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Craig Goodlock retires from Farmers State Bank Looks back on one interview that led to 42-year career



Laurie and Craig Goodlock celebrating his retirement after a long career at Farmers State Bank.

Article and photos by Judy Williams

Friends, family, customers, and bank staff—some retired and others still working—gathered on Dec. 9 at Hankerd Hills Golf Course to wish Craig Goodlock a wonderful retirement.

After 42 years of service, this chairman and chief executive officer of Farmers State Bank has decided it's time to hang up his hat. Considering he started as a teller in June 1979 after graduating from Adrian College, Goodlock's retirement seems well deserved.

"I never intended to be a banker," stated a grinning Goodlock. "While I was still a junior at Adrian College, Leonard Clark, one of the bank's board of directors and owner of Clark's Hardware in Munith, asked me to interview with the bank."

Goodlock further explained, "I thought the interview would be a good experience in preparation for other interviews with larger companies."

At the time, he had offers from two other larger agricultural credit agencies. "But it felt so good going back home to interview with the bank. I took the job just to be in my home community," Goodlock said.

In retirement, Goodlock is looking forward to spending time doing the things he loves, like cutting wood, playing with his tractors, gardening, and spending time with Laurie, his wife of 32 years.

"Laurie gets all of the credit for planning, preparing, and coordinating this event," Goodlock proudly noted.

See *Craig Goodlock retires* on page 4.

It's official—Farmers State Bank merges with The State Bank of Fenton



by Joan Tucker

On Dec. 1, 2021, Farmers State Bank merged with The State Bank of Fenton. The two banks became one, culminating with the final data processing conversion on the weekend of March 5 and 6, 2022. Banking service will remain the same and more information will be communicated to customers as things move forward.

Craig Goodlock, current chairman and CEO of Farmers State Bank, states, "The bank is in the best financial shape it's ever been."

He credits the skill of the staff, with emphasis on customer service, along with a knowledgeable board of directors. When asked what prompted the change, Goodlock's pointed to the need to meet increasing customer demands such as online interactive banking, phone

apps, and services that include a trust department for wealth management. The State Bank is also a certified Small Business Administration lender to manage the various government programs offered under that umbrella. A larger institution with additional resources will mean more services for customers.

Initially, 19 banking institutions were interested in a merger, then the list was narrowed to six finalists. Ultimately, the Farmers State Bank administration chose The State Bank because of its excellent "community service record," according to Goodlock. The State Bank has been a community bank for over 124 years.

Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank, had this to say. "We are looking forward to this new opportunity to expand our franchise."

See *FSB merger* on page 4.

Christmas on the Farm holds a successful silent auction



Christmas on the Farm silent auction featuring an old-fashioned Santa. Photo credit Joan Tucker

by Joan Tucker

Christmas on the Farm continues to be a local holiday event that attracts new visitors as well as the devoted winter crowd enjoying the Christmas spirit.

One of the major attractions is the silent auction. Holiday baskets, a boy's bike, a photo shoot and airplane ride gift certificate were part of this year's fundraiser.

Arlene Kaiser, organizer of the silent auction, also put together beautiful holiday baskets. Some of her themed baskets included a spa basket (one of the most popular), cookie baking basket, bird

feeding basket, coffee and hot chocolate baskets. This silent auction has grown in popularity with people returning each year to do a little holiday shopping or treat themselves.

The silent auction raised about \$1,300. Admissions from Pioneer Day, Christmas on the Farm, and proceeds from the silent auction cover day-to-day costs, such as utilities, insurance, and physical upkeep of the Waterloo Farm Museum. Together, these activities should provide another year of opportunity for visitors in 2022.

Ernie Rivers comes 'home' to serve as new SCS athletic director, community education director



Ernie Rivers stands outside Heritage School on Dec. 2, during his first week at Stockbridge Community Schools. Photo credit Judy Brune

by Judy Brune

During his first few days as athletic director and community education director for Stockbridge schools, you may have seen Ernie Rivers as he met with coaches, checked equipment inventory at Heritage or organized his office at the Jr/Sr High School. With the basketball, wrestling and competitive cheerleading seasons underway and

community education events on the calendar, Rivers has a lot to manage. Clearly, he is up for the challenge.

See *Ernie Rivers* on page 7.

A special thanks to the Stockbridge Community from the family of Gary Cornish



The family of Gary Cornish wishes to express their sincere thanks to the S.A.E.S.A. for their prompt and caring responses, the American Legion for their touching ceremony at the service, Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home for guiding us through this difficult time and Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home who are all true angels.

A big thank you to Charlie Palmer for singing at Gary's service and toCarolynn Wayman, another true angel, who so lovingly helped care for Gary. Last but not least, we thank our wonderful friends and family, the Wake-Up Stockbridge group for the basket of goodies and everyone for the cards, flowers and phone calls. The Stockbridge community is truly a great place to live.

Sincerely, Nancy Cornish and Family

Rural Perspectives: The red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

by Diane Constable



Diane Gray Constable

The beautiful and majestic red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) often can be seen soaring over fields or perched on an electric pole or tall tree while using its keen eyesight to search for a meal. These meals consist mostly of small mammals such as mice, voles, squirrels, rabbits, snakes and other reptiles, and large insects.

It is the most common and largest hawk in North America, with a height of about 2 feet and a wingspan a bit over 4 feet. As with most hawks and eagles, the female is a few inches larger than the male. The red-tailed hawk can be identified easily by its size and rusty-red tail. Most have a light chest with a brown-streaked band across their midsection. That said, the species has a lot of variation in the color of its plumage.



The majestic red-tailed hawk is the most common and largest hawk in North America. Photo credit Diane Constable

We have more red-tails in the winter than in summer because some that live in the Far North will migrate to our area, while the locals generally do not migrate.

The red-tail has spectacular aerial displays when courting—soaring in circles high in the sky and sometimes clutching feet and tumbling earthward. It makes its nest of sticks, moss and leaves and lays two to four eggs in early spring. The hawk hatches in about four weeks and stays in the nest for about seven weeks. By that time, it is nearly the size of its parents. The red-tailed hawk mates for life. Both the male and female help raise and train the chicks.

Fun Fact: Because the red-tails have a remarkably loud and screeching call, the scream is dubbed into movies and TV to substitute for the unimpressive calls of eagles and other birds of prey.

Michigan schools to show 'Oxford Strong' support in February



A photo of an "Oxford Strong" shirt available for the dedication month. Photo from SecondHalf by MHSAA

by Hope Salyer

Schools across Michigan have come together to dedicate the month of February to "Oxford Strong" in support of the Oxford High School community following the tragic shooting there in November.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association reports that its merchandising vendor, E.A. Graphics, is producing T-shirts and sweatshirts supporting "Oxford Strong," at cost, with remaining proceeds from these sales being donated to Oxford High School. Items will be available for purchase at SupportOxfordStrong.com.

Schools taking part may ask their spectators to wear the apparel as part of "Oxford Strong" sporting events at their schools during February. Meanwhile, Friday, Feb. 4, has been specifically designated as a day for as many schools as possible to be "Oxford Strong," contributing to a statewide outpouring of support for the Wildcats and their community.

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Smith, Heritage schools celebrate holidays in December with 12 Days Before Break

by Laura Whitaker

The staff at Smith Elementary and Heritage schools kicked off the holiday season with a 12 Days Before Break celebration. Events began Dec. 1 with a doughnut treat for the district provided by the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation.

The event continued each day in December with a different treat or a fun spirit day. Activities included wearing Christmas sweaters, sliding into slippers for a day and dressing in comfortable clothes. The celebration ended with PJ day. For many of the days, students also became involved and the atmosphere

across both schools was uplifting with an air of fun.

Thanks to other donations by the Panther Cubs PTO, Adiska Family Dental, Taylor Maples LLC, as well as individual donations, some days included gifts for all staff members in both buildings. They received gift cards, lunch, breakfast and ice cream. The celebration ended with a breakfast together and an ornament exchange. Smith staff members also received new shirts at their staff breakfast.

The response from staff was overwhelmingly positive across the buildings. At Heritage, Nicky Borowy and Lisa Bolton worked together to plan for their staff. Both said they had a lot of fun with the event.

"We had a great time planning fun things for the staff," Bolton said, "and it was great to see the smiles and reactions when we came to classrooms."

Borowy agreed. "It was so wonderful to see the excitement from the staff when there was something to look forward to every day," she said.

At Smith, Laura Whitaker and Amy Taylor planned out their building's events.

"This school year has brought many challenges to our staff and students and we wanted a way to bring some happiness and fun to everyone," Whitaker said. "The idea blossomed and spread and we had so many people who wanted to help contribute to our ideas."

After a stressful year with limited staffing and new COVID protocols, the festival spirit was a welcome change.

"We had such positive feedback and people who said it made coming into school extra special. The goal was for both staff and students to leave for break with a happy feeling," she said.

Following the success of 12 Days Before Break, organizers are looking ahead for other opportunities to offer similar events for staff and students.



Lisa Bolton and Nicky Borowy deliver drinks and snacks to staff at Heritage School. Photo provided by Laura Whitaker

Stockbridge InvenTeam presents at Michigan State Capitol



InvenTeam members at Student Technology Showcase. (Back L to R): Brooklyn Rochow, Brock Rochow, Hythem Beydoun, Brianna Polenz, Jack Hammerberg and Ben Chapman. (Front L to R): Eliana Johnson, Logan Hollenbeck, Kaden Carpenter, Alayna Adkins and DJ Chapman. Photo provided by Stockbridge InvenTeam

Information from Stockbridge InvenTeam and MACUL

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Stockbridge InvenTeam attended the AT&T/MACUL (Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning) Student Technology Showcase at the State Capitol Building in Lansing, Mich. At the Capitol, InvenTeam members displayed their FarmBot as well as their Plant the Moon posters.

The FarmBot is a computer numerical controlled (CNC) machine used for precision farming.

See InvenTeam on page 14.

From CADL Stockbridge

Library to offer ways for kids, adults to get creative

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

According to a 2021 Newsweek article, there are lots of benefits to crafting for adults. Creating arts and crafts can help us cope with stress, boost self-esteem, enhance fine motor skills and help reduce pain and encourage communication.

The Scholastic Parents newsletter lists more benefits of crafting for kids. For younger children, it helps with counting and pattern recognition and teaches shapes and colors. For older kids and teens, it encourages critical thinking, encourages a creative mind-set and develops patience. And you thought a ball of yarn and some needles was just knitting.

CADL Stockbridge will begin offering several opportunities for adults and kids to be creative with hands-on activities at the library or to take home.

Older kids can swing by every week for a new Take & Make kit with a craft, science or board game theme. Younger kids can enjoy a storytime-themed kit. Everybody can enjoy these activities; a library card is not required.

The library is also excited to begin hosting a twice a month fiber arts group, Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, Jan. 14 and Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. Bring your own project to work on.

Every Thursday afternoon at 3:00, science activities are available. On the second Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and the following Saturday at noon, patrons can take part in a drop-in craft project. Give us a call for more information; we hope to see you here!

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Staff Spotlight: A Stockbridge classic, Elizabeth Cyr is retiring



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

News of Elizabeth Cyr's impending retirement in January 2022 has been met with conflicting emotions—great sadness by many in the district but also considerable happiness for Cyr.

After 23 years teaching in the Stockbridge Community School District, Cyr's much recognized hard work has resulted in many great achievements—on her part as well as on the part of those she has taught and worked with.

Cyr began her teaching career at Stockbridge High School in 1999.

Throughout that time she has taught journalism, English 11, and advanced placement courses. She is also the longtime faculty adviser for the "Uncaged" newspaper and the "Panther Yearbook" student staffs.

As if that didn't keep her busy enough, she has also served as the National Honor Society adviser and English department chair, not to mention her many years of active participation on the school improvement team.

When asked what she will miss most about teaching, her response is classic "Cyr":

"I found the secret to a happy life: helping young people unlock their potential. Nothing made me happier than helping students unleash their ideas and amplify their voices through strong journalism and cutting-edge graphic design." Cyr adds, "I get to see so many of them continuing to do great works as adults. There is no greater joy."



Elizabeth Cyr has enjoyed a long career devoted to her students and is now gearing up for a well-deserved retirement in January 2022.

Photo from Facebook.

A teacher with her breadth and reach can't leave without offering some valuable parting words for current and future students in the Stockbridge School District.

"Go have an extraordinary life. Wherever you go, whatever you do, don't settle. When you fall, pick yourself up. Be your own loudest cheerleader. Believe in yourself. I certainly do."

Cyr, along with her husband Jerry and her mother Judith Naki, will be moving to Colorado to be near the Cyr's 26-year-old son Liam. They are also looking forward to the many outdoor activities that area has to offer.

With great fondness, so many in the district send along happy wishes for a wonderful retirement and many years of good health to Elizabeth Cyr and her family!

Amy Haggerty retired from Stockbridge Community Schools after teaching for 33 years in the Stockbridge district. She moved to the community 24 years ago with her husband and daughter. She enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

FSB merger page 1

"Farmers State Bank has a team of talented and loyal bankers who share the same commitment to their customers and community as we do at The State Bank," he said. "They are each welcome additions to our team. Together, we look forward to getting to know those in the market served by Farmers State Bank and build strong banking relationships and partnerships."

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"Her support of me and my career, along with her dedication to the bank in her position as chief marketing officer, has been indispensable and key to the bank's success—and mine."

When questioned about future plans, Goodlock was quick to answer, "I'm looking forward to devoting more time to serving the Lord through my work at church and wherever else He may lead me." Goodlock is a co-pastor at Horton Congregational Church, where he posts weekly Facebook and YouTube videos.

"I will miss my customers, the staff, and the bank board. I have worked alongside some amazing people who have contributed much to the bank's success," reflects Goodlock. "The relationships with customers have been a blessing and honor far beyond my wildest expectations. It has been such a privilege and pleasure to help my neighbors achieve their financial goals and aspirations."



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Stockbridge Community Schools adds school nurse and social worker

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*Information from Stockbridge
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The Stockbridge Community Schools' children, teachers and staff received a

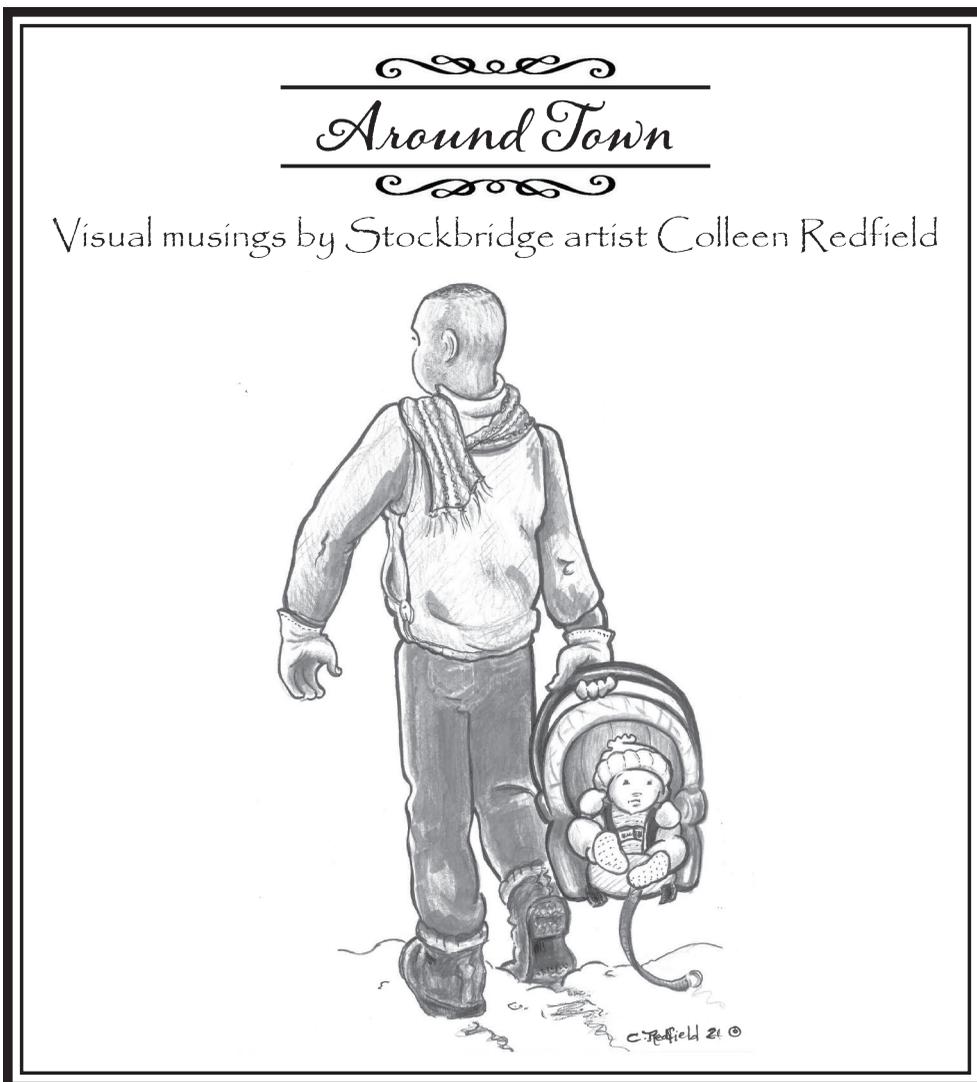
big boost when the Ingham County Board of Commissioners fully supported and funded a proposal to add a school nurse and a school social worker to Stockbridge for two years. The nurse and social worker will help to mitigate the academic, emotional, social, and medical effects of the COVID pandemic, by providing testing, contact tracing, health education, and emotional support to the students in the schools and their families. The positions are fully funded for two years by the grant that was approved by the Board of Commissioners from funding provided by the government under the American Rescue Plan.

Superintendent Brian Friddle said, "Adding these services will allow our teachers and administrators to refocus their time and efforts on administering the schools and teaching our children, instead of doing testing and contact tracing. The funding allows us to increase social work services for children having behavioral and emotional problems and to add nursing services for all students—services that Stockbridge has not had in the schools for many years. County Commissioner Randy Schafer and community advocate Dr. Virginia Rezmierski worked diligently on behalf of Stockbridge to gain this recognition and support for our schools."

Congratulations to everyone who worked on this grant proposal.

Around Town musings by Stockbridge artist Colleen Redfield

Stockbridge Community News welcomes volunteer contributor Colleen Redfield who will be sharing her sketches, usually depicting life in and around Stockbridge, with SCN readers.



Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines 'A Marvellous Light' is a marvelous delight

by Shuyler Clark

Twentieth-century England, otherwise known as the universally accepted setting for fantasy stories, also is the setting for "A Marvellous Light." Robin Blyth, a baronet plagued by financial issues, now finds himself in a seemingly dead-end office job. As it turns out, the position is none other than administrative liaison to England's magical society. Robin knows nothing about magic—a fact that his new partner, Edwin Courcey, is quick to pick up on.

Unfortunately, ignorance isn't enough to spare Robin from the wrath of several magicians in search of a dangerous artifact. Bearing a curse the magicians inflicted upon him, Robin seeks assistance from Edwin, who agrees to help despite his initial distaste for his new partner.

Author Freya Marske wastes no time introducing readers to her world, leaving them to experience the same initial perplexity and wonder as Robin. The magic system itself is imaginative, deviating from some of the genre's common tropes; rather than using wands or other objects as conduits, magicians cradle with string (or without, for the more magically inclined) to cast spells.

The audience is spared from much of the technical jargon behind this system, making for a smoother reading experience. The world-building, in general, follows this example: Rather than relying on info-dumps, Marske gives details of magical society as necessary.

The non-magical aspects are accurate to the time period as well, with mentions of women's suffrage and racial tensions woven throughout. Where the time period is best utilized, however, is in regards to the story's romance.

While the curse and the missing artifact are the plot's major focus, Marske pays near-equal attention to Robin and Edwin's budding romance. Given the political discourse around same-sex relationships at the time, the two carry their identities in relative secrecy, only learning of each others' orientation through coincidence.

Their relationship escalates rather suddenly following the discovery, evidenced by the presence of not one but three rated-R scenes within the book's second half. Each of these scenes is heavily detailed, something for canoodling-averse readers to keep in mind.

Despite the dedication to the adult facets of their relationship, the book's greatest strength is in the individual character growth of both Robin and Edwin. As with the world-building, Marske immediately establishes their personalities, giving readers insight through alternating perspectives. The ways in which characters interact with their environments are consistent with their personalities as well, helping to flesh out each character's struggles and relationships.

Although Robin and Edwin are well-constructed, the side characters suffer from a lack of thorough motivations and are often one-note. This is not inherently negative as the story is equally dedicated to internal as well as external conflicts, but it is something for Marske to improve in the next installment.

If the headline's pun is any indication, "A Marvellous Light" is an entertaining debut perfect for romance fans who aren't afraid of the genre's mature aspects. Be sure to look out for the yet-unannounced sequel, which is likely to be as steamy and sensational as the first.

Shuyler Clark is a graduate of Stockbridge High School and Lansing Community College. When she is not reading or writing, she can be found snuggling with her birds.

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Ask an Expert: What is going on with the insurance industry?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

It seems like every day we are hearing about cases of less than ethical behavior by some insurance companies.

One prime example is a bad situation that's gotten worse regarding total loss settlement practices.

Here's one scenario: The consumer gets into a collision and the insurer inspects the vehicle and writes a lowball estimate. The insurer hopes the vehicle's owner will take the settlement and not get the vehicle repaired, or will go to a low-quality repairer who will try to repair it for the estimate amount (rather than lose the job).

However, if a vehicle owner wants his vehicle repaired and goes to a quality-conscience repairer who determines his own assessment, the insurer is faced with the option to either provide for a quality repair or to deem the vehicle to be a total loss.

Of course, the most economic choice is the one that is often taken and the vehicle is considered a total loss.

Once determined to be a total loss, some insurers attempt to have the vehicle removed from the repairer to stop storage charges and have it moved to a storage-free holding area such as a salvage yard or auto auction facility. But what about making a total loss settlement offer to the vehicle owner for the replacement of the vehicle? Shouldn't that take place first?

But like a good neighbor, the customer trusts the insurer and authorizes the release of the vehicle from the body shop to stop storage charges. After all, what could possibly go wrong?

Sometime later, the insurer provides the consumer with the offer for the pre-loss replacement value of the vehicle, which is considerably lower than the owner had anticipated. The vehicle owner raises his concerns and the insurer sends him a multi-page valuation report supporting the offer with quotes and comparables.

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Creamy Chicken Enchilada Soup



INGREDIENTS



- Cooking spray or olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 celery sticks, finely diced
- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 tsp dried oregano or mixed herbs
- 1 tsp each: salt, garlic powder, paprika
- ½ tsp cayenne pepper
- 14 oz can each: diced tomatoes, kidney beans, black beans
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 4 cups chicken broth can use stock cubes
- ½ cup heavy cream (leave out for slimming version)
- 1 cup corn (fresh, frozen or from a can)
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- Salt and pepper to season

DIRECTIONS



1. Mist a large pot with cooking spray (or add olive oil). Add the onions, celery, carrots, bell pepper, spices and seasonings and cook over medium-low heat, stirring, for 5-10 minutes. Add a splash of stock if the pot gets too dry.
2. Stir in the diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Add the broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
3. Stir in the cream or use soy single cream. Use an immersion blender to partially blend the soup (or you can blend it until completely smooth). This will thicken the soup.
4. Add the beans, corn and chicken. Simmer for a few minutes until heated through.
5. Check the seasoning and add salt and pepper, if needed. Serve topped with your favorite toppings.

Ernie Rivers page 1

Rivers comes to Stockbridge from Arizona, where he served as the athletic and activities director at Page High School for the past six years. He is no stranger to Michigan though – he attended elementary school in both Fowlerville and Webberville and earned a master's in sports administration from Central Michigan University.

Rivers said he has “always considered Michigan my home, and I am looking forward to being back with family.”

When sharing his favorite part of working in education and athletics, Rivers is quick to point out that it's the students.

“They are the best part of my job,” he said. “They are very impressionable, and my goal is to help them gain a great perspective from where they came, where they are, and where they want to go. I also want them to be able to appreciate those who have helped them get there and have gratitude for all of the great things in their life.”

Reflecting on the “great things” in his life, Rivers is especially thankful for his family. He has been “married for nearly 30 years to the love of my life, Kristy,” who is finishing up her counseling degree in Arizona. They have seven children, including five adult girls and two young boys. He and Kristy also are awaiting the birth of their second grandchild. Rivers' 10- and 8-year-old sons will be joining him over winter break and will be enrolling in Stockbridge schools.

With a renewed appreciation for being back in Michigan to “enjoy the trees, water and the change in seasons,” Rivers is looking forward to getting to know the Stockbridge community better.

“I am excited to work with the staff and the students. Everyone has been very friendly and welcoming,” he said.

Note: The Community Education Office now is located at the Jr/Sr High School and can be reached by calling 517-710-4122 or emailing riverse@panthernet.net.

SCN announces ‘Award of Excellence’ and ‘Readership Award’ for 2021

Congratulations Agnes Geiger and Tina Cole-Mullins

by Mary Jo David

Last year, the Stockbridge Community News introduced two annual awards—the Award of Excellence and the Readership Award. This year, SCN is in the enviable position of bestowing these awards on two special people who make our local newspaper worth reading online and/or in print.

Award of Excellence

This award was introduced for the purpose of recognizing unsung heroes—those who often may work in the background but whose efforts are instrumental in ensuring the Stockbridge Community News is a publication we can all be proud of. This year, the Award of Excellence is granted to Agnes Geiger, copy editor extraordinaire.

Not only does Geiger do a phenomenal job editing a majority of the stories in SCN, she edits in record time—often late at night to provide turnaround in less than a day. Most importantly, she shows great respect for the relationship between the writers and their work, so that, once edited, the story still retains the voice and tone of the writer.

“Agnes is the consummate professional when it comes to editing,” remarked Judy Williams, SCN treasurer and charter board member. “Her feedback is prompt and spot-on with regard to AP Style guidelines, but at the same time, her edits are always delivered with kindness.”

“While her editing is completed behind the scene and remotely, Agnes is an integral part of SCN's success and a valued member of our team,” added SCN Board Member Judy Brune.

Readership Award

This year's Readership Award is being conferred upon Tina Cole-Mullins. The award is being expanded beyond considering just website views and Facebook “likes” to include Cole-Mullins' inherent ability to attract readers by relating to the human side of each story.

Whether she's interviewing family members trying to revive a closed business (Onondaga Raceway, March 2021) or one of the few remaining WWII vets in our area (Carl Manoogian, November 2021), “Tina has a sixth sense for what makes people tick and what readers want to know,” noted SCN Board President Joan Tucker.

“Tina is not afraid to tackle difficult stories and share her own personal experiences,” SCN Managing Editor Hope Salyer observed. Last year her coverage of families left homeless after the fire at the Lakewood Apartments required interviewing skills that were both sensitive and astute. Cole-Mullins' ongoing coverage of mental wellness issues has spanned years, including this year's Mental Wellness series with James Clark-Swalla, in which she shared her own experiences as well as the insights of others.



Agnes Geiger, Award of Excellence 2021

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100 Women Who Care – Chelsea Area gives fourth Impact Award to House N2 Home



100 Women Who Care – Chelsea Area representatives are joined by Ruth Ann Logue, president of House N2 Home, and several volunteers for the presentation of a check representing the \$9,633 donated by the local women's giving circle. Photo provided by 100 WWC – Chelsea Area

Information from 100 Women Who Care – Chelsea Area

100 Women Who Care – Chelsea Area (100 WWC – Chelsea Area) has given its fourth Impact Award of \$9,633 to House N2 Home.

Robin Tackett, a member of 100 WWC – Chelsea Area, nominated House N2 Home for consideration, and Ruth Ann Logue, president of the nonprofit organization, represented that charity at the meeting. House N2 Home was started in 2017 “as a small group of friends working together to furnish a home for one single mom and her children.” In the years since, the organization has grown to over 100 volunteers and families transitioning from homelessness in

Washtenaw County.

The Impact Award meeting was held via Zoom on the evening of Oct. 5, following a reception sponsored by and hosted at Chelsea State Bank in Chelsea. Of the eligible charities nominated by members, three were chosen at random in advance of the event. Each of the three charities had seven minutes to make their best case for their mission to the membership, giving those in attendance insight into their contributions to the community. House N2 Home received the majority of the votes and was the recipient of the evening's Impact Award.

100 WWC – Chelsea Area is based on the simple concept of bringing local women together to make a maximum impact in a minimal amount of time. Meetings (held three times a year) are only one hour each, and in that hour, members select a local charity and thousands of dollars are raised for that nonprofit organization.

Only members may nominate a charity, which must be a 501(c)3 organization (or formally sponsored by one), that serves Chelsea, Stockbridge, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester or adjacent townships. There's no volunteering, telemarketing, event planning or item donations to solicit — just the joy of giving back to the community.

See 100 Women Who Care on page 15.

Area residents share their New Year's hopes and dreams for 2022



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compiled by Paul Crandall

To celebrate the New Year, the Stockbridge Community News reached out to area residents to ask about any hopes, dreams or resolutions they may hold for 2022. Following are their contributions (some have been edited for brevity).

“My goal for the next year is to take more vacations away from the regular routine of life. Experience something new or review something fun from the past. Anything to leave behind the tedium of ‘avoiding the COVID's’! A Happy New Year to All.” **–Dave Avery, Stockbridge**

“My hopes for our community are to find even more ways to show our care for each other, that we practice being gentle with each other, especially those we don't know yet. And to come together for live music! Personally, I hope to continue sharing horse-related events with more people, and to simply remain healthy.” **–Michael Fouts, Stockbridge**

“As this incredibly eventful, train wreck of a year comes to the end of its tracks, I hope COVID-19 can fall to the back of everyone's worries and hurt fewer families. I hope next year we all can travel more, see more loved ones and make more happy memories. I would also like to see these people through glasses that aren't fogging up because of a mask.” **–Lucas Haines, Gregory**

“I hope to take some short trips, see my granddaughters more, learn my 'new job' (which includes learning Facebook) better, do more puzzles, and exercise. (I feel like I have to add 'exercise' or else it's not a true New Year's Resolution!)” **–Gwen Reid, Gregory**

“For some reason it is more difficult this year to see a 'new' hope, dreams or a resolution. I am looking forward to our country becoming healthy in many ways: COVID reduction-eradication, politicians that represent their constituents and the overall world/USA peace and calming. Why, you may ask? Personally, so that I can regain some travel and meeting freedoms! I miss large group functions (concerts/plays) and traveling continentally and abroad! I would say my goal for 2022 is to immerse myself in the public venue music scene...but I really can't as I am uncertain if it will be safe. So, for 2022, I will stick close to home and continue to build my business and personally invest in our local community.” **–Jackie Scheller, Stockbridge**

“Hopes that more people will take the pandemic seriously, mask and get vaccinated; dreams that this will lead to life as we remember it with hugs, kisses, long visits, and trips to new places; resolution that we will do everything we can to make this a reality for everyone.” **–Andrea Stickney, Stockbridge**

“I am hoping for a much more normal year. I would love to see the kids in our great communities have a normal school life.” **–Mike Stoffer, Gregory**

“In 2022, my hope and/or resolution is to live life intentionally. When doing daily activities, planning adventures, spending time with my loved ones, working with my students—I want to intentionally take each moment in and be the best version of myself that I can be.” **–Nichole Whitt, Stockbridge**

Stockbridge Area Senior Center to open in January 2022



Information from SASC

A grassroots group of residents has been hard at work turning the dream of a local senior center into a reality. The group is pleased to announce the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC) will be opening its doors in January 2022!

The senior center is located in the old “fire barn” at 219 E. Elm St. in Stockbridge. The township of Stockbridge has generously made improvements to the building in preparation for a variety of educational and recreational activities. These may include chair yoga, chair cardio drumming, book club, quilting, crafts, cooking, gardening, games and bingo. Educational topics may include health care, insurance coverage and how to fill out tax returns. Additionally, meals will be provided by the Tri-County Office on Aging.

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with evening hours on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Additional hours will be offered as soon as demand warrants and staffing allows.

See Stockbridge Area Senior Center on page 15.



Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

Bridge to Wellness

Happy New Year 2022: Making your resolutions worth it

by Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

If you're like the nearly 50% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions each year, you might be looking for ways to improve your eating habits in 2022. Research shows that most adults usually gain weight over the holiday season. But don't despair – this year's New Year's resolution can be different! It's possible to make smart, healthy decisions while still enjoying the new year and not falling off the wagon in two weeks. Use these tips to make your post-holiday resolutions with your household some healthy ones.

Focus on balance.

With numerous fad diets occupying society, "healthy" can be a vague and puzzling term. Not only are these diets widely ineffective, but they are also unhealthy, the weight loss is short term, they don't address exercise, and they often lead to poor self-image and health. Focus your efforts on eating a balanced diet. When planning your meals, try to incorporate carbohydrates, proteins, and fats; cover half your plate with fruits and vegetables. Think of it as eating the rainbow, which provides vitamins, fiber, and nutrients to keep you fuller longer.

Find your motivation.

An essential step to any goal is finding your "why." While you start the new year seeking to change your eating habits to lose weight, increase energy levels, or simply feel better about yourself, the true motivation is likely much deeper. When you surface the meaning behind your goal and give it a voice, a simple goal shifts into a mission. Think about your values and purpose and consider how a balanced diet can help you live up to those ideals.

Enjoy the food.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to diet. Instead, incorporate foods you already like, such as comfort foods. It's not going to be sustainable if you're not eating things you enjoy. Take your favorite food or meal and try making a balanced version or smaller portion of it.

Eating consistently throughout the day is key to making sure you get enough nutrients to fuel your body—if you don't, you'll likely end up bingeing in front of the TV. So, grab a snack or two throughout the day to keep you energized. Try planning a balanced snack between meals, one that incorporates a carbohydrate and a protein, such as a piece of fruit and a tablespoon of nut butter or vegetables or crackers with a dip such as hummus. This will give you the energy you need and keep you from overeating at your next meal.

To get to a place of balance, where eating healthy is the norm, ditch the rigid food rules and enjoy!

Cut yourself some slack.

If you set a goal that doesn't work out—such as eating breakfast regularly—or have a day where your meals are not fully balanced, don't be discouraged. Be flexible and willing to try new things. Don't be too hard on yourself when things don't go as planned. Instead, reflect on those challenges and see where you can improve going forward.

Updates from SAWC or wellness-related community events

- **All are welcome to join us** at the January Wellness Coalition meeting on Jan. 18, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 8 in the Stockbridge Activity Center (old middle school). Come in Door 20 off the back parking lot.

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This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. The folks at SAWC wish everyone a happy and healthy new year! In recognition of the new year, SAWC and the Stockbridge Community News extend a warm welcome to our new Bridge to Wellness columnist—Sophia Speroff. We're looking forward to the tips she will be sharing. Sophia is a registered dietitian of nine years with her master's in public health, currently working at St Joseph

Mercy Hospital in Chelsea as a community dietitian. She has an athletic and competitive side, staying active training for triathlons and half marathons. In her free time, Sophia likes to hike, folk dance and garden.

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ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

A glance in the rearview mirror January 1922—Telephone neck. Foiling robbers. Adventurer travels 3 years to enlist.

100 years ago this month

by Mary Jo David

The following news excerpts are from January 1922 editions of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun newspaper. These

are mostly reproduced in the original, without edits or corrections. Visit the Stockbridge Library to view electronic copies of old local news publications dating back to 1883.

Farm Dollar Cut 62 Cents: The farmer is today receiving for his principal products a lower level of prices than he received in 1913 and 1914, before the war. ... It takes 100 bushels of oats today to pay for a new barrow or a single harness. Thirty bushels would have paid for the barrow in 1913 and 45 bushels would have supplied the cost of the harness. -1/5/1922

One in Ten Will Write "Jan '21": January is the month of mistakes as well as resolutions. At least ten percent of the physicians of Michigan during January 1922, will continue to date birth certificates 1921 ... Such incorrect dating of birth certificates adds a year to the age of the child; it may make the child appear to be born out of wedlock; or it may permit parents to force the child to leave school a year too early, to get working papers illegally; and make boys liable to military service before their time. -1/5/1922

To the Voters: Stockbridge Township Voters will vote on enlarging the School District at the Spring Election. ... This is preparing the way to a Consolidated School, and is proposed to give a larger tax unit. ... We surely want our boys and girls to have every educational advantage and consolidated schools is the only way that the country schools can compete with the city schools. -1/12/1922.

Who's to Blame: Now and then we hear auto owners complaining that residents of the rural sections are growing "so cantankerous they won't answer a civil question by a motorist." The farmer must get his sleep between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. and it doesn't sweeten his disposition any to have some motorist coming along at midnight turning a spotlight into his window, waking him to inquire road directions ... -1/12/1922.

What do you think? QUESTION: Do you think that the holes in doughnuts should be larger, and if so, why? WHERE ASKED: Stockbridge. RESPONSES: [We've run out of space, so stop by the Stockbridge Library and ask to see the responses in the January 26, 1922, issue of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun!]

LOCAL/PERSONAL—Jan. 5, 1922 edition:

- **Gregory:** The wrecking of the corner store, owned by H.T. Howlett, began Monday morning.
- **Gregory:** Mr. E. Kuhn moved into the room over his store last Thursday.
- **South Bunker Hill:** Miss Myrtle Mackender began teaching at Leslie this week.
- **Local:** Andy Palmer has reason to be proud of his bunch of chickens. He has 270 black leghorns which during the month of December yielded him about 5,000 eggs—some record.

LOCAL/PERSONAL—Jan. 12, 1922 edition:

- **Clear Lake:** Some time last Thursday night hoodlums cut out a screen and canvas covering a door to the kitchen in the Boy Scout mess hall at Clear Lake and stole or destroyed about \$50 worth of property. There were evidently three persons in the gang and they made coffee on the range, afterwards used the dishes for target practice and also shot holes in several large dish pans hanging on the walls.
- **Munith:** The parsonage barn was sold for \$40 to Harry Dixon, and will be moved to the Sackrider Farm.

LOCAL/PERSONAL—Jan. 19, 1922 edition:

- **The Home Guards** held their last meeting at the home of Mary and Dorothy Daniels.
- **Who said hard times?** For Xmas Jas. Berry sold five pianos, one player piano and six phonographs at Jackson, Leslie, Mason, Stockbridge, Munith, Blissfield, and one to Farmville, Virginia.

See Rearview Mirror on page 16.

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

SAVE THE DATES!
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Groups and resources that enrich our community

The local area is home to a wide array of nonprofit and charitable organizations, all for the benefit of local residents. The information below represents Stockbridge Community News' best efforts to compile descriptions and contact information.

Not listed or notice an error? Please accept our apologies and email corrected information to Stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com or snail mail to the NEWS, P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137. Also, if your organization has an event to advertise or announce free of charge in our "Community Calendar," please contact the email above.

American Legion Mackinder-Glenn Post 510 Founded in 1947, the Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post 510 continues to be one of the pillars of the Stockbridge community. The post was named for two local residents who were killed in action during World War I. These hometown heroes were Russell Mackinder and J.T. Glenn. Property for the post's site was donated by William Domine, which caused the local Legion to purchase the balance of the land where the Legion stands at 830 S. Clinton St., Stockbridge. The post consists of Legion Members (Veterans), SAL (Sons of the American Legion), ALR (American Legion Riders, a motorcycle group) and The Auxiliary. Over the years, the post has sponsored a variety of activities ranging from baseball to oratory competitions as well as Poppy Day sales for disabled veterans and veterans having difficulty getting assistance from other sources or a hardship is placed upon them. They can be depended upon to provide memorial honor guards as needed for veterans' funerals. They also host an annual Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags every June. The legion does not march in the light parade, but they do have a trailer leading the parade. On Memorial Day they have a program at the post and members then march to the cemetery, where a roll call of deceased veterans is done. For the past few years, SAL has prepared a meal for veteran members and spouses on Veterans Day. Also the Legion, SAL, ALR and the Auxiliary provide scholarships for relatives of members. Ongoing social activities include: bingo, euchre, an annual Chili Cookout, Fish Fries, several times during the fall, winter and spring and Thursday night specials that rotate between tacos, sliders, chicken wings and Coney dogs. Local members participate in the Homecoming Parade in Stockbridge as well as in the Gregory Fourth of July parade. Since July 2019, any honorably discharged veteran who served after Dec. 7, 1941, is now able to join the American Legion and all our welcomed to do so. Wartime service was previously required. The "Legion Act" as it is named was signed into law in July of 2019. Everyone is welcome to attend the games and the meals and to participate in any of the other activities provided throughout the year. Phone 517-851-8445.

Boy and Cub Scouts Camping, archery, BB gun shooting, bottle/can drives, car washes, Pinewood Derby races—these are a few of the activities that Cub Scouts has to offer. Come join the adventure. Interested? Want info? Contact Mike Stoffer at phone 734-355-3070 or email at mikestoffer8@gmail.com.

Bourree Dance & Performance Arts is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit in downtown Stockbridge devoted to arts education. Join us to learn dance and performance arts skills in a safe and fun environment. We have classes in ballet, tap, lyrical, hip-hop, musical theatre, music, fitness conditioning and more! We are an inclusive studio offering everything from hobby and beginner level courses for all ages, to an intensive competitive team for the more serious dancers. We are active in the community, participating in everything from public performances, to parades, to community events and talent shows. Join us to get involved, take a class, join our board of directors, or to volunteer! Find us on Facebook, online at www.bourreedapa.wixsite.com/dance or email us at bourreedapa@gmail.com for more information.

Churches: The Stockbridge area is home to a wide assortment of churches and religious organizations. Currently recorded churches in our area are:

- **First Presbyterian**, 101 S. Center. Contact Linda or Kate at 517-851-7015.
- **Stockbridge United Methodist**, 219 East Elizabeth. Contact: Elizabeth, 517-851-7676.

- **St. Cornelian and Cyprian Catholic**, Catholic Church Road. Contact Bonnie at 517-589-8492 or bonnie@saintsjcc.org.
- **Gregory Community Church**, 126 Church St., Gregory. 734-498-2541.
- **Trinity Lutheran**, 5758 W. M-36, Pinckney. 734-878-5977.
- **Church of Christ**, 4783 S. M-52, Stockbridge. 517-851-8141.
- **Highest Praise Worship Center**, 5107 Clinton, Stockbridge. 517-851-7758.
- **Crossroads Community Church**, 950 S. Clinton, Stockbridge. 517-851-7075.
- **First Methodist Church of Waterloo**, Territorial Road, Stockbridge. 517-851-7287.
- **Good Shepherd Mission**, 5050 E. M-36. 517-851-9800.
- **Jeruel Baptist Church**, 11400 Plum Orchard Road, Munith. 517-596-2128.
- **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**, 15800 Graves Road, Gregory. 734-498-2601.
- **Millville United Methodist Church**, 1932 N. M-52, Stockbridge. 517-851-7853.
- **Munith United Methodist**, 122 N. M-36, Munith. 517-596-2441.
- **Plainfield United Methodist Church**, 17845 M-36, Stockbridge. 517-851-7651.
- **Southwest Church of Nazarene**, 1455 Holmes Road, Gregory. 734-498-2682.
- **Trinity Pentecostal Church**, 4935 Freiermuth Road. 517-565-3310.
- **Unadilla Presbyterian Church**, 20175 Williamsville Road, Gregory. 734-498-7114.

The Stockbridge Community News is pleased to allocate special sections of the December and April print editions to numerous holiday activities underway in these organizations. Please see our online and print "Community Calendar" for specific church activities and events each month.

Friends of the Stockbridge Library organizes the annual Silent Auction and helps with book sales. The Friends help with programming and purchasing needed items for the Stockbridge Library. For info, contact P.O. Box 802 or email eileenconti50@gmail.com.

Girl Scouts. Enjoy field trips, camping, cultural studies and more. For info, contact Kate Wigent at 517-742-4741, or contact Membership Specialist Callie Frey with the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan at 517-742-4741.

Happy Hustlers 4-H. Interested in 4-H? Happy Hustlers meet generally once a month. Any youth 5 years or older may join. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership responsibility and life skills of youth through positive learning programs. Whether you are interested in crafts, photography, or animals, you can discover these programs through Happy Hustlers 4-H Club. If interested, please ask to join our Happy Hustlers 4-H page or call Carrie Zeitz at 517-204-1336 or Holly Whitaker, 517-937-9547. Meetings are held at Heritage School on the second Sunday of the month, 6 p.m. Check us out on Facebook.

Munith Rod & Gun Club. Spring through fall, daytime and under the lights, the nonprofit MR&GC sports club sponsors American Trapshooting Association (ATA) events and fun shoots. The trapshooter club welcomes all adults and accompanied minors on Friday nights at 5 p.m. for trapshooting practice April through October. Location: 11455 Fitchburg Road, Munith, Michigan. Contact: 517-745-3783.

Munith/Stockbridge Community Pay It Forward Group is a local online outreach project solely aimed at helping our community and neighbors at the micro level. Though the local economy has improved since PIF's founding in 2012, the mission to bring aid to those in need remains. With neighbors helping neighbors throughout the surrounding communities, the group's format and guidelines are simple: If you are in need of help, it doesn't matter what it is, post it. Not comfortable asking publicly? Contact one of the administrators privately and confidentially. Know someone in need? Post for them. Someone will see it and help. Your kid needs winter coat? Good chance someone on this page will have one. Public Announcements, Lost and Found Pets and Employment Opportunities. This is not a "For Sale" page and all items must be donated freely. Have an item you no longer want or need? Post it. Chances are a neighbor will want or need it. Need a ride to work because your car broke down? Post it. Maybe someone on here is going that way. Can't pay the light bill? If we can't help here, we will put you in contact with someone who can.

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Groups enrich community page 11

Now, if you see someone post something and you can help them, times are hard and we have all been there. Some are blessed with more than what they need, and others don't have enough. Connect with us on Facebook at Munith/Stockbridge Community Pay it Forward Group or email us via our sister group at wakeupstockbridge@gmail.com.

Open Air Market of Stockbridge. A 501(c)3 Farmers Market held every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. on the Stockbridge Township Square from first Friday in May through October as weather permits. Local and regional musicians perform in the gazebo between 5:30 and 7 p.m. May through September. Our products include local cheese, honey and eggs. Produce and fruits include fresh corn, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, peppers, herbs, greens, apples, peaches, pears, strawberries and melons. We have baked goods including bread, pies, sweet breads, coffeecake, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, spiced pecans and more. Artisan crafts include handmade soaps, candles, herbal lotions and sprays, baskets, knitted items and art. We welcome other nonprofit organizations to set up booths for free. Off season, the event continues indoors on select dates. The Market has four winter markets in the Presbyterian Church Hall on the second Saturday of January, February, March, April (dates can change) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with local musicians from noon to 2 p.m.. Contact information: OAM, P.O. Box 382, Stockbridge, MI 49285, 517-851-7437, suznort@juno.com, and we're on Facebook.

Panther Cubs PTO a 501(C)(3) nonprofit comprised of parent volunteers, teachers and administrators. The mission of the PTO is to support the needs of the staff and students of Stockbridge schools. Funds raised by the group pay for teacher supplies, field trip transportation, movie licensing, special assemblies, playground equipment and more. The PTO also organizes events such as family fun nights, dances for students and teacher appreciation lunches. Meetings are held at Heritage Elementary the first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. Additionally a parent volunteer meeting will be held the third Tuesday of the month at Heritage at 6 p.m. with the first meeting Jan. 18, 2022. Want more information? Interested in being a part? Check us out on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/panthercubsppto/> Want to receive our monthly newsletter?

Shop Rat Foundation. Founded in 2004 by manufacturing entrepreneur Chris Salow, the Shop Rat Foundation promotes and provides learning opportunities for youth enrolled in grades 6-12 to gain a better understanding of the manufacturing industry through participation in Shop Rat Education Program offerings. The Foundation's mission is "to ignite interest in manufacturing careers among youth through innovation and outreach." Its educational program incorporates hands-on, project-based curriculum modules focused on machining, welding, engineering, construction and modern manufacturing (including mechatronics and additive manufacturing). The program is currently facilitating after-school classes, in-school partnership activities and summer camps in Jackson, Livingston, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham and Lenawee counties. Facilities are located at 11855 Bunkerhill Road, Pleasant Lake, MI 49272. Can be found at www.shopratt.org. Contact Kelly Burr Kofflin at: shoprattfoundation@gmail.com for information.

SRSly (text language for "seriously") SRSly's mission is to empower and equip youth to reach their full potential by remaining substance-free. SRSly promotes positive family, school, and community involvement. We also work to limit youth access to alcohol and other drugs and to reduce parental and peer approval of youth drug use. We focus on primary prevention, which means we aim to stop substance use before it ever starts. That's why we focus our efforts on youth ages 10-15, but our coalition is open to anyone interested in promoting a more positive and healthy community. SRSly receives support from the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Drug-Free Communities Program, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, and the Coghlan Family Foundation. For more information or to volunteer, email info@srslystockbridge.org or call 734-593-8089. Visit www.srslystockbridge.org or follow SRSly Stockbridge on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Stockbridge Area Arts Council (SAAC) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing opportunities for area residents of all ages to participate in and enjoy the performing arts and cultural events in our

community. Since its inception in 1990, the SAAC has improved the aesthetics of the Township Hall by contributing funds for a new stage curtain and audience seating, purchasing a new sound system, purchasing and providing ongoing maintenance of the grand piano, and improving the lighting system. The SAAC sponsors an annual art show in the Township Hall, offers an annual scholarship for a selected Stockbridge student to participate in a summer arts program, and sponsors performances by the Stockbridge Festival Chorus. SAAC meets in Room 108 of the Stockbridge Activity Building (former middle school). New members are welcome. For more info, please find us on Facebook or email: stockbridgeareaartscouncil@gmail.com.

Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce focuses on helping businesses and residents succeed by making our community a better place to work, live, dine, and play. We are organized to achieve the objective of: promoting growth, community, and volunteerism to the communities of Gregory, Munith, and Stockbridge by supporting other local groups or individuals for the common good and organizing events to attract and retain businesses and residents. Website www.stockbridgeareachamber.org/ or visit our Facebook page.

Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation was founded in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization affiliated with the Jackson County Community Foundation. SAEF offers many benefits to the Gregory, Munith and Stockbridge areas through the generous donations of community members and participation in its primary annual fundraiser, the Festival of Tables. SAEF enhances the educational opportunities available to all its citizens through quarterly grants and scholarships. Donations offer educational support to community members and organizations, contributing to a more positive and enriched future. Phone 517-851-7188 or visit www.panthernet.net/our-district/saef.

The Stockbridge Area Garden Club, first established in 1984, serves the greater Stockbridge area. Its 20-plus members seek to beautify public areas, educate people on the how-to's of flower gardening, and support civic projects. Among other undertakings, the garden club decorates the Township Hall and Square, weeds and waters the cemetery flag garden, and helps families in need through Stockbridge Community Outreach. Meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month generally at 1 p.m. All interested are invited. Contact risnerco@gmail.com or mail the Stockbridge Garden Club, P.O. Box 612, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

Stockbridge Area Genealogical/Historical Society (SAGHS) is dedicated to preserving and promoting genealogical and historical information throughout the greater Stockbridge area. SAGHS offices are located in the Stockbridge Town Hall on the lower level. P.O. Box 966, Stockbridge, MI 49285. For info about general public meetings, please check our website: www.stockbridgeareaghs.org. Contact stockbridgeareaghs@hotmail.com.

Stockbridge Area Senior Center Opening in January 2022. Address: 219 E. Elm St., Stockbridge. Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with evening hours on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Additional hours may be added in future.) Look for a variety of educational and recreational activities to be offered. Meals will be provided by the Tri-County Office on Aging. Contact Betti Wetherell at stsc49285@gmail.com or 734-926-5617.

Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC) was created by the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) to help improve the overall wellness of the area served by the former Chelsea Hospital. 5HF is a tax-exempt, private charitable foundation governed by a volunteer board of directors. The mission of the 5HF is to cultivate improvements in personal and community wellness. SAWC aims to serve all those within the Stockbridge school district, focusing on four pillars of health identified by 5HF: making healthy connections, eating better, moving more, and avoiding unhealthy substances. One of the first projects undertaken was to establish the Stockbridge Wellness Center, but other interventions include improving the trail systems, building and improving playgrounds and parks, helping to build the Heritage pavilion and community greenhouse, supporting the Open Air Market and Outreach's Tide Me Over, establishing SRSly Stockbridge and planning for wellness improvements for the future. All are invited, encouraged, and welcome to join SAWC. Other communities involved with 5HF are Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, and Manchester. To learn more about the Stockbridge Area

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Wellness Coalition and 5HF, visit www.5healthytowns.org or www.facebook.com/stockbridgewellnesscoalition or email jormayer76@gmail.com.

Stockbridge Athletic Boosters (SAB) is a nonprofit organization that brings parents and community members together, dedicated to encouraging and supporting athletes and athletic programs in the Stockbridge Community School District. This is done through various fundraising opportunities such as event concessions and larger community events such as the Harlem Wizards fundraiser, which helped purchase equipment for the new weight room in the Jr/Sr High School. SAB is always looking for volunteers to help work concessions and fundraising events, students may even work to cover pay-to-play fees. To find out more, find us on Facebook @Stockbridge Athletic Boosters. Go Panthers!

Stockbridge Community Education. This department of the Stockbridge Community Schools oversees community use of the school buildings and property and also organizes enrichment and recreation programs for the district for all ages. The Community Education Office is now located at the Jr/Sr High School and can be reached by calling 517-710-4122, emailing riverse@panthernet.net, or visit our website <http://panthernet.net/departments/community-education/> and Stockbridge Community-Education on Facebook. Volunteers are always needed to teach a class, coach a team, or help at events.

Stockbridge Community Greenhouse is up and running. A few community members have shared their gardening tips with our students, and we encourage others to reach out to Josh Nichols at 517-917-3223 or at nicholsj@panthernet.net if they would like to share information or use some of the space in the greenhouse for their gardening needs.

Stockbridge Community News is a volunteer-run, nonprofit, public information service operated by volunteers. Our mission is to serve as a hub of quality, consistent local information to build a stronger community. As an IRS 501(C)(4) organization, we depend on the support of donors and sponsors. Over the course of our first five years of existence, the News has grown from a four-page newsletter to a full-fledged public information organization. Our website (stockbridgecommunitynews.com) and Facebook page regularly serve more than 20,000 viewers each month. Our print edition, mailed monthly to nearly 9,000 households in the Stockbridge School District, reaches an estimated 21,000 residents in the Stockbridge, Munith, Gregory and Fitchburg area and portions of White Oak, Grass Lake, Leslie, Pleasant Lake, plus portions of Washtenaw and Jackson counties. As you plan your gift giving for the end of the year, we hope you will keep us in mind, and we always need and welcome volunteers in a variety of areas. The News may be reached at P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137 or through email at stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.

Stockbridge Community Outreach was organized during the fall of 1981 because local churches had become unable to handle the volume of requests for help. The first food pantry was in a room in the basement of a church. We are now located in the old Middle School (now the Stockbridge Activity Center), 305 W. Elizabeth, Room 120 and are open three days a week. We currently offer assistance with food (once monthly), utilities, housing, transportation, and prescriptions. We have clothing and small household goods—all free to the public. We coordinate the Tide Me Over weekend and summer food programs for kids and families who are on the free or reduced lunch program. We participate with the Fresh Food Initiative of Jackson, offering weekly food distributions to anyone who shows up at the site. Our facilities are used for government food distribution, and at Thanksgiving and Christmas we offer special food and gift programs. We make referrals to other agencies for specific needs. Our hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3 p.m. We also provide emergency assistance to those living in the Stockbridge School District. For info, call 517-851-7285 or find us on Facebook. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 682 - Stockbridge Activity Center, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

Stockbridge Golden Years Senior Citizens' Nutrition Site meets Fridays in Stockbridge Township Hall. Lunch is served at noon, followed by bingo. Social time starts at 10:30 a.m. Ages 60+, \$3 donation requested, but not required. RSVP is appreciated. Call Betti Wetherell by 5 p.m. Wednesday, 517-206-9035. Info@tcoa.org or www.tcoa.org/resources/nutrition-services.

Stockbridge Lions and Lioness Clubs in Stockbridge. The Stockbridge Lions Club provides ongoing financial support to a wide range of organizations, events and foundations, including Stockbridge Community Outreach, Waterloo Farm Museum, Stockbridge Area Arts Council, American Diabetes Association, Bear

Lake Camp, Stockbridge Day in the Village, Gregory Fourth of July Celebration, and Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation. The Stockbridge Lions Club has awarded more than \$250,000 over the past years to graduating seniors of Stockbridge High School to help further their educations. The group meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian C.E. building. Anyone interested in joining or contacting the Lions Club may contact Norm Landis, Lions president, at 734-498-2380.

Stockbridge Masonic Lodge is a charitable organization that supports many causes in the Stockbridge area, including scholarship programs at the high school, sponsoring teams through Community Education and raising funds and sponsoring Adopt-A-Family for Stockbridge Community Outreach. A Mason is a member of the oldest and largest goodwill fraternity in the world, known as Masonry or Freemasonry. Masonry teaches that each man has a duty to make life better, not just for himself, but for everyone. They are in all likelihood the oldest continuing group within our community having established themselves by 1862 in Stockbridge. Their meeting hall is located on the second floor of the building which now houses Hometown Pharmacy. You can see their insignia on the door between the two Hometown Pharmacy Doors. Their charter does not permit the solicitation of members, but they are always happy to include new ones. Their history in the community is a long and active one. Contact Greg Uihlein at 734-905-0990 or greguihlein@howardhanna.com.

Their Guardian, Their Voice is a small group of community members connecting in an online forum working together to offer help with short-term assistance for families in crisis and struggling to feed or care for their pets and/or livestock. Their Guardian, Their Voice will also try to assist with placement, adoption, general medical care, and the occasionally emergency medical care when funds are available. We are not a wealthy community and resources are limited and the list is long but we do our best to meet immediate needs. Our end goal is always to make sure any animal doesn't go hungry or suffer. If someone is not comfortable asking publicly for assistance, they can contact one of the administrators privately and confidentially. Coverage area is Ingham County, Jackson County and immediate surrounding counties. For more information, contact Heather Walling at guardiansvoice@hotmail.com or connect with us on Facebook at Their Guardian, Their Voice. Ongoing donations can be made at paypal.me/guardiansvoice.

Tide Me Over, a backpack program that is part of Outreach, works to stave off hunger among the elementary school's most vulnerable students by sending food home with children to tide them over the weekend. Currently, the program provides weekend meals to more than 100 Stockbridge elementary students, pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Donations may be made c/o the TMO program to Stockbridge Outreach, located in the Old Middle School, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3 p.m. Mail to Stockbridge Community Outreach, P.O. Box 682, Stockbridge, MI 49285. Questions or comments? Email 56Hollowayc@gmail.com.

Town Hall Players Our hometown community theater group is always looking for new members: actors, musicians, technical directors, designers, backstage and front-of-house crew, and other volunteers. THP relies on the generous support of local businesses, groups, and individuals to continue to produce good local theater. See our Facebook page, Stockbridge Town Players. If you would like more info or to sponsor a show or the complete season, please find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stockbridgethp/. We can be contacted at stockbridgethp@gmail.com.

Wake Up Stockbridge & Surrounding Communities is an online forum and movement of like-minded individuals with the mindset of community unity and pride. Its goals include making our community inviting for all near and far, coming together as a community united rather than divided, and addressing the harder issues and concerns surrounding us. Wake Up Stockbridge, which started as a Facebook group to discuss community goals, is a positive entity that welcomes different points of view and opinions. Working closely with their sister group Munith/Stockbridge Pay It Forward to make the simplest of needs to larger of needs meet as best they can, to ease economic burdens. The group has grown into local gatherings that host community projects. It conducts various types of activities and initiatives for young and old, resident or not. Although Wake Up highlights Stockbridge as our central point, we are an all-inclusive group helping overlapping communities and neighbors.

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Cindy Anderson,
DVM

Paws and Claws Keeping pets safe, healthy in winter weather

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

While you can turn up the heat, throw on some extra layers and break out waterproof boots when winter winds blow, your pets need help to stay safe in the cold weather. Exposure to winter's dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin. Winter walks can be dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off bare paws.

Keeping your home humidified and towel drying your pets off well upon coming in from outdoors are important for good pet health. Pay special attention to the feet and between the toes, removing any snow accumulation from the lower leg and foot pads.

It is strongly suggested that you not shave your pet down in the winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your pet has long hair, simply trim the hair to minimize the amount of ice, salt or de-icing crystals clinging to the coat. If your pet has a short hair coat, consider purchasing a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. After walks, wash and dry your pet's feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals.

Some northern breeds such as the Akita, Husky, malamute and keeshound are built to withstand the arctic chill. Their dense coats and furry feet act as insulation and help navigate icy terrain. Others, like the chihuahua, poodle and dachshund have thin coats and less muscle mass. Their anatomy also keeps them closer to the ground where they can come into direct contact with the ice, snow and de-icing salt. These breeds are especially sensitive to exposure and if their human owners are feeling chilled, you can bet they are, too.

Nutrition and hydration should be carefully considered when the weather is cold. Keeping your home humidity level high can help pets feel warmer and decrease the risk of cracked pads and dry skin. Dehydration is a concern in the wintertime just as it is in the summer. Some pets may drink more water to offset the lack of humidity in the air. Provide ample fresh water, ice cubes to snack on and heated bowls if necessary.

Make sure your pets have a warm, comfortable place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect. Just remember, if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pets to be outside for extended periods of time.

For help with any cold weather advice, please feel free to contact us at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 4525 M-52, Stockbridge, MI 49285; or call 517-655-5551.

Cindy Anderson, DVM, is a graduate of MSU Veterinary College (1992) and has practiced veterinary medicine for over 28 years.



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"After all, it does not take a village, township or district to make a community. It takes like-minded people who simply care," Tina Mullins said.

For more information, contact Tina at wakeupstockbridge@gmail.com or via Facebook at Wake Up Stockbridge & Surrounding Communities.

Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museums located at 13493 Waterloo-Munith Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240 is maintained and staffed by volunteer workers and members of the Waterloo Area Historical Society (WAHS). We have operated as a community service since 1962, giving tours, living history interpretations, demonstrations, educational meetings, and craft classes. To volunteer, see our website or Facebook page. Contact WAHS at P.O. Box 37, Stockbridge, MI 49285, email: waterloofarmmuseum.org, or call the Farm Museum at 517-596-2254 to leave a message. See our Facebook page. Open for weekend tours starting the first weekend after Memorial Day and ending the weekend before Labor Day.

Waterloo Needlework Club. This group has continued making needlework quilts, knitting and crocheting for people in need since 1911. The club has supported a number of different charities through the years, including making bandages for injured soldiers during World Wars I and II. WNC supports a number of current charities with quilts or money and will be demonstrating our crafts at Pioneer Day in October at the Waterloo Farm Museum. We appreciate donations of good cotton fabric, batting, or money to buy these items. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Munith United Methodist Church. For info, call Jan, 517-769-2172, powelljanice02@gmail.com or Mary Myer, 517-851-8752. Leave a message, and we'll get back with you.

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The FarmBot is equipped with a Wi-Fi router that connects to a mobile device. This allows for accurate planting, nurturing and cultivation of plants when away or from remote locations. To accomplish this, the FarmBot is furnished with a watering tube, a vacuum pump for sowing seeds and a camera that allows the bot to intelligently interact with the garden.

The purpose of the FarmBot is to create an accessible and sustainable way for the food instability threat to be mitigated. This way, people in urban areas will have safe, reliable access to fresh produce, no matter the lack of farmland.

"The 20th annual Student Technology Showcase showcased the brightest and best technology projects in our state, and we were excited to welcome students to the Capitol again this year," said Mark Smith, MACUL executive director.

While presenting their FarmBot and Plant the Moon posters, the team met several state legislators and other students interested in technology. The Stockbridge InvenTeam, mentored by high school STEM teacher Bob Richards, is honored to share its findings and technology with others.



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They then advise the customer he has until the next day to accept the settlement offer or he will no longer have a rental car!

This leaves the vehicle owner no time to check out the comparables provided in the insurer's valuation to see if they exist, have been sold, or if they are even similar to his vehicle, let alone the time to shop around for a replacement.

So, the vehicle owner, feeling he has no choice as he needs a vehicle to get his life back in order, begrudgingly accepts the insurer's lowball settlement and then pleads to keep the rental car for a few more days to secure a replacement vehicle.

The insurer reluctantly allows the owner three more days of rental and then issues a "full and final settlement" payment to the vehicle owner. The only problem is, the vehicle owner finds the amount far less than he has agreed to accept. He is told that the insurer has deducted the amount that was paid to the body shop for charges the insurer didn't believe they should pay for.

So now the consumer is left with less settlement and only a couple of days with a rental. When complaining to the insurer, the insurer responds with: "Unfortunately for you, your chosen body shop overcharged you for their services. No other shops charge for these types of charges or charge such high rates as they do.

"We only owe for what is reasonable and customary in the market area. This shop is known for overcharging and if you had asked us early on we could have referred a dozen shops that wouldn't charge you for such charges. You need to go see your shop to try and get your money back!"

You should never release the vehicle until you have settled with the insurance company. At that time, they will pay the body shop charges to pick up your vehicle.

Why are insurers often successful in such activities that harm consumers and repairers? Because consumers are not being made aware of such issues and concerns or being educated as to how to protect themselves.

Quality-oriented repairers will help their customers in their time of need so they know the facts and be in a position to protect themselves and their family's personal safety and economic well-being. These repairers will use proper procedures, parts and materials to restore a vehicle to the best possible pre-loss condition.

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

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100 WWC-Chelsea Area's next Impact Award meeting is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 1. Women interested in joining can find all the details at www.100wwcchelsea.org, along with the list of eligible charities and how they can be nominated by members. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in making a difference.

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For the first two years of operation, SASC will have most expenses covered through a significant grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. In addition, while SASC awaits the completion of its 501(c)(3) nonprofit application process, the Chelsea Senior Center will act as the short-term fiduciary to ensure that any donations made are considered tax-deductible.

A website is under development and will be operational in January. Questions can be directed to Betti Wetherell, director and board president, at stsc49285@gmail.com or 734-926-5617.

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Rise in misinformation lowers trust in media

Lilly Williams and Gwen Rogozinski. *Uncaged Reporters*

People have lost trust in the media. Six in 10 U.S. adults believe the media to be untrustworthy, according to a poll on the impacts of misinformation done by Gallup.

Trust in American media has been low with 60% of Americans saying they had little or no trust in the year 2020 according to Gallup.

A factor in this is the rise of misinformation on social media sites like Facebook where, according to a poll, 29% of high school students get their news.

"It's funny that most of my family members get into arguments on Facebook over stuff that's not even true," junior Alyssa VanHook said.

According to the Washington Post, misinformation on Facebook receives 6 times more interactions than factual news.

According to an article posted to Forbes in February, Facebook has tried to combat this by pushing reliable information and deleting millions of posts spreading misinformation on COVID-19.

Facebook recently decided to rebrand to Meta after a long history of controversies involving everything from privacy to misinformation. This included not only a change in name but also a change in the logo that everyone has come to associate the social media with.

COVID-19 misinformation has been a large concern for many Americans with 74% of them being worried about finding reliable information in 2020 according to Statista.

"There are things that I do believe because I can look it up and see if it's right," senior Makayla Myers said, "But I think maybe 80% or 90% of information on social media isn't true."

Myers isn't the only student who thinks this. According to a poll sent to gather information about students' news consumption habits, 83% of students tend not to believe most of the information they see on social media.

"They're not factual unless you actually do your research," junior Makayla Surline said in regards to believing things that are said in the media.

The most popular news sources among students are TV news channels like FOX and CNN, with 57% of students indicating them as a source, and social media app Tik Tok with 43% of students gathering their news there.

"It's really easy to give out misinformation on social media because it's not a cited source," Myers said, "It's just what someone else is saying."

The least popular news sources were newspapers with only 11% of students using them as a source and Snapchat with 18% of students getting news there.

Trust of the media is also lower among Republicans than Democrats, with only 10% of Republicans claiming a high amount of trust in the media in 2020. This could be because of the great political divide that has been so prevalent in America in recent years. The number of Democrats was much higher, with 73% of them trusting the mass media according to Gallup.

"I think society is very divided, especially in our school. You're either very far right or your very far left," said Maddie Dalton, "The misinformation in the media really influences that because a lot of people are stupid enough to believe the lies."

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Junior Kayla Surline uses her phone. "I use social media almost all day," said junior Jolie Smith, "Most people use it a lot." Photo credit Lilly Williams

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• **Ladies are warned to beware of the telephone neck.** It is due to long standing at the telephone with the receiver at the left ear, causing an involuntary leaning of the head to one side. It is more noticeable with those living on party lines, and surgeons declare the result is liable to be a crooked neck generation in the near future. Of course no lady in or around Stockbridge will contract this disease.

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January 5, 1922 edition:

• **Rifles for Legion Posts:** American Legion posts wishing to stock up on obsolete rifles and blank ammunition for use in funeral ceremonies may obtain them from corps ordnance officers, United States army, under the provisions of an act of congress.

• **New Way to Foil Robbers:** Holdup men who have been specializing in the robbery of bank messengers and pay-roll carriers will not rejoice in the invention of the latest security satchel ... In the lid it carries a monster bell, operated by two dry cells, which are capable of ringing the alarm continuously for six hours. ... The alarm can be heard for a distance of half a mile.

January 12, 1922 edition:

• Carl Lehman of Ann Arbor, prominent attorney and former prosecutor, together with his family, were celebrating the coming of the new year ... young son Arthur, 14 years old, wanted to shoot off the family shotgun. ... To see what the lad would do when the gun "kicked back," Mr. and Mrs. Lehman stood back in the house to watch the fun. Twice the boy shot it and then hearing suppressed laughter from the house he turned half way round, himself laughing, and in the excitement, pulled the trigger, the charge landing in his father's left thigh.

January 26, 1922 edition:

• **Arctic Adventurer Travels Three Years to Enlist:** Nome, Alaska—An arctic adventurer, B. D. Seaman sailed into Nome from the frozen north recently, and, not knowing that the war was over, tried to enlist in the American army so he could fight in France. Seaman said he has been three years getting to Nome from the Coronation gulf country, which lies far east on Canada's Arctic coast, and during his journey had received no news from the outside world.

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Brian Friddle

From the superintendent's desk Stockbridge Schools continue to deal with the pandemic

Hello Stockbridge Families,

I can tell you the last semester was hard on families, staff and students. After last spring, we thought the summer would bring an end to COVID-19. We planned for a great start to the year, which included activities of a normal year. We found out on Day One and Day Two of school that we were still in the middle of a pandemic. Now at the beginning of the new year 2022, we find ourselves still in the middle of a pandemic and still struggling with the various expectations that this health crisis brings to our community. Although hard, it was a great start to the school year. Students are in school with face-to-face instruction and are still able to participate in most of the activities that we have offered in the past.

Throughout the first semester we have been learning to manage the various issues related to COVID that our county requires. We have been writing grants to help bring other resources into the district to support students and relieve staff members that are overloaded. I feel like we are finally getting the staff in place to deal with the expectations that COVID has placed upon us. We have added multiple mental health care providers to help meet the needs that students have in general and because of the pandemic-laden world in which we live. We also have been able to acquire nursing services and health liaison support to help address our COVID response of testing, contact tracing, communicating, reporting, Testing to Stay programming, and athletic testing. We also have hired two college students to help get us caught up with our COVID response and they will only be with us for two weeks as they are working around their college schedules. These new supports are helping to ease the load on our administrators and support staff who have been managing multiple job duties in addition to their own.

We are grateful for the tools and resources that have been provided. The COVID testing and Testing to Stay programs have provided us with a much better picture of how COVID is moving throughout our community. Testing to Stay has allowed us to preserve over 2,200 days of instruction by allowing students to stay in school as opposed to quarantining.

The holiday gatherings have us concerned as there is a potential for spread with the new Omicron variant becoming the dominant strain across the country. We saw a significant increase right after Thanksgiving, but then it dropped after the first day. Last year, we did not see the anticipated spike after the new year, so I am not sure what to expect.

We are ready for the students' return and we do have support in place to address students' needs as they arise. I am looking forward to this new year and the continued movement toward normalcy in our school community. If your student/s show symptoms of sickness, please keep them home as we start school. If you are concerned that your student/s may have COVID and would like testing, please contact the school on Jan. 3 and we will make testing available for them before they return to class.

We are looking forward to a great year in 2022. Happy New Year!
Brian Friddle
Superintendent of Schools

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5 Healthy Towns opens wellness centers to local school district teachers, staff

Information from 5 Healthy Towns Foundation

To show its gratitude to local schools, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) announced recently that all school district staff members will receive five free visits to any of its wellness centers to be used between Dec. 20, 2021, and Jan. 31, 2022. Staff members only need to present their employee identification at any location, and they will receive a punch card for the remaining visits.

Participating wellness centers include:

- Stockbridge Wellness Center, 5116 S. Michigan 106, Stockbridge.
- Chelsea Wellness Center, 14800 E. Old U.S. 12, Chelsea.
- Dexter Wellness Center, 2810 Baker Road, Dexter.
- Manchester Wellness Center, 710 E. Main St., Manchester.

“Our partnership with the schools helps us to reach so many families and children in the region with wellness programs. We especially acknowledge that school staff members, who have demonstrated their tremendous resilience during another challenging school year, need down time to focus on their own physical and emotional well-being,” said Steve Petty, 5HF CEO. “Using the wellness center as a place to move more or access additional programs like strength training, gentle yoga or a spinning class, can be just what a person needs to relax and restore during the holiday period.”

School districts were notified about the benefit before the Thanksgiving break.

“We think the process we have created will make it easy to use our wellness centers,” said Cindy Cope, wellness center director. “We hope that every school staff member will take this opportunity to see what the wellness centers are all about!”

“More than anything,” Petty said, “we want our teachers and support staff members to know just how much we respect and appreciate their dedication to our children and their vital contributions to our community.”



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Wednesday 11/3 - Subpoena Service-Location Undisclosed
Thursday 11/4 - Missing Person-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct.
Saturday 11/6 - Assist EMS-Donohue Rd./Spears Rd.
Sunday 11/7 - Assist EMS-Worden Rd./Bowdish Rd.
Monday 11/8 - Assist EMS-Weller Rd./Wasson Rd.
Tuesday 11/9 - Subpoena Service-Location Undisclosed
Wednesday 11/10 - Property Damage Accident-M-36/Webb St., Assist Village of Pinckney Police Dept.-E. Main St./Park St.
Thursday 11/11 - Assist EMS-Templar Ave./Doyle Rd., Abuse/Neglect-Location Undisclosed
Friday 11/12 - Medical-Spears Rd./Gregory Rd., Animal Complaint-W. M-36/Graves Rd.
Saturday 11/13 - Assist EMS-Arnold Rd./W. Lakelands Trl., Citizen Assist-Woodside Dr./Lake Shore Dr.
Monday 11/15 - Domestic Physical-Location Undisclosed, Conservation Laws-Whispering Meadows Dr./E.- M36, Assist Other Agency-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd., Conservation Laws-M-36/Dutton Rd., Traffic Violation/Complaint-W. M-36/Bullis Rd., Larceny-Arnold Rd./W. M-36

Tuesday 11/16 - Assist EMS-W. M-36/Pingree Rd.
Wednesday 11/17 - Assist Village of Pinckney Police Dept.-E. Main St./Mann St.
Friday 11/19 - Domestic Physical-Location Undisclosed, Welfare Check-Doyle Rd./Williamsville Rd., Assist EMS-San Souci Ave./San Juan Ct., Assist EMS-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir.
Saturday 11/20 - Road Hazard-W. M-36/Dream Catcher Rd., Property Damage Accident-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd., Respond to Alarm-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.
Sunday 11/21 - Medical-Doyle Rd./Worden Rd., Assist UTPD for Tree Down-Livermore Rd./W. M-36
Monday 11/22 - Assist EMS-San Souci Ave./San Juan Ct., Trespassing, Loitering-Howlett Rd./Doyle Rd., Subpoena Service-Location Undisclosed
Tuesday 11/23 - Abandoned Vehicle-Doyle Rd./Howlett Rd., Lost/Found Property-M-36/Main St., Medical Assist-San Souci Ave./San Juan Ct., Disturbance/Trouble-Main St./Dewey St.
Friday 11/26 - Assist EMS-Barton Rd./W. M-36, Assist Other Agency-S. Clinton St., Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.
Saturday 11/27 - Suspicious Situation-Barton Rd./Spears Rd., Assist EMS-Arnold Rd./W. M-36
Sunday 11/28 - Assist EMS-Main St./Kuhn St.
Monday 11/29 - Fraud-W. Trebesh Cir./Winfred Ct.

Chief David S. Russell
 Unadilla Township Police Department

Waterloo Township Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes 23 November 2021

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.
 Present: Lance, Morency, Walz, McAlister, Kitley, and 7 residents. Also attending: Our Jackson County Sheriff Deputy Jim Moore.
 Public Comment: Bill Richardson spoke of the re-districting maps and decisions being worked on. He will send the criteria for the proposed changes that may take place. He encourages everyone to give a response. There are 5 weeks left before proposed changes become final. Copies of the criteria will be available at the Township offices if anyone would like one.
 Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay the bills as listed on the Post Audit report in the amount of \$1,349.86. Roll call vote: Yes/ Walz, Kitley, Lance, Morency, McAlister. No/none. Motion carried. There was a police report for October given by Deputy Moore. Deputies assigned to Waterloo Township responded to 15 complaints, made 10 traffic stops. The Sheriff's office responded to a total of 25 calls for service. Michigan State Police responded to 17 calls for service.
 Correspondence: None
 Old Business: Lance motioned with support from McAlister to accept the Law Enforcements Contract as presented by Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Roll call vote: Yes/Kitley, Lance, Morency, McAlister, Walz. No/none. Motion carried.
 New Business: Clear Lake County Park was discussed by the Parks and Rec Committee at their meeting. Clear Lake Shores is also sending a letter of complaint regarding the condition of the park. Needs to be updated to make it useable. Christmas decorations are ready for hanging in Munith. Lights have all been repaired/replaced as needed. Henrietta Fire Department will be installing the decorations. Rain garden area is flooded so planting will take place in the spring. The Halloween parade in Munith was a big success.
 Planning Commission reviewed Township attorney's input in Short-term Rental Ordinance and approved it and recommended that the Township Board accept the Revised Short Term Rental Ordinance. They reviewed and accepted Extraction Committee input additions to section 11.21 Extraction Operations. They also reviewed and updated Zoning Ordinance sections 11.15 through 11.17. They tabled review of section 11.18 to gather addition information. They further

reviewed and updated sections 11.19 through 11.20B. The following were action items addressed at the meeting:
 • Lance motioned with support from McAlister to accept O-21-11-23-1, the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and Application as presented. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Morency, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried.
 • Lance motioned with support from Kitley that the Board accept Glenn Farm Seeds letter of October 25, 2021 requesting rescinding of the Re-zoning request regarding their property. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
 • Walz motioned with support from Kitley to accept the quote from IT Right for a new computer and screen for the Assessor at a cost of \$1288. Roll call vote: Yes/ Morency, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried.
 • Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the budget amendment in the amount of \$3,000, transferring from 101-265-970-000 to 101-265-727-000. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Morency. No/ none. Motion carried.
 Other Items That Come Before The Board: There was discussion on whether or not to have an Instagram account for the Township and Parks and Rec Committee. A firm decision was not made.
 Public Comment: Catherine Upton asked if more letters should be sent regarding condition of Clear Lake County Park. Deputy Moore commended Brewster's Towing for throwing out 99 \$1 bills and 1 \$100 bill during the Halloween Parade. There were some pretty excited attendees. Cynthia Richardson commented on the waste materials on the edge of the property at 6810 Trist Road under the phone lines. We have an ordinance against noxious weeds. It will be checked into. Bill Richardson spoke of the condition of the Clear Lake County Park and Walz mentioned that there is no money allotted for it in the Jackson County Parks 5-year plan. She said there is a meeting of the Jackson County Parks group the 1st Wednesday of each month in Jackson. Kathy McClinchey commended the Board for their continued good work for the Township.
 Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.
 The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday December 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on December 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootwpmi.com and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootwpmi](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootwpmi).
 Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

Stockbridge Masonic Lodge members brighten the holiday season



Stockbridge Masonic Lodge #130

Information and photos provided by Geri and Greg Uihlein
 Members of Stockbridge Masonic Lodge #130 came together this holiday season to "adopt" three families through Stockbridge Community Outreach, providing gifts for Christmas. "The Masons are a charitable group that focus on many opportunities to serve our community and beyond," shared Mason Greg Uihlein.



Geri Uihlein, Greg Uihlein, Dan Wilson, Rick Reynolds, Dianna Miller, Ron Miller and Richard Gibson deliver the Christmas gifts to Stockbridge Community Outreach.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES Dec. 20, 2021

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on December 20, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Trustee Terry Sommer
 Member absent from meeting: Trustee Treasurer James Wireman
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Moment of Silence
 Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting agenda as printed Sommer second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Citizen Comments Discussion
 Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting minutes from November 15, 2021 as printed Wetherell second All in Favor Motion carried
 Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township financial report as printed from April 1, 2021 thru December 20, 2021 Wetherell second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Old Business
 Stockbridge Township Board meet with the Stockbridge Township Lawyer Peter Flintoft on Monday December 20, 2021 to help navigate thru the red tape so that the Stockbridge Area Senior Center can move forward and open. Village of Stockbridge Planning Commission has stated that the Stockbridge Area Senior Center is on the next Planning Commission agenda for the Village of Stockbridge. Stockbridge Area Senior Center has reached

out to the Village Building Department to get a Zoning Certificate of Approval from the Village of Stockbridge.
 New Business
 Discussion on new Electrical Inspector
 Stockbridge Chamber asked for approval for use of the Stockbridge Township Square during The Day in the Village
 Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township insurance quote for 2022 from Burnham & Flower for \$16,000.00 with the add on of \$141.00 for Casualty & Property Limited Terrorism Coverage and \$25.00 additional for Increase Nonmonetary Defense Cost Coverage to \$1,000,000.00 per suit /\$ 1,000,000.00 Aggregate
 Wetherell Second Roll Call Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried
 Sommer motion to reappoint Mandy Urquhart, Randy Snyder and Jeremy Muraf to the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission for the next 3 years. Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Geri Uihlein for Stockbridge DDA was present to discuss the Skate Ramp at the Veteran Memorial Park and replacing of it. DDA will be doing a go fund me and looking to raise Money for the replacement of the Skate ramps.
 Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township monthly bills in the amount of \$66,145.68
 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Citizen's Comments None
 Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township Board monthly meeting at 8:23PM
 Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Stockbridge Township Clerk

Obituaries

James C. Diefenthaler



James C. Diefenthaler
Apr. 13, 1934 to Nov. 28, 2021

James C. Diefenthaler, age 87, of Stockbridge, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at his home. He was born on April 13, 1934 in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Carlton and Kathryn (Holtcamp) Diefenthaler. On August 8, 1953 he married Alice J. (Gahler) in Toledo, Ohio. They moved to Michigan in 1953, and he worked as a farmer for many years, as well as a semi-truck driver. He served as Livingston Co. Commissioner from 1968 -1980, and he was a proud supporter and board member of the Fowlerville Fair. He was also a member of FFA. They enjoyed retirement in Florida for 10 years, and for the past five years had moved back to Michigan.

James is survived by his wife, Alice; five children: Timothy (Julie Evans) Diefenthaler of Minnesota, Linda Dancer of Stockbridge, Thomas Diefenthaler of Fowlerville, Sandra (Brook) Risner of Michigan and Florida, and Debra Diefenthaler of Stockbridge; one brother, Alwin "Tub" (Janet) Diefenthaler of Florida, and sister-in-law, Nancy Diefenthaler of California; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roland and Irwin, one grandchild, Lauren, and son-in-law, Dan Dancer.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in James' name may do so to the FFA of Stockbridge or Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Kathryn L. Humrich



Kathryn L. Humrich
Passed away Dec. 5, 2021

Kathryn L. Humrich, age 102, of Gregory, MI, passed away on December 5, 2021 at her home surrounded by family.

Kathryn had a life well-lived for 102 years and brought joy to everyone who was lucky enough to meet her.

Her family called her the "miracle of 1919." She was born at 1 lb and 10 oz. at home, and survived out of spunk.

She was born, raised, and passed away in Gregory. Kathryn was a member of the Plainfield Methodist Church. Her family was her biggest joy, and she dedicated her life to taking care of and spending time with them.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, crocheting, reading, and working in her yard and garden, but her favorite pastime was traveling, whether it was just a visit to someone's house, or traveling all over the United States and to her favorite place, Manitoulin Island, Canada. She would say, "just let me get my hat."

Kathryn is survived by her six children: Gary (Kathryn) Humrich, Larry (Lorraine) Humrich, Ronald (Lynda) Humrich, Linda (Robert) Vogel, Carol (Ralph) Goerge, and Elaine (Mike) Boyd; 21 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ralph W. Humrich, two great-grandsons, Benjermin Humrich and Shane Redford, and siblings: Daisie, Russell, and J.W. Roberts.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Plainfield United Methodist Church in Gregory, MI. Burial followed at Plainfield Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to the Plainfield United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Carrie Lynn Rose



Carrie Lynn Rose
May 10, 1967 to Dec. 7, 2021

Carrie Lynn Rose, age 54, of Jackson, MI, formerly of Munith, MI, passed away at Henry Ford Allegiance Health in Jackson, MI on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. She was born on May 10, 1967 in Jackson, MI, the daughter of Roger and Vera (Patrick) Hoover. Carrie graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1985. She worked in the accounting department at Hatch Stamping for 25 years. Carrie had lived in Munith for many years and lived in Jackson for the past eight years. She loved spending time with her family and her dogs, Brady and Woodson. She was a great cook, and she was overjoyed to finally be a grandma.

On March 5, 1988, she married Richard H. "Rich" Parks, and he preceded her in death on December 3, 2013. She married David V. Rose on October 11, 2017, and he survives. Also surviving are three children, Justin (Angela) Parks of Munith, Colby Parks of Chelsea, and Taylor (Evann) Rohloff of Jackson; two grandchildren, Harvey and Sawyer; one brother, Roger (Tim) Hoover of Georgia, and one sister, Kelli (Ken) Weiner of Florida; also her in-laws, Terry and Nadine Rose of Jackson. In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Robin Delaney.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Visitation was held on Friday, December 10, 2021 at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m., as well as Saturday from 1-2 p.m. A private burial will take place at a later date at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Munith.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cascades Humane Society.

Elizabeth Gerber



Elizabeth Gerber
March 12, 1948 to Dec. 5, 2021

Elizabeth Gerber, age 73, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on December 5, 2021 at her home.

She was born on March 12, 1948 in Salyersville, KY the daughter of Edwin and Earnestine (Salyer) Minix. She had lived in the Stockbridge area since 1953, moving from Salyersville. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for Western Southern Life Insurance. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, baking and spending time with her grandkids.

On February 21, 1981, she married Clifford W. Gerber, and he survives. Also surviving are her children, Amberlee (Corey) Barker of Virginia, and Lance (Barbara Bartley) Gerber of Stockbridge; seven grandchildren: Landon, Leo, Levi, Luke, Mya, Lily, and Lilah; also her siblings: David (Leotta) Minix of Stockbridge, Carolyn Myer of Michigan, Donna (Tom) Sussex of Iowa, and sister-in-law, Ila Minix of Stockbridge. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Paul Minix, and a sister, Sharon Minix.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11:00 a.m., at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge. The family received friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 -11 a.m. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In Remembrance

Stockbridge Community News publishes death notices and obituaries on our website, Facebook page and Twitter feed as soon as we receive notice. This way, friends and loved ones will learn of your loved one's passing right away, so they won't inadvertently miss funeral and memorial services. All too often weekly publications circulate after services are held.

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In contrast, the former local paper no longer circulates within Ingham County, and only a small percentage of residents in the area subscribe to or read daily papers from Jackson and Lansing.

When the time comes, please send, or ask your funeral director to send, your loved one's obituary to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com

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.

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- Jean Nemeth - died Nov. 23, 2021 - Stockbridge
- Vaughn Alan Simons - died Nov. 27, 2021 - Stockbridge
- Deborah G. Marshall - died Dec. 14, 2021 - Stockbridge

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The trust may be low because 59% of Americans believe that most news sources are pushing an ideology or attempting to sway public opinion. Many believe that news sources are focusing less on informing people and have instead prioritized pushing their ideas on their audience, according to Forbes.

A large number of high school students agree that sources attempt to convince people to believe the organization's own ideas, with 88% of them answering this way in a poll. This could be a result of subconscious biases held by the writer.

"I feel like misinformation is the leading cause of political divide because if people were actually educated on the issues they were discussing they would realize there isn't actually a divide at all," VanHook said.

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Obituaries Kimberly Ann Marie Higgins



Kimberly Ann Marie Higgins
Feb. 20, 2001 to Dec. 18, 2021

On December 18, 2021, **Kimberly Ann Marie Higgins** died unexpectedly as the result of an automobile accident.

Kim is survived by her fiancé, Toby French, her mother, Jackie (Jen) Armbruster (nee Bowers), her father, David (Alexandria) Higgins, her surrogate parents, Jill & Stewart Ogden, and her sisters and brothers, Tyler Higgins, Steven/Max Youngheim, Ryder Armbruster, Seanna Ogden, Kaitlyn Rosul, Milan Rosul, Megan Rosul, Lily Ogden, and Leah Ogden. She is also survived by her aunts and uncles, Bobbi (Joshua) Sitter, Richard (Rachelle) Hercher, Robin Hercher, Patricia (Bobby) Higgins, Ellen (Garrett) Lefler, and her cousins Jazmyne Sitter, Joshua (Ashley) Sitter Jr., Nathaniel McChesney, Chase Lefler, Logan Lefler, Ember Lefler, Lillian Hercher, and Violet Hercher. She is also survived by her grandparents Geoffrey Higgins, Roland Hercher, and Ken & Linda Armbruster and the Bower family. Kim is preceded in death by her grandparents, Beth Stagman, Raymond Bishop, Cynthia Higgins, and Rita Hercher.

Kimberly was born on February 20, 2001 in Trenton, Michigan. She graduated from David Douglas High School in June, 2019. Her passion was photography and the arts for which she was developing a burgeoning career as a solo artist. Kim's favorite thing in life was her family. She grew up with many cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents, and extended family. She loved to do nice things for other people and was always willing to help people however she was able to no matter what the cost to her. Another love of hers was to travel so that she could pursue her passion of photography in interesting places. This wanderlust took her to places like Costa Rica, Portland, Oregon, Niagara Falls, and all throughout the state of Michigan.

A public viewing for Kimberly was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, 424 East Main Street, Stockbridge, Michigan, 49285.

A memorial service was also scheduled at the same location on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., followed by a wake at the American Legion Post 510, 830 S. Clinton, Stockbridge, MI 49285. The family asks that donations be sent to Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in the name of Jackie Armbruster.

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St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea earns award for outstanding quality and safety

Information from St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea
Highlighting its nationally recognized achievements in patient quality and safety, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, a joint venture hospital between Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and University



of Michigan Health, was named a Top Teaching Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group. Announced Dec. 7, 2021, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive.

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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Panthers rout Perry in GLAC basketball opener

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge boys basketball team opened GLAC play Dec. 17 and came away with a 59-40 rout of Perry.

David Kluesner sparked a fast start by the Panthers with nine first-quarter points to give the Panthers a 13-6 lead after one.

Kluesner would continue to be a force in the second with five more points, while Drew Philipp added five and Keegan Collins four in the quarter to extend the Panthers' lead to 27-15 at the break.

The Panthers would continue to pull away in the third with a 14-8 run behind five from Drew Robinson and four more from Kluesner for a 41-23 lead after three.

Perry would start sending the Panthers to the line in the fourth and Stockbridge would seal the win by making 13 of 17 from the charity stripe to hold on for the win.

Kluesner finished with a team-high 22 points to lead Stockbridge.

Philipp finished with 14 and Collins 10. Robinson added nine and Jake Sawicki four.

The Panthers fell to Pinckney 57-50 in a non-conference game Dec. 14.

Stockbridge trailed 11-10 after one, but the Pirates used an 18-8 run in the second to build a 29-18 lead at the half and the Panthers could not recover.

Collins led the Panthers with 15 points on the night, while Philipp added 13.

Micah Bolton chipped in with six points and

Robinson five. Kluesner and Collin Cook scored four each and Sawicki three.

The Panthers opened the season at the Dansville Showcase Dec. 7 and fell to Webberville in the season opener.

Collins and Sawicki scored five points each in the first as the Panthers took an early lead, but the Spartans rallied for an 18-17 lead after one.

The game remained close in the second with Webberville outscoring the Panthers 13-12 to hold a 31-29 lead at the half.

The Panthers went cold in the third as the Spartans outscored them 18-5 to take a 49-34 lead after three and cruised to the win.

Collins finished with a team-high 11 points with Sawicki adding 10.

Joey Ballagh hit three triples to finish with eight points and Kluesner added four. Robinson struggled with foul trouble all night and finished with three. Philipp and Daniel Mahler added three each and Bolton one.

The Panthers bounced back and beat Dansville 48-42 in the second game of the Aggie's showcase Dec. 10.

A big 17-4 second-quarter run sparked the Panthers as they held on for the win.

Collins led the way with 13 points including eight in the second quarter to spark the big run.

Robinson added 11 points, while Sawicki added eight. Kluesner chipped in with six points, Philipp five, Ballagh three, and Bolton two.

A slow start doomed the Panthers in a 61-48 loss to Vandercook Lake at the GLAC/Cascades Challenge at Olivet College Saturday, Dec. 11.

Vandy jumped out to a 19-10 lead after one quarter and extended the lead to 34-18 at the half and would cruise to the win.

Philipp led the Panthers with 11 points, while Kluesner added nine.

Robinson and Ballagh scored six each, Cook and Collins five each, Sawicki four, and Mahler two.



David Kluesner moves to the basket for the Panthers. Photo credits Keith Michaels



Drew Philipp moves to the lane against Webberville defenders.

Lady Panthers roll to third straight win

by Keith Michaels

After dropping two of their first three, the Stockbridge girls basketball team has bounced back to win three straight to improve to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the GLAC.

The Panthers started the win streak Dec. 10 with a 55-14 pasting of Maple Valley.

Stockbridge jumped to a commanding 26-4 lead after one quarter and never looked back as they cruised by the Lions.

Gwen Rogozinski outscored the whole Maple Valley team with a team-high 16 points, including eight to spark the first-quarter run.

Gracee Robidou had a big game for the Panthers, scoring nine first-half points and finishing the night with 12.

Alaina Kellenberger was a force inside with 10 points, while Makayla Surline and Brooklyn Rochow scored six each. Rylee Tolson chipped in with five first-quarter points for the Panthers.

Stockbridge made it two straight with a hard-fought 42-32 win over Pinckney in a non-league contest Dec. 14.

The game was close throughout with the Pirates leading 15-14 after one and the Panthers taking the lead 22-21 at the half.

The Panther defense clamped down on the Pirates in the second half, holding Pinckney to just 11 points as Stockbridge would pull away for the win.

Rogozinski had a big night with 21 points including nine in the third when the Panthers would pull away.



Alaina Kellenberger drives to the basket against Dansville. Photo credits Keith Michaels



Gwen Rogozinski tries to get around a Dansville defender.

Rochow chipped in with nine points and Kellenberger seven. Robidou finished with three points and Paige Stolarz two.

Stockbridge improved to 2-0 in the GLAC with a 60-23 throttling of Perry Dec. 17.

The Panthers took a 16-4 lead behind a pair of triples by Robidou in the first quarter. And the lead would grow to 27-10 at the half and the Lady Panthers would never look back.

Rogozinski scored 16 in the third quarter and finished with a team-high 26 points.

Kellenberger had a big night with a double-double of 18 points and 11 rebounds. Robidou finished with nine points, Tolson five, and Shailynn Walker two.

Stockbridge wrestlers finish sixth at Jessie Snow Memorial Invitational

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge wrestling team came home with a sixth-place finish at Maple Valley's Jessie Snow Memorial Invitational Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Panthers finished with 56 points in the meet won by Hastings with 147. Stockbridge was led by the second-place finishes of Remi Samek, Nolan Snider and Kaiden Samek.

Remi Samek finished 2-1 on the day to finish 2nd at 112 pounds.

Snider was second at 135 and Kaiden Samek went 2-1 to finish second at 189.

Ethan Bradley went 1-2 and finished 4th at 125, Jaidehn Conant 1-2 and fourth at 160, Brandon Lopez fourth at 112, and Finn Coffman fourth at 171.

The Panthers struggled at the Blissfield Invitational Dec. 11, when they finished 16th with 10 points.

Bradley 2-2 and Jaidehn Conant 1-2 were the only Panthers to pick up wins on the mat.

Kalysta Connolly has wrestled in a couple of girls wrestling tournaments.

Connolly went 2-1 at the Howell tournament and finished second in her weight class.

She then went 2-3 on the day at the Clinton tournament Dec. 17.

Recapping CADL's 2021 Christmas Eve radio storytime

Information from CADL



Capital Area District Libraries

For the second year in a row, Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) aired a Christmas Eve storytime on Lansing's Christmas Station, 99.1 WFMK and 99wfmk.com. The storytime aired at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve and repeated at the top of every hour until midnight. This year, Tom Shilts, youth librarian for CADL's Okemos Branch, read Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

"This special storytime is a way to provide families with another opportunity to make holiday memories," said Trenton Smiley, CADL's director of marketing and communications. "It also showcases the skillful storytelling of our staff that takes place regularly in our branches and online."

The WFMK broadcast featured a special appearance by Mason Reeves, who plays Kristoff, the simple but kindhearted ice harvester, in Disney's hit musical "Frozen." Reeves provided details on how listeners could enter to win a four-pack of tickets to see the musical on stage at Wharton Center from Jan. 26 to Feb. 6, 2022. Scott Duimstra, CADL's executive director, also provided a special holiday message.

This year, CADL was excited to air "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in Spanish on WKAR's NewsTalk AM 870/102.3 FM during the station's Latinx programming. The story was told by Marisela Garza, CADL's youth services specialist. This version also will be posted on wkar.org.

For information regarding storytimes being offered by the 13 branches of Capital Area District Libraries and on Facebook, visit cadl.org and click on the "Events" tab.

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~JANUARY~

Stockbridge apartment complex to receive a \$2.5 million makeover



Author:
Hope Salyer

~JULY~

Fatal crash reported in Stockbridge



~FEBRUARY~

Firefighters trapped. Escape without injury.



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Patrice Johnson

~AUGUST~

Staff Spotlight: Veteran football coach Jeremy Killinger teaches great carry-over skills on the field



Author:
Amy Haggerty



Author:
Judy Williams

~MARCH~

A grateful community bids farewell to Mark Schroeder, retired Unadilla Township fire chief



~SEPTEMBER~

Staff Spotlight: Shawn Bliss combines dream jobs to keep third-grade students interested



Author:
Amy Haggerty



~APRIL~

Local group pitches in to ready longtime local resident for spring



Author:
Patrice Johnson

~OCTOBER~

Come one, come all. Join the Halloween parade in Munith on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.



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~MAY~

Panthers track teams send five to state finals



~NOVEMBER~

Staff Spotlight: Parapro Delores Shippe ("Grandma Dee") has a special gift



Author:
Amy Haggerty



~JUNE~

Tales from our 50-year residents: Anne (Howlett) Potts treasures family memories, growing up in Gregory



Author:
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~DECEMBER~

Staff Spotlight: A Stockbridge classic, Elizabeth Cyr is retiring



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