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New village manager, Darwin McClary, shares insights and experience he brings to the table



New Stockbridge Village Manager Darwin McClary will be working on a list of over 35 goals and priorities for his first year in office. Photo provided by McClary

by Mary Jo David

Darwin McClary began his first day as Stockbridge Village Manager on April 28, 2022. Some still question whether the village needs a manager, yet at a July Village Council Work Session (open to the public), a list of more than 35 goals and priorities was reviewed for McClary's first year on the job. The list spanned categories like infrastructure, municipal operations, economic development, and parks and recreation.

Who is the person who's been given the responsibility of all these goals and priorities? The Stockbridge Community News requested an interview with McClary to learn more about him and his role. Here we share the highlights from our interview.

McClary, who most recently worked in his own consulting business, Municipro, has extensive experience working in municipal management. When asked specifically about his experience working with communities that are more rural than urban, he mentioned work he has done in Standish, Richmond, and Litchfield—all cities in Michigan that each span an area of just more than 2 miles.

McClary was born and raised in Michigan—Rochester and Oxford areas—and has family roots on both sides that extend back to the 1850s.

See Village manager on page 15.

Staff and administrator breakfast signals a positive start to the district's new school year



Michelle Hilla (left) accepts the Employee of the Year Award from SAEF President Jennifer Hammerberg. Photo credit Mary Jo David

by Mary Jo David

On Aug. 16, 2022, Stockbridge Area Schools staff and administrators gathered for a breakfast meeting to kick off the new school year. The cafeteria in the Junior/Senior High School was filled to the brim with people and an optimistic vibe for the new 2022-23 school year. Superintendent Brian Friddle opened the meeting and introduced each of the speakers, beginning with school board President Carrie Graham.

Joan Tucker, president of the Stockbridge Community News took a few minutes to encourage staff to send along school news worth noting, as stories about the district's activities and events are always well received by SCN readers.

Jennifer Hammerberg, president of the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation, presented SAEF's Employee of the Year Award to Michelle Hilla, director of curriculum and instruction. Hilla's husband and three daughters were in the wings waiting to surprise her with their hugs upon announcement of the award.

See Staff breakfast on page 5.

'Finding Tyler' to air on PBS stations across the country



Patrice Johnson, author of "The Fall and Rise of Tyler Johnson: Based on the Journals of a Young Man Turned Fugitive." Photo provided by Johnson

by Judy Williams

"It's finally happening, the 20-minute documentary, 'Finding Tyler: A Journey with an Unpredictable Past,' has been picked up for national syndication," Patrice Johnson announced with a smile. This short documentary was selected from more than 1,500 films that vied for one of the 134 slots in the 2021 RiverRun Festival.

The film was directed by Chris Brannan and Diana Reichenbach, both on faculty at the Savannah College of Art and Design. To earn a spot in the

festival, "Finding Tyler" competed against submissions from 24 countries.

See 'Finding Tyler' on page 23.

Police Chief Torres moves on; village seeks to fill vacancy



Chief Johnnie Torres accepting a Shop with a Cop donation from a local day care in 2021. Photo credit Judy Williams

by Mary Jo David

After 13 years with the Stockbridge Police Department, Chief Johnnie Torres has moved on to the Clio Police Department. Torres' last day leading the Stockbridge department was July 20, 2022.

As would be expected when serving in the role of police chief, Torres has been a recognizable presence in the

community, but in his case, it wasn't just for law and order. Torres participated in many communitywide boards and activities—Community Outreach, the School Resource Program, and No Senior Without a Christmas, to name a few.

In appreciation for his many years with the Stockbridge PD, Village President Molly Howlett released a Village of Stockbridge Proclamation on July 11, 2022, recognizing the contributions of Chief Johnnie W. Torres Jr.

The Village of Stockbridge is currently working through the process of finding a replacement for Chief Torres.

Stockbridge Legion Auxiliary marks founding of National Poppy Day



The American Legion Auxiliary in Stockbridge conducts an annual Poppy Drive in May to raise funds to assist local service men and women in need. Photo provided by Karen Grime of the Stockbridge American Legion Auxiliary

by Tina Cole-Mullins

The poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family on Sept. 27, 1920, to memorialize soldiers who fought and died in World War I. To honor the Poppy Day anniversary, the Stockbridge American Legion Auxiliary wants to spread the word about its work supporting area veterans and their families.

The Legion Auxiliary, aka Ladies of the Legion, are part of the American Legion "Family."
See *Legion Auxiliary* on page 10.

Rural Perspectives: Trumpeter swan makes a successful comeback

by Diane Constable

This time of year we see birds that are stopping by on their way south. One of these is the beautiful and native trumpeter swan that travels just far enough to find open water.

These magnificent birds were near extinction, with only 70 left nationwide in the 1950s. In the 1980s, MSU and Kellogg Bird Sanctuary acquired Alaskan eggs and began rebuilding the populations in Michigan, now up to about 4,000 birds. Some may even be nesting in our area.

The trumpeter swan is named for its loud call, one of the loudest worldwide. Its scientific name is *Cygnus buccinator*, which means swan trumpet.

With a 10-foot wingspan, they are our largest and heaviest waterfowl, tipping the scales at nearly 30 pounds. They need 100 yards of runway to become airborne.

Trumpeters are white with a black beak and feet, unlike the smaller non-native mute swan that has an orange beak. Sometimes the neck can be mud-stained a brown or reddish color because the birds extend their neck and stir up the muck at the bottom of the ponds when looking for aquatic plants and insects to eat. During the winter, they also eat leftover grains in farm fields.



The trumpeter swan is our largest and heaviest waterfowl, weighing nearly 30 pounds. Photo credit Diane Constable

Pairs mate for life and return to the same nest each year. Nests are built on muskrat or beaver dens, small islands, or vegetation clumps away from shore in water no more than 6 feet deep. Nests can be up to 11 feet long and 3 feet high, with about a 15-by-11-inch bowl in the center. If disturbed, trumpeter swans will abandon the nest.

They lay four to six eggs that they keep warm by covering them with their enormous feet. Within 24 hours, the cygnets can walk, swim, and feed. In 90 days, they can fly.

Fun Fact: The short legs of trumpeter swans make them awkward walkers. Yet, by the time they are a week old, they can walk more than a mile.



Diane Gray Constable

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John and Theresa Kightlinger

Ask an Expert: My car was hit in the parking lot. What should I do?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

It is surprising how often someone hits a parked car in Michigan, and then just drives off without leaving a note or any contact information. This raises questions about what we should do next. What our attorneys tell people is that it is very important to call the police immediately and, if possible, get the at-fault driver's name, phone, email, address and auto insurance information. Use your cellphone to take pictures of the positioning of the vehicles as well as the vehicle damage. Make sure to take at least one picture of the responsible vehicle's license plate.

Should I file a police report? Even if the vehicle was parked and no one was injured or even inside the vehicle when it was struck, you should always file a police report. This will officially document that the accident that caused damage to your vehicle had actually occurred, and that an at-fault driver's neglect or carelessness caused it. Under Michigan law, any automobile crash involving vehicle damage of \$1,000 or more must be reported and the police must file a police report. (MCL 257.622)

What information should I gather? After someone has hit your parked car in Michigan, you should get their: (1) name; (2) phone; (3) email address; (4) address; (5) license plate number; (6) insurance company name and policy number; (7) driver's license number; and (8) you need to get witnesses' names and contact information if there are any.

Someone hit my parked car and left. Now what? If someone hit your parked car and left, that is a violation of the Michigan hit-and-run law. Anyone that causes vehicle damage in an accident "upon public or private property that is open to travel by the public" must remain at the scene and provide information to the other drivers and the police. (MCL 257.618(1))

Leaving the scene of an accident "that results in damage to a vehicle" is a misdemeanor, punishable by not more than 90 days in jail or a \$100 fine or both. (MCL 257.618(2))

Someone hit my parked car and left a note. Now what? If someone hit your parked car and left a note, that is likely a violation of the Michigan hit-and-run law. Nevertheless, the violation may be mitigated by a court if the note includes the following information: (1) the driver's and owner's name and address; (2) plate number; and (3) driver's license number. (MCL 257.619)

What if I was inside of the car? If someone crashed into your parked vehicle in Michigan while you were inside of it and if you were injured, then you can make a claim for No-Fault benefits to cover your medical bills and lost wages. You also may be able to sue the at-fault driver for pain and suffering compensation, excess medical expenses, and wage loss.

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John Robinson

Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Beach Boy Brian Wilson's writing of 'California Girls'

by John Robinson

Q: Please do some trivia on one of my favorites, "California Girls."

A: According to Beach Boy Brian Wilson, the music for "California Girls" stemmed from his first experience with LSD. After taking a tab, Brian went into his bedroom, covered his head with a pillow and began screaming "I'm afraid of my mom! I'm afraid of my dad!" After a few minutes of drug-induced hysteria, he removed the pillow, said "that's enough of that," left his room, sat down at the piano and began working out a music pattern that became the "well, East Coast girls are hip, I really dig the styles they wear" part of "California Girls." The following day, Brian and Mike Love finished the song, originally titled "Yeah, I Dig The Girls" and briefly mock-titled "You're Grass And I'm A Lawn Mower." Even though Brian's first LSD trip led to "California Girls," it also led to more harmful drugs, which caused "threatening voices" in his head and eventual mental illness in his adult life. It was the first Beach Boys song that newest member Bruce Johnston sang on; backing musicians include Glen Campbell and Leon Russell.

Q: When was "The Archies" on TV?

A: The cartoon series "The Archies" debuted in 1968. Thanks to exposure from the show, the songs created for the program became Top 40 hits: "Sugar, Sugar," "Jingle Jangle," "Bang Shang-A-Lang," and "Who's Your Baby?" among them. The Archies are considered to be the ultimate manufactured pop group, more so than The Monkees — where The Monkees were real people, The Archies were simply cartoon characters, voiced by studio vocalists. Ron Dante, who also sang lead on the songs "Tracy" by The Cuff Links and "Leader Of The Laundromat" by The Detergents also sang lead on The Archies tunes. Andy Kim, who had his own string of hits (including "Baby, I Love You" and "Rock Me Gently") sang backing vocals on Archies songs and was part of The Archies touring group.

Q: I heard in the news that there's a different story about Jim Morrison's death. Do you have details?

A: The story surrounding the death of The Doors' lead vocalist, Jim Morrison, has been the same since 1970 — that 27-year-old Jim died of a heart attack as he sat in his bathtub in Paris, France. Since then, there was some speculation that he either faked his death or died from some other cause. But recently, a former friend of Morrison's, Sam Bennett, claims Jim died in a completely different place. At the time, Bennett managed a Paris nightclub called the Rock And Roll Circus, frequented by Morrison. An unidentified person went into the men's room and found Morrison's body slumped over. Bouncers were called in to drag the body out and take it back to Morrison's apartment. A former employee of the club verifies this story. Bennett says he didn't reveal the true story earlier because it brought back sordid memories of those decadent days at the club. He quit the club business, became a well-known radio deejay and eventually became vice president of Disneyland Paris.

See Rock n' Roll Trivia on page 15.

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To pay for any vehicle damage repair costs, you could sue the at-fault driver for up to \$3,000 by filing a Michigan mini tort lawsuit or you could file a claim with your auto insurance company under your collision coverage.

Because you were inside of your vehicle when someone crashed into it and you were injured, your vehicle damage will not be covered by the at-fault driver's "property protection insurance." That only applies when a vehicle is unoccupied.

Do I have to pay a deductible?

If someone hit your parked, unoccupied car in Michigan, you will not have to pay a deductible if you file a vehicle damage claim through the driver's "property protection insurance" coverage. Regardless, if you make a claim through your own collision coverage, then the terms of your policy will determine whether you will pay a deductible.

Someone hit my parked car. Will my insurance go up? If someone hit your parked car in Michigan, your auto insurance premiums could go up, even if you were 100% not at fault. Michigan law does not prevent insurance companies from increasing their rates based on their insureds being involved in a non-at-fault vehicle crash.

Someone hit my parked car and I have no insurance. Now what? If someone hit your parked car in Michigan and you do not have insurance but you know the identity of the driver who crashed into your unoccupied vehicle, then you can file a claim for "property protection insurance" benefits with their insurer. However, if the driver left, then you will have to pay out of pocket for your vehicle damage.

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



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Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines 'Southern Ties' draw family together in this local author's debut novel

by Shuyler Clark

Growing up, 28-year-old Casey Hansen never knew her father. The only information she had about him came from her grandmother and whatever her own mother chose to divulge. After her mother dies from breast cancer and she receives a similar diagnosis, Casey heads south to Kentucky to locate her father and half siblings.

In her debut novel, local author Linda Kimball brings area readers close to home with Casey initially living in Chelsea, Michigan, though most of the book takes place in Kentucky following Casey's cancer diagnosis. While the illness is Casey's main motivation for seeking out her estranged family, it doesn't affect the plot much once she reaches Kentucky. It might have been more reasonable for her motivation to lie in her mother's passing rather than her own illness; the sense of loss and mortality would still provide a significant push for Casey while being rooted in realism.

Casey's plan to reunite with her lost family is compelling but not without a few confusing moments. As part of her search operation, she acts as a travel writer interviewing Kentucky citizens for an article, all while keeping her real identity a family secret from the locals. To avoid raising suspicions, she switches between interviewing her family and strangers in the area.

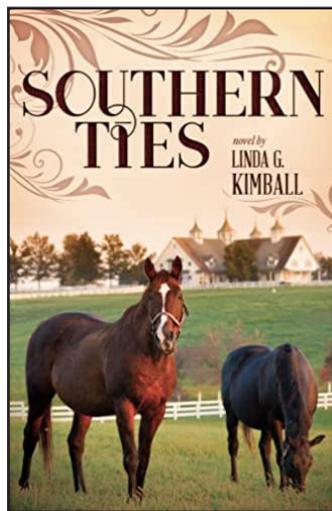
This makes for a strong initial setup. Most of the interview scenes are delivered in narration, which works for the less-important interviews but leaves those with her family a bit hollow. Part of this lies in the didactic-like prose, which often rushes past Casey's thoughts and emotions as she uncovers her family's history. She does not dwell for long on the information she gathers despite it being the initial focus of the plot. Slowing down to process these interviews would strengthen the reader's empathy for Casey.

The interviews play out alongside a love triangle featuring police officer Gregory Stone and businessman Jeffrey Bonner. This subplot supplements the family-bonding thread. The relationship with the main love interest accelerates quickly, and Casey's ability to set boundaries for herself in a romantic regard is refreshing. Ultimately, these plot threads complement each

other well, allowing for an evolution of the main plot without detracting from it.

Regardless of a few flaws, "Southern Ties" presents a wholesome narrative for those interested in contemporary romance fiction—not to mention supporting a local author. Readers can find the book on Amazon.

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.



Staff breakfast page 1

Throughout the rest of the meeting, Friddle passed the baton to various principals and department heads who recognized their department staffs—with emphasis on new staff members—and spoke about initiatives they would be focusing on for the coming school year.

Here are photos of many of the new staff members who were in attendance at the meeting.

Have a great school year!
Photos by Mary Jo David



The district's newest bus driver is ready to roll!



New Heritage staff already bonding as they prepare for the 2022-23 school year.



New Smith Elementary staff members looking forward to a great school year.



The smiles say it all; new Stockbridge Junior/Senior High School staff are ready to take on the challenges of a new year in a new school.

Ice Cream Social held to welcome new Stockbridge Community Schools staff

by Jennifer Hammerberg

On Thursday, Aug. 11, curious students, families and community members came to the Ice Cream Social and Open House to welcome new staff to Stockbridge Community Schools. The cafeteria was buzzing with activity and laughter. Kids and families mingled with each other and got to meet many of the new SCS staff members while enjoying an ice cream treat provided by Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation.

New staff had created slideshows that were playing on Clevertouch smart boards so attendees could get to know a bit more about them; name tags were helpful to put names and faces together. As always our wonderful Panther Cubs PTO was a tremendous help and had a table full of great information and sign-up sheets for incoming families.

Please join us in welcoming all the new faces this year and saying welcome back to our veteran employees! We hope this is a great year filled with fun, laughter and lots of learning!



A nice crowd turned out for the SAEF-sponsored Ice Cream Social. Photos provided by Jennifer Hammerberg



Attendees help themselves to plentiful refreshments.

Michelle Hilla named Stockbridge Schools Employee of the Year

by Laura Whitaker

Michelle Hilla, director of curriculum and instruction for Stockbridge Schools, has been selected as the winner of the Helen Mitteer Remembrance Employee of the Year Award, the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation recently announced.

Each year the award is presented to a nominated staff member of Stockbridge Community Schools. The recipient receives \$1,500 to put toward an educational program of his or her choosing. The award is named for a former educator in the Stockbridge district, Helen Mitteer. Her dedication is remembered by providing financial support to employees who reflect her unselfish commitment to the students of Stockbridge.

Hilla began her 13-year career at SCS as an elementary teacher in 2009. In 2017, she took on the role of curriculum director, which also led to a leadership role throughout the COVID pandemic.

Hilla's nomination was submitted by many of her peers. They mentioned her professionalism, leadership during the pandemic, support of teachers and willingness to take on other roles as required as reasons why she deserved the award.

Her nomination reads:

"When you hear her name, you think nothing but kind, positive thoughts. She is the best example of what professionalism looks like.

"... Many of us have had the privilege of working with her in the classroom, but her role as an administrator is where most of us feel the most privilege to work alongside her. During the pandemic, her role as an administrator stood out as the most impactful when she facilitated the COVID response team.

"She supported our teachers during the most difficult time of their teaching careers by helping us envision a new way to deliver instruction to our students when we needed to go online. She was a vital component in helping our district be successful during this unprecedented time.

"She steps in and takes on the role of principal, classroom teacher, interventionist, secretary, test coordinator, parent advocate, and any other role that is required of her when it is most needed to help us be successful. We do not hesitate to go to her if we have questions or concerns, because we know she will listen and assist us in finding a solution.

"We have nothing but the utmost respect for Michelle as an educator, a problem solver, a friend, and most of all as our amazing administrator. We are grateful for everything that she has done for this district. We wouldn't be where we are today without all of her dedication and perseverance."

Congratulations, Mrs. Michelle Hilla, on your selection as winner of the 2022 Employee of the Year Award.

Congratulations!



Photo by
Jennifer Hammerberg

Michelle Hilla

Curriculum Director

2021-2022 Employee
of the Year and winner
of the Helen Mitteer
Remembrance Award







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



Clyde's Corner The Stockbridge Diner: A family affair

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello again everyone! Robert Pawlowski is a gentleman you may have seen and spoken to at the Stockbridge Diner downtown, where his son Keith Pawlowski is the owner. Someone suggested that Robert might make for a nice story, so I had a good conversation with Robert and Keith one Saturday afternoon, and it led to this month's column.

Robert started me off with a riddle when I asked his age. With a grin on his face he said he was 85 years old, so add 8 plus 5 and it equals 13 years. Then add 1 and 3 and it equals 4 years. Huh—17 years? I still don't get it, but it amused Robert when he told me, so that made me smile!

Robert was born in Detroit 85 years ago. Robert married at the age of 23 to Marilynne Miller in 1961, and it's still a happy union after 61 years of marriage. They have four kids—three boys and one girl. Presently, they have 11 grandkids and two great-grandkids. The couple lives in Allen Park.

In Robert's early years,

he worked a large paper route and also in grocery stores. Then he moved on to a long career at General Motors, where he worked for 50 years as a machinist at the Detroit Fleetwood plant, Detroit Hamtramck, and even Lordstown, Ohio.

While working at the Detroit Hamtramck plant in 2002, a piece of an overhead hoist fell and hit Robert on top of his head. Luckily, he was wearing a hard hat, which split on impact. He appeared OK at the time, so they sent him back to work. Years later, Robert had a mini stroke and upon looking at X-rays, they found his upper vertebra was out of alignment, requiring surgery. After successful surgery, Robert continued with his life. You might say this helps to shed light on why "One day at a time" is Robert's motto.

His son Keith opened the Stockbridge Diner in 2009, after the Farmer Jack supermarket closed. Robert started helping at the diner the year before COVID struck, and then again after COVID. He helped Keith remodel the diner and now assists a few days a week as a dishwasher. Plus he shops for groceries used at the diner. Robert describes himself as a friendly, outgoing guy, who loves talking to customers, especially the kids.

The next time you have a meal at the diner, there's a good chance you will see Robert and a good chance he will smile and come over to talk with you. Enjoy the company!

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.



Robert Pawlowski (left) and his son Keith Pawlowski stand outside the Stockbridge Diner that Keith owns. Robert works at the diner a few days a week and loves talking to the customers, especially the kids. Photo credit Clyde Whitaker

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Saturday 7/2 - Fraud-Rose Hill Rd./Spears Rd.

Sunday 7/3 - Disturbance/Trouble-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Rd.

Monday 7/4 - Suspicious Situation-Treelane Dr./M-106, Property Damage Accident-M-36/Bullis Rd., Traffic Stop-Church St./Webb St., Suspicious Vehicle-Church St./Webb St.

Tuesday 7/5 - Animal Complaint-Webb St./Church St., Lost/Found Property-Webb St./Church St.

Wednesday 7/6 - Assist UTPD-Dexter Trl./Van Syckle Rd., Fraud-Barton Rd./Spears Rd., Assist EMS-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr., Welfare Check-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir.

Thursday 7/7 - Solicitor Complaint-Doyle Rd./Templar Ave., Citizen Assist-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir., Assist UTPD-Livermore Rd./Doyle Rd.

Friday 7/8 - Assist Other Agency-W. Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd., Juvenile Complaint-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.

Saturday 7/9 - Road Hazard-Webb St./Church St., Animal Complaint-Barton Rd./W. M-36, Suspicious Situation-Dutton Rd./Deep Valley Rd., Suspicious Situation-Meadowpark Dr./Raspberry Ridge

Sunday 7/10 - Suspicious Situation-Bullis Rd./Main St., Disturbance/Trouble-Kaiser Rd./Hadley Rd., Larceny-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Rd., Civil Complaint-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir., Welfare Check-Roepke Rd./Doyle Rd., Assist EMS-M-106/Stonehouse Dr., Animal Complaint-Barton Rd./W. M-36

Monday 7/11 - Disturbance/Trouble-M-106/M-36, Lost/Found Animal-Bull Run Rd./Wasson Rd.

Tuesday 7/12 - Property Damage Accident-Gregory Rd./Spears Rd., Citizen Assist-Church St./Webb St., Property Damage Accident-M-36/Dexter Trl., Disturbance/Trouble-Woodside Dr./Kaiser Rd., Citizen Assist-M-36/Bullis Rd., Assist EMS-W. M-36/Dream Catcher, Noise Complaints-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Rd., Animal Complaint-Rose Hill Rd./Spears Rd.

Thursday 7/14 - Assist Other Agency-Townview Ln.

Friday 7/15 - Suspicious Vehicle-Kathryn Ct./W. M-36

Saturday 7/16 - Missing Person-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct.

Monday 7/18 - Fraud-Williamsville Rd./Doyle Rd., Animal Complaint-Main St./Dewey St., Subpoena Service-Doyle Rd./Roepke Rd., Subpoena Service-Oklahoma Dr./Roepke Rd.

Tuesday 7/19 - Child or Adult Abuse-Location Undisclosed

Wednesday 7/20 - Hazard/Plainfield Rd./Bradley Rd., Citizen Assist-Church St./Webb St., PPO Violation-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr., Domestic Physical-Kaiser Rd./Bruin Lake Campground

Thursday 7/21 - Assist EMS-Bullis Rd./M-36, Animal Locked in a Vehicle-M-106/M-36, Animal Complaint-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd.

Friday 7/22 - Assist Other Agency-Gregory Rd./Wedgewood Dr., Property Damage Accident-Doyle Rd./Unadilla Rd., Assist EMS-Wasson Rd./Gregory Rd.

Saturday 7/23 - Assist Other Agency-Wood/Main, Assist UTPD/Wires Down-Barton Rd./Spears Rd., Assist EMS-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.

Sunday 7/24 - Missing Person-San Luray Dr./San Marino Ave., Domestic Physical-M-36/Dexter Trl., Electrical Hazard-Main St./Ovit St., Assist UTPD-M-36/Bradley Rd.

Monday 7/25 - Lost/Found Animal Information-Dream Catcher/Billy Bob Trl.

Tuesday 7/26 - Suspicious Vehicle-San Souci Ave./San Juan Ct., Welfare Check-Church St./Webb St., Personal Injury Accident-M-36/Bullis Rd.

Wednesday 7/27 - Assist EMS-W. M-36/Arnold Rd.

Thursday 7/28 - Intimidation/Threats-Church St./Webb St., Animal Complaint-San Luray Dr./San Souci Ave., Assist Other Agency-Webb St./Church St.

Friday 7/29 - Welfare Check-Barton Rd./W. M-36, Assist EMS-Doyle Rd.-Doyle Ct., Welfare Check-Doyle Rd./Kane Rd.

Saturday 7/30 - Civil Complaint-E. Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd., Suspicious Situation-Doyle Rd./Roepke Rd., Domestic Verbal-Livermore Rd./W. M-36, Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct.

Sunday 7/31 - Suspicious Person-Church St./Webb St., Assist EMS-Dutcher Rd./Schafer Rd., Suspicious Person-Van Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd., Subpoena Service-Roepke Rd./Oklahoma Dr.

Chief David S. Russell
Unadilla Township Police Department

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes July 26, 2022

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz, Beck (new interim Trustee). Also present: 9 residents, Deputy Jim Moore.

Public Comment: Bill Richardson welcomed John Beck. He continued to keep us updated us on SB Bills #429, 430, 431 regarding the Township losing any control of the gravel pits and the bill for Trauma victims and foster care. They will not be voted on until September when they are in session again. He also spoke of the website redesign that is nearing finish. A meeting will be held in 3 weeks to finalize some of it. Cynthia Richardson spoke to the board reminding them that any of them who work for Nate Glenn, get a 1099, payment of goods or services or gifts need to abstain from voting on anything to do with his business.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay Post Audit bills in the amount of \$2,050. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried. There was no SAESA meeting in July, but Kitley spoke of ARPA money being donated to SAESA from other Townships for the purpose of bringing another of the ambulances up to compliance by adding powered cots assisting to pick up patients more safely and with a Lucas Mechanical CPR system that provides CPR without hands on the patient. Lance said we would have to look over the list of ARPA money already committed to other areas before a decision is made to donate \$25,000 to SAESA. Deputy Moore gave a police report for June: Dispatched complaints=33 calls for service, 17 traffic stops, issued 6 citations and 2 property damages due to traffic crashes. The Sheriff's Office responded to 9 calls for service and the Michigan State Police responded to 11 calls.

Correspondence: Lance spoke of the items that Walz learned at an MTA conference regarding handling and conducting meetings within the Township. Lance read the letter from Claire Foley regarding the rumble strips on Mt. Hope & Waterloo Munith Roads and Mt. Hope and Seymour Roads. The noise exceeds the noise level.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: No minutes were available. Walz said the rain garden is now planted. Jackson County Parks member came to the Parks meeting and said they are putting the Clear Lake Park on a future date for any improvements even though we are committing money to put a fence up to help residents and people using the park. We need to send letters of support. Lance motioned with support from Kitley to accept the quote for leveling the ground, removing the tires and installing posts at a cost of \$1,750. Roll call vote: Yes/Beck, McAlister, Kitley, Lance. Abstain: Walz. No/none. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Richardson spoke of the hearing that took place at the July 19th meeting. They gave the applicant the go-ahead for the permit, stating that they cannot live on the main floor of the building. First floor may eventually be used for a business. Planning Commission had their election of officers resulting in the re-election of W. Schulz as Chairperson, B. Steere as Vice-Chairperson, R. Schumacher as Secretary for the next year. She stated there

was no further action on the Zoning Ordinance review.

- Lance appointed John Beck as Board representative to the Planning Commission.
 - Kitley made a motion to pre-buy propane at \$2.199 with a 1200-gallon purchase not to exceed cost of \$2,698. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck. No/none. Motion carried.
 - Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the contract from HSC Assessing in the amount of \$3,050 per month for one year beginning September 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, McAlister. No/none. Motion carried.
 - All of the security camera quotes were looked at and there were too many questions so until we get more information the quotes are tabled.
 - Walz motioned with support from Lance to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation of the application fee for the Air B & Bs to be set at \$100. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
 - Lance motioned with support from Walz to accept the Depository Resolution #R 22-07-26-2 as presented. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister. No/none. Motion carried.
 - Lance motioned with support from Walz to accept Credit Card Payments #R-07-26-02 as presented. Roll call vote: Yes, Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz. No/none. Motion carried.
 - Lance motioned with support from Beck to accept the proposal submitted by IT Right to upgrade our email system for \$3,600. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried.
 - Kitley motioned with support from Walz to increase hourly wage \$1. For Building Administrator, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer. Roll call vote: Yes/Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried.
 - Kitley motioned with support from Walz to raise the election workers hourly wage to \$12.50 an hour. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck. No/none. Motion carried.
- Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Beck spoke of the number of call our Deputy is asked to respond to that are outside of our Township. Deputy Moore said that they are short handed and are asked periodically to assist another officer in a situation needing assistance. Beck also asked for a copy of the contract we have with the Sheriff's Office.
- Public Comment: Claire Foley thanked Lance for reading her letter submitted and talked of the issues with the noise from the rumble strips on Mt. Hope Road. They exceed the noise decibel limits and are interruptive to the residents living on the Mt. Hope Road areas involved (the intersections of Mt. Hope and Waterloo-Munith Roads, and Mt. Hope and Seymour Roads). She is asking that someone call the involved parties and try to get improvements. A complete copy of her letter submitted is available at the Township for anyone who would like to read it. Lance read the modifications at the bottom of the agenda page. Doug explained the purpose of adding this. Adjournment: Beck motioned with support from Walz to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.
- The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootownshipmichigan.com and on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan. Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES Aug. 15, 2022

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on August 15, 2022, at 7:30pm 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 Board regular meeting agenda as printed Wetherell Second Discussion

Wireman motion to amend the Stockbridge Township Regular Meeting agenda to add Library tree under New Business and to add \$300.00 for SAESA cider and donuts for Halloween Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen's Comments Discussion

Muraf motion to table the Stockbridge Township Board Meeting minutes from July 18, 2022 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board financial report as printed from April 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022,

Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Old Business

Discussion on FOCAL Food truck initiative

New Business

Wireman motion to allow up to \$800.00 on Halloween candy for Halloween on the Stockbridge Township Square Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman motion to donate \$300.00 to SAESA for Cider and Donuts for Halloween on the Stockbridge Township Square Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman Motion to allow up to \$1,200.00 for camera repair and new battery back up for the Stockbridge Township Hall equipment Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Tree at the Library discussion for removal

Muraf motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Monthly bills in the amount of \$88,905.00 Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen's Comments None

Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Board meeting at 8:10Pm on August 15, 2022 Wetherell Second All in Favor Meeting Adjourned

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From CADL Stockbridge

Check out the new bikes at Stockbridge Branch Library and take a spin



The Capital Area District Libraries' Stockbridge Branch now has two new bikes available to check out for one day at a time with your library card. Photo provided by CADL Stockbridge

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

When I began working at the Stockbridge Branch in 2019, I was delighted to discover the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail running through town. Several times each summer since then, I bring my bicycle to work with me and enjoy a peaceful, shady ride in the afternoon. I am a big fan of rail trails and have taken my bike on them all over the state to St. Johns, Midland, Petoskey and Cheboygan. I also ride my bike on the roads around Stockbridge to see historical farmhouses, golden hayfields and home apple orchards.

Since 2019, I have wanted to offer bicycles at the library for lending so more people can enjoy riding.

This wish has finally come true.

Using funds from a grant received from the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative,

CADL purchased four bicycles. Two of these bikes are here in Stockbridge and two are at CADL's Williamston Branch. We are part of a pilot project, offering bikes to the community that can be checked out one day at a time with a library card. We hope this pilot project will lead to more CADL branches offering bicycles. So, stop by, check out a bicycle, and take a spin around Stockbridge and beyond.

Something else I have been working on since I started at Stockbridge is reciprocal borrowing with the Jackson District Library branches. I have heard many times from people who live nearby, but they have a library card to use at the Henrietta or Grass Lake Libraries even though Stockbridge is closer.

Now with that Jackson District Library card you can come into CADL Stockbridge and check out books, audiobooks on CD and music CDs. There are some limitations, DVDs and new books cannot be checked out, but you still have thousands of books to choose from. People with cards from the Pinckney Library also can check out books from CADL Stockbridge. We hope you come in and check something out.

Capital Area District Libraries' Stockbridge Branch is located at 200 Wood St. For more information, call 517-851-7810 or visit cadl.org.

Stockbridge students take LEAP into enjoyable summer of learning



Kindergarten to second grade students and staff enjoy their field trip to the Howell Nature Center. Photo provided by Laura Whitaker

by Laura Whitaker

Stockbridge Community Schools provided fun and educational experiences for students this summer in the Learning Explorer Adventure Program, better known as LEAP.

Thanks to district funding, more than 130 students in kindergarten to fifth grade were enrolled in the summer program. For three to six weeks, students participated in reading and STEM opportunities.

Units of study provided hands-on learning with topics such as plants, insects, animals, oceans, weather and energy. Students also could participate

in field trips to the Howell Nature Center and Hawk Island in Lansing.

During the program, students also had the opportunity to work on mental health and social emotional skills with a school counselor and social worker.

All of these activities allowed students to engage their imagination and activate learning during a time when many are still "catching up" from COVID protocols and virtual learning.

See LEAP on page 19.

Legion Auxiliary page 2

"Our primary role is to support the Legion and veterans in general," auxiliary member Laurie Wild said.

The auxiliary members are primarily women, but men also are encouraged to join. Members range in age from 9 to 93, and have a family member who is, or was, in the service, she said.

"We have come together to support veterans and active-duty service men and women through the Legion in our community," Wild said. "We believe strongly in giving back to those who have served this country so honorably."

"In Flanders Fields," a poem written by Canadian army surgeon Lt. Col. John D. McCrae while serving on the front lines, can be found in the history of the American Legion Family in "The Story of the Poppy."

After WWI, poppies flourished in Europe, especially in France and Belgium. It was attributed to the soils enriched from the lime left in the rubble of war. The red poppy emerging from the dirty rubble came to symbolize the blood shed during battle, as referenced in the poem "In Flanders Fields."

Celebrating Poppy Day is not unique to the United States, as it is recognized in countries throughout the world. The American Legion asked Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day in the U.S. In 1924, the distribution of poppies by the American Legion became a nationwide program.

"The Poppy Drive is an annual event where the Legion (ladies and men) distribute poppies in the community and receive donations," Wild said. "These donations are designated for assisting active duty and retired military and their families with any financial and/or medical needs."

The auxiliary raised a "fair amount" during this year's campaign in May and wants to distribute those funds back into the community.

"Our preference is to focus on our local service men and women so we can keep donations from the community within the community," she said.

If you are or know of a veteran in need of assistance, prospective recipients must provide proof of service, as well as description of the need for help. Any member of the auxiliary can relay a request to the Executive Board, but the best way to seek assistance would be to email the group at legionauxiliary510@gmail.com.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky / The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago / We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie / In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: / To you from failing hands we throw,
The torch; be yours to hold it high. / If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow / In Flanders fields.

— Lt. Col. John D. McCrae

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STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FERPA Notice (Family Education and Right to Privacy Act)

Board Policy 8330, which addresses student records and regulates directory information, is available for public review during normal office hours of the Office of the Superintendent, Stockbridge Community School District, 100 Price Avenue, Ste. A., Stockbridge, Michigan 49285.

The Family Education and Right to Privacy Act requires school districts to develop a policy outlining the information which is considered available to the public as directory information. The Stockbridge School District has determined that only that information, which commonly appears in yearbooks and athletic programs, is to be made available as directory information. Directory information is student name, address, telephone number, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight if member of an athletic team, height if member of an athletic team, weight if member of an athletic team which requires disclosure to participate, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received, honor rolls, and scholarships.

A parent, guardian, or eligible student may choose to make additional information available, but only by their written consent. They may also prohibit the release of any or all directory information by writing their building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. No directory information will be released within this time period unless the parent, guardian, or eligible student is specifically informed otherwise. However, records will be forwarded if requested by a legitimate educational organization in which a student needs to enroll.

Two federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses, and telephone numbers - unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. These laws apply to the students in grades 7 - 12. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of this information to the military by delivering a written objection to the building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. Under this option, directory information will still be made available to other sources under the terms and conditions explained in the previous paragraphs.

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Brian Friddle

From the superintendent's desk School safety a priority with security measures, training

Hello Stockbridge Families,

Our mission is to develop lifelong, confident learners who have the resources necessary for success in a changing world. To get to that mission, we prioritize school safety so that both students and staff can focus on our goal.

ALICE training: ALICE is a gold standard training that provides staff and students the knowledge to take action when needed. This program includes training in the following areas: Alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate.

Secured offices: We will continue to use our secured entry protocol, so please press the button near the front door to gain entry into each building. We also have a video surveillance system in place to help us monitor the buildings.

School liaison: This year we have a school liaison in the secondary building who will help to monitor the parking lots, halls and lunchroom. Our school liaison will be working with students and their families to address needs that arise throughout the school year. It will be helpful to have another person in the halls to keep us all focused in the right direction.

Drills: We will continue to provide training for staff and students and will practice what we learn through various drills throughout the year.

Law enforcement: We continue to work with local and county law enforcement and rescue response teams. These ongoing relationships help school staff and first responders to be on the same page. These organizations also work with us on our preparedness plans.

Ventilation: Mike Pierson and the custodial staff will continue to clean the district to keep the spread of illness in check. We also are bringing more fresh air into the buildings by using the ventilation system.

New COVID guidelines: We continue to monitor the impact of COVID in our community and around the state and will adjust our recommendations as needed. With the diminishing impact of COVID, the CDC guidelines have been adjusted. At this time, individuals who are sick with COVID are asked to isolate at home for five days. When returning to school, these individuals should mask for an additional five days. Individuals who have been a close contact are no longer required to quarantine. Close contacts should wear a mask for 10 days at home and at school to prevent the spread of COVID. Close contacts also should be given a test three to seven days after exposure or if symptoms develop. The school does not have a mask mandate, but encourages individuals to follow the CDC guidelines. Our school nurse will work with families as needed to prevent the spread of COVID and other illnesses. We do have a limited number of COVID tests available to support families. These will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis for individuals who are sick or are close contacts within the district.

We have had a good start to the year and are expecting great things in the future.

Brian Friddle

Superintendent of Schools

Woah Nellie! Almond Cake (topped with meringue soup)

by Mary Jo David

Long before anyone had ever heard of a "Pinterest fail," local newspapers ran cooking columns like "Mother's Cook Book." Syndicated by the Western Newspaper Union, "Mother's Cook Book" was a column, signed each week by Nellie Maxwell, and featured by newspapers like the Stockbridge Brief-Sun.

Nellie Maxwell's cooking column first appeared in newspapers circa 1916 and ran for about 20 years. This month, Stockbridge Community News decided to shake things up a bit. Instead of recapping news articles from 100 years ago, this writer decided to challenge herself to bake a 100-year-old recipe featured in one of Nellie's columns from a September 1922 issue of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun.

Selecting the recipe. The weekly issues for September featured a number of recipes, but it was easy to eliminate most of them. One called for "mushroom catsup" as an ingredient (yes, it's a thing. Google it), and another listed "finely chopped suet," which I only had on hand in my bird feeders—not the most hygienic choice! Yet another called for halving green peppers, baking eggs in each half and serving them over "rounds of toast"; this was definitely the kind of recipe you'd be tasting all day—and not in a good way!

So I arrived at the safest choice—Almond Cake—for which I had all the ingredients on hand (see clipping) without having to run to the store.

The process. Admittedly, today's cooks and kitchens have many more advantages than in Nellie's day. Coincidentally, according to Timetoast.com, KitchenAid came out with its first electric hand mixer in 1922—exactly 100 years ago. How apropos, I thought. It did occur to me that not every cook owned one of these newfangled hand mixers back then. However, the important thing for today's experiment is that *this* cook owns one, so I went ahead and used it! I also used a microplane grater—one of my favorite kitchen gadgets—for zesting lemon, and our microwave came in handy when slightly softening the butter (10 seconds twice on power level 1).

Everything was moving along well. I assembled all the ingredients for the first layer, which was yellow cake with lemon zest flavoring. Although it didn't make much batter, it was enough to spread to the corners of an 8-inch-square cake pan.

With my confidence bolstered, I moved on to the top layer. Upon reading the instructions, it sounded like a pretty basic meringue. I might mention here, that, much as I love to bake, I hadn't made meringue for probably 20 years. But how hard can it be, right?

See *Woah Nellie!* on page 19.



This 100-year-old Almond Cake recipe makes use of common pantry ingredients. Nellie's meringue instructions (and this baker's technique) need work, but the cake was delicious. Photos by Mary Jo David

Staff Spotlight: Bob Richards' STEM projects promote hands-on learning for Stockbridge students



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

As the business technology teacher since 2002, Bob Richards has put Stockbridge Junior/Senior High School on the map with his work developing STEM students.

Over the years, Richards has developed many projects that expose students to subjects in the STEM program (science, technology, engineering, and math) to engage them in learning with a more hands-on approach to their projects.

Richards has educated the next generation of explorers, engineers, and entrepreneurs in our community through his work with students in grades seven through 12. He will be teaching two new classes this school year. The Makerspace class will focus on finding solutions to technical problems. In the Hackerspace class, students will learn about electronics and computer programming as they build a small laptop and environmental sensors. Students will learn about electronics and computer programming as they build a small laptop and environmental sensors.

A past Stockbridge graduate, Richards attended Davenport College for his degree in business administration, Central Michigan University to earn a graduate certificate in health services administration, and Eastern Michigan University, where he obtained his teaching certificate in business and



Bob Richards demonstrates student equipment for a water search. Photo provided by Bob Richards

marketing education.

Richards and his wife, Judy, also a Stockbridge High School graduate, have been married for 35 years. There's no denying their solid Stockbridge roots—the couple's two children also attended and graduated from Stockbridge High School! Matthew graduated in 2008 and Erin graduated in 2009.

Throughout the years, Richards' students have had opportunities to work on projects and travel the world with their ROVs (remote operated vehicles), as part of the Robotics Team representing Stockbridge Community Schools. His students have participated in competitions hosted by NOAA, MIT, and NASA.

Under his leadership, the team has traveled to Palau several times with BentProp to search for missing American airmen and aircraft from WWII. In recent years, the students have traveled to American Samoa to work and introduce Samoan students to ROVs.

This school year, Richards' students will be working on projects to prepare them for the future.

“The first project is miniature satellites called CubeSatellites or Cubesats. These satellites have been used exclusively in Low-Earth orbit for 20 years and are using remote sensing communications for interplanetary missions,” Richards explains.

In a special lab later in the school year, students are planning on launching into space the CubeSatellites they have built.

The second project is the high-altitude balloons project. Students are planning on conducting at least two balloon launches this school year.

Says Richards, “These balloons are similar to weather balloons filled with helium that are released into the stratosphere, generally attaining an altitude between 11 and 23 miles or 59,000 to 121,000 feet above sea level. Our balloons will be used as a platform for experiments in the upper atmosphere to test our CubeSatellites.”

The balloons contain electronic equipment such as cameras and radio transmitters and navigation systems such as GPS receivers. Students are hoping to launch the balloons in 2024 during the next solar eclipse.

The last project will involve mini-boats. These boats will be about 5 feet long with satellite transmitters that enable students to track lake currents and weather on the Great Lakes.

See Staff Spotlight on page 15.

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Bridge to Wellness September: Fats—the good and the bad

by Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

Our body needs us to consume a certain amount of fat each day to work properly. Any extra fat that we eat is stored in fat tissue and causes us to gain weight. Choosing what types of fat we consume can be healthy or unhealthy for our heart. Limit the amount of fat you eat, but don't try to cut it out completely.

Focus on reducing foods high in saturated fat and trans-fat. These are the two types of unhealthy fats we most want to avoid. Fats that we should consume more of are omega-3s, monounsaturated fat, and polyunsaturated fat. Your goal should be to choose more of the healthier fats, eat fewer unhealthy fats, and stay within your fat gram goal.

Healthy fats

- Omega-3s are an especially heart healthy fat and can help with lowering high triglyceride values in your blood. These are found in salmon, albacore tuna, rainbow trout, herring, tofu, soybeans, walnuts, flaxseed, and canola oil.
- Mono and polyunsaturated fats are considered heart healthy and can help with improving cholesterol. Sources include avocado, almonds, pecans, peanuts, pumpkin, sunflower or sesame seeds, olive oil and olives, vegetable oils (sunflower, safflower, corn, soybean), and peanut butter.

Fats to avoid

- Saturated fats, which are mainly found in foods that come from animals (meat and dairy), but can also be found in fried foods and some pre-packaged foods. Saturated fats are unhealthy because they increase LDL (bad cholesterol) levels in your body and increase your risk for heart disease. Many saturated fats are “solid” fats that you can see, such as the fat in meat. Other sources include high-fat cheeses, high-fat cuts of meat, whole-fat milk, butter, ice cream, Pam, and coconut oils.
- Trans fats are simply liquid oils turned into solid fats during food processing. A small amount of trans fat occurs naturally in some meat and dairy products, but those found in processed foods tend to be the most harmful to your health. Trans fats serve up a double whammy to your cholesterol, by increasing LDL (“bad” cholesterol) and decreasing HDL (“healthy” cholesterol). To avoid trans-fat, look on nutrition labels for ingredients such as

“partially hydrogenated” oils or shortening. In addition, look for trans-fat in the nutritional information in products, such as commercially baked desserts, crackers, and fried foods.

Healthy alternatives

- Sauté with olive oil or canola oil instead of butter.
- When reheating soups or stews, skim the solid fats from the top before reheating.
- Sprinkle slivered nuts or sunflower seeds on salads, instead of using bacon.
- Snack on a small handful of nuts rather than potato chips or processed crackers.
- Try peanut butter or other nut butters (with no trans fat) on celery, bananas, or low-fat crackers
- Add avocado instead of cheese to your sandwich.

Sources:

- Fats—Saturated, Unsaturated, and Trans Fat. Lifestyle Coach Facilitation Guide: Post-Core (cdc.gov)
- Saturated vs. Unsaturated fats: Which is more healthful? (medicalnewstoday.com)
- Healthy Eating As You Age: Know Your Food Groups. National Institute on Aging (nih.gov)

This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. Sophia Speroff is a Registered Dietitian (RD) of 10 years with her master's in public health, currently working at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Chelsea as a community RD. She has an athletic and competitive side, staying active training for triathlons and half marathons. In her free time, Sophia likes to hike, folk dance and garden.

Foods High in Saturated Fat	Healthier Alternatives
Instead of...	Use...
Butter, lard, shortening, coconut, coconut oil, palm oil	Margarine (look for 0 grams of trans fat on label), vegetable oil spread, olive oil, canola oil, corn oil, canola oil cooking spray
Whole milk, 2% milk, half & half, cream	Skim, 1%, fat free half & half
Red meat, ground beef, sausage, bacon, organ meats (such as liver, kidney)	White meat chicken, turkey, pork chop with fat trimmed, ground beef sirloin, fish, soy products, nuts/seeds or beans
Poultry skin, visible meat fat	Skinless and trimmed meats
Fried or pan fried foods	Grilled, baked, roasted, steamed, broiled, boiled
Deli meats like bologna, pepperoni, salami	Deli ham, turkey, chicken breast or extra lean roast beef
Whole eggs or egg yolks	Egg substitute or egg whites
Ice cream	Frozen yogurt, sherbet, low-fat ice cream
Cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, cream cheese, whipped cream	Fat free or reduced fat version
Chocolates, pies, doughnuts, brownies, buttered popcorn	Sugar free pudding made with 1% or skim milk, vanilla wafers, animal crackers, low-fat microwave popcorn

Table source: www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/pdf/postcurriculum_session2.pdf

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Paws and Claws

The 'Rainbow Bridge' for pets is a comfort to owners

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

The Rainbow Bridge is the theme of several works of poetry written in the 1980s and 1990s that speak of an otherworldly place where pets go upon death.

The story tells of a lush green meadow just "this side of heaven." According to the story, when a pet dies, it goes to the meadow, restored to perfect health, and free of any injuries. The pet runs and plays all day with the others. There always is fresh food and water available and the sun always is shining.

When the owner dies he or she arrives at the meadow, and that is when the pet stops playing, turns, sniffs at the air and looks into the distance where it sees its beloved owner. The pet greets its former owner in great joy and then they cross the Rainbow Bridge together into heaven, never to be separated again.

The original writer of the poem is uncertain. At present, there are four contenders for development of the work.

- Edna Clyne-Reky, an artist and author in Scotland, wrote the poem in the mid-'70s for her son upon the loss of her dog. Her son put the poem on the internet in later life. It is believed she is the original author.

- Paul C. Dahm, a grief counselor in Oregon, is said to have written the poem in 1981 and published it in a 1998 book of the same name.

- William N. Britton, author of "Legend of Rainbow Bridge," in 1994.

- Wallace Sife, head of the Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement, whose poem "All Pets Go to Heaven" appears on the association's website, as well as in his book "The Loss of a Pet."

Saying good-bye to a furry friend is never easy. The love and joy pets bring into our lives is immense, so the emptiness that we feel in our hearts after they have passed can be heavy.



Many pet owners find comfort in the lush green meadow just "this side of heaven" described in the "Rainbow Bridge" poem. Photo credit Vincent van Zalinge via Unsplash.com

Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day, Aug. 28, is a day devoted to remembering our pets that are no longer with us. The day was created by author Deborah Barnes after she lost her cat Mr. Jazz. She founded it as a way for people to share memories of their pets that had passed on. For many of us, having a way to remember our pets is important.

Please feel free to contact me, Dr. Cindy Anderson, or the staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary 517-655-5551, for any help with your pet questions.

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

Rainbow Bridge

Author Unknown

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

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Rock 'n' Roll Trivia page 4

Q: Did Kiss really name themselves as a sort of satanic thing?

A: No. According to Kiss member Paul Stanley, the band thought the word "kiss" sounded like it could have a double meaning, being both "dangerous and sexy." A rumor spread that "KISS" stood for either "Kids In Satan's Service" or "Knights In Satan's Service" but the band has called these rumors ridiculous. However, many other bands have intentionally given themselves satanic-related names — probably the two most infamous ones are: 1) Styx, who named themselves after the mythical river that people crossed over after being banished into hell, and 2) King Crimson, a name that was created by the band's lyricist, Peter Sinfield, as a synonym for the devil, who is often depicted in the color red ("crimson") and referred to as "King" of the Underworld.

Q: I know that Perry Como wasn't a rocker but maybe you can help. Way back in the '60s, he released a 33 1/3 rpm titled "The Scene Changes." I had the record and lost it. Heard a song the other day that sounded like one on the record. Is it on CD and where can I get one?

A: Perry Como's 1965 album "The Scene Changes" (with the Anita Kerr Singers) was Perry's "country" album, produced by Chet Atkins and featuring songs written by Willie Nelson, Dottie West, Tompall Glaser, Don Gibson and others. ("Dream On Little Dreamer," a Top 40 hit in 1965, kicks off Side Two.) The album is available on both CD and vinyl. I found both on Amazon and eBay.

John Robinson grew up in Stockbridge and graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1969. He's been an author, TV host, columnist, actor, producer, emcee and radio broadcaster. Robinson's favorite music of all time includes surf, psychedelia, garage bands, Motown and just plain ol' good-time rock 'n' roll. To read more rock 'n' roll trivia, "Paranormal Michigan" stories, and lots more, check out Robinson's books on his author page at facebook.com/johnrobinsonauthor.

Village manager page 1

When asked what he considers the most promising aspects of the Village of Stockbridge, McClary points to the potential of the community's traditional, Midwestern, historical downtown.

"Many communities would give anything to have the historic downtown we have here in Stockbridge," McClary said. "Considering the small size of the village, the area has so many wonderful recreation facilities, like the Lakelands Trail and Veterans Memorial Park, that could draw people to visit and want to live here."

McClary is also appreciative of the welcome he has received in Stockbridge.

"Stockbridge is a friendly, welcoming community. That has been apparent to me right from the start. So many people have welcomed me. That speaks volumes for the community as a whole," he said.

Of course, you can't have a list of 35-plus goals and priorities if there isn't work to be done. When asked about what he sees as some of the challenges the village faces, McClary said infrastructure tops the list. He specifically pointed to the sanitary sewer system and especially the lagoon treatment system as being a top priority.

"Infrastructure needs are critical—our water treatment facility, water distribution, and sewage collection systems. But then, so is our utility billing system if we want to know everyone is paying their fair share for water they are actually using, instead of having some carrying cost burden for those not paying for what they use."

Concerns about utility billing stem from inoperable water meters and problems with the units that enable the reading of village water meters. As a result, estimated readings are being done for anywhere from 60 to 80 properties.

McClary went on to explain that adequately staffing village operations is another necessary focus to provide the best services possible to village citizens—whether it's at the village hall, police department, or public works. (The Village Council is currently reviewing applications for the position of chief of police.)

"We'd like to come up with a better system for citizen inquiries and response management to ensure more timely answers for citizens. Another important goal is transparency in government. Citizens deserve to know what their village is doing, what decisions are being made, and what information we're using to make those decisions," McClary said.

Also on his list of goals and priorities: Cemetery maintenance and management; code enforcement, including addressing blight and nuisance concerns; and keeping Stockbridge park projects moving forward.

Looking back on work he has done in other communities, McClary is most proud of things he did that helped improve quality of life in those communities, like improving recreational opportunities for everyone, including disadvantaged populations, and creating jobs and growing the tax base through economic projects.

Two of the projects that stand out in his experience—one in the Village of Lake Orion and one in Ypsilanti—both involved working closely with organizations and people with strong, differing views and helping to bridge the gap between them to bring them to consensus.

"Taking the time to listen to the concerns of these groups and then finding ways to address everyone's concerns with compromise led to some of my proudest moments," McClary shared.

McClary and his husband, Steven Harper, have four grown sons and one grandson. Harper is a high school English teacher and a novelist with a prolific list of novels to his name. Their home is in Ypsilanti Township, the exact halfway mark for the commutes McClary and Harper have for their jobs.

For information on village meetings and contact information, refer to the Village of Stockbridge website at vosmi.org.

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Staff Spotlight page 12

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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.

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Your matter matters

by Olyvia Hoard, *Uncaged* Creative Editor

You do not need to change yourself for others. You should be okay with "taking up space" in this world, and I am here to show you why and how.

I have always felt like a burden, like I take up too much space in this world, but after reading Sandra Ajaja's article, "How I'm finally learning how to take up space" I was inspired. Taking up space means feeling visible, using your voice and feeling like you belong in every place you go. You should not feel bad about taking up space in this world. You are important, and you do belong here, no matter what anyone else says.

"Plenty of people will decide that you can't do something," television producer Shonda Rhimes said. "Plenty of people will decide that this room is not for you to be in. Your only job is for you to decide that every room you are in is a room that you belong in, and to remain there. I always think that's the most important thing-to feel like you belong in every room you're in"

It is in our nature to change ourselves in some way to make someone else more comfortable. We should never have to change our opinions or anything about ourselves just to make someone else more comfortable.

Taking up space means finding the strength in your own voice.

A way to be more okay with "taking up space" is learning to edit our vocabulary. You do not need to say I'm sorry, excuse me, or pardon me before stating your opinion.

You are putting yourself in the mindset that your opinion and what you have to say are an inconvenience to others when it is not.

Progress is NOT perfection. It is okay to make mistakes. It is okay to ask a question you think sounds stupid. It is okay to state an opinion, even if it might be wrong.

Loving yourself is the most important thing you can do. You are the most important person to yourself, and you need to believe it.

"Learning to love myself was one of the best things I could do to help boost my confidence and self esteem; junior Ashlee Chubb said.

You can exist in this world without thinking you are a burden. Everything you do is important and spectacular, and you need to recognize that.

You can take up more space by honoring your own achievements. Downplaying your achievements will not do anything good for you because they are indeed a big deal. Practice saying "Thank you" and actually meaning it when you receive compliments. It is not wrong for you to feel like you did a good job.

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Maggie Maxwell. Photo by Olyvia Hoard from uncagednews.com

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Alice M. McGinn Lirette



Alice M. McGinn Lirette
 Sept. 7, 1927 to Aug. 23, 2022

Alice M. McGinn Lirette, age 94, of Chelsea, MI, passed away on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Silver Maples of Chelsea. Alice was born on September 7, 1927 in Jackson, Michigan, the daughter of Earl and Marcella (McIntee) Black. Her father passed away early in life, and she was raised by her mother and step-father, Vincent Berry.

Alice had lived in the Chelsea area her entire life. She was raised Catholic, and supported both St. Mary Catholic Church of Chelsea and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, as well as the St. Louis Center, and the Pious Union in Grass Lake. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Chelsea Community Hospital for many years as

well as Inverness Country Club. She loved to golf, and she loved to travel.

Alice is survived by three children, Michael (Debra) McGinn of Kingsport, TN, James McGinn of Gregory, MI, and Mary Beth (Clyde) Whitaker of Stockbridge, MI; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Farrell of Dexter, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, William S. McGinn, her second husband, Edward F. Lirette, her son, Dennis McGinn, grandson, Grant W. Whitaker, daughter-in-law, Judy McGinn, and four year old brother, Robert Black.

Visitation was held on Monday, August 29, 2022 at St. Joseph Village Church, 3430 Dover St., Dexter, with a Rosary after.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at St. Joseph Village Church with Fr. Brendan J. Walsh presiding. A private burial took place at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing or Faith in Action.

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Obituaries

Kristin Lee "Kris" Scheppe



Kristin Lee "Kris" Scheppe
June 22, 1971 to July 28, 2022

Kristin Lee "Kris" Scheppe, age 51, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on July 28, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on June 22, 1971 in Livonia, MI to Warren and Anita (Bailey) Scheppe.

Kris enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, and especially her grandkids. She loved shopping, as it was her passion to find all the best deals. She and her family loved to vacation in Florida and relax on the beach.

Kris is survived by her mother, Anita Scheppe, brothers, Jeff Steckelberg (Leela Vernon) of Stockbridge, and Josef Scheppe (Amber Badour) of Ann Arbor, and her life-long partner, Brian Ball. Also surviving are her three girls: Faith Comiskey (Stanley Augustine) of Okemos, Amanda

Rose (Mark) of Fowlerville, Jessica Renard (Aaron) of Webberville; four grandchildren, Ashton, Ava, Morgan, Marley; niece, Jenna Britcher (Jack). She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Scheppe.

A memorial in her honor was held on August 27, 2022 at the White Oak Township Hall. Food and refreshments were provided. Contributions may be made to Elara Caring (Hospice) of Jackson or the Ingham County Humane Society.

Katherine Ann Withrow



Katherine Ann Withrow
March 29, 1940 to July 30, 2022

Katherine Ann Withrow, age 82, of Munith, MI, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 30, 2022. Kathy was born on March 29, 1940 in Stockbridge, MI to Harold and Cleo Horning. She was a 1958 graduate of Stockbridge High School. Kathy received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in November 1958 and lived faithfully for Him.

On April 18, 1959, she married her high school sweetheart, William "Bill" Withrow. In 1960, they built a home on her family's farm in Munith and raised their family there. Kathy retired from Stockbridge Community Schools after 30 years, working at Katz Elementary and Smith Elementary. After retirement, Kathy and Bill loved spending the

winter months in Zephyrhills, FL for nearly 20 years.

Kathy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a great cook, was generous, always thinking of others, and was a wonderful godly example to her family. She will be greatly missed, especially her smile, her one liners, and seeing her eyes light up when she was with her great-grandchildren.

During her teen years, she loved riding and caring for her horses. As an adult she loved traveling with Bill, spending time with her family and friends, working in her flower beds, crafting, quilting, sewing, collecting cardinals, chickens, and antique dishes. She enjoyed shopping for Christmas gifts all year long for the family she loved so much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister-in-law, Barb Horning. In addition to her husband, Bill, she is survived by her brothers, Wayne Horning of Grand Rapids, MI and Carl (Sue) Horning of Jackson, MI; her children: Brian (Tina) Withrow of Wetmore, CO, Brent (Bonnie) Withrow of Rives Junction, MI, and Heidi (Jim) Baisden of Munith, MI; as well as nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Jeruel Baptist Church in Munith, MI on Thursday, August 4, 2022 as well as on Friday, August 5, 2022.

A Memorial Service was held at Jeruel Baptist Church on Friday, August 5, 2022 led by Pastor Josh Swieringa and Pastor Brian Withrow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jeruel Baptist Church.

Death Notices

If you wish to have a death notice included in a future edition and posted on the SCN website, please contact Stockbridge Community News.

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

- John Peters, of Munith, died August 1, 2022
- Timothy Wayne Penix, of Stockbridge, died August 5, 2022

Ida May McArthur



Ida May McArthur
June 26, 1948 to July 28, 2022

Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, **Ida May McArthur**, of Stockbridge, Michigan, passed away at her home on July 28, 2022 at the age of 74.

She was born the daughter of Candelario and Josie (Gagliardi) Trujillo on June 26, 1948 in Trinidad, Colorado. Ida married Donald Raymond McArthur on June 25, 1966 in Trinidad, Colorado, and they were blessed with 56 years together. Ida loved spending time with her friends and family, especially when she was cooking for them. She was an excellent cook and was always ready to send food to loved ones. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 50 years and loved helping others learn about the Bible.

Ida is survived by her loving husband, Don, and two of her sons, Donald Jr. (Dana) McArthur of Stockbridge, and Jason (Debbie) McArthur of Jackson, as well as her grandchildren, Rachael, Megan, and Bobby. She is also survived by her sister, Shirley Trancoso of Trinidad, Colorado, and brother, Fred (Betty) Gagliardi of Denver, Colorado. She is preceded in death by her son, Stacy McArthur. Ida will be dearly missed by her many friends and family.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Priscilla Marylan Plonka



Priscilla Marylan Plonka
Dec. 15, 1927 to July 28, 2022

Priscilla Marylan Plonka, age 94, of Gregory, Michigan passed away at the St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital on July 28, 2022.

She was born the daughter of Elliott and Minerva (Schaefer) Childs on December 15, 1927 in Flint, Michigan.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading novels and newspapers, and spending time up north mushroom hunting and time at her cabin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Plonka. She is survived by her son, Mitch (Wendy) Hause, granddaughters, Nadine (Marc) Bowden, Erin (Jason) Griffin, Angela Bissoux; great-granddaughter, Samantha Griffin, and great-grandson, Michael Griffin.

A graveside service was held Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Plainfield Cemetery.

Hilbert N. Proctor

Hilbert N. Proctor, age 87, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on July 22, 2022 at his home. He was born on August 26, 1934 in Stockbridge, MI to Clinton and Grace (Marsh) Proctor.

Hilbert served in the United States Army from 1954-1958. On September 5, 1959, he married Dorothy L. (Brooks), and they moved to Stockbridge where they resided for 62 years. He attended Millville United Methodist Church and was self-employed as a truck driver. In his down time, he enjoyed spending time in his workshop doing woodworking, being outdoors, and camping. He loved riding his golf cart around the farm and neighborhood with his dogs.

Hilbert is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and his five children: Bobbie (Cheryl) Risner of Mason, Roger (Teresa) Proctor of Munith, Scott (Teresa) Proctor of Kentucky, Robin (Andy) Burkhart of Parma, and Tracy (Larry) Baldwin of Stockbridge; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Clinton (Joann) Proctor of Jackson, and two sisters, Arloa (Mark) Smith of Stockbridge and Coteal MacLaren of Florida. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Bobbie Risner III, and his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post #510 on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and then luncheon to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post #510 or Elara Caring (Hospice) 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 49202.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Varsity volleyball team starts strong this season with 3-3-1 record in first week



Grace Burg with a save against Dansville.
Photo provided by Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

The varsity volleyball team had a strong start to the season by going 2-1 at the Dansville quad and finished the week with a 3-3-1 record after traveling to Owosso for an invitational Saturday, Aug. 20.

The Panthers took care of Springport 25-19 and Dansville in a thrilling three-set match 25-15, 24-26, 15-13 and fell to Grass Lake 18-25, 19-25 at the Dansville quad on Aug. 17.

Grace Burg had a strong all-around night with nine kills, six aces, and four digs.

Alaina Kellenberger was a force at the net with eight kills, three blocks, and three aces. Maggie Jones recorded eight kills, five digs, one block, and one ace on the night, while Megan Mackinder was strong all night with seven kills, eight aces, and two digs.

Taylor Lockhart made 14 digs, two aces, and one kill, while Gracee Robidou added 13 digs. Maddie Dalton helped run the offense with 35 assists, 11 digs, and two aces, while Makenzie Dalton had four kills, two digs, and one block.

The Panthers traveled to Owosso Saturday, Aug. 20 and came home with a 1-2-1 record.

They took down Potterville 25-14, 25-17, and tied Carman Ainsworth 19-25, 25-13. They fell to Owosso twice 16-25, 7-25, and again in the semifinals 21-25, 12-25.

Mackinder had a big day with 14 kills, six aces, and nine digs, while Jones had 12 kills, six aces, and 10 digs.

Kellenberger finished with 13 kills, two aces, and one dig, while Lockhart chipped in with five kills, two aces, and a team-high 19 digs. Robidou recorded 16 digs, four aces, and three kills, Burg nine kills and 13 digs, and Maddie Dalton 49 assists, 13 digs, and seven kills.

Panther soccer team off and running

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge soccer team opened its season with four games last week and came away with a 1-2-1 record in the first week of the season.

The Panthers opened the season by battling to a 2-2 draw with Potterville.

Freshman Bradley Rowe scored his first career goal in his first varsity game for the Panthers.

Jordan Huskey Wright also scored for the Panthers, while Jason Gruber picked up an assist. Gavin Hart kept the Panthers in the game with 10 saves in net.

The Panthers then fell to Jackson Lumen Christi 3-1.

Hart made another 10 saves in net for Stockbridge, while Gruber scored his first goal of the season.

Stockbridge then fell to a tough Columbia Central team 5-1.

Huskey-Wright scored his second of the season for the Panthers lone goal with Hart making five saves in net.

The Panthers finished the week by rolling over Jonesville 6-2.

Huskey-Wright had a huge game with four goals and an assist.

Gruber scored his second goal of the season and picked up two assists. Zech Puckett added a goal and two assists, while Hart made five saves in net for Stockbridge.

FOOTBALL

• Aug 26	7:00 PM	H	Springport
• Sep 1	7:00 PM	H	Ypsilanti Community
• Sep 9	7:00 PM	A	Olivet
• Sep 16	7:00 PM	H	Detroit Lincoln King Academy
• Sep 23	7:00 PM	H	Leslie (Senior Night)
• Sep 30	7:00 PM	A	Lake Odessa Lakewood
• Oct 7	7:00 PM	H	Perry (Homecoming)
• Oct 14	7:00 PM	A	St. Charles
• Oct 21	7:00 PM	A	Dansville



SOCCER

• Aug 22	5:30 PM	A	Jackson Christian
• Aug 24	5:30 PM	H	Lansing Christian
• Aug 31	5:30 PM	A	Vermontville Maple Valley
• Sep 7	5:30 PM	A	Laingsburg
• Sep 10	TBD	A	Onsted Inv
• Sep 12	5:30 PM	H	Perry
• Sep 14	5:30 PM	A	Lake Odessa Lakewood
• Sep 19	5:30 PM	H	Potterville
• Sep 23	5:30 PM	A	Dansville
• Sep 24	TBD	A	Barry County Christian Inv
• Sep 27	5:30 PM	H	Manchester
• Oct 1	5:30 PM	A	Leslie
• Oct 5	5:30 PM	A	Olivet
• Oct 10	5:30 PM	A	Bath
• Oct 12	TBD	H	Districts



VOLLEYBALL

• Aug 23	5:00 PM	A	Union City Tri-Meet
• Aug 27	8:00 AM	A	Olivet Inv
• Aug 30	6:15 PM	H	East Jackson
• Sep 8	6:15 PM	H	Lakewood
• Sep 13	6:15 PM	A	Olivet
• Sep 17	9:00 AM	A	Milan Inv
• Sep 20	6:15 PM	H	Lansing Christian
• Sep 24	9:00 AM	H	Panther Inv
• Sep 29	6:45 PM	A	Jackson Christian
• Oct 1	9:00 AM	A	East Jackson Inv
• Oct 4	6:15 PM	A	Perry
• Oct 6	6:15 PM	A	Napoleon
• Oct 11	6:15 PM	H	Leslie
• Oct 15	9:00 AM	A	Dansville Inv
• Oct 18	6:15 PM	A	Maple Valley
• Oct 22	9:00 AM	A	GLAC Tournament



CROSS COUNTRY

• Aug 27	9:00 AM	A	Webberville Inv
• Aug 30	TBD	A	Marshall Inv
• Sep 7	TBD	A	Springport Inv
• Sep 10	8:30 AM	A	Bath Inv
• Sep 20	TBD	A	GLAC Jamboree #1 Lakewood
• Sep 24	9:00 AM	A	Jackson Inv
• Oct 1	9:00 AM	H	Stockbridge Inv
• Oct 4	TBD	A	GLAC Jamboree #2 Leslie
• Oct 8	TBD	A	Hudson Inv
• Oct 15	TBD	A	Greater Lansing Inv
• Oct 22	TBD	A	GLAC Finals Perry
• Oct 28	TBD	A	Regionals
• Nov 5	TBD	A	State Finals @ MIS



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Mrs. Whitt's class takes a weekly trip to the public library to participate in the CADL Summer Reading Program. Photos provided by Laura Whitaker

The program's success is credited to all of the Stockbridge Community School employees who took the time to work with students throughout the summer. More than 20 teachers and paraprofessionals were in the classrooms, while bus drivers, food service, custodians, and Central Office personnel also provided services. The passion for the students' enrichment was evident in the activities and all-around fun students had coming to school for the summer.



Stockbridge students study the life cycle of ladybugs in the Learning Explorer Adventure Program (LEAP).

Woah Nellie! page 11

I put my trust in Nellie and whipped up the egg whites. My meringue was turning into a thing of beauty, with plenty of volume. Next, following Nellie's instructions, I added the cup of sugar—BAM—and the chopped almonds—BAM—to the egg whites. Suddenly my beautifully billowy meringue was a sunken, liquidy mess—never to rise again.

Upon Googling, I learned I probably should have added these ingredients a little bit at a time. Apparently Nellie didn't want to risk giving rise to a generation of bakers who were better than her, so she left out this very important tip.

Having used the last of my eggs, I decided, "it is what it is," and I poured (yes, poured) the milky meringue mixture over the yellow cake and popped it into a "slow oven." Luckily, I'm old enough to know a slow oven equates to roughly 325 degrees. But then I noticed another omission—Nellie offered no suggestion for baking time! Once again, I turned to my new best friend, Google, and decided to bake for 35 minutes, then upon inspection, I added another 20, then another 5, for a total of 60 minutes.

The result. At first glance, the meringue wasn't so bad. It certainly didn't have the height it should, but it browned nicely and wasn't a terrible embarrassment to look at. As for the cake itself—"the sponge" as the British like to say—it was quite delicious. Between Nellie's ingredient amounts and my guess at baking times, the cake was baked through, yet nice and moist.

The best compliment of all came from my husband, who tentatively took his first bite and then proclaimed, "It sure doesn't taste like it's a hundred years old!"

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Outreach in Action

Director milestone: Looking back on paper towel, prom shoes and smiling faces

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

August 18, 2022, marked the first full year of Gwen Reid's tenure as director at Stockbridge Community Outreach, so we sat down with her to ask a few questions about how she is faring.

Paul: If you could be any animal other than a human, what would you be, and why?

Gwen: I have never really thought about that Paul, but I guess it would be an elephant because they never forget—and I have such a problem remembering things!

Jo: What are some of the most memorable moments you've had over the past year?

Gwen: Well, every Wednesday is a blast of fun. I get to work with GREAT volunteers, and we give food out to carloads of smiling faces! But the most memorable moments are two that stick out in my mind the most. One was when I was trying so hard to leave the office for the weekend, and a high school girl called so excited to have been invited to the prom, but she needed some shoes to go with her dress. I stayed, she came right over, and we found some shoes for her! Thank you to all of the people who donate clothes and shoes!* The second one was when I gave away the last roll of paper towel and exactly two hours later, a truck pulled in with a full load of ...PAPER TOWEL!!! Their church had been collecting for the past few months—talk about perfect timing and a perfect answer to our need.

**Please call the Outreach office (517-851-7285) before bringing any clothing donations. We had to temporarily stop taking clothing donations until our volunteers could process the tidal wave of clothes we received from the Gregory Community Church clothes closet when they closed their closet in late July. Thank you for your understanding!*

Paul: What is your favorite color?

Gwen: Green and White (Go MSU!)

Jo: What differences did you notice when you moved from volunteer to director?

Gwen: The biggest difference is when I was volunteering, I was happy to help Karen with whatever she needed, whenever she needed it. I just felt good volunteering for such a great program. Now that I am the director, I feel like I need to "protect" volunteers so they don't get overused—but I forget that they also do it because they feel good volunteering for such a great program!

Paul: If you could go back in history and meet anyone, who would it be and why?

Gwen: Eleanor Roosevelt. I just watched the series (about the) First Ladies. Eleanor seemed so caring and kind to soldiers and to people on the street. She was very giving and gentle and kind.

Jo: Are there ideas you'd like to pursue at Outreach in the years to come?

Gwen: I would like to make time for some support groups and maybe a Coffee Hour. I really enjoy just spontaneous conversation with people because often I find that it leads to ways that we can help each other out.

Jo: When you look at our current social and economic situation in Michigan, are there particular concerns you have regarding Outreach and its services for clients?

Gwen: The supply chain issues, in general, have caused low inventory at the Greater Lansing Food Bank, where we get most of our pantry food. I like to see our shelves full, and they have been looking scarce recently. Also, the price of propane, fuel oil, and electric for heat. These prices are a challenge for low-income households as well as for agencies like the Outreach.

Paul: I know you recently attended an Elton John concert. What is your favorite Elton John song?

Gwen: Are you kidding? "Bennie and the Jets," of course!

Congratulations on your first successful year, Gwen, and we hope you have many more to come!

This column is sponsored by Stockbridge Community Outreach, our local food pantry, crisis, and referral center located in the Stockbridge Activity Center (old middle school) near Cherry and Elm streets in Stockbridge. Office hours are 1-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and by appointment. Outreach49285@gmail.com, 517-851-7285, or find us on Facebook.

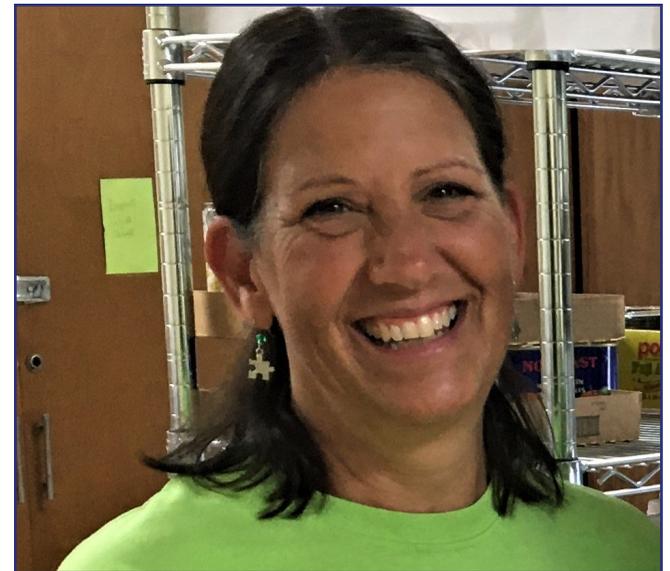


Photo of Gwen Reid taken one year ago, on her first official day as director of Stockbridge Outreach. Photo credit Paul Crandall

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Community Calendar

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- Every Wednesday - Fall Family Storytime (ages 6 and up), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Every Wednesday - LEGOs and beyond (Ages 6 and up), noon to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Every Wednesday – Pop-up food distribution for anyone in need, 1 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Community Outreach
- Every Thursday - Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates) - Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Sept. 6 - Sons of the American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Legion Post #510
- Sept. 7 - Fall Craft Night for teens/adults, 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library (Call for details.)
- Sept. 10 - Festivals of Light: China's Moon Festival, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Sept. 10 - Art vs. Science. New Projects for kids at the Stockbridge Library, 517-851-7810
- Sept. 11 - Captivating Caterpillars, 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
- Sept. 12 - Stockbridge Community Outreach Fresh Food Distribution, 4 to 5 p.m. at the Jeruel Baptist Church
- Sept. 15 - Third Thursday Book Discussion, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Sept. 18 - Wildlife and Ecosystems, 2 to 3 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
- Sept. 21 - Senior Center Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center (Hosted by Library)
- Sept. 23 - Dinner at the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, 5 to 7 p.m. at Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
- Sept. 25 - Drawing Class with Live Raptors, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
- Sept. 26 - Stockbridge Area Arts Council Monthly Meeting, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Activity Center
- Sept. 27 - American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Legion Post #510

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'This I Believe' contest returns with second semester winners

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 the third-place winner would like to remain anonymous. The second-place winner is Emma Collins. The first-place winner is Lily Sager.

SCN is pleased to publish the second-place winner's essay below as SCN's monthly student-written column. Be sure to check out last month's issue for the third-place winning essay, and keep an eye out for October's issue for the first-place winning essay.

Second-place winning essay: 'Miracles'

by Emma Collins

While I stood on my basketball court in my backyard on a cool evening on December 3, 2020, I heard my phone ringing. I bent over and picked up my phone and noticed I had 3 missed calls from my grandma back to back. I knew it was something very serious. I started to shiver as I ran up to the glass sliding door of my house. As I raced in, I noticed it wasn't just me she was spamming with phone calls while she was trying to get in touch with my Mom who was finishing up with work. When I came inside I heard my Grandma on the phone with my sister and Grandma was crying asking Kenzie to get my Mom. At this point, I knew it was something serious as I could hear my Grandma's voice on the other end of the line. She was saying, "I need Am right now!" My Mom grabbed the phone and heard Grandma screaming that something happened to Bub. My Mom told Grandma, "I will call Mikey on my way and be right there!" As my siblings and I stood there confused, we watched our parents quickly grab their keys from the table and race out the door. My sister looked at me with a concerned look on her face and told me we had to go now. As we were both anxiously sitting in the car, I was told what was happening.

We had to race to my aunt and uncle's house to babysit their kids, so they could go to the hospital with all the other adults. As I sat in the car, I began to take ragged breaths and my heart began to race as if it had just shattered into a million pieces. At this point, we knew something was seriously wrong.

As we sat there with a huge weight of stress on our chests, we prayed and prayed that this wasn't really happening. But, as much as we didn't want to believe it, exactly what we thought wasn't happening, was. The worst thing was that everyone was just as confused and empty as we were all feeling about it. We knew the younger kids had no idea what was going on, so we tried our absolute best to hold it all together when we all felt like just completely breaking down.

From that moment on we continued to pray for our uncle Bub to be healed. We knew it was all in God's hands at this point. Our parents returned home from the hospital late that night and told us that Bub had a heart attack and was being admitted into the hospital. How could this be? Bub was only 29 and had his whole life ahead of him. It was hard to accept but it was reality. Bub was the baby of the family and was such a special part of it. Grandma was still dealing with the loss of my aunt who had passed away in 2012 and now Bub's situation was not promising. Due to Covid, our family wasn't able to visit Bub much during his hospital stay, because of hospital rules. Each morning the Doctor or Nurse would call my Mom to talk about how Bub was doing. Grandma couldn't even talk to them because she was so heartbroken over the whole situation. She needed my Mom to help her talk with the Doctors and figure out what we could do. Grandma simply couldn't imagine the thought of losing another child. Morning, Afternoon, and evening reports from the Nurses continued to pour in for 3 weeks. Every day seemed like a rollercoaster. The hospital allowed my Grandma, Grandpa, and my Mom's siblings to go in for a visit to meet with the Doctors. Each time the care team met with our family, Bub's chance of recovering was slimmer and slimmer as he was in a coma and not showing any signs of brain activity. The Doctors and Nurses suggested we Pray for a Miracle.

That is just what we did as a family for the next month. Everyone met each night at my aunt and uncle's house where we had dinner together from food that others had delivered to us. We prayed so hard and cried out to Jesus. We created a playlist of praise and worship songs that we sang together each night. We had Bub on Facetime during this and even though he couldn't talk to us we knew he could hear us. We held hands and prayed for a miracle, but you see after 3 ½ weeks Bub still passed away. How could this happen? We prayed so hard and seemed like we weren't asking for much. We just wanted God to just give Bub one more chance at life. God decided he had other plans and they did not include what we had hoped for. My family made the decision for Bub to be an organ donor. We received the call that Bub was a perfect match to 3 different people that needed his organs. At that moment, is when we realized that God did in fact answer our prayers. He performed a miracle.

Although the miracle wasn't ours, it was for another family that was praying for the same thing we were and that was to save their family member and give them one more chance at life. We were told that 3 people had successful surgeries and through them, Bub lives on. As the months passed we received thank you letters from 2 of the people that were gifted. They were forever grateful that they were given another chance at life and that our Bub was the miracle they had prayed for. Through all this it is clear that sometimes we do not always see things for what they are but if we take a moment and realize God does work in mysterious ways. He performs miracles every day and this is one of life's most beautiful things. This I believe.



Second-place winning author, Emma Collins.
Photo provided by Jessica Martell

'Finding Tyler' page 1

The RiverRun Festival, based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is an Academy Award qualifying festival in the Documentary Short and Animated Short categories. The director, Brannan stated, "The film will be shown over the next two years (or longer if the contract is extended). It will be airing on PBS stations across the country. A segment of the film was shown to programmers from all the PBS stations across the country, and 75% of them voted that they would want to air it (including WKAR in East Lansing and most major markets), with another 11% or so being 'maybes.' This is an extremely high number of acceptances from what I'm told. These 'yesses' are tacit agreements to air the film, so we should be reaching an extremely wide audience."

The documentary, based on Tyler Johnson's life as a fugitive, starts as a single act of recklessness that ends a promising life. Tyler is the deceased son of Stockbridge natives, Jim and Patrice Johnson.

The film follows Tyler's struggles on the run as he fled the U.S. and finally ended up on the island of Corsica off the coast of France. The majority of the film concentrates on Tyler's time there.

The director, Brannan, made multiple trips to France and Corsica to meet with those who knew Tyler and to see where he lived and how he survived as a fugitive without papers. The documentary showcases beautiful photos of the mountain peaks where Tyler spent much of his time exploring.

The directors also traveled to Stockbridge to meet with mom, Patrice, dad, Jim, and sister Kelsey. There are touching moments of an interview with Patrice and Kelsey that will tug at your heart as you hear firsthand the sadness in their voices about their loss.

"Finding Tyler" also deals with the roller coaster of emotions his family was going through. "We felt helpless," Patrice said. "We were desperate for news about his location. Was he well? Did he have food? Not knowing about his welfare was a constant worry for us."

Tyler's journal entries served as a window to his life on the run. The once accomplished physicist, who earned the Presidential Merit Scholarship from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), changed the course of his life with one ill-advised incident over a celebratory weekend. In a single evening, Tyler went from a promising physicist to an alleged eco-terrorist.

After viewing the documentary, you will want to read "The Fall and Rise of Tyler Johnson" by Patrice Johnson. Patrice is a first-time author, Stockbridge High School graduate, former Stockbridge teacher, and founder of the nonprofit Stockbridge Community News. She details an in-depth look at Tyler's life as a fugitive. The nonfiction book is based on entries from Tyler's journals. This book has been selected winner of the National Indie Excellence Award for new nonfiction. Plus, the National Federation of Press Women's 2018 National Communications Contest awarded the book First Place At-Large and Honorable Mention U.S. in the category of nonfiction books for adult readers—biography or autobiography. The book now is available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.

Currently, Patrice is finishing her second book, a stand-alone sequel titled "Tyler's Ledge," about Tyler's last two years living as a fugitive. The book is scheduled for publication early next year.

Until then, those wishing to discover more about Tyler's story should be on alert for showings of the film on PBS channels.

Brannan concluded, "The less-than-ideal news is that there will not be advance notice of where or when the film does show, only retrospective reports. So, keep an eye out!"

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Another thing that you can do to help yourself is to practice self care. The idea of self care might seem weird, but it is actually quite easy. It can mean different things for each and every person. Self care can help you feel more comfortable with yourself while also doing positive things to better your own well-being. Some ways you can practice self care are skin care, positive affirmations, watching your favorite movie, or meditating are just some examples.

Although it may not be an easy journey, you need to commit to it. You are important. You are loved. Yes, you take up space in this world but that is not a bad thing.

You need to be confident, speak your truth, take up more space than you ever have before and feel great about it.

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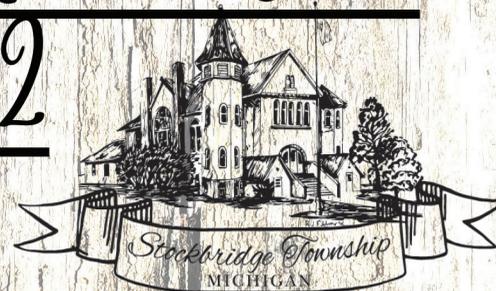
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Perfect day for the 28th annual Stockbridge Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble at Hankerd Hills Golf Course

by Clyde Whitaker

On July 29, 2022, the 28th annual Stockbridge Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble was held under a picture-perfect blue sky at Hankerd Hills Golf Course in Pleasant Lake.

Twenty-seven teams came out to support the orange-and-black. There were men's and women's teams, along with a senior division.

It was great seeing a lot of familiar faces there, and Jeremy Killinger deserves a big, big round of applause for organizing the event again this year. He had assistance from his wife Kim and his son Evan, along with Lissa Avis and a number of other volunteers.

Ernie Rivers—can we still call him the “new” Stockbridge athletic director?—was there as well, lending a helping hand and mingling with the players on the course.

The results of the tournament are in and here are some highlights:

Longest Drive

- Men Longest Drive: Clif McLellan
- Women Longest Drive: Julia Jackson

Senior Men's Division

- 1st Place: Whitetail Acres. Score: 58
- 2nd Place: Lunars Lucky Four. Score: 62
- 3rd Place: Good Ole Boys. Score: 65

Mixed Division

- 1st Place: Dexter Drivers. Score: 66
- 2nd Place: Lions #2. Score: 68
- 3rd Place: Lions #3. Score: 70

Men's Division 1

- 1st Place: Willoughby Veterinary. Score: 55
- 2nd Place: #5497. Score: 57
- 3rd Place: Browns. Score: 58

Men's Division 2

- 1st Place: Smooth Strokes. Score: 67
- 2nd Place: Birdie Bandits. Score: 68
- 3rd Place: Lions. Score: 68

Women's Division

- 1st Place: The Misfits. Score: 67
- 2nd Place: The Handicappers. Score: 76

Many of the attendees are already looking forward to next year's tournament, scheduled for July 28, 2023.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the event and all those working to make it a great tournament. It certainly made for a win-win experience all around!



Stockbridge Schools Athletic Director Ernie Rivers at the Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble. Photos by Clyde Whitaker



Smiling volunteers, including Stockbridge students and teachers, were everywhere—inside the clubhouse and out on the course.



Left to right: Benn Kunzelman, Dan Wilson, and Gordie Kunzelman finishing up breakfast before hitting the greens.



Left to right: Mike Reed, Ron Snyder, Troy Machette soaking in some rays as they wait to play through.



Sign-in starts bright and early at the 28th annual Stockbridge Athletic Boosters Golf Scramble.



Planning next shots on the green.