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## Amish barn raising brings business back from ashes



Schwartz Family Market fire on Feb. 2  
Photos provided by Tina Cole-Mullins

by Tina Cole-Mullins

In the early morning hours of Feb. 2, a fire started in the attic area of the Schwartz Family Market on Williamston Road in Bunkerhill Township. The devastating blaze destroyed the store and a barn. But thanks to the Amish community, cleanup and rebuilding started the very next day.

"We had just marked our 90 days in business the day prior, opening on Nov. 1 of last year," market owner Mark Schwartz said.

According to Schwartz, fire inspection revealed "the wiring was old and outdated."

"In the past years, they had used newspapers as insulation and (the fire) appeared to have started from outdated wiring," he added.

Neighbor Shannon Murray called the fire "very devastating."

"Thankfully no one was hurt, but Mark spent a lot of time in his office. It had all his important papers and money. He is in shock right now," Murray said the morning after the fire. "The business and barn were a complete loss. Their horses were safe but they lost several dogs and rabbits."

See Amish barn raising on page 7.



Schwartz Family Market warehouse and store on March 4.

## Musical duo 'Crandall & Kroes' returning for free performance at Stockbridge Township Hall



Nick Kroes (left) and David Crandall entertain their local fans during a previous performance in Stockbridge. Photo credit Paul Crandall

### Information from Stockbridge Area Arts Council

Nick Kroes and David Crandall, of the greater Grand Rapids area, will once again grace the stage in Stockbridge Township Hall at the request of the Stockbridge Area Arts Council. Their free concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 4 p.m. Last here in November 2018, they have added many new songs to their lineup to share with their Stockbridge fans.

"Crandall & Kroes" is the acoustic music duo of David Crandall and Nick Kroes. Nick and Dave met while still in high school and have played on and off together for many years. They mainly

focus on 20th century American songs accompanied by guitars, banjo and the occasional harmonica. While some of their repertoire is relatively recent, most of it dates from before the Second World War, including some early century fare. Check out their website at <http://toomanytrains.com> for a sampling of their music.

The April concert is free to all and family-friendly. The winner of the Stockbridge Area Arts Council 2022 Scholarship also will be announced at this event.

## Audra Salyer receives DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing



A grateful patient nominated longtime registered nurse Audra Salyer for The DAISY Award. Photo provided by Kayla Fletcher

by Kayla Fletcher

Stockbridge High School graduate and lifelong resident Audra (Cook) Salyer received The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses in March 2022. The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation was created in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes to say

thank you to his nurses for the care and compassion they provided to him during his illness and at the end of his life.

Salyer has been a registered nurse and has worked for Henry Ford Allegiance Digestive Health for more than 24 years. She was nominated for The DAISY Award by a patient she took care of during a procedure.

"Audra did a great job taking care of me when I was having my procedure. I was not doing well when it was time to start my sedation for my procedure. Audra and the rest of the crew in the room did a great job of trying to calm me down when I was very anxious. After my procedure, Audra took a lot of time to make sure I came out of my sedation properly and was constantly checking on me. I really appreciated everything she did for me."

— A Grateful Patient

Salyer is very humbled by the nomination.

"Being a nurse is very rewarding, and I work with a wonderful team. Thank you to the patient that nominated me. It means a great deal to me," she said.

## Retired Stockbridge teacher Elizabeth Cyr awarded Lifetime Achievement Award



Retired English and journalism teacher Elizabeth Cyr. Photo provided by Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Retired teacher Elizabeth Cyr has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding journalism along with 11 other recipients across the United States. Congratulations, Elizabeth! We are so proud of your accomplishments.

## Benjamin S. Miles named new president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, effective April 18



Benjamin S. Miles has been named the new president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, succeeding Nancy Graebner-Sundling. Photo provided by St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

### Information from St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has announced that Benjamin S. Miles has been named the new president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, succeeding Nancy Graebner-Sundling, who began her retirement recently. Miles' first day on the job will be April 18, 2022.

Miles joins a strong and established leadership team led by Chief Medical Officer Alon Weizer, MD; Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Clinical Services Cheryl Taylor, RN; Chief Human Resources Officer Tonia Schemer, and Executive Director of Finance Shannon Scott.

"Ben has a proven reputation as a results-oriented health care leader, bringing expertise in strategy, operations, process improvement, project management and finance," said Shannon Striebich, senior vice president of operations at Trinity Health Michigan. "He is an articulate, effective communicator able to clearly translate complex concepts, which will help to strengthen understanding and alignment throughout our Chelsea hospital. We are grateful to Nancy for her dynamic, caring leadership over the past 10 years, and we wish Ben great success in his new role."

Over his career, Miles has developed strong relationships across teams to achieve business growth while helping improve the quality and range of health care services.

See *St. Joe's president on page 17.*

## Rural Perspectives: American robins are area's welcome harbinger of springtime

by Diane Constable

The American robin (*Turdus migratorius*) is our most popular songbird, and the official State Bird of Michigan and two other states. Their sweet melody is the first bird song heard in the morning and the last heard in the evening.

The males come back to their nesting grounds by early April to find and defend a favored territory. The female arrives a couple of weeks later to pick a spot to nest. A place among tree or shrub branches, preferably 5 to 25 feet off the ground fits the bill, but sometimes she will find a nice ledge or platform. She uses twigs, grasses and mud for nest building. The three to five sky-blue eggs are incubated for about 14 days.

When hatched, both parents feed the chicks. The fledglings leave the nest after about two weeks and live on the ground for another two weeks while the parents protect and feed them. So if you see baby robins on the ground, please do not move them.

Robins are often seen running on lawns, stopping and starting in their search for earthworms. They use sight and sound to find the worms and will eat up to

18 feet of worms a day. Robins also like various insects, fruits, and berries—often preferring bug-infested berries. Because of their eating habits, they are vulnerable to certain lawn and garden chemicals.

To attract more robins, try planting some of their favorite fruited garden shrubs—such as viburnum, dogwood, or serviceberry—and trees like crab apple, red cedar or red mulberry.

Fun Fact: When not raising chicks, robins flock in large numbers in trees and woodlands, particularly in the colder weather. Some go south, some stick around, and some travel here from the far north to over-winter.



Diane Gray Constable



American robins deliver the first bird song heard in the morning and the last heard in the evening. Photo credit Diane Constable

### THE OPEN AIR MARKET

2022 Indoor Winter Market: April 9

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Help "spruce up" the preserve, clearing brush, cleaning up trash, widening path, marking trails and more.

Please wear appropriate clothes for the job, and bring gloves and tools that fit the work.

**MEET:** at east Beckwith parking lot off M-106.  
For more information please email [info@5healthytowns.org](mailto:info@5healthytowns.org) or visit [www.srslystockbridge.org](http://www.srslystockbridge.org)

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From CADL Stockbridge

## Plants and planting are on the library's calendar

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell



CADL is hosting several programs by Bevin Cohen, an herbalist, farmer and author. Photos provided by CADL



Check out CADL – Stockbridge on April 9, 2022, to learn how native plants help create a healthy environment for bees and birds.

The risk of a snowstorm is probably gone, and the soil is warming up, which means it's time to get in the garden. Capital Area District Libraries is offering several gardening programs, and two are right here at the Stockbridge Branch.

Learn more about Michigan's native plants and how to include them in your garden with "Gardening with Native Plants," Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m. Betsy Hull, head of CADL Okemos, will talk about how the plants create a healthy environment for bees and birds while requiring less water and fertilizer. She'll have seeds and root starters to give away while supplies last.

Later in the month, we will have a basic gardening program, "Beginning Backyard Vegetable Gardening." This is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Bring your gardening questions,

and pick up some seeds from our seed library.

CADL is hosting several programs by Bevin Cohen, an herbalist, farmer and author, who will be presenting "The Art of Herbal Tea" at the Williamston Branch, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. On the same day, he will present "A Pressing Matter: Oilseed Workshop" at the Foster Branch in Lansing at 2 p.m.

For more details and more programs, go to [cadl.org/events](http://cadl.org/events) and search for Food & Health programs.

Celebrate National Library Week with Splat the Cat. Splat will be visiting the Stockbridge Branch on Saturday, April 9, at 1 p.m. Stop by for a story, a craft and a walk with Splat while he follows the StoryWalk at Veterans Park.

Capital Area District Libraries' Stockbridge Branch is located at 200 Wood St. For more information, call 517-851-7810 or visit [cadl.org](http://cadl.org).

## Awana Clubs arrive with new options for Stockbridge youth

by Tina Cole-Mullins



Photo provided by Highest Praise Worship Center

Highest Praise Worship Center (HPWC) now is the proud host of the Awana Clubs for kids. For years area kids have needed a place outside of school to gather and have fun. The addition of the new Stockbridge Teen Center is a welcome benefit to the community, and now

weekly Awana sessions at HPWC offer a place for younger kids to gather.

Awana focuses on evangelism and discipleship for children and teens through 12th grade.

Based in Streamwood, Illinois, Awana is a nonprofit ministry found around the world for more than 70 years. Its motto is "Belong. Believe. Become."

On Feb. 2, HPWC held a launch party to provide information to parents, while kids enjoyed pizza, games and a bounce house.

Coordinator Christina Starr had heard of Awana and some of her leaders were involved in it as children. She started reading about its philosophy of ministry and found it matched that of the HPWC.

"Relational discipleship, which is doing life and growing together in Christ, is a focal point for our church," Starr said. "Awana is a tool to support us as we teach kids about Christ and empower parents to train their children in biblical principles."

Awana also has "amazing leadership resources," Starr added.

In Awana, students join into small groups, based on age, and work in handbooks citing Scripture. The groups are: Cubbies for preschool age, Sparks for grades K-2, Truth in Training (TNT) for grades 3-5, Trek for grades 6-8 and Journey for grades 9-12.

After their small lessons, students play games to provide a sense of belonging for everyone and to foster relational discipleship.

See Awana club on page 5.

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# Staff Spotlight: Darren Hejnal makes social studies both fun and challenging



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Longtime Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School teacher and coach Darren Hejnal is always a popular choice for both students and their parents, and it's easy to see why.

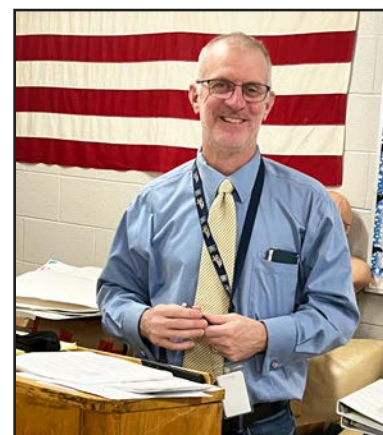
He likes to challenge his students and is great at preparing them for the next school year. His classes are fun and innovative and students leave his classroom with an immense amount of knowledge.

Hejnal has been teaching for 27 years, including 24 years for Stockbridge Community Schools. During his time with Stockbridge, Hejnal has taught in most of the school buildings—old and new—throughout the district. Currently, he teaches eighth grade United States history at the junior high level.

Sports are a very important pastime and outdoor activity for Hejnal. Baseball and softball, basketball, football and golf are his favorites. He also coached many of these sports for Stockbridge Schools at the junior high/senior high level.

Hejnal grew up in the Lake City, Michigan, area. He attended Lake City High School and was raised in a strong Christian home.

He earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan. His undergraduate degree is in elementary education and his master's degree is in education. He is certified to teach history and general science for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.



Darren Hejnal finds innovative ways to teach junior high social studies classes. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

Hejnal had a favorite teacher growing up: Mr. Thompson, his high school algebra teacher and coach. "He cared for students—more than just their academics," he said. Looking inward, Hejnal's own "interaction with students, athletes and colleagues" is what he likes best about his job.

In 2008, he met his wife Laura, who is from the Stockbridge area. They married in 2010 and have four children: Zeke, Gabe, Daniel and Annie.

One of the outstanding trips he has taken with his family, and what he refers to as the best place he has traveled to, is the Grand Canyon. According to Hejnal, "Pictures don't do it justice. It's an amazing example of God's creation."

Personally, Hejnal always tries to "make a great day, because the day is what you make of it."

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.

## Words of Wisdom

BY MARY LOU CLIFTON

Today a deer launched itself off the hood of my car. I was in town so not driving fast.

Big dent and kaput turn signal. Deer continued on its way. I drove home. That is all.



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Shuyler Clark

## Reading Between the Lines

### 'A Clash of Steel' reimagines a beloved classic novel from childhood

by Shuyler Clark

As part of a collection of classic reimaginings known as the Remixed Classics series, "A Clash of Steel" by C.B. Lee delivers a new take on Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island." Set in 1800s China, the story follows Shi Xiang, a young girl who strives to meet her mother's expectations but always falls short. When presented with an opportunity to leave the tiny village she was raised in and move to Canton to learn how to operate her mother's teahouse, Xiang jumps into the challenge without hesitation.

In Canton, Xiang encounters Anh, a seafaring lady and slippery thief who steals Xiang's prized gold pendant. Xiang has given up all hope of seeing the pendant again until Anh returns with a revelation: The pendant contains a piece of the map leading to the treasure of legendary pirate Zheng Yi Sao. Anh recruits Xiang to help track down the treasure, and Xiang uses the opportunity to prove herself to her mother at last.

Lee's entry into the Remixed Classics series holds its own as an entertaining young adult novel, regardless of comparisons to the original "Treasure Island." Setting the story in a time period when globalization was just taking off provides a diverse, unique locale to accompany the character's treasure-hunting escapades. Lee's lush prose fantastically establishes each city, particularly Canton, to the point where the seafaring sections of the book feel bland by comparison.

This setting also complements the characters, influencing Xiang's development as she leaves her tiny, secluded village for cities that overflow with a diversity of peoples, languages and cuisines. In addition, Lee uses this setting to introduce young readers to the legend of Zheng Yi Sao, a real, historical figure and arguably one of the most successful pirates in history. Despite giving the legend

her own twist, Lee maintains a degree of historical accuracy as she explains in the author's note. That said, the novel mainly focuses on Xiang's journey to self-acceptance and understanding of her sexuality as she falls in love with Anh.

Although the depiction of sapphic relationships is welcome in an overwhelmingly heterosexual genre, Xiang's relationship with Anh does bear the mark of insta-love, or a relationship that becomes romantic with little to no development beforehand. Xiang's gradual realization and acceptance of her feelings is realistic, but her instant infatuation with a character she has only known briefly weighs down this character development. Since the story is mostly told from Xiang's perspective, readers do not receive direct insight into Anh's feelings; including Anh's perspective could have granted readers stronger insight into their relationship.

Regardless of these flaws, "A Clash of Steel" is a charming coming-of-age story and a wonderful selection for readers seeking sapphic and Asian representation. Those who enjoy this classic retelling can expect similar diversity in the other Remixed Classics entries, including retellings of "Robin Hood," "Little Women," "The Great Gatsby," and others.

*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.*

## Awana club page 3

Students receive awards for finishing handbook verses or assignments. These help track their spiritual growth. Award points can be spent at the Highest Praise kids store.

Amanda Preston's two children, Brayden and Paige, attend Awana sessions. "The kids can socialize and interact with others and create friendships," Preston said. "The staff are great and caring. It's a great program and not costly."

Theresa Musgrave, a group leader for the TNT group, knows some parents who won't let their kids join because it is faith based. She asks that parents let their kids try it, and then let the kids decide.

Awana costs \$35 per student for an entire year. You can pay online or in-person (make checks payable to the Highest Praise Worship Center). To learn more about Awana, visit [awana.org](http://awana.org). To register your child, download the app for information and register from there: <https://hpwcfamily.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/6/responses/new>

To support Awana at Highest Praise Worship Center, become a Scholarship Sponsor for \$35 to pay a student's fee for an entire year. Volunteers also will be needed to lead a small group or help students with their handbooks.

## Around Town

by Stockbridge artist Colleen Redfield





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## Ask an Expert: Questions to ask when choosing a collision repair shop

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

When your car needs a repair, it can pay to be choosy about who you select to fix it. You want to make sure that any repairs or part replacements are done correctly the first time, so you don't end up paying more later.

You should feel empowered to ask questions when choosing a shop. Below, find a few questions to ask before any repair work starts.

**What are the shop's certifications?** Collision repair shops and their technicians can obtain a variety of different certifications to let consumers know what type of cars they are certified in and specialize in repairing. These certifications take lots of factors into consideration – the training and experience of the repair technicians, the repair and safety protocols of the shops, and more. The most common certifications in the U.S. are the National Institute of Auto Service Excellence (ASE), the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repairs (I-CAR), and OEM certifications (shops that are certified by Original Equipment Manufacturers such as Honda, Ford, etc.)

**Does the shop offer warranties?** When doing a repair or replacement, many shops will offer warranties, in case there is a failure with one of the parts that was replaced or the body or finish work. However, warranties can vary widely from shop to shop, and so you should be sure to ask about this before agreeing to a repair. That way, you'll know exactly what's covered under warranty and for how long. Warranties also vary based on the type of part being used in the repair. Ask what warranties are available with your chosen parts.

**What are my repair options, and can you explain them to me?** A good repair facility should be able to explain the repair process to any customer, regardless of their level of car knowledge. Ask lots of questions when discussing a repair, including asking for a full range of options and an explanation of each. If you don't understand what's being said, ask them to clarify in simple terms. You should fully understand what's going to happen with your vehicle before work begins.

**What services does the shop charge for?** Many shops offer free estimates for repairs, but some do not. Before you hand over your keys, ask the shop technician what their process is and what services they charge for, including if they charge for estimates and diagnostic tests in addition to the repair itself.

**Does the shop have positive customer reviews?** Online reviews are a great way to find out whether a shop is trusted in your community. You also can talk to people you know and find out who they have used in the past and if they were satisfied with their repairs.

*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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# The forgotten cemetery of Stockbridge

by John Robinson

Oaklawn Cemetery began operating in 1889 when Stockbridge's population was under 500. So, since Stockbridge was founded in the 1830's, where were the deceased being buried? That is, other than in backyards and fields?

Early Stockbridge burials had been made in Unadilla, but the first cemetery in Stockbridge was Wood Cemetery, on Wood Street between Rice & Spring streets. The cemetery and street were named after Ira Wood, who owned that particular chunk of land, and the first person to be buried in Wood Cemetery was one of Ira's young children. From then on, Ira began selling pieces of the land to others who wanted to use it for burials. Ira is considered to be one of the founders of Stockbridge, along with Silas Beebe – even though the town had been previously platted by Elias Smith (Beebe bought the land from Smith). An old atlas photo, left, shows the Wood Cemetery location.

When Oaklawn opened in 1889, the Wood Cemetery bodies were all dug up and moved to the new graveyard. Identities of some of the bodies remain unknown.

There was also another little-known graveyard in the area, Cooper Cemetery, about a mile west of town at the corner of Adams & Morton roads. A 1907 edition of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun announced the planned removal of those bodies and transference to Oaklawn.

Today, Wood Cemetery is just a faint historic footnote, with the land now privately owned and used as residences. Did they get all the bodies outta there? I guess you'd have to ask someone who currently lives on those properties if they've experienced any sort of unexplainable, restless, paranormal phenomenon.

Other Stockbridge cemeteries within five miles of town are Derby Cemetery, North Stockbridge Cemetery, and North Waterloo Cemetery.

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## Amish barn raising page 1

But in the middle of this heartbreaking loss, the Amish community rallied to help with a barn raising. By the late evening of Feb. 3, the fire debris was cleared away, making way for the raising of the barn beginning the following morning.

"We (the Amish community) are self-sustaining and do not use insurance companies," Schwartz said. "So we did not have to wait for a company to come out before we could start cleaning up."

By end of day on Feb. 4, trusses were up and started. All the framing was completed by Feb. 5 and the barn raised within a week, in spite of inclement weather.

Murray observed and photographed the barn raising. The collection of photos display the true Amish determination and work provided to help the Schwartz Family.

"I love to watch them build, it's always so fast," Murray said.

However, the new store would take a little longer as there are steps and permits needed for the public building. Now, they have received their permits and will rebuild the store and warehouse.

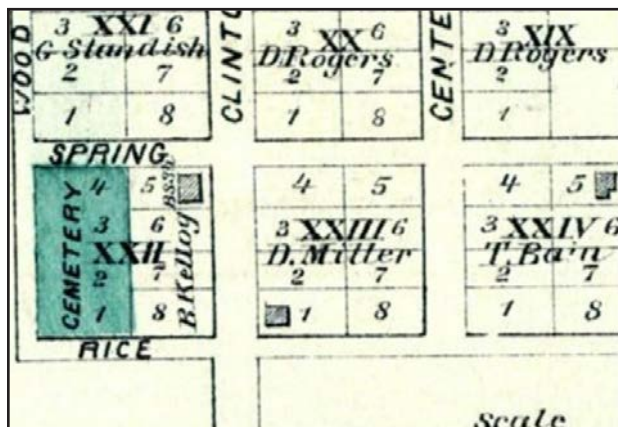
"The store was lost 90 days after our opening. We hope to open once again 90 days after the fire," Schwartz said.

Currently the weather is the only thing blocking completion and the thawing of the ground is needed to do their floors and finish the interior. He hopes to be back to original operating hours by the end of spring.

The new store and warehouse will be almost double in size, allowing ample space for storage and processing of their goods. Currently the Schwartz bakery has various types of pies, hand pies, breads, cookies and cinnamon rolls.

The Schwartz Family Bakery has resumed taking weekly orders for fruit-flavored fruit pies, cinnamon rolls, breads and cookies. Orders are due by Thursday evening for a Saturday order pickup at the farm home at 4200 S. Williamston Road. For orders, call 517-589-0827.

*Author's Note: Watch future editions of the SCN for information on the reopening of Schwartz Family Market and more on the Schwartz Family and the Amish within our community.*



1874 Atlas shows Wood Cemetery covering half of the block. Photo from historicmapworks.com

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# Community Calendar

- Apr. 1** – Spring Break Movie (Ages 10 and up), noon to 3 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 2** – Super Secret Saturday Matinees, noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 2** – Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet (Free), 10 a.m. to noon at the GCC  
**Apr. 4** – Take and Play Board Game Kits (Ages 6 and up), all day at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 6** – Spring Break Movers and Readers Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 7** – Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 7** – Drop-in STEAM Lab, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 8** – Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 9** – Open Air Market of Stockbridge, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church  
**Apr. 11** – Take and Make STEAM Kits (Ages 8 and up), all day at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 11** – Stockbridge Community Outreach's Fresh Food Distribution, 4 to 5 p.m. at Jeruel Baptist Church  
**Apr. 13** – Spring Break Movers and Readers Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 14** – Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 14** – Drop-in STEAM Lab, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 14** – Spring Clean Up and Renovation Day, 6 p.m. at Smith Elementary parking lot  
**Apr. 15** – Spring Clean Up and Renovation Day, 10 a.m. at Smith Elementary parking lot  
**Apr. 16** – Church of Christ Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, 10 a.m. to noon at the Stockbridge Church of Christ  
**Apr. 16** – Super Secret Saturday Matinees, noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 18** – Take and Make Craft Kits (Ages 8 and up), all day at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 19** – Gregory Community Church Clothes Closet (Free), 5 to 7 p.m. at the GCC  
**Apr. 20** – Spring Break Movers and Readers Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 21** – Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 21** – Third Thursday Book Discussion Group, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 21** – Drop-in STEAM Lab, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 22** – Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 23** – SRSly and SAWC/5HT Community Clean Up Club, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Beckwith Preserve and Lakeland Trail  
**Apr. 25** – Stockbridge Area Arts Council Monthly Meeting, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Activity Center  
**Apr. 27** – Spring Break Movers and Readers Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 28** – Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library  
**Apr. 28** – Drop-in STEAM Lab, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

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 To add your community events to our free community calendar, email submissions to [stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com).

## UTPD Activity Feb. 1-28, 2022

- Wednesday 2/2** - Welfare Check-E. Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd, Domestic Verbal-Location Undisclosed, Road Runoff-W. M-36/Barton Rd., Citizen Assist-Wasson Rd./Bradley Rd., ATV Complaint-Cass St/Dewey St., Suspicious Situation-Watson Dr./Channel Dr.  
**Thursday 2/3** - Domestic Verbal-Location Undisclosed, Lockout-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Rd.  
**Friday 2/4** - Citizen Assist-Dutcher Rd./W. Schafer Rd., Welfare Check-Wasson Rd./Bull Run Rd., Motorist Assist-M-106/Stonehouse Rd.  
**Saturday 2/5** - Assist EMS-Spears Rd./Gregory Rd., Road Runoff-Joslin Lake Rd./Joslin Lake Dr., Assist Village of Pinckney Police Dept.-N. Dexter St/Putnam St. Property Damage Accident-Unadilla Rd./Bullis Rd.  
**Sunday 2/6** - Assist EMS-Pinewood Ct/Woodridge Hills Dr., Citizen Assist-Spears Rd./Gregory Rd.  
**Monday 2/7** - Intimidation/Threats-Howlett Rd./Doyle Rd., Property Damage Accident-Barton Rd./Spears Rd.  
**Tuesday 2/8** - Trespassing, Loitering-Rose Hill Rd./Spears Rd.  
**Wednesday 2/9** - Criminal Sexual Conduct-Location Undisclosed, Personal Injury Accident-M-36/Bradley Rd., Assist EMS-W. M-36/Pingree Rd.  
**Thursday 2/10** - Citizen Assist-Webb St/Church St., Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle Rd.  
**Friday 2/11** - Domestic Verbal-Location Undisclosed, Domestic Physical-Location Undisclosed  
**Sunday 2/13** - Civil Complaint-W. M-36 Pingree Rd., Domestic Physical-Location Undisclosed, Assist EMS-E. Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd.
- Monday 2/14** - Larceny-Arnold Rd./W. M-36  
**Tuesday 2/15** - Civil Complaint-W. M-36/Pingree Rd., Assist Other Agency-Greene Rd. Property Damage Accident-Bull Run Rd./Wasson Rd.  
**Wednesday 2/16** - Property Damage Accident-Main St/Dewey St., Respond to Alarm-Roepke Rd./Williamsville Rd., Assist EMS-Arnold Rd./W. M-36, Assist Other Agency-Pingree Rd./Spears Rd., Welfare Check-Oklahoma Dr./Roepke Rd.  
**Thursday 2/17** - Hazard-Rockwell Rd./Bowdish Rd.  
**Friday 2/18** - Motorist Assist-Dutton Rd./Dexter Tri., Hazard-Dutton Rd./Dexter Tri.  
**Saturday 2/19** - Trespassing/Loitering-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd., Animal Complaint-Gregory Rd./Spears Rd.  
**Sunday 2/20** - Respond To Alarm-Stonehouse Dr./M-106, Animal Complaint-Doyle Rd./Unadilla Rd.  
**Tuesday 2/22** - Fraud-Arnold Rd./W. M-36  
**Thursday 2/24** - Motorist Assist-Stonehouse Dr./M-106, Personal Injury Accident-M-106/Dutton Rd., Citizen Assist-Webb St/Church St., Animal Complaint-Woodside Dr./Lakeview Dr., Citizen Assist-Spears Rd./Van Syckle Rd., Property Damage Accident-Williamsville Rd./Roepke Rd.  
**Friday 2/25** - Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Roepke Rd., Felonious Assault-Location Undisclosed  
**Saturday 2/26** - Intimidation/Threats-Williamsville Rd./San Luray Dr., Welfare Check-Gregory Rd./M-36  
**Sunday 2/27** - Suspicious Person-Church St/Webb St., Criminal Sexual Conduct Report/Location Undisclosed, Citizen Assist-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.
- Chief David S. Russell  
Unadilla Township Police Department

## Waterloo Township Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes 22 February 2022

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.  
 Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz. Absent: Morency. Also present: 4 residents and Deputy James Moore.  
 Public Comment: Sharon Houck opened public comment reading a prayer to help our country, our politicians, first responders, police, fire and all hospital personnel. Bill Richardson volunteered to do the contacting of the website people and work with them. Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay Post Audit bills in the amount of \$3,980.79. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. Deputy Moore gave a police report for January: Dispatched complaints=28 calls for service, 15 traffic stops, 10 citations. There was 1 misdemeanor arrest and investigated 3 property damage traffic crashes. The Sheriff's Office responded to 11 calls for service and the Michigan State Police 7. Correspondence: Lance motioned to write off the \$200 tax still owed on the Robinson property demolition costs. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. Old Business: None  
 New Business:  
 Parks & Recreation: Walz reported that they were thinking that in order to get the park updated, we could offer an amount of money and perhaps Jackson County would match it. Fencing costs are being looked into which would be the biggest expense. They are also looking for help from scout troop members to help cleanup on Earth Day. Lance stated that Consumers Energy is looking into the costs for power to more poles with power boxes in Waterloo village and in Munnith. The cost of the project is still unknown but he is in contact with the people who will be checking into the process.  
 Planning Commission: Cynthia Richardson gave a synopsis of the February 15th Planning Commission meeting. They are submitting Section 11.18 regarding duplex housing to Board for input. The short-term rental ordinance still needs to be published. They are also submitting a modified version of the Noise Ordinance to the Board. They would like the Short-term Rental Ordinance included in the newsletter with July tax bills.

The following were action items addressed at the meeting:  
 • Randy Heatley gave an explanation on the two amended land divisions. Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the amended Land Division for Mark Olinyk with Original Parent parcel #000-05-26-100-001-02 with revised legal New Parent Parcel 000-05-26-100-001-04 # 1 & 2, New split parcels 000-05-236-100-001-06 #03; 000-05-26-100-001-07 #4. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.  
 • Lance motioned with support from Walz to approve amended Land Division for Keith Haglund Parent parcel #000-05-33-476-001-01 revised to revised Parent parcel 000-05-33-476-001-03 with split parcels #000-000-05-33-476-001-06 and 000-05-33-476-001-07. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried.  
 • A new website company is giving us information on upgrading our current website. IT Right is no longer maintaining our current website. Lance asked that we have the Schumaker Group come in to our next meeting and give us a presentation of what they will do. Bill Richardson volunteered to take care of the phone call to them and talking about questions with them.  
 Other Items That Come Before The Board: Lance read the proposed agreement between Henrietta Township and Waterloo Township regarding the hydrant being put in at the park in Munnith to provide water for fire trucks. If the agreement is terminated by either township, the ownership rights are transferred to the remaining township. We will be sharing the cost of construction of this hydrant and maintenance with Henrietta. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to accept the Waterloo and Henrietta Townships-Fire Hydrant Agreement as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Absent: Morency. Motion carried. We are also waiting for quotes on a pole building to house a fire truck on our Township property.  
 Public Comment: Sharon Houck expressed her approval of putting a water hydrant in Munnith at the park to give fire departments another place to fill up with water.  
 Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.  
 The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on March 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website [waterlootownshipmi.com](http://waterlootownshipmi.com) and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmi](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmi).  
 Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

## STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES Mar. 21, 2022

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on March 21, 2022 at 7:31pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Ed Wetherell Trustee Terry Sommer Member absent from meeting: None  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Moment of Silence  
 Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting agenda as printed Wetherell second All in Favor Motion Carried  
 Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting minutes from February 22, 2022 as printed Sommer second discussion to fix the 4th Paragraph to replace Wireman as second to Wetherell and replace the word Sheppard with Shepper Rd on the 6th paragraph down. All in Favor Motion carried  
 Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township financial report as printed from April 1, 2021 thru March 21, 2022 Wetherell second All in Favor Motion Carried  
 Old Business  
 Stockbridge Area Senior Center will be on the Village of Stockbridge Planning Commission meeting agenda March 24th 2022. After that meeting Stockbridge Township and the Stockbridge Senior Center will know what the next steps will be from the Village of Stockbridge to allow the Stockbridge Senior Center to move to their permanent home at 219 Elm Street. Ed Wetherell will continue to get quotes for Stockbridge Township to put in Central Air Conditioning at 219 Elm  
 Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Chair Mandy Urquhart was present to ask the Stockbridge Township Board to purchase land in the future for Stockbridge Township to use for festivals, park, and other gatherings for the community  
 New Business  
 Kim Duncan was present to ask the Stockbridge Township Board if she could purchase a plaque for

one of the benches for her Grandfather Bob Wilson. Sommer will reach out to the company that the benches were purchased from and see what material they suggest using. Sommer and Lantis will work on the specific of what Stockbridge Township will allow on the Benches as a memorial  
 Muraf motion to grant Jill Ogden and Samantha Sanchez up to \$10,000 in sponsorship of the 2022 Harvest Festival to be held on September 30, 2022 and October 1, 2022. All expenses to be verified with receipts and or invoices Sommer Second Roll call vote. Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes motion carried  
 Muraf motion based on the past practice of the Village of Stockbridge Board regarding water bills, the concerns about the accuracy of estimated bills and the ongoing investigation at the Village regarding water bills, I move to confirm and ratify the decision of the Stockbridge Township Board not to pay any water bills unless or until they are based on actual meter readings Sommer Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Wetherell Yes, Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes Motion Carried  
 Wireman motion to raise Deputy Treasurer pay from \$15.00 to \$17.00 Muraf Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes, All in Favor Motion Carried  
 Stockbridge Township has received a grant from Egle for upto \$2,000 for tire clean up on Stockbridge Township Clean up day which will be September 10, 2022  
 Muraf motion for Stockbridge Township to be a Presenting Sponsor for \$2,500.00 for the American Legion Post 510 Skerbeck Family Carnival to take place on June 24, 25, 26, 2022. Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes. Motion Carried  
 Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board monthly bill in the amount of \$53,582.02. Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried  
 Lantis adjourned the Stockbridge Township Regular Board meeting at 8:35  
 Becky Muraf  
 Stockbridge Township Clerk





Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

## Bridge to Wellness In April, savor the moment while eating and pay attention to food

by Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

You may hear a lot of advice to “be present,” but how often are you abiding by these well-intended words? Mindful eating (paying attention to our food, on purpose, moment by moment) is an approach that focuses on individuals’ awareness of the food and their experience of it.

Our daily lives often make mealtimes a rushed affair. It can be difficult to practice mindful eating—let alone mindful breathing—when you are a parent, a dedicated hard worker, or continually going from one task to another without stopping for a breath. While mindfulness is not for everyone, many notice that by eating this way, even for a few meals a week, you can become more attuned to your body. Mindfulness and intuitive eating can help you become more in tune with your hunger cues, put the joy back in eating, and prevent mindless eating.

*Mindfulness* means maintaining awareness and attention in the present moment, observing thoughts and feelings without judgment. The key concept of mindfulness is tuning in to what you are sensing in the present without letting worries, ruminating thoughts, or your phone, get in the way of experiencing life!

*Intuitive eating* means staying aware of your hunger and fullness cues, making peace with all food types, and avoiding the use of emotions to fuel eating habits. Intuitive eating requires a peaceful relationship with food and does not label food “good” or “bad.”

**Take breaks.** Slowing down helps to register your satiety. It can take up to 20 minutes for your body to feel full. When eating, it may help to put down your fork in between bites, take a pause and sip water, or really challenge yourself by using your non-dominant hand.

**Use your senses.** So often we eat on autopilot and hardly register eating or even what we ate. One of the key components of mindful eating is becoming aware of your senses—hear, see, smell, touch and taste. Use these during your next meal or snack and pay attention to how your food tastes, and more importantly, how you feel.

**Communicate your goals to loved ones.** Communicate that you are focusing on improving your health and wellness. It can be a way for others to support you or may inspire others to join you on your journey to a healthier lifestyle by savoring the moment together.

### UPCOMING SAWC AND WELLNESS-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **Open Air Market of Stockbridge** will hold one more winter market on Saturday, April 9 at the Presbyterian Church in Stockbridge, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Variety of local food and goods available for purchase, plus a new local business selling rain barrels!
- **Save some gas money and check out the free on-demand WAVE shuttle bus to Chelsea.** Questions or to make a reservation: 734-475-9494. For more info <http://ridethewavebus.org/>
- **Second Monday each month: Stockbridge Community Outreach’s Fresh Food Distribution** for anyone who needs food—no registration required, just show up—at Jeruel Baptist Church’s parking lot, 4 to 5 p.m. Curbside pick-up. For info: 517-851-7285.
- **For fitness info, check out the Stockbridge Wellness Center:** Phone: 517-851-4486 or go to: <https://www.stockbridgewellness.org/>
- **Sign up for a plot in the SAWC-sponsored Community Garden!** It will be located on the west side of the Eastbridge Condominiums off Brogan Road. For more info, Merelyn Snider at [pstrsnider@yahoo.com](mailto:pstrsnider@yahoo.com).
- **To help with renovating the Panther disc golf course or other community clean-up projects,** please email [mayerj@panthernet.net](mailto:mayerj@panthernet.net)

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## A glance in the rearview mirror April 1922— Carpet rags for lunch. Bloomers fixed with inner tubes. Manure in hooch.

100 years ago this month

by Mary Jo David

The following news excerpts are from *April 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.

**Why Not Rubber Boots?** ...With the coming of spring we suggest...the girls wear rubber boots during the sloppy, wet weather of April. ...dainty little light weight boots reaching about midway between the ankle and the knee, and perhaps with a bright red band around the top to give them a dash of color and relieve the plainness. We believe such a boot would be both practical and nifty...  
—4/6/1922

**Advertisement:** L.M. Milner. Funeral Director. Funeral supplies constantly on hand. Office at store. Night calls at residence on South Clinton Street. —4/6/1922

**American Legion's Genuine 'Cave Man':** Remarkably few newly married couples ever think of settling down in a little cave in the Ozark mountains. And yet, Parlee C. Gross of McComb, O., says that caves are much warmer than apartments and farmhouses. ... [Gross] didn't understand why his American Legion post hadn't picked out a nice ripe cave for its quarters. He said cave life was the only life. ... —4/6/1922

**This office is still cut off from the outside world by telephone,** which is a very great inconvenience. For the past three weeks we have been unable to get the markets ... a good many local items could not be printed because we did not hear of them. A gang of men are doing all they can to get the telephone lines in shape and we kindly ask all our readers to hand in any items of news and thus help us out until the lines are fixed. —4/13/1922

**Stingiest man:** Many stories are told about the typical "stingiest-man" of different communities. And we heard one the other day about a young man who always stuffs his handkerchiefs in his shirt pockets before sending them to the laundry so as to get the handkerchiefs washed free. —4/20/1922

**Regulation of temperature:** Heating experts tell us that churches should be kept warmer than lecture rooms. ... Experts apparently do not believe in making prisons attractive in cold weather, as they recommend a temperature for them between 50 and 64 degrees. —4/20/1922

**The Kitchen Cabinet—Helpful Hints Worth Noting:** ...Old inner tubes from auto tires make fine elastic for rompers, bloomers, and shirt sleeves. Such elastic will survive several washings without losing its elasticity. ... Mend a torn hair net with a hair from your head threaded through a needle. —4/27/1922

### LOCAL/PERSONAL—Apr. 6, 1922 edition:

- A baby was born on the morning train from the west Wednesday, causing the train to be several minutes late. The mother was a young woman and was traveling alone to Detroit. She was taken off the train at Howell. —Brighton Argus
- **Plainfield:** Mrs. S.G. Topping has at last found an ideal driving horse.
- **Waterloo:** The beautiful avenue of maples planted sixty-five years ago by the grandfathers Beeman and Groton and viewed by many sightseers all over the counties are a pitiful sight as the results of last week's storm.
- **Munith:** Daniel Mayer and Charles Kitley were at Jackson Saturday to attend the contest, and won first place in the county contest, not missing a one of the hundred words.

### LOCAL/PERSONAL—Apr. 13, 1922 edition:

- **Local Fire:** About noon Sunday the house of John Mackinder on "Home Acres" was discovered to be on fire, and before help could arrive, with the high wind blowing, the building was destroyed together with the contents, practically nothing being saved.

See *Rearview mirror* on page 13.

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## Spring Clean Up & Renovation Days

Volunteers are needed at the Panther Disc Golf Course to help clear brush, clear walking paths, pick up trash, repair and replace baskets, etc.

April 14 at 6 pm and April 15 at 10 am.  
Volunteers meet at Smith School parking lot – 100 Price Ave., Stockbridge.  
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## Clyde's Corner The night the Detroit Tigers honored Grant W. Whitaker

by Clyde Whitaker

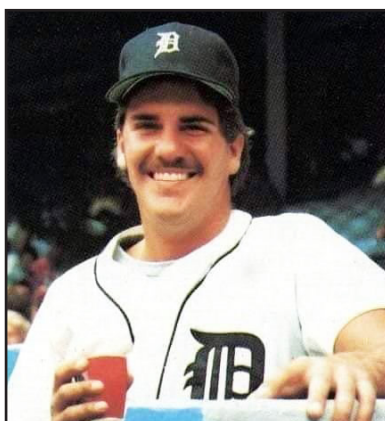
As many know, our son Grant William Whitaker, an Ingham County deputy, was killed in the line of duty on Dec. 7, 2014.

Grant was in a high-speed pursuit that night when equipment failure on the car rendered it undrivable and resulted in the car striking a tree and killing

Grant instantly.

Four months later, Grant was honored in a special public event that our family will always remember.

In tribute to those killed in the line of duty, Major League Baseball plays National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Baseball Games every year for those who died the previous year.



Dave Rozema in his younger years as a Detroit Tiger. Photo provided by Clyde Whitaker

The Detroit Tigers invited our family to attend this game in Detroit on April 22, 2015.

Upon arrival at Comerica Park, Tigers officials escorted us to an office and talked about the details of the ceremony. That is where we met Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers in 1984, the year the team won the World Series.

Dave is a big supporter of law enforcement, a very friendly, happy-go-lucky type of a guy. He was wearing his World Series Championship ring on his left hand. It was HUGE!

I asked Dave if I could get a picture of him with my son Josh and grandson Henry. He graciously said yes, and even showed off the 1984 championship ring for the camera. Dave was so proud of that ring, and I would be, too!

After on-field ceremonies were complete, we took our seats up in the stands. Shortly thereafter, two Ingham County deputies approached me and handed me a baseball. They said Dave wanted to give me a memento to remember the occasion.

Well, the baseball was signed by Dave and it said "To Clyde, my blessings for you, best regards, Dave Rozema, 1984 champs." Needless to say, it was an awesome thing for him to do, and I will never forget it.

It meant a lot that the Detroit Tigers and Dave Rozema showed their respect for the fallen officers, including our son Grant. Who knows, maybe the 2022 Tigers can be World Series champs again. It's been a long time since 1984, and it would be awesome to see the team in the playoffs and World Series again.

I wish nothing but good luck to the Tigers, along with good health and blessings for my friend Dave Rozema. Dave, you are a great ambassador for the Detroit Tigers and all of baseball — a real class act in my book.

*Clyde Whitaker is a 1973 Stockbridge graduate. He and his wife, Mary, raised four children in Stockbridge, and they still reside in the Stockbridge area.*



Dave Rozema, a pitcher with the 1984 World Champion Detroit Tigers, is pictured with Josh and Henry Whitaker in 2015. Photo credit Clyde Whitaker


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## Meet the teachers

by Macy Cipta, *Uncaged* Reporter

**Collin Price** is the new choir teacher. He was a floater sub at Belleville High School. This is his first year teaching music as a teacher. He has always been interested and has had a passion for music his whole life.

"Ever since I was young I was good at it, and it's something that brought me joy," Price said.

Price is in an acapella group that is number one in the state of Michigan. His passion for music has inspired his students as well.

"I have seen vast improvement in such a short time as well as excitement in the program from the students that it gets me excited to see the growth in years to come," Price said.

**Michelle Szilagyi** has been in education for 16 years and has had her own classroom for six years. She has taught at Great Lakes Learning Academy, Livingston Classical Academy and Webberville Elementary.

"My goal every year is to inspire a love of reading in my students through exposure to great stories," Szilagyi said.

She wants her students to be able to make connections about characters and situations to expand their thinking skills.

"I started just before Homecoming and walked into the transformed wonderland of the school hallways," Szilagyi said. "Homecoming week was like nothing I had ever experienced. It was sort of magical, and I think it speaks volumes for a school to have that level of school spirit. If I caught the school spirit that first week, I know it grabbed the students, too. Go Panthers."

**Lucas Snider** This is Lucas Snider's first year ever teaching. He is the new physics teacher. COVID-19 has been a struggle for Snider because of the difficulty helping kids get caught up after quarantining.

"I've struggled with the student quarantining schedule and having students miss up to 2 weeks of instruction. It is very hard to get students caught up once they fall behind. School is hard enough as it is," Snider said.

Even though Snider admits to some struggles, he is more focused on the positives. According to Snider, each day is a new learning experience, and "if [he] can get 1% better at being a teacher every day, that would be an accomplishment. That and helping get the Robotics Team to the State competition," Snider said.

**Alex Doering** has taught for seven years in multiple schools. She started in her hometown teaching at Chelsea High School and then spent a year at Manchester. Though she admits that she loved her most recent position at Madison in Adrian, she is happily adapting to SHS. Here, she teaches English 11 and works with Uncaged Student News. So far, she hasn't faced too many obstacles in the classroom.

"While I still have a ton to learn, it was an opportunity of a lifetime to watch Elizabeth. It made it so much easier being able to have a mentor, watch how things work, and ease my way into teaching," Doering said.

Doering was able to make connections with students before she took over the classroom so that has also made a huge difference.

"Everyone is really nice. I'm always nervous and jittery in new situations, so there's still that apprehension and fear that I won't make a difference in my students' lives, but I've been welcomed so warmly that I'm really enjoying it so far," Doering said.

**Kristin Gillon** has taught high school English for 10 years, and taught in Brazil for two years. As a new teacher she has faced the usual struggles: what's the copier password and where do they keep these books? The biggest struggle has been working to build a reputation with students.

"Part of why you become a teacher is because you care about students and you want to make a difference in their life," Gillon said.

Being a first year teacher she hopes to build those connections.

"As a teacher, you're always wanting to grow and improve. I am hoping that what I can accomplish at the end of the year is that my students will have learned something. And I will have learned something as well," Gillon said.

**Carter Mauter** has been teaching for eight years. He has taught at Annapolis High School as an English and history teacher.

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Throughout Stockbridge district, there have been 17 new teachers and seven long-term substitutes added to the staff. Here are the teachers new to the Junior/Senior High. Photo from Uncaged News website.



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## Rearview mirror page 10

• **Runaway Team:** Lute Ives' team made a lively runaway in town Monday. He left them standing at C. Taylor's mill, when they started and ran east through three blocks, struck and broke a large telephone pole, and stopped when they struck a large maple tree in E.B. Daniels' yard. A broken wagon tongue was the only damage.

• **Derby Neighborhood:** Several of the ladies went to Mrs. Clarence Wilson on Thursday afternoon and assisted her with sewing carpet rags. They got a nice lot sewed and Mrs. Wilson served them with a nice lunch before going home. [Ed. Note: Seems the carpet rags would be somewhat dry; wondering if they were served with gravy!]

### INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL NEWS

#### April 6, 1922 edition:

• **Canada is making a big profit on booze sent to the United States.** Customs officials stand at night on the river bank of the Niagara river collecting \$13.50 for each case loaded on a boat which will smuggle it across. Canadian laws allow the manufacture of liquor, but not its sale in Canada.

#### April 13, 1922 edition:

• **Novel Method of Home Brew Production in NC:** Federal Prohibition Director R.A. Kohloss of North Carolina has reported to Commissioner Haynes the seizure, by his men, of a 150-gallon copper still and a large quantity of beer in the vicinity of Hunting Creek, Wilkes County. ... Reports Kohloss, "The still was in full operation on our approach, but no operators were in sight. There was a batch of manure from a hog pen by the side of the distillery and the operators were using this in the beer. The odor from the condenser was nauseating. I understand that they use this for the purpose of adding kick and causing it to bead high."

• **Interesting Old Deal:** A penciled note, undated, nameless and cryptic of subject was picked from a floor of the Library of Congress the other day: "All along by the west side of the Delaware River—as far as a man can ride in two days with a horse, for and in consideration of these goods to us in hand paid and secured—20 guns—40 tomahawks—100 knives—40 pairs of stockings—1 barrel of beer—30 glass bottles—30 pewter spoons—30 combs—5 gallons of molasses—100 strings of beads—" and so on. (Deed giving Pennsylvania to William Penn.)

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Cindy Anderson,  
DVM

## Paws and Claws

### Take a bite out of heartworm with prevention measures

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets throughout the world. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets. Heartworm disease can cause severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body and can affect both wild and domesticated animals.

Heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes. When a mosquito bites an infected animal, it picks up the baby worms that circulate in the bloodstream, and in 10 to 14 days, the worms develop and mature into the infective stage. When the infected mosquito then bites another animal, the infected larvae are transmitted to that new animal. Once inside the animal, it takes approximately six months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms, but once mature, can live in the body for five to seven years.



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To prevent our pets from getting heartworm, they are tested once a year. This test requires a small amount of blood, and a veterinarian tests that blood right in their clinic with a test that detects the presence of heartworm proteins. Once the test is negative, the pet is then given heartworm preventative once per month.

If the heartworm test is positive, a treatment regimen will be started. During the treatment, exercise must be restricted as physical exertion increases the rate at which the heartworms cause damage to the heart and lungs. The more severe the infection, the less active your pet should be.

Michigan is a popular vacation destination for mosquitoes, which transmit heartworm disease. Prevention measures can lower your pet's risk. Photo credit Tyler Rutherford, Unsplash.com

Pets with no (or mild) signs of heartworm disease, such as a cough or exercise intolerance, have a high success rate with treatment. More severe cases can also be treated, but the possibility of complications is greater. The severity of heartworm disease does not always correlate with the severity of symptoms.

After about six months of treatment have been completed, another heartworm test will be administered by your veterinarian to confirm all the heartworms have been eliminated. To avoid the possibility of your pet becoming infected with heartworm again, you will need to administer heartworm prevention year-round for the rest of his or her life.

Join me and my staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 4525 S. M-52, in Stockbridge, as we will be holding special Saturday hours on April 2 (9 a.m. to noon) and April 16 (noon to 3 p.m.). During this time, we will be testing dogs for heartworm and will have preventative medications ready for purchase! Please call 517-655-5551 with any questions you may have.

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



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Brian Friddle

## From the superintendent's desk Springing back into assemblies, field trips, and special celebrations

Hello Stockbridge Families,  
It has taken most of the school year, but we have gradually returned some normalcy back into our lives. With the mask mandates coming off last month, it has been refreshing to see smiling faces in school.

We also have held multiple assemblies, which have not taken place over the past two years.

The March is Reading Month assembly at Smith Elementary was a great example of the change in the school setting. The students were very engaged and demonstrated a lot of excitement for the reading initiatives that were shared. I know both staff and students left this assembly energized and excited to get started with their reading activities. The staff did a great job of motivating the students to read.

We continue to monitor COVID numbers in the school community, and they have been very low since the mask mandate was removed. This has allowed us to add spring field trips back into the schedule. Also, we have set a date for Prom - May 7, 2022, and a date for the Daddy Daughter Dance - April 9, 2022.

The spring sports season has started, and we are looking forward to seeing our student athletes compete with our families cheering them on. We are working on a Sportsmanship Initiative that I am hoping will transform how we interact with others and have a positive impact on our climate and culture.

Student health and well-being is still a major priority for us, and we will continue to help students work through the various issues that have arisen over the last two years. We will continue to help them learn to engage with others and understand the impact that life during a pandemic has had on us all. Our desire is to engage each student so that they can learn, grow and pursue their dreams.

It is my hope that we can continue to work on building relationships. Some of the things that have divided our community are behind us, and I am hoping we can move forward in a positive way to focus on education and opportunity for our students. I am looking forward to a great spring and all of the growth yet to come.

Brian Friddle  
Superintendent of Schools

## Meet the teachers page 12

Here he is teaching Government/Econ, Law, and Psychology. Being a new teacher during the pandemic has been difficult for him. For example, having to teach subjects that he has never taught before and finding lesson plans that work for him and his students.

"One of my biggest goals this semester is getting to know my content more because I haven't taught this stuff before and then just being a better teacher in general," Mauter said.

Through these struggles he has been very appreciative of his colleagues. "I really like my colleagues. They're fun to be around while also still being really supportive," Mauter said.

**Stephen Moffatt** has been teaching for 26 years. He came to Stockbridge from Battle Creek High School. He teaches physical education and coaches the bowling team.

"If somebody didn't step forward to coach the bowling team, it might not have happened," Moffatt said.

Moffatt has had experience coaching, but wasn't expecting to start coaching during his first year. Moffatt enjoys the small town atmosphere.

"People know each other, and it's kind of that family feel, you know? It's a tight knit community and people support and help each other out. That's one of the things I've been looking for in a school, and it's been great," Moffatt said.

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## 'This I Believe'

For the past several years, Stockbridge High School and the Stockbridge Friends of the Library have collaborated to offer an essay-writing contest in order to engage Stockbridge High School students in an exploration of the core beliefs that guide their daily lives. Held twice a year, the contest is based on NPR's four-year-running and now defunct "This I Believe" program.

Winners of the semiannual "This I Believe" contest are in, and there is a third place tie between Xavier Curtis and Isabella Eccleton. The second-place winner is Clare Beutler. The first-place winner would like to remain anonymous, but we are happy to still be able to publish their essay.

SCN is pleased to publish both third-place winners Curtis and Eccleton's essays below as SCN's monthly student-written column. The second- and first-place winning essays will be published in our May and June editions respectively.

### Third-place winning essay, 'Conversations: A needed part of life'

by **Xavier Curtis**

Conversations, a simple but needed part of life as a human being, and this I truly believe. Before when I was younger I thought I could go through life without talking at all and honestly, I lived up to that ideology for a while. But when I had finally found a group of friends who I could actually be around and have a trustful and good relationship where I didn't have to be quiet anymore. To tell this memory in true detail I need to explain the circumstances and how I lived at the time. Back then, I woke up at either my mom's or dad's and got myself ready to go to school in which I was very quiet. Usually, I didn't talk and focused on my work and only really talked to my friends if they were next to me or we were at recess or lunch in which I was always happy for since I was bored out of my mind during class which most likely led to me being as quiet as a mouse.

Anyways getting back to the point, I was always quiet and only spoke when needed. This didn't do my social life any good and left me alone until I had found a group of kids running around the school then I began following them like a baby duck. I realized I had a very bad speaking voice and could barely muster a conversation and didn't even know what these kids I was following around were like. But thankfully with the help of bribes(brownies), I was accepted into the group and realized that the people I've surrounded myself with are amazing people and I found myself opening up more. Slowly but surely I started conversations with other people, I made more friends, and as of today I'm going out with friends almost every other week and I realized that talking is a big part of human life, and the better you are at it the more enjoyable your life will be, so go out and start a conversation with someone and practice.

Now as I said before, talking is the main part of human life and is needed if you want to be happy as a person and live your life with fewer worries. Now, of course, there will be anxiety or self-doubt but you have to realize that if someone doesn't want you around they wouldn't even talk to you in the first place or would try to get you to leave. I hope you also realize that if you do something embarrassing or dumb you can make it a conversation topic or rather make it so you are laughing with your friends, in other words, laugh it off. Now your wondering, hey why is this such a heavy tone? I say that a heavy tone is needed when conveying a message that can change a life or two. For example, without knowing basic communication skills it can be hard to even order a pizza, let alone hold a conversation. I say all this because making friends and talking is hard, but life is even harder for those without those kinds of connections.

With communication skills, a person wouldn't need to worry about what to say or how to go about their social life and instead just answer truthfully, and although there will be awkward moments that just means that you have a lot more to talk about. But without those skills, a person can be cut off, anxiety-ridden, or not know how to make friends, and although that is worrisome, it can get better, for social skills are made while talking to a person, and the more you talk with another the better you get at. But with social skills taught from childhood, kids would be more honest, talk about how their life is, and altogether bring the people closer, now while people will still argue on what to do with their lives and their countries they can at least be more civil and understanding of each other. This can also give us warnings about abusive parents, past traumas, and bad friends, this can help us sort through who would be a good match for you and your friend group. In conclusion, teaching social skills to people would help the people's empathy, socialization, and general positivity, while it would also get rid of bad environments and hopefully help people's lives and help them build their road of decisions that we call life.

### Third-place winning essay, 'I believe in kindness'

by **Isabella Eccleton**

As I walked through the front door my heart was racing. It was the first day of highschool and I barely knew anyone. Being the new kid last year was a struggle and I wanted that to change. Knowing basically no one, not even my teachers, was nerve racking. Walking to my first block class I didn't know what to expect. It was cold like winter in the school and everyone seemed to be so happy to be there. As I sat down in the first block, I started to calm down. Now, recognizing some faces, I knew it wasn't going to be horrible.

Last year was hard, I was new and it was extremely difficult to talk to people considering I was online for the past 2 years and forgot how in person school was. I feel like it has been easier this year because we weren't in masks in the beginning. The fact that people talked to me helped me get out of my head and get in the moment. It was lunchtime and I was worrying where I was going to sit. I knew I was friends with one girl and I considered sitting with her but just decided to wait for her to bring it up.

As I walked to lunch, the girl asked if I wanted to sit with her. I told her yes. As we sat down at our lunch table, I was very skeptical sitting there because I didn't know any of the girls very well. Nervously eating my lunch, sad that no one has talked to me, Sammi looks at everyone and says something along the lines of "How is everyone's day going so far?" Everyone answered besides me. She then looked at me and asked "what about you?" and I just said "fine". The girls at the table keep talking and I think Sammi can tell I was nervous or that something was wrong. She says "Bella your eyes are really pretty" slowly my frown turned into a smile. She knew my name AND complemented me. When lunch was over I already knew my day was so much better. I got a complement out of the blue, that never happens to me. To this day I don't think she knew that it made coming to school so much easier knowing that someone thought something nice of me.

I believe in being kind. I believe this because I learned a lot that day. Being alone, and sad at school, and not knowing anybody, and waiting for people to talk to me- it helped me to become more confident and make new friends when she showed me kindness. My essay could make someone's life better in two different ways 1) It could make someone realize they need to be more kind. 2) This could help someone make a friend. Kids my age are very shy including me (sometimes) and that should change. I feel like I would have more friends if I talked more or if I put myself out there so people know who I am. I feel it is important for teens to understand that even if they are stressed they should never take it out on their peers because from my past experience I know it will make someone's day just as bad as yours. I have learned to stand up for people when they are getting picked on and I am still trying to keep my negative thoughts about people to myself. This could make our school a better place because maybe some people will realize they make a fool of themselves when they pick on their peers. It would make everyone more excited to go to school.

I believe that more kindness will solve a lot of problems that we face in our daily life. This is because there are a lot of kids out there that are extremely depressed because they get bullied or picked on. There is no reason kids should be picking on someone for things the kid can't control. Kindness can give people confidence and it can make people happier. I have been bullied all my life and it basically all changed when I started standing up for myself. I learned I had to reach out and show kindness. Kindness can cure your problems.



## St. Joe's president page 2

Most recently, he served as the president – health plan services and chief advocacy officer at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he significantly expanded the system's market share while building loyalty to the hospital among patients and their families. Miles leveraged his communication and relationship-building skills to connect with national and state legislators to align leaders in the creation of effective health care policies.

"We are excited to be working with a talented, innovative leader such as Ben as we continue to grow and expand health care offerings in Chelsea," said Jeff Desmond, M.D., chairman of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea's Joint Venture Board. "While we look forward to the future, we are deeply grateful for the strong foundation provided by Nancy and the continued dedication of the entire St. Joe's Chelsea team."

Miles earned his Master of Business Administration from Walsh College and his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Wayne State University. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and American Society for Quality, along with numerous community groups to help improve health care and support diversity and inclusion efforts.

MOTHER'S DAY POLL

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## Tales from our 50 Year Residents

### The life memories of Alice Marsh, retired Stockbridge teacher



It's been more than 60 years since Alice Marsh began teaching in Stockbridge schools, yet this longtime Stockbridge resident and retired teacher still hears from students who have fond memories of her creative teaching style. Photo provided by Alice Marsh

#### As told to Beverly Glynn

I grew up in the Leslie area. My dad was a farmer so, as I was the oldest of seven children, I learned at a young age what hard work was all about. I also learned to help and nurture my younger siblings. My mother was a teacher in the Plainfield area before her marriage and would eventually return to teaching after her children were grown. She would continue to teach for 30 years.

I recall many happy memories from my childhood along with a few sad and scary moments. I remember listening to the radio when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. During this time, we had to make sure the windows were draped at night so no light shone through. Other memories include rationing

and the cost of food and gas. Sugar and margarine were rationed. A loaf of bread was 12 cents and a gallon of gas 19 cents and included full service: You even got your windshield washed.

I attended Felt Plains Country School for kindergarten through sixth grade. I then attended Dansville High School for seventh through 12th grade; and graduated with the Class of 1950. I walked to school for 13 years but sometimes rode a bicycle.

After high school graduation, I was ready to start preparing for my teaching degree. I enrolled at Michigan State University in the summer of 1950. I attended three terms at Michigan State then transferred to Eastern Michigan University for my state limited certificate.

In 1952, as I was getting ready to graduate, I was informed I lacked one class so I wasn't planning on a teaching job. To my surprise, the school board members informed me they would offer me a job anyway. When I told them I lacked the credits they said, "Don't worry, we have already approved you to be our teacher at the Bunker Hill School District Number Six." This was the beginning of my teaching career. My salary was \$300.00 a month. Two girls in sixth grade offered to do the janitorial work for 25 cents a week. Luckily we didn't have to stoke a stove because we had a fuel oil furnace. We even had indoor plumbing. Lucky me!!

I taught grades kindergarten through sixth and averaged 40 students. In those days, it was the custom to have students perform in holiday programs to entertain parents and grandparents. We did a Halloween and Christmas program. We used playbooks and the children chose poems and play parts. We walked the short distance to the Town Hall where we would practice and do our performances. The performances were greatly enjoyed and appreciated. I had wonderful support from school board members and parents.

The next year the district annexed with Leslie Public Schools and I taught second grade for five years.

In 1954, a high school girlfriend and her husband arranged for a blind date with a young man named Ken Marsh. The four of us went to Jackson to enjoy the cascades. Later we went to the Jackson County Fair. We enjoyed many good times together, and 10 months later we were married at the Felt Plains Methodist Church. Ken was a dairy farmer and a kind and gentle man. Sorry to say he passed in November 2017. I miss him deeply.

*See Alice Marsh on page 23.*

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# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Lady Panthers clinch third straight GLAC title

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge girls basketball team closed its regular season with five straight wins to stake claim to its third straight GLAC title with an 11-1 conference record.

After falling to Leslie 49-40 in a Feb. 4 contest to drop out of a first-place tie, the Panthers reeled off five straight wins to tie the Blackhawks for the league title with an 11-1 conference record.

It came down to the final night when the Panthers traveled to Olivet. They needed a win to tie the Blackhawks for the title.

The Panthers came out like the title was on the line. Gwen Rogozinski nailed three triples in the opening quarter and the Panthers defense forced a shutout as Stockbridge jumped out to an 11-0 lead after one quarter.

Olivet came to life in the second, but the Panthers maintained a 24-14 lead at the half, with Taylor Lockhart scoring five second-quarter points.

The lead grew to 15 early in the third and the Panthers appeared to be cruising, but the Eagles hit three triples and cut the Stockbridge lead to 33-28 after three.

Olivet would hit three more triples in the final quarter, but Alaina Kellenberger hit two



Rylee Tolson HM All-GLAC.  
Photos provided by Keith Michaels



Brooklyn Rochow 2nd team All-GLAC.

big baskets and Rogozinski went 4-4 from the line down the stretch. The Panthers held on for the win and the share of the GLAC crown.

Rogozinski scored a team-high 21 points, while Brooklyn Rochow added 10.

Lockhart finished with seven points, Kellenberger six, and Gracee Robidou and Paige Stolarz two each.

The Lady Panthers ended their season in the district opener Feb. 28 after falling to Williamston 68-39.

The season saw the Panthers claim their third straight GLAC title and finish with a 15-6 overall record.

The Panthers could not overcome the three-point shooting of the Hornets. Williamston made 14 triples on the night. They eventually wore down the Panthers and pulled away for the win.

Williamston jumped out to an 11-3 lead, but five points by Gwen Rogozinski and a Brooklyn Rochow putback cut the Hornets lead to 14-10 after one.

The Panthers continued to rally, and the game was tied at 17, but the Hornets closed out the half on a 10-1 run to take a 27-18 lead going into the half.

A slow start to the second half doomed the Panthers. A five-second call on the opening possession of the second half and back-to-back threes by Williamston pushed the lead to 33-18. The Panthers would never threaten again. The Hornets outscored the Panthers 24-12 in the third and took a commanding 51-30 lead heading into the fourth.

Stockbridge would get within 16 a couple of times but would get no closer and the Hornets closed out the game.

Rogozinski led the Panthers with 23 points. Gracee Robidou chipped in with six points, while Brooklyn Rochow and Rylee Tolson added five points each.

## GLAC champion Lady Panthers place 4 on all-league team after great season

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge girls basketball team recently completed another stellar season and postseason awards have started rolling in for the Panthers.

The three-time GLAC champions finished with a 15-6 overall record and an 11-1 record in the GLAC to tie with Leslie for the top spot in the conference.

With the amazing year, the Panthers placed four players on the GLAC All-Conference team.

Senior Gwen Rogozinski capped off her record-breaking career by being named to the



Gwen Rogozinski 1st team All-GLAC. Photo provided by Keith Michaels

All-Conference team for the fourth time. She finished as the school's all-time leading scorer and set several records along the way.

Brooklyn Rochow capped off her senior season in a big way. She provided the Panthers with a strong rebounder and a career year scoring-wise to earn second-team All-Conference honors. Rochow had a career night with a double-double of 21 points and 11 rebounds in the win over Lansing Christian.

Sophomore Alaina Kellenberger was a force on the inside for the Panthers and it helped her earn second-team GLAC All-Conference honors. Kellenberger will be a force in the post for years to come for Stockbridge. She posted numerous double-doubles on the season and will help the Panthers stay near the top of the GLAC next season.

Senior Rylee Tolson might be the most surprising Panther on the list as she earned honorable mention All-Conference honors. Tolson was known for her defense and speed, but it was her offense that came to life for the Panthers when they needed her the most. Rogozinski missed a couple of games in midseason and Tolson came to life on the offensive end. She sparked the Panthers to keep them perfect in the league without their leading scorer. Tolson scored a career-high 10 points against Lansing Christian.

## Three Panthers boys basketball players earn GLAC All-Conference honors

by Keith Michaels

The varsity boys basketball team wrapped up its season with an 11-11 overall record and finished tied for third in the GLAC with a 7-5 conference record.

The young squad had three players earn GLAC All-Conference honors for the season.

Sophomore Kegan Collins earned first-team honors. He was the Panthers' leading scorer on the season and has a bright future for Stockbridge.

Senior Drew Philipp was the anchor for the Panthers and was named an honorable mention All-Conference player. Philipp was a grinder for the Panthers. He wasn't afraid to power his way to the basket but could shoot the three with the best of them.

Sophomore Drew Robinson also earned honorable mention GLAC All-Conference honors. He ran the point for the Panthers for most of the season and used his speed to go to the hole against defenders.

Robinson and Collins will be a strong pair for the Panthers for years to come.

# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Joey Ballagh ties 3-point record for Stockbridge boys basketball game in rout of Maple Valley



**Drew Philipp HM All-GLAC.**  
Photos provided by Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

The Ballagh name in Stockbridge boys basketball is known for 3-point shooting and Feb. 25 the youngest Ballagh continued that legacy. Joey Ballagh put his name in the record books alongside his brother Skeeter Ballagh when he tied the Stockbridge record for triples in a game with seven. He finished the night with 22 points in the Panthers 56-39 rout of Maple Valley.

Skeeter Ballagh set the record against Vandercook Lake in 2014 and is the school's all-time record holder for three-pointers in a career. Gwen Rogozinski holds the school's overall record with eight in a game against Lakewood in 2020.

During the Feb. 25 contest, the Panthers started slowly as they fell behind the Lions 13-9 after one quarter. Joey Ballagh caught fire in the second, hitting five triples and sparked the Panthers to a 24-5 run and a 33-15 halftime lead. Stockbridge went cold in the third, but still outscored Maple Valley 8-7 and held a 41-25 lead after three.

Joey Ballagh hit his final triple in the fourth as the Panthers held on for the win to even their record at 10-10 overall on the season and finished 7-5 in the GLAC.

David Kluesner added 10 points for the Panthers, while Kegan Collins chipped in with eight. Drew Philipp finished with six points, Jake Sawicki and Collin Cook three each, Danny Mahler and Drew Robinson two apiece.

The win made it four of five to close the season for the Panthers.

Stockbridge used a fast start to take a big first-quarter lead and held off Pinckney for a 67-46 win in the Division 2 district opener at Fowlerville March 7.

The win was the first district win for the Panthers since 2016 when they claimed the district title.

Stockbridge came out hot in the opening quarter taking a 9-0 lead before the Pirates finally got on the board. The lead would grow to 18-5 behind seven points from David Kluesner. A Kluesner lay-in at the buzzer pushed the Panther lead to 20-9 after one period.

Kegan Collins hit a pair of triples to start the second and the Panthers held an 18-16 lead, but the Pirates scored the last seven points of the second to cut the Stockbridge lead to 28-23 at the break. The Pirates appeared to have all the momentum going into the half.

The Pirates' momentum did not last for long as Collins nailed two triples and Kluesner picked up a pair of baskets as the Panthers pushed the lead back to double digits. Kluesner and Collins closed out the quarter with triples and the Panthers led 47-33 after three.

Triples by Collins and Drew Philipp gave the Panthers a 20-point lead. They would cruise the rest of the way as the Pirates would get no closer than 16.

Collins finished with six triples and a team-high 20 points to lead the Panthers.

Kluesner finished with 18 points and Philipp 17. Drew Robinson added six points, Micah Bolton three points, Jacob Sawicki two, and Joey Ballagh one.

The Panthers had no answer for the Williamston Hornets in the district semifinals March 9 as Stockbridge fell to the Division 2 top-ranked Hornets 81-38 to end their season with an 11-11 overall record.



**Drew Robinson HM All-GLAC.**

## SPRING 2022 SPORTS SCHEDULE



### Varsity Softball

04/05/22	4:00 PM	vs Perry (DH)	Home
04/07/22	4:00 PM	vs Perry	Away
04/08/22	4:00 PM	vs Whitmore Lake (DH)	Home
04/12/22	4:00 PM	vs Leslie (DH)	Away
04/14/22	4:00 PM	vs Leslie	Home
04/18/22	4:00 PM	vs Dansville (DH)	Home
04/20/22	4:00 PM	vs Durand (DH)	Away
04/23/22	10:00 AM	Blissfield Invite	Away
04/25/22	4:00 PM	vs Maple Valley (DH)	Home
04/28/22	4:00 PM	vs Maple Valley	Away
04/30/22	9:00 AM	Stockbridge Invite	Home
05/02/22	4:00 PM	vs Lakewood (DH)	Away
05/05/22	4:00 PM	vs Lakewood	Home
05/10/22	4:00 PM	vs Pinckney (DH)	Home
05/12/22	4:00 PM	vs Grass Lake (DH)	Home
05/16/22	4:00 PM	vs Olivet (DH)	Home
05/18/22	4:00 PM	vs Olivet	Away
05/20/22	4:00 PM	vs Mount Pleasant	Away
05/21/22	12:00 PM	vs Lake City (DH)	Away
05/24/22	4:00 PM	vs Bath (DH)	Home
05/26/22	4:00 PM	vs Parma Western (DH)	Away
*Game @ Spring Arbor University			



### Track & Field

04/06/22	4:00 PM	Fowlerville	Away
04/12/22	4:30 PM	Lakewood	Away
04/19/22	4:30 PM	vs Perry HS	Home
04/19/22	5:30 PM	vs Lansing Christian	Home
04/22/22	3:30 PM	vs Pewamo-Westphalia	Away
04/26/22	4:30 PM	vs Olivet	Away
04/29/22	3:30 PM	Addison Relays	Away
05/03/22	4:30 PM	vs Maple Valley	Home
05/06/22	TBA	Stockbridge Invite	Home
05/10/22	4:30 PM	vs Leslie	Home
05/13/22	TBA	E. Jackson Dome Invite	Away
05/25/22	3:30 PM	GLAC Championships	Home

### Girls Varsity Soccer

04/05/22	5:00 PM	vs Charyl Stockwell	Away
04/07/22	5:30 PM	vs Potterville	Home
04/12/22	5:30 PM	vs Maple Valley	Away
04/14/22	5:30 PM	vs Lakewood	Home
04/19/22	5:30 PM	vs Lansing Christian	Home
04/21/22	5:30 PM	vs Olivet	Home
04/26/22	5:30 PM	vs Arbor Prep	Home
04/28/22	5:30 PM	vs Perry	Home
04/30/22	9:00 AM	Stockbridge Invite	Home
05/03/22	5:30 PM	vs Potterville	Away
05/05/22	5:30 PM	vs Laingsburg	Away
05/10/22	5:30 PM	vs Leslie	Away
05/12/22	5:30 PM	vs Onsted	Home
05/14/22	TBA	GLAC Tournament	
05/16/22	6:00 PM	vs Waverly	Away
05/17/22	5:30 PM	vs Dansville	Away
05/19/22	4:30 PM	vs Barry County Chr.	Away
05/23/22	5:30 PM	vs Jackson Christian	Home



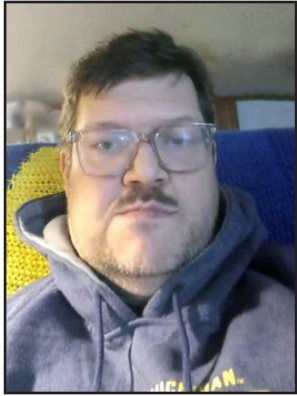
### Varsity Baseball

04/05	4:00 PM	vs Perry (Doubleheader)	Home
04/07	4:00 PM	vs Perry	Away
04/09	9:00 AM	Napoleon Invite	Away
04/12	4:00 PM	vs Leslie HS (DH)	Away
04/14	4:00 PM	vs Leslie HS	Home
04/16	10:00 AM	vs Lansing Eastern (DH)	Away
04/18	4:00 PM	vs Dansville HS (DH)	Away
04/21	4:30 PM	vs Barry County Christian(DH)	Away
04/22	4:30 PM	vs Lumen Christi	Away
04/25	4:00 PM	vs Maple Valley (DH)	Home
04/28	4:00 PM	vs Maple Valley	Away
04/30	10:00 AM	vs Whitmore Lake	Home
05/02	4:00 PM	vs Lakewood (DH)	Away
05/05	4:00 PM	vs Lakewood	Home
05/07	9:00 AM	Quincy Invite	Away
05/09	4:00 PM	vs Lansing Christian (DH)	Away
05/11	4:00 PM	vs Lansing Christian	Home
05/13	4:00 PM	vs Grass Lake (DH)	Away
05/16	4:00 PM	vs Olivet (DH)	Home
05/18	4:00 PM	vs Olivet	Away
05/27	4:00 PM	vs Barry County Christian (DH)	Home



## Obituaries

### Jack Jay Cubberly



Jack Jay Cubberly  
Dec. 1, 1972 to Feb. 18, 2022

**Jack Jay Cubberly**, age 49, of Stockbridge, Michigan, passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022 at his mother's home in Howell, Michigan. Jack was born on December 1, 1972 in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He married Lee A. (Price) on October 19, 2002, and she survives. Also surviving are his mother, Doris Cubberly; a son, Austin M. Cubberly; his siblings: Clint (Susanna) Cubberly of Arizona, Cynthia (Robert) Crow of Louisville, KY, and Veronica (Sean) McDaniel of Florida; also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, George Cubberly, in 2015.

Jack was an avid gamer, and he enjoyed watching car racing. He had lived in the area most of his life, graduating from Webberville High School in 1992. He also worked for Mugg and Bopps.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Highest Praise Worship Center with Pastor Wesley Starr officiating. The family received friends at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

### Barbara Mae Risner



Barbara Mae Risner  
Apr. 9, 1934 to March 1, 2022

**Barbara Mae Risner**, age 87, of Fitchburg, MI passed away on March 1, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Barbara was born on April 9, 1934 in Jackson, Michigan, the daughter of Alferd and Mildred (Feldpausch) Hazell.

She had lived in the Fitchburg area all of her life. She graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1951. She served her community as Bunkerhill Township Treasurer for 26 years and was co-secretary of the Fitchburg Cemetery Association. For many years Barbara taught Sunday School and was a youth group leader in the Methodist Church.

On May 2, 1954, Barbara married Wilferd "Sonny" Risner, and he survives. Also surviving are her son, Thomas, and grandson, Benjamin, both of El Paso, Texas; and her sister, Diane Carpenter of Fitchburg. Barbara was preceded in death by her grandson, Samuel, and daughter-in-law, Patricia.

Funeral Services were held Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home. Burial followed at Fitchburg Cemetery in Bunkerhill Twp.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday from 10-11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fitchburg Cemetery Association.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

## Death Notices

Included below are names of community residents who have recently died and of whom we have been notified. Death notices were also listed on Stockbridge Community News website within the past month. If you wish to have a death notice included in a future edition, please contact Stockbridge Community News.

There is no charge for this public service. Full obituaries are available for a fee.

- James M. "Jim" Heller, of Gregory, died March 8, 2022
- Georgia Keith, formerly of Bunkerhill Township, died March 19, 2022

### Ima Jean Stephens



Ima Jean Stephens  
March 30, 1936 to March 4, 2022

**Ima Jean Stephens**, of Munith, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022, at her home. She was born on March 30, 1936, in Martin, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Roxie (Coleman) Hutchinson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Velton Stephens, Sr., one infant daughter, Vicki Jean Stephens, two grandsons, Brad Clark and Brian Heaney and one son-in-law, Todd Lee.

She is survived by six children, Sondra (Pat) Clark of Munith, MI, Margie (Dan) Clark of Munith, MI, Connie Lee of Scottsdale, AZ, Carrie (Bill) Heaney of Stockbridge, MI, Richard Stephens

of Houston, TX and Velton, Jr. (Sue) Stephens of Munith, MI; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and three sisters, Alfreda Derosssett of Phoenix, AZ, Ruby Hutchinson of Michigan Center, MI and Dorothy Bradley of Jackson, MI.

Mrs. Stephens was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved being a homemaker and spending time with her family. She was a great cook and was well known for her apple pies. She enjoyed sewing and making things such as baby blankets, quilts and aprons and enjoyed giving them away to family and friends. She also enjoyed gardening and canning.

At her request cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service took place at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, in Munith, on Monday, March 28, 2022. Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. Please visit [www.hamptonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hamptonfuneralhomes.com) to sign the guest book and/or send a condolence to the family.

### Clifford W. Gerber, Jr.



Clifford W. Gerber, Jr.  
Feb. 21, 1944 to Feb. 23, 2022

**Clifford W. Gerber, Jr.**, age 78, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on February 23, 2022 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Clifford was born February 21, 1944 in Monroe, MI to Clifford Sr. and Barbara (Nagy) Gerber.

Clifford lived in the Stockbridge area for the past forty plus years. His professional career was insurance sales for Western Southern Life Insurance company. He was "business" by day, but when home, he was fun-loving with a great sense of humor. He loved spending time gardening, and over the years he raised small farm animals. He enjoyed going out for dinner, going to the casino, and in his prime he was a ballroom dance instructor. He was an amazing father, uncle, and Poppa to his many grandchildren. Most of all he was a dedicated and loving husband who cared for his wife for many years with Muscular Dystrophy.

On November 21, 1981, he married Elizabeth (Minix). She preceded him in death on December 5, 2021. He is survived by his children, Clifford W. (Amanda) Gerber III of Tennessee, Amberlee (Corey) Barker of Virginia, and Lance (Barb Bartley) Gerber of Stockbridge; 10 grandchildren: Savanna, Kierra, Holden, Lily, Lilah, Landon, Leo, Levi, Luke, and Mya; also his siblings: Helen "Susie" Gilson of Milan, Barbara Walters of Temperance, Ruth Royal of Milan, John (Cheryl) Gerber of Tecumseh, and Harold (Becky) Gerber of Sylvania, OH; also many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers-in-law, Vance Gilson, Lenoard Walters, and Eddie Royal.

Burial was held at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

# Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School First Semester Honor Roll

## Seventh Grade Students

Allison, Arabella  
Atkins, Madisyn  
Bennett, Savanna  
Bradley, Aidan  
Einhorn, Shea  
Forcum, Micaela  
Gancer, William  
Glenn, Bella  
Harden, Anya  
Hardesty, Ella  
Hayes, Andrew  
Humrich, Laura  
Kunzelman, Brooke  
Lane, Annabelle  
Lewis, Carsen  
McClellan, Kaylee  
McClure, Alexis  
Minix, Zachary  
Monaghan, Emma  
Moody, Dana  
Ortiz-Martinez, Ariana  
Oversmith, Ashton  
Parrish, Audrey  
Philipp, Bralynn  
Puckett, Kira  
Puckett, Rein  
Pybus, Isabella  
Recchy, Wesley  
Salyer, Ethan  
Sartorius, Lincoln  
Satkowiak, Emily  
Smith, Kaydence

Topping, Madeline  
Vliet, Rachel

Warren, Haley  
Wells, Eliana

## Eighth Grade Students

Becker, Carolyn  
Beydoun, Helal  
Bruening-Elrod, Makayla  
Chapman, JayLee  
Chrisinske, Nathan  
Collins, Aiden  
Cowan, Wendy  
Crepes, Elizabeth  
Giddings, Grady  
Gross, Kameryn  
Hamlett, Brandon  
Hetrick, Kaley  
Hoskins, Tessa  
Howlett, Grant  
Lindquist, Chyanne  
Loso, Wyatt  
Lukenich, James  
Marshall, Paige  
Mezo, McKenna  
Negus, Aiden  
OKoney, Shelby  
Ousley, Jordan  
Palmer, Shelby  
Ramalia, Liliana  
Rowe, Bradley  
Rusnock, Madison  
Salyer, John

Sandecki, Noah  
Sargus, Violet

Steele, Taylor  
Suter, Gavin

Trapp, Tayla  
Villegas-Castaneda, Daniel

Whitaker, Shane  
Williams, McKenna  
Wilson, Mia

Zimmerman, Xavier

## Ninth Grade Students

Adkins, Alayna  
Aiken, Travis  
Beutler, Clare  
Bradley, Ethan  
Coffman, Finn  
Collins, Emma  
Conant, Christopher  
Cowan, Samantha  
Curtis, Xavier  
Dalton, Jacob  
Denton, Nathan  
Eccleton, Isabella  
Fletcher, Brendon  
Hollenbeck, Logan  
Johnson, Eliana  
Kunzelman, Chase  
Lackey, Grace  
Lopez, Brandon  
Mackinder, Megan  
McClellan, Jace  
Miller, Meagan  
Monaghan, Ethan

Moser, Miley  
Ortiz-Martinez, Nicolas  
Peckham, Matthew

Pybus, Foster  
Ransom, Anna  
Rochow, Brock

Rogozinski, Zac  
Royal, Braiden  
Sager, Lily

Sparks, Jessica  
Titus, Kathryn  
Tobias, Kiersten

Tolliver, Cynthia  
Torrey, Zavien  
Trost, Collin

Vaccaro, Ava  
Vogel, Elliya

## Tenth Grade Students

Baird, Paul  
Ballagh, Joseph  
Barnett, Paul  
Borowy, Andrea  
Brown, Casey  
Burg, Grace  
Cesarz, Coco  
Cipta, Macy  
Cole, Brady  
Collins, Kegan  
Dalton, Madelynn  
Ellsworth, Jaylynn  
Fletcher, Lucas  
Fletcher, Zachary

Gruber, Jason  
Hart, Gavin  
Heath, Gabrielle  
Henderson, Antonio

Hill, Clarissa  
Hoard, Olyvia  
Huskey-Wright, Jordan

Jones, Maggie  
Kellenberger, Alaina  
Knoll, Amber

Lockhart, Taylor  
Marshall, William  
Nielsen, Kayden

Oversmith, Kaitlyn  
Perry, Wyatt  
Queen, Isabelle

Roberts, Abigail  
Satkowiak, Melanie  
Schray, Claire

Stanfield, Taiyler  
Suter, Chloe  
Villegas-Castaneda, David

Vliet, Elizabeth  
Wadkins, Nicole  
Whitney, Dustin

Whitt, Zane  
Wilson, Samantha  
Wright, Ethan

**Eleventh Grade Students**  
Adkins, Adrianna  
Armstrong, Kyle

Bartrum, Bailey  
Bennett, Drew  
Beutler, Josephina  
Bolcavage, Lirin

Bolton, Micah  
Bottjer, Bennet  
Boyce, Larissa  
Brumm, Kathryn

Chubb, Ashlee  
Cook, Collin  
Culver, Krista  
Dalton, Makenzie

Edwards, Paul  
Hammerberg, Jack  
Handshoe, Timothy  
Hayes, Damien

Hufnagel, Ivori  
Jones, Emily  
Keene, Mason  
Mahler, Maggie

Marshall, Hannah  
Marshall, Paul  
McLennan, Jack  
Mullins, Alora

Niec, Grace  
Odem, Dominick  
Phillips, Gabriella  
Phillips, Jamie

Polenz, Brianna  
Porter, Charles  
Recchy, Rylee  
Risner, Janelle

Sawicki, Jacob  
Smith, Christopher

Smith, Jolie  
Surline, Makayla  
Vaccaro, Emily  
VanHook, Alyssa

VanPelt, Emily  
Wilde, Kristina  
Williams, Lillian  
Williams, Todd

Woodard, Ashley  
**Twelfth Grade Students**  
Andrews, Ty

Austin, Audrey  
Bedgood, William  
Beydoun, Hythem  
Bickley, Cheyenne

Chapman, Bennen  
Clark, Jermaine  
Clark, Jordan  
Conant, Jaidehn

Connolly, Kalysta  
Crockett, Mya  
Dreier, Grace  
Everett, Faith

Fletcher, Olivia  
Gipe, Logan  
Gipson, Tylee  
Goble, Marissa

Gruber, Edward  
Hatfield, McKenzie  
Huskey-Wright, Jonah  
James, Kaitlyn

Kennedy, Riley  
Knoll, Ashton  
Knoll, Austin  
Kotarski, Kyle

Lackey, Sarah  
Lozano, Yareli  
Mahler IV, Daniel  
Miller, Zachary

Minix, Ally  
Myers, Makayla  
Noble, McKenzie  
Nothnagel, Jack

Oversmith, Carson  
Patrick, Madison  
Philipp, Drew  
Robinson, Harlie

Rochow, Brooklyn  
Rogers, Jeffrey  
Rosedale, Christopher  
Satkowiak, Dalton

Stolarz, Paige  
Switzenberg, Sydney  
Teachout, Alexandria  
Tervo, Grace

Tolson, Rylee  
Torrey, Xyan  
Walker, Kaitelyn  
Whitaker, Connor

Wilkins, Jaslyn  
Wilson, Merle  
Wilson, Veronica  
Wright, Brendan

Wright, Mayzie  
Yannella, Brenden

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Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce  
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**Hankerd Hills Golf Course**  
May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 am

Includes: 50/50 and prize raffles, Skins Game, hot dog at the turn and dinner. \$100 per golfer — Call Mike at the Bowling Alley: 517-851-7077.

Proceeds help fund A Day in the Village.

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## North Stockbridge Cemetery Association Notice of Annual Meeting to be held April 21

NORTH STOCKBRIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.

WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP HALL

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WEBBERVILLE, MI 48892

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**CONTACT:** GLEN AT (517) 331-2489 OR CHAD AT (517) 206-7854.

## Stockbridge Area Senior Center Now Hiring

The Stockbridge Area Senior Center has three part-time positions available. Inquire within the senior center or on our website for more info at [www.stockbridgeareaseniors.org](http://www.stockbridgeareaseniors.org).

## Outreach in Action Local food programs help fill the grocery gap for those in need

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Those living on a tight budget in the greater Stockbridge area have to be resourceful when trying to meet their food needs. With the nearest abundantly stocked grocery at least 15 miles away, many rely on what they can find closer to home. Stockbridge Community Outreach is focused on helping to fill holes in the shopping bags of those in need. We rely on food drives and donations from local individuals, churches, businesses, and community groups, plus the food provided by the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) and the South Michigan Food Bank. Keep reading to learn more about some of the food programs offered.

• **On the second Monday each month, Outreach works with the South Michigan Food Bank** to

bring a truckload of 150 boxes of produce, dairy and sometimes baked goods to the parking lot at Jeruel Baptist Church for distribution to anyone in need (no residency requirements or income requirements—just give your contact info when asked). The truck typically arrives about 3 p.m. Pallets are off-loaded east of the church building, and volunteers spring into action sorting and preparing the food boxes. Distribution starts at 4 p.m., with cars lining up well before that. Usually the parking lot is empty by 5 p.m., each box having found a good home. If boxes remain, either Outreach hands them out through the food pantry, or other area groups and churches step up to “adopt a box” and find it a proper home.

• **Every Wednesday** in the parking lot outside Stockbridge Community Outreach (at Elm and Cherry streets in Stockbridge), the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) provides a “Pop Up” food distribution open to anyone in need. Each week’s harvest is a surprise as the GLFB delivers various perishable produce, dairy items, and sometimes meat and baked goods—all are gathered from businesses, including Meijer, Great Harvest Bread Company, and Whole Foods. GLFB drivers deliver anywhere from two to six pallets bursting with food. Volunteers, led by Director Gwen Reid, sort the delivery into bags—anywhere from 60 to 100 grocery bags each week—for area families. The groceries go out to anyone who drives up between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

• Our **weekly Tide Me Over program**, offered to kids at all levels in the Stockbridge schools, provides a bag of shelf-stable groceries to help kids who rely on school breakfasts and lunches to get through weekends. These bags typically contain items like cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit, and pasta or rice.

• **Outreach** clients are also invited to “shop” our pantry once per month, wheeling a cart through a small dry goods/freezer/fridge area for food and personal care items. These shelves stay stocked thanks to a mix of goods and monetary donations from churches, community organizations, individuals and the GLFB. Gaps in our shelves are filled by intrepid volunteer shoppers who watch for sales at the bigger grocery stores.

• Outreach, with funding support from an Ingham County grant, collaborates with our local Mugg & Bopps in Gregory, Stockbridge and Munith and the Plane Food Market in Stockbridge, to provide pantry shoppers with **monthly “Milk Bucks”** redeemable for milk at these store locations.

• In season, Outreach works with the Open Air Market of Stockbridge to offer pantry shoppers “**Market Bucks**”—vouchers exchangeable for fresh food items or food-producing plants at the weekly markets. The markets spring up on the Stockbridge town square from **4 – 7 p.m. Fridays from early May through October**. (Watch for a new food delivery program at the market this summer!)

• Stockbridge Community Outreach is a designated site for Capital Area Community Services (CACS) **commodity food distributions each month on the second Friday**. This program is aimed at seniors and those on disability. To sign up, you must contact CACS at 517-676-1065.

### OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORTS:

• Organized for seniors by the **Stockbridge Area Senior Center**, prepared meals are currently made locally and provided weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon at the Stockbridge Town Hall, in the basement meeting room.

• **Dinner (freewill donation)** is offered to all at the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church on the fourth Friday each month.

• And for those with a green thumb and the dedication to grow their own food, free plots are available at the **Eastbridge Community Garden** off Brogan Road, coordinated by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. (Seeds are available from the Capital Area District Library’s Stockbridge location, and seeds and seedlings are available from garden manager Merelyn Snider (pstrsnider@yahoo.com).

For more information about these or other Outreach programs, please contact the Outreach office at 517-851-7285 or email outreach49285@gmail.com.

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Stockbridge Community Outreach works with individuals, local organizations, and large area food banks to help fill the grocery gap for those in need. Photo credit iMattSmart on Unsplash.com

## Trinity Lutheran Church: Easter Celebration!



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## Alice Marsh page 17

In 1958, we moved to Heeney Road near Stockbridge. I started teaching at Smith Elementary School with Virginia Price as our principal. I taught first, second, and fourth grades. I enjoyed all my years of teaching and working with children. It was the best occupation I could have chosen. My last 12 years of teaching were in first grade. Students wrote and performed in a circus as a culmination of their language arts study. This was a fun and special experience for all involved. I still hear from the performers and their memories of first grade.

Ken and I were blessed with four children: Gary, Rex, Carol and Cheryl. Gary is a single man and lives on the farm with me. Rex was married and had three daughters. He was deceased in 2001. His children live in Michigan and have busy lives.

Carol lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and has two daughters. Carol retired after 37 years of teaching seventh grade life science. Her two daughters both went into the teaching field. Katie is a third-year kindergarten teacher and Betsy is a second-year third grade teacher. Both girls teach in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Cheryl lives in Purcellville, Virginia, and has two sons. Chandler is a freshman in high school. He loves running cross country and track. Chance is in fourth grade and loves soccer and basketball.

In 1987, we made the dairy barn into horse stalls because every Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, our friends would bring their draft horses, campers and equipment to spend the weekend. In the morning, we would plow with the horses in the field. Fun activities in the arena would take place in the afternoon. Included in the fun were wagon train rides where everyone could relax in a horse-drawn wagon. We had potluck dinners each night and listened to wonderful music performed by members from the group. We had busy and fun weekends with gentle giant horses and our wonderful friends.



*Perhaps you were born in the area or maybe you moved here many years ago. Whether you're 50 or 100, no doubt you've experienced some notable local experiences. Maybe it's one memorable event ... a story you tell your friends about growing up in the area ... or just special standout memories. Now is your opportunity to put pen to paper (or fingertips to keyboard) and share with us.*

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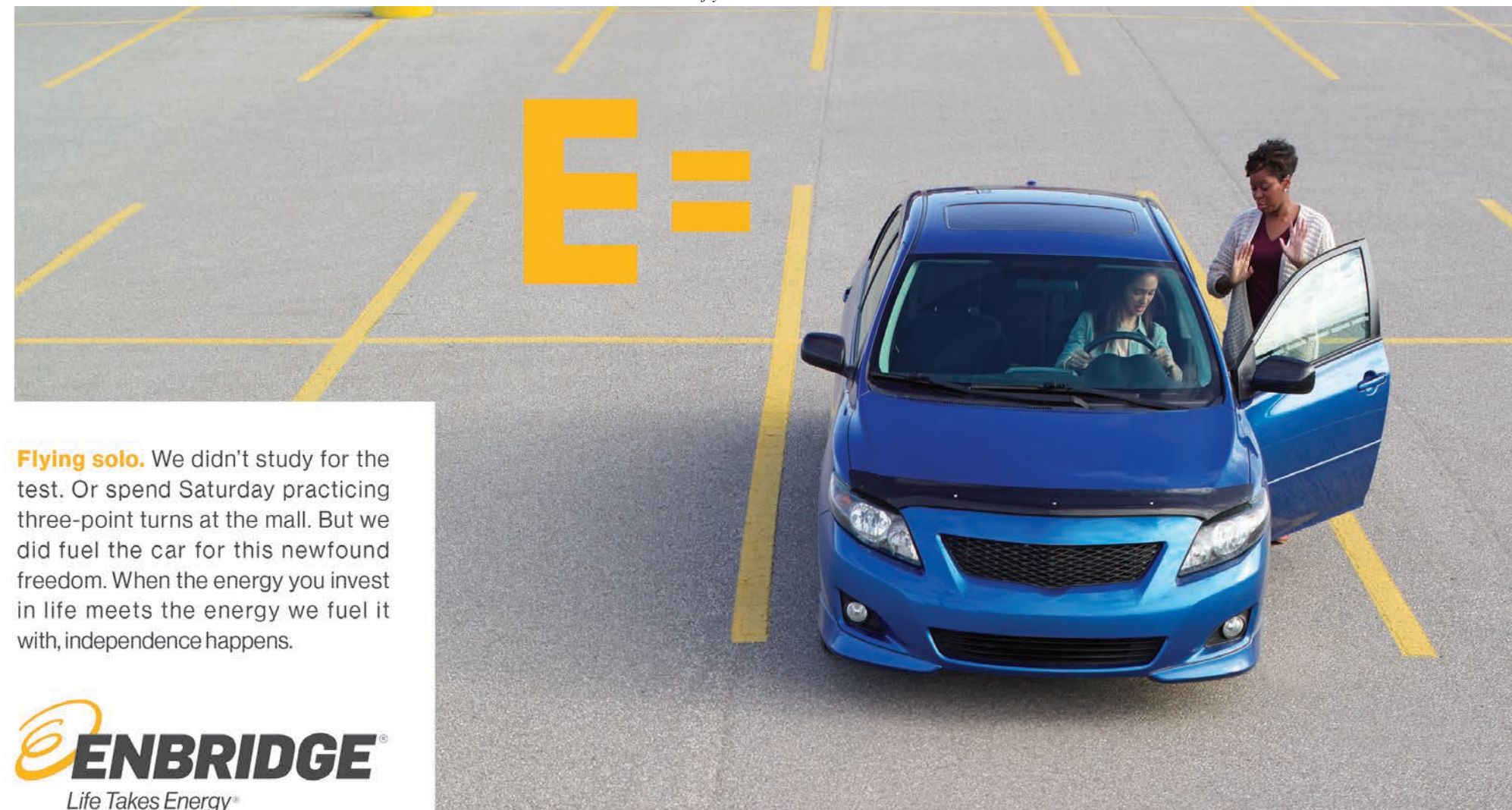
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## SAEF fundraising perseveres Adapt, Innovate, Reimagine and keep going!

by Jennifer Hammerberg

The year 2022 continues to challenge us to find new ways to do things rather than sticking to “the way things always were.” The Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation held its annual fundraising auction—the Festival of Tables—online this year. This was the second year for the online auction. Forced to completely cancel in 2020, we came back with the first online version of the auction in 2021.

To our surprise and delight, this new way of running the auction brought a fresh perspective and some real benefits. The fact that the auction was online and lasted for a week really opened it up to anyone, regardless of schedules. Having it run across several days also allowed more flexibility and the time for people to enjoy it and for word to spread. We kept it local, with a local pick-up and pay location, but we also accepted payments electronically and processed several credit card payments through PayPal and Square.

We were excited to discover we had many first-time participants and first-time donors. Not bad for an event that has been around for nearly 20 years! Several people commented that they had never been able to attend and were so excited to be able to participate. Local businesses and residents contributed donations valuing

over \$23,000 this year for people to bid on—from the infamous Adiska Deep Water Fishing trip to a random group of golf clubs previously owned by our own Dick Howlett. When the dust cleared, SAEF brought in over \$18,000 in winning bids, donations and sponsorships!

Looking ahead to next year, we are likely to keep the auction portion online, but we hope to be able to bring back an in-person component to the event as well. We have heard from many people that they miss the camaraderie and food, and we do, too! The in-person event takes a lot of work; it’s basically like throwing a wedding every year. One idea we are considering involves partnering with another nonprofit (or two) and allowing them to offer food, drinks and entertainment, while we stay focused on the auction. We want to find ways to help as many people in the community as possible with this event in the future. If we can join with one or two local, education-focused charities, with all of us benefiting, think how amazing that would be! After all, many hands make light work!

We are so grateful and proud to be part of such a strong community. Now we have the exciting work of launching our next big giveaway. Watch this May to see all the seniors who receive scholarships from SAEF and hear about their future plans.

Thank you everyone who contributed in all ways!

Jennifer Hammerberg

SAEF President

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