

Wendy Hause to join elite group of 70 women and become Unadilla Township’s first female fire chief



Linda Walker, Unadilla Township supervisor, congratulates newly appointed fire chief, Wendy Hause. Photo credit Mitch Hause

by Judy Williams

Wendy Hause is about to join an elite group of 70 females who serve as fire chiefs among more than 29,000 departments nationwide. On Feb. 1, she will be appointed Unadilla Township fire chief. Hause has been running the show of 15 men and three women since January 2019, when Fire Chief Mark Schroeder became seriously ill and was unable to continue his duties. The energetic Hause has confidently taken on the duties as chief due to the experience she gained as assistant chief over the last several years.

Unadilla Township Supervisor Linda Walker said Hause accepted the appointment at the January township board meeting. “I am confident that our department will thrive with Wendy at the helm,” she said. “Wendy has excellent people and management skills. She has 24 years of experience with the fire

department, nine years as assistant chief and one year as acting chief.”

Hause, who first joined the Unadilla Township Fire Department in 1996, was the first woman firefighter for Unadilla Township. When asked why she joined the fire department, she took on a faraway look.

“I wanted to be a fireman as a young girl,” she explained, “after visiting a Detroit Fire station as a Girl Scout but was discouraged by adults who said that women couldn’t be firemen. After we moved to Gregory, I stopped at the firehouse and talked with then Fire Chief Steve Richmond who encouraged me to apply.”

Hause continued, “For the most part, I felt welcomed, but there were some who weren’t quite ready for the first UTFD female firefighter. I never experienced any animosity from the team and quickly made some lifelong friends. I love that we now have more female responders on the department. The comments from the citizens have always been positive.”

See Hause on page 4.

Clinton West residents speak up



Clinton West apartments, located on S. Clinton St. alongside the Lakewood A and B complex, are managed by PK Housing and Management of Okemos, Mich. Photo credit Tina Cole-Mullins

by Tina Cole-Mullins

Editor’s note: This is a follow-up to the Lakewood apartment residents say, ‘Enough if enough’ article on Page 1 in January 2020 edition of the Stockbridge Community News.

In follow up to SCN’s article on *Lakewood Apartments Residents Say, “Enough is Enough!”* residents of Clinton West apartments contacted this reporter to weigh in on the subject of management.

Clinton West apartments, located on S. Clinton St. alongside Lakewood A and B complex, are managed by PK Housing and Management of Okemos, Mich. Clinton West apartments host the office of the on-site management and maintenance, which is open during normal business hours.

Residents of Clinton West set up an open meeting in the community room of their complex to voice concerns and support of maintenance man, John Thomas. Thomas has worked the past three years at both Lakewood and Clinton West. Andrea Bates, office manager, has been employed a couple of months.

“There are problems for sure, but I think Lakewood residents gave John a bad rap.

When there were heat and water issues, he did respond as much as he could. He was here evenings and weekends, even

canceling a family outing. He lives in Haslett, but came in from there. Perhaps an emergency person should be available,” resident Ruth (Camp) Wellman made clear.

See Residents on page 4.

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55 awards scholarships

by Vickie Vandenbelt

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55 of Mason named two students as recipients of its Newberry Aviation Scholarship for 2020.

JuliAnne Miller was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She is a student in the Lansing Community College School of Aviation Technology



Pictured L to R: Chloe Miner; Joe Madziar (Scholarship Committee Member) and JuliAnne Miller. Photo provided by EAA 55

located at Mason Jewett Field, Mason, Mich. JuliAnne plans for a career in aviation fleet management.

Chloe Minor, a graduate of Stockbridge High School, was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. She is a student pilot at Crosswinds Aviation in Howell and recently completed the requirements for her Private Pilots License. Minor plans to advance her flight training to enter military service and eventually become an airline pilot.

EAA Chapter 55 has a long-standing commitment to support educational opportunities for students seeking aviation careers. These students were chosen based on a combination of academic achievement and defined goals for the future. The chapter raises funds to support its scholarship program by hosting a pancake breakfast in June and Mason Aviation Day in August. Additional information about the chapter and its fundraising events can be found at www.eaa55.org.

Chris Money named 2019 Unadilla Township Firefighter of the Year



2019 Unadilla Township Firefighter of the Year recipient Chris Money. Photo credit Wendy Hause

by Wendy Hause

Almost daily we hear news of how firefighters around the world risk their own lives trying to save others, most recently in Australia. Sometimes we are tempted to forget that here in our own community we have firefighters who stand ready to do the same for our lives and property. With that in mind on Dec. 21, the UTFD launched its first Unadilla Township Firefighter of the Year, and selected one such firefighter, Sgt. Chris Money, to receive the award.

According to Linda Walker, Unadilla Township supervisor, “The award recognizes and honors an individual firefighter who has demonstrated

outstanding professional capabilities, leadership, and dedicated service to the community during the past year.” She said Money was chosen for a variety of reasons.

See Firefighter on page 11.

From Capital Area District Library Stockbridge: Four ways to enjoy books



Lauren Ezzo, a Haslett native and an Audie Award nominee.
Photo provided by Stockbridge CADL

by **Sherri McConnell**

The Stockbridge Branch is bringing you four exciting ways to experience books in February. Blind Date with a Book is returning this year, and you could win a prize for reading! Between Feb. 1-15, you'll find a display of gift-wrapped books at the library with just a hint of what's inside. Choose one, unwrap it, and check it out. You may find a new favorite author, and you may just find a prize – including tickets to “My Fair Lady” or “Wicked” at Wharton Center in East Lansing! Find more details at cadl.org.

On Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m., we're hosting Lauren Ezzo, a Haslett native and an Audie Award nominee. She has recorded over 150 books and has plenty of stories to tell about

being the voice behind a book. Want to listen to her before meeting her in person? Search for “Lauren Ezzo” at cadl.org/catalog.

On Feb. 21, at 6 p.m., meet Joe Grimm, author of “The Faygo Book.” Grimm traces the efforts of an immigrant family to make the soda that every Michigander loves. There will be samples!

Lastly, the monthly book discussion group meets the last Friday of the month, and this month the group will be talking about “Educated” by Tara Westover on Feb. 28 at noon. Are you looking for book suggestions even when you can't visit the branch? See what CADL staff are recommending at cadl.org/staff-picks. You will also find staff picks for music, movies and audiobooks, too.

Author Sherri McConnell is Stockbridge CADL Head Librarian. Capital Area District Libraries' Stockbridge branch is located at 200 Wood St.

SCN elects Terry Sommer to its board of directors



SCN's newly elected director Terry Sommer says activities that bring her happiness and fulfillment include, “being with family and friends, raising animals, singing, gardening, and driving my tractor in the open fields.” Photo credit Patrice Johnson

by **Patrice Johnson**

During its Jan. 8 meeting, SCN's board of directors elected Terry Sommer by unanimous vote to its ranks.

“We're a hardworking board, and we're pleased to have Terry's involvement,” Patrice Johnson, president and editor in chief, said. “Terry brings a terrific skillset to the organization.”

When asked why Sommer chose to add the commitment to her already busy schedule, Sommer smiled. “Having a quality, central point of local news and information is critical for maintaining a sense of community. I'm honored to be part of it.”

SCN's stated mission is to promote the common good and welfare of residents in the greater Stockbridge area through the collection and dissemination of local educational news and social-benefit information. Sommer filled a vacancy created Jan. 1 with VP Diane Rockall's resignation due to time constraints. Johnson thanked Rockall for her excellent service and said she is pleased Rockall will continue to contribute to the volunteer, non-profit organization.

Sommer, a 65-plus-year resident of the Stockbridge area and current township trustee, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from MSU. She retired after more than 30 years of teaching law and computer technology in Howell schools.

Born and raised on the local family farm, Sommer married her Stockbridge High School sweetheart, Doug. The couple, married 50 years, have three children and two grandchildren.

Hobbies? Sommer said, “I enjoy performing with the Stockbridge Area Festival Chorus and participating in the Stockbridge Area Garden Club.” She also serves as the disbursing treasurer for her church.

Other activities that bring her happiness and fulfillment include, “being with family and friends, raising animals, singing, gardening, and driving my tractor in the open fields.”

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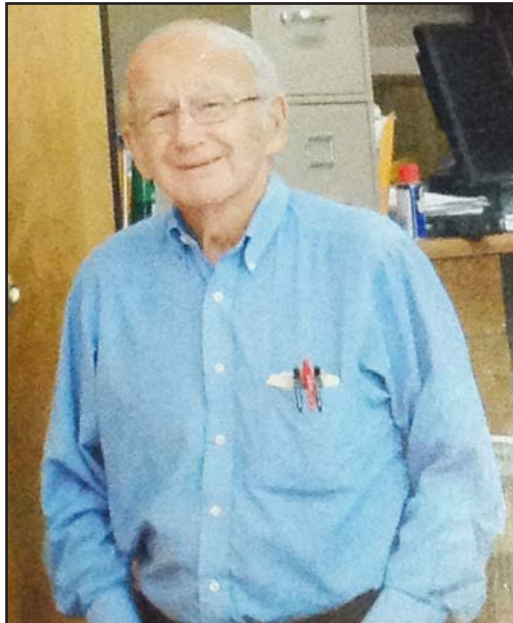
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Ransom memories live on among family, employees and customers

The closing of Ransom's in the heart of the Stockbridge community represents the end of an era. In its heyday, Ransom's flourished and the family behind the name left an indelible mark on the community. This is the third and final installment of Pennie's reflections about working at the store from childhood until the store closed near the end of 2019.



Leona Ransom Photo provided by Pennie Ransom-Ward



John Ransom Photo provided by Pennie Ransom-Ward

by Pennie Ransom-Ward

Of course, life wasn't all fun and games in the grocery business. We had customers who would complain even if you gave them everything for free. As they walked out the door, you'd think to yourself, "That's just their personality; they're never going to change," and they never did! But the next person waiting in line was usually so kind to make up for it, and they'd ask, "How do you do it working with customers like that?" But for us it was just all in a day's work.

As more happy memories come flooding back, thank you Jeff Fletcher for stopping in the store about a month ago and sharing your story with me about the good old days of shooting hoops with your buddies late into the night until early morning. And let's not forget the MSU / U of M rivalry over the years! I remember one day, my dad had a dollar bill in his shirt pocket and had a grin on his face. He had been waiting for a young man (a previous employee) to come in and pay up. Apparently he has had this same bill for quite some time. Which brings me to the memories of all the delivery drivers flipping for pops with Ken, John, Mark and Kyle, and anyone else who was there that day.

High school students went off to college and came back—whether they lived in town or were just passing through—they always stop by to give a shout out to Dad or Mom. You would always learn something when you worked for Dad and Mom, even if you didn't want to. Or maybe old employees came back for John's jokes, because they could always count on John for one.

One last memory: the famous Anonymous birthday card you got every year from your favorite and best customers...Guess who? These are memories that will live on in my heart

forever!

And think about this on your way to work in the morning. Imagine going to work every day with your spouse for 48 years, and still they are married!

I could go on and on, but even all good things must come to an end. So thank you, Dad and Mom, for all you have done for me and our family, plus the many Ransom's customers over the last 48 years.

Unadilla Township thanks Chief Schroeder for 39 years of service



Unadilla Fire Chief Mark Schroeder retires after 39 years of service. Photo from SCN archives

by Judy Williams

For 39 years, in good weather and bad, in the dead of night or day, Mark Schroeder has been on call to fight fires or make lifesaving medical runs. His dedication to community as a volunteer firefighter has made the residents of Unadilla Township safer.

Schroeder, a lifelong resident of Unadilla Township, joined the Unadilla Township Fire Department (UTFD) in 1983, and in 2001 he was appointed UTFD fire chief. Because of his commitment to the community, Schroeder has always worked in the area, only taking jobs that would allow him to leave if there was an emergency.

On Feb 1, 2020, Schroeder will officially retire from the UTFD.

"Mark Schroeder has dedicated his life to our fire department," stated Linda Walker, Unadilla Township supervisor. "Illness has forced him to step back from his duties and this week he informed me that he is officially retiring effective Feb. 1st." Walker continued, "We all wish him the best in his retirement and hope he knows how much we've appreciated his service to the community."

For the last year, the UTFD has been operating under the direction of Assistant Chief Wendy Hause.

Schroeder, a person who has spent his life helping others, is now on the long road of trying to recover from a pulmonary embolism. The pulmonary embolism hospitalized him on Jan. 22, 2019, and continues to cause him health problems.

The UTFD will host an open house to honor Chief Schroeder for his service at a future date. Community members and friends of Chief Schroeder will be invited to attend.

Five generations of local residents celebrate the holidays together



Linda Walker, Unadilla Township supervisor, says she is happy to be able to share a five-generation picture of her family. Pictured are Laken (Harper) Grieser holding her baby, Eliza Grieser; grandpa, Jesse Harper; great-grandma, Linda

Walker; and great-great-grandma, Golda Walker.

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“A lot of these problems were around before John and Andrea started working here, and it’s unfair to blame them. John has been working on getting them under control along with keeping up with his regular work,” shared Mary Morris, another Clinton West resident also present at the meeting.

Others were present at the meeting but preferred to remain off-record. Residents briefly discussed each complaint listed in the Lakewood article and procedures to address them, such as providing written complaints and documentation for problems, some of which are out of on-site management and maintenance control.

Morris also agreed with information referenced in the previous article but added, “All said is true, but I think the present management is now on the right track. John and Andrea really seem to care.”

Onsite management was not allowed to comment on the matter and, upon contacting Bob Sands, of PK Housing and Management, of Okemos to schedule a follow-up interview, Sands declined further comment on the matter also.

When speaking with Sands in December, he stated the water issue was the village’s issue and that they were working with the village on the matter. Sands also made reference to PK Housing having gone to the village in 2016, seeking aid with renovations.

According to an article in the Sun Times (February 2016), Peter Potterpin, president of P.K. Housing, requested assistance from the village on Feb. 1 for a PILOT. The PILOT would allow a tax abatement toward a \$1 million rehabilitation project on Lakewood and Clinton West apartments.

Potterpin hopes to fund the bulk of the project by acquiring, and then selling to an investor, low-income housing tax credits awarded through a federal tax program and administered by Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Potterpin told the village “If we don’t get the PILOT, I don’t think we can make the numbers work,” the article stated.

When asked about the decision on the PILOT request in 2016, Greg Uihlein, Village Council president at the time in question, answered why the council voted against the PILOT abatement.

He said, “Had we entered that agreement, the village would have been on the hook for any defaults by the corporation that was looking for help.”

Since SCN published information regarding issues at Lakewood apartments, the water issue has been addressed with the replacement of temporary shut-off valves on the Village’s side, which will be replaced in the spring when further repairs are completed.

Tenants with issues or complaints should follow the steps below:

- Send a written repair request to management or landlord.
- Follow-up on the repair request to management or landlord.
- Send the repair request by certified mail to management or landlord (keep receipt).
- Contact Ingham County Housing Commission (517) 349-1643.
- Contact Legal Aid on Michigan Tenant law. Legal Services of South Central Michigan, 517-787-6111, can advise you on rent withholding, if it is warranted, and proper procedures.
- Request mediation
- Keep documents and document all issues.

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Hause page 1

Hause gained leadership experience at the Ford Motor Co. Automotive, where she served at the Safety Office. Plus, she spent years on the First Response Teams at Ford and chaired the Employee Safety Committee. After joining the UTFD, she attended the County Fire Academy and became licensed as an emergency medical technician. All members of the fire service are continually training each year, and medical licenses require continuing education credits.

“It’s a huge commitment to stay qualified,” Hause stated with a shake of her head. “We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated men and women who are willing to take on the challenges of being a firefighter. I’m proud to be their chief.”

So you want to be a volunteer puppy raiser?



L to R: Eden, Joan's current PAWS puppy; Nyx, Eden's PAWS puppy friend, and Apple, a former puppy raised by Joan. Photo credit Joan Lutovsky

by Cathy Collins

Local resident Joan Lutovsky is a puppy raiser for Paws With A Cause, a Michigan-based non-profit organization that trains and provides assistance dogs to the hearing impaired, physically disabled, persons with seizure disorders, and children with autism. Several years ago, Lutovsky became acquainted with PAWS during her volunteer work with United Way. Consequently, she started donating to PAWS and following the organization with a personal pledge that one day she would volunteer as a puppy raiser. Since then, Lutovsky has raised several PAWS puppies.

To properly train a PAWS assistance dog takes approximately 2.5 years and requires a team of people to work with the dog throughout its various stages of development.

Their journey begins in the home of a Mama Dog Home volunteer, who assists with whelping and raising the litter until the puppies are 8 weeks old. At that point, the puppy is assigned to a foster puppy raiser like Lutovsky and lives in the home for about one year. Lutovsky teaches her puppy basic commands used as building blocks for future training. She also begins to teach it how to behave appropriately in public spaces.

After a year, the young dog then enters the prison program for four months of additional training. Upon successful completion, the assistance dog-in-training transfers to PAWS’s headquarters in Wayland, Mich., for testing and final training.

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Rural perspectives **Puppy** page 4

article and photos by Rose Collison

Most people call them buffalo, but the name of the largest terrestrial animal in North America is actually American bison. Bison can stand up to 6 feet tall. A male may weigh more than a ton, and the female about 900 pounds. Before human intervention, bison ranged over much of North America, including central Canada and most of the interior United States. Today bison are only wild in national parks, state parks and reserves. The bison in the photos reside in Mason, Michigan, at the Ingham Conservation District.

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.



This bison prefers to dine by himself.



American bison graze in the fields near Mason, Mich., at the Ingham Conservation District.



Joan's friend Deb with her PAWS dog, Loci. Photo credit Bill Adams, Midrone Photography

As each dog moves onto advanced training, it is taught individual tasks for a client's specific needs.

Not all dogs make the cut. In fact, only about 50% go on to become PAWS assistance dogs. Others segue to other working dog careers, such as drug or bomb detection or make wonderful pets.

For Lutovsky, the most rewarding aspect of being a puppy raiser is the camaraderie among fellow puppy raisers when they surrender their pups and after, when they continue to receive updates on their pups as they advance through training. Lutovsky reports that the highlight of her volunteer experience is when a PAWS dog that she knows is placed with its forever person.

No experience is necessary to volunteer as a puppy raiser. To learn more about Paws With A Cause, go to www.pawswithacause.org/.

A glance in the rearview mirror: February

by Mary Jo David

25 years ago this month

- The Stockbridge High School ice fishing team qualified for the Class B State Fishing Championship that was to be held on Feb. 4, 1995. To qualify, they finished second at the MHSAA regional competition. Per the Town Crier, "The Panthers hooked a school record of 52 fish, including 16 by senior angler Wally 'Walleye' Jefferies." Care to guess the coach's name? If you guessed Bobby Troutman, you'd be right!

- On a more serious note, the Town Crier reported two fires were fought on the weekend of Feb. 4, 1995—a Portage Lake single-story home and a barn fire on Catholic Church Road.

See Rearview on page 8.



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Community Calendar

Feb. 1 – Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet, 10 a.m. to noon at Gregory Community Church

Feb. 2 – St. Mary Breakfast with PAWS, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish

Feb. 3 through April 30 (Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) – St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea free Senior Fit Classes, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at Manchester Emanuel United Church of Christ

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Drop In LEGO Club, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 4 – Meet Audiobook Reader Lauren Ezzo (teens and adults), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 – Movers and Readers Playtime (Ages up to 3), 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 – Coffee Chats, 11 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 7, 14, 21 – Family Game Night, 5 to 6:45 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 8 – Open Air Indoor Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church

Feb. 8 – Waterloo Village United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Waterloo Village United Methodist Church

Feb. 10 – St. Joseph Mercy free 16-week Diabetes Prevention Program, 2 to 3 p.m. at St.

Joseph Mercy Chelsea

Feb. 11 – Tactile Tuesdays (Ages 10 and up), 5 to 6 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 12 – Reading with Oliver, (Ages 3 to 6), 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 13, 20, 27 – Learn how to Crochet (Ages 13 and up), 3 to 4 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 14 – Minecraft Game Night (Ages 8 to 15), 7 to 8 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 15 – Stockbridge Church of Christ Food/Clothing Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon at Stockbridge Church of Christ

Feb. 18 – Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Gregory Community Church

Feb. 21 – Meet Author Joe Grimm, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 25 – Pizza and Pages (Ages 8-13), 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 28 – Book Discussion Group (Adults), noon to 1 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Feb. 28 – St. Mary Lenten Fish Dinner, 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Parish

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Cauliflower Fried Rice



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3 cups cauliflower florets
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 3 scallions, chopped
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 1 1/2 tbsp. reduced sodium soy sauce
 1/4 cup no-salt added chicken broth
 1/8 tsp. ground ginger
 1/8 tsp. black pepper

DIRECTIONS



1. Place cauliflower in a food processor and process until rice consistency, set aside.
2. Heat 1/2 tbsp. oil in a nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add carrots and scallions and saute for 5 minutes
3. Add remaining 1/2 tbsp. oil. Add cauliflower and remaining ingredients and lower heat to medium-low.
4. Cook cauliflower mixture for 6-8 minutes. Stirring frequently. Cauliflower should be tender, but not mushy.

Recipe adapted from <https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/recipes>



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Staff Spotlight: Deanna Kruger’s world is a big place, and Stockbridge is her center



“You never know what a child is going through, whether at school or in their personal life. I always like to find a good quality in each of them.” Kruger has received notes from students she has helped through the years. She discovered that her philosophy meant the world to certain children. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

When you first enter Heritage School, you are greeted by Deanna Kruger sitting at the front desk. She remains busy all the time answering phones, talking to students and staff, and buzzing in visitors. Kruger has become an important fixture within the district and the community. She is known for spearheading the community Thanksgiving dinner and the light-pole decorating contest downtown that has raised over \$6,000 for community groups.

Kruger has worked for Stockbridge Community Schools for 23 years. Although she was born in France, her parents, Bob and Sharon Cole, decided to move back closer to where Bob grew up, so Kruger grew up in the Gregory area.

Her longtime love, Chris Kruger, unfortunately lost his battle to cancer this past fall. They had an amazing 34-year marriage and raised four children who are now all adults. The oldest son, Jay, is 32 and married to Whitney; they have a daughter Harper. Bailey, the oldest daughter, is 25, and she has a daughter Sophia. Karly is 22 and attends MSU. Macy, the youngest daughter, is a freshman at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

Kruger attended Stockbridge High School and took a lot of English classes. “I love to write,” she states. After high school, she attended Washtenaw Community College and Cleary College. She has a bachelor’s degree in business. She noted that she started college after she was married and had Jay, and she adds, “I worked full time for several of my college years.”

Kruger has always had mounds of energy; this becomes evident when you see her in action at work. She greets everyone with a smile and knows most everyone that enters through the doors of the school.

She credits many of the staff and students she works with as her greatest influence in life.

“Students teach me things every day. I adore our custodians, secretaries, bus drivers. The teachers and paras have a really difficult job, and I hope I am helpful to them. Each has taught me what to do and not to do.”

Kruger had a strong desire to work in the community so she could be closer to home and be more involved in the schools. Back when she only had Jay at home, she became the PTO president.

The Krugers decided to fly to Russia and adopt two little girls who were biological sisters. It took seven months of paperwork and making regular trips to Lansing, before they could bring the girls home. They spent 10 days in southeastern Russia near the North Korean border. Kruger noted the area was very poor and not a great part of the country. Kruger considers this her greatest accomplishment in life.

Some of the important things Kruger keeps in mind while working is, “You never know what a child is going through, whether at school or in their personal life. I always like to find a good quality in each of them.” Kruger has received notes from students she has helped through the years. She discovered that her philosophy meant the world to certain children. She said, “I cherish the notes.”

Some advice she would like to give to the students in the area: “School is such a short amount of time in your life. Do your best, don’t embarrass your family, and know that there is a really huge world...Stockbridge is such a great place to live, but see the whole world before you settle down! If you want to go to college, you can work your way through, and you don’t have to go into a ton of debt.”

See Kruger on page 10.



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50 years ago this month

- In February 1970, the Town Crier reported that Barb Glover, a Stockbridge High School senior was selected to qualify for the State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Scholarship. To qualify, Glover participated in a written and aptitude test on homemaking.
- Beginning the week of Feb. 16, 1970, mailings would be going out to residents to share the detailed fallout shelter plan that included where to go and what to do in the event of a nuclear attack.
- In February 1970, residents in seven Ingham County communities, including Stockbridge, began benefiting from extended mail delivery, meaning they could now begin receiving home-delivered mail if they lived more than a quarter mile but less than a half mile from a post office.

How times have changed! Below is a Want Ad posted in the Town Crier, Feb. 18, 1970:
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100 years ago this month

- W.C. Cage recently received a pair of Japanese sandals as a Christmas present from his sister in Honolulu (February 1920, Stockbridge Brief Sun).
- Officers of the Michigan Seating Co. of Jackson, MI, visited the area to look over their new branch factory. According to the Brief Sun, the officers were more than pleased with the way things were going and with the interest shown by people here. At that time, about 50 people were employed at the factory.
- Along with the reported Livestock Notes and the Market for Black Walnuts, one could learn that the Millville school was closed for another week on account of the flu epidemic. (Brief Sun, February 1920)
- Back-to-back issues of the Brief Sun ran installments of the story titled, “Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar” by Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- Dollars and cents in 1920: EH Applegate listed the following Saturday Specials (Brief Sun):

Pancake Flour:	10¢
24½ pounds universal flour:	\$1.60
1 lb. coffee:	50¢

Obituaries

Linda L. (Keiser) Zenz



Linda L. (Keiser) Zenz
Apr. 16, 1963 to Dec. 10, 2019

Linda L. (Keiser) Zenz, age 56, of Grass Lake, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor after a valiant battle with cancer. She is survived by her beloved family, her husband of 37 years, Richard E. Zenz; son, Zachary (Megan) Zenz of Clarkston; daughter, Marianne (John) Walter of Grass Lake; four grandchildren, Lucas, Alexis, Zoey and Ryan; parents, Donald and Wilma Keiser of Gregory; siblings, Aldonna (Jim) Raciborski, Jeanne (Robert Hoffman) Keiser and Donald (Lorraine) Keiser; numerous, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends. She was preceded in death by her in-laws, Robert and Nancy Zenz. She took an active role in farming with Dick ever since they were together. Linda worked many years with the Grass Lake Community Schools; for 6 years as a bus driver and then 21 years as bookkeeper. She loved working with all the children at school over the years. Linda was a wonderful and supportive wife, mother and grandmother. Cremation has taken place and a gathering to celebrate her life and share memories will be held at the Grass Lake High School Cafeteria on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 2 to 6 pm. For those who wish, contributions in Linda's memory to the Grass Lake Community Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 795, Grass Lake, MI 49240 would be appreciated.

Rachel (Allen) Camp



Rachel (Allen) Camp
Died Jan. 18, 2020

Rachel (Allen) Camp, went to be with her Lord on January 18th, 2020. Her large family and many friends will miss her dearly.

Rachel is survived by her husband David Benjamin Camp and her three children - Benjamin (Linda) Camp, Alexis (Micheal) Asher, and Aaron Camp. And most dear to her heart, her "little man" grandson, Clarence David Asher.

Rachel came from a large family of sisters and brothers. Rene' (Wayne) Barth, Lynne Allen, Mary (Gary) Greene, Daniel (Karen) Allen, Martin (Rebecca) Allen,

Laura (Kim) Morehouse, Nancy (Bill) Roelfsema, John (Kirsten - recently deceased) Allen, Samantha Allen, and 17 nieces and nephews.

Rachel grew up in the Stockbridge school District. Her love was Music and Band while in school. She managed both McDonald's and Culver's restaurants throughout her adult life, but her true vocation was "Farming", as she called it, at Tulip Tree Gardens; which she co-owned with her sister, Laura Morehouse. She especially loved working with perennials, shrubs, and vegetables (her favorite - HOT Peppers). Rachel was a master at planting tiny seedlings, but delighted in bragging about the finished flowers and arrangements.

In the last couple years, Rachel lived to spend time with the love of her life, her grandson Clarence. He brought her intense joy.

Donations can be made at The American Cancer Society - www.americancancersociety.com Or Radiant Church Jxn - www.radiantjxn.com

William (Bill) Luke Donohue



William (Bill) Luke Donohue
Dec. 8, 1940 to Jan. 12, 2020

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of William (Bill) Luke Donohue. Bill was born in Gregory, MI, December 8, 1940. He married Jeanette in 1963 and moved to Dearborn, MI. He eventually tired of the brutal, cold Michigan winters and moved to Coral Springs, FL, in 1977. He loved the sunshine and spent his days outside.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jeanette, his son, David, his daughter, Carla and grandchildren David William and Elizabeth. He was a wonderful husband and awesome dad. Being "Grandpa Bill" was his greatest joy.

He was predeceased by his parents Catherine Lucille and John Donohue – siblings John (Jay), Jim, and Joanne Donohue.

Whenever he spoke with one of his relatives, he always asked about the people he knew from his youth. Even in his final days, he spoke of friends and families from Gregory/Stockbridge.

People who knew Bill will remember him as kind soul. He loved just talking to people. He was always available to help someone no matter day or night. People loved his quirky sense of humor. He was a good listener and always made you laugh.

Bill's passion was feeding the hungry. He regularly donated food to the local church food bank. If you would like to honor Bill's memory, please donate a nonperishable food item to a local food bank.

The prosperity of Munith



The log house on the Sutton Farm owned by Hiram Sutton became the site for the depot of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1884 when it was built from Pontiac to Jackson. Photo provided by Kegan Ousley

by Ron and Arlene Kaiser

The log house on the Sutton Farm owned by Hiram Sutton became the site for the depot of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1884 when it was built from Pontiac to Jackson. Seeing the possibilities afforded by the railway, Mr. Sutton platted his farm for the building of a new village. The name, Munith, was adopted as a slightly changed form of the city of Munich, Germany, the original home of several of the early pioneers. Thus without the development of the railroad, the village wouldn't have existed.

The Methodist Church was built in 1872, in Gassburg, a community 2 miles northwest of Munith, at the crossroads

of North Territorial and Fitchburg roads. In 1887, the church was moved to Munith to a plot given by Mr. Sutton who had offered a site for any church that would be built thereon. In the same year, two stores and several houses were moved from Gassburg to Munith, and Dr. Conlon moved his practice from Gassburg to this growing community.

By 1890, Munith boasted a brick factory, several general stores, blacksmith shop, harness shop, church, grain elevator, newspaper, furniture store with undertaking rooms, cobbler shop, barber shop, meat market, drug store and two doctors.

The one-room district school, known as the Pixley School, had been built many years previously on the corner of Territorial and Musbach Roads, a mile north of the village of Munith. The children of the village of Munith walked to and from this school to learn their three "R's."

In 1913, half the town of Munith burned to the ground. This was a most devastating period for the entire community. Later articles will focus on this era of Munith.

See Munith on page 11.

Student of the Month: Sixth-grade student Ellie Creps



“The most important things in life aren’t things,” said sixth-grader Ellie Creps. “It reminds me that I don’t need things to make me happy.” Photo provided by Cindy Lance

by Cindy Lance

The February Student of the Month—sixth-grader Ellie Creps—is a recent recipient of the Girl Scout Bronze Award and the recipient of the NWEA award. With her favorite subject being science, her goal is to graduate college and become a pediatrician.

Ellie is the daughter of Mark and Sonja Creps. She has attended Stockbridge Community Schools since kindergarten. She loves the small community, including how nice the teachers are, and she credits them with taking part in the most memorable aspects of her academic career so far. When thinking about who has influenced her, Ellie mentions those who have had the biggest impact: her friends Lizzy Stewart and Tayla Trapp, and also Deanna Kruger.

The saying that Ellie tries to keep in mind is, “The most important things in life aren’t things.” She adds, “It reminds me that I don’t need things to make me happy.”

Horseback riding is her favorite hobby.

“Ellie is an incredibly caring young lady who is willing to help anyone whenever it is needed,” teacher Craig Rehmann said. “She strives to do her very best in school and sets her goals high. In addition, she was voted by her peers to be a representative of the Student Leadership Team at Heritage.”

Bo and Peep still on the lam



If driving country roads, BOLO—be on the lookout for fugitive fleece, Bo and Peep. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

The two sheep on the run since August are on the lam in a farm field in their favorite hangout on the corner of Catholic Church and Chapman roads. As SCN reported on Dec. 13, 2019, Bo and Peep, as people in the area have nicknamed them, can be found behind a barn with cows in the field.

Stockbridge resident Becki Terrell told WLIX in December 2019, “I see them every day. They’ve kind of have become a legend. Everyone looks after the sheep.”

The sheep owner, Ded Gjoiaj, lives part time in the area. Apparently, they escaped his farm area, and the coyotes that chased them. He told WLIX in December that several family members have tried on numerous occasions to catch them. The elusive ruminants have also stymied Animal Control.

Bo and Peep periodically seek respite on area roads and in yards and farm fields. Who is feeding them? How are they receiving food now that winter has arrived? Residents in the area continue to express concern for their well-being.

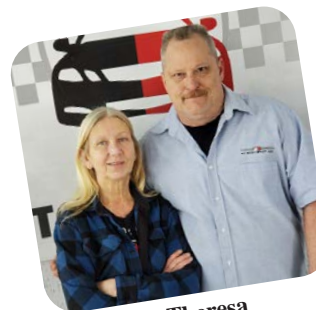
Though the freedom-loving mammals’ wool coats appear thick and matted, local residents have noted on Stockbridge Mi Area News & Info’s Facebook page, the sheep are “looking fat, happy and very healthy.”

So if driving country roads, BOLO—be on the lookout for fugitive fleece, Bo and Peep.

Kruger page 8

Kruger speaks very highly of the Stockbridge Community area, including Gregory and Munith, as she has matured and discovered how important this community is to her. She found this out when she recently lost her husband to cancer. “The community wrapped their arms around our family to help us get through this terrible time. I will never be able to thank all of you enough!”

What she likes most of all about working in Stockbridge Schools is the students. “I love the students and their families. Having a great staff around me makes coming to work fun.” Kruger mentioned she loves to laugh at work, and when she does, it’s a good day!



John and Theresa Kightlinger

Ask an expert: Choose carefully when repairing a vehicle

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

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for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

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Letter from Stockbridge School Board

President Carrie Graham

S STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Parents and Community of Stockbridge Community Schools:

I wanted to take the time to update everyone on our search for a new superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year. As most of you are already aware, the current superintendent, Karl Heidrich is retiring from Stockbridge Community School effective July 1, 2020. We appreciate his 21 years of service as an administrator in the district.

The school board is now in the process of working on a timeline to hire a new superintendent. We have contracted with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to assist us with the process of finding the next leader of Stockbridge Community Schools. The process will take about four months to complete. We will officially post the position in February. Soon after, we will share a timeline for the hiring process and dates that we will be interviewing. Within the timeline we will include opportunities for a public forum to solicit feedback from staff, parents, and community. We also plan to gather feedback through an online survey.

It is very important for the board to conduct a thorough search to give us the best possible candidates. As we create the advertisement brochure, official timeline, and dates at the end of the month we plan on sharing that information with you and posting it on our district website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any School Board member.

We look forward to your participation.

Carrie Graham
Board President,
Stockbridge Community Schools

Munith page 9



The village of Munith in 1960, during the 125th Anniversary of Munith, Stockbridge and Gregory, was a changing version of its pioneer days. Photo provided by Kegan Ousley

The surrounding areas of Munith remain largely agricultural today. The town these writers grew up around and went to school in is but a mere shadow of the prosperous, thriving community we once knew. Munith is still filled with friendly families who cherish and hold dear their small town. Thank you Munith for holding on.

Information for this article was taken from the 125th Anniversary book from 1960 and personal accounts of those living near Munith.

The village of Munith in 1960, during the 125th Anniversary of Munith, Stockbridge and Gregory, was a changing version of its pioneer days. One still recognized the zeal of the founding fathers being carried on by their descendants when one heard many of the same names in the community.

The business section of Munith in 1960 served the community by means of the Farmers' Elevator owned and operated by Vern Parks, Wright's Grocery, Porter's Grocery, Frinkle's Hardware and Plumbing, Farmers State Bank, the post office, H and F Implement Service by Louis Freymuth, Clark's Marathon Service, Munith Building Supply by Alex Hoffman, Stowe's Garage, Ross Tank and Welding, Munith Drive-In Restaurant, Ewing Plumbing and Heating, and Wilson Implement Service.

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- Public Hearing Notice - Waterloo Township

Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm

The Waterloo Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on February 20, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Waterloo Township Offices located at 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on a variance request regarding playground fencing requirements for a daycare group home facility located at 7508 Andrys Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240 on Parcel 000-05-32-400-001-14 owned by Daniel and Rachel Greenshields.

A copy of the request for variance and supporting documents may be viewed at the Township Offices during regular business hours or on the Township's website (www.waterlootwpmi.com). Written comments should be mailed to: Waterloo Township Offices, 9773 Mt. Hope Rd., Munith, MI 49259 or dropped off at the offices during regular business hours prior to February 19, 2020.

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

Ralph Schumacher
ZBA Secretary

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The Waterloo Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm** at the Waterloo Township Offices located at 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on a Zoning Permit Application for a Special Land Use for a group home daycare facility located at 10448 Territorial Road, Munith, MI 49259 on Parcel 000-05-08-151-001-05 owned by Anthony and Peggy Prater. A copy of the application and supporting documents may be viewed at the Township Offices during regular business hours or on the Township's website. (www.waterlootwpmi.com)

Written comments should be mailed to: Waterloo Township Office, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259 or dropped off at the office during regular business hours prior to February 17, 2020.

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Ralph Schumacher
Planning Commission Secretary

Firefighter page 1

"He has really stepped up in his duties since our former chief became ill," Walker said of the longtime Unadilla resident who grew up in the area and attended Stockbridge Community Schools. "Chris has been a great asset to our department and deserves this recognition."

This writer has witnessed Money repeatedly demonstrate that he is dedicated to the Unadilla community as an emergency responder, no matter what type of call is received. He has worked hard to develop his leadership skills and to teach and train fellow UFTD members. Money has also been an outstanding asset to the care and maintenance of the fire hall and its contents, keeping things shipshape and prepared for the next emergency.

Matters of the Heart

Hearts and Flowers—Love Is in the Air

February is a month for romance. For the second year running, this special February anniversary feature shines the spotlight on couples from the Stockbridge area who have celebrated 50 years or more of marriage. Many thanks to the family and friends who submitted stories for inclusion in this issue.

Last year's February edition celebrated our first batch of 50-year (or more) anniversary couples, including: Stan and Susan Daily, Bev and Dave Glynn, Arlene and Ron Kaiser, Jan and George Kitley, Terry and Dianne Outwater, Don and Tammy Porter, Claire and Linda Risner, and Jim and Edith Zeitz.

Chuck and Joan Bumpus: Long before Uber, ride-sharing in Stockbridge led to romance



Chuck and Joan Bumpus. Photo provided by the Bumpus family

college. Now, they are big MSU fans—GO GREEN, GO WHITE! They are also the proud grandparents of 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

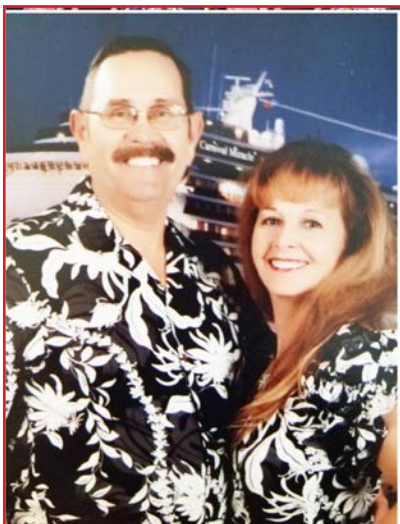
See Bumpus on page 13.

by Tracy Bumpus

It all began at Stockbridge High School, where Chuck Bumpus and Joan Ward ran around with the same group of friends and then graduated together in 1956. After high school Joan started nursing school in Lansing and Chuck went to Alma. Joan's mom asked Chuck's mom if he could give Joan rides to and from school on the weekends. The ride sharing plan won parental approval. Eventually, ride sharing led to romance, and then on June 20, 1959, Chuck and Joan were married.

Chuck ran the family business—D&C Stores; Joan worked as a teacher's aide for years and spent considerable time as a stay-at-home mom with their five children: Carrie (Tim) Johnson, Tracy Bumpus, Amy (Jason Kallio) West, Tammy (Kevin) Basore, and Chuck (Nicky) Bumpus. Together, Chuck and Joan always attended the many sports events their kids participated in—beginning in elementary school and all the way through

Doug and Terry Sommer: A love rooted in farm life and community involvement



Doug and Terry Sommer. Photo provided by the Sommer family

feeding and caring for the animals.

See Sommer on page 13.

by Joan Tucker

Douglas and Terry Sommer were married in a Jackson Episcopalian Church in 1969. Both Terry and Doug grew up in the Stockbridge area and attended Stockbridge Schools. In Terry's senior year, she was in a play and asked Doug to the after party. That was the start of a beautiful relationship.

Doug was born and raised on the Sommer Farm, now a Centennial Farm. The farm has been in the family for five generations. Doug has farmed almost all his life, starting off as a dairy farmer milking as many as 104 cows. Now he is a crop and steer farmer raising cattle for beef. Terry and Doug have three children—Melissa, Eric and Todd. Lucky for them, all of their children live in the area. Eric and his wife, Dena, have two children, Chase (14) and Parker (6). Both of the grandsons are involved in doing farm chores. Parker is delighted to feed the calves and needs little instruction. Chase participates in 4-H, showing dairy feeders and dairy steers, which involves a daily commitment of

Marvin and Jeanne Cook: Love sparked by a Bonneville



Marvin and Jeanne Cook. Photo provided by Kayla Fletcher

that car."

Marvin replied, "Well, right now."

"We probably never would have met if I didn't work on that Bonneville," Marvin said with a chuckle.

See Cook on page 13.

by Kayla Fletcher

In the summer of 1958, Marvin Cook and his father were in Wilde's grocery store in Stockbridge picking up a few things for dinner when Marvin saw a beautiful little brunette walking in front of him.

"She was swingin' them hips so much that she dang near was knocking the stock off the shelves," Marvin remembers.

"There ya go," his father said.

It was maybe a week later, while working at Cobb & Schreer's Pontiac dealership in Stockbridge, Marvin laid eyes on that little brunette again. Her name was Jeanne Salyer, and she had gone to the dealership because her brother needed some work done on his car, a '58 Pontiac Bonneville. Jeanne was shy, not saying a word, but Marvin couldn't resist her sweet smile. As Jeanne and her brother left, Marvin knew he had to see her again.

Using the excuse of talking to Jeanne's brother about the work he was doing on his car, Marvin drove to the Salyer home, which was right off Main Street. When Marvin pulled up, he saw Jeanne sitting on the porch steps. He smiled shyly and asked for her brother.

Instead of getting her brother, Jeanne said, "So when are you gonna take me for a ride in

Ivan and Cheryl Wyrick: Girl marries boy next door



Ivan and Cheryl Wyrick celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Photo provided by the Wyrick family.

In June of 1968, Cheryl Holsinger moved from Pennsylvania to Haslett, Michigan, with her family. She met the boy next door—Ivan Wyrick—and the rest is history!

In August 1968, Ivan returned to Michigan after being in the Army. Ivan and Cheryl were married one year later, on Sept. 13, 1969, in the Williamston Free Methodist Church. Their first child, daughter Ameejo, was born in 1972, and soon after that, in 1973, along came their son, Sean. That same year, they had a house built in Bunkerhill Township, where they've lived ever since. Ivan worked at GM and Cheryl worked as an R.N. at Foote Allegiance and a home health agency. They are proud grandparents of five grandchildren—Ameejo has two children and Sean and his wife, Wendy, have three.

The advice Cheryl and Ivan have for marriage longevity is to love one another, no matter the obstacles; be very supportive to each other; and always forgive.

See Wyrick on page 13.

Matters of the Heart

The Morrisons: Country girl wins city boy over to life on the farm



Richard and Margaret Morrison. Photo provided by the Morrison family

Richard and Margaret Morrison met when he was taking graduate classes and she was a senior at Eastern Michigan University. Richard grew up in Detroit and studied in both Toronto and Windsor before landing at EMU. Margaret grew up in a dairy-farming family in Stockbridge before heading to college. Together, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last summer, on Aug. 25, 2019. They were married at Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church in Leslie, Mich., with the Reverend Charles Christopher of the Congregation of St. Basil presiding.

Richard and Margaret have three children: Richard (wife: Connie), Kathleen and Matthew. They also have four grandchildren they are very proud of. Prior to retirement, Margaret taught special education in Stockbridge, Livonia, and Mason. Richard taught high school in Redford Township and

is a longtime Realtor®. Michiganders through and through, Richard says some of their favorite vacation spots are around St. Clair and Port Huron. But when it comes down to it, the Morrisons mainly enjoy spending time together on their small 70+ acre farm just outside of Stockbridge.

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During the last year they have supported each other through a cancer diagnosis (with positive outcomes thus far), and the experience has drawn them even closer together. According to the Wyricks, “We thank God for his faithfulness to us.”

Stockbridge veteran teacher Kerri Allen retires



A retirement party in honor of teacher Kerri Allen was held at Smith Elementary. Allen is hanging up her teaching hat to open a day care business. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Veteran Stockbridge Community Schools teacher Kerri Allen hung up her teaching hat the week of Jan. 24. Allen had been teaching gym this year. In the past, she taught first and second grades.

After working 25 years in the Stockbridge school district, Allen opened a day care business in her home, and she will now be running her own business full time.

Smith Elementary Principal Brad Edwards said, “this is a huge loss for the district. We wish her luck.”

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The couple continues to support and are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge. They enjoy working in their yard, taking the boat to the lake, riding bikes, taking walks, watching their favorite sports teams on television, supporting local events, and taking their annual trips to the Hiawatha Club in the U.P., Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island, and Florida.

According to daughter Tracy Bumpus, her parents epitomize what a married couple is, “They love and care for each other very deeply.”

This was especially evident a few years ago when Chuck had heart surgery and also four years ago when Joan was in the hospital and rehab for three months after falling and breaking her sternum.

“They are very dedicated, supportive, and respectful toward each other. From time to time I see them sitting on the front porch, relaxing and enjoying quiet time together. Then there are times when they’ll be picking on each other and making themselves chuckle or laugh!”

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On Nov. 3, 1961, Marvin and Jeanne were married at the Stockbridge Methodist Church. In 1963, on July 4, they welcomed twin girls, Terry (Wireman) and Tammy (Sanchez). Nine years later, their youngest, Audra (Salyer), came along. The family has grown through the years with sons-in-law, grandchildren, and even a great-grandchild.

After 62 years of being together, Marvin and Jeanne say the secret to being together so long is not sweating the little things and never going to bed mad at each other.

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Terry and Doug care about their community and share many common interests. Doug has served on the Stockbridge Fire Department for 49 years.

Terry is the current president of the Stockbridge Fire Ladies Auxiliary and has been an active member for many years. When Doug was asked to serve on the Stockbridge Planning Commission at a time when he was overwhelmed with farming commitments, Terry stepped up to serve in this position. Later, when Terry’s term was up, Doug had more time and was elected to the Commission. Their ongoing dedication to local government shows what good people they are.

Terry is a graduate of Michigan State and has taught for over 30 years. Her interest has been business, law, and computer science. With these skills, she is a current trustee (14 years) on the Stockbridge Township Board. Terry is also an active member of the Stockbridge Area Garden Club and was recently elected to the Stockbridge Community News board. As a married couple living in the area for 51 years, Doug and Terry certainly enjoy their family and community.

Local youth changes course and makes good



Bradley Cooper in his military uniform celebrates his graduation with his former SHS teacher, Amy Haggerty. Photo provided by Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Stockbridge High senior Bradley Cooper received a second chance at building a future, and he went for it. In October 2019, SCN first reported Cooper’s change of course to attend the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, and in December, Cooper graduated.

MYCA, a Battle Creek-based academy, is designed to educate, train, and mentor at-risk youth, ages 16 through 18.

Cooper said this program gave him “a new lease on life.” He noted there were 168 teens in the program, and 105 received their diplomas. Since graduating, he has returned home and is serving as an assistant coach for the Stockbridge wrestling team. He is looking into pursuing college-level wrestling.

SRSLY hosts 12th annual New Year's Eve Celebration



Nearly 500 people rang in the new decade at the 12th annual SRSLY New Year's Eve Party in Dexter. Photo provided by SRSLY

from SRSLY staff

Nearly 500 people rang in the new decade at the 12th annual SRSLY New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, Dec. 31 in Chelsea.

Families from around the region – from Stockbridge to Dexter – celebrated from 4 to 8 p.m. at Beach Middle School. They enjoyed a variety of activities, including cookie decorating, a photo booth, giant plinko game, video games and an escape room. They could also get their energy out at open gym, open swim, and by playing gaga ball.

At the end of the night, everyone gathered in the cafeteria for group games and raffle prize drawings, followed by an early countdown to the new year and a ginger-ale toast.

The annual party is always substance-free, giving families the opportunity to celebrate the new year without alcohol and in a safe environment.

There was no cost for families to attend the party, thanks to generous community support. The 2019 Gold Sponsors were Chelsea State Bank, Stieper & Brust Orthodontics, and Jet's Pizza. Silver Sponsors included Chelsea Kiwanis, Cole Funeral Chapel, and Chelsea Orthodontics.

Stockbridge Athletic Boosters make strides



Stockbridge Athletic Boosters board members (l-r) Colleen Satkowiak and Lynn Beauregard present a check to Coach Steve Allison toward the purchase of a new track timing system. Photo provided by Athletic Boosters

Stockbridge Athletic Boosters offers the opportunity for parents, coaches and community members to give student athletes the most positive experience in high school athletics

possible. This platform encourages community involvement, a vital part of the organization's success.

The Boosters raise funds to support, promote, and encourage athletics within the Stockbridge community. These funds help support programs for which no other funding provisions have been made and are raised through concession sales, raffles, fundraisers, golf scrambles, and many more events.

See Boosters on page 18.

SPECIAL EDUCATION HEADLEE RESTORATION

Vote Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

If approved, would generate approximately \$2,300,000 of special education funds to support special education students, purchase equipment and upgrade facilities.

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What does a Headlee Restoration mean for special education students?

The Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution caps property tax increases at 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Since the growth rate of property values sometimes exceeds the rate of inflation, the actual millage rate is rolled back and decreases when this occurs. In the Ingham ISD service area, our special education millage has eroded .2438 mill since 1988. As a result, Ingham ISD has been collecting less millage than originally approved by taxpayers for students receiving special education services. If approved, this would restore the .2438 mill for special education that was previously approved by voters to the original amount of 4.75 for a period of 20 years.

How much would this cost residents?

If approved, a taxpayer who owns a home with a market value of \$125,000 (taxable value of \$62,500) would pay \$15.24 per year or \$1.27 per month for the restoration of this tax levy. The funds generated from this restoration would support students in special education.

Will my home property taxes go down if this is defeated?

No, taxes will not be reduced.



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When it comes to tax preparation, think ahead to ease the dread

by Mary Jo David

According to Benjamin Franklin, “Nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” No wonder so many people look upon tax season with a sense of dread.

An online survey commissioned by NerdWallet and conducted by The Harris Poll in January 2016, found that nearly 7 in 10 taxpayers (69%) had concerns about tax preparation, whether it was making a mistake, paying too much, getting a too-small refund, or undergoing an audit.

The best thing you can do to ensure a good tax outcome is to become organized. Whether you do your own taxes or use a tax preparer, the tips in this column can help you prepare for tax season—which is already upon us. The IRS begins accepting and processing 2019 tax-year returns on Jan. 27, 2020.

Tips from personal experience

Procrastination is not your friend when it comes to tax season. It's best to think ahead and follow some tried and true processes:

- Keep all incoming tax-related mail in one place until tax time. This includes end-of-year bank statements, investment statements, W2s, 1099s, and anything you still receive by mail that you will need at tax time.
- If you write checks, fold your check carbons in half if they're tax related—that way they're easy to spot when double-checking for deductible expenses.

- Always keep your previous year's tax return handy for the next year.
- Develop a thorough checklist in a document like Word or Google Docs.
 - o Start each year from a copy of the previous year's checklist. Example: When beginning my 2019 tax year checklist, I'll start from a copy of my 2018 checklist.
 - o I keep my checklist electronically and begin by turning all the old text in the checklist green.
 - o As I update each checklist entry with new numbers for 2019, I turn the text for that item black.
 - o My checklist is divided between Income and Expenses. Under each section, I list the documents I have as well as the amount(s) that appear on the documents.
 - o When finished, all my green text should be black. If it's not, I've forgotten something or that item is no longer applicable, and I need to remove it from my checklist.
 - o At the end, I log any questions I have that need answers.
- Take a look at these helpful websites for what to include on your checklist:
 - o www.efile.com/tax-return-preparation-checklist/
 - o novelinvestor.com/tax-preparation-checklist/
- If you itemize, create a receipts subfolder for that year in your email program. Use that folder to store electronic receipts for any tax-deductible purchases, charitable contributions, and other electronic receipts you might need at tax time.
- Be sure to make copies of any checks you send to the IRS.

Put your taxes to work for you—use your library

If you prefer to file your taxes on paper, the library is an excellent resource. As in previous years, the Stockbridge library will be receiving shipments of federal and state tax booklets and forms. If you're still getting familiar with the new tax laws that were rolled out last year, look for books at the library that can help to shed light on the topic. In addition to paper forms and useful books, the library's website has useful links to all sorts of tax-related topics. Just google “CADL Tax Information Guide” or ask a librarian.

Tax software—weigh your options

Do you prefer to do your own taxes with the help of tax software? Maybe you already have your favorite software tool, but if you want to find out about other software options, check out comparison sites like these:

- www.nerdwallet.com/blog/taxes/best-tax-software/
- www.cnet.com/news/best-tax-software-for-2020-turbotax-h-r-block-tax-slayer-and-more/
- www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-tax-software

Tax preparers can ease some of the stress

According to USA Today, in tax year 2018, more than 80 million individual returns were handled by tax return preparers. If you're paying a tax preparer, that person should have a Preparer Tax ID Number. And a professional preparer should always be willing to sign the Preparer line on your return. Go to irs.gov/ChooseATaxPro to learn basic tips for choosing a tax preparer or to find out whether your tax preparer is registered with the IRS.

I reached out to a few local tax preparers and invited them to share some tips with me. Cherie VanBlaircum of CTS Taxes & Accounting Services in Gregory (www.cts-tax.com) replied to my inquiries with the following suggestions.

“Ask about the tax preparer's credentials! Ask about their experience. Above all, ask about their security. You are giving your tax person a TON of personal data that must be protected.”

VanBlaircum stays up-to-date on tax law by attending training throughout the year. “Tax preparation is a partnership between the preparer and the taxpayer. I am always texting clients with law changes that may help their situation at tax time.”

She recognizes that some people prefer to do their own taxes. However, she recommends, “Do-it-yourselfers should come in every few years just to get their return professionally prepared and to let me look over the past year's return.” She has helped a lot of these taxpayers minimize their taxes and has caught potential problems that have made it worthwhile for some DIYers to amend their returns.

If you have a woman-owned business, I'd love to hear from you as I prepare my March column. Email your name and contact information to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com by Feb. 7. On the subject line, please include Attn: StockBIZ.

Mary Jo David is a longtime 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.

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:00 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

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE Council Meeting Jan. 6, 2020 – Synopsis
Meeting called to order by President Howlett at 7:00 pm Roll Call:
PRESENT:President Molly Howlett, Pro-Tem Frederick Cattell, Trustee Richard Mullins, Trustee Chadwick Quintanilla, Trustee Kim Morehouse, Trustee Greg Uihlein; ABSENT: Trustee Heath Corey Others Present: Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk, John Gormley, Village Attorney, Police Chief Torres, Citizens were also present; Pledge of Allegiance President Howlett led the pledge of allegiance; Approval of Agenda MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Quintanilla, APPROVED; the January 6, 2020 agenda as amended to add Krummery under Old Business Motion carried with unanimous ayes; Approval of Minutes MOTION by Cattell, SUPPORTED by Mullins to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019 as presented by Clerk Nogle.Motion carried with unanimous ayes; Public Comment; FINANCIAL REPORT: Accounts Payable MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; the accounts payable as presented by Clerk Nogle. AYES: Uihlein, Cattell, Corey, Mullins, Morehouse, Howlett NAYS: None ABSENT: Corey MOTION PASSED; President Report President Howlett updated the council on ongoing projects.Police Report – Council reviewed the report by Chief Torres. NEW BUSINESS Elizabeth Street Culvert MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; to begin the bid process for Elizabeth Street Culvert to be conducted by Engineering Firm David Arthur and Consultants. Motion carried unanimously; Krummery Land MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Uihlein, APPROVED; The Village of Stockbridge will not construct a road east on the undeveloped right-of-way of Rice Street, because the Village of Stockbridge does not want to allow access across the Department of Public Works (DPW) property and the Village is not going to build a bridge across the creek due to the cost. Motion Carried Unanimously; MOTION by Mullins, SUPPORTED by Uihlein, APPROVED; The Village supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allowing the Krummery’s have access to their property from the west across the trail.
Motion Carried Unanimously; Clerk Salary Increase MOTION by Howlett, SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED; to give the Clerk a salary of \$48,975.16.AYES: Uihlein, Quintanilla, Cattell, Mullins, Morehouse, Howlett NAYES: None ABSENT: Corey MOTION PASSED
ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Uihlein SUPPORTED by Cattell, APPROVED to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Debbie Nogle, Village Clerk

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES Jan. 20 2020
Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on January 20, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer Kris Lauckner, Trustee Ed Wetherell, Trustee Terry Sommer via Skype Member absent from meeting: None
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board meeting agenda as printed Lauckner second Muraf moved to remove Stockbridge Township Insurance from agenda add on Assessor computer and printer, Lauckner added M Sanders Sommer added recycling grant under new business Lauckner motion to accept agenda updates Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Ingham County Major Darin Southworth was present to give an update on Ingham County Sherrieff office. Ingham County as 22 new hires since October 2018, they are fully staffed first time in 6 years, new jail should break ground in June or July 2020
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes as printed from December 16, 2019 Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Financial Report as printed from April 1, 2019 thru January 20, 2020 Lauckner Second Discussion Amendment 01-2019 move \$6,683.31 from Elections item 262-702 to Highways, Streets, Bridges item 446-818 Amendment 02-2019 move \$2,000.00 from Library item 790-775 to Zoning item 722-702. Lauckner motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial report with the 2 Amendments Wetherell Second Roll Call Vote Lauckner Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes, Motion Carried
Stockbridge Township Building Department Fourth Quarter Report 2019 Zoning 2 new permits, Building 6 new permits (1 Pole Barn/ 1 Re-Roof / 2 Additions, 1 Window, 1 Renovation), Electrical 8 new permits, Mechanical 5 new permits, Plumbing 1 new permit, Driveways 0 new permits, Addresses 0 new permits, Demolition 0 new permits.
Old Business
Renovations are moving forward and going as planned hoping to be moved in mid- February 2020
Lantis has completed lease agreement between Stockbridge Township SAGHS of the current Stockbridge Township Offices. Muraf will forward lease to SAGHS
New Business
Lantis motion to accept the Special use permit from Larry Nastwold as written Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Regular Meeting times as the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm for 2020
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission meeting dates as followed February 4, 2020, March 3, 2020 , April 1, 2020 , May 6, 2020, June 3, 2020 July 8, 2020, August 5, 2020, September 2, 2020, October 7, 2020, November 4, 2020, December 2, 2020, January 6, 2021
Supervisor Lantis Appointed William Lantis to the Planning Commission
Supervisor Lantis Appointed Kristi Misiak to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Lauckner motion to received Written Appeals at March 2020 Board of Review Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township bills in the amount of \$ 155,311.46 Lauckner Second All in Favor Motion Carried Discussion on M Sanders easement dispute Sommer will be looking to the EGLE Recycling grant
Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting at 8:46PM on January 20, 2020 Lauckner Second All in Favor Motion Carried
BM

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes 19 Dec. 2019 7 P.M. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Pledge
Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, Morency, McAlister. Also present were 6 residents including Zoning Enforcement officer, John Beck.
Public Comment: Beals asked for corrections to November 26, 2019 minutes regarding conditions for Greenshields Application for Special Land Use. Trees have been cut at the end of Clear Lake Road to protect homes from being damaged and so many were cut that now there is an erosion issue causing speed limit sign, etc., to tilt. Can someone be notified that this will need to be repaired to prevent erosion. John Lowrey who lives on Trophy Court stated that he doesn’t believe that fencing is necessary for the daycare for Greenshields. Another comment was made from a person who has daycare in Leoni Township with much the same setup as Greenshields and they are not required to do the fencing.
Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to approve the consent agenda as presented with the changes as requested by Beals. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried.
Correspondence: None
Old Business:
• The November Parks and Rec meeting was cancelled. There was nothing new to report at this time.
• There was more discussion on the Greenshields Daycare application. They were asked to provide a more detailed plot plan with measurements that will show dimensions of all areas, house setback, driveway, turnaround areas, etc. They said they will provide the requested plot plan. Lance also said that if they went to the Zoning Board of Appeals for variance, the Township would waive the ZBA fees that are usually required.
New Business: Morency stated the Planning Commission had a working session with the Extraction Committee to go over the Extraction Ordinance and changes that may need to be changed. The truck ordinance will also be amended by our law firm. Closure of mining facilities needs to be addressed in the Extraction Ordinance. A permit with revised wording will be composed to cover the beginning of the mining process and the closure when all is finished. Also needed will be an acknowledgement of a guarantee of the reclamation and the closure of a plant. More detail will be required than is currently asked for. If the trucking amendment is passed regarding the through trucks, the Township could end up with no control for some of it. Haul routes could be changed by the State if current legislation is approved. Lance also spoke of the screening requirements for trees on the berms.
Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Lance motioned with support from Morency to waive ZBA application fees for Greenshield’s for Zoning variance. Yes/all; no/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried.
Public Comment: The question was asked about the cell towers and when they will be functional. We will reach out and see what the expected completion date is.
Adjournment: Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried.
The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00. The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website at www. waterlootwpmi.com and on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan.
Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

UNADILLA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT Activity from Dec. 9, 2019 to Jan. 9, 2020
Monday 12/9 - Assist EMS - San Luray Dr./Williamsville Rd., Citizen Assist - San Luray Dr
Tuesday, 12/10 - Property Damage Accident - M-106/Morton Rd., Property Damage Accident - M-106/Morton Rd., Property Damage Accident - M-106/Morton Rd., Property Damage Accident - M-36, Abandoned Vehicle - Kaiser Rd., Citizen Assist - Roepke Rd.
Wednesday, 12/11 - Follow Up - Webb St.
Thursday, 12/12 - Animal Complaint - Unadilla Rd./Church St.
Friday, 12/13 - Hazard - M-36/Devonshire Dr., Welfare Check - Spears Rd./Pingree, Assist EMS - Howlett Rd., Property Damage Accident - M-36/Graves Rd., Alarm - Wasson Rd.
Saturday, 12/14 - Death Investigation - Unadilla Rd., Assist EMS - Doyle Rd., Assist EMS - Doyle Rd., Stalking - Undisclosed Location
Sunday, 12/15 - Property Damage Accident - Dexter Trail/Van Sycke, Domestic Physical - Location Undetermined
Monday 12/16 - Property Damage Accident - Livermore Rd./Doyle Rd., Citizen Assist - Webb St., Suspicious Situation - Webb St., Suspicious Vehicle - Doyle Ct., Assist Fire Department - Dutton Rd./M-36
Tuesday, 12/17 - Assist EMS - Doyle Rd./Patterson Lake, Trespassing, Loitering - McGaugh Ct.
Wednesday, 12/18 - Property Damage Accident - M-36/Barton Rd., Warrant/ Search - Lakeview Dr., Property Damage Accident - Williamsville Rd./Doyle Rd.
Thursday, 12/19 - Animal Complaint - Doyle Rd./Williamsville Rd.
Friday, 12/20 - Assist EMS - Kane Rd.
Saturday, 12/21 - Assist Fire Department - Kaiser Rd., Follow Up - Main St., Animal Complaint - Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd.
Sunday, 12/22 - Property Damage Accident - Dexter Tr./Van Syckle Rd., Domestic Assault - Undisclosed Location, Civil Complaint - Spears Rd./Pingree Rd.
Monday 12/23 - Assist other Agency - Dream Catcher Rd., Animal Complaint - Williamsville Rd./Unadilla Rd., Animal Complaint - Wasson Rd./Bull Run Rd.
Tuesday, 12/24 - Animal Complaint - Wasson R./Bull Run Rd., Citizen Assist - Orlando Dr.
Wednesday, 12/25 - Domestic Dispute - M-36
Thursday, 12/26 - Noise Complaints - M-36, Suspicious Person - San Souci Ave.
Friday, 12/27 - Assist EMS - Doyle Rd., Citizen Assist - Main St., Burglary in Progress - Unknown Location
Saturday, 12/28 - Assist EMS - San Luray Dr., Motorist Assist - M-36/Livermore Rd., Larceny - Main St.
Sunday, 12/29 - Welfare Check - Dexter Trail/Dutton Rd.
Monday 12/30 - Welfare Check - Town View Lane., Assist EMS - Dutton Rd., Domestic Assault - Barton Rd., Welfare Check - Kaiser Rd./Unadilla Rd., Follow Up - Holly Hills Dr., Hazard - Barton Rd./M-36
Tuesday, 12/31 - Property Damage Accident - Bull Run rd., Domestic Assault - Barton Rd., Malicious Destruction of Property - Craig Rd.
Wednesday, 01/01 - Personal Injury Accident - Donohue Rd./Wasson Rd.
Thursday, 01/02 - Follow Up - Barton Rd., Follow Up - Doyle Rd.
Friday, 01/03 - Suspicious Situation - Barton Rd.
Saturday, 01/04 - Domestic Physical - M-36, Suspicious Situation - Ibbetson Dr., Follow Up - Holmes Rd., Hazard - Wasson Rd./Bull Run Rd.
Sunday, 01/05 - Property Damage Accident - M106/Dutton Rd., Alarm - Spears Rd., Alarm - Wasson Rd.
Monday 01/06 - General Assist - Williamsville Rd./Roepke Rd.
Tuesday, 01/07 - Citizen Assist - Webb St.
Wednesday, 01/08 - Assist Other Agency - Main St., Animal Complaint - Woodside Dr., Animal Complaint - Wasson Rd., Intimidation Threats Harassment - Town View Lane, Hazard - Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd.
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Smith Elementary calling on Watch D.O.G.S.



by Tina Cole-Mullins

Smith Elementary is calling on Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) to participate in this nationwide program, launched in 1998 and found in over 6,000 schools nationwide.

“You don’t have to have kids to be a role model. These kids see a lot of moms and women in the school; it’s good to see positive male figures,” commented

Panthers Club PTO Vice-President Tracie Lentz, who has a son in kindergarten at Smith Elementary.

Watch D.O.G.S. can be a dads, stepdads, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, or other male influences interested in mentoring our kids. They also provide an extra set of eyes and ears for added security and to help deter bullying.

Brad Edwards, principal at Smith Elementary, is enthusiastic about restarting the program. “Smith Elementary has had this program in years past, and we are excited to get it going again,” he shared enthusiastically.

“We look forward to the positive impact that this will have on our school culture. Flyers will go home with students, and advertisements on our Facebook Page for our Pizza Night will kick off the event later this month,” Edwards added.

“Volunteers will go through the same process for background checks as other school volunteers. Watch D.O.G.S., while on duty, will be trained with one of our Top Dog Team members. They will have a wide range of duties—from supervising recess/lunch and/or assisting teachers/students within the classroom, to being a hall monitor and/or supervising drop-off and pick-up procedures. Their hours and days are up to the volunteers to choose when they can help out. Or they can contact the main office throughout the year to sign up for a specific date/time.”

See D.O.G.S. on page 22.

Boosters page 14

Over the years, the Boosters have been able to fund the purchase of multiple pieces of sports equipment, facility repairs, a new state-of-the-art track timing system, and a multi-team subscription to Hudl — a video analytics program enabling coaches and athletes to unlock performance insights as well as showcase their talents for recruitment.

Stockbridge Athletic Boosters is extremely grateful for the support it has received, and hopes to continue to grow in its fundraising efforts. Each and every student athlete deserves the opportunity to excel and it is the goal of the Boosters to help them achieve that.

The next fundraising event is the Panther Draw Down, Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Stockbridge Activity Center.

Tickets are \$100 each, and will sell out fast! Each ticket includes one raffle entry to the Draw Down, and dinner for two. Draw Down cash prizes include a 1st prize of \$2,500, 2nd prize of \$1,000, 3rd prize of \$500 and four \$250 cash prize drawings. Only 100 tickets will be sold.



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February Garden of the Month



Patrice Johnson's red and orange canna lilies make a bold statement against this gray utility building highlighted with white windows.

by Joan Tucker
Dear Readers,
Congratulations to Patrice Johnson of Stockbridge, February "Garden of the Month" contest honoree. A judge notes, "This lovely utility building is accented by canna lilies that are planted from bulbs. Their height makes a bold statement against this gray building highlighted with white windows. Pretty red or orange flowers spiral out of large green or maroon leaves that add to their glory. Canna bulbs need to be dug up at the end of fall, stored in a cool place where they don't freeze, and then replanted in the spring. They are definitely worth the investment because the bulbs multiply for the next year."

We Love your garden pictures! Send up to five photos by the 10th of each month. The contest will run from May 2019 to March 2020. Stockbridge Area Garden Club will select a garden to feature each month. In March 2020, readers will vote for their favorite garden. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Tulip Tree Gardens. To enter, email photos to StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com and use "Gardens" as the subject. Include your name, physical address of the garden and a phone number.



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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Bowling teams split GLAC matches



The Stockbridge Bowling teams opened their season. Photo provided by Connie Varner

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge bowling teams kicked off their season with a pair of GLAC matches.

The Lady Panthers opened by beating Perry 28-2, while the boys/girls team fell to Perry 28-2.

The girls won both Baker games with scores of 158 and 106 against

Perry. A Baker game consists of each bowler on the team taking a turn bowling a frame.

The Panthers then won eight of 10 singles matches.

Madison Aiken led Stockbridge with games of 160 and 124, while Ashley Blanzly shot 128 and 107. Julie Rooke rolled games of 115 and 87, Ivori Hufnagel 98 and 78, and Mahayla Nielson 67 and 54.

There are only three boys competing this year so the Panthers have two girls on the squad to fill the team.

Justin Jaskowski led the Panthers with game of 124 and 98. Tyler Gipson rolled 86 and 77, Trevor Poole 92 and 86, Madison Gipe 79 and 73, and Alexandria Teachout 104 and 80.

The boys/girls fell to Lakewood 25-5

They split the Baker matches with game of 124 and 108 against the Vikings, but won just one singles match out of 10.

Blanzly rolled games of 176 and 138 to lead the Panthers, while Aiken shot 135 and 127. Jaskowski shot 120-111, Gipson 107-103, and Poole 102-76.

Both teams dropped 30-0 decisions to strong Olivet teams.

Blanzly led the girls with games of 162 and 147. Aiken shot 121- 114, Hufnagel 123-109, Teresa Rooney 103, Rooke 120-100, and Nielson 83.

Jaskowski rolled 135-115, while Gipson shot 127-98 to lead the Panthers. Poole rolled 121-85, Gipe 84-77, and Teachout 81-67.

Bunce picks up three wrestling tournament titles



by Keith Michaels

Coming off an eighth-place finish to earn D3 All-State Honors at the 2019 MHSAA State wrestling finals, Stockbridge senior Kael Bunce has his sights set higher for 2020.

By the looks of his early season start, Bunce's lofty goals are not out reach for 2020.

Bunce has started the season

with a 20-1 record and picked up three tournament titles along the way. His lone loss of the season came in the championship match at the Blissfield Invitational early in the season.

He has come up with huge tournament wins recently at Plymouth and the New Lothrop Hall of Fame Invite.

At the Plymouth tournament, he went 4-0 on the day against wrestlers from Division 1 and 2 schools. His biggest win came in the championship, where he dominated with a 7-1 win in the 145 championship match against a state-ranked wrestler from Chelsea.

The New Lothrop Invite saw several of the top wrestlers in the area invited as well as teams.

He went 3-0 on the day picking up a pin and a 11-0 major decision on his way to the championship match. In the finals he met up with a wrestler from South Meridian. They were tied at two after two periods. Bunce got an escape and a take down in the third for a 5-2 lead. An escape and a penalty in the final second made it 5-4, but Bunce held on for the title.

While Bunce has been to a couple of tournaments on his own, the other young wrestlers have been busy trying to gain experience.

Plymouth JV Tournament

Six Panthers took part in the Plymouth JV tournament.

Matthew Killinger led the Panthers with a third-place finish at 171.

Ashton James was fourth at 130, while Ethan Luke was 6th at 125 and Kevin Killing 6th at 189. Jaidehn Conant picked up a pair of wins at 152.

Hillsdale Invite

Matt Killinger picked up a pair of wins, while Kevin Killinger and Ethan Luke each won a single match.

Olivet Dual

Kael Bunce continued his strong wrestling by winning 15-5 and the highlight of the night came when Josh Cool picked up his first varsity win with a pin for the Panthers.

Perry GLAC Tri-Meet

They fell to Leslie 56-15 and a heartbreaking 36-33 loss to Perry.

The Panthers led Perry 33-30 going into the final match of the night, but the Ramblers got a pin to pull out the victory.

Bunce picked up a pair of wins, while Damien Compton and Kevin Killinger also picked up wins.

Whitmore Lake Tri-Meet

They fell to D1 powerhouse Hartland 66-6 and to the host Trojans 36-24.

Matthew Killinger and Cool earned wins for the Panthers, while Kalysta Connolly won an exhibition match.

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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Lady Panthers tied atop the GLAC



Grace Hall goes up for two against Concord. Photo credit Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

At the midway point of the league season, the Stockbridge girls' basketball team remained tied with Leslie atop the GLAC standings after a 56-31 rout of Lakewood Jan. 24.

Gwen Rogozinski had a big night with 27 points to lead the Panthers.

Lakewood played them tough in the first quarter as the Panthers took a 12-9 lead behind 10 points from Rogozinski, but the Panthers began to pull away in the second. They outscored the

Vikings 13-6 in the second to take a 25-15 at the break.

A 16 to 8 run in the third blew the game wide open and the Panthers cruised to the win.

Kaylee Dalton finished with 13 points, while Chelsey Asquith added seven. Madison Mazuca and Brooklyn Rochow scored four each and Makayla Surline one.

The Panthers improved to 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the GLAC.

Stockbridge 41 Perry 32

Rogozinski finished with a team high 15 points for the Panthers.

Mazuca finished with 13 points, including three triples, while Dalton scored seven.

Grace Hall chipped in with four points, while Chelsey Asquith added two.

Stockbridge 39 Leslie 35

The Panthers badly needed a win over the GLAC leading Blackhawks and a furious fourth quarter rally did just that as Stockbridge rallied from seven points down to defeat Leslie 39-35.

Rylee Tolson went to the line and sank probably two of the biggest free throws of her career to give the Panthers a 38-35 lead with 20 seconds left.

In spite struggling for most of the night, Rogozinski finished with a team high 15 points thanks to her huge fourth quarter.

Hall finished with nine points and Rochow seven huge first half points when the Panthers struggled the most. Madison Mazuca and Asquith finished with three points each, and Tolson her two monster free throws in the final minute.

Lansing Christian 49 Stockbridge 48

Gwen Rogozinski led Stockbridge with 19 points, with 13 coming in the first half. She would foul out in the 4th quarter.

Chelsey Asquith finished with 12 points, while Brooklyn Rochow and Kaylee Dalton each had six. Madison Mazuca chipped in with four points and Makayla Surline one.

Stockbridge 61 Olivet 39

Stockbridge was 21-26 from the line for the game which keyed the big win.

Rogozinski led Stockbridge with 22 points, including 9 of 10 from the line.

Mazuca finished with 12 points, while Hall and Chelsey Asquith scored nine each. Kaylee Dalton added eight points and Brooklyn Rochow one.

Stockbridge 55 Concord 23

Rogozinski finished with a team high 20 points, followed by Hall with 13.

Dalton chipped in with eight, while Madison Mazuca and Rylee Tolson added four each. Chelsey Asquith finished with three points, Makayla Surline two, and Brooklyn Rochow one as all eight Panthers reached the scoring column.

Stockbridge 62 Monroe 49

Rogozinski and Mazuca finished with 19 points each to lead the Panthers.

Dalton added seven points and Grace Hall six. Chelsey Asquith chipped in with five points, Brooklyn Rochow four, and Rylee Tolson two.

Panthers in three-way tie for GLAC lead



Brandon Nelson launches a three-pointer against Perry. Photo credit Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

Second half struggles have been common for the Stockbridge boys basketball team of late, especially the third quarter, but Jan. 24 was different as the Panthers scored 43 second-half points including 23 in the third quarter as the pulled away from Lakewood for a 71-58 win.

The Panthers took a 15-12 lead after one quarter behind nine points for Chris Hall.

Lakewood rallied in the second outscoring the Panthers 18-13 to take a 30-28 lead at the half.

Stockbridge came out firing in the third behind eight points by Brandon Nelson. They outscored the Vikings 23-16 to take a 51-46 lead into the final quarter.

Noah Robidou scored seven fourth-quarter points to help the Panthers outscore the Vikings 20-12 to put the game away.

Hall finished with a team high 26 points to lead Stockbridge.

Robidou finished with 16 points, while Nelson had 10 points, nine assists, and eight rebounds. John Morris and Jeremy Pilch scored seven points each and Tylin Ayers five.

The Panthers improved to 7-3 overall and 5-1 in the GLAC and tied for the top spot with Leslie and Perry.

Stockbridge 62 Perry 44

The win handed the Ramblers their first loss in the conference with a 5-1 record.

Hall led the Panthers with 16 points, while Pilch and Robidou scored 12 each.

John Morris added seven points, Tylin Ayers six, Nelson five, and Josh Lewis four.

Leslie 63 Stockbridge 60 OT

The Panthers took a nine point lead at halftime but could not hold on as Leslie rallied for the overtime win.

Pilch led the Panthers with 19 points.

Chris Hall added 11 points. Brandon Nelson and Tylin Ayers scored nine each, while John Morris and Noah Robidou each had six points.

Stockbridge 67 Lansing Christian 42

Hall finished with a team high 20 points.

Robidou added 14 points, while Ayers and Brandon Nelson scored 10 each. John Morris chipped in with seven points, Pilch five, and Brock Jones one.

Stockbridge 53 Olivet 50 OT

Stockbridge fell behind by 12 and rallied to win in overtime.

Hall led the Panthers with 24 points.

Jeremy Pilch had a double-double of 10 points and 15 rebounds. Ayers and Noah Robidou finished with seven points each, while John Morris added three points and Brandon Nelson two.

Stockbridge 75 Marshall Academy 60

Hall finished with a team high 24 points for Stockbridge.

Ty Ayers finished with 13 points, while Brandon Nelson added 11. John Morris finished with 10 points, Jeremy Pilch eight, Noah Robidou five, Josh Lewis and Brock Jones two each.

After three-year drought, the Panther yearbook students earn highest award in state journalism competition



Gathered around the Spartan award-winning yearbook, titled “Watch Us Glow,” the yearbook team enjoys the victory. Of team’s approach to service journalism, editor-in-chief Cassandra Chapman thinks it reflects “a piece of art that students and classmates and peers worked really hard to make so the student voice can be heard because that’s the whole goal of the yearbook: to make sure that their voices are heard” she said. Front Row: Mya Crockett, 2019/2020 Editor-in-Chief Cassandra Chapman. Second Row: Yalley Cervantes-Melchor, Riley Miller, Shailynn Walker, Kara Warren, Ally Minix. Back Row: Alexandria Teachout, Emily Khozouie, Mahayla Nielsen, Grace Hall, Kaitlyn Pilch, Samantha Aiken, Joslynn Caskey. Not Pictured: Tyler Gipson, Danielle Barbour and Samantha Argento. Photo credit Elizabeth Cyr

by Elizabeth Cyr

A big congratulations to our student staff for earning this coveted award: The Spartan with special commendation for unifying theme.

Super proud of them for pulling themselves back up to this level of excellence.

The out-of-state judge noted the quality across the book as well as the areas for improvement. These comments will become our curriculum this year.

What makes me most proud is the commentary about our students’ roles as leaders and role models, espousing the qualities needed in our future citizens.

OVERALL SUMMARY COMMENTS:

BRAVO! The Panther 2019 is a masterpiece.

Professional-grade quality is conspicuous throughout The Panther 2019. Seldom does a yearbook deliver so much enjoyment and convey such a strong feeling of pride and positive thinking. Adviser Elizabeth Cyr, editors Taylor Crocket, Jazmine Hawkins, Samantha Argento, and Cassandra Chapman, and the entire yearbook staff should be proud of their exceptional achievement. The Panther 2019 is a supernova.

More than anything else, I applaud all of you for your remarkable attention to detail, especially developing the book’s theme. I didn’t realize the full meaning of GLOW, until I saw all the well-chosen synonyms used throughout the book. SPARKLE, SHINE, SHIMMER, and GLIMMER were adeptly coordinated with page content to give readers a

captivating experience.

No one but you fully understands or appreciates the tons of time and effort that went into producing such an outstanding yearbook. The Panther 2019 is a perfect reflection of your theme, “GLOW.” Each staff member contributed his/her unique talents to a group enterprise. The result is a book that should be a source of pride to SHS students and the Stockbridge community. Take time to high-five each other and revel in your achievement.

Careful planning was the key to the continuity found nearly everywhere. I’m glad I read Elizabeth Gyr’s [sic] insightful summary of why the GLOW theme was chosen and how it was developed. Her comments helped me appreciate the staff’s remarkable time, talent, and effort.

Creating page layouts without pre-designed templates, taking all the pictures (including team photos) in the yearbook, and doing all the writing and editing are testaments to the staff’s talent and dedicated work ethic.

Theme development is your finest achievement. Designing your theme around a simple word like glow is resourceful. So is the way glow is connected to key concepts like teamwork and striving for excellence. Nowhere does your theme sparkle more brightly than on pp. 4-5. Building the spread around the extra large photo of the graffiti wall with junior Rachel Owen standing next to it produces a WOW-some effect. The small heading “Let it glow, let it glow, let it glow,” the accompanying caption, and summary copy complete a radiantly extraordinary layout. Superior creativity, photography, and design excellence shine on division spreads like “The Bigger they become, the harder they fall” and “Bright Personalities Shine With Help from Local Businesses” spreads. Similar to the superb content and design found on the inside front cover and title page, the final spread on the last page and inside back cover is DAZZLING! Once again, meticulous attention to detail appears in everything — from the wording of the headline (BURN BRIGHT: You sparked a flame. Savor its warmth.) to the superior picture of senior Hannah Gutting and junior Taylor Carey. The purple duotone adds extra luster.

Stellar theme development also appears on pp. 80-81 and pp. 88-89. Those two spreads spotlight how the talent and collaboration at SHS produce exemplary education. I wish every high school put a similar emphasis on developing leaders and role models and promoted altruism, personal responsibility, camaraderie, and positive thinking. Never before has our country needed those essentials so much.

The panel pages and Colophon fall short of the superior quality found elsewhere in The Panther 2019. Clear, distinctive dividers are needed between each grade level and the faculty section.

See Yearbook on page 23.

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February's 'Where's Waldo' mystery location

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Since there was no winner for January's location, February's winnings will be doubled for the correct guess. So the winner will receive two \$20 Farmers State Bank Prepaid Visa gift card.

Thank you to Farmers State Bank. 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 Feb. 8.



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

Yearbook page 22

Using key words like "freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors" in infographics and headlines throughout each section would help. While the Colophon page benefits from staff pictures with creative poses, the overall quality is subpar. It lacks the clarity, creativity, and (most of all) the depth of thought found elsewhere in The Panther 2019. Listing technical details about how the theme was chosen and developed is too impersonal and ho-hum. Most readers would likely prefer a detailed summary that explains WHAT it was like working on the yearbook staff and WHY the experience was beneficial and memorable.

Finally, why isn't Adviser Elizabeth Cyr in any of the photos or mentioned in the summary copy?

By reaching for the stars, you achieved the pinnacle in writing, photography, and design to produce a superior publication. Regardless of the galaxy, The Panther 2019 is a superstar! It will continue shining brightly every time it's opened.

Thanks for the privilege of judging your yearbook.

— Brian Thies, Judge

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.

- Neal G. Conway - died Dec. 8, 2019
- Thomas F. Rogers - died Dec. 16, 2019 - Stockbridge
- Melissa K. Zick - died Dec. 20, 2019 - Gregory
- Joyce Carpenter - died Dec. 24, 2019 - Jackson
- William (Bill) Luke Donahue - died Jan. 12, 2020 - Gregory
- Minnie Pearl (Adams) Blair - died Jan. 1, 2020 - Jackson
- Genevieve Therese (Guinan) Parks - died Jan. 9, 2020 - Grass Lake
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- Rachel Camp - died Jan. 18, 2020 - Gregory



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D.O.G.S. page 18

Currently, only Smith Elementary is participating in the Watch D.O.G.S. program, but parents like Lentz hope other schools will join the program.

Interested in volunteering through this program? If so, please contact Brad Edwards at 517-851-7735.

Further information can be found on the Watch D.O.G.S. website at <https://dadsofgreatstudents.com>.



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Don't miss tonight's total lunar eclipse of a blood, wolf, supermoon

Author: Patrice Johnson



~JULY~

Family Medicine of Stockbridge to close this fall.

Author: Hope Salyer

~FEBRUARY~

Women in the Gee family take different paths to success

Author: Cindy Lance



~AUGUST~

StockBIZ: Gordie's Power Equipment in Gregory

Author: Mary Jo David



~MARCH~

Missing dog in Stockbridge area

Author: Hope Salyer



~SEPTEMBER~

Stockbridge restaurant and cross-state bike event share debut in tandem

Author: Patrice Johnson

~APRIL~

Congrats to Madison Stowe on winning this prize, and thank you to everyone who liked and shared this post, liked our page and like the pages of our awesome community businesses.

Author: Hope Salyer



~OCTOBER~

State Champion Cross Country Teams Honored

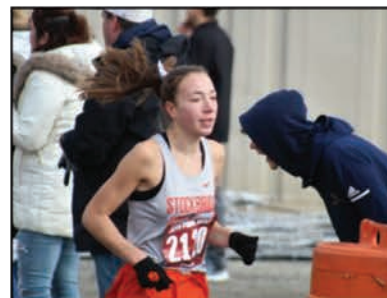
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~MAY~

Stockbridge teacher earns national technology award

Author: Alex Weddon



~NOVEMBER~

Rylee Tolson Wins D3 Girls' Cross Country State Title

Author: Keith Michaels

~JUNE~

Stockbridge teacher Linda Petsch retiring after 30 years

Author: Amy Haggerty



~DECEMBER~

The Waterloo Area Historical Society will host its annual Christmas on the Farm

Author: Joan Tucker

