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## Hundley named Michigan County Clerk of the Year

by Judy Williams

Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley now can add another line to her already impressive resume, 2022 Michigan County Clerk of the Year. The accomplished Hundley is an elected county clerk, an attorney, wife, mother of two and a grandmother.

Hundley, Livingston County clerk since 2016, received the honor recently at the Michigan Association of County Clerks (MACC) 114th annual conference in Grand Traverse County. She is the 46th clerk to win the award and was selected from 83 county clerks. Hundley also is the first Livingston County clerk chosen for the honor.

"I am truly honored that my peers selected me as the Clerk of the Year. Clerks across our state have been through so much over the past two years. This is such a prestigious award and to be recognized by my peers is meaningful," Hundley said.

"I want to thank my fellow clerks, family, friends, and all of the staff who work so hard within the County Clerks'

office. Without them, this award would not have been possible," she added.

Hundley's professional accomplishments include serving as the second vice president of MACC, and she will soon become 2023 first vice president.

She is the MACC-appointed representative on the Local Leadership Council, a federal advisory board that provides input to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission about local election administration topics.

*See Clerk of the Year on page 17.*

## Stockbridge Area Senior Center Grand Opening fosters a sense of belonging



**Betti Wetherell and Jodelle Sparks cut the ribbon for the Grand Opening of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center.**  
Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography

on hand to provide music for the event. Folks greeted each other and introduced themselves with smiles on their faces, truly a happy occasion.

Jodelle Sparks, president of the SASC board, shared that a senior center has been in the works for years. A founding group of many local people, along with the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, Stockbridge Wellness Coalition, and The Faith and Other Community Leaders Committee were thrilled to see their ideas, planning, and work come to fruition.

*See Senior Center on page 13.*

by Joan Tucker

The Stockbridge Area Senior Center celebrated its Grand Opening on Aug. 27. The crowd assembled at the center's new location on 219 W. Elm—the site of the old Stockbridge firehouse—to welcome seniors with a picnic lunch and a lovely sense of community. Gary Hicks was

## Devon Baldwin is 2nd person sentenced in Bunker Hill murder

by Mary Jo David



As reported by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, on Sept. 7, 2022, Devon Baldwin, a 33-year-old Stockbridge man, was sentenced to 50-66 years in the Michigan Department of Corrections. This sentencing followed a 5 1/2-week trial that ended with a guilty verdict on June 17, 2022, for the March 2020 shooting death of Bradley Wicks, of Lansing, at a home in Bunker Hill Township.

The sentencing hearing was held via video conference in front of Judge James S. Jamo. The hearing was a continuation of an earlier sentencing hearing from Aug. 10, 2022. The postponement occurred so the prosecuting attorney, Andrew Stevens, and defense attorney, Keith Watson, could work through issues pertaining to resolution of jail time credit and restitution. Differences in presentence investigation report versions also needed to be resolved.

Following corrections to various court reports, those in attendance heard from the accused. Baldwin expressed to Wicks' family "how deeply I mourn their loss, how sorry I am to see them dragged through this ordeal for the last two years." But he went on to claim he did not murder Bradley Wicks and that, after already finding Garylee Dexter guilty, "the prosecutor wanted a chance to pin the same murder on someone else."

*See Bunker Hill murder on page 23.*

## UPDATE: 'Finding Tyler' documentary airing on WKAR



by Judy Williams

SCN has been notified that "Finding Tyler" will air locally on WKAR World on

Sunday, Oct. 16 at 10 p.m. and be repeated on Monday, Oct. 17 at 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. 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.

To learn more about this documentary, read previous SCN stories:

- "'Finding Tyler' to air on PBS stations across the country" from the September 2022 edition.
- "'Finding Tyler': Film Accepted to Premier at RiverRun International Film Festival" from the May 2021 edition.



## Stockbridge Area Garden Club readies Township Square for the 2022 Harvest Fest



With help from the Stockbridge Area Garden Club, the Township Square and Hall are ready for the 2022 Stockbridge Harvest Fest. The work crew consisted of (L to R) Andrea Stickney, Debbie Shellenbarger, Jean Bliss, Molly Howlett, Terry Sommer, Mary Wilson, Tammy Porter, Roberta Ludtke, Dorothy Craft, Connie Spadafore, and Vickie Woolcock. (Not pictured: Judy Williams). Photo credit Judy Williams. Corn stalks donated by Doug and Terry Sommer.

## Rural Perspectives: Hunters aren't the only ones in camouflage this autumn



Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

The Pandora Sphinx Moth (*Eumorpha pandorus*) is nicknamed the Camouflage Moth. It is one of our larger moths with a wingspan between 3 and 4.5 inches. The impressive coloring bodes it well to disguise it from predators. In the evening, it feeds on the nectar of night-blooming flowers like petunias, bouncing Bet, and milkweed.

It can be found throughout central and eastern North America and lives in meadows, along streams, and in woodland edges. Although usually found at dusk, sometimes under nighttime lights, the one pictured here was newly emerged from its cocoon and was drying out on our walkout basement retaining wall.



Pandora Sphinx Moth (*Eumorpha pandorus*) is nicknamed the Camouflage Moth. Photo credit Diane Constable

This gentle creature lives for about a year, from egg to adult. Eggs are usually laid on grapevines and Virginia creeper vines and hatch within a few days. It will take several weeks for the caterpillar to develop and grow to its final size of about 3.5 inches long and about as wide as a thumb. It can be reddish-brown to olive green in color, with five white spots that resemble eyes along its side.

If it feels threatened, it will rear up an inch or two to try and scare away the danger, but it is harmless. When ready to make a cocoon, it will

wiggle into the ground. After a few weeks to a month, the adult will wriggle back up and emerge as a full-grown moth, like the legendary Sphinx rising from the ashes.

**Fun Fact:** You can search for the caterpillars at night using an ultraviolet flashlight. They will glow in the dark as many caterpillars do!

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John and Theresa Kightlinger

## Ask an Expert: How do vehicles provide protection in an accident?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

With more drivers on the road every year and vehicle sales continuing to climb, it's not surprising that auto accidents are common. Since 1968 when

Congress authorized mandatory features in motor vehicles including seat belts and padded dashboards, auto manufacturers have been setting new safety standards year after year. In 2022, they have advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) that are designed to help drivers avoid accidents before they occur. According to a recent Forbes article, in 2020 "ADAS vehicles showed a 27% reduction in bodily injury claim frequency and a 19% reduction in property damage frequency."

From air bags to ADAS systems, vehicles are designed to keep people safe during an accident.

**Mandatory vehicle safety features.** To keep drivers safer on the road, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has developed a list of required safety features for vehicles.

**Air bags.** Air bags provide supplemental protection in front of and at the sides of the passenger during an auto accident. They work best when used with a seat belt. In a moderate to severe crash, air bags work by sending a signal from the electronic control unit to an inflator. The inflator then starts an ignitor that produces a harmless gas to inflate the bag in less than one-twentieth of a second.

**Seat belts.** Seat belts were designed to protect a passenger against any harmful movement resulting from an auto accident. Buckling up even protects you from a total ejection from the car. According to the NHTSA, wearing a seat belt in your car can reduce your risk of fatal injury by 45%.

**Electronic stability control (ESC).** The ESC is an automatic system equipped in your car to help keep you on course when you're steering. It uses the automatic computer-controlled braking of each wheel to keep the vehicle in control when it loses traction.

**Child restraint systems.** In the United States, children younger than the age of 4 must use a child car seat. Children ages 4 through 8 who are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall must use a booster seat. Each state has its own laws with slight modifications, but these safety measures help to protect children during auto accidents.

**Inside trunk handle.** Every passenger vehicle built after 2002 has a release mechanism built into the trunk. This ensures that a person can safely exit the trunk if they accidentally get stuck.

**Tire pressure monitoring.** All vehicles manufactured in 2008 or after are equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system. This system displays a warning on your dashboard when your tire pressure is dangerously low. Many vehicles even include the exact pressure status on each tire.

See *Ask an Expert* on page 10.



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John Robinson

## Rock 'n' Roll Trivia

# Before being called The Beatles, group had a variety of names

by John Robinson

**Q: Did The Beatles have any other group names before Beatles?**

A: They started out as The Quarrymen, a group that was put together by John Lennon. Paul McCartney was eventually asked to join, who brought along George Harrison a while later. Other names were Johnny & The Moondogs, The Rainbows, The Nurk Twins (John and Paul only), The Beetles, The Silver Beetles, The Silver Beatles, Johnny & The Silver Beetles, Long John & The Silver Beatles, The Beatal, The Black Jacks Skiffle Group, The Beatmakers (with Gerry & The Pacemakers, for one night only), Japage 3 (John, Paul and George, using parts of their three first names) and The Beat Brothers. They settled on "Beatles" in 1960, as a nod to Buddy Holly's "Crickets" and the current "beat" music.

**Q: Why did Iggy of The Stooges change his name to Iggy Pop?**

A: Iggy, whose real name is James Newell Osterberg, says the name "Iggy" came from one of his first bands, The Iguanas. When he fronted his new band, The Stooges, he was dubbed "Iggy Stooze" by his management. Iggy didn't like the name so he changed the "Stooze" to "Pop" because he believed the word pop had more energy to it.

**Q: I've always liked Peter Frampton. What has he been up to recently?**

A: Frampton got his start at the age of 10, when he was in a band with schoolmates called The Little Ravens (Peter's father, Owen Frampton, was an art teacher at Peter's school and had a young David Bowie as a pupil). As Peter got older, he became a member of The Herd and Humble Pie, as well as working as a session musician for many performers, including George Harrison. His first solo album was 1972's "Wind of Change." He then reached superstar status with 1976's "Frampton Comes Alive!" Since then, his shining star slowly faded as he became pushed aside by the fickle public's need for new, fresh acts, but Frampton continued releasing albums up through the 2010s without much commercial success. He kicked off a tour on June 18, 2019, titled "Peter Frampton Finale—The Farewell Tour." The reason he retired from the road was from his diagnosis of inclusion body myositis, a progressive muscle disorder. Frampton did one last performance just two months ago: Aug. 6, 2022, to perform at Buddy Holly's 85th Birthday Celebration in Lubbock, Texas.

**Q: No one but me seems to remember a song named "Yellow River." Can you prove me right?**

A: "Yellow River" is one of those songs that may be unfamiliar by title but once it's heard, some people say, "Oh yeah, I remember that!" It was a Top 40 hit in 1970 by a British trio named Christie, named after its leader, Jeff Christie. Jeff wrote the song and originally offered it to the British Invasion band The Tremeloes. (The Tremeloes had already had some hits in America in the '60s, such as "Silence is Golden" and "Here Comes My Baby," both in 1967.) They recorded "Yellow River" and were going to release it as a single but changed their minds. Christie's group went ahead and took The Tremeloes musical backing track and put their vocals behind it. It went to No. 1 in England and No. 23 in America.

*See Rock 'n' Roll on page 10.*

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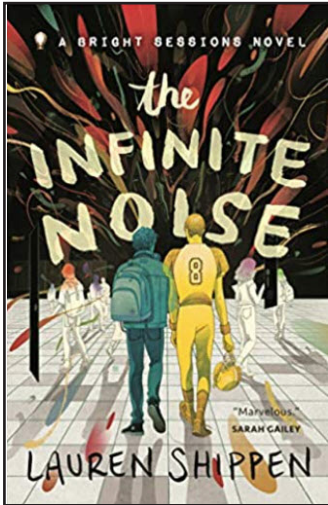
Shuyler Clark

## Reading Between the Lines

### Exploring 'The Infinite Noise' of emotions in this debut novel

by Shuyler Clark

Caleb Michaels bears the typical struggles of a high schooler, but his life as a normal kid is upended when he manifests a superhuman ability. As an Atypical, Caleb can feel the emotions of those around him. While feeling the charged emotions of dozens of teenagers at once can be overwhelming, Caleb finds solace in the melancholic feelings of his classmate Adam. Adam, a loner with a seemingly unrequited crush on Caleb, gradually accepts Caleb's offer of friendship in this novel exploring the complexities of people's emotions.



"The Infinite Noise" is an adaptation of a podcast series called "The Bright Sessions."

Lauren Shippen's debut novel "The Infinite Noise" is an adaptation of a podcast series called "The Bright Sessions," in which Atypicals like Caleb attend therapy sessions to master their gifts. The novel follows the general plot of Caleb's episodes from the podcast, but while that series presents as recordings of therapy sessions, the novel delves into Caleb's point of view directly. For the most part, the book holds up on its own without readers needing to listen to the podcast first.

Shippen's focus in her debut is developing Caleb and Adam's relationship from classmates to lovers. Chapters alternate between the two characters' perspectives. This initially establishes their personalities and motivations, but after some time it focuses on Caleb feeling Adam's depression and Adam wondering how Caleb is unnervingly perceptive. The dramatic irony becomes repetitive until Caleb reveals his ability about two-thirds of the way through the book.

With this revelation comes his declaration of love for Adam. Given their initial status as little more than strangers, the progression of their relationship feels natural, especially considering Caleb doesn't view Adam as a potential love interest until deep into their friendship. They bear some of the classic young-adult character tropes (the hot-headed jock and the Shakespeare-loving academic), which is a bit stale as more than these two personalities exist in high school, but their attraction feels genuine regardless.

After their status as boyfriends solidifies, the plot's pacing accelerates at breakneck speed. Although the romantic development was the story's main focus, Shippen also establishes the existence of a mysterious organization that studies Atypicals, possibly with malicious intent. This organization is presented as the ultimate antagonistic force, but the book ends without a definitive resolution as to their goals. The last third of the novel also introduces several new characters who do not receive enough time to feel significant; it seems like the book's climax is checking off plot points rather than giving them enough space to develop the world.

As "The Infinite Noise" is the first in a series, there is potential in future installments to expand on the world of Atypicals; however, since those follow-ups feature different characters in different time periods, it is safe to assume Caleb and Adam's story is left with several unanswered questions. Despite this, Shippen's debut presents a unique take on superhuman fiction and may prove to be a refreshing read for fans of the genre.

*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.*

## Waterloo Area Historical Society Presents

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Brando Benevenuto from Monroe with his drag bike.  
(Never a drag to be in Stockbridge!)



## 2022 All Clubs Day draws bikes from all over

All photos/captions provided by Suzi Greenway

As the old Steppenwolf song says: “Get your motor runnin’. Head out on the highway.” But the band left out the part about not stopping until riders get to Stockbridge, and that’s what they did on Sunday, Sep. 18, 2022, for All Clubs Day in the Township Square.



Smoke Doctor food truck from Pinckney was on hand for the event.



Registration tent with Lynn Maskell from Cambridge, England; Jim Crowl; and Michele French from Mason.



Mark Silvernail from Owosso showing his 1920 Harley J “Bobber.”



John Postuma came from Ferrysburg, Michigan, to show the AJS/Matchless motorcycles.



Club tent with Michigan Norton Owners Sonja Litalien, Sylvania, Ohio; George Fisher, Ann Arbor; Sharri Greenway, Port Hope; Jim Johnston, Howell; and Eric Mills, Chelsea.



Cristy Klamfoth from Thornville, Ohio; Suzi Greenway; and Al Charles with Dick Klamfoth's (Cristy's dad's) Daytona winning BSA.



Jim Murray came from Clinton, Iowa, to show off his Norton.



Jerry Romano, from Clinton Township, using rollers to start his Norton Manx racer.



John Tyrell from North Carolina returned to Michigan just to show his 1966 Triumph.





# Clyde's Corner

## The Super '70s through my eyes

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello again everyone! Sitting here in my living room, I have the TV playing the music channel, "Sirius '70s on 7." What awesome music we listened to back then! So, I thought why not write my October column about those times in my life, the Super '70s!

So much happened during this time that it is not even remotely possible to describe it all, but I have a few memories I can share with you. I'm sure you probably have some of the same ones.

Going into my freshman year of high school in 1970, Woodstock was still fresh in everyone's mind. The Woodstock Music Festival was supposed to be a three-day love fest of peace and music, but rain pushed it out to four days, Aug. 15 through Aug. 18, 1969. An estimated 500,000 people were in attendance on an alfalfa field in Bethel, New York, that was owned by dairy farmer Max Yasgur. Thirty-two music groups played music over the four days, with Jimi Hendrix headlining the last act. Sadly, Jimi passed away a year later on Sept. 18, 1970.

We had the best music in the '70s—Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, The Eagles, Chicago, The Doobie Brothers, Alice Cooper, Rod Stewart, The Who, The Rolling Stones, to name a few. Who can forget "Saturday Night Fever," in 1977, with John Travolta dancing in his white pantsuit under the strobe lights!

The Vietnam War was on everyone's mind as well. Recruiters from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines came to the high school early in 1972 to lay out our options for the draft. All of us guys feared the prospect, but we felt we needed to enlist. As it turned out later, President Richard Nixon ended the draft on Dec. 7, 1972, and the war ended March 29, 1973. To my knowledge, none of us enlisted after the draft ended.

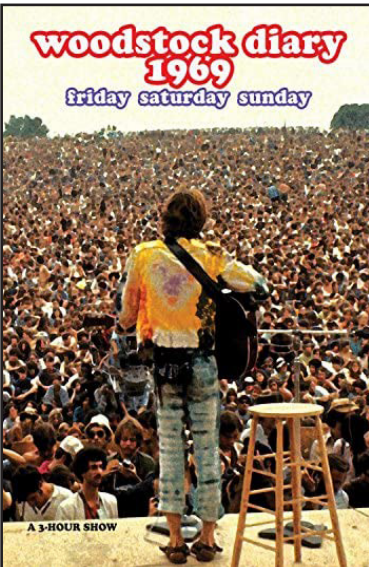
Sports were very important to all of us. We had baseball, track, tennis, football, wrestling, cross country and basketball. Out of all of these, Stockbridge was known as a basketball school. We have had great athletes in all of our sports over the years, but I would have to say the greatest of them all was Jesse Campbell. Jesse was a two-time All-American in basketball, (the only All-American in Stockbridge history) setting our school record for points in a game with 65. I played in that game, and at halftime Jesse had, I believe, 35 points. In the locker room at the half Coach Phil Hora said, "Let's get Jesse the record." So, on Feb. 22, 1972, at home against Perry, we did that—we helped Jesse set the school record with 65 points!

Speaking of Coach Phil Hora, he presently is in consideration for the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame. His 21-year coaching record was 354-117, a 75% winning percentage! He was a four-time coach of the year during the '70s in the Ingham County League. He also was the Detroit Free Press Dream Team Coach of the Year in 1971, and Hall of Fame in my book!

So many things happened in the '70s, I guess you can say they passed by in a flash. Bell-bottom pants, long hair and big beards, tie-dyed shirts, the dances on a Friday night after the basketball games, shooting clay pigeons on a Friday night at the Munith Rod and Gun Club, being the Homecoming escort for our Junior Queen Kathy Kowal and Senior Queen Sue Rautiola, cruising the Ave in Jackson on a Friday night, the hot summers working on the farm (getting a great tan for school), starting our work careers, watching the movie "Jaws," the oil embargo, 8-track tapes, "Saturday Night Live," I could go on and on.

In closing, we had the best teachers, the best coaches, the best times! It was everything anyone could want. All the friends we made in school are still friends many, many years later. It was a time in our lives that we will never forget—the Super '70s!

*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.*



As Clyde Whitaker entered his freshman year of high school in 1970, the Woodstock Music Festival was still fresh in everyone's mind. Photo from Amazon.com

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From CADL Stockbridge

## Stockbridge Library offering several programs to celebrate spooky season



The Capital Area District Libraries' Stockbridge Branch offers several programs in October for all ages to celebrate the spooky season. Photo provided by CADL Stockbridge

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

October is my favorite month—leaves changing color, apple cider, and a campfire on a cool night. The Stockbridge Branch offers several programs to celebrate this crunchy, smoky, spooky season. The library will host the Pretty Shaky String Band on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m. The "Shakies" are an old-time jam band from East Lansing, playing the music of Appalachia and Michigan. If it is a nice day, they will be playing on the patio behind the building, newly installed by the township, otherwise, they will perform inside the library.

The Cameron Zvara Magic Show will come to the Stockbridge Branch on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. He's bringing magic, juggling and comedy to this family-friendly performance.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, the library sponsors Dana Johnson, who will speak at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center at 11 a.m. about Michigan's Lost, Forgotten & Unforgettable Places.

On Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m., bring the little ones for storytime in our Festivals of Light series. This month we will read stories about the Indian holiday of Diwali and do a craft, appropriate for ages 4 and older.

Check out the rest of our October programs on CADL's Events page at [cadl.org/events](http://cadl.org/events). To see just the Stockbridge events, click on Stockbridge then the Refine Search button.

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

## Shop smart: Vehicle buyers urged to beware of new market adjustment fee

by Chuck Wisman



If you're in the market for a new car, please look out for a new fee with growing popularity at certain new car dealerships. It's a "market adjustment fee." The phrase is recently popular only in the sense of its proliferation among a number of new car dealers, notably in the fine print.

Because of the pandemic, the disruption of the worldwide manufacturing supply chain, and the significant shortage of computer chips (primarily manufactured overseas), the supply of new cars is severely restricted. Large dealerships that ordinarily have 400-600 new vehicles on their lots now have only one or two, if any. It's now a seller's market. In order to increase their profits with far fewer new vehicles available, car dealers are instituting this market adjustment fee and dealer-installed high-

profit accessories, among other things.

**Beware or at least be aware.** In a recent foray into purchasing a new vehicle, I found one advertised online at a metro Detroit car dealer, and it seemed perfect for my needs. The advertised manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) for this vehicle was \$30,950 as delineated on the dealer's website. Upon inspecting the vehicle at the dealership, the listed price of the vehicle was \$38,613 (before tax, plate, destination fee, etc.).

**What the heck?** The price was increased by \$5,000 due to a delineated "market adjustment fee." According to the salesman, this fee was instituted by the dealer to recoup costs due to the shortage of vehicles, and it was non-negotiable. He noted this was industrywide (NOT!). This particular dealer also installed a non-negotiable \$2,000 GPS Tracker to help locate your vehicle if stolen. Wheel locks, nitrogen in the tires and an All-Season Package also were added for a total of \$673. So, a vehicle with a publicly advertised MSRP price of \$30,950 was now \$38,613 due to the market adjustment fee and dealer-added accessories. That's an increase of 25% over the original advertised price.

See Shop smart on page 16.



## Ask an Expert page 3

**Lane departure alert and lane assist.** Lane assist and departure features work to keep drivers within their lane while driving and even warn them when they're crossing the line.

**Blind spot detection.** Blind spot detection systems monitor a driver's blind spots with sensors built on the mirrors and rear of the vehicle. When the sensors detect another vehicle, an alert warning is triggered.

**Automatic braking.** Automatic braking technologies work to automatically push a vehicle's brakes when the system detects a potential collision. The different types of systems include forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking, reverse automatic emergency braking and pedestrian automatic emergency braking.

**Body and rearview cameras.** Backing up and parking have become safer and less challenging with body and rearview cameras. This safety feature even uses sensors to prevent rear-end or side collisions.

**Shatter-resistant glass.** Laminated glass helps keep windshields and side windows intact, helping to avoid serious injuries for passengers.

**Adaptive lighting.** This headlight system reacts to changing surroundings or traffic. Its system automatically adjusts lights to improve nighttime and low-light visibility.

When you're in the market for a new vehicle, make sure to do thorough research about the new vehicle safety features provided to ensure you and your passengers are safe.

This is the reason for all the safety inspections and calibrations needed to ensure all these safety systems are returned to original equipment (OE) standards following an accident.

*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.*

## Rock 'n' Roll page 4

**Q: If the TV show "The Partridge Family" was based on The Cowsills, how come The Cowsills weren't asked to play the parts?**

A: The Cowsills were a pop group from Newport, Rhode Island, formed in 1965 by four of the Cowsill brothers: Barry, Bill, Bob and John. They were later joined by brother Paul, sister Susan and their mom Barbara. Another brother, Richard, acted as road manager. (They were produced by Artie Kornfeld, who later became the concert promoter for Woodstock.) Their string of late '60s hits included "The Rain, The Park And Other Things," "Indian Lake," and "Hair." Now, to answer your question: The group was asked to play the Partridge kids but they weren't comfortable with Shirley Jones (or anyone, for that matter) playing the role of "mom." They preferred to have their real mother in the role. The producers decided to take back the offer and hired different child actors. (While appearing on "The Joan Rivers Show," Susan said she could never figure out which of the two girls on "The Partridge Family" was supposed to be portraying her.) The Cowsills did appear on TV, however, as spokespeople for the American Dairy Association and singing the theme of the program "Love American Style" during its first season (1969). Some of the family has since passed away: 1) Barry Cowsill was living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005; afterward, he couldn't be found. On Dec. 28, his badly decomposed body was found and identified on Jan. 4, 2006. 2) Bill Cowsill died on Feb. 17, 2006, the eve of brother Barry's memorial service. Bill died of complications from emphysema, osteoporosis, Cushing syndrome and effects from problems with drugs and alcohol. Bill had been previously kicked out of the group by his dad for smoking pot; since Bill hung out with The Beach Boys constantly at Brian Wilson's house, Brian was considered responsible for Bill's pot smoking. 3) Mom (Barbara) died in January 1985 of emphysema. 4) Dad (Bud) died of leukemia in September 1992. As for the others: a) John is a keyboardist for the touring Beach Boys band and sings lead on some Beach Boys songs. b) Paul went into construction but is now mainly a farmer in Oregon. c) Bob trains hospital emergency departments with the Emergency Department Information Tracking System software. d) Susan is the leader of The Susan Cowsill Band, who released the CD "Just Believe It" in 2005. The surviving members of the Cowsills toured as part of "The Original Idols Live" show, hosted by Greg Brady himself, Barry Williams.

*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](https://facebook.com/johnrobinsonauthor).*

## Chelsea Hospital offering support for new mothers

### Info provided by Chelsea Hospital

Chelsea Hospital will present the Breastfeeding Basics & Beyond Class and the Rock Me Mama Support Group this fall for new mothers in the area.

### Breastfeeding Basics & Beyond

The breastfeeding class is a free, three-session class providing education and support for the new mother and her support person. Topics include breastfeeding basics, what to expect at first, how to know if baby is getting enough milk and how to avoid complications.

The class goes on to explain how to feel comfortable breastfeeding outside the house, how breastfeeding changes as the child grows, pumping milk, going back to work, and proper milk storage.

Megan Trenary, BSN, RN, IBCLC, will teach the class. She is a nurse and international board certified lactation consultant (IBCLC). She previously worked as a NICU nurse and lactation consultant and has a passion for supporting breastfeeding.

The class is offered monthly at the Chelsea Wellness Center. For upcoming dates and times, visit [stjoeshealth.org/breastfeedingclass](https://stjoeshealth.org/breastfeedingclass). The class is for people who live and work in Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Stockbridge and Manchester.

### Rock Me Mama Support Group


New moms can receive education and support while navigating their new normal by joining the weekly support group. During the virtual opportunity, new moms can get together, chat, voice concerns or just hang out. Bring your coffee, wear your pajamas, and don't forget your little one.

Rock Me Mama Support Group meets on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Sessions began Sept. 22.

To register and receive the virtual link, contact Kathy Walz at [Kathryn.walz@trinity-health.org](mailto:Kathryn.walz@trinity-health.org), or call 734-680-5312.

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Brian Friddle

## From the superintendent's desk Stockbridge Schools off to a great start this school year

Hello Stockbridge Families,

We are grateful for the start of the new school year and excited to have students back in the buildings. Our year started much better than the two previous years and we are engaging students in learning activities that will stretch them to grow academically. We know we have a lot of work to do to address the loss of recent years.

We have added support for the students and staff across the district. These supports are helping students to transition into a better academic mindset and will help them to meet the expected behaviors in being a productive student. At this time, we are not experiencing any of the limitations that have been in place over the last few years. We are thankful for your support, as we know that it was difficult for you, your students and the staff.

We believe that being actively involved in the school community is a benefit for the students. A structured activity reinforces their learning to help them develop organizational skills, interpersonal skills, and additional skill areas that support their learning. Getting involved is beneficial for everyone in our community. Encourage your student to join a club, a team, or to get involved with a community group or activity. This will help pull them away from the overuse of screen time and get them involved with other people who can enrich their lives.

Staff members have been sharing our ALICE training with students over the last few weeks, and we have rescheduled our in-depth ALICE training with local and regional law enforcement for our half-day PD in November. This will help all staff and law enforcement be on the same page as we revise and practice our school safety procedures. ALICE is a safety protocol our district uses in the event of an active threat. The acronym stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. These are strategies our staff and students practice in order to be vigilant and stay safe.

While our programs have not been limited due to COVID, we see and hear about its impact in our community. Our goal is to support your needs in our response to COVID. We are offering weekly testing for COVID to all students and staff within the school community. Currently COVID testing is provided before and after school on Wednesdays. Please contact your building office staff for further details if this is something that you would like for your students.

Brian Friddle

Superintendent of Schools

### Waterloo Township Public Accuracy Test Notice

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 General Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

## Come one, come all! Join the Halloween Parade in Munith on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m.



### Information provided by Waterloo Township

The parade will line up on First Street at 12:30 p.m. and begin through Munith on Main Street at 1 p.m. There will be free popcorn, cider, doughnuts and candy for the kids at the Munith Methodist Church on the corner of Main and Seventh streets.

Let's join in and make this a great Halloween parade for everyone to enjoy. Have the kids dress up and join in the parade through Munith. There will be costume prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places each for kids' costumes through 12 years old; adult costumes; and also for floats. Everyone be ready. Lots of prizes.

Sponsored by Waterloo and Henrietta Townships and local businesses.

We are in need of the following:

- Donations to purchase candy.
- Entries in the parade—decorated tractors, floats, bicycles, cars.

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## Staff Spotlight: Lori Zemke embraces change as she moves from elementary to junior high school science teacher



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

This year, Lori Zemke made a major change from teaching elementary students to teaching seventh-grade science. She is excited about this opportunity to return to her first love—working with junior high school students.

Zemke grew up in Highland, Michigan, and attended Milford High School and then Eastern Michigan University, where she received her bachelor's degree. Later, she earned her master's degree from Marygrove College.

She has three children: Kyle, Jason, and Michelle. Kyle and Zemke's daughter-in-law, Sarah, have two daughters—Raegan and Lena. Zemke and her husband, Fred, have been together since 1989. She considers Fred to be her "greatest cheerleader!" She says, "He is the reason I was able to go back to school and complete my degrees."

When not in the classroom, Zemke enjoys spending time with family and friends, sometimes binge-watching Netflix. She loves hiking and kayaking and has fond memories of traveling to Palau with the Stockbridge Robotics Team. "Absolutely amazing to swim with the jellyfish, and the water is amazing for snorkeling," she said.

Zemke shared a valuable lesson from her career in teaching: "Over the past few years, I have had the privilege of

Seventh grade teacher Lori Zemke considers her husband, Fred, to be her biggest cheerleader. Photo provided by Lori Zemke

teaching all grades, from pre-K to eighth grade. Teachers are more capable of change than we realize." She considers the past couple of years to be her finest for forming relationships with students and watching them overcome learning obstacles. But the best part is watching them succeed.

A highlight from her interactions with students was with a former student on the last day of school. A young man who had struggled and needed guidance handed Zemke a handwritten letter thanking her for taking the time to talk to him, whether it was good or bad. He promised he would do better next school year so he could be proud of himself. According to Zemke, helping kids and watching them recognize that they can do better is the best part of teaching.

She passes on some valuable advice to Stockbridge Community students, "Do your best every day in whatever you try. Be honest, and most importantly, be kind." This is great advice coming from a seasoned teacher who takes the time to recognize when a student needs a pep talk.

Anytime we can get teachers like Zemke in the Stockbridge Community School District, we're better off for it.

Amy Haggerty retired from Stockbridge Community Schools after teaching for 33 years in the Stockbridge district. She moved to the community 26 years ago with her husband and daughter. She enjoys gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

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## Bridge to Wellness

# October: Plant-based milks gaining popularity with consumers

by Sophia Speroff, MPH, RD

Plant-based milks are growing in popularity due to many people adopting vegan and plant-based diets because of concerns related to health, animal welfare and the environment. The products of grain-based and cow's milk are unique. Grain-based milks are not nutritionally equal to cow's milk, the reason being some of the nutrients may be lost when grains are used to make a beverage.

**Soy milk** is the original replacement for cow's milk, appearing on store shelves in the 1950s. It is the only milk alternative that naturally contains the same number of proteins as a cup of cow's milk – 8 grams, along with omega-3 fatty acids and fiber. Soy milk is likely the least processed out of all the plant-based milks; however, it is at the same time one of the top three genetically modified organisms. Most mainstream brands use certified non-GMO ingredients.

**Oat milk** is made from oats, water, other grains, and beans such as barley, brown rice and soybeans. Consistency is like 1% or skim. It is low in cholesterol, calories and saturated fat while being higher in fiber than other milk alternatives. And it offers 4 grams of protein per cup, with high carbohydrate content due to naturally occurring sugars.

**Almond milk** is made from ground almonds and water. It is quickly gaining in popularity for those avoiding soy due to allergies. It is best known for being low in calories (30 – 50 calories in 1 cup); however, sweetened varieties can contain up to 90 calories per cup and 16 grams of sugar. Nut milks are typically diluted with water, and while low in calories, this also means lower amounts of the nutrients typically found in nuts, including protein, manganese, magnesium and copper. The protein of this milk is strained out, leaving very little protein: only about 1 gram per 8-ounce cup compared to 8 grams in cow and soy milk.

Overall, grain-based milks vary greatly in terms of nutrition, ingredients and taste. All brands have great individuality, but the one commonality they have is that they are highly processed, mimicking the taste and texture of cow's milk.

In addition, they are typically fortified with nutrients like calcium, vitamin D and vitamin A, providing some of the important nutrients found in cow's milk. Soy milk is the closest match, nutritionally, and almond milk is a close second with limited protein amounts being the disadvantage.

Any grain-based milk can take the place of cow's milk. They are a great choice for vegans and vegetarians, and those who are lactose intolerant or have a milk allergy. Read labels carefully, as understanding certifications is more important than ever.

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*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.*

Table 3. Pros and Cons of Cow's Milk and Non-Dairy Beverages		
Beverage	Pros	Cons
Cow's Milk, 2%	High in protein, calcium and vitamin D	Not suitable for those with allergies or lactose intolerance; higher in saturated fat; may be derived from cattle treated with antibiotics and/or hormones
Soy Milk	Highest protein and least processed among plant-based milks	Higher fat than other plant-based milks; sweetened varieties can contain up to 19 g sugar
Almond Milk	Low-calorie; high in vitamin E	Very low-protein
Rice Milk	Best option for those with multiple allergies	Least amount of protein; often manufactured with added sugars
Oat Milk	Contains fiber, iron, and a moderate amount of protein	Ingredient list could contain potential allergens
Coconut Milk	Good source of potassium (490-600 mg per 8 oz. cup of canned milk); contains iron and fiber	Higher fat content than other plant-based milks; low in protein
Hemp Milk	High in essential fatty acids	Higher fat content than cow's milk; earthy flavor
Cashew Milk	Creamy taste and texture	Low-protein
Flax Milk	Low-calorie; high in essential fatty acids	Very low-protein
Pea Milk	High in protein; creamy taste and texture	Not widely available
Potato Milk	Fat-free; soy-, nut-, gluten- and casein-free	Very low-protein; not widely available; may contain allergenic additives

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## Senior Center page 1

As Dana Blaszkowski, director of the SASC, noted in her speech after the ribbon cutting, the health of our aging adults depends more on socialization and a sense of belonging than on genes or medication, according to the National Council on Aging. The importance of socialization was clearly recognized by member Diane Carpenter, of Munith, who described the Senior Center as a nice place to gather with friends for activities and lunch.

An engaging Vaughn Russell touted the benefits of the Chair Yoga and Chair Fit strength training classes as well as the chair massages. He couldn't believe the improved flexibility and balance he achieved from both classes. Stockbridge Area Senior Center also offers activities such as soap-making, art classes, book club and daily bingo—to name a few. Coffee hour is at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and walking starts at 10 a.m. in front of the Senior Center building. Lunch follows at noon, providing an opportunity to visit with other members.

During the Grand Opening, the founding members as well as the attendees clearly displayed their pride in this new resource. In her address to those in attendance, Blaszkowski remembered to thank many individuals and organizations in the community for assisting in making this new senior center into a reality.

The time and hard work from all have paid off. The benefits to the community will be invaluable in promoting the well-being of our seniors.

## Stockbridge Community Outreach Holiday Programs ~ Cutoff Dates

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- Last day to apply for Christmas only: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**
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Cindy Anderson, DVM

## Paws and Claws

# Halloween safety: Spooky night may be more trick than treat for pets

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

Halloween may be the spookiest night of the year, but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. Some pets love the hustle and bustle of Halloween, but others can find this popular holiday very stressful. Please consider the following tips to keep your pets safe during the Halloween season.

**Stash the treats.** The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not for Buddy or Mittens. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets, including chocolate—especially dark or baking chocolate and candies containing xylitol, a common sugar substitute found in sugar-free candies or gum. A good alternative for your pet is to make them their own special treat for the holiday.

**Watch the decorations and keep wires out of reach.** Be aware of which decorations pose threats. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can cause stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

A carved jack-o'-lantern is certainly festive, but pets can easily knock one over and start a fire if a candle is inside. Curious kittens also are at risk of getting burned by a candle's flame.

Other potential hazards are rubber eyeballs (choking), glow sticks and fake blood (possibly toxic), fake cobwebs (entanglement/injury/choking), potpourri (toxic to birds) and string lights. Be sure to watch out for candy wrappers and plastic packaging, too.

**Be cautious with pet Halloween costumes.** When choosing a costume for your pet, consider your pet's personality and what type of costume they may tolerate and for how long. Masks and hats around the face can pose dangers and make your pet feel uncomfortable. Be sure that a costume allows your pet to move freely and be sure to remove any chewable parts that could easily come off and choke your pet. If your pet shows signs of discomfort, which include folded down ears and a tucked tail or hunching over, please take the costume off immediately.

**Keep pets calm and easily identifiable.** Halloween brings a lot of activity to your household and too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets. Keep those stressed pets in a quiet area during the peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for trick-or-treaters, be sure that your cat or dog doesn't dart outside. Be sure your pet has identification, in case of an escape; personalized tags and microchips are wonderful and lifesaving accessories.

The staff of Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic and I wish everyone a fun and safe



When choosing a costume for your pet, consider your pet's personality and what type of costume they may tolerate and for how long. Photo credit Hope Salyer

spooky season. Please call us at 517-655-5551 or visit us at 4525 S. Michigan-52, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

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## Woah Nellie! A 100-year-old 'Baked Eggs with Cheese' recipe redeems itself

by Mary Jo David

Last month this writer experienced a bit of a Pinterest fail while revisiting a century-old recipe from Nellie Maxwell's syndicated column from 1922. But it's a new month, and I daresay that this new-old recipe could put to shame any fast-food breakfast item of today.

That's not to say Nellie's recipe for Baked Eggs with Cheese was fast—or even easy to follow—but with imagination and baking experience, I was up for the challenge.

I started out a skeptic with this month's recipe. Nellie touted this as one of a list of

### Mother's Cook Book

The warm raindrops aslant the sun  
And in the rain the robins sing;  
Across the creek in twos and troops,  
The hawking swifts and swallows wing.

#### WHAT TO EAT

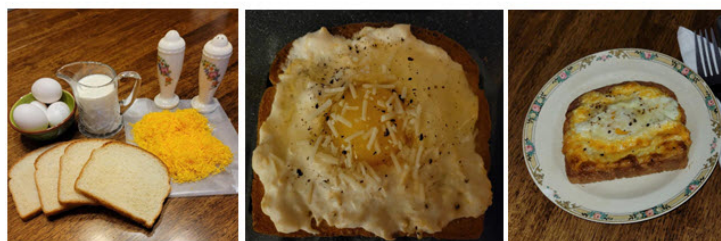
DISHES for luncheon that are not too filling will be found in the following:

**Baked Eggs With Cheese.**  
Make toast of rounds of bread which have been cut nearly through

with a smaller cutter and the center thus made hollowed out. Mix grated cheese with cream and spread over the toast. Arrange on a platter, break an egg in each depression, sprinkle with seasonings and cheese, dot with butter and set into the oven in a dripping pan of hot water. Bake until the eggs are set.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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From the Stockbridge Brief-Sun  
October 26, 1922



**Baked Eggs with Cheese requires filling in a lot of blanks, but the finished recipe would make even Mayor McCheese proud!** Recent photos by Mary Jo David

"Dishes for luncheon that are not too filling." Career women and busy stay-at-home moms today are probably less inclined to host ladies' luncheons than some of the women back in 1922. And those who do so nowadays are likely not going to serve glorified eggs on toast. But after making Nellie's Baked Eggs with Cheese, I admit they might be a nice addition to a breakfast or brunch menu.

To a longtime technical writer, a well-written recipe can be a thing of beauty. By comparison, I'm sorry to say, this recipe by Nellie is rough and incomplete. It contains no ingredient amounts and doesn't say how many the recipe serves. Add to that, the confusing instructions and no suggestions for baking temperature or time, and the recipe's shortcomings almost caused me to pass it over for something else.

Take the first instruction: "Make toast of rounds of bread which have been cut nearly through with a smaller cutter and the center thus made hollowed out." What does that mean? Is the bread to be cut round before toasting? And to my way of thinking, if you cut a circle "nearly through," the center isn't really hollow. But I had a vision, so I went to work using Nellie's recipe as a steppingstone.

Beginning with four pieces of regular white bread, I used a large-bottom glass to press the center of each piece of bread very flat. I then toasted the bread. Meanwhile, I mixed grated cheese with cream—but what kind and how much? I ended up finely grating about 4 ounces of cheddar cheese—1 ounce for each piece of toast—and stirred the cheese into 1 cup of heavy cream. By the time the toast was done, it was interesting to see how the cheese/cream mixture had melded together into a spreadable consistency for the toast.

After spreading each piece of toast with the cheesy cream, I dug a well into the middle of each piece, through the cheesy cream mixture. Into each well, I cracked one egg. At this point in Nellie's version, she had the reader move the toast to a platter that you are then going to place over a water-filled drip pan. Luckily I read ahead and decided 1) I'm certainly not going to put one of my good platters in the oven, 2) I could instead use a two-part broiler pan with water in the bottom pan, and 3) it makes a lot more sense to assemble each toast directly on the top broiler pan rather than assembling them elsewhere and trying to move them onto the pan after spreading each slice with cheesy cream and a raw egg!

Once assembled, I seasoned each cheesy egg toast with fresh pepper and a pinch of salt, garlic powder, and onion powder, then dotted each with a tiny bit of butter. I baked the toasts in a 350-degree oven for 23 minutes.

*See Woah Nellie! on page 17.*



Published in Uncaged, March 2020

## Raise Your Voice Column: Not every mental illness is visible

by Kaitelyn Walker, *Uncaged Opinion Editor*

5 a.m. - My alarm demands me to start the day after only 5 hours of sleep.

5:20 a.m. - My energy kicks in as I look for breakfast, so my mom hands me my long acting Concerta.

5:50 a.m. - Thoughts about what things could happen consume me as I stare in the mirror trying to decide if I like how I look.

6:20 a.m. - I pack my bags and check my hair and outfit for the 20th time to make sure it still looks good.

6:40 a.m. - I remind my dad we have to leave in 10 minutes.

6:45 a.m. - I remind him again to make sure he is ready.

6:51 a.m. - My anxiety rises now that we are one minute late.

7:06 a.m. - I walk in the school and go check my hair once again.

7:12 a.m. - I wait for my friend and we go talk in math teacher Steve Allison's room.

7:30 a.m. - I head to band and start watching what I say so people don't think I am stupid. Yes, my overthinking sets in.

7:50 a.m. - I start getting distracted by a million other thoughts I have. "Do I smell?" "Did I forget something?" "What future thing am I not remembering?"

9:12 a.m. - I sit down in chemistry and think the same thought that I have each time I enter this room, "Where is my DNA model?"

I have ADHD.

A burden and blessing all at once.

My ADHD does make me who I am, though, so it isn't something to be ashamed of.

Yet, I still struggle with tasks and thoughts that most people don't, which is hard for my peers to understand, leading to frustration.

It is hard for some of my teachers and friends to understand that just because I do well in school doesn't mean I don't need accommodations to help me. Especially, when every little noise I hear distracts me.

My mind races 90 miles a minute. Yet, I still get stuck in the same thought for way too long. If this paragraph seems scattered, you now have an understanding of how my mind works.

The thing that makes me unique and creative also makes me hyper and emotional.

It is hard to make friends and keep them at times. At times, people say I am lying about having ADHD. I hate having it, but I wouldn't change it for the world.

Look around.

Notice.

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## Shop smart page 9

Plus, a buyer would pay added sales tax on all those additional items, including the market adjustment fee.

**Shopping around.** Subsequently, a new car dealer near Jackson, Michigan, was queried regarding a similar vehicle. In response to specific questioning, the salesperson stated the dealership also had a market adjustment fee but this one was \$1,500, not \$5,000. The salesman stated this amount was "recommended by the manufacturer." Yet another car dealer for the very same manufacturer near Ann Arbor was queried, and this dealership had no market adjustment fee.

Additionally, a salesperson for a metro Detroit Big Three dealership stated his dealership would never institute a market adjustment fee since the dealership highly valued customer loyalty. If they instituted such a fee, they would lose those customers to other dealers.

According to a recent Detroit News article, "Dealerships have leverage to set prices by way of added accessories and price increases. These so-called market adjustments and, by extension, dealer-added accessories on new cars were once reserved for highly anticipated vehicles or limited-edition models. But now they are commonplace and part of the cost of doing business in today's market of low inventory and inflated prices."

Even though certain new car dealers are inflating the price of their vehicles beyond the MRSP, manufacturers are trying to limit or eliminate this practice by threatening dealers with their respective vehicle allocations. The manufacturers appear rather unsuccessful at this point.

So, if you're in the market for a new car, save yourself time and money by first asking the salesperson whether the dealership charges a market adjustment fee and what accessories, if any, the dealer installed as a requirement of the sale. If either of those items or both are required by the dealer, you may want to try shopping elsewhere.

10:00 a.m. - Just like first block, every time I talk, I worry people think it was stupid or annoying.

10:42 a.m. - I open my lunch box and hate everything I put in it.

11:10 a.m. - I rush to English so people in the hall don't talk to me. I sit down and see people laughing and talking and assume it is something I did.

12:30 p.m. - I start thinking about government, and whether I didn't finish an assignment.

12:42 p.m. - I step into government class feeling anxious.

1:00 p.m. - I stop myself mid thought and realize I didn't pay attention at all. I couldn't focus at all during class.

2:17 p.m. - I walk out and head to my locker to change for indoor track or cheer practice.

2:30 p.m. - My Concerta wears off and I start acting crazy. I take my Ritalin so I don't annoy everybody.

6:30 p.m. - I am finally done with my day so I go home to face homework.

8:30 p.m. - I start thinking about all the things I did or said wrong and what I could have done better.

11:00-11:30 p.m. - I finally quiet my thoughts enough to sleep.



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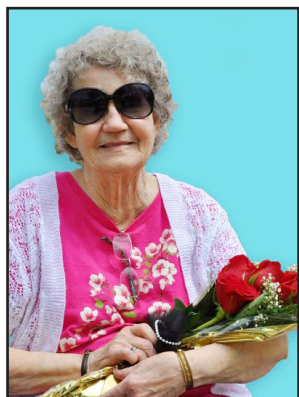
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## Obituaries

### Wilma D. Banks



Wilma D. Banks  
Sept. 5, 1937 to Sept. 4, 2022

**Wilma D. Banks**, age 84, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on September 4, 2022 at Chelsea Hospital. Wilma was born on September 5, 1937 in Little Rock, AR to Homer and Effie (Pulley) Wootten. She had lived in the Stockbridge area since 2013, moving from Hillman, MI.

She loved spending time outside, gardening, and tending to her flowers, and she loved a clean house. She had a special love of animals, especially her birds and dogs. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and family and friends were very

important to her.

Wilma married Raymond Banks on October 16, 1952, and he preceded her in death in 2012. She is survived by two children, Randall Banks of Tecumseh, and Theresa (Brent) Cadieux of Stockbridge; two daughters-in-law, Darlene Villareal-Banks of Florida, and Gina Banks of Michigan; eight grandchildren: Ryan Banks, Russell (Lydia) Banks, Marie Villareal, Raeann Banks, Christa (Kevin) Poeling, Shayna (Brian) Bradley, Trevor Cadieux, and Jillian Cadieux; 12 great-grandchildren: Reece Banks, Raychel Banks, Theresa Banks, Cassidy Banks, Royce Banks, Riley Banks, Jarret Banks, Ethan Banks, Kaeley Poeling, Ellie Poeling, Brayden Bradley, and Skylar Bradley; and three great-great grandchildren: Nick Carey Jr., Jayce Banks, and Dakota Banks. She was preceded in death by two sons, Robbie Banks and Roger Banks. She was the last of seven siblings.

All services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of your choice. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

## 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.

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• Denny Shawn Barnett, of Munith, died Aug. 30, 2022

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Hundley also is a member of the work group within the Justice for All Commission, a Michigan Supreme Court-appointed position.

In August, Hundley completed an Auburn University graduate program to earn a degree as a certified election and registration administrator (CERA). This is a national certification program for election officials in the election administration area.

Congratulations to a busy and accomplished lady with thanks for her service to the public and work in government.

## Woah Nellie! page 15

When I took them out, they looked quite golden and lovely. But I soon discovered the water in the bottom pan had left the toast bottoms damp, not crispy. So, I moved the toasts to a regular baking pan and put them back in the oven for 5 more minutes.

Not being an egg fan, I was still impressed with the finished toasts. The eggs had set nicely, and each serving was very cheesy, crisp, and pretty darn delicious. I can only imagine how much better they tasted back in the days of homemade bread and fresh eggs and cream.

For breakfast or brunch, I think you'll agree, even Mayor McCheese would be pleased to serve Nellie's Baked Eggs with Cheese in 2022!

## Tobin Joseph Basore



Tobin Joseph Basore  
Jan. 6, 1988 to Sep. 10, 2022

It is with great sadness that the Basore family shares news of the passing of **Tobin Joseph Basore, Jr.**, on September 10, 2022. He was 34 years old.

Tobin's life was defined by kindness, persistence, and a gentleness of spirit that won him the deep and abiding love of his family and countless friends. With an open heart, Tobin pursued his goals, moving through challenges and never allowing setbacks to harden him or deter him from pursuing a peaceful and joyous life.

Tobin was born on January 6, 1988, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Tracy Basore of Belle Glade, FL, and Toby Basore of Stockbridge, MI.

Adventures beginning in his youth formed his later years. His childhood backyard in Michigan was the family farm. A trip to Costa Rica awakened a lifelong passion for photography. An Outward Bound backpacking trip in Maine inspired self-reliance. Leadership Palm Beach County GROW influenced his love of community. After graduating from Wellington High School in 2006, Tobin set off for Florida State University. During a break from his studies, he joined his family to work with them on the farms in Michigan and Florida. He served as a liaison with the Palm Beach County Food Bank's gleaning program. Eventually, Tobin returned to his academic pursuits and graduated with an Associate's degree in Business from Palm Beach State College.

Tobin is survived by his mother, Tracy (Steve Royal) Basore, and father, Toby (Toni) Basore; his siblings, Robert Basore, Luke Basore, Zachary Royal, and Brooke Basore; step-brothers, Hunter Swiatek and Justin Swiatek; grandmother, Marcia Basore; aunts, Brenda (Benton) Tyson, Pamela McAllister, and Noelle (Greg Baltazar) Basore; uncles, Tommy Basore, Brian (Renee) Basore, Kevin (Tammy) Basore, Mike (Tammy) Basore, and Steve (Krista) Basore; over 30 cousins and second cousins; and his beloved niece, Amelia. He was preceded in death by his paternal great-grandparents, Dave and Causby Basore; paternal grandfather, Tom Basore; and maternal grandparents, Mary and Robert Edens.

Tobin had strong spiritual faith and was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church in Wellington, FL. He greeted everyone with a smile and a hug. He cherished family gatherings, and the occasional golf and fishing outings with friends. Above all, he was an incredible brother to Robert, Luke, Zach, and Brooke. As the oldest sibling, he set a tone of exceptional love that they will carry in his memory.

Visitation was held on Monday, September 19, 2022 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, Michigan. Mass was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 11:00 a.m., at Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church, 1320 Catholic Church Rd. Leslie, MI. Tobin's final resting place is at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge in the Basore family plot.

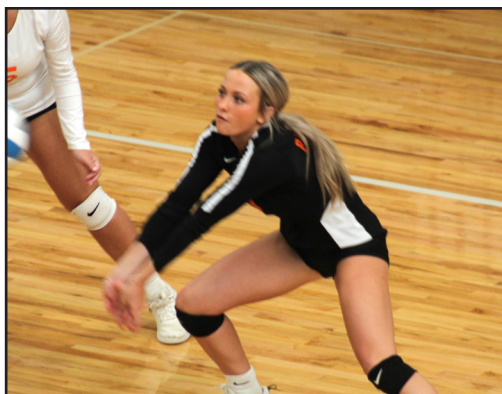
A Celebration of Life will be held in Wellington, FL on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. at the Wellington National Golf Club, 400 Binks Forest Drive, Wellington, FL 33414.

In lieu of flowers, Tobin's family welcomes a charitable donation to the Tobin J. Basore, Jr., Scholarship Fund, established in his honor. Proceeds will benefit a Palm Beach County student who demonstrates compassion for others and seeks opportunities to make a difference in their community. Please make checks to: Toby J. Basore, Jr. Scholarship Fund, 2305 Cypress Lane, Belle Glade, FL 33430. The family also asks that to honor and remember Tobin, we each find a moment to provide a kindness to someone who could use the support.



# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Panthers volleyball takes down Olivet in five sets



Grace Robidou digs up a shot for the Panthers. Photo provided by Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge volleyball team held off a furious Olivet rally Sept. 13 to take down the Eagles in five sets 25-22, 25-21, 21-25, 23-25, 15-8 to improve to 1-1 in the GLAC.

Taylor Lockhart was a serving machine with 10 aces on the night to spark the Panthers. She also recorded eight digs and six kills for Stockbridge.

Maddie Dalton had a big night by dishing out 35 assists, picking up 10 digs and recording six aces.

Alaina Kellenberger led the team in kills with nine, while adding three blocks and one ace, while

Grace Burg added seven kills and seven digs. Gracee Robidou led the team in digs with 11, while Maggie Jones had nine digs and seven kills, and Megan Mackinder chipped in with eight kills, two aces and four digs.

**Milan Invite** The Panthers went 2-2-1 at the Milan Invitational Sept. 17. They defeated Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 3-0 and Britton Deerfield 2-0 and split with Pinckney 1-1. They fell to Canton and Milan 2-0.

Kellenberger lead the team in kills with 27, while Mackinder added 22. Jones collected 20 kills, Burg 13, and Lockhart 11.

Lockhart recorded nine aces on the day and Dalton seven. Mackinder added four aces, Kellenberger three, and Robidou two.

Robidou collected 30 digs to lead the team, while Dalton had 26. Lockhart had 26 digs, while Burg added 24 digs, Mackinder 19 and Jones 14.

Dalton dished out 80 assists on the day for Stockbridge.

**Lakewood** The Panthers fell to state power Lakewood Sept. 8 in straight sets 10-25, 20-25, 17-25.

Dalton led the way with 13 assists and three digs, while Mackinder had four kills, two digs and one ace. Lockhart recorded eight digs, three kills and one ace, while Robidou had six digs. Jones added five digs, three kills and one ace.

**East Jackson** The Panthers took down East Jackson Aug. 30 in straight sets 25-8, 25-10, 25-19.

Jones had a big night with 10 kills, three aces, two blocks and two digs to lead the way for Stockbridge.

Burg chipped in with eight kills, two blocks and two digs, while Lockhart had five kills, one ace and a team-high 11 digs. Robidou picked up 10 digs and Dalton dished out 23 assists. Mackinder had four kills, four aces and two digs, while Kellenberger had four aces and two kills.

The Panthers are 7-9-5 overall on the season.

## Panthers cross country teams off and running

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge cross country teams have been busy over the past couple of weeks and reaching the midway point of the season with their regionals at the end of October.

The Panthers took part in the Bath Invitational Sept. 10 and the boys finished sixth and the girls seventh in Division 3.

The boys had two medalists at the event with Collin Cook coming home fifth with a time of 17:37.42 and Ethan Wright 18th with a time of 18:55.93.

Finn Coffman was 45th in 21:52.08, followed by Brady Cole 59th in 23:36.15, and Paul Marshall 73rd in 27:39.28.

Anna Ransom led the girls with a 26th-place finish in 24:31.64, followed by Ava Vaccaro in 39th with a time of 26:01.58.

See Cross Country on page 19.

## Stockbridge soccer battles to draw with Perry



Jordan Huskey-Wright drives home a goal against Perry. Photo provided by Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

The Stockbridge soccer team saw its record move to 2-7-2 on the season after a 2-2 draw with Perry Sept. 12.

The game went back and forth between the teams until midway through the first half.

Zech Puckett sent a corner kick toward the net and above the

outrached hand of the Perry goalkeeper right to Jordan Huskey-Wright in front of the open net and he drilled it home for a 1-0 lead.

Perry answered just a few moments later to tie the game at 1-1.

In the final seconds of the half, Huskey-Wright took the ball down the left sideline and cut in toward the net and drilled it in with just three seconds remaining to give the Panthers a 2-1 halftime lead.

Stockbridge could not find the net in the second half and Perry scored the equalizer to end the game in a 2-2 draw.

Puckett recorded two assists, while Remi Samek had one. Gavin Hart stopped 12 shots in net for the Panthers.

"Two defensive positions mistakes was all it was that led to Perry's goals. We lost Troy Steenbeke at the tournament for the year with a fractured fibula and it hurt us," coach Devin Baldwin said.

"Mateo Martinez and Jude Casto for their excellent form as of late, and came up big for us," Baldwin said. "The loud crowd was also a huge factor this game, big thank you to them as well."

The Panthers took down Maple Valley 6-3 in a GLAC contest Aug. 31.

Huskey-Wright led the Panthers with a hat trick of three goals in the win over the Lions.

Puckett picked up a pair of goals and Jason Gruber one. Huskey-Wright added one assist and Gruber a pair of helpers, while Hart made 11 saves in net.

The Panthers dropped a pair of games at the Onsted tournament Aug. 10.

They opened by falling to a strong Ida team 8-0.

The second game saw the Panthers falling in a shootout 5-4 to Michigan Center. A pair of Huskey-Wright goals helped Stockbridge play to a 2-2 tie with the Cardinals, sending the game to a shootout where Center beat the Panthers 5-4 for the win.

The Panthers dropped a tough 3-1 decision to Jackson Christian. Huskey-Wright scored the lone goal for the Panthers, while Hart stopped 14 shots against a team that mercied the Panthers last season.

Huskey-Wright now has 14 goals on the season for the Panthers.



# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Panthers football off to best start since 2016 with a 3-1 record



**Zach Fletcher puts pressure on the quarterback.** Photo provided by Keith Michaels

by Keith Michaels

With a 3-1 start, the Stockbridge football team is off to its best start in six years after a 61-14 thrashing of Detroit Lincoln-King Academy Sept. 16.

The Panthers were firing on all cylinders from the opening kickoff as they put up an amazing 40 points in the first quarter alone for a 40-6 lead after one quarter.

Jalen Rogozinski connected with Joey Ballagh for a 30-yard touchdown pass to open the floodgates and the Panthers never looked back.

Jalen Rogozinski would toss another touchdown pass of 46 yards to Drew Robinson in the first and Robinson would score on a two-yard run later in the quarter.

Zac Rogozinski had a huge night on the ground with three first-quarter touchdown runs of four yards, seven yards and one yard. He would finish with 127 yards rushing and four scores for the night.

Lincoln-King scored on the last play of the first quarter to make it 40-6, but Robinson returned the ensuing kickoff 73 yards for a score to start the second quarter and make it 47-6.

The defense got in on the scoring in the third when Gary Killinger returned a fumble 30 yards to make it 54-6.

Zac Rogozinski wrapped up the scoring with a 32-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

The Panthers only outgained Lincoln-King 323-260, but the Panthers had a short field all night with several successful onside kicks and the help of five Lincoln-King turnovers.

Jalen Rogozinski was 6-8 passing for 175 yards and two scores. Robinson caught two passes for 66 yards, Ballagh one for 36, and Zac Rogozinski one for nine.

Killinger was in on six tackles, including a sack and recovered two fumbles.

Travis Salyer picked off a pair of passes and Brock Rochow had one interception. Damien Hayes was in on five tackles and Nolan Snider eight for the Panthers.

**Olivet 44 Stockbridge 8** The Panthers could not overcome a fast start by Olivet Sept. 9 as they dropped their first game of the season 44-8 to the Eagles.

Olivet jumped out to a commanding 36-0 halftime lead and cruised past the Panthers.

Jalen Rogozinski hit Robinson with a 31-yard scoring pass and a two-point conversion run by Zach Fletcher were the only points the Panthers could muster on the night.

Jalen Rogozinski passed for 66 yards and a touchdown. Robinson rushed for 58 yards and caught four passes for 58 yards and a score for Stockbridge.

Killinger was in on 10 tackles to lead the defense. Zac Rogozinski was in on seven tackles, Rochow six tackles, and Foster Pybus five tackles.

**Stockbridge 14 Ypsilanti 13** The Panthers took advantage of the onside kick once again Sept. 1 as they took an early lead and held off Ypsilanti 14-13.

Jalen Rogozinski connected with Robinson for a pair of first-half touchdowns to give the Panthers a 12-0 lead.

Fletcher then made a sack in the end zone for a safety to push the lead to 14-0 for Stockbridge, but the Grizzlies would rally in the second half.

Ypsilanti scored a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter to cut the lead to 14-13 to set up a nerve-racking final quarter.

The Panthers defense would hold them off, including one last time in the final two minutes. Ypsilanti got the ball back and drove inside the Panthers 30, but the clock ran out and the Panthers held on for the exciting win.

Jalen Rogozinski passed for 91 yards and two scores.

Robinson rushed for 42 yards and caught four passes for 79 yards and two scores.

Killinger led the defense with nine tackles, while Zac Rogozinski had seven, and Dominic Hoeppner six. Killinger, Fletcher and Rochow each had an interception for the defense.

**Stockbridge 38 Springport 6** Stockbridge opened its season Aug. 26 with an impressive 38-6 win over Springport.

Hayes got things going with a 63-yard interception return for a score in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead and it was all Panthers from there.

Jalen Rogozinski ran one in from two yards out to make it 13-0 early in the second.

Robinson caught a pair of touchdown passes of 35 yards and 40 yards and Jalen Rogozinski hit Hayes for a three-yard score as the Panthers took a commanding 31-0 halftime lead.

Jalen Rogozinski hit Fletcher with an 11-yard scoring pass in the third to make it 38-0 before the Spartans would score in the fourth.

Zac Rogozinski rushed for 61 yards and Robinson 47 to lead the ground game. Jalen Rogozinski was 11-17 passing for 159 yards and four scores and a touchdown run. Robinson caught six passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Fletcher caught two for 28 yards and a score, and Hayes two for 15 and a touchdown.

Killinger and Zac Rogozinski led the defense with eight tackles each.

The Panthers picked off four passes on the night with Robinson, Hayes, Rochow and Ballagh grabbing one each.

## Cross Country page 18

Eliana Johnson was 48th in 27:48.53, Alora Mullins 56th in 29:33.05, and Gabrielle Heath 64th in 32:50.49.

**Springport Invite** The teams ran at the Springport Invitational on Sept. 7.

The girls finished fourth in D3 and the boys fifth in D2 at the race.

Freshman JayLee Chapman led the Panthers with a sixth-place finish in 22:52.51, followed by Ransom in 17th in 24:22.40.

Vaccaro was 23rd in 25:53.35, Johnson 25th in 26:21.89, Heath 29th in 28:42.55, and Mullins 31st in 28:51.31.

Cook led the boys with a third-place finish in 17:40.69.

Wright finished 14th in 19:35.49 and Coffman 32nd in 21:32. Cole placed 43rd in 26:13 and Marshall 45th in 28:18.35.

**Marshall Invite** The girls finished third at the Marshall Invitational at Turkeyville on Aug. 30.

Chapman finished sixth in 22:37.4 with Ransom coming home 15th in 24:05.1.

Vaccaro was 17th in 24:13.1, Mullins 37th in 27:06.3, Johnson 41st in 27:19.2, and Heath 48th in 28:17.4.

The boys did not have enough runners to score as a team with just three competitors.

Cook led the Panthers with a 10th-place finish in 17:59.3, Wright 17th in 18:45.2, and Cole 58th in 22:09.4.

**Webberville Invite** The teams opened their season at Webberville Aug. 27 and the boy finished 11th and the girls eighth.

Cook led the boys with a fourth-place finish with a time of 16:59.83 and Wright 17th in 17:58.3.

Coffman was 69th in 20:47.23, Cole 102nd in 23:10.93, and Marshall 127th in 28:28.79.

Chapman came home 24th to lead the girls with a time of 22:18.87.

Ransom was 38th in 23:56.57, Vaccaro 56th in 25:14.94, Mullins 71st in 27:16.61, and Heath 93rd in 33:36.36.



## Outreach in Action

# Assistance advice and energy-saving tips for combating winter's chill

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

While the cool breezes of fall bring back memories of school, fall sports, bonfires and hayrides to some of us, to others they bring the chilling realization that heating season will start soon. Many are ill-prepared to weather that monetary storm. It is no secret that costs have gone up, and the board and staff at Stockbridge Community Outreach are concerned about how this next heating season will intensify clients' needs.

A review of our past expenditures for utility assistance to our clients renders startling results. In 2020, Outreach helped clients keep the lights and heat on to the tune of nearly \$14,000 in assistance. The 2021 expenditures on behalf of clients climbed to nearly \$20,000 in utility support. We've had to hold on to our hats as we look at the numbers so far for 2022: As of Sept. 7, payments to avert shut-offs or to fill empty propane tanks have topped \$24,000—and the heating season hasn't officially started yet!

In response, Outreach has researched grants to help cover increased costs and launched a winterization project to help our clients keep the heat in and the cold out. We approached Lowe's of Jackson for materials, and they quickly and quietly gave us foam insulation, draft stoppers and other items to block heat loss. (Thank you, Lowe's of Jackson!)

**Helpful programs:** We're also connecting our clients to programs offered by DTE and Consumers Energy. According to Brian Wheeler, Consumers Energy media relations manager, their Helping Neighbors program offers customers a free home energy analysis providing a detailed look at the home's energy use and useful, specific tips on ways to reduce energy for long-term savings. During the appointment, qualified customers may also receive upgrades, such as water-pipe insulation, LED bulbs, water-saving showerheads, faucet aerators or even a programmable thermostat.

To enroll in the Consumers Energy program, a customer can schedule an in-person or virtual appointment with an energy analyst by visiting <https://homeanalysis-consumersenergy.com/schedule/>.

For more information on the similar DTE program, go to <https://newlook.dteenergy.com/wps/wcm/connect/dte-web/home/save-money-energy/residential/get-started-with/limited-income-assistance>.

**Tips:** Given the high cost of fuel for everyone, whether it comes as electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, or wood, we thought we'd share some suggestions for reducing your heat and electric bills this winter:

- Wrap your HOT water pipes with insulation. If exposed to drafts, wrap both hot and cold pipes and seal up the draft.
- Wrap your water heater with an insulating blanket.
- Caulk or spray foam around any gaps near pipes leading to the outside.
- Caulk any gaps around windows.
- Use storm windows and/or put up plastic sheeting over your interior windows to increase their insulation value.
- Use LED light bulbs for all lighting.
- Use draft stoppers between rooms and at exterior doors.
- Use weather stripping around doors where gaps exist between the door and frame. (If you can see light coming in, the heat is going out!)
- Turn down the heat in rooms not in use, and turn off the heat in unused rooms as long as there is no plumbing in the wall/room.
- Check out the "smart thermostat" programs offered by your electric company, along with any energy-saving programs and tips they offer.
- Insulate exterior outlets with ready-made foam blockers.
- Insulate the attic and any exterior walls lacking insulation.
- Make sure all windows and doors are completely closed and locked.
- Consider putting on warmer clothes and setting your thermostat a couple of degrees cooler.

While these steps may seem small, they add up and will be worth it when the colder winds blow.

NOTE: Be sure to use the proper insulation for each application, for example: ready-made insulators for outlets.

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**TIP:** Use storm windows and/or put up plastic sheeting over your interior windows to increase their insulation value. Photo credit Chloe Ridgway on Unsplash.com

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## Elementary school kids enjoy fun in the sun while admiring vehicles from yesteryear

by Mary Jo David

On Sept. 8, 2022, the students of Smith and Heritage schools in Stockbridge were treated to a blast from the past in the form of a parade of vintage cars.

The Dearborn to Lansing Endurance Run is an annual event featuring antique cars from 1915 and earlier. In other words, if your vehicle was born in 1916, it's too young to be in this Run! Approximately 35 cars are traveling roughly 200 miles—from Dearborn to Lansing and back to Dearborn's Greenfield Village—across four days.

Back in August, Principal Brad Edwards of Smith Elementary was visited by a couple who organize the parade.



It was a great day for students to soak up some sun while taking in history courtesy of the Dearborn to Lansing Endurance Run.

"Every year in their drive between Greenfield Village and Lansing they stop at unique places along the way to show their vehicles," Edwards explained. Apparently, Stockbridge—and specifically Smith and Heritage—were on their route this year so they asked Edwards if they could stop by so the kids could view the cars.

According to Gregory resident Gary Hicks, who was on hand photographing some of the collectors and their cars, the schoolchildren were visibly excited to be out in the sunshine and engaged with the owners of the vintage classics, asking them questions and honking the occasional horn.

This is the 39th year the event has taken place. Word on the street is that the Endurance Run also made a stop at the home of Stockbridge residents Linda and Steve Collins this year. The drivers and their four-wheel wonders were right at home amid the historical home, barns, and beautiful gardens that the Collinses work so hard to maintain.

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**Happy tails.** We didn't spend Saturday morning on a long walk with our best friend. And we didn't coax them out of a mud puddle or two. But we did heat the water that made the cleanup a little more enjoyable for you both. When the energy you invest in life meets the energy we fuel it with, good clean fun happens.



## '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 first-place winner's essay below as SCN's monthly student-written column. Be sure to check out August's issue for the third-place winning essay, and last month's issue for the second-place winning essay.

### First-place winning essay: 'Words Have Power'

From a young age I've always known I was adopted. My parents told me as soon as I could understand. Growing up being adopted never affected my outlook on life. I never felt different, never disassociated from anyone; I was never treated any differently than any other child would be treated by their parent.

Growing up being adopted was normal, except for one thing—seeing my birthmother Lisa. My mom Rose (my adoptive mom) was never forced to take me to see my birthmother, but she still did so I could get to know her. Everytime we went to go see my birthmother, I would complain the whole car ride about how I didn't like seeing her. I would say things like "I don't like how she always grabs my cheeks and says 'you're getting so big!'" or "I don't like how she moves houses all the time." She would move from care home to care home.

Whenever we would get to wherever my birthmother was staying, she would invite us in and we'd all sit on the couch and talk. I never really paid much attention to what Rose and Lisa were saying. Most of the time I'd sit still and stay quiet like a mouse, never really saying much to Lisa; looking back that was a big mistake.

December 26, 2017 was the last time I got to see my birthmother.

I remember I was sitting on the couch with my dad watching The Hobbit trilogy, and my mom came up and told me that we were going to see my birthmother later that day. I was in no mood to go see her; I begged my parents to not take me.

After lots of yelling and begging my parents got me in the car. The car ride there was unusually quiet and awkward; it was the kind of feeling one may get when knowing something bad might happen.

As soon as we arrived at the place she was staying, we picked her up at the front. She was in a wheelchair so my dad had to help her in the van. I was confused and concerned as to why she was in the wheelchair. She settled down in the seat next to me and leaned over to give me a hug greeting everyone that was in the van, and then not saying much else.

It was strange sitting there in the eerie silence that was blanketing all of us in the van; she had never been that quiet.

Dinner that night was normal. My birthmother Lisa caught up with my parents while I sat next to my brother who kept me company. After dinner we dropped Lisa back at the place she was staying and went home, my emotions all mixed up like a tornado in a trailer park.

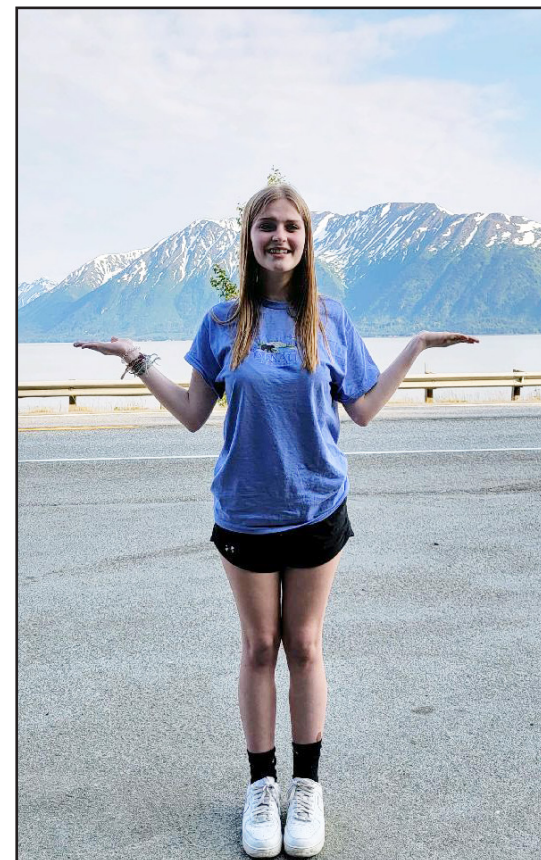
May 30, 2018—I had just gotten home from Wednesday night kids' church. It was my typical Wednesday; after kids' church I came home exhausted and in a good mood, except this time my routine would change. My parents sat me on the couch and told me that they needed to talk to me about something. I started getting nervous; I became very fidgety. My parents ended up telling me that my birthmother had lost her battle with cancer on Mother's Day earlier that month.

I sat on the couch in silence for what felt like days in shock over something that I never thought would happen.

My parents asked if I was okay; "yeah," I said standing up like nothing happened. I wasn't fazed by what my parents told me. I wasn't even the slightest bit sad; I was disappointed in myself.

Years go on and every single day I think to myself "what if I had just said something to her?" What was I thinking? I beat myself up every day for the relationship I could've built with her, but instead I chose to say those negative things about her and say almost nothing to her whenever I saw her.

I've learned about life from a different perspective after my birthmother passed away, and it taught me a lesson about words. Words have great impact on people's lives, whether it has to do with the absence or the presence of words. Everyone has the choice of how they use their words. I had the choice and I used them the wrong way or did not use them at all and I regret it. As a society we need to be aware of what we say because it might not only affect our lives but someone else's. This is why I believe words have power.



First-place winning author, Lily Sager. Photo provided by Jessica Martell

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## Bunker Hill murder page 1

The judge also provided time for victims' impact statements.

Devon Strunk, Wicks' sister, spoke first, reminding the court that Wicks had eight siblings and that his oldest son graduated this year, without his father being there to see him. Strunk said Wicks' mom "puts on a brave face" and that holidays aren't the same any more. She added, "Nothing fills the void of Brad being taken from us...our lives will not be the same because of choices you made." She asked the court for the maximum sentence for Baldwin.

Wicks' daughter Jaylynn spoke next, admitting she is "stunned and speechless" since her father was killed. "...Fourteen, now 16 going on 17 without my father. This is the time in my life I need him the most." What hurts the most, she said, is seeing her siblings and her grandmother hurting.

Another of Wicks' sisters, Elizabeth Wicks, commented on Baldwin's claim of innocence. "All of you played a part in this...you guys could have stopped...you could have made a simple call to 911." But because of choices Baldwin made, Elizabeth said, "My mom will never see her son; she'll grieve in her heart every day." She added, "You all chose to play this role with Garylee Dexter. You'll walk again, you'll talk again...he never will."

Following the victim impact statements, Judge Jamo reminded Baldwin that he cannot accept Baldwin's statement regarding his lack of culpability, "because I am bound by what the jury did...They are the sole deciders of the facts of this case."

The judge said it is his role to set a "proportionate and appropriate sentence" for each conviction based on the jury's previous determination. With that, Jamo sentenced Baldwin to the following: On Count 1 (homicide second degree): 600 to 800 months with credit for time served. On Count 3 (felon in possession of firearm): 30 months to 60 months with credit for time served. On Count 4 (felony firearm): 24 months with credit for time served. On Count 5 (felony firearm): 24 months with credit for time served. Jamo also ordered restitution be paid to Kelly Wicks for funeral expenses.

Garylee Dexter, who also was involved in the March 2020 shooting in Bunker Hill, was sentenced in February 2022 to 15-50 years in prison.

*For the initial news story about the Bunker Hill homicide, see the March 2020 story in the Stockbridge Community News.*

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Just because someone looks put together on the outside, she may be struggling internally.

Not every mental condition is visible, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

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## Community Resource Guide coming in February

by Kayla Fletcher

For the sixth year, the Stockbridge Community News is planning a Community Resource Guide for groups and resources in the Stockbridge area. It will appear in the February 2023 print edition and sometime in late December on SCN's webpage at [stockbridgecommunitynews.com](http://stockbridgecommunitynews.com).

This message is your chance to edit or alter the information previously printed about your organization (see [stockbridgecommunitynews.com/groups-and-resources-that-enrich-our-community-2](http://stockbridgecommunitynews.com/groups-and-resources-that-enrich-our-community-2) for last year's guide). Please send changes, corrections, or OK to print to one of the following by Dec. 1, 2022.

Email: [stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com) with attention Kayla or CRG in the subject line.

Mail: Information can also be sent to SCN, PO Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137 also indicating attention CRG OR KAYLA.

If you have a civic group or organization providing resources and special services to the community at large, feel free to provide your information for inclusion in next year's guide.



**Friday September 30th**  
**Sidewalk Chalk Drawings**  
**Movie and Hungry Howie's**  
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# 2022 Stockbridge Annual Tractor Show: Stockbridge celebrates its farming roots

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Pastor Scott Castle presides over the memorial services for this year's fallen farmers. "God bless farmers and the essential role they play in our community," stated Castle. "We can get along without the famous sport stars, but we cannot get along without our hard-working farmers."



Keith Grosshans (left) accepts an engraved glass from Kim Smith for keeping our farming history alive through his work restoring antique tractors.



The family of Pastor Bob Castle with his memorial plaque. Although not a farmer, Pastor Bob was always at the ready with his farm related blessings.



Mick Watters, along with two of his grandsons, show off one of the newest tractors at the event.



Grant Bollinger dumps water in the Waterloo Boy, one of the oldest tractors on display. Family members Marci and Teri Bollinger are on hand to supervise.



Mick Watters presents the James Zeitz plaque.



Making the most of this day that celebrates agriculture and automation, Karen and Pat Salow arrive in a 1925 Ford.



Pidd family members with the Bill Pidd memorial plaque.



FFA student Chase Sommer displays the memorial plaque dedicated to Don Keiser.



When you think "chain saw" you don't typically think "art," but these carvings demonstrate the tool's flexibility.



Left to right: FFA representatives Bella Eccleton and Megan Mackinder along with Mick Watters, Dan Young, and Gordon Taylor with sign thanking the event sponsors.



Steve Hopkins, from nearby Mason, demonstrates his skills on the lathe.



The family of Jamie Bollinger with his memorial plaque.



The event provided plenty of entertaining activities for kids of all ages.



Blacksmiths have always played an integral role in keeping farm implements up and running.



Brogan Floyd, 3-4 age group winner.



Levi Bennett, 5-6 age group winner.



Gunner Wilcox, 7-8 age group winner.



Mitchell Topping, 9-10 age group winner.



Melanie Bennett, winner of 3-4 age group.



Deni Craft, winner of 5-6 age group.



Mackenzie Topping, winner of the 7-8 year group.



Bentley Noll, winner of the 9-10 age group.



Lilly Topping, winner of the 11-12 age group.



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