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## Gregory student to study conservation in Paraguay



PARAGUAY: ECO-LEADERSHIP

Elizabeth Schultz, of Gregory, will travel to Paraguay to study and co-develop an eco-leadership program with Miami University's partner, Para La Tierra. Photo from Earth Expeditions

by Alex Weddon

Elizabeth Schultz, of Gregory, is a current master's degree student in the Global Field Program from Miami University's Project Dragonfly, and she will soon travel to Paraguay. There, Schultz will study and co-develop an eco-leadership program with the university's partner, Para La Tierra.

Schultz works as a community engagement coordinator at the Howell Nature Center.

More information about her 2019 course may be found at <http://www.earthexpeditions.org>. Click Paraguay.

Project Dragonfly's Earth Expeditions graduate courses have engaged more than 2,300 people in firsthand educational and scientific research at critical conservation field sites in Africa, Australia, Asia and the Americas. Dragonfly is located in the department of biology at Miami University, a state university in Oxford, Ohio. Miami was established in 1809 and is listed as one of the eight original Public Ivies.

Learn more about Project Dragonfly on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PrjDragonfly>.

## Alumni Association hero sisters pass the torch



Ruth (McArthur) Bessey enjoys a quiet moment at the 123rd annual Alumni Association Banquet, 2019. Photo credit Judy Williams.

by Judy Williams

Why has the Stockbridge Alumni Association been able to host an alumni banquet for 123 years when so many other longtime organizations and clubs fold over the years? Answer: For well over 15 years, two hardworking and dedicated sisters have successfully organized and promoted this annual event. Now, Mary McArthur and Ruth McArthur Bessey are passing the torch to the capable hands of a committee of alumni advocates.

When asked what gave the two the determination to work year after year to keep the tradition alive, they cite a love for their alma mater, the joy of seeing classmates reunite, and affection for those no longer able to spearhead the event.

According to newly appointed member Chris Biehn, the alumni committee has a lot of work to do to fill the shoes of the McArthur sisters. "Because of Ruth's record keeping and advice when meeting with us this year, it made it easy for the new committee to take over."

## Break-in suspect tracked in Unadilla

by Alex Weddon

On June 19, 2019, Unadilla Township Police received a report of a break-in at a Hadley Road residence. Officers responded to investigate. A bloodhound was used to track the suspect to a neighboring residence. The suspect, 32-year-old David Houk, admitted to police that he had entered the garage of the residence.

Houk, of Stockbridge, was arraigned on Friday, June 21, on a charge of breaking and entering and a second charge of attempted home invasion, 2nd degree. His bond was set at \$30,000.

Houk was lodged at the Livingston County Jail pending charges. The incident remains under investigation. Anyone who has any information regarding this incident is asked to contact Investigator Hamlin at 734-498-2325.

## Paul Crandall receives new Mike Jones award for contributions to local arts



Paul Crandall receives award from Dick Borden. Photo credit Jo Mayer

by Diane Rockall

During this year's Art Show at A Day in the Village, the Stockbridge Area Arts Council announced a new award, and Paul Crandall, the recently retired Stockbridge head librarian, was the named its first recipient. The Mike Jones Award for Contributions to the Arts was created in memory of artist sculptor Michael Jones, of Gregory, who died earlier

this year. The new award, intended to be granted annually, honors and recognizes individuals in this community who have continued to teach, learn, practice and inform local residents about the arts.

*See Crandall on page 7.*

## Waterloo Township's 7th annual Ride to Survive hits the trail to kick cancer



Ride to Survive started in 2009 as "Team JJ—I Dream of Jeanie" in honor of Munith resident Jeanie, Bill Richmond's mother who lost her battle with breast cancer. Photo credit Cindy Lance

by Cindy Lance

Not even a severe thunderstorm could dampen the spirits of the coordinators and more than 30 horseback riders at the seventh annual Ride to Survive event held June 1 at Farlane Horseman's camp in Waterloo Township. While some participants rode equines in the woods, others crouched under a tent, erected to keep the vast assortment of prizes and shirts safe from the storm. In spite of the weather, more than \$4,500 was raised, bringing the total over the years to more than \$20,000.

Ride to Survive started in 2009 as "Team JJ—I dream of Jeanie" in honor of Munith resident Jeanie, Bill Richmond's mother who lost her battle with breast cancer. Sue Vaneyck and sister Cindy Ott established the event for their best friend, whom they lovingly called JJ. The event raises funds in support of the main fundraising event of the American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life in the Jackson area, which takes place during August.

In 2012, Richmond's wife, Karla, stepped up to coordinate the team. She and her sister, Kim Powers, also of Munith and also a Stockbridge High School alumni, came up with the idea of doing a trail ride.

*See Ride on page 3.*

## Prisoners and dogs, who gains the most?



Dagger, a new STAR cadet at Thumb Correctional. Photo credit Cathy Collins



Sarge, a new STAR cadet at Thumb Correctional. Photo credit Cathy Collins

by Cathy Collins

Behind prison walls, unknown to much of the public, dogs are being used as one of Michigan Department of Corrections' most powerful rehabilitative tools.

For several years, MDOC has partnered with numerous nonprofits, animal shelters and humane societies to develop programs enlisting the help of prisoners to train dogs, and the effect on inmates is proving dramatic.

Training dogs instills patience, teaches accountability, rewards selflessness, promotes empathy, and inspires self-confidence. Program participants demonstrate improvements in their sense of responsibility, goal-setting behaviors, and managing their emotions; all are core competencies critical after a prisoner's release.

Prisoners train their charges to become service or therapy dogs or prepare them for adoption by introducing more socialization and care.

Many prisoners had dogs while growing up, and sometimes the pet was one of the few positives in their lives. For them to be around a dog again, especially in a prison environment, takes them back to a better time and helps them cope with the realities of their current circumstances.

The unconditional love a dog offers these trainers/handlers has its effects. In helping the dogs learn and change, the prisoner/trainer gains the satisfaction of helping those in need—both people and dogs. The incarcerated are in a dark place in their lives, but some can shed light, as these special trainers do by preparing these dogs to do good beyond their prison walls.

### About the author:

Cathy Collins is a lifelong resident of Gregory. She is a former research analyst and program evaluator for MDOC (Michigan Department of Corrections) and is currently employed as a research specialist at Blue Star Service Dogs, a local nonprofit that provides service dogs to veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injury (TBI). Cathy volunteers as a foster dog mom for a local rescue organization.

## Tennis backspins to Stockbridge, and it's a hit



Photo L-R: Ericka Mierzwa, Noah Mierzwa, Eli Clifton, Israel DeLeon, Jon Clifton, Imari Sanders, Zavian Torrey and Rebecca Dunne. Photo provided by Mary Jane Wilson

to the Stockbridge area, and tennis is a sport that someone may take up who may not try other sports.

This spring Dunne and Ericka Mierzwa decided to organize Totally Tennis to offer tennis lessons. Five children signed up for May sessions, and almost double that number signed up for June sessions.

The children are learning something new and enjoying the classes. There have been inquiries about lessons for high schoolers and adults.

See Tennis on page 3.

by Mary Jane Wilson

Last year, the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority made a big improvement at the Veterans' Park by adding tennis courts at its north end. Rebecca Dunne was one of the SDDA members who worked hard to have the tennis courts built. This added options for the sport of tennis to be re-added

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## Get to Know Your Community career day



by Beverly Glynn

Students and staff at Smith Elementary School enjoyed a special day, Wednesday, June 5, when 12 businesses, agencies and community groups shared their knowledge and experiences.

Participating businesses and organizations included the Stockbridge Fire Department, Mugg & Bopps, Five Healthy Towns, Stockbridge Community News, Stockbridge Police Department, CADL branch Stockbridge Library, Sommer's Farm, Stockbridge Bowl, Positively Chiropractic, Gee Farms, SRSLY, Adiska Dental, and Farmer's State Bank.

One of the groups, this Stockbridge Community News, visited the school and helped students understand how stories become part of a news publication. One activity included creating a fictional story about "Lost Dog," Barney. They learned about the steps necessary to take a story from the beginning writing stage to the final product.

Students learn about news publications. Photo credit teacher Kerri Allen

## Tennis page 2

Tennis doesn't require a great deal of expense to play, it's fun exercise and age doesn't matter. Players may enjoy the sport throughout their entire lives.

Now even more opportunities are presenting themselves. Apparently, people living in the Stockbridge area play on a pickle ball league in Chelsea, and they asked if the courts could be marked for pickle ball. This way, they could enjoy games locally. Who knows where this added benefit may lead. Good chance other residents may wish to learn pickle ball.

Anyone, any age, interested in Totally Tennis or pickle ball, should email Ericka at [bigsisiter2@hotmail.com](mailto:bigsisiter2@hotmail.com) or Rebecca at [rdunne24@gmail.com](mailto:rdunne24@gmail.com).

## Ride page 1



SHS alumni Heather Mills at the Ride to Survive. Photo credit Cindy Lance

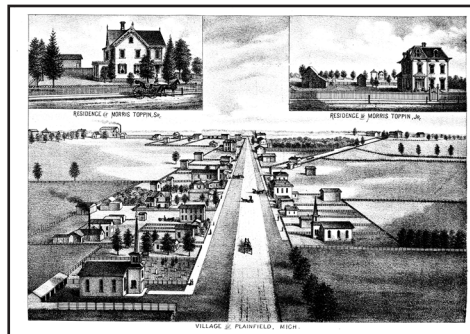
As with so many families, the disease touched more members, and now the team is also dedicated to their Aunt Gloria, who has fought both colon and breast cancer.

Through the hard work and dedication of this group of individuals, Ride to Survive, an informal trail ride, encourages registered participants to decorate themselves and their horses. They receive a t-shirt and goodie bag, decorate a sash, and ride in honor or memory of a loved one. Participants enjoy a lunch and win prizes.

Those interested should stop and say hello to Team JJ – I Dream of Jeanie at this year's ACS Relay for Life, Aug. 2 and 3 at Cascades Park, Jackson, Mich. Also mark your calendar for the 2020 Ride to Survive to be held the first Saturday in June.

## Plainfield: Anything but plain

by Ron and Arlene Kaiser



Plainfield, Mich., 1880. Graphic compliments of Randy Gladstone in honor of Ron and Arlene Kaiser. Photo provided by Randy Gladstone

More than 180 years ago, a popular Native American campground existed at a point where numerous Indian trails intersected. Here, about 8 miles north-northeast of today's village of Stockbridge, the settlement of Plainfield took root and sprouted to a prosperous community.

Among the mostly peaceful natives, Chief Loag was best known among the settlers.

Loag's followers could not be kept in hand and were generally difficult to manage. For instance, they would enter settlers' houses while the men were away and scare the women into giving them food and clothing.

John Dunn, of New Jersey, settled in Plainfield in 1835, and many followed within two years. In 1837, Plainfield's post office was established. Settlers' names will sound familiar because many roads in the area are named after them: Van Syckle, Dutton, and Wasson, to name a few.

The first physician, Dr. Morgan, migrated north from Ohio in 1839, the same year Albert Topping settled. In the spring of 1853, Topping and his son, Morris, built a retail store. A stove factory and coopering establishment soon followed, manufacturing 20,000 barrels a year. A sawmill and gristmill came later. Morris Topping also built the first frame building as a hotel and stage stop in 1873.

Records describe these early settlers as "educated, intelligent, moral and honest." From family letters and other historical documents, we deduce they were religious, and their faith showed in phraseology that especially reflected the Bible's "Epistles of Paul."

Most of the area's trades were carried on in homes with wives the workmen. In Plainfield, as in most settlements, two or three weavers wove woolen yarns into stout cloth for the working clothes of both men and women.

Today, without the dedicated efforts of volunteers, the pioneer crafts would become lost arts. Thankfully, talented individuals help preserve long-ago skills like weaving, spinning, soap making, piecing bed quilts, quilting parties and black-smithing. Right here in the neighborhood at special events like the Waterloo Farm Museum's Pioneer Day, this year to be held Oct. 13, local residents may witness, firsthand, these artisans demonstrating their crafts.

A book to read about the Plainfield area is *A Table in the Wilderness* by L. D. Dickinson. Miss Dickinson grew up listening to early Michigan history recounted by the men and women whose families had carved it out of the old Michigan territory of the early 1800s. Of all the books these reporters have read, this one best describes the hardships and lives of early pioneer families of Michigan.

The book contains information gathered from various articles and letters about the settling of Plainfield, Michigan, USA.

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## Stockbridge Township May board meeting



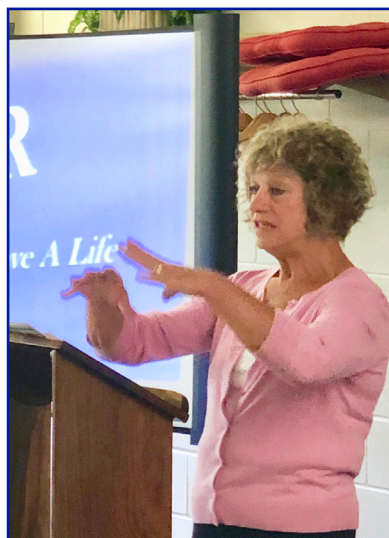
**Dallas Taylor receives a certificate for helping lead the Pledge of Allegiance from Stockbridge Township Supervisor C.G. Lantis.**

Photo credit Mary Wilson

Other special units are called to an accident by ambulance, fire or police, someone has to pay for the service. Board sentiment was that the party(ies) responsible for the spill or accident should pay the resulting charges. They would like an ordinance to state that.

Stockbridge Township is having a free movie night once a month on the square. Dates and movies are as follows: July 19, "Incredibles II,"; August 16, "Dumbo"; September 20, "Wonder Park"; and Halloween movie TBA. On days of rain, the movie will be shown inside the Township Hall.

## Presbyterian C.E. building hosts county event and village president shares insights into local changes



**Village President Molly Howlett uses many examples to explain how the community of Stockbridge is quietly thriving.** Photo credit Patrice Johnson

schools," she said and touched on the national award-winning achievements of its robotics and journalism programs.

Last, she credited the area's culture of coming together to help one another. "Volunteers are what make our community thrive," she said and spoke of cemetery cleanups with people showing up with rakes and trowels.

See *Presbyterian* on page 17.

by **Mary Wilson**

Corinne Macomber and Dallas Taylor led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to help open the Stockbridge Township May 20 board meeting. In return, they both received a certificate from Supervisor C. G. Lantis.

The Township Board members stated they were pleased with the turnout for the yearly cleanup day with Unadilla Township. Tires comprised one of the largest collections with over 900 turned in.

The board discussed renovation of the former SAESA offices at the hall, purchasing 11 new benches for hall and library grounds, and new trees to be planted on the square after removal of the downed, hollow trees. Recycling is going well, and new signs will be placed beside the recycling container.

Child ID, a program offered by Stockbridge Masonic Lodge 130 with help from the board, was planned for Day In the Village, June 15, at the back parking lot of Stockbridge Township Hall. All are welcome to bring their children to participate.

Discussion also occurred about a cost recovery ordinance. When hazmat, tech or

other special units are called to an accident by ambulance, fire or police, someone has to pay for the service. Board sentiment was that the party(ies) responsible for the spill or accident should pay the resulting charges. They would like an ordinance to state that.

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by **Patrice Johnson**

The parking lot at the Presbyterian Community Education building was filled to capacity 1 p.m., June 18 as county residents gathered for the 2019 Annual Celebration of the Ingham Substance Awareness and Prevention Coalition. Debbie Smith, Ph.D. and Stockbridge First Presbyterian Church pastor, hosted the gathering. She joined Melea Bullock, ISAP Coalition coordinator, in welcoming attendees.

As part of the outgoing Executive Director of Mid-Michigan Recovery Services (Formerly National Council on Alcoholism) Jessica Lamison was recognized for her service to the community. Then Kristi Pretzer, acting ISAP Coalition chair, introduced Village President Molly Howlett.

Howlett thanked attendees for traveling to Stockbridge. "Like other small communities in Michigan, our population has changed," she said. "The World War II generation is nearly gone, and young people are moving in. So many young couples with little children are coming here!"

Howlett attributed Stockbridge's growth to several factors, first citing its affordable real estate with "lovely old homes for far less than other areas." Next, she credited its central location between Lansing, Jackson and Ann Arbor "with easy access to I-94 and I-96."

"The other key component to attracting young families is our

schools," she said and touched on the national award-winning achievements of its robotics and journalism programs.

Last, she credited the area's culture of coming together to help one another. "Volunteers are what make our community thrive," she said and spoke of cemetery cleanups with people showing up with rakes and trowels.

See *Presbyterian* on page 17.

## Bringing history to life: Scout flag ceremony



**Members of Stockbridge Pack 768 and Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 gather for the annual Remembrance Flag Placement Ceremony.** Photo provided by Barrett Mergler

by **Barrett Mergler**

Members of Stockbridge Pack 768 and Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 gathered at Mackinder-Glenn Legion Hall Post 510 for the annual Remembrance Flag Placement Ceremony.

The scouts placed approximately 500 American flags.

"It makes history come alive," Assistant Cub Master Jennifer Schipul said. "Kids get to see a representation of how many people actually fought for their freedoms and their rights in their community."

This was the sixth year for the ceremony.

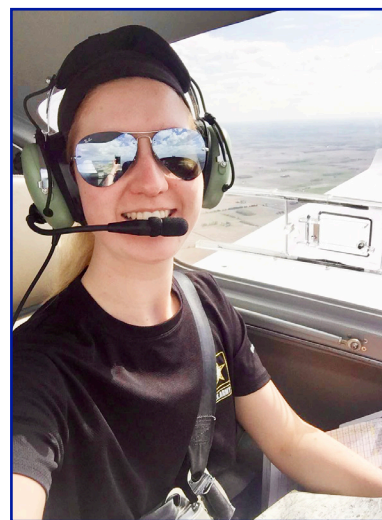
## Corrections

The following items were misprinted in the June 2019 edition of the Stockbridge Community News:

**Page 31** - photo indicating Dennis Costello should be Ron Lewis.

**Page 31** - photo indicating Sean Sanford should be Jacob Myers.

## Young Eagles Aviation Days to be held July 13 and August 10



**Stockbridge student Chloe Miner, recipient of Michigan Department of Education's Breaking Traditions 2019 Excellence Award, gained inspiration and support during her years of participating in EAA Chapter 55.** Photo courtesy of Chloe Miner

mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

See *Aviation* on page 8.

Young Eagles Aviation Day will be held on Saturday, July 13 and Aug. 10 (weather permitting), at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 55 hangar, Mason Jewett Airport; 643 Aviation Drive (Eden Road @ Kipp Road; south of the Ingham County Fairgrounds), Mason, MI. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to noon each date.

Local pilots will be offering area youngsters, ages 8 to 17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers and are offered FREE of charge.

Young Eagles Aviation Day is part of the National EAA Young Eagles Program created to interest young people in aviation. Launched in 1992, the program has dedicated more than 25 years to giving young people their first ride in an airplane for free. It is the only program of its kind, with the sole

## Rural perspectives

by Rose Collison

Two oriole species are found in Michigan. The Baltimore oriole has adapted well to human settlement and often feeds at nectar/jelly/fruit/mealworm/suet feeders. The darker-colored and more sleek orchard oriole also may come to eat at backyard feeders but are less common. One study found they eat 91% insects and 9% plant materials during the breeding season.

Confusion on the number of species of orioles in Michigan exists because their physical description may vary depending on whether the bird spotted is a breeding or nonbreeding male, female, young, or first-year oriole.

Adult Baltimore oriole males have a bright orange body and a solid black hood and back. Their wings are black with white wing bars, and the tail is orange with black streaks. Adult females are paler than males and may range in color from yellow to orange with a brown tweed to blackish head, back and wings. Juveniles are yellowish-brown with dark brown wings that have a white wing bar. Immature Baltimore orioles are variable, typically resembling the female until they grow their adult plumage after a year of age.

Breeding orchard oriole males have a dark orange or brick red body and a black hood, back and wings. The wings also have chestnut epaulets



Orchard orioles are smaller, sleeker and less often spotted by birdwatchers. Photo credit Patrice Johnson and a white wing bar and tips. In the fall, the nonbreeding male grows chestnut-tipped feathers, which may obscure the black coloration

Breeding orchard oriole females are bright greenish yellow below, olive green above, with brownish wings that have two narrow white wing bars. Nonbreeding females are duller in colors. Juvenile orchard orioles of both sexes are similar in appearance to adult females, but they are browner above and more yellow below.

Second-year males are similar to adult females, but have a solid black bib and black between the eye and bill. Black adult plumage varies considerably between individuals with some males of this age having blacker feathering than others.

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.



Eric Rasmussen studies the colors of objects as they warm up. The light given off slowly shifts from infrared light to visible red light. Warmer still objects become white. Crank the temperature all the way up, and objects glow blue.

## The physics behind fireworks

by Eric Rasmussen

It's finally summertime! Swimming pools are open, grills are cooking, and Fourth of July festivities are right around the corner. Of course, July 4th is a celebration of the United States declaring independence. But as we watch fireworks explode in the night sky, this day is also a celebration of quantum physics. After all, a world without quantum physics would be a world without fireworks.

For eons mankind has tried to understand the inner workings of the materials that make up the world. Back in 460 B.C., Greek Democritus first presumed that all material objects were made of smaller objects. These he called atomos, for indivisible. As years passed and technology continued to advance, mankind refined Democritus' atomic theory, eventually arriving at quantum physics in the 1930s.

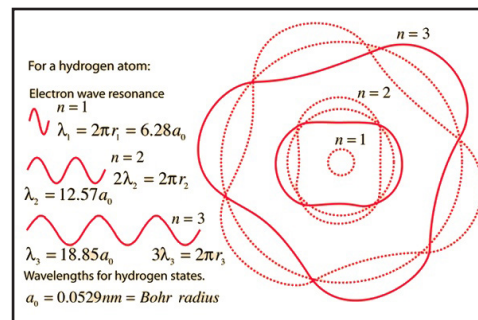
Armed with quantum theory, we now know atoms

be made of individual particles: protons, neutrons and electrons. (Protons and neutrons are themselves made from even smaller particles called quarks, but that is a topic for another time.) Protons and neutrons group together to form the nucleus of an atom, and this nucleus is then surrounded by negatively charged electron waves.

Wait...waves? Yes, waves.

We tend to envision electrons as tiny sphere-like structures orbiting the nucleus of an atom like planets around the sun. Quantum mechanics says this is not so; experiments show electrons have no real structure but are instead energy waves smeared around the nucleus of an atom.

Strange as this may sound, to quote astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, "The



Imagine grabbing a Slinky and giving it a little shake. Now take the Slinky and give it a large shake. The greater the energy, the greater the wave, and the same is true for the electron waves of an atom.

universe is under no obligation to make sense to you."

Lest we think we're wandering off-topic from fireworks, let's cut to the clincher:

Imagine grabbing a Slinky and giving it a little shake. Now take the Slinky and give it a large shake. The greater the energy, the greater the wave, and the same is true for the electron waves of an atom (as seen in the photo above).

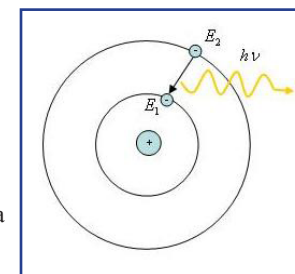
When an electron receives energy (say...due to an exploding firework), its wave will expand, and the electron will move to a higher energy level.

But what is true for baseballs is also true for electrons: What goes up, must come down. Like baseballs, electron waves want to exist in the lowest energy levels possible, and therefore must give off energy so the wave may shrink.

This is accomplished by emitting a photon — the subatomic particle of light. The figure to the right shows an atom releasing a yellow bit of light (energy) freeing one of its electrons to exist in a lower energy level.

In fact, atoms not only can emit colors of light, but each chemical has wholly unique electron energy levels. So different atoms can emit characteristic and different colors of light.

Using this magnificent property, we can identify the chemicals present in the fireworks used on July 4th. Emerald green? That is due to the electrons in barium atoms cascading to lower energy levels. Shimmery yellow fireworks? That's the



The figure above shows an atom releasing a yellow bit of light (energy), thereby freeing one of its electrons to exist in a lower energy level.

work of sodium atoms; whereas red is strontium, and blue is copper.

Now we can go forth and position ourselves as the residential geniuses at backyard 4th of July parties. After all, it's patriotic to love science!

Next month, we will learn how these same properties not only allow us to determine the chemical composition of fireworks, but also of all the stars across the universe!

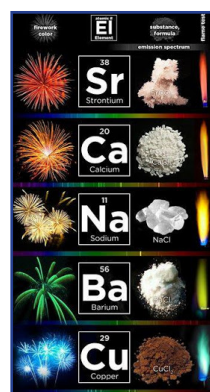
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Eric Rasmussen, BS, M.Ed., obtained his bachelor of science degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He majored in ecology and evolutionary biology, and now serves as a Learning Technology Coach at Erie High School and Erie Middle School in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



We can identify the chemicals present in the fireworks used on July 4th.

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**July 5** - Waterloo Farm Museum Tours, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm Museum  
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# Peter Johnson: 'This I Believe' contest

# Crandall page 1

This month we continue "This I Believe," a series of unabridged articles written by Stockbridge students. The contest, held twice annually, is offered through SHS and Stockbridge Friends of the Library. It encourages students to explore the core beliefs that guide their daily lives. This month features Peter Johnson in his own words.

## This I believe: Mindset Matters



**Peter Johnson** Photo credit Jessica Martell

At the end of 2016, the court case began. I wanted to live with my dad. My mom, however, did not approve. Through the next year and a half, I learned much about my family, and even more about myself. But there was one thing I learned that I will never forget: the fact that mindset matters. The way you think about things affects your actions, so it is always good to keep a positive yet realistic outlook.

Tuesday 6th, 2017: The first day of school. I decided not to go that day, but later my brother woke me up and got me to go. After reaching the school, I had to have a talk with Sergeant Hatfield, the officer investigating me for truancy. While I did not respect police, I knew I had no choice. I ended up going to school that week, surprisingly, but resumed skipping after it. Eventually, while continuously seeing police, they became more and more irritated. The Berkley police are generally known to be good cops, but what

people don't realize is when it comes to children they are very corrupt. I have known them to accept abuse, and even place kids in juvenile detention over parental problems.

Seeing their apathy, I knew we had mutual disrespect. They ended up threatening me with "jail time" and at that point I had completely began to ignore them. I mean, who has ever been arrested over skipping? I continued to do whatever I wanted and waited for December 4th: The next court date. It was a long wait, but I had a feeling that something good would come out of it. I was sort of right, sort of wrong.

On December 4th, the court order on my case was written. I was required to take a drug test, have many wellness checks, go to school, as well as live with my dad. I decided to go to class that day, having a somewhat better outlook. I only went to science, but as least it was something. I got many tests, some of which I had never shown up to collect, and much more I hadn't taken. Written on a note attached was some advice: "Peter, I know you have had a hard time this year, and I hate to see kids go through that. You have a great mind and I know you will do well as long as you try!" As long as I try. That stuck with me.

That year, I learned a very valuable lesson. Even after my family, the courts, the police, everyone had given up on me, my teacher held out hope for me. She inspired me to change my mindset, and actually try. While, I have changed it somewhat, I took great advice out of that note: Mindset matters. The way I decide to think about things affects how I do things. As long as I think positively, things will always end up well. And as long as I hold out hope during tough times, I will make it through.



**Wife Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall.** Photo credit Patrice Johnson

Jones, a professional sculptor with a Master of Fine Arts degree from Michigan State University, worked from his studio in Gregory. He cared deeply for the people in the local community and readily shared his knowledge and his skills. In addition, Jones encouraged others to make and appreciate art.

Two of Jones's sculptures are on display in the community. "Available

to All" greets visitors entering the Stockbridge Library, and his war memorial in front of the Unadilla Township Fire Department in Gregory inspires thoughtful reverence.

Crandall's artistic accomplishments in this community are many: More than 15 years ago, he launched the library's annual Holiday Open House featuring live music. He started the Market Music program and solicited funds to bring weekly live music downtown to the Open Air Market on Fridays during summer months. Because of Crandall, library shelving was constructed to feature rotating works of local artists, including among others, Mike Jones' works. Crandall is known for hosting "Live at the Library" original music and held Open Mic opportunities, whereby local musicians showcased their talents. Last fall, he brought to fruition the first ever SongLab featuring local musicians recording their own original songs, and these were then added to the CADL collection for all to access.

In addition, Crandall oversaw the installation of Jones' bronze sculpture in front of the library and often featured the Town Hall Players Youth Troupe during the Summer Reading Program. He performed in and helped promote Town Hall Player events. Under Crandall's leadership and in coordination with the high school, the Friends of the Library has sponsored and judged its "This I Believe" contest twice annually for over five years.



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## Staff Spotlight: Stockbridge teacher Linda Petsch retiring after thirty years



by Amy Haggerty

After more than 30 years of teaching various subjects and grade levels in Stockbridge Community Schools, Linda Petsch is retiring. The Stockbridge native's current teaching assignment is second grade at Smith Elementary School.

Linda was teaching at the middle school in 1988 when she met the love of her life, Dennis Petsch. At the end of the school year in 1993, their engagement was celebrated with a surprise school lunch that included a cute skit put on by several middle school teachers.

The two married the following year and

held their ceremony at the high school, so all the school-aged students could participate and witness the glorious event. It seemed the whole town attended to witness the marriage.

Petsch, who attended Michigan State University and graduated in 1984 with a major in English and social studies, says she always wanted to become a teacher. She attributes her love for teaching to many of her favorite Stockbridge teachers who include Judy Sweet Williams, Patrice Johnson, Lauri Ford, Jean King, Lee Byerly and Ed Grumelot.

Petsch indicated one of her goals was to “show kids love and teach them how to become lifelong learners.”

She is the proud mother of two grown children from a previous marriage, and her positive outlook and love of teaching must have rubbed off onto them. Both have careers in the teaching profession. C.J. (28) teaches third grade in Montcalm School District and Emily (26) teaches kindergarten in Dansville.

Petsch said she felt it was important to work in the same district where her kids attended school, and she just loved teaching alongside her husband.

She made a point of staying current with her teaching credentials and learned new curriculae to keep her students engaged and challenged.

Petsch likes to make learning fun, and she said she teaches her students to “make the choice to be happy and kind to one another, and I want students to use their gifts to grow and be happy.”

No wonder many students throughout the years have named her as their favorite elementary teacher and cited her positive impact on them.

Stay tuned. Given Petsch's energy and enthusiasm, she will no doubt undertake new and rewarding endeavors.

Linda Petsch likes to make learning fun, and she said she teaches her students to “make the choice to be happy and kind to one another, and I want students to use their gifts to grow and be happy.” Photo credit Amy Haggerty

## Aviation page 4

As of today, volunteer EAA pilots have flown over two million young people worldwide. Local Chapter 55 pilots have provided nearly 4,700 free airplane rides to youngsters from the mid-Michigan area.

Flights will be on a first-come, first-served basis; about 20 minutes in length. A parent or guardian MUST be present or provide a signed permission slip. Advance reservations for large groups are encouraged.

Free airplane rides are just part of the experience. EAA hopes to build one-on-one relationships between pilots and young people, giving young people an opportunity to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation. Pilots at the event will explain their airplanes, how airplanes work, and how pilots ensure safety—which is the prime concern before every flight.

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## Stockbridge welding class visits My Body Shop



Students listen to My Body Shop owner John Kightlinger at the start of the tour. Photo credit Diane Rockall.

by Diane Rockall

Eight Stockbridge High School welding students toured My Body Shop on May 31, 2019, and tried their hands at welding.

Their teacher, Wes Perry, was involved earlier this week in an accident that required welding to his truck.

My Body Shop is owned and operated by Theresa and John Kightlinger and is located on Clinton Street right across from the High School. Perry recognized it as a useful place for students to see what they were learning to do firsthand. The tour was a last-minute lucky result of that unlucky experience.

Those who attended were: Caleb Lytle, Caden James, Lance Dunford, Lucas Gauss, Micah Beauregard, Justin Stanfield, Wilem Trevisan, and Samuel Roberts. They were given a tour of the facility after a much needed morning doughnut treat.

John Kightlinger began the tour by telling the students the benefits of trade certification in finding employment and high-paying jobs in trade work.

The tour included the bump shop, the paint room, the mix room and the welding section. After a demonstration of how the equipment should be properly used, each student had an opportunity to try their own test weld. It wasn't long and they had turned it into a challenge match.

Perry and the Kightlingers hope to make this a regular part of class training in future years. Stockbridge has had a welding program for over 30 years, but it was curtailed last year because of the High School reconstruction. The school's shop is just completing a total restoration.

Everyone was given a t-shirt as a parting gift.



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# Outreach Food Pantry survey shocker and Christmas In July matching funds



by Jo Ann Munce, Outreach Board member and Food Pantry co-coordinator

During the month of April, Stockbridge Community Outreach conducted a survey of its food pantry clients. Each client received the survey form upon arriving at the pantry and completed it at a separate, semi-private desk in the pantry area. Clients placed their completed surveys in a box located at that desk. At a recent board meeting, Outreach director Karen Smith reported on the survey responses, which revealed compelling information about food security in our community.

Outreach board members were startled to learn that almost 33% of survey respondents reported skipping a meal within the previous month due to a shortage of food in the household. This news was of deep concern to Karen and to members of the board as well. Although Outreach's food pantry mission is to be a secondary, fill-in, source of food for its clients on a once-a-month basis, nearly 35% of survey respondents reported relying on the pantry as the primary source for their food needs. And, over 67% of respondents said that the food they receive from the pantry lasts just seven days or less.

In light of the fact that members of our community report having to skip meals, and that the Outreach Food Pantry represents a key source of food supplies, board members are reexamining the once-a-month policy. Despite policy, ensuring that no one in our community finds it necessary to skip meals due to lack of food is clearly an important Outreach goal. "We never want people to miss a meal," Karen emphasized.

Programs of Stockbridge Community Outreach are sustained through the generosity of donors large and small across the community. Outreach provides assistance to more than 1,480 clients living within the Stockbridge School District each year, including holidays.

## Christmas in July at Stockbridge Community Outreach

Stockbridge Community Outreach has been visited by a "Secret Santa" who has offered a tremendous gift: Our Secret Santa will give us up to \$2,000, matching dollar for dollar any donations Outreach receives in July 2019. Outreach is thrilled with this challenge and hopes to get every last penny. You can help us secure those matching funds by making a gift to Outreach during the month of July. Please send your gift to Stockbridge Community Outreach, PO Box 682, Stockbridge, MI 49285, or make your donation in person at our office, which is located in the back of the Stockbridge Activity Center (old middle school), off of Cherry and Elm streets. Come in Door #20, Mondays & Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1 to 6 p.m. Help Outreach make food security a reality here in our community.

## Stockbridge's Fresh Food Initiative



Fresh corn is one of the many produce offerings through Stockbridge's FFI program. Photo provided by Karen Smith

by Karen Smith, Program Director, Stockbridge Community Outreach

Cars are expected to fill the parking lot of Jeruel Baptist Church in Munith around 4:30 pm every Monday starting July 8, 2019. Out of the cars will come folks prepared to wait in line, some of them with carts or bags, anticipating what the truck brought this week. Will it be greens? Maybe some cucumbers? Or cases of tomatoes? Each of them will walk away with at least 3-5 pounds of four to six varieties of produce. "What is this?" you may ask. This is the Fresh Food Initiative.

The Fresh Food Initiative (FFI), operating through The Food Bank of South Central Michigan, which serves eight counties including Jackson County, is a free produce distribution program for low-income families. Craig and Laurie Goodlock initially introduced the program to Stockbridge Community Outreach, and in the summer of 2015, Jeruel Baptist Church, located in Jackson County, partnered with Outreach to bring this program to the community. It has been giving out weekly food to anyone who shows up each summer since then. This year's program will run on Mondays at 5 p.m. starting July 8 and going through Sept. 24. Coordinator Stephanie Yannella is looking forward to another "fruitful" year.

"My volunteers and clients are like family. It definitely takes a team to run this program..." shared Stephanie, indicating a need for more volunteers. The main job of volunteer workers is to portion pallets of produce into bags for distribution to clients, but volunteers also put up chairs for people waiting, set up tables for produce, assist customers with heavy bags and boxes, and oversee registration and cleanup. These hardworking individuals show up faithfully to see that the food is given out. The church allows the distribution to be held indoors, so inclement weather is not an issue. Anyone

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The produce given out comes from two sources: "store rescue" is produce pulled from grocery store shelves that is in excess or near expiration (though still fresh). The second source is local farmers. They contract with the Food Bank, providing what's known as "grade b" produce through the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System. This produce is "cosmetically challenged," but otherwise totally fine to consume. It is very fresh, just not as pretty as grocery store produce. Participants are urged to preserve large quantities of food through canning or freezing.

Grants allow for all of this to be possible. Each distribution has a wholesale value of \$2,000 - \$5,000.

FFI provides food for 125 families at each distribution. Many weeks there is so much food, people are allowed through the line multiple times so no food goes to waste. Outreach urges any family or individual in need of emergency food, or those who qualify for free lunch or food stamps, to take full advantage of this program. The program is offered to anyone regardless of address. It's free, it's fresh, and all that is required is a signature. No ID is needed.

For more information, or to become a volunteer, you can contact Stockbridge Community Outreach directly at 517-851-7285 or visit our website to learn more <https://www.stockbridgecommunityoutreach.org>.

Fresh Food Initiative

## Two Upcoming Outreach Programs

FRESH FOOD INITIATIVE:

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## July Student of the Month: Third-grader Remington Christie strives to do his best



Remington loves math and strives always to do his best. He says he feels it is very important for him to do well in school, so he can attend a good college. School photo

by Cindy Lance

Remington Christie is 8 years old and going into the third grade at Stockbridge Smith Elementary. This kind and energetic young man is the oldest child of Molly and James Christie and has two younger sisters. He has attended Stockbridge Schools since pre-kindergarten and loves to see his friends in school. A highlight of Christie's academic experience so far was the school field trip to the Dewey School. He also loves math and strives always to do his best. He says he feels it is very important for him to do well in school, so he can attend a good college.

When Remington becomes an adult, he hopes to pursue a career as a farmer or professional athlete. He loves to hunt, play basketball and football. His most recent accomplishment was killing his first turkey. Christie says his dad has influenced his young life in teaching him "to work hard." He believes in being kind to others and it appears that he turns his beliefs into action.



John and Theresa Kightlinger

## Ask an expert: Should I use a 'preferred shop' for my repairs?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger of My Body Shop

**Q:** The insurance company wants me to use one of their "Preferred Shops" for my repair. Is this a good idea?

**A:** A wise man once said: "Never take advice on how to collect money from those that owe it to you."

Some may see an insurer referring a body shop as a no-hassle service; however, insurer-preferred repairers often rely solely on insurer referrals for their work, and as such, see the insurer as their customer and not you, the vehicle owner.

In such situations, the insurer often dictates how the repair is to be performed and what parts and materials are to be used. Of course the insurer's goal is to save money; however, we don't believe saving money should be at the vehicle owner's risk and expense.

Today's vehicles are highly complex and technologically advanced and overlooking important Original Equipment Manufacturer's (OEM)



OEM, original equipment manufacturer, parts can make a big difference. User-provided photo

mandated repair procedures can make a big difference. Using less costly aftermarket parts in place of original factory replacement parts can inhibit the repair and the vehicle's reliability, performance and safety, and cause loss of remaining factory warranties.

"Cheaper is Never Better and Better is Never Cheaper!"

Over the years we have found that insurer-preferred repairers receive about half of what a proper and thorough repair should cost. As such, insurer "Direct Repair Provider" ("DRP") shops often hurry repairs to make up for the loss in profits. This often causes damages, flaws and defects that could pose serious safety concerns as well as a loss in the repaired vehicle's resale value.

Taking the advice from an insurer on where to have your vehicle repaired may not be in your best interest. It's important that when the need arises, consumers conduct ample research to find a quality-oriented repairer: one that is not only capable of properly restoring their vehicle... but one that will also restore the vehicle owner's peace of mind.

John and Theresa Kightlinger own My Body Shop at 401 N. Clinton St., Stockbridge. The couple have lived in the area and raised their children here over the past 20 years. John has been in the auto body business since 1985, and Theresa began work at General Motors after high school. Between the two, they have been working on cars for more than 75 years.

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## SHS senior receives Grant Whitaker Baseball Leadership through Character Award. Whitaker jersey number 7 retires.



Daniel Ballagh receives the Leadership through Character Award from Clyde Whitaker. Photo from the Whitaker family.

by Clyde and Laura Whitaker

Stockbridge High School senior Daniel Ballagh was awarded this year's Grant Whitaker Leadership through Character Award during presentations June 6, marking the award's fifth year. The occasion afforded special recognition and remembrance to the award's namesake, Ingham County Sheriff's Deputy Grant Whitaker.

The award, started in 2015, recognizes an SHS varsity baseball player who has demonstrated leadership and character in interactions with others. Awardees are selected by administrators and teachers (minus coaches) from the Stockbridge Community Schools.

Ballagh played four years on the varsity baseball team and spent free time working with youth. The selection committee selected him by unanimous vote.

Ballagh, who plans to attend Olivet College, chose to wear Grant's number 7 this school year in Whitaker's honor.

The Whitaker family presented the award to Ballagh. Special guests in attendance included Ingham County deputy sheriffs who had worked with Grant Whitaker. His varsity baseball coach, Jim McDaniels, traveled from Coldwater to share memories of Grant.

The final hour of the night honored Whitaker. Coach Bill Ballagh informed the audience and the Whitaker family that Grant's number 7 was being retired. Head coach Bill Ballagh and assistant coach Bubber Patrick then pulled back the stage curtains and surprised the audience with three framed baseball jerseys with Grant's number 7 on them. In the history of Stockbridge High School, there has never been a number retired.

The white jersey will be kept by the Whitaker family, the orange jersey will be displayed at the high school, and the black jersey will be displayed at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Grant's training room.

The Whitaker family expressed appreciation for the showing of respect and honor for their son, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle.

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## Summer adventures at local lakes a big splash



by Tina Cole-Mullins

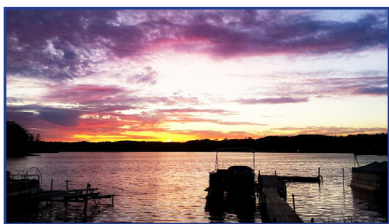
What do Pleasant, Portage, Bruin, Half Moon, and Silver have in common? Answer: They represent names of some of the abundant lakes in the area that provide popular recreational spots for local residents.

As examples, Stockbridge school moms and PTO members plan to gather every Friday through summer break for swimming and picnic fun at Silver Lake, and their first outing occurred on June 7, day one of summer vacation. On June 8, local Boy Scout Troop 425 hosted its Family Day at Silver Lake

**Summer in Michigan.** Photo credit Becky Muraf with swimming, fishing and kayaking fun. And these were just the beginning of the parade of beach-goers heading to one lake or another this summer.

Not everyone heads to lakes and parks for fun, though. Local residents often find seasonal jobs that may lead to permanent positions and internships through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

## Summer memories



**Patterson Lake.** Photo credit Tommy Davis

by Tina Cole-Mullins

Summer in Michigan—what joy! This reporter’s childhood summers were made hotter working in one of the local muck fields with the sun beating down on the carpet of black dirt. But my family and I were often refreshed with a swim in one of the many local lakes or swimming holes.

We would often pile into our station wagon after a hard day and hit a refreshing swimming hole located just outside of Gregory. We called our special haven the Artesian Wells, and we weren’t jumping in alone. Plenty of residents knew of this treasure.

Lori Williamson, now of Fitchburg, fondly remembers spending her summers at the Wells throughout the ’70s and into ’80s until they closed.

While the Artesian Wells’ location was popular with many, it was far from the only option. Brothers Rick and Doug Howlett not only recall swimming at the Wells, but they also share fond memories of swinging from a rope over water in springs near Hell.

Portage Lake and Pleasant Lake were, and are, popular destinations for those living toward Jackson.

“Forever a Portage Lake rat, right here,” Tammy Adams Schlaff claims with a smile.

Those in Livingston or Washtenaw counties tend toward the chain of lakes that include Bruin, Patterson, Half Moon, Pickerel and, of course, the popular Silver Lake in the Pinckney Recreation Area.

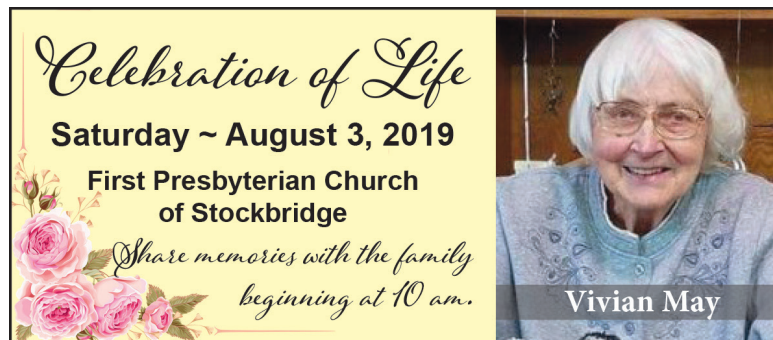
“Bronze-bathed beauties lying in the sun with their long blonde hair falling—flying—as they run,” local native Bob Seger sang in 1980.

Few beachgoers knew then that Seger’s Fire Lake was actually written about our very own Silver Lake—a fact he revealed in a 2011 interview in the Toledo Free Press.

“It was written about Silver Lake in Dexter, about being in the Pinckney-Hell-Dexter area,” Bob Seger told the paper. Today Silver Lake is still a popular destination, brimming with bronze-bathed beauties.

No matter where a person comes from, thoughts of summers past can bring happy memories.

## Family and friends to gather August 3 for Vivian May’s Celebration of Life



The family of Vivian May welcomes you to join us for a Celebration of Life on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 10 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge. Please join the family from 10 am to 11 am to share memories. A service will be held at 11 am followed by a luncheon. Memorial contributions may be made to Unadilla Presbyterian Church.

## Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School Honor Roll Spring Semester 2018-2019

### 7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Madelynn Dalton  
Kolton Heidrich  
Clarissa Hill  
Maggie Jones  
Melanie Satkawiak  
Claire Schray  
Taiyler Stanfield  
Nicole Wadkins

### 7th Grade - A/B Honor Roll

Joseph Ballagh  
Gerald Bogan  
Andrea Borowy  
Casey Brown  
Grace Burg  
Breonna Caron  
Coco Cesarz  
Brady Cole  
Landen Cole  
Kegan Collins  
Julianna Debozy  
Jaylynn Ellsworth  
Zachary Fletcher

Ayla Gerisch  
Jason Gruber  
Gabrielle Heath  
Evan Horneber  
Jordan Huskey-Wright  
Alaina Kellenberger  
Amber Knoll  
Taylor Lockhart  
Cameron Loveall  
Reagan Mowery  
Hope Muzzin  
Samantha Nothnagel  
Gaven Numinen  
Jose Ortiz-Martinez  
Kaitlyn Oversmith  
Wyatt Perry  
Isabelle Queen  
Abigail Roberts  
Gracee Robidou  
Megan Rosul  
Chloe Suter  
Carlos David Villegas-Castaneda  
Elizabeth Vliet

Rachel Warrens  
Shalynn Weinman  
Samantha Wilson  
Ethan Wright  
**8th Grade - A Honor Roll**  
Drew Bennett  
Micah Bolton  
Daisy Coria Chavez  
Hannah Marshall  
Brianna Polenz  
Emily Vaccaro  
Emily VanPelt  
**8th Grade - A/B Honor Roll**  
Adrianna Adkins  
Bailey Bartrum  
Samantha Bennett  
Josephina Beutler  
Lirin Bolcavage  
Larissa Boyce  
Hannah Breslin  
Kathryn Brumm  
Collin Cook  
Krista Culver

Makenzie Dalton  
Madison Gipe  
Ashlee Grumelot  
Jack Hammerberg  
Timothy Handshoe  
Damien Hayes  
Ivori Hufnagel  
Emma Kaltschmidt  
Natalie Keeler  
Maggie Mahler  
Paul Marshall  
Jack McLennan  
Devon Moser  
Alora Mullins  
Grace Niec  
Dominick Odem  
Gabriella Phillips  
Arianna Place  
Janelle Risner  
Jacob Sawicki  
Christopher Smith  
Alyssa VanHook  
Kristina Wilde

Lillian Williams  
**9th Grade - A Honor Roll**  
Audrey Austin  
Hythem Beydoun  
Grace Dreier  
Olivia Fletcher  
Marissa Goble  
Kylin Heidrich  
Jonah Huskey-Wright  
Ashton Knoll  
Daniel Mahler  
Zachary Miller  
Brooklyn Rochow  
Gwen Rogozinski  
Julianna Rooke  
Zachary Sanford  
Dalton Satkowiak  
Dominic Storie  
Sydney Switzenberg  
Rylee Tolson  
Xyan Torrey  
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AUG 22-24.... “Young Americans”— stay at Pery Hotel, Petoskey, includes show and meals

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### VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE SYNOPSIS

June 3, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President Howlett at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: PRESENT: President Molly Howlett Pro-Tem Frederick Cattell, Trustee Greg Uihlein, Trustee Richard Mullins, Trustee Heath Corey, Trustee Chadwick Quintanilla, Trustee Kim Morehouse, ABSENT: None; Others Present: Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk Johnnie Torres, Police Chief, John Gormley, Village Attorney, Citizens were also present; Pledge of Allegiance President Howlett led the pledge of allegiance. Approval of Agenda: MOTION by Quintanilla SUPPORTED by Cattell to approve the June 3, 2019 agenda as amended to add e. under New Business: FOIA Discussion; add b. under Unfinished Business: Right-of-Way Parking Motion carried with unanimous ayes. Approval of Minutes MOTION by Quintanilla, SUPPORTED by Mullins to approve the minutes of May 6, 2019 as presented. Motion carried with unanimous ayes. Public Comment – There was public comment. FINANCIAL REPORT: Accounts Payable MOTION by Uihlein SUPPORTED by Mullins, APPROVED; the accounts payable as presented by Clerk Nogle. AYES: Morehouse, Mullins, Uihlein, Quintanilla, Corey, Cattell, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED President Report Water Treatment Plant (WTP) generator quit working, calling company to repair. Water Tower Water Tower has a broken pipe. The construction of the Lakeland Trail has started. The Park paving project has been slowed down due to weather. Elizabeth Street Grant was Denied. Street sweeping will be next week. There will be training on the Sensus meter read gun, will notify the council once a date is set with Rolly Olney. Police Report – Police Chief Torres gave his report. Chief Torres discussed the potential of adding another full-time officer. NEW BUSINESS: Water Tower Control MOTION by Uihlein, SUPPORTED by Mullins, APPROVED; to accept the quote from UIS in the amount of \$20,950.00; funds to be derived from Capital Outlay 591-591-970.000 WTP Controls; replacement of the Water System/Water Tower controls. AYES: Mullins, Uihlein, Morehouse, Quintanilla, Cattell, Corey, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED; Budget Amendment: Capital Outlay – Water Tower Controls MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; Budget Amendment to the Water Fund: add \$20,950.00 Capital Outlay 591-591-970.000. AYES: Morehouse, Corey, Quintanilla, Mullins, Uihlein, Cattell, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED Ordinance: To Adopt the Construction Board of Appeals MOTION by Quintanilla, SUPPORTED by Corey, APPROVED; an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 to Add Chapter VIII Regarding the Scope and Construction of Regulations, Adoption, of Building Codes, Municipal Standards, And Creation of Village Construction Board of Appeals. AYES: Quintanilla, Corey, Cattell, Mullins, Morehouse, Howlett NAYS: Uihlein ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED; Appointment of Construction Board of Appeals MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by Quintanilla, APPROVED; the Appointment of Daryl Anderson to the Construction Board of Appeals. AYES: Corey, Quintanilla, Cattell, Morehouse, Mullins, Howlett NAYS: Uihlein ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; the Appointment of Mike Dalton to the Construction Board of Appeals. AYES: Quintanilla, Corey, Cattell, Mullins, Howlett NAYS: Uihlein, Morehouse ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED; FOIA Discussion Councilmember Uihlein discussed his concerns with the handling of a FOIA by the village. Uihlein requested the reason why parts of a FOIA was denied by the Clerk. President Howlett explained why the request was partially granted and denied. Unfinished Business: Water Treatment Plant Roof MOTION by Corey, SUPPORTED by Morehouse, APPROVED; the accept the quote from Lockhart Roofing in the amount of \$6,448.00. AYES: Corey, Quintanilla, Cattell, Uihlein, Morehouse, Mullins, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED; Right-of-Way Discussion President Howlett appointed Richard Mullins (Chair), Daryl Anderson and Kim Morehouse to the Ordinance Committee: The Committee will review and create an ordinance addressing the right of way parking in the village. Closed Session: CLOSED SESSION-Discussion of Legal Opinion of the Village Attorney MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Quintanilla, APPROVED to go into closed session at 9:34pm to discuss a legal opinion by Village Attorney, John Gormley; after a short break. AYES: Quintanilla, Corey, Cattell, Uihlein, Mullins, Morehouse, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: None MOTION PASSED MOTION by Quintanilla, SUPPORTED by Uihlein, APPROVED to go open back into regular session of the Council Meeting at 10:40pm. Motion Carried Unanimously; MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Uihlein, APPROVED to authorize Village Attorney John Gormley to respond by letter as amended to S.A.E.S.A. Motion Carried Unanimously Public Comment - There were comments made by the public. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Quintanilla, SUPPORTED by Mullins, APPROVED to adjourn the Council Meeting at 10:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Debbie Nogle



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### STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2019

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on June 17, 2019 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 Ed Wetherell Trustee Terry Sommer Member absent from meeting: None

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence  
Citizen's Comments Discussion

Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Regular meeting agenda Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Lauckner motion to except the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes as printed from May 20, 2019 and Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board financial report as printed from April 1, 2019 thru June 17, 2019 Lauckner second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Sheriff Wrigglesworth gave an update on the Ingham County Sheriff Office. Currently all Positions are filled and the new jail should break ground a year from now.

Scott Duimstra from CADL along with other Stockbridge Library members gave an update on the library in 2018. 15,000 items were checked out and the Stockbridge Library was visited 20,000 times. Also stated that the library isn't just for checking our books but you can check out everyday items as well

Old Business

Sommer is waiting on call back from Gee's Farm about purchasing new trees for the Stockbridge Township Square.

Sommer had ordered 5 benches for the Stockbridge Township Square for \$1,300.00 at \$325 a piece

Sommer is looking for a boarder to put down on the Stockbridge Township Square were the new mulch was put down.

Lantis motion that we get manufactured stone for upto \$2000.00 for labor and material for the canon on the Stockbridge Township Square Lauckner Second Discussion is tabled for next meeting

Sommer motion to purchase the PTZ 1080 P30X optical zoom camera to put up at S.A.E.S.A to monitor the Stockbridge Township Recycling container Lauckner Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Sommer Yes, Lauckner Yes, Muraf Yes and Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried.

Stockbridge Township Board approved Movie Donations for the Stockbridge Township Movie nights on the 3rd Friday of the month thru September 2019 no selling of items and advertisements.

New Business

Lantis motion for the Stockbridge Township Hall Players to pay \$ 425.00 for their August performance rehearsal starting July 9, 2019 and performances August 9, 10, 11, 2019 Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion that the Stockbridge Township Board pays for Katrina Griffith Zoning and Planning retreat Stockbridge Township Board will cover room board mileage Wetherell Second Roll Call Vote Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Lauckner Yes, Lantis Yes Motion Carried

Lauckner motion the Stockbridge Township Board accept the new resolution for Poverty Exempt Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Lantis motion the Stockbridge Township Board ask Mr and Mrs Costello to move the Cinder blocks within 14 days of today out of the eye from M -52 and out of the sight of the easement Lauckner second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Sommer Yes, Lauckner Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board Monthly bills in the amount of \$37,900.00 Lauckner Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen Comments Discussion

Lantis motion to end the Stockbridge Township Board Regular meeting at 9: 37 PM on June 17, 2019 Lauckner Second All IN Favor Motion Carried.

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### UNADILLA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Activity from May 16 to June 12

**Thursday, 5/16** Assist EMS-Twin Ponds Trl./W. M-36

**Saturday, 5/18** Domestic Disturbance-Bullis Rd./Bird Ln.

**Sunday, 5/19** Intimidation/Threats/Harassment-Webb St./Church St., Medical Assist EMS-Main St./Bullis Ln.

**Monday, 5/20** Traffic Complaint-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd., Fraud-Church St./Webb St., Animal Complaint-Hadley Rd./Joslin Lake Rd.

**Thursday, 5/23** Welfare Check-Gregory Rd./Wasson Rd., Property Damage Accident-M-36/Dream Catcher, Animal Complaint-Main St./Lakeland Trl., Medical Assist EMS-M.-36/Livermore Rd., Road Hazard/Tree Down-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle Rd., Assist Unadilla Township Fire Department/Tree Down/Holmes Rd./Doyle Rd.

**Friday, 5/24** Animal Complaint/Horses-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd., Verbal Domestic-McGaugh Ct./Orlando Dr.

**Saturday, 5/25** Assist Village of Pinckney Police Department/Domestic-Mill St./Main St.

**Sunday, 5/26** Weapons Offense-Templar Ave./Doyle Rd.

**Monday, 5/27** Animal Complaint/Dog-Williamsville Rd./Orlando Dr.

**Tuesday, 5/28** Welfare Check-M-36/Livermore Rd.

**Thursday, 5/30** Domestic Disturbance-Spears Rd./Van Syckle Rd.

**Friday, 5/31** Welfare Check-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd., Animal Complaint/Dogs-Graves Rd./Doyle Rd.

**Saturday, 6/1** Verbal Disturbance-M-36/Dexter Trl.

**Sunday, 6/2** Loud Party/Lakeview Rd./Kaiser Rd., Animal Complaint/Dogs-Dexter Trl./ Van Syckle Rd.

**Monday, 6/3** Malicious Destruction of Property-M-36/Kathryn Ct., Disturbance-M-36/Main St., Assist, Fowlerville/Car Versus Deer/Bull Run Rd./Munsell Rd.

**Tuesday, 6/4** Animal Complaint/Dog-Doyle Rd./Kane Rd., Assist EMS/Fall-Doyle Rd./Kane Rd.

**Thursday, 6/6** Welfare Check-Holmes Rd./Doyle Rd., Suspicious Situation-Doyle Rd./Howlett Rd.

**Friday, 6/7** Verbal Domestic-Lakeview Dr./Woodside Dr., Suspicious Situation/Assist Village of Pinckney Police Department-Twin Ponds Trl./M-36, Assist EMS-Kaiser Rd./Hadley Rd., Animal complaint/Dog-Stockbridge St./Cass St., Assist EMS-M-106/Worden Rd.

**Saturday, 6/8** Suspicious Situation-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Rd., Medical Alarm-Pleasant Dr./Kaiser Rd., Tree Hazard-Donahue Rd./Wasson Rd., Property Damage Accident-Webb St., Welfare Check-Gregory Rd./Wasson Rd., Assist Village of Pinckney Police Department/Burglary-M-36/Main St.

**Sunday, 6/9** Welfare Check-Gregory Rd./Wasson Rd.

**Monday, 6/10** Animal Complaint/Dog-Williamsville Rd./Orlando Dr., Road Hazard-Gregory Rd./Wasson Rd.

**Tuesday, 6/11** Suspicious Situation-Doyle Rd./Roepke Rd., Welfare Check-Doyle Rd./Howlett Rd.

**Wednesday, 6/12** Assist EMS-Bradley Rd./Plainfield Rd.

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Mary Jo David. Photo provided by Mary Jo David

## StockBIZ: Business News in and around Stockbridge

### The Cravingz Café takeover: Mystery solved!

by Mary Jo David

Every town has buzz—especially small towns. And lately, a lot of the buzz in Stockbridge has centered on what’s happening at Cravingz.

Except for Thursday jazz nights and the occasional special event, the coffee shop, located at 140 S. Clinton, closed last November. As spring rains gave way to summer—and more rain—people heading through town could not help but notice fresh planters lining the sidewalk in front of the coffeehouse. Others have wandered along the side of the shop through the peaceful greenspace set with cozy tables and chairs to the back where longtime owner Judi Cook is putting her own personal touch into the gardens and rockscape.

Finally, during the weekend of Stockbridge’s A Day in the Village, people had the opportunity to stop in and ask, “What’s going on?”

The answer lies in the jaunty sign that hangs at an angle below the Cravingz sign: “A Café Takeover: New Menu. New Coffee. New Rules.” Look for the new Cravingz café to support clean, sustainable, local products and practices.

Its new Cultivate coffee—brewed bean to cup—is purchased from a local roaster out of Ypsilanti. The coffee is a process, as one diner noted when he initially questioned the price. After seeing how it was made, beginning with grinding the beans, and, more importantly, tasting the results, he was sold. The food menu is limited, with an emphasis on healthy, featuring mostly organic ingredients. Expect a short menu with only a couple of breakfast offerings and a couple of lunch offerings. Oh, and then there’s the mystery food called “M’Oh.” (Hint: think of a muffin shaped like a doughnut!)

Cravingz is doing its own twist on the “pop-up” craze people are hearing about in places like Los Angeles, New York, or even closer to home in Ann Arbor. But the Cravingz pop-up concept focuses less on “temporary” and more on being just a little unpredictable. Look for the café to be open on most weekends—likely around 8 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon—including some Fridays. But if you want to know before you show, follow Cravingz on Instagram at @cafetakeover. Look for occasional postings on Facebook at Cravingz Coffee House & Sandwich Shop.

To anyone who looks a little quizzically at the new Cravingz concept, Judi says, “Customers who come in with an open mind for something different will go away with a good experience.”

Less “pop-up” and more predictable are the Thursday night jazz and easy-listening events that have become a mainstay at Cravingz for more than two years. Many Stockbridge residents are familiar with the music emanating from the Cravingz outdoor patio—when weather permits—or indoors when it doesn’t. Most Thursday-evening events run from 6 to 8 p.m., although it’s always best to check the sign posted on the door of the café to be certain.

Thursday evening patrons can choose from the more traditional Cravingz “sandwich and a special” menu, not to mention beer, wine, cocktails, great music, and excellent company.

Mary Jo David is a long-time writer and editor who moved to Gregory in 2018. She and her husband, Gary Hicks, are enjoying life in the country, including the Stockbridge Community News.



Cravingz Cafe Takeover  
Photo credit Mary Jo David

## Stockbridge Area Garden Club works to beautify community

by Judy Williams

Monday, May 20, and Saturday, May 26, volunteers from the Stockbridge Area Garden Club gathered to plant flowers in the Stockbridge Township Square and Library grounds, and also in downtown Gregory.



Unadilla Township receives a helping hand from a few ladies from the Stockbridge Area Garden Club. L to R: Linda Walker, Bev Glynn, Janine Falk, Katie, Patrice Johnson, Mary Wilson, Julia Neuhaus and Linda Topping. Not pictured: photographer Judy Williams.



Garden club ladies brave cold, damp weather to plant flowers and weed the Stockbridge Township Square. L to R: Sue Lindemer, Patrice Johnson, Nancy Macaluso, Janine Falk, Susan Daily, Roberta Ludtke, Joan Tucker, Debbie Shellenbarger, Linda Risner, Connie Risner, Andrea Stickney, Judy Williams, and Julia Neuhaus.

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## A look back in time

by Diane Rockall



July returns once again and with it half the year is gone. Twenty years ago, in 1999, Y2K (year 2000) reared its head as a major concern for businesses and industries. Massive computer failures were widely anticipated as world clocks rolled their digits into the 21st century. Stockbridge bankers and businessmen shared the anxiety and spent months creating programs and plans they hoped would ameliorate the predicted outcomes. As many will remember, the predicted collapse failed to materialize, perhaps, in part, due to all the preparation.

Also that July, Stephen Penn replaced Robert Price as Stockbridge Township supervisor. A lightning strike knocked out power to Township Hall leaving emergency services without a radio system as the month began. The Stockbridge Community School Board hired four new teachers and increased the salary of Superintendent Bruce Brown.

The famed Belgian Boys Choir, Les Pastoreaux, performed July 15 at the Township Hall. The group, from Waterloo, Belgium, was touring U.S. cities of the same name. Waterloo, Belgium was the site of Napoleon's defeat to Wellington's forces in 1815. The group of 40 youngsters traveled with 20 adults and stayed in the homes of volunteer sponsors during their journey. The concert in our area was sponsored by Stockbridge Area Arts Council, Stockbridge Community Education, and Waterloo Farm and Historical Museum.

In 1994, the School Board adopted its budget and Ray Chamberlain replaced Tom Clark, who had served for eight years on the Board. In addition, school employee salaries were increased.

Looking back 110 years ago to 1909, newspapers were very different. Type was smaller. Ads were everywhere, including the front page, and events were discussed before they happened and much less frequently after they occurred. Serialized books were featured. Ads came from as far away as Detroit.

On Saturday, July 3, 1909, the Stockbridge baseball team played the Gregory team in Stockbridge.

Forty five years later in 1954, the American Legion post held a free farm with "amusements for all" from July 13 to 17. The FFA (Future Farmers of America) and 4H groups presented displays. Also in that year, Ward Hudson was elected to the school board.

*Diane Rockall serves in several capacities as a member of the Stockbridge Community News Board of Directors.*



Stockbridge Township Hall. User provided photo

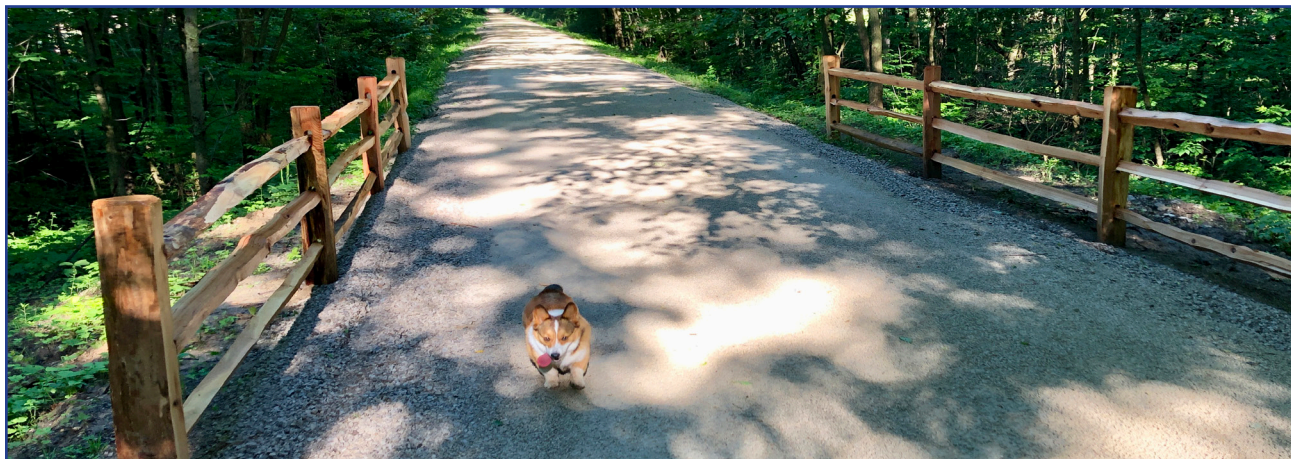
## Mike Levine Lakelands Trail takes shape...big time



Parking lot complete with restroom constructed next to M-52/M-106 on the south side of Stockbridge. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



The beginning of a parking lot for horse trailers becomes reality. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Lacy Howlett (a Corgi) inspects a widened trail with a brand-new surface west of Dutton Road. Her tongue lolls in approval at new, split-rail cedar fencing. Photo credit Patrice Johnson



Take a rest on a spanking new bench as the rat-a-tat of pileated woodpeckers rings through the woodland. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

# July's 'Where's Waldo' mystery location

Think you know the area? Here's a chance to prove it. Each month, SCN photographer Rose Collison is selecting 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.

July's winner will receive a \$20 Farmers State Bank Branded



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

Prepaid Visa gift card. Thank you to Farmers State Bank.

Congratulations to last month's winner, Matt Katz for correctly identifying the photo of the blacksmith on a barn in Munith.



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

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### Waterloo Township Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes 28 May 2019 7:00 P.M. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. **Pledge Present:** Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister. Absent: Morency. Also present: Charlie Barnum, Building Inspector; Rodney Walz, County Commissioner for District 2; 5 residents and Rob Hayes and Larry Bamford representing Aggregate Industries. **Public Comment:** Sheila Conant from Hideaway Lane spoke of the poorly maintained private gravel road with easements that run along the southeastern shore of Clear Lake. She is looking for ways to improve the road a keep it maintained. She will contact us again when she has more information on special assessment practices and other ways to help them in their quest for a good road. She was asking for a form to submit for a Special Assessment District. She will then follow through providing the information to the Township. **Consent Agenda:** Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. Charlie Barnum said building is down this year. Kitley stated that the Firemen's Association chicken BBQ on Memorial Day was a great success. 600 chicken halves were gone between 1:15 and 1:30. **SPECIAL ORDER:** Rob Hayes gave an update on the mining and reclamation for Aggregate Industries. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the annual permit renewal for Aggregate Industries for 1 year beginning July 1, 2019 with the following conditions: The new permit expires on July 1st, 2020. 1. The new permit will apply to the existing 50.23+/- acres plus the original parcels of the operation, as listed below: i. 10-12-200-001-01 ii. 10-01-426-001-00 iii. 10-01-476-001-00 iv. 10-12-200-001-02 v. 10-12-100-001-00 (new parcel in expansion) vi. 10-01-451-001-00 (new parcel in expansion) 2. This permit will be valid until 7/1/2020. 3. All requirements and conditions imposed by the Planning Commission in its recommendation of approval to the Board in April 2013, for the special use permit, as amended, resolution # R-13-11-20-1 continue to be met. 4. Aggregate Industries is to comply at a minimum with all provisions of the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance and Sand and Gravel Extraction Ordinance as amended. 5. All haul routes remain at existing locations (as of November 20th, 2013). 6. All processing plants and stockpile locations shall remain at the existing locations. 7. Any 'primary feeders' installed to sort material for the conveyor will be located at a low level and very near to a mining face in order to minimize any noise levels coming from the unit. 8. Monitoring of wells 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, the freshwater lake, Pond Lilly, and Clear Lake all continue on a monthly basis. 9. Aggregate Industries will send quarterly well monitoring updates to the Waterloo Township Engineer so that the well monitoring sites can be closely followed. If necessary, the Township Engineer will contact the Township board and Aggregate Industries in order to discuss any concerning levels and take appropriate action. 10. Regular inspections will be made by the township engineer for at least the purpose of monitoring the extraction depth to ensure that it is maintained at a level at least 10 feet higher than the water table (as projected by the fr&h 2012 report).

11. Clearing of new sites will commence only after fences are installed and will occur only during normal allowed operating hours as described in the Waterloo Township Sand and Gravel Extraction Ordinance as amended. All required permits shall be acquired by Aggregate Industries for any and all tree/brush removal activities. 12. Cells 1-4 of phase I must be reclaimed by the end of calendar year 2019. 13. Phased reclamation shall occur such that no more than 2 cells (shown in figure C6 of the supplemental information packet dated September 30th, 2013) shall be actively mined at any time. For example, before cell 3 mining begins, reclamation shall begin on cell 1. 14. Any changes to the signed copy of the lease agreement between Aggregate Industries and the DNR must be communicated to the township for review. 15. Reclamation activity is carried out according to the document provided to Waterloo Township by Aggregate Industries on December 6th, 2013, entitled "The Reclamation Plan". 16. Any changes to the reclamation plan are to be communicated to the township, as outlined in the Township Sand & Gravel Extraction Ordinance, as amended. 17. No extractive operations will occur below ground water level within the new expansion areas. 18. No water will be discharged offsite by the operation. 19. The existing Reclamation Surety Bond #929570818 shall remain in effect, with the following details: i. The "penal sum" in the first paragraph remains Seven Hundred Twenty-One Thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$721,050.00). ii. The amount required to "reimburse the Obligee for costs and reasonable expenses and fees", in the last paragraph on page one, shall remain One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) iii. In the second paragraph, the "effective" date should be June 17, 2013, and the "Renewal" date should be June 27, 2019. iv. The "aggregate liability" under the first paragraph on the second page shall remain Eight Hundred Twenty-One Thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$821,050.00). 20. Applicant shall provide to the Township prior to September 15, 2019, evidence that it has renewed the applicable insurance policies for the remaining term of this Permit renewal, including complete copies of the renewed insurance policies and endorsements demonstrating continued compliance with all the insurance requirements of Section 8.03 of the Township Ordinance, which relevantly provides: i. 8.03 Insurance. The applicant shall provide a liability insurance policy underwritten by a provider licensed in the State of Michigan to cover property damage for surface and/or subsurface occurrences and bodily injury in an amount not less than Four Million (\$4,000,000.00) Dollars per occurrence, in any combination of primary and umbrella coverage, naming Waterloo Township, its elected officials and appointed officials as additional

named insureds and provide a copy of this policy to the Township Clerk. Said insurance shall provide an endorsement which provides that the general aggregate limit of the operator's commercial and general liability applies to the site. Waterloo Township must be sent a notice of intent to cancel the insurance not less than twenty (20) days before the cancellation thereof. Failure of the operator, or any persons, firm or corporation named in the policy to maintain the insurance shall be cause for immediate cessation of operations. 21. Aggregate Industries shall continue to comply with all setback requirements established in previous approvals, including but not limited to the 150 foot setback from Green Road, and shall not engage in any extraction within any setback area, including but not limited to the road, the right-of-way and the associated setbacks from Green Road. Although Aggregate Industries applied for extraction within Green Road, its right-of-way, and the associated setbacks, that approval is not granted by this renewal, and Aggregate Industries shall be required to apply for an amendment to its SUP and extraction permit in order to conduct any extraction within Green Road, its right-of-way, and the associated setbacks. 22. Replace concrete benchmark **Correspondence:** None • **Old Business:** Walz gave a report on the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. There is the possibility of creating a rain garden in some of the lower wet areas around the walking path. A book exchange container may be put out there also. A temporary one has already been placed inside the Township entry area. An additional work day will take place in the Munnith Park on Wednesday, June 5th at 2:30 to finish putting in the play equipment. Foot path has been excavated and planted with grass seed. A sign will be forthcoming along with benches. Parks and Recreation Committee members have been attending Jackson County Parks and Recreation meetings and trying to collaborate to make improvements at Portage Lake and Clear Lake County Parks. • **New Business:** • Beals gave the report on what the Planning Commission worked on at their last meeting. Most of the last meeting was spent looking at the comments from the staff at the Jackson County Planning Commission. Comments were given on solar farms materials that were sent to them. Approval of the Draft Amendments to the Waterloo Township 2018 Master Plan Chapter 2, Planning Issues, Goals & Objectives. • Lance motioned with support from Kitley to adopt proposed amendments to the Master Plan as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • The Civil Infractions Ordinance was discussed. Beals stated that the Planning Commission will request a rewrite for the Civil Infractions Ordinance part of the Zoning Ordinances. The law firm will be asked to assist in this rewrite. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve Ordinance # O-17-09-26-1 as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • Kitley motioned with support from Walz to approve the purchase of a replacement laptop computer from IT Right at a cost of \$1,124. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the land division application from Mark and Debra Stephens with the original parcel # 000-05-18-400-002-02 with resulting parcels #000-05-18-400-02-15 with 2 acres, parcel # 000-05-18-400-02-16 with 2 acres and parcel #000-05-18-400-02-14 with 19.52 acres. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the land division application from Gerald Steinhauer with the original parcel #000-10-04-351-001-00 resulting in two parcels: #000-10-04-351-002-00 with 4.87 acres and #000-10-04-351-003-00 with 25.9 acres. Yes/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • Walz motioned with support from Lance to approve the land division application from Leslie Brauer, II with the original parcel #000-05-33-351-001-03 resulting in two parcels: #000-05-33-351-001-05 with 64.4 acres and #000-05-33-351-001-06 with 36.9 acres. Yes/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • There was discussion regarding replacement of a very old emergency siren located in the Munnith Park. Kitley stated that she had talked with Henrietta Supervisor Grimes and that Henrietta is will to pay \$10,000 toward the cost of the new siren because it benefits the Henrietta residents as well as Waterloo residents. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to purchase a new emergency siren for the Munnith Park located at 103 S. Main Street from West Shore Services, Inc. at a cost of \$22,250. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. • There was also discussion on a new water hydrant somewhere between Henrietta and Waterloo Townships. Lance also stated that Territorial Road is scheduled to be resurfaced as well as Mt. Hope Road. Mt. Hope Road will be done by the end of summer. It will be done from I-94 area to M-106. **Other Business That Comes Before The Board:** **Public Comment:** Beals stated that some of the Jake Brake signs are now up in our Township. The Truck Route signs have not been placed yet. Discussion took place about placement of signs not being where Township suggested **Adjournment:** Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:00. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with a Budget Hearing Meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. meeting. 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: waterlootwpmi.com.

Submitted by:  
Janice Kitley,  
Clerk

## Public Hearing Notice Waterloo Township

The Waterloo Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Offices located at 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment for proposed text changes to Sections 3.05 and 3.06 of Article 3 of the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the proposed changes may be viewed at the Township Offices during regular business hours or online at the Township's website. (www.waterlootwpmi.com)

Written comments should be mailed to: Waterloo Township Office, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259 or dropped off at the office during regular business hours prior to July 15, 2019.

Individuals with special needs requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Waterloo Township Board by writing or calling the Clerk's Office, 9773 Mt. Hope Rd., Munith, MI 49259. Phone: 517-596-8400.

Ralph Schumacher  
Planning Commission Secretary

## Public Accuracy Test Notice Waterloo Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the August 6, 2019 Washtenaw ISD Proposal has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Janice Kitley,  
Waterloo Township Clerk

## Hannah Glair 4-H Service Award Fundraiser: July 16

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## Obituaries

### Marilyn Barnhart

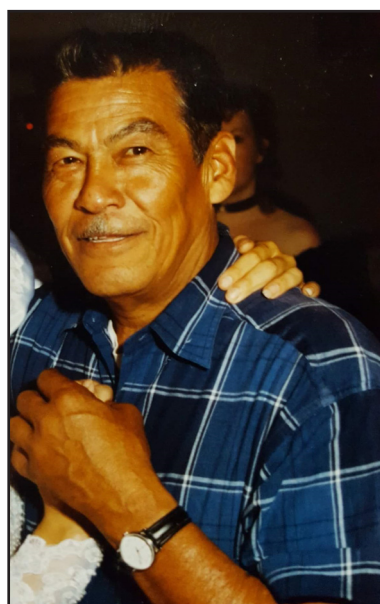


Marilyn Barnhart. Family photo

**Marilyn M. Barnhart**, of Perry, MI, age 88, passed away at Sparrow Hospital on May 30, 2019. She was born the daughter of Frank and Vesta (Wood) Wild on July 15, 1930 in Stockbridge, MI. On January 13, 1951 she married Gerald Barnhart, and he survives. Surviving are two children, Linda (Tim) McDaniels of Perry and Dean (Christine) Barnhart of Hanover; one sister, Pauline Hons of Jackson; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death are siblings, Stub, Dwayne, Olin, Lewis and a son, James Barnhart.

A Funeral Service took place on June 4, 2019 at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with Craig Goodlock officiating. Burial followed at Munith Cemetery. Visitation was on June 3, 2019. Memorial contributions can be made to Munith United Methodist Church

### Oscar Medina



Oscar Medina. Family photo

**Oscar Medina** passed away at his home in the care of his loving family on June 9, 2019.

Oscar married Ruthie in 1958. He worked for Spence Brothers Construction company as a carpenter, where he retired after 50 years.

Oscar enjoyed going to visit friends and family on Saturday mornings and have a cup of coffee and move on to the next spot.

Oscar and Ruthie raised five children. Oscar Jr., Tony, Lupe, Pete and Angel. He was a great husband, dad, uncle, grandfather, father-in-law and friend to many.

He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date. Oscar always loved a Celebration.

## 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.

- Marilyn M. Barnhart - died May 30, 2019 - Perry
- Corwin Dupuis - died June 7, 2019 - Jackson
- Oscar Medina - died June 9, 2019
- Dennis W. Shackelford - died June 12, 2019 - Stockbridge

## Letters we receive

### Thanks for the local news

Dear Editor,

I just want to say thank you for our local news paper. I've lived in this area most of my life and like reading about things going on in our community.

Thanks again,  
Bert Broesamle

## Corwin Dupuis



Corwin Dupuis. Family Photo

**Corwin R. Dupuis**, age 32, of Jackson, MI, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2019 of complications related to a chronic health problem. He was born July 7, 1986 in Ann Arbor, MI the son of David and Cynthia (Bellner) Dupuis. Corwin was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Jackson where he sang in the choir. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and earned his Eagle Scout rank. He enjoyed reading, playing the piano, painting tabletop miniatures, and spending time outdoors walking and hiking. He was committed to helping the needs of others and worked for Tenacious Living as a life coach.

He is survived by his son, Roland, age 9, his parents, David and Cynthia Dupuis of Stockbridge, his maternal grandparents, Bernie and Barb Bellner of Grand Ledge, his sister, Caela (Kevin) Heemstra of Stockbridge, and six nieces and nephews: Nikolas, Anika, Felicity, Kaiden, Harlan, and Bianca. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Frederick and Lillian Dupuis.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 12, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Jackson. Burial was at St. John Catholic Cemetery. The family received friends at the church on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

## Presbyterian page 4



Host Dr. Deb (Debbie Smith, Ph.D. and Stockbridge Presbyterian Church pastor) said the gathering "offered a powerful training.... This is a great skill for any family member, friend, teacher, coach or pastor who believes that a person close to them is thinking about killing themselves." Photo credit Patrice Johnson

Selfless individuals, she said, worked together to build playgrounds and basketball courts and to hold fundraisers. "People show up to help and to donate time and money."

As another example, Howlett referenced the formation of the Stockbridge Community News. "This town needed a newspaper," she said, and a group organized to found one. "They started dividing up the work." She ticked off writing, editing, advertising, invoicing, mailing, posting online, and graphics design. "In November of 2016, the first edition of four pages was published and mailed to 8,900 homes."

Howlett then held up the June edition for the audience. "It is 32 pages long. It's huge," she said. "It is volunteers pulling our community together, being positive about what we have going for us."

She, like everyone, misses the businesses that used to line the streets, she said. "However, Stockbridge is not dying. We are quietly thriving. We adapt. Life is good here. Kids play outside and ride their bikes here. I am perfectly safe walking my dog at night."

As far as the future, Howlett spoke with optimism about the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail. Stockbridge "is the hub of five major trail systems in Michigan coming from all over the state," she stated, adding that last year the village applied for and received more than \$800,000 in grant monies from the Ingham County Parks and

Recreation. Funds are being used to resurface the trail, and build new parking lots for cars and horse trailers. "We have a lot of horses here." She grinned.

"I'm told that people are going to ride their bikes and horses here from everywhere," she said. "How will that affect our village and our surrounding communities? I know it means change. I'm excited to find out what the changes will be."

The group was also provided an excellent training session for suicide prevention sponsored by the Gratiot County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

The QPR model, an acronym for Question, Persuade and Refer persons suspected of contemplating suicide, has proven highly successful in reducing suicide attempts.

According to Pastor Smith, the gathering "offered a powerful training in that it was for those without any clinical background. This is a great skill for any family member, friend, teacher, coach or pastor who believes that a person close to them is thinking about killing themselves."

"The greatest joy of having ISAP visit Stockbridge was their patronage of local services," Smith said. C & J Pizza, home of the now famous pickle pizza provided the lunch, members were directed to stop by the local ice cream stores to get ice cream on the way out of town, and Country Petals provided beautiful table floral displays.

Dr. Deb delivered the final blessing. After the event, attendees were invited to see the Michigan Registered stained-glass windows inside the church.

# Honor page 11

Kaitelyn Walker  
 Connor Whitaker  
 Merle Wilson  
 Veronica Wilson  
 Brendan Wright  
**9th Grade - A/B Honor Roll**  
 Dalton Barnett  
 Kara Brown  
 Klye Bruner Jr.  
 Bennen Chapman  
 Jaidehn Conant  
 Kalysta Connolly  
 Joseph Cool  
 Joshua Cool  
 Mya Crockett  
 Logan Fowler  
 Sidney Gipe  
 Tylee Gipson  
 Dominick Hamlett  
 McKenzie Hatfield  
 Brandon Howlett  
 Justin Jazkowski  
 Riley Kennedy  
 Emily Khozouie  
 Ausin Knoll  
 Sarah Lackey  
 Yareli Lozano  
 Ally Minix  
 Nickole Mons  
 Connor Mowery  
 Makayla Myers  
 Samantha Nichols  
 McKenzie Noble  
 Jack Nothnagel  
 Kaitlyn Pilch  
 Paige Rice  
 Harlie Robinson  
 Jeffry Rogers  
 Shailynn Romero  
 Christopher Rosedale  
 Gavin Salyer  
 Paige Stolarz

Spencer Tanner  
 Brooklyn Tate  
 Jeremiah Two-Bears  
 Jaslyn Wilkins  
 Mayzie Wright  
 Brenden Yannella  
**10th Grade - A Honor Roll**  
 Chelsey Asquith  
 Cameron Brewer  
 Rose Casto  
 Keshava Demerath-Shanti  
 Abigail Douglas  
 Melanie Eskew  
 Diane Evans  
 Haley Gipson  
 Brianna Hill  
 Hailey Howard  
 Brock Jones  
 Kaitlin Miller  
 Molly Nichols  
 Evelyn Ortiz-Martinez  
**10th Grade - A/B Honor Roll**  
 Madison Aiken  
 Kaylee Angell  
 Brooklyn Baker  
 Claire Beauregard  
 Jonah Coffman  
 Kaylee Dalton  
 Ronald Fillmore  
 Jacey Gustafson  
 Grace hall  
 Carissa Heinzman  
 Alexis Hightower  
 Lillian Humrich  
 Peter Johnson  
 Peton Killinger  
 Laurynn Kittle  
 Isaac Lance  
 Hannah Lockhart  
 Julia Marhofer  
 Madison Mazuca  
 Spencer McLennan  
 Brandy Oberto  
 Amelia Pulley

Chelsea Redford  
 Malena Rosedale  
 Austin Storie-Vine  
 Brynn Tatar  
 Riley Warrens  
 Wyatt Whitaker  
 Mackenzie Yannella  
 Benjamin Young  
 Joy Youngblood  
**11th Grade - A Honor Roll**  
 Andrew Carriero  
 Megan Catron  
 Caitlin Fowler  
 Baylee Heidrich  
 Christopher Kaltner  
 Morgan King  
 John Morris  
 Kaylie Shepard  
 Tyler Showerman  
 Sylvia Whitt  
 Paige Wooden  
**11th Grade - A/B Honor Roll**  
 Kaleb Adkins  
 Kelsey Andrews  
 Rowan Bartholomew  
 Micah Beauregard  
 Dominic Beutler  
 Ashley Blanz  
 Isabelle Bliss  
 Hannah Bolton  
 Emily Breslin  
 Kael Bunce  
 Taylor Carey  
 Cassandra Chapman  
 Shaddai Demerath-Shanti  
 Haley Ely  
 Lucas Gauss  
 Oriana Hackworth  
 Christopher Hall  
 Alic-Mychael Hawkins  
 Courtney Khozouie  
 Alexis Killinger  
 Adam Knight  
 Jordan Myers

Brandon Nelson  
 Bradley Niec  
 Adrian Ousley  
 Zoanne Ousley  
 Rachel Owen  
 William Porter  
 Jacob Rooke  
 Breanna Salyer  
 Anastasia Schlaff  
 Adam Twining  
**12th Grade - A Honor Roll**  
 Daniel Ballagh  
 Amanda Brussow  
 Taylor Crockett  
 Cody Culver  
 Samantha Drew  
 Autumn Goble  
 Jade Harbert  
 Katelyn Knieper  
 Chloe Miner  
 Abbey Salyer  
 Michelle Zemke  
**12th Grade - A/B Honor Roll**  
 Maison Beauregard  
 Paige Brown  
 Sawyer Burnette  
 Brody Canfield  
 Jarrett Caudill  
 Jacob Ensign  
 Hannah Gutting  
 Madeline Hantz  
 Jazmine Hawkins  
 Lena Jackson  
 Ethan Jones  
 Edward Koch  
 Macy Kruger  
 Peter Loso  
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# Stockbridge Community News' volunteers honored with summer solstice celebration



L to R: Back row: Gary Ludtke, Diane Rockall, Chuck Wisman, Bill Stickney, David Lindemer, Gary Allen. Second row: Ken Collison, Rose Collison, Andrea Stickney, Judy Williams, Nancy Wisman, Roberta Ludtke, Mary Jo David, Tina Cole-Mullins, Ron Kaiser. Third row: Joan Tucker, Bev Glynn, Amy Haggerty, Patrice Johnson. Front row: Sue Lindemer and Molly Howlett. Photo credit Arlene Kaiser

by Tina Cole-Mullins and Beverly Glynn

Summer Solstice—a time of celebration for the longest day of the year. On Friday, June 21, 2019, Andrea and Bill Stickney not only celebrated the solstice but also the team of the Stockbridge Community News by hosting a lawn party at their lovely home.

In her invitations to the Appreciation Tea, Andrea requested the attendance of the “wonderful band of volunteers as a thank-you for the dedication and hard work in the Stockbridge Community News, a resounding success and gem in the community.” The invitation included Stockbridge Community News contributors, reporters, and board members.

Guests enjoyed stuffed mushrooms, skewers of beef and chicken, and fruit salad, followed by a delicious array of cookies and cake for dessert. The music of Gary Allen added to the ambience on a pristine evening made perfect for dining on the patio, strolling the garden, and mingling. Several guests met others for the first time.

A good time was had by all. Thank you, Andrea and Bill Stickney, for your support and a beautiful evening.

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# Stockbridge High School senior graduation 2019

by **Cindy Lance and Diane Rockall**

On June 2, 81 Stockbridge High School seniors joined the ranks of the school's alumni.

Class President Paige Brown addressed the crowd assembled saying, "We may be small, but we are mighty." During her speech, Brown asked for a moment of silence in memory of fellow classmate Hannah Glair, who passed away after an automobile accident in November. In tribute to her memory, an honorary chair with a purple banner and an arrangement of purple flowers sat with the assembled class. In addition, all students, staff, and board members wore purple ribbons in remembrance of Hannah.

The Stockbridge High School band played "Darklands March" by Randall Standridge. Senior Ashley Maize sang "Whenever you Remember" by Carrie Underwood. Class officers reflected on their years with Vice President Reilly Caroen delivering a very mature and well thought out reflection on junior year.

Elected guest speaker Corey Baird spoke to the class regarding "Super Heroes." Salutatorian Daniel Ballagh thanked his parents and wittily took a shot at the School Board of Education and Administration for their "no hats in school" policy.

Four valedictorians Katelyn Knieper, Samantha Drew, Michelle Zemke and Brody Canfield all spoke. Brody delivered a message thanks to not only his parents, but his older brothers. He publicly acknowledged how they impacted his life through their work ethic and perseverance. All of the speeches were outstanding, but his genuine, from the heart, speech went beyond that.

Senior High Principal Jeff Trapp tasked seniors at the "30 and out" meeting with thanking someone for their support in getting them to the moment of their graduation. He praised all of the speeches for doing just that.

Ethan Jones' father, Mike, died in early April, missing his son's graduation. Board member Chris Kruger is suffering from illness, but he was able to present his daughter, Macy, with her diploma. Retired superintendent Bruce Brown also had the honor of presenting his daughter with her diploma.

Joy and sadness intermingled to make this graduation a memorable one. Belated congratulations to the entire graduating class.



Stockbridge High School senior Shelby Sprout, left, receives her diploma from school board member Kary Gee. Photo credit Kara Warren



Stockbridge Sr. High School Principal Jeff Trapp and Jr. High School Principal Meghan Kunzelman walk with Superintendent Karl Heidrich. Photo credit Kara Warren

## July Garden of the Month



A judge writes, "This lovely lake setting offers peaceful strolling to view the multiple perennial plants to soothe your mind."

by **Joan Tucker**

Dear Readers,

Congratulations to Nancy Cooper of Gregory, July's "Garden of the Month" contest winner. A judge writes, "This lovely lake setting offers peaceful strolling to view the multiple perennial plants to soothe your mind."

We love your garden pictures! Send up to five photos by the 10th of each month. The contest will run from May 2019 - March 2020. Stockbridge Area Garden Club will select a garden to feature

each month. In March 2020, readers will vote for their favorite garden. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Tulip Tree Gardens. **To enter, email your photos to [StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com](mailto:StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com) and use "Gardens" as the subject.** Include your name, physical address of the garden and a phone number.

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## From the superintendent's desk

What is happening in the district for July?

The intention of this update is to inform the school district community of our summer projects and new teacher hiring updates.

We are pleased that our summer construction projects are on track with

remaining bond fund dollars. We are in the process of erecting the maintenance addition that is attached at the back of the Junior/Senior High. The maintenance addition has two garage bays that will house our maintenance trucks. We are also replacing the exterior freezer, garage doors in Mr. Perry's career and technical classrooms, and installing a bathroom at the central office portion of Smith. All of these construction projects will be completed on time and before the new school year will begin.

We are tracking our remaining bond construction dollars with care and may be able to use bond dollars for one more small project. The board has authorized the district to seek bids beginning in July for new boilers at Smith Elementary. The boilers at Smith are at the end of their useful life and their replacement is currently at the top of the project list.

Other summer projects will include the replacement of the softball and baseball scoreboards and a continuation of our Chromebook purchasing cycle to keep our fleet in great shape.

In other news, we have had a retirement, a couple internal teacher moves, and a few teacher resignations in our district. These have prompted the need to hire new staff this summer, and we are currently in the process of hiring new teachers at each school building. I am pleased to report that our highly active administrative team and hiring committees have been successful in finding high-quality teachers to come onboard. So far we have hired two new elementary teachers and two new Junior/Senior High School science teachers. We have a couple more teachers to hire, and our goal is to have all hiring completed by mid-July. In the August edition, we plan to formally introduce all of our new hires to the community.

Have a great 4th of July and we are looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year starting soon.

Sincerely,

Karl Heidrich  
Superintendent

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

## 123rd SHS Alumni Banquet hits the history books



The SHS Class of 1969 enjoying the 123rd Alumni Banquet. Back Row: David Cowan, Mike Otis, Duane Schoonover, Kathy Fletcher Roberts, Dan Holloway, Kathy Jerrell Myers, Dan Wilson, Middle Row: Jeff Schooler, Don Hannewald, Sue Lehman Deaner, Doty Dancer Bloxom, Nancy Cowan Cooper, Randy Myers, Linda Mackinder Morton, Sally White Layton, Joan Boyce Noel, Darrell Williams, Front Row: Tom Stephens, Linda Myer, Carol Schoonover Myer, Julia Morgan Woodling, Diana Whitaker Bunker. Missing from the photo are Bruce Barbour and Lissa Price Barbour. Photo credit Judy Williams

by Mary Lou Clifton

On June 8, more than 100 Panthers gathered at Heritage Elementary to reconnect with friends of old and reminisce on days gone by for the 123rd annual Alumni Banquet.

The event began with three generations of the Reilly family, all veterans of the armed services, leading the "Pledge of Allegiance." The class of 1969 was recognized for the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They conducted a touching remembrance ceremony for those in their class who have passed.

Throughout the evening, tributes and responses abounded. Dorene Glenn White represented the class of 1940, the earliest class in attendance. Following close on her heels were Donna Wilson Stephens, class of 1944, and Jack Richmond, class of 1949.

Mary McArthur and Ruth McArthur Bessey were thanked for their years of organizing the banquet as they relinquish that role. As is the practice, the class of 2019 was welcomed into the Alumni association. In keeping with tradition, the school song was sung, as was "Auld Lang Syne," with Roberta Barbour Sweet in accompaniment on piano.

Many attendees indicated they were already looking forward to next year's banquet.

### Gregory's Forty-Fifth Annual Fourth of July Celebration

#### Schedule of Events (Tentative)

- 10:00 am** - Parade line up begins (M106 closed to general traffic.) You MUST be in place by 11:30 for card collection. All horse groups must include a "scooper."
  - 11:45 am** - Decorated bike contest for kids 3-12 at 11:45 at the kids' gathering spot M106 & Stonehouse Rd.
  - Noon** - Parade begins. Gordie Kunzelman as emcee. Heidi Raus singing the National Anthem.
  - Grand Marshals:** The former Jaycees & Jaycettes of Gregory/Stockbridge
  - 10:00 am** - "Cathy's Famous Baked Goods" 4th of July Committee Bake Sale at the Unadilla Twp. Fire Dept.
  - 10:00 am** - Hot dog/chips/pop sales \$5.00 at the Fire Dept.
  - Assorted vendors & activities in the park, playground, and Webb St. throughout the afternoon: 3 bounce houses, penny hunt, pie-eating contest, kids bowling, and magic show.
  - 1:00 pm** - Jeff Boyer the Magic Guy roaming the grounds with balloon twisting activities.
  - 1:30 pm** - Pie-Eating Contest on Webb Street. (3 age groups) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.
  - 2:30 PM** - Comedy Magic Show by Boyer the Magic Guy under the tent in the park.
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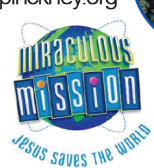
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## Beauregard and Tolson earn track All-State honors



Micah Beauregard earned All-State honors at the D3 State Finals in June. Beauregard earned the honors in the 1600. Photo credit Keith Michaels



Rylee Tolson earned All-State honors at the D3 State Finals in June. Tolson earned the honors in the 1600 and 3200 races. Photo credit Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

The Division 3 state track and field finals is always a long day, but this year it was made even longer. After three rain delays, the event finally finished around 11:30 Saturday night, well over 12 hours after it started.

Stockbridge runners multiple times were preparing for their race and were forced to evacuate the track area due to storms.

The delays did not stop Rylee Tolson and Micah Beauregard from having strong showings as Tolson earned All-State honors in two events and Beauregard one.

Tolson had goals of top-five finishes in her two events and she did just that as she earned All-State honors in the 1600 and 3200 races.

She opened with a fifth-place finish in the 1600 with a school record time of 5:02.20, knocking eight seconds off her own school record time.

Then came the 3200, she stayed in the top four pack for most of the race and came home third shattering her own school record by over 25 seconds with a time of 10:48.33. Three of the top four finishers were freshmen, so the next three years should be a battle in the 3200 in Division 3.

Not to be outdone, Beauregard came home seventh in the 1600 in the boys' race with a time of 4:24.91, three seconds faster than his regional time. He did not get the finish he had hoped for in the 800, coming home 11th with a time of 2:00.44.

Maison Beauregard ran in the 300 hurdles and had a rough race clipping several hurdles along the way and finishing 23rd in the event.

## Softball season ends in district finals

by Keith Michaels

A record-breaking season for the Stockbridge softball team came to a disappointing end as the Panthers fell to Michigan Center 9-4 in the Division 3 District Championship game at Stockbridge.

The championship game was rescheduled to be played Monday, June 3, after it was rained out when storms blew through after the semifinal games were finished.

The Panthers could never get going against the Cardinals in the finals.

Michigan Center scored an unearned run in the first and added another run in the third to make it 2-0.

They blew the game wide open with a six-run fifth inning to make it 8-0.

Lena Jackson scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the fifth to cut the lead to 8-1 and a bases loaded double by Hannah Lockhart plated three as the Panthers made it 8-4 in the sixth, but that is as close as they would get.

See Softball on page 23.

## Girls' soccer season ends in heartbreaker

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge girls' soccer team saw its season come to an end in a hard fought 2-1 loss to a tough Brooklyn Columbia Central squad.

The young Panthers team started its season slow but finished strong by winning five of its last seven games to finish with a 9-10-1 overall record and has high hopes for 2019/2020 with most of the team returning.

The Division 3 district semifinal game saw Kylin Heidrich score a first half goal as the Panthers were tied with Columbia Central 1-1 at the half.

The Panthers battled in the second half, but Brooklyn found the net for the only goal to pull out the 2-1 win and end the Panthers season.

Stockbridge reached the semifinals by taking down Blissfield 2-0. Peyton Killinger stopped all 10 shots in net to earn the shutout, while the defense of Baylee Heidrich, Paige Brown, Ori Hackworth, and Hailey Howard kept the Royals in check.

Heidrich continued to carry the play on the offensive end for the Panthers, scoring both of the Stockbridge goals. She took a long pass from Killinger and broke in for a first-half goal and a 1-0 halftime lead.

She then took a nice pass from Rachel Frazzini and sent it home to make it 2-0 and that is all the Panther defense would need.

Evey Ortiz-Martinez, Sylvia Whitt, and Megan Catron locked the Royals down the rest of the way keeping Blissfield from any quality chances.

The Panthers wrapped up the regular season with an 8-0 pasting of Barry County Christian.

Kylin Heidrich netted four goals to lead the Panthers offense. Bethany Plennert, Brown, Chelsey Asquith, and Megan Catron each scored single goals with Plennert and Brown both tallying their first goals of the season.

Frazzini, Alexis Killinger, Catron, Maria Risner, Brown, Whitt, Alic Hawkins, and Hackworth each picked up assists. Peyton Killinger and Plennert combined for the shutout in net for the Panthers.

## Baseball season ends in districts

by Keith Michaels

One of the best Stockbridge baseball seasons in recent history ended in the Division 3 district semifinals.

The Panthers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Alex Rose stole third and scored on an error by the third baseman.

A big five-run third inning doomed the Panthers as they were never able to recover, falling to the Cardinals 6-3.

Drew Davis and Cody Freiermuth had a hit and RBI each to lead the offense. Rose had a hit and run scored, while Gage Place, Aiden Trost, Daniel Ballagh, and Jeremy Pilch each recorded hits.

Rose took the loss on the mound, striking out 10.

Stockbridge finished 11-6 in the GLAC and wrapped up league play by sweeping Lansing Christian in a three-game series.

They swept a doubleheader 11-1 and 12-4 May 20.

A big six-run first inning powered the Panthers to the win in the first inning.

See Baseball on page 23.

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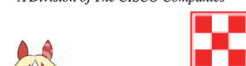
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## Super times had at Superhero Kids Run



Brooklynn Jerome won the 8-11-year-old division at the Superhero Kids Run at The Day in the Village. Photo credit Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

Over 50 kids, ages 1-14, took part in the Superhero Kids run sponsored by Juel Childcare at Veteran's Park Friday, June 14, at the Day in the Village.

The runners did one lap around the walking track at the park with a few unplanned obstacles of giant mud puddles that they were detoured around along the way due to the wet spring season.

They were divided into four age classes with the top boy and girl in each division and the 2nd and 3rd place overall runners bringing home superhero trophies. There were also awards for best costume for each age group.

### Top Finishers for each Division

0-2 Boys – Henry Paton, Girls – Madison Curvin, Best Costume – Henry Paton

2-4 Boys – Trent (unknown last name), Girls – Emma Roe, Second Place – Aidan Clayton, Third Place – Aubreana Adkins, Best Costume – Etty Erich

5-7 Boys – Carter McCalla, Girls – Jazalynn Thomas, Second Place – Eli Clifton, Third Place – Elaine Frey, Best Costume – Henry Marshall

8-11 Boys – Jon Clifton, Girls – Brooklynn Jerome, Second Place – Gavin Witt, Third Place – Evan Killinger, Best Costume – Evan Killinger

12-14 Boys – Gavin Smith, Girls – Josephina Beutler, Second Place – Kelsey Dunn, Third Place – Isabelle Moore, Best Costume – Clare Beutler



Bennett Lentz fields a ground ball during a Stockbridge Community Ed T-ball game. Photo credit Keith Michaels

## Softball page 22

Lockhart finished with the double and three RBIs to lead the offense that could muster just five hits in the game. Emily Breslin and Katelyn Knieper each had a hit and run scored, while Paige Wooden and Michelle Zemke each added one hit.

Breslin struck out seven and just two of the nine runs the Cardinals scored were earned.

The Panthers reached the finals by outslugging Vandercook Lake 12-9 in a revenge rematch from earlier in the season.

The Jayhawks swept a doubleheader from the Panthers 8-3 and 15-5 in early April, but things were different this time around.

Vandercook jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and it looked much like the early season doubleheader, but the Panthers answered with five runs in the bottom of the first inning, keyed by two-run singles by Hannah Gutting and Zemke.

Knieper drove in a run with a double in the second and Breslin followed with an RBI single to push the lead to 7-2.

Breslin extended the lead to 10-2 in the third with a two-run double, but the Jayhawks would rally for three runs in the fourth to make it 10-5 before the Panthers would score single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Stockbridge led 12-5 heading into the seventh when Vandercook would make things interesting by scoring four runs to cut the lead to 12-9 but they would get no closer as the Panthers held on for the win to advance to the finals.

Breslin led the offense with three hits and three RBIs, while Knieper had two hits and an RBI. McKenzie Noble chipped in with two hits and three runs scored and Paige Wooden two hits. Gutting and Zemke each had a hit and two RBIs and Jackson one hit. Breslin struck out seven for the win in the circle.

The Panthers took on Lakewood a week earlier for a chance at winning the first league title for Stockbridge softball since 1988, but it wasn't meant to be as the Vikings cruised to a 13-1 win to deny the Panthers.

Lakewood scored a run in the top of the first, but the Panthers answered with an RBI single by Wooden in the bottom of the inning to make it 1-1.

The Vikings retook the lead with a pair of runs in the third and blew it open with six in the fourth and cruised to the win.

Noble finished with a pair of hits to lead the Panthers, while Wooden had a hit and RBI. Gutting and Zemke had the other hits for Stockbridge. Breslin took the loss, striking out six.

The Panthers finished with a 24-9 overall record, tying the school record for wins in the season.



Katelyn Rusnock, of the farm league team sponsored by SRSLY, with a big swing during a Stockbridge Community Education game. Photo credit Keith Michaels

## Baseball page 22

Brody Canfield had a big game at the plate with two hits, four RBIs, and three runs scored to lead the offense. Rose had two hits and a run scored and was the winning pitcher with three strikeouts. Pilch added a hit and two RBIs, while Davis, Eddie Koch, PJ Loso, and Freiermuth each had a hit and RBI.

The Panthers scored in six of the seven innings to pull away for the win in the second game.

Davis led the offense with two hits and three RBIs, while Kaleb Adkins had two hits and two RBIs. Rose and Place each had two hits and an RBI, while Trost had a hit and RBI. Davis earned the win on the mound, striking out three.

Rose allowed just two hits and struckout 13 as the Panthers earned the sweep with an 8-0 win.

Place and Trost each had two hits and an RBI to lead the Panthers batters. Loso recorded two hits and scored two runs, while Koch had a hit and RBI.

The Panthers finished with a 21-17 overall record. The 21 wins is the most for a Stockbridge baseball team in over a decade.



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## 2019 A Day in the Village unveils new changes among old favorites

by Diane Rockall

After 25 years, Day in the Village has changed once again, and the rebirth began with new hours. Friday events launched at 2 p.m. with the opening of the annual Stockbridge Area Arts Council Show in the Township Hall. First, second, and third place winners were selected before the show began and ribbons displayed. The Art Show ran from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday with prize winners receiving awards at about 3:45 p.m.

Laura Kootsillas Jarvis received first place for *Sitting Bull* with pastel wash. Colleen Redfield's *Renaissance Tapestry* collage placed second. Jan Werfelmann took home third with *Sunflowers* photography.

Dorothy Craft received honorable mention for her oil *The Fox* that an attendee purchased during the show. Craft donated the proceeds of her sale to the SAAC to continue their projects.

Visitors were asked to vote for Peoples' Choice which, this year, went to Bev Glynn for *Early Spring*.

Open Air Market was on hand Friday with extended hours.

Events in Veterans Park began at 3 p.m. with registration for the Superhero Kids Run, and of course, an assortment of booths providing Day In the Village T-shirts, games for kids, snacks and more. The Superhero Kids races began at 4 p.m. Three races were held with youngest going first, ages three and under.



And they're off! Kids ages 1-14 raced in the Superhero Fun Run. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles spotted at the Superhero Fun Run. Jennifer Paton poses with sons Evan, Philip and Henry. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography



The annual fireworks extravaganza is a Day in the Village local favorite. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography



The Great Lakes Cloggers performed at Veterans' Park. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography



Families gather at Veteran's Memorial Park during the A Day in the Village festivities. Activities included: a Kids Superhero Fun Run, Art Show and performance by the Great Lakes Cloggers. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography



Kids play on the inflatable bounce houses at the A Day in the Village festivities. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography