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Family Medicine of Stockbridge to close this fall. St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea president and CEO answers community's questions



by Hope Salyer

Pull open the heavy door, step into the building and the all too familiar scent of antiseptic and hand sanitizer wafts through your nose. The sound of the "Today Show" anchors can be heard over laughter and talking behind the office window. Step up to the registration area, and all of the normality of a doctor's office fades away. Instead of a receptionist barely glancing up while asking for your driver's license and insurance card, one of three receptionists, Michelle Feasel, Michelle (Shelly) Pargoff or Lisa Schneider

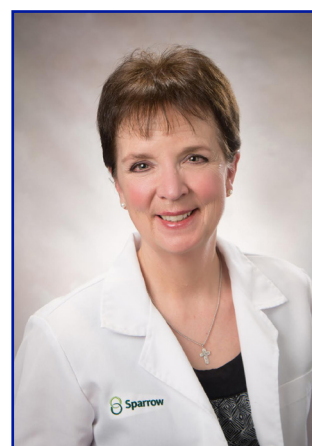
Family Medicine of Stockbridge will close its doors on Sept. 27, 2019. Photo credit Tammy Salyer

looks at you with a smile on her face and greets you by name. While checking in at the window, your neighbor and best friend's mom walks through the door and says hello.

This is what Family Medicine of Stockbridge patients have grown accustomed to. So when it was announced that the St. Joseph Mercy/Trinity Health-owned office was to close this fall, to say it was a complete shock to the office's 1,600 patients is an understatement.

See Office on page 11.

Cynthia Dupuis honored as Sparrow Hospital's Nurse of the Year



by Joan Tucker

Cynthia Dupuis began her medical career 25 years ago at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital, starting in the Tissue Bank and then working as a Patient Care Tech (PCT). As a PCT, she discovered her love of nursing. The one-on-one care and support she could give her patients was the most meaningful part of her job, allowing her "to be fully present during some of the most challenging times of a patient's life."

Cynthia Dupuis recently honored receiving Nurse of the Year Award at Sparrow Hospital. Photo credit Kathi Mitchell, Okemos Studio of Photography

Ten years after beginning her PCT career, Cyndi attended Eastern Michigan University and received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. During her senior year in nursing school, she precepted with an ICU Nurse, Dena Crawford, at Chelsea Hospital.

See Nurse on page 5.

Local trapshooter wins big at Michigan Trapshooting Association Championship



by Jessica Martell

On Saturday, July 6, Brad Martell, a resident of Munith and secretary/treasurer of the Munith Rod and Gun trapshooting club, competed in the "State Singles Championship" competition at the Michigan Trapshooting Association in Mason, Mich. This 200-target event, during which single targets are thrown mechanically for shooters standing 16 yards away, is broken into 8 rounds of 25 targets. Martell broke all 175 targets during the first 7 rounds of the competition. Martell was hoping to earn his first-ever 200-straight, but, as he tells it, "God had other plans." As the squad took position for the last round, a storm rolled in, accompanied by steady rain and strong winds, which affected the speed and trajectory of the clay targets. Martell dropped two targets in his last round, but his score of 198, combined with his father Dick Martell's 195 earned them the Michigan Parent/Child Championship for the second year in a row, and it earned him a spot in the shoot-off for the runner-up champion of Michigan against two other

Dick Martell, left, and Brad Martell, right, the Michigan parent/child champions for the 16 yard "singles" event, pose for a picture. Photo credit Jessica Martell

resident competitors, Mikey Bredin and Larry Holmes III.

During round 1 of the shoot-off, both Martell and Bredin dropped one target, leaving the title of runner-up champion to junior shooter Holmes. However, Martell's evening wasn't over. He and Bredin still had a tie to break to see who would take home the trophy for AA Champion. Interestingly, they found themselves in a similar position last year, and during that matchup Bredin bested Martell. This time, however, Martell was putting up more of a fight. As shoot-offs go, this one was epic. After an additional 100 broken targets, Martell and Bredin were still tied with no misses, so the MTA officials conferred with the shooters, and they all agreed to increase the speed of the targets to make it more challenging for the contenders. During the sixth and final round of the shoot-off, fatigue appeared to get the better of Bredin as he dropped first one, and then a second target. Martell dropped his very last target, but at that point, it didn't matter. Brad Martell was the AA champion of Michigan for the second year in a row.

Local travelers tour history-steeped Mediterranean



SHS students tour ancient capitals. Photo courtesy of Tim Salow

by Cindy Lance

June 29, a local group ventured across the Atlantic ocean for a nine-day, historically jam-packed trip to the ancient Mediterranean. The EF Tours-coordinated trip, led by Stockbridge High School history teacher Tim Salow and wife Sarah, began in Greece with the travelers spending their first two days visiting the Acropolis and the Acropolis museum.

Day two took them to Delphi, famous as the ancient seat of Pythia, the oracle ancient Greeks consulted about important decisions.

See Tour on page 5.

Waterloo Farm Museum's Blacksmiths, Soldiers and Log Cabin Weekend



"Banjo" Mike Evans picks a tune. Photo credit Jenny Smith

by Jenny Smith

Young men in blue leveled their muskets and knelt among the trees near their encampment, but luckily for those in attendance, no blood was shed during last weekend's Blacksmiths, Soldiers, and Log Cabin Weekend at the Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museum.

Instead visitors were treated to an enthusiastic show of Civil War military history shared by the Union re-enactment groups 5th Michigan Infantry, Austin Blair Camp #7, and the Tiger Light Guard. From time to time, they broke ranks to stroll about the grounds or parade in formation. Wandering back down the hill offered opportunities to watch camp life unfold as soldiers socialized around the cook pot or lounged on bedrolls shaded by the canvas and skillfully crafted wares in their down time.

The main grounds of the farm were occupied with the more eclectic encampments and over a dozen blacksmith forges. Perhaps the most impressive was the primitive canvas and wood camp of smith Rob Bentley and his sons.

This author, also a demonstrator, had hauled out a reproduction vardo (gypsy caravan) to camp in, while guests were invited to enjoy the shade of the awning to watch the blacksmithing. A rotating variety of artists from MABA (Michigan Artist Blacksmiths Association) occupied the farm's permanent shop, as the museum's current volunteer blacksmith, Chris St. Charles, was temporarily set up at one of the many portable forges. Beautiful items were on display and the skilled hands of veteran blacksmiths and students alike were busy creating new ones.

Several re-enactors wandered the grounds in historical costume. Ian and Helga Allen and their children set up a small day camp and tethered a pair of goats nearby, much to the delight of children passing through.

Flintknapper Dan Hovater helped visitors chip away stone and glass with antlers to create arrowheads.

Roger Kerr showcased a display of medical equipment and tinctures. Among the other displays were Jim Hunt's fascinating spread of items from General Custer's 7th Cavalry, the Cassel family's collection of antique flat irons and blacksmith-made tools.

Great music throughout the weekend was provided by "Banjo" Mike Evans, A2B2 "Ann Arbor Bluegrass Band," Eddie Joseph's Jug Band, Angus O.F. the Scottish bard and bagpiper, and Jerry Kloock on his dulcimer. At times fellow musicians joined Banjo Mike and even stirred up a jig among soldiers.

As usual, the house was open for tours, and gift shop and outbuildings were open as well. A talented team of cooks prepared concessions to keep everyone satisfied and hydrated. The next event will be Antique Tractor, Truck, and Farm Equipment Show Aug. 10 and 11.

If you are interested in volunteering with the museum as a demonstrator, re-enactor, docent, or behind the scenes, check out the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/WaterlooFarmMuseum.



Re-enactors wander the grounds in historical dress. Photo credit Jenny Smith



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Meet and greet new librarian Aug. 20



Friends board members L to R: Janine Falk, Jan Dunlap, Eileen Conti and Kathy Porzolt. Photo credit Jo Mayer

by Jo Mayer

July 3 marked a get-to-know-you gathering for the Friends of the Stockbridge Library. New Stockbridge Branch Head Librarian, Sherri McConnell tested Stockbridge's iconic Rob's Pizza and enjoyed some freshly picked salad greens from Friends' President Eileen Conti's garden. Member Kathy Porzolt decorated the table with tablecloths and freshly cut flowers and Janine Falk rounded out the menu with scrumptious brownies.

McConnell was eager to learn about the Friends programs, particularly the upcoming August book sale, the rotating art displays (currently displaying art by Carolyn Pascoe), the annual Silent Auction in November and the Holiday Open House.

The Friends and McConnell decided to host a public "Meet & Greet" at the library to introduce Sherri. It is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to stop by, say hello and enjoy some light refreshments. The next regular meeting of the Friends of the Stockbridge Library was also set for Thursday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. at the library.

Independent 'Independence Day Celebration' hosted by Tarr Family of Patterson Lake



by Tina Cole-Mullins

In a time when public and community Independence Day celebrations are becoming nostalgic memories, Patterson Lake's annual fireworks celebration continues to grow. Hosted by Jack Tarr, his wife Theresa, their children and

The Tarr family. Family provided photo grandchildren, their annual 4th of July celebration has become a true family affair and is open to the public.

When asked how long they have been hosting the Patterson Lake fireworks, Tarr thought back. "It has been at least 35 years that we have put on a notable show," he said.

It wasn't intended to be such an extravaganza, but each year a friendly little game of who could put on the best show for their large families began to play out between the Tarrs and their neighbors Bob and Joan Engle.

Tarr shared some history of how it all began. "Well, you know I have a large bunch of kids and grandkids – Bob and Joan have even more, until one year Bob said we should join together for one show. Bob is no longer with us but his wife Joan and her family continue to help out."

For many, it's just a celebration. But to the Tarr family and those who help, it is an event that takes months of preparation with year round planning.

See Tarr on page 10.

Recycling and marijuana ordinance discussed at Stockbridge Township Board meeting

by Mary Wilson

At the July 15 Stockbridge Township Board meeting, called to order by Supervisor C.G. Lantis, all board members were present to talk about the improvements to the cannon on the Township Square, renovation of new offices, replacement of the eyebrow (the wooden piece atop the peak of the Township Hall), and MDOT redoing Clinton Street from the main four corner to intersection of M-52 and M-106...and they put the marihuana (state spelling of marijuana) ordinance on the agenda for their upcoming Aug. 19 meeting.

"Recycling is a service I really want to continue to provide to the township," Lantis stated in the face of challenges. The township first started recycling services through Titan Company, but the firm stopped doing recycling. Another company had to be found, and Granger was contracted.

But objects are put in the container that shouldn't go there. Users aren't always breaking down cardboard and recyclables are being deposited in plastic bags, which are not recyclable. Also, businesses are dumping things. The service is for Stockbridge Township residents, that includes the village. The board has tried putting up signs, and now they are putting up high-quality cameras to observe violators.

"If this doesn't correct issues, the board may have to start offering the recycling container only one Saturday a month," Lantis said, but he added that he hopes that won't become necessary.

Clerk Becky Muraf recommended recyclers place their objects in paper bags. When at the recycle containers, "dump the bag and put the empty paper bag in the container," she suggested.

The board decided to put the marihuana ordinance on the agenda for discussion at its Aug. 19 meeting. This ordinance was developed to provide regulation for marihuana commercial operations in Stockbridge Township and includes both recreational and medical marihuana.

Stockbridge and Waterloo Townships are teaming up for a joint clean-up day on Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SAESA parking lot.

The Stockbridge Township Board welcomes the public to attend its monthly meetings, the third Monday of each month. During each meeting, residents are allotted two times on the agenda to express comments.

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Stockbridge Area Community Resource Guide expansion

Introduction by Diane Rockall

For the past two years the Stockbridge Community News has published a Community Resource Guide each January. The guide includes basic information about what a particular group does and how that group benefits the community at large (Stockbridge Community School District). The guide includes meeting times and locations as well as requirements for membership or involvement. For the next few months, we will be featuring a few of the organizations, their history, origin and related information.

If you or your organization should be in the Guide, please contact Diane at Stockbridge Community News, P.O. Box 83, Gregory, Michigan 48137 or stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com. Featured in this edition are the Stockbridge Lions, Stockbridge Community Outreach, and the Stockbridge Area Arts Council.

Stockbridge Lions Club: by Eric Holmes, immediate past president

The Stockbridge Lions Club's primary purpose is to assist the vision impaired. The club helps provide glasses to those who can not afford them, raises funds to help organizations like Leader Dogs for the Blind, and other programs, both national and international to help those with vision impairment.

The Lions also assist the local community by helping groups and projects such as: Stockbridge Outreach, Dora's Cupboard, Stockbridge Robotics Team, The Journalism Team, scholarships, and more. The club also organizes the events Sundaes with Santa and the Easter egg hunt. Lions Club members are involved in community events such as Day in the Village, All Clubs Day, and The Light parade.

The Stockbridge Lions club currently has approximately 50 members. They meet the first Tuesday of the month from September thru May at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Village Hall.

The requirements for membership are a positive attitude and a willingness to help make our community a better place. The local branch of the club has been in existence for over 50 years.

Current Officers for 2019-2020:

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Sight and Hearing Chairperson: Charles Wisman

Stockbridge Community Outreach: by Karen Smith

"The difference between a boss and a leader: A boss says, 'Go!' A leader says, 'Let's go!'" –E. M. Kelly

And so it was with a group of citizens and clergymen who responded to the growing needs of the community during the recession of the 1980s and gathered to form a community assistance organization called Stockbridge Community Outreach. The first food pantry was located in the basement of a church, later moving to a room in the middle school. At that time, Outreach was open once a week.

Donors raised funds to purchase a portable building and placed it in the parking lot behind the old Middle School. Outreach did business from this location for decades. In August 2018, Outreach moved to the Stockbridge Activity Center (former Stockbridge Middle School), where they now occupy four rooms (numbers 120, 121, 122, and 115).

Although food and clothing has always been the mainstay of Outreach, various other services have changed to meet the needs of the community over the years.

The organization currently offers the following services:

- Food
- Free donated clothing and small household goods
- Utility assistance
- Housing assistance
- Transportation assistance in the form of gas vouchers and car repairs
- Prescription assistance
- School weekend backpack food program(tide Me Over) (Partially funded by a grant from 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, plus many donations from area groups & individuals).
- Summer Tide Me Over food bags
- Fresh Food Initiative (weekly summer distribution)
- Government food distribution
- Coupons for Open Air Market, our local farmer's market
- Milk coupons
- Holiday food and gift program (Thanksgiving and Christmas)
- Referrals

• Benefit specialist provided by Chelsea St. Joe's which helps with applying for assistance

Office hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 6 p.m.

Contact information: Phone: 517-851-7285 Email: outreach49285@gmail.com

Mailing address: Stockbridge Community Outreach, P.O. Box 682, Stockbridge, MI 49285

Stockbridge Area Arts Council: by Dick Borden– President, SAAC

Since 1990, the Stockbridge Area Arts Council has enjoyed providing the best in entertainment and educational programs to Stockbridge and surrounding communities. From Dixieland jazz to dramatic readings of Charles Dickens; from operatic arias to banjo-picking bluegrass; from brass bands and string orchestras to community choruses – along with children's concerts, annual art shows, and school assemblies, our goal has been to bring the arts in all formats to the general public, free of charge.

The SAAC also provides student scholarship opportunities. This year it presented a \$500 scholarship to Stockbridge HS senior Haley Gipson, who is studying this summer at Western Michigan University.

In 2019, our activities have included the annual SAAC Art Show on the weekend of A Day in the Village, co-sponsoring Marketplace Music on the Town Square, and a karaoke dodgeball competition at Heritage School. This year, the SAAC established the annual Mike Jones Award for contributions to the arts, in honor of Jones, who devoted much of his time and talents to our community. Our inaugural recipient was Paul Crandall, a tireless advocate for the arts during the past 25 years.

On Sept. 9, the SAAC Stockbridge Festival Chorus will begin practicing in preparation for a joyous Holiday Concert, Nov. 16 and 17 in the Township Hall. Rehearsals will be held each Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the music room of Heritage School. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited to lend a voice to our community chorus. For more information, please call 517-851-7671 and leave a message.

The concert will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.



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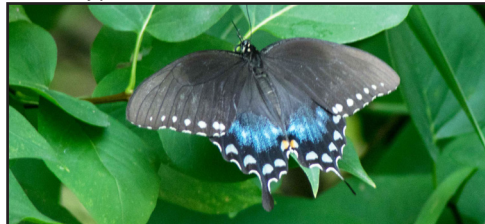
by Rose Collison

As summer heat roars on, now is the time to sit under a shade tree and watch dragonflies zip by and butterflies flutter around flowers. Listen to bullfrogs croak in the ponds. Among the variety of dragonflies and butterflies, trying to catch a glimpse of them can be challenging. Trying to get a good picture is a trick all its own.

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.



Twelve spotted skimmer stopped for a break on a weed. Photo credit Rose Collison



Swallowtail butterfly. Photo credit Rose Collison

Nurse page 1

As a mentor, Dena displayed the work ethic and values that inspired Cyndi to become a Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN), and she currently maintains her certification as a CCRN.

After graduation, Cyndi began her RN career on the Stroke and Neuro-Trauma Intensive Care Unit and then transitioned to the Critical Care Float team. In addition to her current position as a critical care float nurse, she also teaches Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, and Pediatric Life Support through the Sparrow Training Center.

When asked how she achieved Sparrow's 2019 Nurse of the Year award, Cyndi felt that her Christian faith guided her to be a good listener, granted her patience, and helped her provide the kind of care she would want her loved ones to receive.

Tour page 1



SHS students in Europe. Photo credit Tim Salow

The group then took a ferry to Bari, Italy. There they visited St. Nicholas Basilica and the Sorrento region with its tight roads and breathtaking vistas. The island of Capri, known as the resort of the ancient Roman emperors, stood out for its beauty, clear water and mountainous backdrop.

During a visit to Pompei, the group viewed interesting statues and structures. The final

stop in Rome provided firsthand experiences in the Coliseum, Vatican, Roman Forum, and St. Paul's Basilica. The scene where Caesar was brutally murdered came to life as the travelers stood at the base of the Trevi Fountain. The tour concluded with a tour through the catacombs, ancient underground burial places under Rome consisting of at least 40 sacred sites, some discovered only in recent decades.

SHS senior Paige Wooden described the trip as highly interesting. "I loved learning about other people's culture and history. One of my favorite parts was Capri. The water was beautiful."

Junior Isaac Lance "loved every aspect of the trip," he said, "and especially learning more about Roman history. It was truly captivating." Tim Salow concluded the trip was a success. "Participants saw the most iconic sights of Rome, Athens, and many more cities. We enjoyed the Mediterranean Sea, visited the island resort of the ancient Roman emperors, and ate gelato nearly every night."

He said he is already looking forward to their next trip to other exciting parts of Europe in a couple of years.

Marshall Motors hosts annual 'Cancer Cruise' benefit

by Tina Cole-Mullins

Inclement weather gave way to a perfect day for the annual cancer benefit Saturday, June 22 at the home of Don and Cindy Marshall. Local classic car and vintage memorabilia enthusiasts know the Marshall's Grass Lake home as a private car museum. Here, the couple combine their love for classic cars with giving back to the community, and Don's passion for automobiles becomes evident with each museum piece.

"We had a phenomenal turnout this year, and because of that we will be writing a check to the American Cancer Society for \$3,200. We beat last year's donation by \$1,150," said Cindy Marshall, a former Stockbridge resident and co-coordinator of Marshall Motors Cancer Benefit Cruise-In. "Simply, we wanted to give back to the community. Our third year of donations went to a local family, our fourth and fifth years' donations went to St. Jude Foundation."

In 2018, the sixth year of the event, more than a 100 cars attended, and this year's totals exceeded expectations, drawing



Don and Cindy Marshall. Photo credit Tina Cole-Mullins

roughly 160 cars.

Monetary proceeds are gathered through the sales of T-shirts, through items donated from local businesses that are then raffled, and through a nominal \$10 fee in which spectators may "burn out" in the Cancer Awareness Car, the Dragon Wagon.

The names of those who are currently fighting the fight and in memory of those who lost the battle are displayed on the Cancer Awareness Car. "Allen Holbrook, a dear friend who lost his fight last June shortly before the car show is one such name," Cindy Marshall explained.

She shared in a heartfelt thank you to his wife, Rhonda Holbrook, and daughter Alisa Meade, who attended with Alan Holbrook's truck, a gift he bestowed to Meade before his passing.

Only one award is handed out each year, Cindy's Pick, and this year's award went to Tina Mell Ambs' 1968 Mustang. Ambs' car also won "Best Paint" in the 2013 Big B's Memorial Cruise-in for Brian Mogan at Stockbridge Bowl.

In addition to the Marshalls' notable charitable contributions to their communities, their cars have gained the attention of movie and commercial producers.

"I don't remember the first movie," Cindy Marshall said, "but we have probably rented cars to at least a dozen movies and commercials." Some of the movies she recalled included "The Last Night" with Mark Wahlberg, "Stone" with Robert DeNiro, "Love and Honor" with Liam Hemsworth, and "Conviction" with Hilary Swank.

If you missed this event and would like to help support Cancer Awareness, join Marshall Motors at the Arctic Breakaway in Chelsea, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their third annual Cancer Cruise-in & American Veterans tribute. For more family fun, join Marshall Motors and Tylutki Farms Trunk or Treat, Oct. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m., or visit Friends of Marshall Motors Classics on Facebook for event information and updates.



Dragon Wagon. Photo credit Tina Cole-Mullins

Randy Gladstone: Researching Michigan photographers for over 24 years

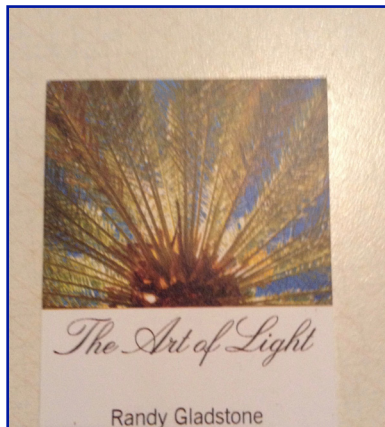
by Diane Rockall

Picture a serious, professional photographer captivated with historical photos and photographers. Next, imagine this artist making a living and building a life around taking and cataloging photographs of Michigan photographers. Randy Gladstone, born and raised in Plainfield, Mich. and a 1980 graduate of Stockbridge High School, fits this description to a T.

Working as a professional photographer, Gladstone has covered 790 weddings, numerous graduations, anniversary parties, reunions and other events. Over the years, he collected old photographs and began to catalog information about photographers, particularly Michigan photographers from 1842 to 1920.

After many years of solo work, he joined forces with another, more senior collector, Dave Tinder.

See Gladstone on page 9.



Randy Gladstone The Art of Light. Photo provided by Randy Gladstone

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Aug. 3 - Waterloo Farm Museum Tours, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm Museum
Aug. 5 - SRSly in the Park, 6 to 8 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park
Aug. 7 - Reach for the Stars (Ages 3 to 6), 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
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Keshava Demerath-Shanti: 'This I Believe' contest

This I Believe is a juggernaut dating back nearly 70 years. Initiated by Edward R. Murrow and revived by National Public Radio, This I Believe is now its own entity, which, according to the official website, is "an independent, not-for-profit organization that engages youth and adults from all walks of life in writing, sharing, and discussing brief essays about the core values that guide their daily lives."

Stockbridge High School students have been participating in our local This I Believe project for well over a decade. It is a daunting task to solidify one's beliefs by putting them down in writing, to say nothing of sharing them aloud with peers and submitting them for publication in the community newspaper. We continue to be inspired by the depth of insight and humanity articulated by our local teenagers. This month's entry wraps up the submissions from the 2018-2019 school year. As we gear up for the new school year, we look forward to learning from a new class of students.

This I Believe: Standing Up For What I Believe In



Keshava Demerath-Shanti
Photo credit Jessica Martell effect.

Up until ninth grade I was home schooled. On my first day of school I remember sitting in my first block class and hearing the speakers come on and the words "please stand for the pledge of allegiance." I decided not to stand.

When people asked me why I didn't stand, I had a few reasons; because of the line in the pledge "one nation under God" which I believe violates freedom of religion and separation of church and state, because I believe that having children pledge allegiance to the flag of their country everyday should be considered a form of brainwashing, and because our Pledge of Allegiance says that our country provides liberty and justice for all, however I believe that anyone who opens their eyes and looks at our country would be able to see that this is not true.

While some people were simply curious about why I did not stand, others were angry. People said that I was disrespecting our country or military, and called me names like Muslim terrorist. One kid even threaten me. I felt frustrated and discouraged. I would try to explain to people that I did not sit during the Pledge of Allegiance out of disrespect for country or military, to no effect.

A few times I did think that it would just be easier to stand and not deal with people getting mad at me for sitting, but I could not stop standing up for what I believe in, or in this case sitting down for what I believe in. Because I believe in standing up for what I believe in regardless who disagrees or who gets mad.

Standing up for what I believe in is the most important thing because if I'm standing up for what I believe in then I'm truly being myself and I think that it is better to be myself then it is to fit in. Always standing up for what I believe in will be even more important later in my life when issues are even bigger, and have greater effects.



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Staff Spotlight: Stephanie White



Stephanie White says the Stockbridge school district food service program plays a significant role in establishing students' healthy food choices. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

scouting and travel hockey. Her active clan seemed always on the go after school.

White considers family, by far, her greatest accomplishment. She loves that she is able to work on the same schedule as her children. She says the best thing about her job is when she can be in the lunchroom with the kids. "It's like stress release time!"

White feels that being around kids is important and every child has a story. "If I can connect with them in an uplifting way, those are the moments that matter."

Some days can be stressful, but White keeps in mind that she has a great staff. "We are here to feed the kids," she said. "They can't learn if they are hungry."

She is happy to share advice with students in Stockbridge: "You have a voice, so use it!" and "This is your cafeteria and your opinion matters the most." "Speak up with your likes and dislikes," she says, "or suggest ways we can make improvements in your meals."

After 19 years in the lunchroom, you can be sure Stephanie White is dishing out decent food for thought.

by Amy Haggerty

The Stockbridge school district food service program plays a significant role in establishing students' healthy food choices. It ensures that they receive meals based on national nutritional standards and encourages wellness, critically important to their growth and development.

Stephanie White, director, has been an integral part of this program for the past 19 years. She oversees the breakfast and lunch programs for about 1,400 students, grades K-12, in three schools.

White, who grew up in the Chelsea area and attended all of her school-aged years in the Chelsea School District, graduated in 1985. She married Dennis White in 1989 and raised three children; Amanda (33), Delbert (D.J., 26) and Breanna (25). She also has one amazing, 7-year-old grandson, Bransen.

Stephanie began working at Chelsea business Mac Dee Inc. making prosthetic implants. In 1992, White opted to be a stay-at-home mom. After a few years, she took a demanding, long-houred job in the service department at Bob's Ford in Stockbridge. In 2000, with small children with growing needs at home, White decided to work at Stockbridge Schools where her schedule would allow more time with her family.

White attributes her hard work ethic to her father. "Work hard, show up, and be on time!" she declares.

Life as a mom was busy with three children in dance classes,

Blindness in Modern Day America Part III: Advancements in technology and medicine



Society has come a long way in integrating the blind community. The integration is largely to do with the advancements in medical treatment and available technology.

User provided photo

by Jill Marie Ogden

One hundred years ago or more, being blind or having a severe visual impairment meant a lifelong dependence on family, being a social outcast or even being institutionalized for most people. Society has come a long way in integrating the blind community since then. The integration is largely to do with the advancements in medical treatment and available technology.

Whether it be degenerative conditions caused by aging, physical trauma or genetic disease, the medical field is addressing these problems in new and innovative ways. Surgical procedures, implants, gene replacement therapies, drug therapy and even a bionic eye have helped to reduce or eliminate vision impairments. For example, last year the FDA approved a gene replacement therapy that has shown promise in stopping the progression and even reversing the damage caused by Leber's Congenital Amaurosis Dystrophy (LCAD). This therapy consists of injecting a virus into the eye that is a carrier of the correct genetic code in order to replace the broken code in gene RPE65. The current technological revolution that we are experiencing is most certainly the cause of these promising advancements, but for most blind people the progressive benefits don't stop with the medical field.

New technology has been able to put tools directly in the hands of all of us that have drastically changed our lives, but this could not be truer for the disability community in general. Most people own a smartphone these days, but this technology puts game-changing tools into the hands of the blind. Screen reader programs that read text on a screen, such as voice-over on an iPhone, magnification applications, color and light identifiers, OCR recognition applications that use the camera on the phone to read printed materials and so much more. Many household devices are controlled by Wi-Fi or Bluetooth enabling a person to operate them with a smartphone app. This also benefits the blind community. For example, A thermostat that was once unusable to a blind person is now easily accessed through the app and the screen reader program can audibly read the information on the screen. Another useful tool is the open ear bone conduction headphones. A person who is blind relies heavily on hearing for tasks like navigation and assessing surroundings. Since there is also other audible information to take in such as directions on a phone covering one's ears with headphones is not ideal. The open ear headphones allow the ear to remain unblocked while still relaying the necessary information.

As technology continues to advance the possibility to level the playing ground to effectively erase physical disabilities is on the horizon.

Tip: If you want to help out, "Be My Eyes" is a smart phone app that connects blind users with sighted volunteers via video chat to complete tasks. Contact Be My Eyes for more information about becoming a volunteer.

Waterloo Public Accuracy Test



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

Central Michigan University recognizes graduates and honors winners statewide



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Central Michigan University has recognized all graduates and honors winners statewide. Below are local residents as recognized by CMU:

Spring Honors List 2019

Mackenzie Ann Carpenter, Junior, Stockbridge
Gabiella Kellie Graf, Senior, Stockbridge
Emma Elizabeth Morris, Senior, Stockbridge
Madeline E. Clough, Junior, Gregory
Sarah Ann Mesko, Senior, Gregory

Spring Graduation List

Dylan Abel, BAA, Stockbridge
Caitlin Bristol, BS, Stockbridge

If somehow your name was overlooked from either list, please notify us at stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.

Hidden victims of domestic violence



Griffin. Photo credit Andrea Crawford

by Cathy Collins

My gut flip-flopped and heart broke when I saw them come through the door. The woman had red-streaked cheeks and eyes, and she was fighting to hold back another flood of tears. She carried a crate containing two very frightened little dogs.

It was yet another owner surrender situation. While volunteering for a local rescue organization, I'd witnessed four in one day two weeks ago. However, this surrender was different, as it was a consequence of domestic violence. Fortunately, the woman, her children and dogs were able to flee their abusive environment.

Research confirms that batterers who commit acts of domestic violence against family members also

are likely to abuse family pets. Many women report that their pets had been threatened, harmed, or killed by their partner.

But once domestic violence survivors escape from the abusive relationship, their pets may not feel safe and secure in the new living arrangement. The animals still may suffer from the effects of the abuse for a long time.

It was apparent the two little dogs in the crate were deeply loved. All their vaccinations were up to date; they were surrendered with all their toys, treats, beds and dog food.

The owner said it was in their best interest for the rescue to find new homes for the dogs. The lives of the family members had dramatically changed. The mother had to go back to work full time. Previously, she had been a stay-at-home mom and her abusive husband mandated her every movement.

The domestic violence shelter had placed the family in an apartment that charged extra for pets, and she did not have the extra money. She was terrified if the dogs were to bark too much while she

was at work, her family would be evicted.

She said it was the hardest decision she ever had to make and desperately wanted her babies. But she felt the dogs would probably suffer under the new living arrangements, and thus, so would she.

Despite great care and concern from rescuer Andrea, it was several days before the little dogs would eat. Over a month in, they still huddle in fear, withdrawn and severely traumatized.

Andrea continues to speak softly to them, kneeling on their level so she is less threatening. Both dogs are guarded, as if waiting for something bad to happen, the male dog especially so, trembling and fleeing at the sight of Andrea's husband.

Andrea acts silly with them, using baby talk and play, knowing it will eventually break down their walls. The dogs need time to recover for they, too, have post-traumatic stress disorder.

On a positive note, Andrea knows she will find loving homes for them. They will never have to experience abuse again.



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Though Tinder died in 2016, his work continues, thanks to Gladstone's and others' efforts.

"Before Dave's death, he asked me to fulfill his research of 19th and 20th century photographers. I have been researching Michigan photographers for 24 years and have some pretty big shoes to fill," Gladstone stated on the Facebook page, "Directory of Early Michigan Photographers." This online presence, created to honor David Tinder, provides a place where others may help further the research.

In addition to his continued work in researching and cataloging, Gladstone has dabbled in other projects, spending a decade from 1997 to 2007 with the Mason Area Historical Society. There he served as the antiques commissioner for the Ingham County Fair.

Another project has also grabbed his heart and attention: Collecting oral histories of U.S. veterans and their experiences. Gladstone contributes his collections to the Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center.

The VHP collects and preserves the firsthand interviews and narratives of United States military veterans from World War I through the present.* VHP relies on volunteers throughout the nation to contribute veterans' stories. At the time of this interview, Gladstone had completed 64 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War veteran oral histories for the project, and he hopes to do many more.

Gladstone, who currently resides close to his roots in Pleasant Lake, shares his love of history and photography via lectures. He addresses groups on a variety of related topics that include: History of Photography, Bringing Old Pictures Back to Life, Documenting your Family History, Caring for Heirlooms, and, of course, How to Collect Oral Histories. He also provides services to individuals on those and other history-genealogy projects and can be reached at RandyGladstone@yahoo.com or 517-676-9090.

**VHP also accepts memoirs and collections of original photographs, letters, diaries, maps and other historical documents from veterans who served in the US armed services from World War I through the present. For more info: <https://www.loc.gov/vets/>*

August Student of the Month: Evelyn Ortiz-Martinez, hardworking and motivated



Evelyn Ortiz-Martinez. School provided photo

by Cindy Lance

“Hardworking and motivated” are two words to describe Evelyn Ortiz-Martinez. According to teacher Jessica Martell, another quality that sets the student at Stockbridge High School apart is “her earnest enthusiasm for learning.”

Recently, this young woman completed a three-day Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership seminar. HOBY’s mission is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. While attending, Ortiz-Martinez helped other sophomore students pack approximately 10,230 meals for people in need.

Ortiz-Martinez, the eldest of five children, is the daughter of Betty and Jose Ortiz-Martinez. She has two brothers, Jose and Nicholas, and two sisters, Ariana and Cecilia.

Her mother has had the greatest influence in her life, she said, because, “No matter what life throws at her, she handles it with grace. I aspire to be more like her every day.” The family has lived in this area and the children have attended Stockbridge Community Schools since kindergarten. Ortiz-Martinez, not being a fan of the city, loves nature and the rural area. She enjoys a sense of peace and home.

This past year was one with many successes. Ortiz-Martinez takes full advantage of the numerous offerings at SHS, and was on the FIRST Robotics Team that competed in the World Level Competition. AP Computer Science projects gave her a feeling of power, freedom and creativity, she said, and a sense of resilience. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average both freshman and sophomore years, receiving several awards for her hard work. She looks to be a lawyer or computer programmer as an adult, but knows that she could also find her passion in other areas.

A saying that Ortiz-Martinez lives by is “choose your friends wisely.” Over the years she has found that “I am who I hang out with.” Goals and aspirations being set high, Ortiz-Martinez wants to be the best person she can be. She further stated that someone close once mentioned that you can “talk as much as I want, as long as I want, but nothing will ever be done unless I take action. I apply this to my homework, study habits, and even things like improving my soccer skills.”

When Ortiz-Martinez isn’t focusing on academics, she loves to read, hang out with friends and play soccer. She considers humor to be her best hobby, and continually makes others laugh.



John and Theresa Kightlinger

Ask an expert: Are there fake or ‘rebuilt’ air bags?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger of My Body Shop
Question from J. Smith, Webberville:

“I’ve heard of people installing fake air bags. Is there such a thing?”

Answer: Yes! Unfortunately, there are some repairers/rebuilders/con men who have installed fake or “rebuilt” airbags that deploy with devastating results, or fail to deploy at all. Here’s a recent example:

BREAKING NEWS (02-25-19): Air bag filled with black tape and shop rags found at deadly crash. (<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2019/02/25/fake-airbag-filled-black-tape-shop-rag-deadly-crash/>).

In this example, a father bought a used car for his daughter. “I bought the car on Monday and on Wednesday my daughter, Sarah, was dead.” Sarah had struck a tree in what experts say was a survivable impact. “If that car had working air bags Sarah would still be here,” her father stated sadly.

The air bag looked intact, complete with the car logo, even an air bag stamp. After the accident, investigators tried to determine why the air bag didn’t deploy. What they found instead of an air bag was garbage—silicone putty, shop rags, and black tape. There was no igniter, no squib, no air bag, and more obvious, no wires on the back side.

An investigative news team traced the used car’s history. Insurance documents showed that the original owner had an accident wherein the airbag had deployed. The car was deemed to be a total loss and it went to auction, where it was sold. It changed hands several times after that. It was repaired along the way and eventually ended up at a used car lot. There was an air bag light on when they bought it, so the used car lot staff took the car to a Kia Dealership where they were informed that the air bag module needed to be replaced. Not wanting to pay that much for repairs (it can cost between \$1000 and \$1500), the used car lot staff person declined the work and took it to another mechanic. That mechanic replaced a part and the vehicle was delivered back to the used car lot with no warning lights on. It was later sold to Sarah’s father, with devastating results.

So, yes, fake and defective air bags are being installed in repaired vehicles and there is no question that there are more vehicles out there like Sarah’s. According to Carfax, con men purposely replace deployed air bags with anything from damaged packing peanuts to stolen and/or counterfeit units. Industry experts estimate that as many as 1 out of 25 previously damaged vehicles may have non-functional air bags, where the warning lights have been covered or eliminated.

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“It takes our whole family to make this happen,” shared Theresa Tarr, crediting their six children, their spouses and grandchildren.

One primary aspect Jack Tarr points out is scheduling. “I always take into consideration when other local communities have their shows, and try to have it so it does not conflict and take away from their event. Typically it works out for the Saturday before the Fourth, but that can not always be the case like this year with the holiday falling on a Thursday it just worked out best to have it on the Fourth.”

“The arming of the mortars can be a tedious job, taking three days to stage,” Tarr said. He points out that his daughter, Tina Mosley, is licensed through the ATF to set up and fire the explosives. Tina wires the mortars to the remote controller with 76 launch buttons in order to arrange the the 30- to 40-minute show.

When asked how much it cost to host an event like this privately, it was to no surprise. Tarr stated, “It’s not something I like to really keep track of – it’s not about money. I love seeing my family and friends happy.”

The community has joined together the past three years with private donations to help defray costs.

Following this year’s festivities thoughts are now on the Patterson Lake 2020 celebration. Keep your eyes out for local announcements via social media, and local businesses for flyers.

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Opened in 2001, Family Medicine of Stockbridge has been providing care to the greater Stockbridge Community for the past 18 years. Patients have been seeing family care physician Tonya Sexton, D.O., since its opening.

While a few nurse practitioners, such as current NP Nicole Ehinger, NP-C, have occasionally been added to the office staff rotation, Sexton has stayed at the office, growing closer to her patients, both young and old, with each passing year.

Lead Certified Medical Assistant Jill Perkins and clinical coordinator Beth Hoffner are two examples of the many familiar faces Family Medicine of Stockbridge employed. Perkins and Hoffner could always be seen in the office, brightening the days of each patient they encountered; always asking about the patient's lives, families or weekend plans and overall making patients feel comfortable and safe at the office. And who could forget Hoffner's personal admission of "singing horribly to patients."

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea president and CEO Nancy Graebner said, "The staff that have supported Family Medicine of Stockbridge are some of the most compassionate, supportive physician staff you could have."

Community members loved the staff so much, some went as far as to say they were like family. A post asking if the office was actually closing on a Stockbridge area Facebook group on July 16 reached nearly 130 comments within hours.

"I'm so sad about this. Dr. Sexton, Beth Beth and Jill Perkins are like family and have taken great care of me and my family for years," Cheryl Christian wrote on the post. "Thank you for that."

Deanna Kruger wrote, "I am very sad to hear this. The office is very important to my family and our community. To not have a doctor in town is so sad."

Robert Fineman reiterated her statement, "A community this size ought to have certain basic amenities, such as a post office, library, grocery store, hardware, and a doctor's office." Fineman continued, "This office is closing due solely to economic considerations based on the expectations of the for-profit hospital group by which it is owned. We appreciated having medical service so close at hand and hope that another physician can make a go here."

Many Stockbridge residents, whether Family Medicine of Stockbridge patients or not, are confused by and worried about the sudden closing of the office. Nerves of how elderly residents are going to find a new doctor within easy traveling distance to them, how the few practices in the surrounding areas are going to be able to accommodate everyone and how this with overall impact the community lead to an emergency meeting between Trinity Health officials and local community leaders.

In a phone interview, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea president and CEO, Nancy Graebner, provided answers to some of the community's leading questions. Below is a Q & A session with Graebner:

Q: What is the exact date the office is closing?

A: The office is scheduled to close Sept. 27, 2019. Sexton and Ehinger are relocating to IHA Family and Internal Medicine in Howell. They will begin seeing patients on Oct. 1, 2019.

Q: What led to the closing of the office?

A: First I want to say that this was not an easy decision for the health system. We know it creates a sense of loss, sadness and an inconvenience for Stockbridge. St. Joseph Mercy continues to look at strategies from all markets. Payer and insurance reimbursements change each year and are getting more compressed. With our scarce resources, it's difficult to support a solo practice in a small-town setting. St. Joe's is committed to providing the practice of today and tomorrow, and having one larger campus with all divisions available in one spot allows us to provide consistent services.

Tonya Sexton is a passionate provider, and this was not a decision she would have made. This is very difficult for her as well. She loves the Stockbridge community, and her patients, so she is grieving. She understands the health care

arena we work in today. This is not something she would have initiated, but having colleagues when she's on vacation that can help provide care for her patients, and having access to lab work and after hour care will allow a more comprehensive care for her patients.

Q: If money is the issue, what would have helped St. Joe, or what may help companies in the future, stay in rural offices?

A: I would first like to say this was not solely a financial issue. We are trying to put scarce resources together to use them in the best way for our patients. We want to create one medical home where you can get all services in the same spot. I don't think there's a specific amount of dollars that would have allowed us to keep the practice open. Sole practices aren't sustainable at this time.

Q: While this may or may not have been a difficult decision for St. Joseph Mercy, this decision has a huge impact on the Stockbridge Community. Stockbridge residents have had access to a local doctor for at least the past 55-60 years, and many community members are very upset about this decision. Did St. Joe's take this into consideration before making this decision? And what steps did the company take to try to stop this from happening?

A: As I've said, this was not an easy decision. Our physician pool with IHA was looked at for a long period of time. Every year at budgets, we look at our locations and how to look at things differently to best serve the community. We've already held a community meeting through our mission discernment Catholic system between members of our organization and leading community members, which allows us to look at the issue through different lenses and voice our feelings with each other to talk through this. It's been a long part of the Chelsea services that we've provided to Stockbridge, and while we would love for everything to stay the same, health care is changing, and we have to change with the times. We need to try to stay current to use our scarce resources well. Payer reimbursement is constantly changing, so while we would like things to stay the same, and we always want to say yes, we just don't have the resources to always say yes.

We do want to help patients seek new avenues for health care and listen to the ideas they may have about that (editors note: an email address is listed at the end of this article for community members to contact St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea about the closing of Family Medicine of Stockbridge). We also want to stress that we know of the 1,600 patients Family Medicine of Stockbridge sees, a large chunk of them come from different ZIP codes outside of Stockbridge. While we would love everyone to stay with us, we know that some will seek care toward Lansing, Jackson or Pinckney, and we are committed to making the transfer of medical records as easy as possible.

We've also looked at Intellihealth options, like Facetime or Skype, that would allow patients to receive health care online. There's also a 24-hour ER department at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea and Michigan Medicine and IHA have an office on our Chelsea Campus for patients to utilize.

Q: Did you consider switching from a one-doctor full-time office to a part-time office or an urgent care to better serve the community, rather than just leaving the community without a doctor?

A: We are still working through what the future might look like. Transportation to get patients to care sites that provides consistent medical care with more than one physician is a better care environment for patients. The problem with a part-time office or Urgent Care is would it really be available when people need it? If we continue to look at this, I don't know what we could do, but I don't think that system would work.

Q: What is going to happen to the office staff? Are they being relocated? Are they losing their jobs and not being transferred?

A: The staff will have opportunities to continue their employment with St. Joseph Mercy. Some may follow to Howell. IHA is working to help place them. We are also interview some staff members for the available Chelsea Hospital positions. We have a lot of support for the staff.

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Mary Jo David. Photo provided by Mary Jo David

StockBIZ: Business News in and around Stockbridge Antiques Drive-In: Local pickers infuse antiques with old-time car culture

by Mary Jo David

How many people are fortunate enough to turn their passion into a business? Jerry Bee—owner of Antiques Drive-In, located at 214 South Center in Stockbridge—is one of those fortunate few. He and store manager James Aslanian have put their stamp on a little corner of Stockbridge that features time-honored antiques infused with old-time car culture.

On July 19, 2019, the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce officially recognized Antiques Drive-In, one of downtown Stockbridge’s newest

businesses, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

Jerry and James are at their best when they’re showing off their eclectic collection of rat-rod castoffs that Jerry has meticulously transformed into office furniture, or the timeworn home furnishings that James has lovingly brought back to life using vibrant paint colors and coordinating fabrics, or the clocks—LOTS of hubcaps-turned-clocks!

If it could talk, the Chevy Apache front-end Jerry used to build the computer desk in the main showroom would probably weave a tale that included many twists and turns along the way. Jerry and James can

both do the same about their own winding lives. Jerry would tell about his 20+ year career with Costco and the stint he did at a car dealership, all the while finding time to collect and transform old car parts that have surpassed their “use by” date. And it’s evident that the many years James spent as an incredible pastry chef have informed his creativity and his flair for customer service.

Antiques Drive-In culminated from years in the consignment business. Jerry credits a business partnership with Kim Hytinen at Roost & Company, a consignment shop in Howell, for building his confidence and helping him to firmly establish a foothold in the business of creating rat-rod furniture and knick-knacks. A booth in Ferndale’s Rust Belt Market boosted their exposure, which eventually led to an invitation for Jerry to show his work in the “Diamonds in the Rust” exhibit at the San Diego Art Museum for six months during 2018.

Both men talk about how their families have influenced them when it comes to antiques. James’ Dad is actively involved in the business as one of their “pickers,” regularly showing up with a delivery of old hubcaps, antique doors, or other surprises. Jerry’s parents are both gone now, but he likes to reminisce about them when he’s working.

“These are the kinds of cars I can picture my dad working on,” Jerry said. “When I’m turning an old Chevy or Ford into a desk or a bar, I feel like my parents are right here with me.”

Jerry and James are excited about the space they have in their new mid-century-modern location. Jerry recently bought the building that—for those with long histories in Stockbridge—was Dr. Beckwith’s old offices. Their challenge now is to draw people into their shop on Center Street—a block or so off the beaten path, but definitely worth the extra steps. Once inside Antiques Drive-In, you’re bound to be smitten with something in the collection, as evidenced by the first customer who walked in the store on the day it opened and walked out the proud owner of one of Jerry’s rat-rod desk creations.

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.



James Aslanian (center left) and Jerry Bee (center right) cut the ribbon to the opening of their new business, Antiques Drive In, July 19, as Greg Uihlein (far left) and Erin Clifton (far right) look on. Photo credit DigitalCrumbs Photography.

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This is a startling statistic when one considers how many previously damaged and “repaired” vehicles are on the road.

Consumers currently have no way of knowing the full true history of a used car before they buy a used vehicle. Many consumers turn to Carfax or AutoCheck which, they believe, document any accidents, flooding, if the air bag has deployed, or if the car has been stolen.

Yet, consumer advocates warn that such vehicle history databases don’t always receive all the information or provide an accurate history. Carfax and agencies like them rely on three primary sources for their info: state title agencies, police reports, and repair shops. Not all accidents are reported, not all police departments file online reports, and some DMVs (Department of Motor Vehicles) do not share damage claims data with these vehicle history services. Many repair shops report “service” on the vehicle but not whether it was damaged in an accident and whether the air bag deployed.

As such, it is highly recommended that further inspection by a qualified professional, with the proper equipment to test today’s highly technical vehicles, should be undertaken prior to purchasing a late model pre-owned vehicle, or one that was used when purchased. Experts say it’s like an EKG for your car--it will check to ensure all systems are functioning properly. This is a minimal expense for the amount of peace of mind it can offer.

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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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Golf Scramble 2019



Team member's names provided by team captains.



Aspen Heating & Cooling team of Paul Titus, John Flannery, Gary Schultz and Frank Sawyer, is this year's 1st place Senior Men Division with a score of 61.

2nd place team Old Friends, Bascom Brown, Bill Lewis, Frank, & Frank's Friend had a score of 63.

3rd place team Old, Jack Potts, Jim Paris, Bob Williams, and Shon Williams had a score of 66.



Willoughby Veterinary Hospital team of BJ Castleberry, Tom Houk, JJ Fuller, and Paul Newhouse is this year's 1st place D1 Division with a score of 55.

2nd place team 9 Hole Wonders, Jayme Pena, Rob Dancer, Joey Pena, & Phil McLellan with a score of 57.

3rd place team Becky's Boys, Steve Baum, Larry Baum, Brandon Baum, and Eric Baum with a score of 58.



2nd place team, The Bullets, Matt Breijak, Chris, Al Decroix III, and Karl Swarthout with a score of 69.

Clear Jr team of Mark Clear, Jason Frank, Joe Pilon, and Chris Hogge is this year's 1st place D2 Division with a score of 68. (no photo)

3rd place team, Lions 2, Merelyn Snider, Bill Hertell, Rich Navins, and Eric Holmes with a score of 70.

By Judy Williams

The 25th Annual Stockbridge Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble, held July 26 at Hankerd Hills Golf Course in Pleasant Lake, raised funds from golfers and local business sponsors to help fund Stockbridge High School athletic programs.

The golfers' early morning began with a 7 o'clock breakfast followed by an 8 o'clock shotgun start. A few energetic golfers managed to arrive before the start time to hit the driving range and practice on the putting green. Then they climbed into their golf carts and cruised to the assigned tee box to be ready for the start.

The 160 golfers enjoyed perfect morning weather and the excitement was high as foursomes headed to the links. At several holes, Stockbridge High School athletes greeted participants. "Do you want to try to win a \$10,000?" "Welcome to the Vegas hole." "Want to double your money?"

Jeremy Killinger, one of the event organizers, smiled broadly. "The weather cooperated, and we had wonderful support from golfers, businesses, and community members. The money raised today will go a long way to support athletics."

Now, the golfers may be gone, but the organizers don't get a break. They are already looking ahead to next year's golf scramble. Golfers, mark your calendars July 31, 2020.



Awards await the winners.



Tired but happy golfers enjoy an end-of-event meal.



Bob Clear, Chuck Bumpus and Jim Brown have never missed a Stockbridge Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble in the 25 year history of the event. (Photo by Anita Lister)



Scramble organizers, Darren Hejnal, Steve Allison, Jeremy Killinger, and Jeff Trapp smile after a successful event.



Paul Christner, member of the Hankerd Hills' pro shop team, breathes a sigh of relief after 80 golf carts pull away from the clubhouse. He started work at 6 a.m. in order to have carts lined up in the direction of the starting tee boxes, numbered, and ready to go.



Let's Have Some Fun team, of Allison Cole, Kim Fullerton, Chris Decroix, and Jane Ponzol is this year's 1st place Women's Division with a score of 68.

2nd place team was Tuesday Morning Ladies, Eva Lou Mills, Cheryl Holloway, Jean Buurma, and Denise Teft with a score of 74.

3rd place team was Spadafore Plus One, Beth McLellan, Normie Spadafore, Connie Spadafore, and Niki Spadafore with a score of 76.



Founding Fathers and Mothers team of Jim Brown, Carol Brown, Anita Lister, and Jim Lister is this year's 1st place Coed Division winner with a score of 62. Jim Brown and Jim and Anita Lister, former teachers and coaches, started the golf scramble 25 years ago.

2nd place team Deck, Brian Smith, Meghan Kunzelman, Greg and Kathy Woodland with a score of 63.

3rd place team Korben Ransom, Tommy Rifle, Christina Ransom, and Mickey Ransom with a score of 65.

August'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.

August'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

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Congratulations to July's winner, Lynn Balkus, for correctly identifying the photo of the rock at Pierce Park in Chelsea.



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.

Entries must be dated or postmarked no later than Aug. 9.

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A look back in time

by **Diane Rockall**

The August 1909 weekly issues of the Stockbridge Brief Sun featured national, state, and local news tidbits with an emphasis on the surrounding communities.

Mrs. Frank Boyce, of Williamsville, and daughter Fern White, of Stockbridge, spent a Saturday visiting their mother-grandmother. White Oak reported a service held at Millville Church. Betsey Noble, of Chelsea, was buried in Plainfield.

Also in that month, again in Plainfield, Dr. Edgar Van Syckel's family had visitors (unnamed) from Howell. The Milo Smiths visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lantis, of White Oak.

Mary Nue Lantis, born in 1877, died Aug. 10. She was survived by her husband and five children. Charles Stocking, of Ann Arbor, married Anne Grace Cook at the Cook family home in Stockbridge.

Later that month, the descendants of Isaac Dunn held a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright, of Leslie. Of the 144 known descendants, 108 were present. Relatives from throughout the state attended and regrets came from Tennessee, Wisconsin and throughout Michigan.

The William and Hannah Bott family held a reunion at the home of Norris Bott in Stockbridge. That reunion had 60 attendees. Bott erected a large tent on the lawn.

The Hall, Park, and Skidmore families also held reunions that month.

In 1929, the August 1 Brief-Sun reported that the Ingham County Poultry show was to be held in Mason. Stockbridge Daily Vacation Bible School was in session.

Construction of the new school building continued in August. Work on different segments began as bids were accepted. The Stockbridge School District held a Sunday school picnic on Aug. 8 which drew a large crowd. Schools were scheduled to reopen Sept. 3.

Resident Lucille Falk received recognition and praise from the Ingham County Red Cross.

Griffin Palmer, of Unadilla, died as did W.R. Hague, of Munith. A memorial was observed for Judson Collins. A local boy, William Moffatt, drowned in a North Hastings tragedy.

The local Lutheran Church held a mission festival. The Munith Bible School ended on Aug. 16.

The 1949 newspaper featured church news on the front page. Churches mentioned were: Stockbridge Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist, Unadilla Presbyterian, Plainfield Methodist, Gregory Baptist and Evangelical United Brethren. Villages still shared highlights. Villages reporting were: Munith, Plainfield, Unadilla, Gregory, Oakwood, Millville, North Stockbridge, Northwest Stockbridge, and Fitchburg.

On a wider scope, Ingham County listed 27 police reports and new zoning ordinances. Local schools were scheduled to start the 1949 school year on Sept. 7. Last but not least the American Legion held a banquet attended by 90.

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



Building erected in 1929. Photo credit Patrice Johnson

Ginger Risner sinks first hole-in-one

by **Judy Williams**

July 2 was an exciting day for golfer Ginger Risner. The Stockbridge resident and longtime golfing buddies, Jean Buurma and Eva Lou Mills were enjoying playing 18 holes of golf at the 27 hole Royal Scot Golf Course in Lansing, one of the courses on their Michigan Golf Pass. Then on the par 3, 26th hole, Risner drove her first hole-in-one after 30 years of trying.

"Ginger didn't get excited," Buurma said. "She just stood there in disbelief. Eva Lou and I were screaming and cheering. Other, nearby golfers even came over to congratulate her."

Now that Risner's accomplishment has sunk in, she laughed and said, "I'm going to work to do better on all of my shots and hope for some more lucky ones."



Ginger Risner has a lot to smile about after sinking her first hole-in-one. Photo credit Jean Buurma

Ming the Magnificent performs at Stockbridge Library

by **Diane Rockall**

Ming the Magnificent brought his special brand of sly humor and amazing magic to an attentive young crowd at the Stockbridge Branch of the Capital Area District Library on Wednesday, July 1. Ming and his magicians' assistant – his wife, Barbara—awed the audience with such feats as having a young volunteer from the audience floating on air to making objects appear in different places without physically moving them.

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Photo from Ming's performance. Photo credit Diane Rockall

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Obituaries

Melvin Smith



Melvin Smith, age 85, of Stockbridge, MI died on June 28, 2019. He was born on July 11, 1933 the son of Ernest and Mabel (VanBonn) Smith in Salem Twp, MI.

Melvin married Barbara J (Kitley) in 1951 and she preceded him in death in January of 1995. He married Karen Willer (wife) In June of 1996 and she survives. Also surviving are five children; Kenneth (Sue) Smith, Kim (Bev) Smith, Kathy (Rod) McClinchey and Tyler Willar of Stockbridge and Kelly Schupbach. One brother Bill (Vi) Smith of Columbia, SC; Nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mel moved to Stockbridge from Salem Twp in 1948. He worked at Park – Davis, Ann Arbor, MI until he retired in 1991. Active in 4-H horse club, Pals in the Saddle. Mostly known in the Michigan Sheep Breeders community for raising Registered Tunis sheep, his passion for family and farming.

He was, also, an avid deer hunter. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home. Funeral services were on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral home, Stockbridge, MI with

Photo provided by family.

Craig Goodlock officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to SAESA or Great Lakes Caring Hospice.

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kelsey E. Underhile graduates from basic military training



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kelsey E. Underhile. Air Force provided photo

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kelsey E. Underhile graduated from basic military training May 22, 2019 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Underhile earned distinction as an honor graduate.

She is the daughter of Stacey and Lee Underhile, of South Lyon, Mich., and sister of Justin Underhile, of Jackson, Mich., and Nick Cooke, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

She is a 2016 graduate of Stockbridge High School, Stockbridge, Mich. She earned an associate degree in 2018 from Jackson College, Jackson, Mich.

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Ming Louis and his wife Barbara have a special affinity for libraries, having both been librarians at one time and they promote reading throughout their shows.

They travel throughout the mid-Michigan area from their home in Northville, entertaining young and old. Their appearance in Stockbridge was part of CADL's 2019 Summer Reading Program. Weekly programs and reading logs with prizes are available to kids and adults each summer.

The next Wednesday event starting at 10:30 is "Reach for the Stars," a mini space camp on Aug. 7.

In addition to these summer reading programs, there are two remaining Arts and Crafts with Colleen for teens to tweens scheduled. Offsite offerings include Activities in the Park, providing weekly stories and games on Fridays at 11 a.m. through Aug. 16 at Veterans Park, also hosted by local artist Colleen Redfield and funded by the Friends of the Stockbridge Library. Though the summer is fleeting, it's not too late to get out and enjoy some or all of the remaining programs. Flyers are available in the library on a regular basis for upcoming programs or more information can be found at www.cadl.org.

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.

- Dean Katz - died June 27, 2019
- Joyce Osburn - died June 28, 2019
- Melvin Smith - died June 28, 2019 - Stockbridge
- Justin Caudill - died June 28, 2019 - Jackson
- Donald Pollok - died July 9, 2019 - Stockbridge
- Dolores Berry - died July 16, 2019 - formerly of Stockbridge
- Kathryn M. Stephens - died July 18, 2019 - Munith

Boyce Family Reunion celebrates nearly 100 in a row



by Jean Boyce

The Boyces of Michigan are getting excited! The 2019 Boyce family reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Stockbridge Veterans Park. What makes this one noteworthy is that the family is nearing 100 years of gathering for food, fun, laughter and lively conversation.

Samuel and Sarah Cutter Boyce came to Michigan in 1835 from Steuben County, N.Y. Their descendants settled in the Stockbridge and North Lake communities, near Boyce Road and M-52 and also the North Lake/North Territorial Road areas.

Samuel and Sarah had a total of 11 children. However, the Boyces in this area stemmed from just two branches of those 11: Benjamin and Emeline (Jacobs) Boyce and Spencer and Mary (Wallace) Boyce.

The 100th reunion committee has been working over the past several months to make the Boyce family members aware of the rich heritage they share with their ancestors. The first annual reunion was held on Aug. 20, 1921, with 90 relatives coming from Jackson, Chelsea, Charlotte, Plainfield, Gregory, Dansville, Mason, Olivet, Ann Arbor and Detroit areas. A special poem was written by Edson Sherman for the occasion titled, "Welcome, Cousins, Every One; all are welcome, barring none!"

Many interesting facts and pictures have been uncovered and shared via a private Boyce Family Facebook page, and over the past three years many family members have written interesting and often amusing unheard family stories.

The entire park has been reserved with expectations that relatives from around the U.S. and even Canada will attend. A special program that will include family stories and skits will follow the potluck dinner. Old-fashioned and current day games for children are also planned.

Family member and author of this article, Jean Boyce, had this to say about the special event: "We are pleased that we can meet in the village of Stockbridge, where many of our ancestors started out when they came to Michigan. The color for the day will be blue shirts and tops, and many pictures will help preserve priceless memories of this special day."

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Many of them may find they end up having two or three options for where they want to go. We are really confident we can place them if they decide to relocate to another practice. The staff that has supported Tonya are some of the most compassionate, supportive physician staff you could have.

Q: Stockbridge is a small town, and many people rely on Family Medicine of Stockbridge for their medical care. How does St. Joe/Trinity Health plan to help patients in the Stockbridge community find a new doctor? How do you expect the very few practices in the surrounding areas to take on everyone in need of a new doctor?

A: Wherever the patient wants to seek care next, we will make sure the transfer of medical records are easy for the patient. We do believe through the suggested sites, we will be able to accommodate patients that want to go there.

Q: Tonya and Nicole are both being transferred to an IHA office in Howell? Does this mean IHA is going to be taking over care for the Stockbridge area? Or is there a Trinity Health/IHA Merger in the works?

A: IHA has been with St. Joseph Mercy since around 2009-2010. Historically, we had IHA physicians and practices separated, and about a year and a half ago, we decided it was better to have IHA be the managing party for St. Joseph Mercy group.

Q: What will happen to the empty office building? Could another health organization such as U of M, Sparrow or Henry Ford buy the building?

A: We are certainly in the early stages of looking into the real estate of the building. We're still in the process of discussing what we want to do with the building. If we decided to list it, we would not prevent someone else from providing medical care in that building. It's a very nice building, and we would not stand in the way of anyone who wanted to purchase the building.

Q: What specifically do you want Stockbridge residents and Family Medicine of Stockbridge patients to know about the closing?

A: I really want to emphasize that we really want to listen to Stockbridge residents in terms of creative and innovative ideas regarding transportation. What would be a helpful approach? Would a call center for an Uber or Lyft or access to the Wave bus help? Would specific handicap transportation be helpful? These suggestions would help me to better utilize the community benefits to help the Stockbridge community. I also want to reiterate that wherever patients go for their future care, we will work with them to make it easy for medical information to be transferred because continuity of care is a high priority for us.

Q: Is there anything else I didn't ask you about that you want to make sure I include?

A: I want Stockbridge residents to know that we are still committed to Stockbridge. We provide support through various initiatives, including our community benefit funding, which has funded a lot of initiatives in the community, including Stockbridge Community Outreach, 5 Healthy Towns, SRSly and physical therapy at our Chelsea location is now available for Stockbridge students.

Anyone wishing to send feedback, suggestions, request a call back or address any concerns should email St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea at stjosephmercychelsea@trinity-health.org. They will be monitoring the email and responding to each individual.

A list of the other nearby locations St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea are recommending to patients, though they will help patients transfer their care to any location they would like, is available on our website, www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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Stockbridge Community Outreach's Fresh Food Initiative benefits over 70 local families



Over 70 families benefited from Stockbridge Community Outreach's new grant-based Fresh Fruit Initiative program on July 8. Photo from Stockbridge Community outreach

Over 70 families benefited from the free produce distributed at the Fresh Food Initiative held at Jeruel Baptist Church Monday, July 8. "We were surprised at the number of people who showed up on the first night!" exclaimed volunteer coordinator, Stephanie Yannella. Those who showed up took home bags of potatoes, assorted produce, dry pinto beans, walnuts, asparagus, oranges, and beets. Many who came went through the line more than once.

The grant-based program, coordinated through The Food Bank of South Central Michigan and Stockbridge

Community Outreach, drops off enough produce every week for 125 families. Outreach has been campaigning to get the word out in the community that this program is available throughout the summer to any family in need and no ID is necessary.

If you or someone you know has a need for free food (is low income; qualifies for government assistance, free lunch, etc.), distributions are every Monday at 5 p.m. through Sept. 24, except for Labor Day. Jeruel Baptist Church is located just outside of Munith on M-106. The address is 11400 Plum Orchard Rodd. Volunteers are always welcome, too. Please arrive at 4 p.m. to volunteer.

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SRSLY Youth develop leadership skills at Youth International's Conference



SRSLY Youth members develop their leadership skills at the Youth to Youth International's Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Photo courtesy of SRSLY

small groups that provide a space for them to reflect and talk about what they had learned each day. SRSLY youth said these groups were one of their favorite parts of the conference.

Youth also heard from inspirational speakers.

Dexter eighth-grade student Sydney Tchoryk said one speaker shared the message about how they can use their passion to create change in their communities. "Passion has the meaning of PASS-I-ON, passing yourself on through your actions," Tchoryk said.

With a host of new leadership skills, that's exactly what the SRSLY youth plan to do.

A dozen SRSLY youth traveled to Columbus, Ohio, in June where they joined hundreds of youth from across the country for the Youth to Youth International's Conference. Held from June 18 through 21 at Ohio Dominican University, the conference focused on engaging young people through meaningful activities and experiences to help them develop and implement their own ideas to create positive change.

Youth from each of the four SRSLY communities – Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, and Stockbridge – attended the conference, where they heard from nationally known speakers, attended interactive workshops, and learned positive leadership skills.

Youth were also able to befriend students from across the country who are similarly working to prevent youth substance use.

Stockbridge High School senior and SRSLY youth member Caitlin Fowler attended the conference as a youth staff member for the second time this year. She said the conference is the best part of her summer.

"You get to know a lot of new people and being youth staff is the best thing that you could do," Fowler said. "You learn leadership skills, problem solving skills, and you get to meet people who become like your family."

The youth all participated in "Family Group" meetings of conference attendees, or

August Garden of the Month



A judge writes, "This shade garden offers a cool refuge for her dog. He looks very content among the trillium and the spiderwort."

a \$25 gift certificate from Tulip Tree Gardens. **To enter, email your photos to StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com and use "Gardens" as the subject.** Include your name, physical address of the garden and a phone number.

by Joan Tucker

Dear Readers,
Congratulations to Carol Brimhall of White Oak Township, August's "Garden of the Month" contest winner. A judge writes, "This shade garden offers a cool refuge for her dog. He looks very content among the trillium and the spiderwort."

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



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From the superintendent's desk

We continue to hire outstanding teachers at Stockbridge Community Schools.

As the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year is quickly approaching, we would like to introduce to you new staff that have made a commitment to teaching in our district.

The following new staff have been hired:

Senior High

Hannah Reyes is a familiar face in our district and has been hired to serve as our Senior High Science Teacher. Hannah will be teaching Senior High Chemistry for us next fall. Hannah has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree from Antioch University in New England.

Rita Stricklin is our new Senior High English Teacher. Rita has recently held a position at the University of Akron (Ohio) teaching Composition. Prior to Akron, Rita taught Secondary Reading and Composition in Bangor, Michigan. Rita has a Bachelor's Degree in English Education and Africana Studies from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Literature.

Junior High

Sonya Salinas is our new Junior High English Teacher. Sonya has several years in education as a Secondary English instructor in both Michigan and Texas. Sonya has a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University, a Master's Degree from Aquinas College, and is currently working on her Doctorate Degree in Instructional Technology and Leadership.

Lana Clayton will be our new Junior High Science Teacher. Lana will be teaching 7th-grade students in Life Sciences. Lana has prior experience teaching elementary and middle school computer science. Lana has a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working on her Master's Degree.

Heritage School

Amber Robidou will be teaching 5th grade at Heritage School. Amber has several successful years of teaching experience in both Colorado and Montana as a Special Education Teacher. Amber has a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree both from Michigan State University in Elementary and Special Education.

Smith Elementary

Ashlee Muscato is a familiar face in the district as a lead teacher in early childhood education. Ashlee's new position will include continuing as a lead teacher in early childhood education and will also serve as a PK-2 special education teacher at Smith Elementary. Ashlee has a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University.

Megan Rainer has been asked to teach Kindergarten for us next year Megan has multiple years of teaching experience in Howell Public Schools as an Elementary Special Education Teacher. Megan has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Eastern Michigan University.

We have a few more positions to fill and will be introducing any additional new hires next month.

Looking forward to the next school year.

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.

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55 Mason Aviation Day scheduled for August 17

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55 will host Mason Aviation Day on Saturday, Aug. 17.

There will be an "All-U-Can-Eat" Pancake Breakfast (served with eggs, sausage, juice & coffee) from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for ages 12 and younger.

Lunch will be served from noon until 2 p.m. with Pork BBQ, Brats, and Hot Dogs on the menu. Costs range from \$3 to \$4.

We will be cooking up breakfast and lunch rain or shine – but fingers are crossed for wonderful summer weather to watch many types of homebuilt, antique, warbird and general aviation aircraft as they fly in throughout the day. Various aviation exhibits are also planned.

Airplane rides will be available for \$30 per person. Bi-Plane rides will also be available for \$75 per person. Both are weather permitting.

Lansing Community College Aviation Technology Center will be hosting an Open House in conjunction with this event with tours of their outstanding facility. This will afford visitors to the airport an excellent opportunity learn about this world-class educational program available in our own community.

EAA Chapter 55 invites all to come out to the Mason-Jewett Airport at the corner of Kipp and Eden roads in Mason for a fun day of food and planes, planes, planes.

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Waterloo Township Board Budget Hearing Meeting Unapproved Minutes 25 June 2019 6:30 p.m. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Pledge

Present: Lance, Kitley, Walz,

McAlister. Absent: Morency

Public Comment: None

• Kitley motioned with support from Walz to approve the 26 June 2018 Budget Hearing minutes. Aye/all; No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

• Lance motioned with support from Kitley to accept the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 budget as presented: Revenue in the amount of \$602,500; expenditures in the amount of \$543,675. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

• Lance motioned with support

from Kitley to adopt the General Appropriations Act (Budget) R-18-6-26-1 for the new budget year beginning July 1, 2018. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, McAlister. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

• Lance motioned with support from Walz to accept the Waterloo Township Holiday Closing Schedule for 2019-2020. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

• Lance motioned with support from McAlister to accept the posting locations as presented. Yes/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Janice Kitley,

Waterloo Township Clerk

Budget copies will be available at the Waterloo Township Office and on the website.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Baseball has record-breaking season



by Keith Michaels

The varsity baseball team had a record-breaking 2019 season with several individual and team records being set by the Panthers.

Stockbridge went 22-17 overall on the season and finished 11-7 on the GLAC. The 39 total games was a Stockbridge baseball record as well as the 22 victories.

Alex Rose led the Panthers by setting several records on the mound and at the plate. He earned 1st Team All-GLAC Honors as well as 1st Team All-District. He recorded 23 doubles this season which puts him in the MHSAA baseball record books tied for fifth for doubles in a season and set the school record with 62 hits on the year. He also set records for RBIs in a season and career, runs scored in a season and career, stolen bases in

Alex Rose set several records for the baseball team in 2019. Photo credit Keith Michaels

a season and career, as well as other records. He set a school record with 10 victories on the mound, strikeouts in a season (118) and in a game (17), and career (195).

Daniel Ballagh also earned 1st Team All-GLAC and All-District Honors. He also earned Academic All-District and Regional Honors. He holds the Panthers records with a hit by pitches in a season with 13 and 34 for a career, which is 20th All-Time in the MHSAA.

Brody Canfield earned Academic All-State Honors. He was also named to the Academic All District and Region teams and earned 2nd Team All-GLAC Honors.

Gage Place was a four-year player for the Panthers and finished with school records of 126 games played in a career, plate appearances in a career (396), and singles in a career with 88.

The team handed out several team awards for the season.

Rose was named the MVP and earned the Silver Slugger award with a .466 average.

Gold Glove Awards went to Place and Ballagh.

Ballagh was given the Grant Whitaker Leadership Through Character Award. The award is given annually to a Stockbridge baseball player who honors Grant's memory of his dedication to service in the community and surrounding areas through his humble and respectful interactions with everyone he met.

Best Relief Pitcher went to Aiden Trost, while Canfield earned the Comeback Player of the Year. The Clemente Award went to Kaleb Adkins and the Coaches Award to Pete Loso

Soccer earns post-season awards

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge girls' soccer team wrapped up the 2019 season with a 9-10-1 overall record and the Panthers have received numerous post-season honors.

The Panthers earned Academic All-State Honors with a team GPA of 3.95. They had eight student-athletes with 4.00 GPA's on this year's squad.

Individual Academic All-State Awards went to Baylee Heidrich, Kylin Heidrich, Hailey Howard, Sylvia Whitt, Bri Hill, Evey Ortiz-Martinez, Chelsey Asquith, Kaitlin Miller, Anna Schlaff, Paige Brown, and Alexis Killinger.

Baylee Heidrich was named first team All-GLAC, while second-team honors went to Kylin Heidrich and Bri Hill, while Sylvia Whitt was Honorable Mention.

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Breslin named Honorable Mention All-State Softball



by Keith Michaels

For the first time since 2001, the Stockbridge softball team had a player earn All-State Honors when Junior Emily Breslin was named a Division 3 Honorable Mention for the 2019 season.

She is the first Panther to receive All-State Honors since Sarah Caskey did it in 2001.

Breslin, a three-year varsity starter, continues to smash all the Panthers pitching and hitting

Emily Breslin was named Honorable Mention Division 3 All-State Softball for the spring of 2019. The first Panther to earn All-State Softball Honors since Sarah Caskey in 2001. Photo credit Keith Michaels

records with one more season to go.

She set the career strikeout mark with 623 through her junior season and the career win mark with 51. She set the school record for wins in a season with 22, shutouts in a season with 11 and shutouts in a career with 16. She struck out 262 batters in 2019, second behind Missy Smith, who struck out 300 in 2006.

Offensively she set the career RBI mark with 132 and is second in career home runs (20) and home runs in a season with 12. Tammy Love is the record holder in home runs in a season with 13 in 1987, and a career with 32 from 1985-88.

Most of the Stockbridge softball offensive stats prior to 2000 were hard to find, so they are rough estimates.

Breslin also earned All-GLAC Honors and was named to the Division 3 All-District and All-Region teams.

Other Panthers to earn First Team All-GLAC Honors were Taylor Carey, Paige Wooden, and Hannah Gutting. Second team All-GLAC Honors went to Katelyn Knieper and Hannah Lockhart.

Carey and Lockhart were also named to the All-District and All-Region teams.

The Panthers as a team finished with a school record 24 win and a 24-9 overall record. They came up just short in their bid for the first league title for Stockbridge since 1988, falling in the last game of the regular season to Lakewood.

Most of the squad will return in 2020 and there will be high expectations for the Panthers.

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Stockbridge coed softball team hosts first game of season



Tiffani Eibler. Photo credit Keith Michaels



Matt Harden. Photo credit Keith Michaels



Jason Borg. Photo credit Keith Michaels



Matt Gauthier. Photo credit Keith Michaels

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All-District Honors went to Baylee Heidrich, Kylin Heidrich, Bri Hill, Peyton Killinger, Sylvia Whitt, Megan Catron, and Paige Brown.

The team handed out their own awards at the post-season banquet. Kaylin Heidrich was named the team MVP. Bri Hill and Kaylin Heidrich were named co-offensive players of the year. Baylee Heidrich was named the defensive player of the year. The most improved award went to Alic Hawkins and the inspirational player of the year went to Ann Schlaff.

The Panthers finished strong in 2019 and graduate just four players from this year's squad. They will go into 2020 with high hopes on a strong season.

Rain did not dampen the 45th Gregory 4th of July parade.

In 1977, the Gregory Area Jaycees took over the running of the 4th of July parade and activities. They continued running the event into the 1990s when the organization was disbanded. Other organizations and volunteers took over at that time.



Waiting in the rain for the parade to start.



Loretta Hartka, Ken Hartka, Jack Marshall, Bob Busby



Dennis Petsch, Reid Hartsuff, Lynn Osborne, Richard Mullins, Merelyn Snider



Cub Scout Pack 768 throws candy along the parade route.

Happy 4th of July!



Tractors have always been an important part of the parade.



Local musician, Phil Tolliver, sings his way through Gregory.



Mark Harris as a 1st Continental Marine of 1776 and his lady (Pam) carrying the first American flag.



Everyone loves the horses. Did you know that the parade rules require all horse groups to have a Pooper Scooper to follow them?



Franklin D. Roosevelt, AKA Gordie Kunzleman, made an appearance to emcee the parade.



What would a Gregory 4th of July parade be without kids on bikes?



1051 CJ3A Willy's Jeep, dressed in military police war paint of the Army 4th Division Headquarters Company.



Cars new and old.



The fire trucks signal the end of the parade.



American Legion Mackinder-Glenn Post 510 leads the parade.



Heidi Raus sings the National Anthem.



The 45th Gregory Independence Day celebration gets underway.