blotches but can varv distinctly. Individuals from the northern regions



Larvae feed on a variety of host plants from coniferous and deciduous trees to shrubs. Adults do not feed.

Thank you to the reader who suggested the caterpillar could be a cecropia moth caterpillar.

### Panther Cub PTO meets monthly to address needs of K to 8th-graders and teachers



**Tracie Lentz and Sunshine** Karowich. Photo credit Reaghan Walz

by Jill Ogden

In typical first-Tuesday-of-the-month fashion, the conference room at Heritage Elementary buzzed with energy Oct. 2. The 4 p.m. meeting of the Panther Cubs PTO was underway as parents, teachers and principals gathered around a table to hash out upcoming events and orders of business.

"At each monthly meeting, we review reports from the principals and teachers, and we assess what the needs of the schools are," PTO president Jill Ogden said. "Then we figure out the most effective way to address them."

Most recently, the group helped put on the Fall Family Fun Night at Heritage.

"We had a great turnout," PTO event coordinator Tracie

Lentz said. "So many volunteers came together to make a fun and free evening for our Stockbridge Panther Cubs. Seeing the joy and excitement on their faces is rewarding, and really, doing these events is all about the kids."

Through a combination of fundraising and solicitation for donations, the nonprofit 501(c) (3) Panther Cubs PTO serves kindergarten through 8th grade in Stockbridge schools. The parent teacher organization provides financial support and fulfills a wide range of staff and student needs during the year.

Examples of PTO-sponsored activities include providing playground equipment, movie licensing, field trip transportation, classroom supplies, assemblies and teacher

"We have a really fun energetic group of volunteers, and we have so much fun accomplishing our goals," Ogden said.

PTO volunteer Sunshine Karowich said, "When I joined the PTO, I felt like I joined a family."

The public is welcome.

### Local dentist helps honor Michigan veterans with fishing trip



Tight Lines for Troops honors veterans with a free charter fishing tournament on Lake Michigan. This year, 300 Michigan veterans and more than 50 captains and their boats took part. Photo credit Tight Lines for Troops

by Judy Williams

From the first time local dentist Dr. Gary Adiska volunteered for "Tight Lines for Troops," he was hooked on the event.

Tight Lines for Troops honors veterans with a free charter fishing tournament on Lake Michigan. This year, 300 Michigan veterans and more than 50 captains and their boats took part.

"It's a tournament full of memorable moments, beginning with the morning ceremony," Adiska said. "Imagine," he added, "being part of a fleet of 50 fishing boats that leaves the harbor area at the same time and turns off their engines.

See Adiska on page 11.





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The imperial moth has evolved to look like rotting leaves. Source: Wikipedia.

### Wrecked vehicle on display a warning for drivers



John and Theresa Kightlinger, owners of My Body Shop, post the signs around the smashed pickup truck, about a stone's throw from the school, as a visual reminder that driving comes with its own set of dangers. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

by Bob Castle

If it takes a village to raise a child, it's up to everyone in the village to create teachable moments. Anyone passing the Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School will take note of two particularly powerful messages. Flanking both battered sides of a mangled vehicle are signs reading, "DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE" and "DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE."

John and Theresa Kightlinger, owners of My Body Shop, parked the vehicle and posted the signs on the east side of N. Clinton Street, about a stone's throw from the school, as a visual reminder that driving comes with its own set of dangers.

"Any 2,000-pound chunk of metal hurtling down the road poses a risk," Theresa Kightlinger said. "Now add faulty human behavior and driving becomes even more unpredictable."

That's what prompted the Kightlingers to set up this smashed pickup as a visual aid. And because their business is located near the high school, they hope the truck will serve as a reminder to new drivers and others to be careful and alert out on the road.

Originally from Wayne County, the couple visited Stockbridge some 20 years ago. While in town, they recall stopping at the pharmacy with their three children. One of the kids helped herself to a piece of candy without permission. A watchful employee caught the child and turned the incident into a teachable moment for their children.

Rather than feel offended at the store employee's actions, these parents felt thankful. Their thought was, "Man, if the people

of this town help parents look out for their kids and expect them to do right, it would be a nice place to raise kids."

The Kightlingers purchased the former Stockbridge Collision in August 2016, and now they have their own business here. The shop specializes in 'Gold Class' body repair and is aluminum capable. It is set up to make repairs to vehicles ranging from Mercedes to Ford Focus.

"We love it here," John said. "We aren't going anywhere."

Those who stop at their friendly shop should prepare for a greeting from the Kightlingers' lovable bulldog, Prema. Trunk or Treaters have the Kightlingers to thank for initiating the popular annual Halloween event.

Thank you, John and Theresa, for creating this visual teaching aid to remind all community residents of the importance of safe driving.



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# Community Thanksgiving celebrates 25 years



Diane Rockall and Lena Montgomery in 2012, her final year. Photo credit Arthur (Rocky) Rockall

by Diane Rockall

Lena Montgomery and her son Beau, along with Craig and Laurie Goodlock, started a community tradition 25 years ago.

The first Community Thanksgiving was held at Munith Methodist Church. It grew out of the desire to share our blessings and our thanks with all in the community. In the first year, 25 dinners were served in-house and 25 were delivered, all financed by a generous \$200 anonymous donation.

Lena talks fondly about the 20 years she served as coordinator of the event. Within a few years, the dinner and preparation for it became too large for the Church facility.

One year it was served in the American Legion Hall and for a few years Stockbridge Township Hall

was used. During some of these years, advance preparation was done at the Hankerd Hills kitchen, where Lena's sister Anna Hartunian worked. Due to the efforts of Bruce Brown, the Community Thanksgiving moved to its present location at Heritage Elementary School, where serving and preparation can be done in the same facility. Dinner is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with preparations done ahead of time.

Lena remembers stories happy and sad as well as the many significant volunteers who have helped over the years. Laurie Zemke and her Girl Scout troop baked cookies and community members also baked homemade pies with Kay Batsdorf as the cornerstone in early years. Lena particularly remembers the help of Sandy Kaye, John and Nancy Ociewja and Julie and Mike Glair as well as the many other volunteers. The theme has always been "Nobody has to eat alone. You only have to be hungry."

Julie and Mike began volunteering when their daughter, now a senior, was a pre-schooler. They are now in their 14th year. Julie assumed directorship from Lena. At one time all foods were donated, but today donations provide money for all, but the home-baked pies and cookies, which are still donated by local residents.

Those wishing to help support the event may send donations to Stockbridge Community Schools - Memo line Thanksgiving: at 100 Price Ave. Suite A, Stockbridge, MI, 49285. Everything is paid for before the event begins. Excess funds go on to fund future years Gifts or donations at the event are discouraged. All leftover food goes to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter immediately after food service ends. If you would like to help with preparations or place pickup or delivery requests, please call 517-851-4376 AFTER OCTOBER 31 ONLY. Remember, food service this year begins at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Come hungry and leave full of food, friends and thanksgiving.

### **Obituaries**

#### **Ronald Glenn Mayer**



Ronald Glenn (Ron) Mayer, of Jackson, MI, formerly of Munith, MI, born October 3, 1925 passed away peacefully on September 30, 2018 at his home under the loving care of his wife and children, and Henry Ford Allegiance Health Hospice.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marilyn, son Bruce, daughter Becky, and grandchildren Staci and Ryan (Breyan) Mayer, and Kaitlyn Filip. He also is survived by two great-grandchildren. Avery and Noah Mayer. He was preceded in death by his son Brent, parents Glenn & Mae (Bullis) Mayer, and sisters Doris Stowe and Lila Cooper.

Ron is a World War II Navy veteran who

served his country on the U.S.S. Rinehart in sonar and radar. He was on the English Channel when Germany surrendered and on Wake Island when Japan surrendered. He was aboard the Rinehart in both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. His commander was Woody Hayes.

Ron was a Rural Mail Carrier in the Munith area for 25 years and retired as Postmaster after five years. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post in Munith, Munith Rod & Gun Club and the Munith Lions Club. He was instrumental in forming these organizations. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunted in the U.P. for many years.

Visitation was held at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. A Memorial Service was held at the Munith United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Munith United Methodist Church or Henry Ford Allegiance Health Hospice.

#### **Timothy L. Hodges**



Timothy L. Hodges, 61, of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, passed away as the result of a hepatic aneurysm on Friday, October 12, 2018 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Tim was born April 28, 1957 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Lloyd and Shirley Hodges, Jr., graduating from Stockbridge High School in 1975. Following high school, he moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where he worked as a florist, waiter and at Kinkos for several years. He later moved to Tomahawk, Wisconsin to be closer to his oldest sister and mother. He worked there as a florist at House of Flowers. He also worked as a caregiver to those with disabilities. Tim was incredibly creative and enjoyed gardening, being in nature, making people happy, and had a special

connection with and tenderness for animals. Tim was a kind, generous person with a wonderful sense of humor. He loved fiercely and unconditionally and made in southwest Michigan where he opened his own business which blossomed and friends wherever he went.

Tim is survived by his siblings, Paul Larned, Melanie (Don) Moyle of Antigo; and Cindy (Jim Carl) Harrison of Ann Arbor, Michigan; nieces and nephews, Melissa (Larye) Pohlman, Christopher Moyle, Brian Moyle, Ashley (Justin) Kerns, Cortland Larned, and Chadler Larned. Many dear friends further survive Tim. His father, and his mother who recently passed away on October 2, 2018 preceded

A celebration of Tim's life was held on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Klockes and children Christel Klockes, and Hans H Klockes. the First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor with the Rev. Paul Duke officiating.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

#### Pauline Grace (Minar) Nottingham



Pauline Grace (Minar) Nottingham was born February 23, 1920 in Plainwell, MI daughter of Alex and Helen (Richmond) Minar of Gun Plains Twp. where she spent her childhood. She died October 18, 2018 after a brief stay at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Michigan.

She attended Bellingham Grade School district # 6 in Gun Plains Twp. After graduation as salutatorian of the class of 1936 from Plainwell High School, she attended Davenport McLaughlan Institute affiliated with Grand Rapids College of Applied Science in Grand Rapids, MI.

Prior to her marriage she was employed by Budd Jewelry and Michigan Interstate Trucking Company in Kalamazoo, MI.

On March 1, 1941 she was married at the home of her parents to Alvin Lee "Bill" Nottingham who preceded her in death on March 21, 2000.

After they moved to White Oak in 1948 she volunteered as a sewing leader for the White Oak 4-H Club in Ingham County for 15 years. She also enjoyed having grandchildren for week long summer visits. She was a member of the Millville Extension Club for many years.

She was elected White Oak Twp. Treasurer and served in that position on the Township Board until her employment with the Ingham County Treasurer's office. She retired in December 1987 as Senior Deputy Treasurer with 19 years of service.

With her husband she owned and operated White Oak Antiques in her home for many years, enjoying attending auction and garage sales to build her inventory. She especially liked old books. Auctioneers could count on her to 'give a dollar' for almost any box of books. She sold an uncounted number of books in her shop and on Ebay. She had nearly 1000 books on hand when she closed her shop.

Pauline enjoyed reading and sewing. She had a large collection of flow blue china and other antiques. She spent many hours working on the genealogies of her family and the family of her husband progressing from saving on a floppy disc to utilizing the Internet for research, cataloging and information sharing. She built an extensive library of nearly 50 notebooks documenting her work.

She loved puzzles and games all of her life - from playing canasta with her father and many different games with her children and family to Ticket to Ride 'for relaxation ' well into her 90's with anyone who would play. She was a serious player, commenting once that she wished she had never taught her children to talk as talking slowed the game down.

Pauline lived in her rural Stockbridge home until age 96 when she moved across Cooper Road living with her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Al until her death. There she enjoyed watching birds in the feeders and birdhouses Al provided outside her window as well as visits from family and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jack Minar, sister Lois Cutcher, niece Sandra Nottingham Flannery, nephew Jeffrey Cutcher, great granddaughter, Jeorgia Rouse and niece SuZelle Nottingham.

She is survived by children: Mary Ann (George) Rouse of Versailles, Missouri, Thomas (Lena) of San Diego, CA and Susan (Susie, Su) Nottingham and husband Allen Craven of Stockbridge, MI.

Grandchildren: Jana (Andy) Shannon, Gilbert, AZ; Danyele Nottingham Vine, Chandler, AZ; Jennifer Rouse, Colorado Springs, CO; Dawn Nottingham Janowski, Oakley, CA; Zachary (Jessica Irish) Misener, Portland, OR; Scott (Monica) Craven, Stockbridge, MI and Ryan (Amy) Craven, Ontario, Canada.

Great-Grandchildren: Rylee Nottingham and Mason Vine, Chandler, AZ; Hayden Jackson and Shane Lopes, Oakley, CA; Bailey and Denali Craven, Stockbridge, MI and Liam and Dylan Craven, Ontario,

Special niece Nancy (Bud) Dockter, Traverse City, MI and nephew James Nottingham, Stockbridge, who grew up next door; nephews Glen (Marlene) Cutcher, Cambridge, WI and Steve (Mindy) Cutcher, Oreland, PA and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration of Pauline's life for family and friends will be held on 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 16 at 4665 Cooper Rd, Stockbridge Michigan. She will be buried next to Bill in the Fairview Cemetery, Dansville, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers checks written to "Habitat For Humanity" may be sent to Mary Ann Nottingham Rouse, 4665 Cooper Road, Stockbridge, 49285. Your donation will support Pauline's granddaughter's Habitat International Global Village Build in Lesotho, Africa.

She was a good wife, a kind person and the "Best Mom in the World".

#### **Hans Josef Klockes**



Hans Josef Klockes. Family, love and a tremendous work ethic were the attributes that defined him and led to his pursuit and achievements. Arriving to Canada in 1956 with only a single suitcase and a dream, he began his journey. After a few years in Canada he would attend a local event where he met the love of his life and soul mate Helene Schneiker and married in 1958. He would later accept a job in Detroit Michigan performing his trade as a master sausage maker and moved to the states in 1962. A few years later, with his farm boy heart, he decided to move the family to a rural one-light town

allowed him to live the American dream.

He was stern with a compassionate demeanor and everyone who met him or had the opportunity to work with him would quickly learn how loving and giving his teddy bear heart was.

On Sept. 21, 2018, shortly after his 88 birthday, Hans Josef Klockes departed us after living an incredible life with his loving wife of 61 years, his two adoring children and doing what he loved the most. He will be lovingly remembered by wife Helene

A memorial to celebrate his life as a son, husband, father and friend was held at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, located at 2323 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon, FL 33511 on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 11:00 a.m.



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# How boom in nationwide home sales affects local area



Over the past 24 months, approx. 450 home sales have occurred in SCN's area of circulation. Image from MLS and Jackie Scheller

Information provided by Jackie Scheller

Residential real estate sales have been brisk during the past few years. The seller's market has prevailed, and buyers have been left waiting for homes to come onto the market. In the past couple of months, a slight shift and correction has resulted in sellers lowering prices to attract buyer interest.

"In comparison to the years during our most recent recession, this is a boom time for the real estate industry," Jackie Scheller of Rock Realty said. After researching multiple MLS systems, she reported that over the past 24 months, approximately 450 home sales occurred in SCN's area of circulation.

Taking into account a national average of 2.3 people per household, this amounts to 1,000 new or shifting people in the area.

"We are grateful to have SCN as a source of information and a place to advertise that reaches new and existing residents," Scheller said. "Well done, and congratulations on your two-year anniversary."



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### Student of the Month: Finn Coffman



At the age of 3, Finn Coffman's academic career began as a Curious Cub with Stockbridge Community Schools. Field trips to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum rank as his top experiences so far, and he looks forward to more in the future. Photo credit Sarah Bentley

want to be treated."

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Blink, and you may not see highly motivated and energetic Finn Coffman. This sixth-grader at Heritage Elementary stays active, mountain biking, running cross country and playing soccer.

This past summer Coffman placed second in a mountain bike race while in the Upper Peninsula. Most recently, he medaled in his first cross country meet. While we may not see this young man ever sit still, we may see his creative ability in his art, chosen to represent Stockbridge Schools and proudly displayed at Ingham County ISD.

Coffman lives in the rural area with his mother Monique, father Michael, and older brother Jonah. He says he loves to be surrounded by wildlife and spending time with family and friends, especially his cousins.

At the age of 3, Coffman's academic career began as a Curious Cub with Stockbridge Community Schools. Field trips to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum rank as his top experiences so far, and he looks forward to more in the future.

Teacher, Mr. Rehmann, describes Coffman as "a respectful, hard-working young man who will always try to help others whenever possible. He is a role model that leads through his actions in class and outside of class." Rehmann's statement rings true to the motto that Coffman lives by: "Treat others as you

The support of his parents has always helped him do his best, Coffman says, and he loves caring for the family's two pets, Daisy and Po. He plans to attend Michigan State University to become a veterinarian. Those animals will be lucky to receive his care.

Stockbridge Community News is grateful to SRSLY for sponsoring 'Student of the Month'

### **Crossroads 180 Teen Center takes** steps toward 2019 opening



Front to back: Sidney & Maddie Gipe, Andrea Davis, Diane Baird, Riley Miller, Josh Thiebaut, Dave McClure, Joey Arbenowske, Jack Fleeman and Pastor Rob Ames.

Photo credit Jen McClure

by Tina Cole-Mullins

The lack of things for kids to do in a small-town community is nothing new, and throughout the years, the need for a teen center has popped up now and again in conversations throughout the greater Stockbridge area. It was the first subject this reporter chose to address in a Letter to the Editor, published in an issue of The Town Crier in 2004 when she first started writing. Now, after all these years, the vision of a community teen center is turning into a viable prospect.

When local resident Mike Dalton purchased the former Stockbridge Middle School and announced its conversion to the Stockbridge Activity Center, the Crossroads Community Church decided to step forward, and the plan for the Crossroads 180 Teen Center was born. The church secured a spot within the S.A.C., and after a few short months of fundraising activities and volunteer assistance, the Crossroads 180 Teen Center is coming to life.

Interim youth minister, Jen McClure of the Crossroads Community Church said, "We at Crossroads are so excited about all a teen center can and will mean for the youth of our community."

See Crossroads on page 12.



### From the superintendent's desk

**Our Early Childhood Education program** continues to grow and flourish

For two consecutive years the enrollment of early learners has continued to increase and has been running at capacity.

We currently run four early childhood classrooms. Having all of our early childhood programs in the

same building along with our K-2 educational programs has proven a huge success. Our all-inclusive school staff is highly professional, friendly, and collaborative. They receive the latest training in best practices and are tightly connected to the K-2 staff and curriculum.

All of our programs follow the MTSS Model (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and the same Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible expectations as the K-2 program. Our early childhood curriculum is very engaging, the classrooms are equipped with the latest technology, and the staff uses a hands-on approach to learning.

Most importantly, our program provides a safe and nurturing environment to promote social and academic growth through developmentally appropriate activities. We are pleased to exit early learners from our early childhood program who are well prepared and ready to begin kindergarten right here at Smith Elementary.

To enroll in our early childhood education program please contact Janice Armstrong, director of Early Childhood Education at 517-851-7735, ext. 3207 or email at armstroj@ panthernet.net.

Sincerely,

Karl Heidrich

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





### Adiska page 6

"There's a Coast Guard ship anchored just outside the harbor. On the back deck of the Coast Guard ship is a bugler who plays taps, followed by two bagpipers playing 'Amazing Grace.' There simply are no words to describe that moment," he said.

Adiska said the veterans appreciate the recognition, and he recalled a tough old Army veteran confined to a wheelchair and who went by the nickname Gaitor.

"It was at the end of the day, and I reached out to shake Gaitor's hand," Adiska said, choking up with emotion. "Gaitor reached up with both arms to give me a hug, and he had tears in his eyes."

In 2009, Bob Guenthardt, a Manistee County charter captain and proud Army veteran, started Tight Lines for Troops, a federally recognized nonprofit organization. His idea was to honor those who have served their country by inviting them to a fishing tournament. Nine years later, Guenthardt's vision has grown to a large, annual fishing tournament, banquet and more to show appreciation to members of the military for their dedication and sacrifice.

Tight Lines is a success, Adiska explained, because of all the volunteer fishing boat captains, local organizations, National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard, many private businesses and hundreds of volunteers

"Participants pay no charter fees, entry fees or banquet fees," he said.

Participants must register for the event. Veterans may apply for next year's event by going online to tightlinesfortroops.com. The application period is open from Nov. 1, 2018, to March 1, 2019.

"Boarding priority" is given in the following order: WWII and Korean War veterans, Purple Heart recipients, veterans disabled, POWs, and any veterans of any branch of service.

Adiska already is looking ahead to the 10th annual Tight Lines for Troops. This will kick off with a mandatory registration and dinner on Friday, May 17, 2019.

Saturday, May 18, the tournament will begin at 5:30 a.m. with the Big Lake Division. The Big Lake Division teams are made up of four participants. Each team weighs its biggest fish. The Pier/ Shore Division is for the individual angler wanting to fish from the pier or shore. Their competition will start at 6:30 a.m. Individual participants also weigh their biggest fish. Reels in for everyone will be at 12:30 p.m., and the all-important weigh-in begins at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to join in the "Welcome Back Celebration" as the boats return to Manistee City Marina.

The river walk along the channel is lined with people waving flags to welcome the fishermen back. Michigan Chapter No. 1 of the Rolling Thunder offers thousands of loaner flags for people to wave as the fleet returns to port.

"It is difficult to describe the emotions shown by the veterans when we return to the harbor and the Welcome Back Celebration," Adiska said. "All of the people lining the pier waving flags and saluting our veterans is a sight to behold. What a wonderful way to honor our heroes who have defended our country."



### Gimme a Break

**Pet Peeves** 

Dear Reader,

In answer to the question, what is your biggest pet peeve, several peeves raised their heads:

- Men not putting the toilet seat down.
- Chewing with your mouth open.
- People who make an appointment and don't keep it.
- People saying they're going to arrange an event and don't follow

through.

- Leaving cupboard doors open.
- Leaving dirty dishes on the counter instead of setting them in the dishwasher.
- Passive-aggressive people who say they agree with you and then do something opposite.
- When you make an appointment and then have to wait because the service provider overbooked.
  - Drinking out of the milk carton.
  - People who pass gas and walk away and make you look guilty.
  - Barking dogs.

Heads up for Halloween: Send photos of your favorite kid costumes, entered in these categories: 1. Scariest 2. Cutest 3. Most creative 4. Other (You name it). Please identify who's in the photos.

Send responses to StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com, subject line: Attn: Pet Peeves. Or snail mail your thoughts to SCN, Attn: Halloween costumes,

P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137. Answers must be received no later than the 10th of November.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Gimme A. Break

### **SCN** page 2

They feared our community would lose a vital medium that bonded it together. To explore solutions, Chuck Wisman and Johnson met with experts and researched the market, discovering that 75 percent of residents in our rural, farm-oriented community had virtually no access to quality, consistent local information.

They drafted a proposal, and in August 2016, the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation granted \$5,000 from the Charlotte and Robert Camp Memorial Endowment Fund for the hiring of a college intern to help jump-start a multimedia local news and information service for the good and welfare of the community.

Eastern Michigan sophomore Hope Salyer began work Sept. 15, and within two weeks, she had SCN's website up and running. During the first month, the online service had 1,100 views.

A task force of volunteers stepped forward, and in November, a 4-page print edition rolled off the presses. The newspapers were mailed at no charge to school district households, and volunteers hand-delivered them to local businesses.

Processes evolved and the roster of helpful hands grew. In December, SCN established a board of directors and became a self-standing, Michigan nonprofit and IRS 501(c)(4) organization. Founding directors included Pres. Patrice Johnson, V.P. Molly Howlett, Treas. Judy Williams, Hope Salyer, Nancy Wisman and Roberta Ludtke.

Fast forward two years, and SCN now publishes a 24-page newsletter with three national awards under its belt. Its website regularly hosts more than 25,000 views per month, and its Facebook page updates nearly 1,300 regular followers on daily news. SCN's board of directors has grown to 11 members,



adding Rose Collison, Bev Glynn, Amy Haggerty, Diane Rockall, and most recently, Joan Tucker. An array of adjunct directors and reporters make valuable contributions each month.

The energy in our local community feels palpable, and as Township Trustee Terry

Sommer said in a meeting, "It's our newspaper. It's all about us, and we need to support it."

SCN's board of directors wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to readers and supporters. We are pleased to be a part of this thriving community of good neighbors.

### **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.

- · Hans Klockes died Sept. 21, 2018 Florida
- · Shirley A. Corwin died Sept. 24, 2018 Gregory
- · Edward A. Briggs died Sept. 27, 2018 Stockbridge
- · Ronald Glenn Mayer died Sept. 30, 2018 Munith
- · Marcus Blair died Oct. 2, 2018 Jackson
- · Shirley Marshall died Oct. 2, 2018 Gregory
- · Agnes Lyle "Aggie" Horn died Oct. 4, 2018 Jackson
- · George E. Brownholz died Oct. 5, 2018 Lansing
- · Charles D. Minix died Oct. 9, 2018 Stockbridge
- · Karen Weaver- died Oct. 16, 2018 Gregory
- Timothy Hodges died Oct. 12, 2018 Tomahawk Wisconsin formerly of Stockbirdge



Put the toilet seat down!

### A look back in time

November 1918, 100 years ago, was a significant time for our community, our country and the entire world. On Nov. 11 of that year at 11 a.m. local time, Germany's ruler signed a truce with terms ending World War I. President Woodrow Wilson previously had announced the exact time the war would end.

In Stockbridge, as in many other parts of the world, residents celebrated. The Stockbridge Band led a spontaneous parade into town. On the south side of Town Square, a large bonfire was built to burn "Kaiser Bill" in effigy. Nationally, Wilson ordered the cancellation of the November draft of 300,000 young men. At least 50 Stockbridge-area men died while serving in the military during the war.

On Nov. 5 of that same year, voters throughout Michigan cast ballots and approved the 16th Amendment to give the state's women the ight to vote. The 16th Amendment was finally ratified by the entire U.S. in 1920. However, after 1918, Michigan women were allowed to vote under the same guidelines as men. The Brief Sun also reported election results for state offices. Reports said 257 ballots were cast in

Stockbridge, but it did not report the totals for the amendment issue, nor did it report how other communities in the area had voted.

Also during that month, the death of Unadilla resident 20-year-old John Douglas Watson was announced. Watson succumbed to influenza only three weeks after his enlistment. The Home Guard escorted his body to the cemetery.

Although not mentioned as the same influenza that caused Watson's death, Spanish flu had spread across the world that year. The disease was given that name after it was first observed in Spain in May 1918. Throughout November 1918, Brief Sun reports contained news from the front, servicemen's letters home, and advice to prevent becoming ill from the spreading influenza.

#### Thirty years ago

By 1988, several more wars were behind us, and Stockbridge was once again moving forward. A community breakfast was planned early in the month for business and professional leaders. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Lionesses were all seeking new members.

Announcements of December special events included a Dec. 3 festival of lights and the arrival of Santa on Dec. 10. Eleven Stockbridge High football players were selected for Ingham County League honors. Stan D. Fey

Early Stockbridge Band photo courtesy of Stockbridge Library

was elected township supervisor, Joyce Dickinson ran unopposed for treasurer, as did Mary Curtis for clerk. Later in the month, William D. Caskey died at age 67. Diane Rockall serves in several capacities as a member of the Stockbridge Community News Board of Directors.

### Hooray for our history, a request and call to action

by Chief Johnnie Torres, Jr.

Today let us address three topics.

First, congratulations to the Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society for its Oct. 7 production in Oaklawn Cemetery. The rehearsal was impressive, let alone the public performances. Many attended despite cold and rainy weather, and to those who missed it: Boy! Did you miss it.

Next, having been employed here at the village for the past nine years, this officer is interested in Stockbridge history, and I would like to ask readers for help finding history about the Stockbridge Police Department.

As many readers are aware, the current version of the department has been in existence since 2006. But there were previous versions. A coat, hat, and patch stand as evidence. However, few other historical items remain in the offices. Folks out there must have or know

something of historical interest to SPD. Names? Articles? Pictures? Perhaps you have a good story to tell about the department back in the '60s, '70s, or before? If so, please contact me at 517-851-7517 or jtorres@vosmi.org.

Third, for those who aren't subscribers to Smart 911, perhaps you have never heard of it. Smart 911 is a free service available in our community and was designed to help its residents when they call 911. Once signed up, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided in advance. This information will help police, fire and EMS personnel locate individuals and better address the emergency, including medical issues, current location and even pets.

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Be vigilant. Be safe.

Chief Torres
Chief Torres, a native of Flint, joined the Stockbridge Police Department in 2009 and became its chief in 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint and is married with two adult children.



Smart911.com to save time in an emergency when seconds count.

### Crossroads page 10

When asked to explain the term 180, McClure said, "We chose the name Crossroads 180 for both our youth ministry and the teen center to highlight the truth that even if your life and circumstances are headed in a negative direction, you can always do a 180 and choose a different, better path."

In August, volunteer adults and teens came together on a Sunday afternoon to prepare, paint, and bring Crossroads 180 Teen Center another step closer to reality. The plan is to roll out the center's opening in phases.

Phase 1 will consist of moving existing student ministry events from the Crossroads church building on South Clinton into the teen center. Phase 2 will be "Fifth Quarter Events" to take place after home games. Phase 3 will launch after-school activities.

Currently, the center is painted and home to community donations including furniture, a Foosball and pingpong table, and arcade games.

McClure couldn't say for sure when the center will open, but the group hopes to launch Phase 1 in early 2019. "We are moving steadily forward, both in terms of preparing the physical property and with acquiring adequate adult staffing," she stated, adding that the church is training committed, enthusiastic leaders, vetted with background checks.

"We currently have a ministry team of almost 20 adults and teens who've already begun activities for sixth- through 12th-graders." She said the center's program will incorporate fun, service, moral and biblical training.

'The Teen Center is one of our huge outreach goals," McClure emphasized. "It is very much an evolving process right now. We hope to meet teens where they are, and support and inspire them to grow into their full potential in a safe, fun environment.'

# Thank You Veterans!

### Colone page 1

and one day, after being called into the Dean's office to discuss my grades, I decided to quit school and join the service. I enlisted in the Army on June 11, 1966. A few days later I was in Howell, Michigan, boarding a bus with other young men on our way to basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Colone shook his head and added, "Would vou believe Cleary College invited me back to give the commencement address in 2001?'

Colone shipped out for Vietnam in September 1967, he said. "We were sent by boat. It was a long trip taking 27 days. Our squad was attached to the 101st Airborne, 'The Band of Brothers.' I had the rank of sergeant. My squad trained together for seven months. Our missions were what was referred to as a search and destroy. In general, if there was a problem, we were sent. There was one period of time that we were in the jungle for 67 days. That means no showers for 67 days." Colone wore a faraway look. "There are no words that can explain the closeness of our group."

When asked about his most memorable part of service, Colone gave a small smile that didn't reach his eyes. Then he began to speak about the day he was pronounced dead.

"The day was hot and humid as were all days in Vietnam. We were sent out to patrol in this rice patty near the town of Ho Chi Minh's birth place, Phan Thiet. That's where he taught school, lived for many years and where the Communist Party started in Vietnam. Phan Thiet is right on the coastline. At that time Vietnam was mainly a bunch of little villages. We were on another search and destroy mission.'

"We had just crossed the Ca Ty River when we started taking rounds from across the rice patty. We took cover and let the planes fly over to drop bombs on the Viet Cong to clear the way. We received the all clear. I started out to get a wounded soldier. The next thing I knew, I was hit in the leg. Then I couldn't make my arm work. I couldn't hold my rifle. I had been hit in the arm and went down."

"Don, a member of my squad started out to help me. I waved him back, but he kept coming. He put a tourniquet on my arm. Before we could get out of there, Don was shot and fell on me."

"He said to me, 'I don't think we're going to make it. If you do, tell my mother I love her.' I pushed Don off from me and tried to take cover. The next shot hit my helmet, took off part of my ear, and left a vein hanging out of my neck."

"Later, I remember hearing someone say, 'Colone is dead.' I couldn't respond. Later, I woke up, and it was all dark. I was in a body bag. I started trying to move, and I rolled off what I thought might have been logs. I was picked up and moved back on top. I started moving again and rolled off again. This time someone opened the bag. I was in the morgue. I had been pronounced dead and had a toe tag."

Colone paused and added, "On that day we lost 17 men out of our squad of 23. My parents had already been notified of my demise. Eventually, I was able to contact my parents through the Military Auxiliary Radio System,

Serving with Colone in the same platoon from April 1967 through Vietnam was Gary Purcell of Inverness, Florida. In the early 70s, Purcell came to Pinckney to visit Colone's parents. Purcell wanted them to know that he was with their son when he died. Colone's parents said their son was alive, but Purcell assumed they were in

"How could he be alive?" he asked them. "I was holding him when he died.'

But Colone's parents insisted their son was alive, so Purcell described his friend's injuries. "Half of his neck was shot off. You could see the veins and stuff pulsating. I held him with his head laying in my lap, and he was bleeding all over. We knew he wasn't going to make it. Then, there was no pulse, no heartbeat. Colone was put in a body bag and loaded on the chopper with the other dead and injured."

To prove their son was still alive, Colone's parents telephoned him, so Purcell could speak with him.

During this interview, Purcell added, "Our unit had to fall back and dig in until the next day. Our medic came up to me to ask where I was hit. I hadn't been hit. I was just covered in Colone's blood.'

After Colone was discovered as alive, he was stabilized in a field hospital and then moved for transfer to a hospital in Japan. "On the day I was transferred to the airport to be evacuated to Japan the Viet Cong overran the airport," he said. "I'm laying on a stretcher in a bunker waiting to be moved to a plane, and a nurse hands me a handgun and tells me 'good luck.' I couldn't have used the gun if I had to. I didn't have the strength, and I kept passing out." The Viet Cong were run off, and Colone was loaded on the flight for Japan.

While in the hospital in Japan, a soldier was going to the store and asked Colone if he would like anything.

"I gave him some money and asked him to get a bottle of bourbon," Colone said. "He swore me to secrecy, so he wouldn't get in trouble for getting a patient alcohol. I agreed. He brought the bottle back and put it on my nightstand that was to the right of my bed." But Colone's right arm was elevated in a cast. "I must have spent three hours trying to reach that bottle with my left hand. Finally, I got the bottle and had to open it using my teeth. Now that the bottle was open, I set it back on the stand just as an earthquake hit. Everything shook. I helplessly watched as the bottle wiggled off the stand and smashed on the floor."

After Japan, Colone was sent to a V.A. hospital in Denver. In total, he spent 22 months recovering in hospitals.

March 25, 1969, Colone married the love of his life, Anne. They have two daughters, Laura and Michelle.

While recovering in Denver, Colone worked in a Dodge dealership as part of a job-training program. He worked his way up to manager, and in 1974, the Colones moved to Alpena, Michigan, where he worked at a car dealership.

"I received a phone call on Christmas of 1977 from a guy in Pinckney that I've known my entire life," Colone said. "He owned a car dealership in town and wanted to sell it and the parts inventory I told Bugg's (the owner's nickname) that we were going to be in Pinckney the next day to see Anne's and my parents and would stop by to discuss the deal. With a handshake and the promise of paying Buggs \$1,000 a month for 60 months and a pick-up truck to use for one year, I became the owner of the Pinckney Chrysler, Dodge dealership.

Colone owned this dealership from 1978 to 1999. Currently, he serves as the self-proclaimed mayor of Hell. He owns Screams Ice Cream, Hell's Mini-golf Course, the Hell Wedding Chapel, and Hell's Canoe & Kayak Rental. He often creates special events to promote the area.

Colone has made helping veterans a mission. He served on the Livingston County Veterans Board from 2004 to 2016. In 2009, the Livingston County Commissioners decided to dissolve the board, and Colone led the fight to continue it. He was instrumental in getting a .20th mill passed to help veterans. In 1994, Colone, along with four others from his squad, started sending flowers to the gravesites of members who did not come home. This program has now grown to an adopt a gravesite program that encompasses the entire 3/506 platoon.

Every February 19, Colone meets several of his fellow veterans at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. There, they place flowers by the panels of service men and women they knew. In 1999, Colone donated \$100 per Livingston veteran who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country to use for building the Michigan Vietnam Monument. Plus, he supports STIGGY, a group that buys dogs for veterans.

When asked what advice he would give to the youth of our generation, Colone replied, "Don't lose your social skills. You need to have face to face discussions, not just texting on your phone."

### Stan Daily: US Army veteran

by Patrice Johnson

Stan Daily, now 77 years old, grew up in Wayne, Mich., to parents George Daily of Indiana and Mae (Blaker) Daily of New York. In 1966, he married Gregory resident Susan Howlett, and together they raised three children, Jeffrey, Carrie (Wengorovius), and Michael.

After graduating Wayne St. Mary's High School, Daily joined the U.S. Army. He served 22 months in France as an ordnance supply specialist, ranked Specialist 4 and was discharged just as



While stationed with the U.S. Army in Europe, ordnance supply Spc. 4 Stan Daily traveled extensively by train, and "passing through Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin was a highlight." Photo credit Patrice Johnson

the Vietnam War was beginning.

When asked to comment on the value of a person serving in the military, Daily commented, "After high school, I didn't know what I wanted to do and soon realized the service was the right choice. The military taught me many things: discipline, organization, maturity, respect, good sportsmanship and the value of working with a team."

While stationed in Europe, he said he traveled extensively by train and "passing through Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin was a highlight." On his return home, Daily enrolled in Cleary University and graduated with a degree in business administration. He applied the skills he learned while working at Shell Oil Co. in Detroit for seven years, as owner of Howlett Hardware in Stockbridge for 14 years and in management capacity at Stockbridge State Bank for 15 years, retiring in December 2003.

Also he has been a member of the Mackinder-Glenn Post 510, American Legion for more than 30 years, serving as post commander 1989-90.

Daily offered several nuggets of wisdom to the youth. "Have a goal, whether it is a trade or college," he advised. "If you aren't ready for college and can't decide what you want to do, the service is an excellent way to mature. If you start a job, be on time and work hard. Be selective and pick good friends who share your values. Stay away from drugs."

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

# Thank You Veterans!

# To WWII veteran Harold (the Prophet) Henry, life is about God and country



Harold Henry, a top turret machine gunner during WWII, was with his crew in a B-24 heavy bomber when the plane ran out of fuel over the North Sea and had to ditch into the frigid water. Photo credit Tom Ford

#### by Patrice Johnson

The ranks of surviving World War II veterans grows thinner with each passing year. Thankfully, Harold (the Prophet) Henry is alive and well, enjoying independent living in his home near Gregory.

Henry's military experience began in 1944. World War II had raged for nearly five years when the 17-year-old who valued God and country, in that order, could wait no longer to express his patriotism. The 11th-grader quit his Detroit high school as soon as he turned 18, and then this son of Florence and Andrew Henry enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in October. He joined the service in January.

Soon, Staff Sgt. Henry was serving in the European Theater on a heavy bomber B-24 as a top turret machine gunman. Also called Liberators, these American-built airplanes also played key roles in anti-submarine warfare and maritime patrol.

When asked to describe one of the most memorable parts of his service, Henry replied, "witnessing the curvature of the Earth."

Although he preferred not to discuss the trauma of his war experiences, he confirmed that his B-24 ran out of fuel over the North Sea and the crew was forced to ditch into the frigid water. He was one of the lucky crew members to survive because a British minesweeper craft came to their rescue within 30 minutes.

German forces surrendered in May 1945, and Henry's tour of duty came to an end in August 1945. He was honored with two air medals.

After returning home, Henry worked for a blueprint company. Then in 1947, he moved to the family farm on Dexter Trail where he resides today.

People who know Henry say God and country mean everything to him. For fun and personal satisfaction, he plays piano, most recently performing at the Stockbridge Library.

His advice to today's youth? "Develop your relationship with God," he wrote, and he stressed the importance of opening up the senses to God.

### William (Bill) Cool: Decorated veteran, husband, father and patriot



and women have sacrificed their lives protecting this great country. The flag is a symbol of this great country. Love and respect it, for it will love and respect you back." Photo credit Patrice Johnson

#### by Patrice Johnson

Vietnam War veteran William (Bill) Cool, now 73 years old, served five tours of duty with the Navy in Vietnam, many of which were spent on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier.

While on the USS Enterprise CVAN 65, Cool landed and launched aircraft. "I was an aviation boatswain mate 2nd class E5," he explained. What Cool doesn't say, but what any fighter pilot who has landed planes on a moving blip of a sea vessel will tell you, is that pilots trust their lives to these landing crews.

This son of Darryl and Genevieve grew up in Fowlerville and the Gregory area. He graduated Fowlerville, Class of 1963, and Oct. 9, 1964, enlisted in the Navy. He served 4 years, 18 months and 7 days, and of that time 4 years, 4 months and 21 days were in foreign and sea service.

Cool has a long list of honors to his name: Naval Unit Commendation Ribbon; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medals: one Silver Star and one Bronze Star; National Defense Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Tet Offensive Medal; and the U.S. Navy Shellback Medal.

"I have the memory of the close camaraderie we all had together," he said. "We were all like brothers, always having each other's backs."

Any person serving in the military, he said, is a true patriot deserving of love and respect.

The most memorable part of your service, Cool said, involved coming home after his years in Vietnam. Aug. 5, 1989, he married Kathleen Devine. Together, they raised four children: Deborah, Jeffery, Teresa and Torrey.

After returning home, Cool worked 36 years as a commercial bricklayer. Today, the Cools live in an 1832 Farmhouse on Roberts Road. Inside, rough-hewn beams stand testament to the belief that this was the second home built in losco Township.

Advice to the youth of our generation? "You live in the greatest country in the world. Many men and women have sacrificed their lives protecting this great country. The flag is a symbol of this great country. Love and respect it, for it will love and respect you back. God bless America. Be all you can be."

# Thank You Veterans!

### James (Jim) Meadows Jr., Marine and Army vet, too



James (Jim) Meadows Jr. raises the flag he flies in his backyard each day. Photo credit Patrice

#### by Patrice Johnson

James M. Meadows Jr., age 79, grew up and attended school in Taylor, Mich.

His father, James Morgan Meadows, hailed from Macon, Georgia, and his mother, Bernadette (Trudeau) Meadows, came from Detroit.

Meadows married Patricia G. (Cobb) Meadows Sept. 3, 1960, and the couple gave birth to and raised six children: Terri, Mary (deceased), Stephen (deceased), Kimberly, Rebecca, and James III.

Apr. 12, 1957, Meadows joined the U.S. Marine Corps, and four year later on July 7, 1961, he joined the US Army. He served six months in the Dominican Republic during the Dominican Crisis. Then he served two years in Vietnam. With the USMC he operated as a Communications CPL E3. While with the U.S. Army, he served in the Infantry, ISG E8.

When asked if he had received any awards or honors, Meadows replied with a simple "Numerous. For doing my duty."

"I remember it being the greatest time of my life," he wrote.

Serving in the military helps ground a person, he said, and equip him or her with leadership skills and a sense of responsibility.

Some of the most memorable parts of Meadows' service arise from a Marine Corps birthday, Jump School, and serving in the 10th Special Forces Group.

When Meadows returned home from the service, he taught ROTC, carried mail and became postmaster. His advice to the youth? "Do a tour, if you are up to it. You will gain knowledge and skills."

### Kenneth Hartka: Army veteran serves in Asia



Kenneth Hartka said he joined the Army to get a some of the world. Photo credit Rose Collison

#### by Amy Haggerty

Kenneth Hartka, of Gregory, currently 77 years old, joined the Army July 8, 1962. He was stationed in Taipei, Taiwan, for 15 months and three months in Karat, Thailand. While overseas, he was ranked as a specialist 4th grade and signal corps officer, responsible for communications.

While serving in Taiwan, Hartka recalled Sept. 11, 1963. On that terrible day, typhoon Gloria hit the island and was recorded as the worst storm in 50 years.

Hartka married Loretta Schwarz on Dec. 4, 1970, and they raised four children, Brian, Kevin, LeAnn and Theresa. He attended school in Nankin Township in the Westland, Michigan, area, specifically Nankin Elementary School and Plymouth High School.

Hartka said he joined the Army to get a good education and for the possibility of seeing some of the world. "Serving in the military can help a person learn and see a lot," he said. "People in the military are great people. They give a lot."

He said he enjoyed his time in Asia and felt his whole experience was memorable. While in the Army, he good education and for the possibility of seeing received some electronics training, and when he came home he was offered a job at the 3M Company as a field service technician.

### **Boot camp**



Jim Aust writes, "I've heard that going through Marine Corps boot camp is an experience worth a million dollars, but no one would take a milliion dollars to do it again." User provided photo

#### by Jim Aust

Boot camp felt like we had been dropped onto a different planet and would not get off. Only 10 weeks, but each day was eternity.

I've heard that going through Marine Corps boot camp is an experience worth a million dollars, but no one would take a million dollars to do it again.

I'd agree with that.

I believe that the two years I spent in the Marines were the most formative of my life. I was tested physically and mentally in ways that I haven't been prior or since. But I look at it as more survival than achievement.

Ironically, my stay at Camp LeJeune meant exposure to carcinogens in the drinking water. At age 68, I was diagnosed with leukemia which the Marine Corps acknowledges as service related. I'm now on VA disability.

But, all in all, I wouldn't change my choice to serve my country.

**Article by Patrice Johnson and Diane Rockall** A sizable and growing crowd gathered Friday, Sept. 28 on the Stockbridge Legion grounds for day one of

the second annual two-day Stockbridge Area Tractor

Show, sponsored by American Legion Mackinder

Attendees enjoyed an overcast but pleasant

the field south of the Legion Hall or ground to work

attendees and lent helping hands.

morning as antique and collectible tractors rolled onto

demonstrating their mechanical prowess. All the while,

Kim and Bev Smith, organizers of the event, welcomed

In the afternoon, Keith Grosshans putted down

away, a hit-and-miss engine chugged and popped and

a main aisle on his John Deere tractor. A few feet

### **Stockbridge Area Tractor Show 2018**



Before noon, tractors lined up for the

parade to the Township Square. Photo credit Diane Rockall

spewed out puffs of smoke. Near the pavilion, a metal-ringed bonfire added the the scent of wood smoke to the autumn air.

Glenn Post 510.

Brian Grosshans fired up a 1918 steam engine, and its power take off (PTO) churned long, thick belts to propel Mike Douglass' old-fashioned sawmill. Soon a 3-foot-round blade was buzzing through oak tree trunks and producing lumber planks as if slicing through butter.

Speaking of butter, a concession stand offered a tasty assortment of hot dogs and brats, among other items. At 4:30 p.m. the Legion Hall opened for business with a fish fry.

Day two began Saturday, Sept. 29 with a Cub Scout pancake breakfast and other activities.

Before noon, the tractors lined up for the parade to the Township Square. The route progressed from the American Legion Hall on Center Street north to Main Street one block. The brightly colored, putting and chugging assemblage then returned south past the park to Center Street, and ultimately re-entered Legion grounds.

Stockbridge Police Officer Josh Watson, who led the procession, confessed this was his first tractor parade. More than 40 tractors of various ages, shapes and sizes participated. Male and female drivers ranged from young to old, and some came dressed in costume.

The parade culminated with a SAESA vehicle and ambulance.

### Fire at 3135 Catholic Church Road destroys home



Firemen climb to the top of the house. Together, Ingham Township, Stockbridge, Leslie, Unadilla, Dansville, and Leroy Township fire departments put out the fire. Photo credit Rose Collison

#### by Rose Collison

Fire departments from multiple townships responded to a house fire on at 3135 Catholic Church Road Monday afternoon, Oct. 1.

Together, Ingham Township, Stockbridge, Leslie, Unadilla, Dansville, and Leroy Township fire departments put out the fire.

Ron Hodder from Stockbridge Area Ambulance said no people or pets were in the home, but the house was a total loss.

### THE OPEN AIR MARKET

WINTER MARKET: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 Produce, honey, cheese, eggs, jam, pesto, bread, pies, maple syrup, horseradish & hot sauces,

baked goods, art, woodworking, soaps, etc.

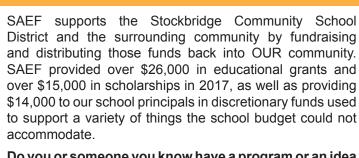
Small Business Saturday ~ November 24 11 to 3 pm ~ Presbyterian CE Building Luncheon: 11 to 2 pm | Music: Noon to 2 pm Girl Scout Troop 30731 with Cookies & Crafts

information, call Suzi at 517-851-7437.

For more



### STOCKBRIDGE AREA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Is working for you!



Do you or someone you know have a program or an idea that you would like to implement in our community?

Is there a program in our schools or community that is struggling and needs financial support?

Do you have a Senior at Stockbridge High School who is pursuing higher education after graduation?

#### SAEF may be able to help.

SAEF accepts applications for grants all throughout the year, making quarterly awards for grant requests that fit the criteria of being educational in nature. Although most of our grants are awarded to school based programs any community program that promotes education of our community residents may qualify.

Not sure if your idea or program qualifies? Call SAEF President Jennifer Hammerberg at 517 206-4166 or email to jhammer70@gmail.com to ask questions or get more information.





#### **Attention HS Seniors or Parents of Seniors!**

SAEF also accepts scholarship applications through the end of March and awards funding annually to students going onto further their education. Scholarships are available for vocational as well as university programs. Application information can be found on line and in your school counselors office.

For more information visit us https://www.panthernet.net/our-district/saef/ and like us on Facebook to get updates for our annual fundraiser THE FESTIVAL OF TABLES

#### **Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation Mission:**

To fund programs and projects that create or enhance educational opportunities available to residents within the boundaries of the Stockbridge Community School District.

### Nov. 6, 2018, General Election ballot proposals

#### **PARTISAN SECTION:**

#### **STATE**

- -Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- -Secretary of State
- -Attorney General

#### **CONGRESSIONAL**

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress 8th District

#### **LEGISLATIVE**

- State Senator 23rd District
- Representative in State Legislature 67th District

#### **STATE BOARDS**

- -Member of the State Board of Education
- -Regent of the University of Michigan
- -Trustee of Michigan State University
- -Governor of Wayne State University

#### COUNTY

-County Commissioner 13th District

#### **NON-PARTISIAN SECTION:**

#### **JUDICIAL**

- -Justice of Supreme Court
- -Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Incumbent Position
- -Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023)
  - -Judge of Circuit Court 30th Circuit Incumbent Position
  - -Judge of Probate Court Ingham County Non-Incumbent Position

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- -Board of Trustees Member Lansing Community College
- -Board of Trustees Member Lansing Community College (Partial Term Ending 12/21/2020)

#### **STOCKBRIDGE VILLAGE** (Village of Stockbridge Residents Only)

- -Stockbridge Village President
- -Stockbridge Village Trustee
- -Stockbridge Village Trustee (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2020)

#### STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

-Stockbridge Schools Board Member

(Stockbridge Community Schools Residents Only)

#### DANSVILLE SCHOOLS

-Dansville Schools Board Member

(Dansville Community Schools Residents Only)

#### PROPOSAL SECTION

#### Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers This proposal would: · Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption. · Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers. · Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them. · Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located. · Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

#### Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years This proposed constitutional amendment would:Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State: · 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and · 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties. · Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.

· Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. · Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates. · Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

#### Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and election day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to: Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines. Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day. Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election. Should this proposal be adopted?

#### COUNTY

#### Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Initiative Millage

Question For the purpose of protecting farmland and other open space lands, including waterways, wildlife habitat, wetlands, and other natural lands, and to encourage urban development, at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 2008, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan, previously increased by up to 14/100 (0.1400 of one mill, \$0.14 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation, be continued and renewed for a period of ten (10) years (2018-2027) inclusive? (If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated additional \$1,036,059 for farmland and open space preservation in the first calendar year of the levy based on state taxable valuation.)

### Ingham County Ingham Central Dispatch Proposition for 9-1-1 Emergency Service System Funding

Shall the County of Ingham, Michigan, be authorized to assess a charge on all landline, wireless, and voice over internet protocol service users located in Ingham County of up to \$1.80 per month to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Ingham County, including facilities, infrastructure, equipment and maintenance, and operating costs?

### \*\*\* The following municipalities will also have the STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOLS Election of Board Members on their ballot.

Please contact them for the times and dates of their Public Accuracy esting.

Henrietta Township Sally Keene 11732 Bunkerhill Rd. Pleasant Lake MI 49272 517-769-6925	Bunkerhill Township Carrie Zeitz 871 DeCamp Road Stockbridge MI 517-589-9886	White Oak Township Leela Vernon 1002 South M-52 Webberville MI 48892 517-851-8764	Waterloo Township Janice Kitley 9773 Mt Hope Road Munith, MI 49259 517-596-8400
Lyndon Township Linda Reilly 17751 N. Territorial Rd. Chelsea MI 48118 734-475-2401	Unadilla Township Linda Topping 126 Webb St. Gregory MI 48137 734-498-2502	losco Township Dan Delmerico 2050 Bradley Rd. Webberville MI 48892 517-223-9545	

Persons registering to vote must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the Township they reside for not less than 30 Days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).

### Persons with special need as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerks office.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk at (517) 851-7658 to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you: Are unable to attend the polls without assistance; Are 60 years of age or older; Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial; Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered; or Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

**Becky Muraf – Stockbridge Township Clerk** 

#### STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** October 15, 2018

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on October 15, 2018 at 7:30 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 Henry Whitaker, Jacob Lester, Lily Walz, Becca Muraf

Moment of Silence

Citizen's Comments: Discussion

Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting agenda as printed Lauckner second with the add on of mulch under old business and remodel under new business before monthly bills. All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to accept Stockbridge Township Board meeting minutes as printed. Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried Sommer motion to accept Stockbridge Township Board Financial report as printed. Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried. Stockbridge Township Building Department permits for the Third Quarter Report is as followed Zoning 5 new permits, Building 7 new permits, Electrical 11 new permits, Mechanical 10 new permits, Plumbing 4 new permits, Driveways 0 new permits, Addresses 1 new permit and Demolition 1 new permit. **Old Business** 

Library is complete and Stockbridge Township Board will see if the Garden Club would like to get involved with planting flowers in the spring also Stockbridge Township will look into a fence along the back of the library Sommer motion we take advantage of

Special offered by Swank Movie Licensing 3 movies at \$855.00 plus \$150.00 for Halloween

movie for Halloween. Wetherell second all in **Favor Motion Carried** 

Lantis motion to spend up to \$430.00 on Halloween supplies for the community Sommer second All in Favor Moton Carried

Mulch update Mulch will be delivered and stored at Lantis place for the winter and will be spread in the spring.

**New Business** 

Lauckner motion to accept Kitley Properties LLC proposal for 510 S M-106 with the following additions to property will have a zoning inspection every 6 months of which will be charged to Kitley Properties LLC. No vehicle shell sit on property longer then 6 months. RV and Recreational Vehicles will be allowed to be stored on property up to 6 months on the back part of the property (west side property line). Along with all of the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission recommendations. Sommer second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Lauckner Yes, Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes. Motion Carried

Lantis motion to reappoint Mandy Urguhart to Planning Commission along with Appointing Randy Griffith and Jeremy Muraf to the Planning Commission Sommer second All in **Favor Motion Carried** 

Discussion for Christmas Tree and Holiday

Sommer motion we hire Amanda Scheller for Building/ General Clerk for Stockbridge Township starting pay will be \$11.00 after a month of training revisit for permanent appointment Wetherell second Roll Call Vote. Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lauckner Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes. All in Favor Motion

Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board monthly bills in the \$29,657.58 Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried Citizen Comments

Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township monthly board meeting at 9:26 pm Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE SYNOPSIS

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 Člerk, John Gormley, Village Attorney, Citizens were also present

Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Mullins to approve the October 1, 2018 agenda as amended; add Eaton Federal Bank (Stockbridge State Bank) Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

Approval of Minutes MOTION by Harden, SUPPORTED by Cattell to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018 as amended. Motion carried with unanimous ayes

FINANCIAL REPORT: Accounts Payable MOTION by Cattell SUPPORTED by Quintanilla; to approve the accounts payable as presented by Clerk Nogle. AYES: Cattell, Valdez-Weaks, Mullins, Harden, Quintanilla, Howlett,; NAYS: None ABSENT: DuWig MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS: Zoning Ordinance and Map: MOTION by Quintanilla SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; Ordinance 201018.10-01, an Ordinance to approving Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to Complete restatement and replacement of the existing zoning ordinance. AYES: Mullins, Cattell, Valdez-Weaks, Harden, Quintanilla, Howlett NAYS: None; ABSENT: DuWig MOTION PASSED;

Trick-or-Treat Hours - MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; to have trick-or-treat hours from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

WIFI in Conference Room: MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Harden, APPROVED; to spend up to 1,000 with a contribution from the DDA in the amount of 500.00 for WIFI in the Conference Room. AYES: Valdez-Weaks, Cattell, Harden, Quintanilla, Mullins, Howlett NAYS: None; ABSENT: DuWig MOTION PASSED;

Eaton Federal Bank (Stockbridge State Bank): MOTION by Harden, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; Authorize the Village Attorney to get survey for the parking lot at Eaton Federal Bank (Stockbridge State Bank). AYES: Harden, Quintanilla, Mullins, Cattell, Valdez-Weaks Howlett NAYS: None; ABSENT: DuWig MOTION PASSED; ADJOURNMENT- MOTION by Harden, SUPPORTED by Cattell,

APPROVED to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:15pm. Motion carried with unanimous ayes.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk

## Waterloo Township Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes 25 September 2018 7 P.M. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259 Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister, Morency.
Also present: 5 residents.
Public Comment: Both Rose LaForest and
Lisa Conant spoke to the board expressing their dissatisfaction with the way the Board and the Planning Commission handled the Broadband issue and that the Board voted to not accept any of the 4 Feasibility Study quotes that were submitted. They felt it was wrong to ignore the 273 signatures that had been submitted in favor of the Broadband effort. Sheila Conant turned in a written copy of her

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/ none. Motion carried. Charlie Barnum expressed the fact that building is slowing down. There was also a brief discussion about a security camera system for the buildings, due to location and lack of police coverage. We will seek 3 bids on the system.

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Correspondence: Lance read the information sent by Bill Fahey from our law firm, including a copy of the letter that will be going to the Department of Transportation regarding new road signs and locations and State laws. He also read the FOIA submitted by a law firm regarding Extraction companies. We believe the only one we have to have information for is one of our Aggregate extraction companies.

extraction companies. Old Business: None New Business: • Morency stated that the Planning Commission looked over the official zoning map signed by Lance and Kitley. Also looking over commercial solar farm, definition and ordinance planning. They are looking at Air B & Bs and what needs to be addressed in a new ordinance regarding these new uses for property. • Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the Land Combination application submitted by Michael and Robin Dahl of 3 parcels: 000-05-25-376-002-10 with 25.01 acres; 000-05-36-126-002-01 with 3 acres and 000-05-36-126-002-02 with 3 acres resulting in a single new parcel, 000-05-36-126-002-05 with a total of 31.01 acres and frontage on Jefferson Street which intersects with Clear Lake Road. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. • Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the Land Division application from Greg A. and Cindy L. Larson for parent parcel #0002-10-05-301-001-04 resulting in two parcels:

000-10-05-301-001-17 with 1.03 acres and 000-10-05-301-001-16 with the remaining 8.71 acres. Aye/  $\,$ 05-301-001-16 with the remaining 8.71 acres. Aye/ all; no/none. Motion carried. • Lance motioned with support from Walz to approve the Land Division application from Marilyn Katz, parent parcel 000-05-07-126-001-00 resulting in two parcels: 000-05-07-126-001-04 with 3 acres and 000-05-07-126-001-03 with the remaining 74 acres. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. • Walz stated that the Parks and Recreation committee has submitted their grant application for \$500 to Consumers Energy Group application for \$500 to Consumers Energy Group.
The money if given will cover some work on the walking path that will be surrounding the Town Hall. They also have another grant that is available and will be working on that. There are looking over their Parks Master Plan to make sure they have everything current. It's pecessary to apply for everything current. It's necessary to apply for further grants. Carmen Burgess, newest member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, attended a Jackson County Parks meeting. They determined it would cost about \$800,000 to make updates for Portage Lake County Park. The Committee is looking at putting 2 trash cans and maybe 2 benches around our walking path. They looking to other options to get more money.
Other Business That Comes Before The Board:

Public Comment: Morency addressed the earlier public comment: She does not agree with the public comments made earlier about the Board and the Planning Commission. Based on the quotes we rejected the bids. She feels we were patient and there were no backdoor meetings. We've been fair and have listened to public comments. Because we have a low tax base, we cannot support internet, trash service or other services. Beals stated that the Board did not turn down the feasibility study, only the bids because they were too high. Signatures were supportive of having a faster internet service not the feasibility study. Heatley stated that if Lyndon Township proves to be very successful in their adopting the Broadband effort in three years or so, maybe we could look at it again.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, October16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 23, 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 Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk



Wanted: Craft/unique items for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library's annual November Silent Auction. Please bring your donated items to the library after October 30 and before Thanksgiving.

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## Uncaged Student News named national finalist



A short video announcement of Uncaged from CSPA is available at https://twitter.com/CSPA/status/1050135467897831447.

and storytelling. The online source is required to offer various media designed and coded in digital modes that differ from print to earn this prestigious award.

Publications are judged in a "head-to-head comparison by a panel of judges over several days," Edmund Sullivan, CSPA executive director, said. The judges meet "in a large room with much walking around and much discussion, sometimes an argument. However, all decisions are eventually reached through consensus," Sullivan said. Crowns are awarded at the discretion of this group based on the merits of the publications, according to Sullivan.

Last month, the Uncaged news team learned it had earned a Gold Medalist from CSPA as well for a critique of its publication, a written set of standards developed by the association to itemize the best practices for student media. To place, students must reach a Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

Short video announcement of Uncaged from CSPA: https://twitter.com/CSPA/status/1050135467897831447

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Dogs with their two cones are dichromatic. They can see in color, but are limited to a range of blue and yellow hues. Eric Rasmussen holds up a color wheel to show the range of colors a dog can see. LD (Little Dog) looks away, heartbroken to learn he can't enjoy all the colors his human buddies see. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

# The Wonders of Science

Color vision: A gene mutates in the primeval forest, and we see red

#### by Eric Rasmussen

Color vision comes from the ability of cone cells to capture energy from light, and transmit this energy as meaningful signals to the brain.

But like a fussy toddler who will only eat mac and cheese, cone cells only respond to certain colors of light. For an animal to perceive different colors requires different types of cone cells, encoded with different genes.

Animals with only one type of cone gene (and therefore, one type of cone cell) are called monochromats, and see in shades of black, white and gray. Monochromats typically live in low-light environments and include marine sea mammals like seals, sea lions,

marine sea mammals like seals, sea lions, walruses, dolphins and whales. Nocturnal land mammals like bats, rodents, and the mischievous raccoon are monochromatic also.

As light in an animal's environment increases, so, too, does its tendency to adapt and add more types of cones.

Contrary to popular belief, dogs have two cones, so are dichromatic. They can see in color, but are limited to a range of blue and yellow hues. Humans have a leg up on our canine friends because we have three cone genes. Because of the amazing blending features of color (e.g. red and blue create purple; yellow and red make orange), humans can see about 100 times more colors than dogs.

The mantis shrimp leads the animal kingdom with its 16 different color-receptive cones. How must the world look to that creature?

Even more incredibly, old-world primates like chimpanzees and bonobos share the exact same color genes as humans. These three genes, OPN1SW, OPN1MW,

and OPN1LW, shed light on both the world around us and our biological history.

Before 3.5 million years ago, old-world primates only possessed two cone genes. By random chance, a mutation event occurred in the OPN1MW gene, and it duplicated a bit awry. The resultant mutation was sensitive to a slightly different form of light. Trichromatic vision in the primate kingdom was born.

Primates with this mutation had an advantage. They could spot fruit and predators more easily in a dense forest. Individuals possessing this mutation then became more likely to survive

long enough to reproduce, so trichromatic vision rapidly expanded through the population. Ultimately, through time, it traveled through various organisms and lineages to finally come to rest inside our own genes.

Yes, you read that right. Today's humans not only share the same mechanics of

sight with all old-world primates, we also enjoy trichromatic color vision because a gene in one of our long-ago ancestors mutated to its advantage. That single gene passed through generation after generation to come to dwell in us.

The mantis shrimp leads the

different color-receptive cones.

How must the world look to this

animal kingdom with its 16

The next time we visit a zoo, we should stare in a chimpanzee's eyes and revel in the fact that we and that creature are seeing each other in the same hues and tones, thanks to the same genetics.

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A trichromat like us humans sees the image to the left; Middle depicts what a dichromat like a dog sees. Far right shows the world of a monochromat. What a difference an extra cone gene makes.

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.

### School Staff Spotlight. Pam Gower: Committed, caring and driven to excellence



While in high school, Pam Gower's passion for reading blossomed. Edgar Allan Poe, William Shakespeare, Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, Sylvia Plath, S.E. Hinton and Judy Blume helped cultivate her love of literature. Photo credit Amy Haggerty.

#### by Amy Haggerty

In this age of technology in the classroom, English teacher Pam Gower taps into creative ways to engage her ninth-grade students and inspire them to learn. Every day, her students use digital tools to express their learning via videos, websites and podcasts. She also teaches sociology, an elective class, with students grades nine through 12.

Jeff Trapp, SHS principal, said Gower is "compassionate about her students. She wants her students to be better not only for themselves, but for the greater good."

Gower grew up in the Sterling Heights area and was raised by her mother. A Michigan State graduate, she has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in curriculum and teaching.

Gower credits part-time jobs, in part, for eqipping her with a diverse background. "During my college years," she said, "I worked at Meijer in Sterling Heights, The Cookie Factory and Bottoms Up in Okemos."

While in high school, Gower's passion for reading blossomed. She cited authors as her greatest influences, and said several inspired her to become a teacher. Edgar Allan Poe, William Shakespeare, Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, Sylvia Plath, S.E. Hinton and Judy Blume helped cultivate her love of literature, she said, and these passions continue to inspire her to convey her love of reading and writing to others.

After college, Gower gave birth to son, Weber, now 12 years old. She is engaged to Ryan Andrews, and the couple is busy making plans to marry next July. She met her fiance while on break from teaching and working at Foods For Living, East Lansing.

"I really like the staff," Gower said of teaching in Stockbridge. "There is always someone to support me and give me advice, materials, and assistance, especially when I want to try something new." She added, "I also like the way the students and families all seem to know each other. Kids have extended family through friends that support them, and that's really inspiring to me."

Using some of her own funds plus financial support from grants and the school, Gower transformed her dream of a classroom library into reality. She also created an after-school club on Wednesdays. There staff and students craft, relax, and learn together.

Gower believes creating relationships between people, ideas and creativity forms the basis of joy in life. This conviction helps her make tough decisions and frames her daily lessons.

Her advice to her students is to "appreciate your free education and make the best of it by coming to school every day with curiosity. Gain knowledge and be creative."



### Letters we receive



#### **Lost Dog:**

Hello. I am a Stockbridge resident, and there has been a sweet little female mini pinscher hanging around my property since Sept. 11. As winter is coming I am worried she will not make it through the winter, and I am unable to catch her to see if she is chipped. I am worried if I call animal control she could potentially go to a kill shelter. Thank you. - Janelle Henley-Wild (May be contacted via https://www.facebook.com/ JanelleFave13)

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### November's 'Where's Waldo'

entries.

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.

November'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, Barbara Webb, for correctly identifying the Zip Line Tower on Holland Road Barbara Webb's name was drawn at random from other correct



location? Enter to win a \$20 Farmers State Bank Branded Prepaid Visa gift card. Photo credit Rose Collison

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.

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### Stockbridge Library to host 'Art with Jazz' event



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#### by Jo Mayer

On Saturday, Nov. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m., painter and mixed-media artist Colleen Redfield and sculptor Mike Jones invite the public to an art exhibit in the historic Stockbridge Township Hall, 123 South Clinton, Stockbridge, Mich. Music will be provided by Generations jazz band with special guest Pat Cronley on keyboard. Light refreshments will be provided as guests are encouraged to enjoy the music and art in a beautiful setting. Art displayed will be for sale; cash and credit cards accepted. For more information about the event, please call or text Colleen at 734-223-8264 or email redfielc@ panthernet.net.

About the Artists: Colleen Redfield currently teaches acrylic painting at Art Quest in Chelsea and works with children in the after-school program through Stockbridge Community Schools. Her art inspirations come from children and nature, particularly the beauty and gracefulness of deer. Recently she has begun exploring the subject of musicians.

In addition to exhibiting five times in Grand Rapids' famous ArtPrize at various venues, Mike Jones has had his sculptures displayed at the Dexter District Library (2012), in Royal Oak (2015-present), and as part of the 2009 Sculpture Walk in Chelsea, Michigan.

See all artist descriptions on www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com

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### Garden of the month

by Joan Tucker

Congratulations to Judi Cook, owner of Cravingz in Stockbridge, November's "Garden of the Month" contest winner. A judge commented, "Judi has great imagination and inspiration for gardening. This beautiful pergola offers cozy seating to enjoy your favorite beverage along with structure to grow succulent grapes."

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.





"Judi has great imagination and inspiration for gardening. This beautiful pergola offers cozy seating to enjoy your favorite beverage along with structure to grow succulent grapes." Photo credit Joan Tucker



Thank you to Pathway Landscape for sponsoring the

Garden of the Month contest.

# Robert Halfacre: Little-known homecoming hero works behind the scenes



Robert Halfacre smiles broadly. "Seeing the happiness on a girl's face when we drive up in a Corvette that's just for her makes it all worthwhile." Photo credit Bruce Wm. Brown

by Bruce Wm. Brown

A Homecoming Queen in a pretty dress waving from the back of a convertible is an iconic part of the fall Homecoming Parade. Moms and Dads support their queens by figuring out the frantic homecoming schedule along with the dress, shoes, and hairstyling. But, there's another important element that's hard to arrange: The Ride.

Stockbridge queens are imaginative. They have graced our Homecoming Parade in horse-drawn carriages and waved from the backs of classic pickups and Humvees. Though it would be far easier if the classic ride were a minivan, most of us picture a gleaming convertible—not an easy vehicle to find. Renting one can be complex, costly and uncertain

The young women of Stockbridge High School, elected by their classmates to be Homecoming Queen representatives, are lucky regarding "The Ride."

They have a little-known hero working behind the scenes to look out for them.

Most parade watchers are unaware that since 2010 most convertibles in the Stockbridge Homecoming Parade have been provided through the efforts of a 1993 graduate of Stockbridge High School, Mr. Robert Halfacre, as supported by LaFontaine Chevrolet.

Halfacre, a senior sales executive at LaFontaine Chevrolet in Dexter, quietly goes about making a list of SHS queens who will need parade rides. A car from LaFontaine is then delivered to the proper spot in the parade lineup an hour before the band starts marching.

There is no charge, and Halfacre on occasion has been known to arrange for a convertible to match the queen's dress.

Halfacre shrugs off thanks saying, "I'm a Stockbridge graduate. We do it for the kids and their families. It is an honor."

According to Halfacre, "The parents are very appreciative, and we always get the cars back in fine shape." Then he smiles broadly. "Seeing the happiness on a girl's face when we drive up in a Corvette that's just for her makes it all worthwhile."



### **Rural perspectives**

by Rose Collison

Fall has arrived. Time for crisp air, falling leaves, bonfires and hoodies!



Yellow, red, orange, and just a hint of green



Praying mantises (Mantodea) have triangular heads with bulging eyes supported on flexible necks. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Groundhog scratches on a sliding door window in the hope of coming inside for a long winter's nap. Punxsutawney Phil, perhaps? Photo credit Patrice Johnson



A canopy over Lakelands Trail State Park, east of Gregory. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

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.

# Former Stockbridge resident wins her division at Masters World Championship Highland Games



Edie Price Lindeburg, center, on the winner's stand at the Masters World Championship Highland Game in Stuttgart, Germany. User provided photo

by Judy Williams

Edie (Price) Lindeburg, a 1984 graduate of Stockbridge High School, won first place in her division at the 2018 Masters World Championship Highland Games, held Sept. 8 and 9 in Stuttgart, Germany.

The world championship, which travels to a different venue each year, marked Lindeburg's fourth competition at this level. All told, she and husband Nathan, members of the Rocky Mountain Scottish Athletes, have competed in the Highland Games for seven years.

"I got interested in the Scottish games after I retired from triathlons," Lindeburg said. "I had been competing in the tris for 12 years and just got mentally and physically burned out."

Lindeburg, daughter of Stockbridge resident Audrey Price and deceased Robert Price, works at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver as a nurse practitioner. She and her husband currently reside in Parker, Colorado.

When questioned about the events, Lindeburg explained, "North America recognizes nine events, while Europe typically only recognizes the eight traditional events. The athlete must compete in all of these in order to place. Competitions usually take place in one day, but the World's always take place over two, sometimes three days."

The events, a test of strength and athleticism, "may have originated as a surrogate for military games," Lindeburg said, "and as a way for clans to test their warriors' prowess."

Caber and sheaf toss, she said, likely evolved from daily chores. The caber competition, derived from placing logs across rivers in order to ford rivers. Sheaf, a simulated bale of hay tossed via pitchfork for height, originated in farmlands when hay was put up.

Lindeburg said cabers, or telephone poles, are her "hands-down favorite," and the competition in which she generally enjoys the greatest success.

She plans to defend her title next November during the 2019 Master Worlds in Tucson, Arizona, and she looks forward to the 2020 world championships to be held in Dublin, Ireland.

Lindeburg described the highland events as follows:

Braemar, or heavy stone. Ordinary fieldstone of approximately 13 pounds for women and 20-plus pounds for men. Thrown for distance from a stationary position. "Think shotput," she said.

Open, or light stone. Fieldstone, 9 and 16 pounds for women and men, respectively. Also thrown for distance, and the athlete may utilize a spin, glide, or hop approach.

Light weight for distance. As it sounds: 14 pounds for women, 28 pounds for men. Looks like a shotput on a chain with a handle. Athlete throws with one hand, utilizing a spin for momentum.

Heavy weight for distance. 28 pounds for open women (the youngsters), 21 pounds for masters women (40 and over), 56 pounds for open men, 42 pounds for masters men, and lightweights.

For the full list of highland events visit www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com





# GE SPO

### Stockbridge cross country teams take first Stockbridge varsity place at GLAC meet



Front Row L to R: Dalton Satkowiak, Peyton Killinger, Rachel Owen, Ron Tolson, Anna Schlaff, Claire Beauregard, Sidney Gipe, Hailey Howard and Kaitelyn Walker. Back Row L to R: Andy Schlaff, Ben Chapman, Jeff Debozy, Micah Beauregard, Brock Jones, Cameron Brewer, Kael Youngblood, Jonah Coffman, Brendan Wright, Coach Allison, Brandon Howlett, Coach Trapp, Rylee Tolson, Joy Youngblood, Bri Hill, and Chelsey Asquith. Photo credit Leisa Gipe

#### by Hope Salyer

The boys and girls cross country teams won the final Greater Lansing Activities Conference jamboree on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Lake Odessa Lakewood.

Coach Steve Allison said the boys team won, "In stellar fashion. They won on a tiebreaker with Olivet."

According to Allison, the deciding factor is the sixth man in which the Panthers held an advantage.

The win also gave Stockbridge the tie in the overall standings with Olivet crowning them co-champions. Micah Beauregard and Ron Tolson earned First Team All Conference Honors. Dalton Satkowiak was Second Team All Conference and Andy Schlaff was Honorable Mention.

Coach Jeff Trapp said the girls' team win was the first team win in the past eight seasons.

The teams competed against six schools: Lake Odessa Lakewood, Lansing Christian, Leslie, Olivet, Perry and Vermontville Maple Valley.

## football team falls to **Perry on homecoming**



Stockbridge quarterback Brandon Nelson carries the ball during the Panther's 13-34 loss to the Ramblers on Friday, Oct. 5. Photo credit Steve Doran, Shots by Steve

#### by Hope Salver

The Panthers football team fell to the Perry Ramblers 13-34 in the Panthers Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 5.

The Panthers faced the Ludington Orioles (Ludington, MI) in a non-league battle, on Friday, Oct. 12 and the Parchment Panthers (Parchment, MI) on Friday, Oct. 19.

Stockbridge ended its season 1-4 in league play, and 1-8 overall.





# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

### Stockbridge boys varsity soccer



Front row L to R: Austin Perkins. Middle row L to R: Gage Loso, Carson Oversmith, Jonah Husky, Ben Young, Devin Caroen, Jeff Rogers, Ben Quintanilla. Back row L to R: Peter Loso, Luke Suojanen, Isaac Lance, Coach Brent Young, Ethan Jones, Eddie Koch, Isaac Pratt. Photo credit of Jill Taylor-Perkins

# Stockbridge hosts powder puff football game



A powder puff football game against the seniors and underclassmen was held at the Stockbridge Junior/Senior High football field on Tuesday, Oct. 23. The final score was seniors 21, underclassmen 14. Pictured above White jerseys front to back: Bethany Plennert, Michelle Zemke and Hannah Gutting Orange Jerseys front to back: Dylan powers and Alaura Cattell. Photo credit Stephanie Hall



Senior Ethan Jones in orange and Austin Perkins in pink (goalie) at the Maple Valley game. The Panthers fell to the Lions 3-1. The team ended its season 0-5-1 in league play and 3-14-2 overall. Photo credit Jill Taylor-Perkins

# Stockbridge girls varsity volleyball



Grace Hall and Tyler Showerman block a hit at the North West match on Thursday, Oct. 11. The Panthers fell to the Mounties 2-0. As of printing, the Panthers' season record was 1-7 in league play and 9-23 overall. Photo credit Stephanie Hall.



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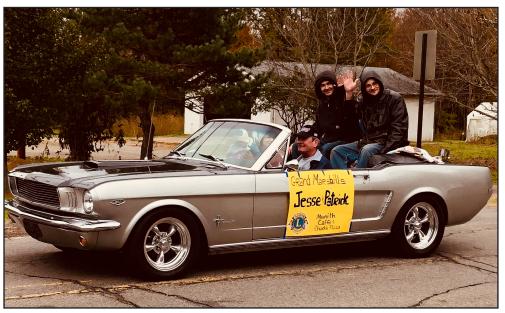
# Munith Lions Halloween Parade marches through town

#### photos and article by Patrice Johnson

Saturday, Oct. 27, the Munith Lions sponsored its annual Halloween Parade. "The Stockbridge band is always so gracious to come and be a part of this," Munith Lions Club member Johncie Turner said. "We have floats and kids in costume, and lots of people from around here who come. It's a group effort."

After the parade, people gathered in the Munith Methodist Church for refreshment and social interaction.

The Munith Lions Club, guided by the motto "We serve," organizes philanthropic events like White Cane Day and helps people receive glasses, cornea operations, and reader machines for the blind, among other things.



Grand Marshalls Jesse Fowler and Patrick Crabtree of the Munith Café welcome parade goers.



Stockbridge High School band marches down Main Street.



The Broesamle float wins the day with its colorful Dr. Seuss theme. "Our family gets together every year and plans our float," Ashley (Broesamle) Colestock says.



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## STOCKBRIDGE LIGHT POLES

# Light pole decorations dazzle and mystify

#### photos and article by Rose Collison

Small town Stockbridge outdid itself yet again. The Township Square and Village were lit up with decorations and lights. Top Ten leaders for the light pole contest at time of printing were: Stockbridge Library, K&K Construction, Kruger Family, Elder Ridge, Whitaker Family, Stockbridge Band boosters, Focus on You, Cravingz, Stockbridge Library, Country Petals, PTO and Adiska Dental.





The Headless Horseman lightens his horse's load by 4 pounds or so...the weight of his head.



Graveside antics.



Stroll through the Square...if you so dare.

The Stockbridge Bowling Alley transformed a light pole into a Halloween Nightmare.





When you're feeling so tired your old bones creak.



Anne and Sharon are feeling their age these days.

### Photos by Steve Doran, Shots by Steve



Senior Queen Katelyn Knieper and Homecoming Queen Lena Jackson Senior Queen Macy Kruger and **escort Austin Perkins** 



and escort Brody Canfield



escort Nicholas Spadafore



and escort Ethan Jones



Senior Queen Rachel Frazzini Senior Queen Paige Brown and escort Edward Koch



Junior Queen Dylan Powers and escort Wilem Trevisan



and escort Michael Keeler



Senior Queen Samantha Argento Sophomore Queen Molly Nichols and escort Spencer McLennan



Freshman Queen Brooklyn Rochow and escort Austin Knoll escort Reilly Caroen



Senior Queen Carmen Wilson and



Senior Queen Isabella Trevisan and escort Andrew Zeigler



L to R: Zach Myers, Audrey Bradley, Brody Canfield, Lena Jackson, Kelly **Cool and Martin Hoeksema** 



Grand Marshall Corey Baird and daughter Ellen