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Federal grant secured to construct new grandstand at Ingham County Fairgrounds



Leaders gathered at a news conference to announce the federal funds allotted to the new Ingham County Fairgrounds grandstand. Left to right: Mason Mayor Pro Tem Leon Clark, Ingham County Fairgrounds Events Director Lindsey McKeever, Ingham County Commissioner Ryan Sebolt and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Lansing. Photo credit Shuyler Clark

for 2023.

In recent years, U.S. state representatives have had an annual opportunity to submit 15 projects in their districts to receive federal funding. This program has assisted in funding 12 projects in Ingham County alone between 2022 and 2023, resulting in \$34 million in grant money for the county. Cities submit applications for proposals considered most beneficial for the area; winners are determined based on public support and the level of impact the proposal will have on the community if selected.

See Ingham County Fairgrounds on page 15.

Free breakfast available for all district students through end of year



The Stockbridge Community School district is providing free breakfast to all students through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Photo credit Hannah Tasker via unsplash.com

by Amy Haggerty

Stephanie White, food and nutrition director for Stockbridge Community Schools, shared some important news. In an effort to help students start their days out on the right foot, the district is providing free breakfast to all students through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Students wishing to grab breakfast should show up in the cafeteria before school starts. There is a stipulation for participating in the free breakfast program. According to White, "Students can't just grab a breakfast bar. They must have at least three of the items offered—two entree items and one fruit."

by Shuyler Clark

In 2016, the Ingham County Fairgrounds, located in Mason, Michigan, demolished its 80-year-old grandstand following concerns that the structure was unsafe. Now, fairgoers can rejoice as a new grandstand will soon take its place.

At a news conference on Jan. 18, 2023, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, representing Michigan's 7th District, announced that \$2.5 million in federal funding has been secured for the fairgrounds structure. The money is part of \$24.5 million awarded for 15 projects across Ingham, Livingston, and Oakland counties

Harlem Wizards Stockbridge Athletic Boosters fundraiser raises nearly \$12K



Stockbridge Athletic Boosters pose for a quick photo with the Harlem Wizards. Photo credit Double D Imagery

fundraising! After the event, the numbers were tallied and a grand total of nearly \$12,000 was raised!

The day started off with fun-filled, interactive assembly visits by the Wizards to both Smith and Heritage Elementary schools. That evening, Courtside Plus ticket holders enjoyed a private meet and greet with players, and the first 15 students with "Wiz Kid" jerseys were able to sit on the bench with the Wizards! "Wiz Kids" were also able to warm up with the team!

See Harlem Wizards on page 10.

Counselor and nurse join Stockbridge Schools



by Amy Haggerty
New to Stockbridge

Community Schools this year:

- Kristy Rivers, counselor working with grades seven-nine, the PASS* program, and At-Risk students.

- Jennifer Matthews, full-time registered nurse for the district.

Both Rivers and Matthews have extensive experience in their fields. Their offices are in the Junior/Senior High School. Phone: 517-851-7770. Rivers: ext. 6307; Matthews: ext. 6317.

*PASS=Panther Alternative For Student Success.

Rural Perspectives: The mallard is the fastest-flying duck at speeds up to 55 mph

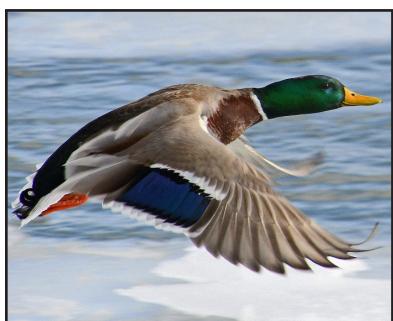


by Diane Constable

The mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) is the most common, most recognized, and one of the most beautiful dabbling ducks. It is the ancestor of mostly all domestic duck species.

Mallards are found across the Northern Hemisphere in any type of wetland. They have been clocked flying up to 55 mph, which makes them the fastest-flying duck. Some mallards will migrate, while most stay locally wherever there is open water to be found.

Mallards eat a variety of food, including grass seed, grains, pond vegetation, small fish, worms, snails, a variety of insects, and they are excellent destroyers of mosquito larvae. They dabble for their food; you will often see them tail up as they forage the water bottom for anything edible. Mallards also welcome handouts from cooperating humans. Corn, rather than bread, is the healthiest treat.



The mallard is a common duck. It is the only duck that has a curl in its tail feathers. Photo credit Diane Constable

The mottled brown hen makes a shallow nest, usually near water, and lays up to 13 eggs. Mallards have been known to nest in unexpected places such as backyards and near buildings. The eggs hatch out in 28 days. About 14 hours later, the alert ducklings are ready to explore their world and leave the nest for good. The hen leads them to water and watches over them for about two months. She will even fake injury to lure predators away from her brood.

When grown, the mallard will have a 3-foot wingspan, weigh up to 3.5 pounds, and live up to 10 years. It is the only duck that has a curl in its tail feathers.

Fun Fact: The typical duck quack is made by the female only. The male has a quieter, raspier quack.

Audra Goodlock of Stockbridge and Justin LaLonde of Rogers City announce their marriage.



*Audra & Justin
LaLonde*

December 30, 2022

LESLIE, MICHIGAN

Audra is the daughter of Craig and Laurie Goodlock of Stockbridge. She graduated from Stockbridge High School in 2013, Spring Arbor University in 2017 (Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology), and Western Michigan University in 2022 (Master's in School Counseling). Audra is a school counselor for Stockbridge Community Schools, and she is a therapist for Growth Counseling in Williamston.

Justin is the son of Edward and Beverly LaLonde of Rogers City. He graduated from Rogers City High School in 2009, and Western Michigan University in 2017 (Bachelor's in Civil Engineering). Justin is a geotechnical engineer for SME (Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc.).

The couple wed at their home in Leslie on December 30, 2022, and the marriage was officiated by Audra's father.

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Stockbridge to Sri Lanka: Local residents traveling the world on a budget of \$60 per day

by Terri Grant

Sixty dollars a day. Two people. Traveling the world. Could you do it?

Local residents Kyle Lilley and Madie Gee-Montgomery are attempting this very thing. The dynamic duo set out on Aug. 27, 2022, from Detroit Wayne County Airport in pursuit of a year to stretch themselves past their comfort zones. They have indeed accomplished this in many ways on their remarkable journey.

Kyle and Madie began their travels visiting Krakow, Poland, and seeing the sobering camp of Auschwitz early in their trip. Following that was a visit to Prague in the Czech Republic via an overnight bus/train. Then came Vienna, Austria, where they stayed in a capsule hotel—a type of hotel first developed in Japan that is typically composed of many small rooms or "pods" not much bigger than a bed.

Next, the couple was on to Helsinki, Finland, where they took part in an authentic crayfish party. After that was Budapest, Hungary. Then Kyle and Madie stayed in Istanbul, Turkey, where they spent time taking in local points of historical interest. Moving on to the coast of Kas, Turkey, they saw stunning scenery before taking an early morning hot air balloon ride among hundreds of other balloons in Cappadocia, Turkey.

After all this and only two months of traveling, came a highlight of their travels: a tuk-tuk tournament for two weeks in Sri Lanka. A tuk-tuk is a motorized rickshaw used in many parts of Asia, and the tournament event involved teams challenges and collecting metaphorical gems. For every 500 gems a team collects, the tuk-tuk rental company donates a freshwater source to local impoverished communities. During this event, a special occasion awaited Madie, as Kyle surprised her with a wedding proposal against the backdrop of Bomburu Ella Falls in Sri Lanka on Day 7 of the tuk-tuk tournament. (Watch their video on YouTube to see if Madie said, "yes"!)

Trekking to a Mount Everest base camp in Nepal is their most recent adventure after Sri Lanka. The couple plan to continue to Thailand and beyond in the coming months. Throughout their adventures, the couple have shared candid experiences with genuine candor on their YouTube channel: @kyleandmadie, generally posting videos every other day. Family, friends, and acquaintances have stayed even more up-to-date by following them on Instagram.

As Kyle states, "Madie and I have always been fascinated with the idea of full-time travel, and we knew there wouldn't be any better time than now. We've graduated college, we're debt free, we have no home base, jobs, or kids holding us back. If we didn't commit to full-time travel now, life would most likely get in the way."

Kyle's mom, Tracy, comments, "When they first told us they were going to travel for a year, we were supportive from the start. As we watch their travels, we are in awe of all their experiences and accomplishments and love the fact that we can watch their journey! We are so proud of both of them!"

Madie's mom, Michele Gee, shared her thoughts on their travels, "When Kyle and Madie first told us they were going to travel for a year, we had many emotions. We were happy, excited, and honestly a little scared. Being able to have contact with them made the transition a lot easier as a mom."

Gee added, "We are very excited for Kyle and Madie. Their travels have really pushed them out of their comfort zones and have provided many life experiences for them."

See Kyle and Madie on page 22.



Kyle and Madie made it to Everest Base Camp after the 10 hardest, most challenging days of their lives.
Photos from Kyle and Madie's Instagram account



Karlee Fillmore

From Stockbridge to Rural Alaska Teacher leaves area to experience a different culture

Editor's Note: Karlee Fillmore left Stockbridge for a teaching job in the Northwest Arctic Borough of Alaska in

July 2021. This is her second report for SCN about teaching and living in a remote village just above the Arctic Circle.

by Karlee Fillmore

The main reason I chose rural Alaska was a desire to experience a different way of life. Having spent four years of my childhood living overseas, I deeply love learning and experiencing different cultures. I originally wanted to teach internationally, but COVID-19 changed that. Living in rural Alaska is so different from back home I may as well be in another country, yet I don't have to worry about borders closing and leaving me with no way to get home.

The second reason was more practical: money. Teachers in rural Alaska make A LOT more money than teachers in Michigan. While I pay rent to my district (they provide apartments), all utilities are included and it's much lower than what I would pay in Michigan. So I'm making more money, and I'm able to save more money.

This year, the village is just getting back to normal social events. There were almost no events in the last several years because of COVID-19. (Medical care is extremely limited in the villages, so they took precautions.) A huge event sponsored by my village is the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. It's for adults, and people come from the surrounding villages to play or support their friends/families who are playing. Home high school basketball games also are seen as a social event, with family and friends gathering to share news and cheer on the student-athletes.

When sports teams are not using the gym, there are open gym nights for the community. Separate times are scheduled for different age ranges (elementary to middle school, and high school to adults). It's just as popular with adults as it is with kids, and it's not uncommon to see a large crowd leaving school when open gym ends.

In the winter, local snowmobile races usually are held once per month starting just before Christmas (although we had to skip the December races this year due to unseasonably warm weather).

See Alaska on page 16.

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Clyde Whitaker

Clyde's Corner**A love story, 67 years in the making**

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello again everyone! Since February is the Month of Love, with Valentine's Day on the 14th, I thought I would write a love story about some friends of mine who will be married 66 years on July 14, 2023!

Mark and Arloa (Proctor) Smith came into my life in the winter of 1972. I was driving over to my girlfriend's house in Plainfield when it happened. Turning to go toward Plainfield, my car slid off the road and went into a muddy field, mud all the way up to my floorboards!

There was no way I was going to get the car unstuck, so I walked up to Mark and Arloa's house, which was adjacent to the muddy field. I asked if they had a tractor that could pull my car from the mud. I told them I was headed to my girlfriend's house in Plainfield. Arloa immediately asked "what is your girlfriend's name?" I told her and she nodded her head, but said nothing further. I later found out that my girlfriend's dad was the best man for Mark and Arloa's wedding! Anyway, they had no tractor but Mr. Bachelor, on the farm down the road, had a tractor and he pulled me out.

Back to Mark and Arloa. In the spring of 1956, Arloa caught the eye of Mark when she would walk the town square in Stockbridge on her lunch hour. Arloa worked at the D & C store and frequently took walks past the Cobb-Scherer building, where Mark worked as a mechanic. Mark eventually asked Arloa Proctor out on a date. Their first date was July 14, 1956, at the Lake Lansing amusement park in Lansing.

By Christmastime, Mark's thoughts had turned to marriage. I asked Arloa if Mark had gotten down on his knees when he proposed to her. With a little smirk, she said no, but he did give her an engagement ring that Christmas of 1956. Were Arloa's parents concerned at all about the proposal, since she was only 20 years old at the time? Arloa said no, they weren't concerned, and the only thing that her mother said was "he smokes." (That was then, but Mark has not smoked in years.)

They were married on July 14, 1957, exactly one year after their first date. Mark's best man was Max Cosgray, and Arloa's maid of honor was Susy Thompson Voss. The special event took place at the Walker house, located at Carter Road and M-52, north of Stockbridge. Arloa said her father was a farmer, and they chose the Walker house, instead of a church wedding, to save on expenses.

This July 14, 2023, will mark 66 years of marriage. The Smiths have one daughter, Deborah, and she blessed them with two grandkids, Brittany Codero and Alexandria Davis. They also have two great-grandsons, Enzo and Emory Codero.

Arloa worked over 40 years in the insurance industry. Mark spent the better part of 70 years working on New Holland balers, and became known areawide as "The New Holland Baler Man." In addition, he worked other mechanic jobs.

Mark's hobbies have included golf plus his mechanical work. Arloa enjoys cooking, reading and puzzles. She has been a member of the Millville United Methodist Church in Millville for many years. The couple like to recall a big trip that took place in 2003, when Mark and Arloa treated the family to an all-expenses-paid trip to Florida.

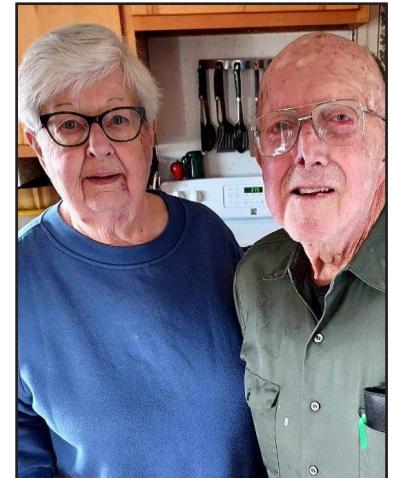
Asked about their secret to a long marriage, the Smiths said you have to give and take, you've got to agree with each other, and figure in lots of conversation and traveling.

This my friends, is love that is lasting a lifetime!

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.



Mark and Arloa (Proctor) Smith were married July 14, 1957—exactly one year after their first date. Photo provided by Arloa Smith



This year, Arloa and Mark Smith will be celebrating 66 years of wedded bliss. Their secrets to a long marriage include give and take, agreeing with each other, and lots of conversation and traveling. Photo credit Clyde Whitaker

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Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines 'Lonely Castle in the Mirror': It's not just the castle that's lonely

by Shuyler Clark

Seventh-grader Kokoro Anzai has dropped out of school, hiding away at home to avoid her classmates' torment. When her bedroom mirror starts glowing, she discovers it has become a portal to a castle governed by the Wolf Queen. Six other middle school students have been summoned alongside Kokoro to search for the Wishing Key, which will grant whoever finds it a single wish. As the deadline to find the Wishing Key draws nearer, Kokoro and the others must face uncomfortable truths about themselves and each other.

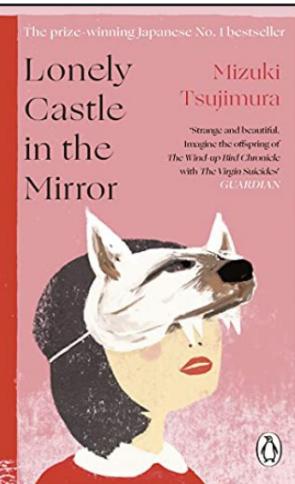
The strongest aspect of Mizuki Tsujimura's "Lonely Castle in the Mirror" is the depiction of the characters' mental health struggles and the challenges of living day-to-day with them. Each of the seven kids faces unique problems regarding school, leading them all to drop out. Many of them developed depression and anxiety, which in Kokoro's case results in a debilitating fear of going outside. Tsujimura approaches this with tenderness, effectively illustrating every step of Kokoro's battle, celebrating the small victories and empathizing with her setbacks.

This approach extends to the other characters as well. Though they often fight among themselves due to their different perspectives, they come through in support of their struggles. Not only does this make a more compelling narrative, it also helps readers understand and relate with these mental health problems. Even those who have never experienced severe anxiety or depression will empathize with Kokoro and the other children, thanks to Tsujimura's tactful portrayal of their conflicts.

Supporting characters also are treated tactfully. Bullying is a significant topic in the novel, with the main characters each facing their own form of aggression, either at school or at home. While the aggressors are undoubtedly wrong for their actions, Tsujimura addresses their flaws sensitively. This is especially important given how many of the bullies are also children and thus susceptible to poor decision-making. The adults are held to higher accountability, further helping readers understand what a proper approach is to helping and understanding victims of bullying and similar mistreatment.

As for the setting, the castle and the game of finding the Wishing Key draw inspiration from Western fairy tales. While the use of fairy tales has greater significance in the overall story, the influence in the castle itself makes it an intriguing location. Readers easily will become invested in the mystery of the castle and come to understand the children's attachment to it. The search for the Wishing Key helps tie together each child's struggles in the real world, as well, since many of them wish for things that would improve their circumstances outside the castle. Plenty of twists throughout the story keep the intrigue high, culminating in an emotional, yet satisfying, conclusion.

"Lonely Castle in the Mirror" is an engaging fantasy novel for young adults and older. An animated adaptation was released in Japan in December 2022, though an English localization has yet to be announced.



Plenty of twists keep the intrigue high in "Lonely Castle in the Mirror," an engaging fantasy novel for young adults and older.

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

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Young 5's visit Humane Society



Article and photo by Amanda Mathews

In January, the Young 5's class at Smith Elementary School collected donations for the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

With the support of the school community, the young students gathered a large number of donations for the animals. The children presented these donations in person while visiting the Humane Society on a field trip.

During the outing, the students learned what animals need to be safe, happy and healthy.

They were taught how to safely approach an unfamiliar dog. The children also received insight into ways the Humane Society helps animals.

In addition to learning about the Humane Society, the class also had the opportunity to give back by making enrichment treats for some of the animals.

The kindness the students showed made them proud members of the Humane Society's Kindness Corner, and they will be featured on the society's website.

This experience was a great way for the children to model the character traits they have been learning about through the school's new Positivity Project. The students were able to think about and show kindness to others.

The Young 5's class really enjoyed this experience and, of course, wanted to give all the animals a home.



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Ask an Expert: The Top 10 things that can damage a car's paint

by John and Theresa Kightlinger


John and Theresa Kightlinger

Whether your car is decades old or brand new, you want your car to remain looking as nice as possible for as long as possible, and keeping the paint job looking fresh goes a long way. But there are certain materials that can damage car paint. While many are repairable, some are not, so it's important to be aware of them and take care of any messes promptly.

Here are the Top 10 items that can damage a car's paint and what you can do to protect your own vehicle.

1. Brake fluid. As a car owner, you likely know how important it is to keep brake fluid at the proper levels — but even a little bit of non-silicone-based brake fluid can act like paint thinner and damage a paint job. If you spill brake fluid, wipe it up immediately by dabbing. Don't spread it around. Then, wash the spot with soap and water.

2. Animal and plant materials. Bugs, bird droppings and tree sap can all be acidic and damage paint if they sit on a vehicle for too long, especially in the sun. Regular car washes by hand or at a commercial wash can help avoid lasting damage. If tree sap has hardened, it may need to be carefully scraped off — but be mindful not to scratch your car. And, be aware that some types of commercial washes are better for your vehicle's finish than others.

3. Gasoline. Gasoline can stain your car's finish and be very difficult to remove if left for too long, so it's important to be cautious when inserting and removing gas nozzles from the gas tank to avoid spilling. If you take care of spills and drips right away, it shouldn't be an issue. Keeping your car waxed also can help protect the car's surface from gas stains.

4. Vandalism. Whether a silly prank by a friend or a true act of vandalism, there's no doubt it can damage your car. Items like silly string or shaving cream might seem benign, but if left in the sun, they can damage car paint. Other household items like certain cleaning fluids or acidic foods (tomatoes, vinegar, etc.) also can leave damage. Be sure to clean up messes like these quickly with soap and water. If other vandalism occurs on your car — such as graffiti or scratches — contact your insurance agency, as the repair may be covered. In most cases, a local auto body shop will be able to color match your car's paint and restore it to like-new condition.

5. Shoe polish. Believe it or not, shoe polish can be one of the most difficult stains to remove from a vehicle. Sometimes, it's impossible. You might be wondering why someone would put shoe polish on a vehicle, but mistakes happen. If someone tries to test shoe polish on a worn part of their leather interior and rests the polish-soaked rag on the roof or hood of the vehicle even temporarily, it can cause damage.

See Ask an Expert on page 27.

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Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Commodores found their name at random in dictionary

by John Robinson

Q: Were the Commodores from Detroit? They used to record for Motown.

A: Nope; the original six members met at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in the late '60s. They were in separate groups, The Jays and The Mystics, so they agreed to merge their two bands together and form a "super" group. As for the name "Commodores," the legend is that one of the guys threw a dictionary in the air. When it landed on an open page, he blindly put his finger down and it landed on the word "commodore." They began recording for Motown Records in 1972 and had their first hit in 1974 with the instrumental "Machine Gun."

Q: I saw a TV show on the '60s British Rock & Roll Invasion and I have a question. They said that the Dave Clark 5 song "Bits And Pieces" was banned. I see nothing wrong with it. Why would they say it was banned? And if it was, why?

A: In 1964, "Bits And Pieces" became the second U.S. chart single for the Dave Clark 5. It starts out with a loud, rhythmic beat that sounds like foot-stomping. Some show promoters were afraid that if the Dave Clark 5 performed this song in concert, the kids in the audience would stomp along with their feet, possibly causing damage to the floors. So therefore, the song was banned from some (not all) concerts. However, the song was NOT banned from the radio.

Q: I was told the song "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye" was the first disco song.

A: You must've been having a nightmare. It ain't disco, it's just a cool, catchy pop song from late 1969. The song was originally intended to be the B-side of a supposed hit single for vocalist Gary De Carlo. Gary, Paul Leka and Dale Frashuer intended to create a song so cheesy it could only be thought of as an inferior track and was written intentionally to be so awful that DJs would be forced to play the A-Side. So, they made the song too long and even had an off-key backing vocal. Also, the musicians didn't have lyrics so they sang "na na" and "hey hey" during rehearsals until they came up with something better (which they never did!). However, Mercury Records liked the song and released it under a bogus band name, "Steam." It was an unexpected hit and the songs they recorded that were MEANT to be hits never DID become hits...so, one of the singers, Garrett Scott, refused to sing any more songs with Steam and did not help with the full-length album.

Q: My brother says that a candy company sponsored the bubblegum group The 1910 Fruitgum Company. Is he right?

A: No, he's not right! The inspiration for the band name "1910 Fruitgum Company" came from member Frank Jeckell. He found an old bubble gum wrapper while going through an old trunk in his attic. The New Jersey band's biggest hits were "Simon Says," "1-2-3 Red Light" (both from 1968), and "Indian Giver" (1969).

See Rock 'n' Roll on page 10.

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Ave., Animal Complaint-Wasson Rd./Daymon Dr., Assist EMS-Worden Rd./Bowdish Rd., Malicious Destruction of Property-San Luray Dr./San Marino Ave.

Thursday 12/15 - Animal Complaint-W. M-36/Dreamcatcher , Assist EMS-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr., Intimidation/Threats/Harassment-Watson Dr./Channel Dr.**Friday 12/16** - Civil Complaint-Dexter Trl./Van Syckle Rd., Assist EMS-Spears Rd./Rose Hill Rd.**Saturday 12/17** - Domestic Verbal-San Luray Dr./San Marino Ave., Dog Bite-Deep Valley Rd./Dutton Rd.**Monday 12/19** - Property Damage Accident-Doyle Rd./Kane Rd., Fraud-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.**Tuesday 12/20** - Animal Complaint-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd., Civil Complaint-Dexter Trl./Van Syckle Rd., Assist EMS-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd.**Wednesday 12/21** - Civil complaint-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Dr., Assist EMS-Dream Catcher/W. M-36**Thursday 12/22** - Assist Other Agency-Berkshire Dr./Gregory Rd.**Friday 12/23** - Hazard-Dutton Rd./Dexter Trl., Motorist Assist-M-36/Gregory Rd.**Saturday 12/24** - Property Damage Accident-Wasson Rd./Weller Rd.**Sunday 12/25** - Welfare Check-Kane Rd./Green Rd.**Tuesday 12/27** - Assist EMS-Twin Ponds Trl./W. M-36, Respond to Alarm-Wasson Rd./Weller Rd.**Wednesday 12/28** - Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct., Assist EMS-M-36/Dutton Rd., Littering / Dumping-Katherin Ct./W. M-36**Thursday 12/29** - Larceny-M-36/Spears Rd., Hazard-M-36/Main St., Assist EMS-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd.**Saturday 12/31** - Assist EMS-Worden Rd./M-36Chief David S. Russell
Unadilla Township Police Department**Waterloo Township Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes Dec 19, 2022**

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

Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz, Beck. Also present: Rohn Tripp, Building/Zoning Inspector and residents.

Public Comment: Bill Richardson asked about electric on the light poles in Waterloo so that the Christmas decorations will light up. Lance said he will contact Consumer's again to get a quote and to try to get the matter going forward. The poles also need new brackets for all of the flags and decorations in Munith and Waterloo.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Deputy Moore's report for November was as follows: Deputy Moore and deputies assigned to Waterloo Township worked 167 hours and patrolled 1,960 miles. Deputies responded to 23 calls for service. Deputies conducted 9 traffic stops and issued 2 citations. The Sheriff's Office responded to 21 calls for service. The Michigan State Police responded to 17 calls for service.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: Walz stated that they are looking to get grant money to replace some of the more unsafe pieces of equipment in the Munith Park. She will be applying for grants now that the Parks and Recreation Updated Plan is approved. They are talking of hosting an artisan market here in the spring or summer/fall to spotlight local vendors bedding plants, homemade items, crafts, antiques, etc. It could tie in with Waterloo Farm Museum days or any other special events going on in our Township. Half the cost of the fencing for the Clear Lake County Park has been sent to Jackson County.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission report was given by Beck. The laptop has been ordered and they are working on the mapping program.

• There was discussion on a mobile coffee truck that may be in Munith a couple mornings a week. There is no ordinance prohibiting it, and it won't be a food truck.

• There was discussion on the condition of some of our secondary roads. John Beck traveled the roads that were questionable and gave a report on conditions. We will enquire about the cost of trying to repair at least 4 miles of the worst. Kitley will contact MDOT regarding cost.

• Walz motioned with support from McAlister to remove Christine Harrison from the bank accounts. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

• There was discussion on reimbursing miles for Board members for trips to the bank, as well as training. It was decided to do some checking on how to go forward with this issue and cover the specifics of what can be legally reimbursed.

Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Rohn Tripp talked about the issues with the property on Welch Lake Road that is creating several issues, including no access to the house without going through the trailer park, etc. The Township lawyer will be involved going forward. Walz spoke of the topics covered at the Fahey law group conference that she attended in Okemos. She gained a lot of valuable information applicable to the Township workings.

Public Comment: Bill Richardson asked about the status on the fire barn on the Township property. It will have a good effect on the home insurance costs for residents. A new quote has been requested from the builder that is more in keeping with our budget. Also questioned if there was money for the Clear Lake Road County Park. Beck explained the Lucas Device that is now being used for heart attack patients that works on its own so that EMTs can attend to other medical needs on the patient. Beck said they will do a demonstration on this and our AED CPR machine at one of the Board meetings so that everyone can see how they function.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Aye/all; no/none.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on January 24th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootwpmi.gov and on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan.

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

Community Calendar

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – Prepared Meals for Seniors through Stockbridge Area Senior Center, noon to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center**Every Tuesday and Thursday** - MSU Extension Program Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, 7 to 8 a.m. online**Every Wednesday** - Family Storytime (ages 6 and up), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library**Every Wednesday** - Movers and Readers Storytime (up to age 3), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library**Every Wednesday** – Pop-up food distribution for anyone in need, 1 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Community Outreach**Every Thursday** - Coffee Chat, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library**Everything Thursday** – MSU Extension Program Mindfulness for Well-being, 7 to 9 p.m. online**Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates)** - Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library**Until Feb. 8:** Make a Valentine for a Senior: Stockbridge Community Library. Drop-in during open hours.**Feb. 1** – MSU Extension Program Mortgage 101: How much home can you afford?, noon to 1 p.m. Zoom**Feb. 2** – MSU Extension Program SLEEP: Sleep Education for Everyone, 9 to 9:30 a.m. Zoom**Feb. 2** – MSU Extension Program Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. online**Feb. 2** – MSU Extension Program Preserving MI Harvest – Beans, Beans, and More Beans, 1 to 2 p.m. Zoom**Feb. 3** – Livingston Link-Up, 4 to 6 p.m. at Community Church in Brighton**Feb. 7** – Sons of American Legion Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510**Feb. 8-22:** Blind Date with a Book. Stockbridge Community Library.**Feb. 11** – Chicken Supper, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plainfield United Methodist Church**Feb. 13** – American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510**Feb. 18** – Union 4 Life Breast Cancer Charity Casino Trip Fundraiser to FireKeepers Casino (See ad on page 3)**Feb. 27** – Stockbridge Area Arts Council Meeting, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Activity Center**Feb. 28** – American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510**For more community events visit:** www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com
To add your community events to our free community calendar, email submissions to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.**Stockbridge Township Meeting Minutes Jan. 16, 2023**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on January 16, 2023 at 7:37pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Terry Sommer Member absent from meeting; Trustee Ed Wetherell Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting agenda as printed Wireman second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen Comments None

Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting minutes from December 19, 2022 as printed Sommer second All in Favor Motion carried

Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township financial report as printed from April 1, 2022 thru January 16, 2023 Wireman second All in Favor Motion Carried

Stockbridge Township Quarterly Building Department Report is as followed Zoning Permits 3 New Permits, Building Permits 21 New Permits (1 new pole barn, 2 new roofs, 1 new window, 1 renovation, 1 carport, 1 crawl waterproofing, 2 assessments, 1 Tower), 10 new Electrical Permits, Mechanical Permits 9 new permits, 4 new Plumbing Permits, 0 new Driveaway Permits, 0 Address Permits, 0 new Demolition permits Old Business

Update on Harvest Fest Number and discussion on Harvest Fest 23 will be September 29th and 30th 2023 Update on renovations on 219 Elm Stockbridge Area Senior Center and Stockbridge Township Hall

New Business

SASC Director Dana Blaszkowski and President Heather Armstrong gave an update on the SASC activities and upcoming Community Breakfast Wireman motion to approve the Stockbridge Township Board meeting time and dates for 2023 time will be 7:30 PM. Dates are as follow Jan 16, 2023, February 20, 2023 March 20, 2023 April 17, 2023 May 15, 2023 June 19, 2023 July 17, 2023 August 21, 2023 September 18, 2023 October 16, 2023 November 20, 2023 and December 18, 2023 Stockbridge Township Board will hold annual Budget meeting on March 28, 2023 at 9 am and March 30, 2023 at 9 am Sommer

Second All in Favor Motion Carried Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Solar Ordinance as is recommended by the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept all changes to the Stockbridge Township Marijuana packet as recommended by the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Wireman Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept changes to Accessory Building Article 7 Section 8.03.01 Ordinance as recommended by the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission as printed Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Sommer Yes, Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion to accept changes to Noise Vibration Section 8.06 as recommended by the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept changes to Child Group Daycare Home as recommended by Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Sommer Second Roll Call vote Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf will look in to quote for the Stockbridge Library Camera

Lantis will look in to removing lights from the Stockbridge Township Christmas Tree Stockbridge Township will have Movies on the square May 19, 2023 June 16, 2023 July 21, 2023 August 18, 2023 September 29, 2023 and Halloween Night October 31, 2023

All movies will start at dusk and will be outside unless the weather is bad and then we will move it inside the Stockbridge Township Hall

Stockbridge Township is starting to look at the process of detachment of Stockbridge Township Properties from the Village of Stockbridge

Sommer motion to pay Stockbridge monthly bills in the amount of \$128,896.74 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen's Comment None

Lantis Motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township regular Board Meeting at 8:52 PM Sommer Second All in Favor Meeting Adjourn BM

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Stockbridge Library helping to Make a Valentine for a Senior this February

by Head
Librarian Sherri
McConnell

Once again, the library is providing materials to Make a Valentine for a Senior. We received such a generous response from the



Photo provided by CADL Stockbridge.

community last year. Working with the Stockbridge Area Senior Center these valentine cards will be provided to those receiving the Meals on Wheels services. Drop in and make one or more valentine cards during library open hours until Feb. 8.

Looking for something new to read? Need a new recommendation but don't know what you're looking for? Want to step out of your comfort zone? Then this event is perfect for you! Blind Date with a Book is being held at the Stockbridge Branch Feb. 8-22 during our open hours. We will have carts displayed with books for all ages from children to adults, the only catch is that you don't get to see what you're checking out. Every book will be wrapped so all you get to know about it is whatever short description is written on the front. And as a bonus, every blind date book that you check out comes with a chance to win a prize!

Finally, we're asking members to tell us what they love about CADL! During the month of February, visit any CADL branch and grab a paper heart from the checkout desk, add what you love and return it to the desk to be added to the display. This is one of the many ways we're celebrating our 25th anniversary. Learn more at cadl.org/25.

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

Harlem Wizards page 1



Kids were selected from the crowd to participate in multiple games and activities. Photo credit Double D Imagery

After selling more than 700 tickets, the stands were filled, and the energy was electric! Laughter and cheers floated through the gym all night long, while music pumped up both the crowd and the players. The dunks were rim-rattling, high-flying and awe-inspiring. The hoop artistry, ball-handling, tricks, and teamwork were mesmerizing. Stockbridge Strong player Clyde Whitaker, a lifelong Stockbridge resident and 1973 Stockbridge High School alumnus shared, "It was exciting to get out on the court and play with all these great men and women, and I was glad to volunteer. It brought me back to my high school days of getting ready for a Tuesday night game!" Whitaker hit a 3-pointer that night, proving he's still got it!

An integral part of the event's fundraising success was the generous sponsorships received from area businesses including; BelFost Construction; Ransom & Salow Brothers Farm; Polar Insulation; The State Bank; Abbott & Fillmore Insurance Agency; Smokehouse 52 BBQ; The G.U. Crew Powered by Howard Hannah; Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing and Heating; The Red Apron Eatery; Boyd Heating & Cooling; Carney's Complete Auto Service; Print-tech, Inc.; Lori Zick and Roberta & Gary Ludtke for their memorial gift in memory of Ed Zick; My Body Shop; Five One Seven Salon/Spa; Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition; Secret Crisis Comics; Brewster Tire and Towing; SRSLY Stockbridge; Mike & Tina's Party Store; Ralph's Gun Shop; TownePlace Suites By Marriott; and Graham's Goodies. The Boosters are extremely grateful for their support and would also like to thank Stockbridge Community Schools and their staff (administrative/ teaching/ coaching/ support) as well as the many volunteers, players, and refs that helped make this event a success! Lastly, special thanks to the wonderful community that came out STOCKBRIDGE STRONG to support this event! YOU are the true Hometown Heroes!

The Wizards played an exciting game against the "Stockbridge Strong" team of Stockbridge Community School District teachers, principals, alumni, and community leaders. Jeff Trapp, Jr/Sr High School principal, who helped recruit and coach the home team said, "I've been looking forward to this event — we have such a great community — it's fantastic to see everyone come together and support the boosters and our athletic programs in such a fun way." Trapp played in the 2018 Wizards event.

Rock 'n' Roll page 7

Q: What was the name of that other religious rock musical that came out after "Jesus Christ Superstar?"

A: I believe you're thinking of the Broadway musical "Godspell," which was based on the Scripture of St. Matthew. It spawned the 1972 Top 20 hit single "Day By Day." "Godspell" was originally conceived as an essay by Carnegie Tech student John-Michael Teblak to complete his master's program.

Q: My grandson doesn't believe me that records were called "platters" or that the group of the same name was named after them. Please set him straight.

A: It's true, grandkid. The group who called themselves "The Platters" (whose 1950s hits include "Only You," "The Great Pretender" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes") began as an all-male quartet in 1953 (adding a female member later) and named themselves after the nickname used in the "olden days" for vinyl records.

Q: I always get confused by the two versions of "Everlasting Love." So who did it first?

A: Yeah, sometimes it's hard to tell the versions apart if you don't scrutinize the song whenever you hear it. The original version was recorded by Robert Knight in 1967. Carl Carlton recorded the song in 1972 but the record label he was recording for was sold, so his take on "Everlasting Love" wasn't released until 1974. Then, a version by Rex Smith & Rachel Sweet made it into the Top 40 in 1981. In 1978, Andy Gibb had a hit with a record titled "Everlasting Love" but it was a different song entirely. To add to the confusion, there were two other entirely different songs with the title "Everlasting Love" that made the charts: one in 1989 by Howard Jones and another in 1992 by Tony Terry.

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.

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Obituaries

Betty Jane Price



Betty Jane Price
Aug. 22, 1939 to Jan. 8, 2023

Betty Jane Price, born to Donald and Reva Hile, Betty was a graduate of Fowlerville Schools. She passed away in Zephyrhills Florida on January 8th, 2023 after a brief illness. Betty drove school buses for the Stockbridge Community Schools, was part business owner in L&S car wash, Schaible's Laundromat and Schaible Construction Businesses and was a housekeeper at Chelsea Hospital.

Betty is survived by her husband Richard Price, their 7 children and 8 grandchildren.

These include Betty's daughters with her first husband Jack Schaible: Linda Bukovac (Larry Sietz) and Michele Messisco (John), and grandchildren Rebecca Bukovac and Travis Messisco. They also include Betty's 5 stepchildren through her marriage with Dick Price: Laurie Phillips, Tammy Penos (David), Linda Balcom (Pete), Deena McDaniel (Jim), and Dean Price, as well as grandchildren Courtney Penos, Cammey Penos, Sean Philips, Andrew Marcoux, Megan Golden and Brook McDaniel.



Festival of Tables

Save the Date!

March 11-18, 2023 for the annual on-line Festival of Tables fundraiser auction. All proceeds benefit the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation, and are used to support the community. The online auction will start on March 11 and end on March 18 at 9 p.m.. Item pickup will be March 19 from noon to 4 p.m. at Heritage School.

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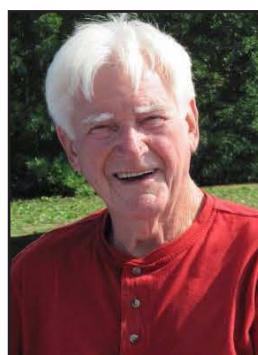
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March 11-18

 STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Dr. Walter Francis Jarvis, Jr.



Dr. Walter (Walt)
Francis Jarvis, Jr.
Oct. 22, 1923 to Jan.
9, 2023

Dr. Walter (Walt) Francis Jarvis, Jr., 99, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away at Chelsea Hospital on January 9, 2023. His loving family was with him during the last days of his life. He was born October 22, 1923 in Redford, MI to Walter, Sr. and Ida (Demmons) Jarvis. He married Antonia (Toni) Vetter on June 25, 1949 in Ann Arbor and they moved back to Ann Arbor where he set up his very successful Optometric practice. Walt and Toni had three sons: John (Ingebord), Wally (Sherry), and Marc (Laura), who survived them both.

He was preceded in death by Toni; his parents, Walter and Ida; his three brothers, Robert, Tom and Howard; and a granddaughter, Ginger.

Walt is survived by his sons, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Walt was a world traveler, cyclist, hiker, hunter, private pilot, outdoorsman, photographer, avid reader, and card shark. He loved spending time with his family, and would bend over backwards to help them in any way he could.

Walt was a member of Kiwanis, Elks, American Legion; was president of the Ann Arbor Junior Chamber of Commerce, an active member of the Ann Arbor German Park, and the Ann Arbor Schwaben Verein.

Walt served in the Army Air Corps as a decorated aviation photo lab technician during World War II and was honorably discharged after the war.

Walt was cremated and his sons will spread his ashes in places he loved. A memorial service will be held on a date in August to be determined.

William Neuenschwander

William Neuenschwander, age 98, of Stockbridge, MI, died December 18, 2022, at Chelsea Hospital. Bill was born July 8, 1924 in Switzerland to Gottfried and Emma (Brechbuhl) Neuenschwander.

After emigrating to, first Canada, then the US, Bill was a Tool and Die Maker, retiring from Republic Tool & Die in 1989, having moved to Stockbridge in 1981, where he and his wife Esther owned a farm and raised Angora goats.

In 2020, Bill moved to Silver Maples Assisted Living in Chelsea.

Bill was predeceased by Esther, his wife of 56 years, in 2011. He is survived by his sister Erika, of Switzerland. Also surviving are three children, William (Barbara) Neuenschwander of Dearborn, Dr. James (Patricia) Neuenschwander of White Lake, and John (Genevieve) Neuenschwander of Ann Arbor, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Death Notices

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

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

- Myrle Jean Kunzelman, of Munith, died Dec. 27, 2022
- Judith A. Glynn, of Stockbridge, died Dec. 30, 2022
- Louis F. Prus, of Munith, died Jan. 12, 2023
- Claude "Bill" Day Sturgill Jr., of Leslie, died Jan. 18, 2023



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Dear SCN readers,

Each month, our SCN Board meets, and one of the first to take the floor is our treasurer, Judy Williams. It's during her Treasurer's Report that we review income vs. expenses. Thanks to our generous advertisers, our tremendous group of volunteers, and the dedication of those few supporting staff members who are paid (and not nearly what they are worth), we are still managing to keep SCN afloat.

But it's not easy. And our income from advertising is not covering our expenses.

At these meetings, our Treasurer also acknowledges, by name, those readers who send us donations—this year in amounts anywhere from \$5 to \$1,000. Their heartfelt notes include messages like, "we really appreciate our small-town paper" or "keep up the good work" and "thanks for all you do." But our donors deserve a big thank you, too. Trust us when we say that no donation is too small—we appreciate them all.

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Bridge to Wellness**February is International Boost Self-Esteem Month****by Emily Stewart**

This month, we would like to highlight ways to build positive self-esteem in honor of International Boost Self-Esteem Month.

Self-esteem is your confidence level and how you feel about yourself. We all have had different experiences throughout our lives that may have affected our self-esteem levels, either positively or negatively. The good news is if you feel you have a lower sense of self-esteem, science says you can increase it over time.

According to NationalToday.com, here are three ways to observe International Boost Self-Esteem Month and help grow your self-esteem:

- **Remember your past accomplishments.** This is a time to remind yourself of the amazing things you've done, no matter how little they seem. Doing this will encourage you to look forward to doing more.

- **Accept and give compliments.** Make sure when someone admires you or says something nice about you, or what you have, you believe them and sincerely appreciate the words. As you feel more confident with the compliments, do well to help others feel the same, too.

- **Build habits that will promote self-improvement.** Whether it's to get in better shape or to perform better in a class, develop habits that will help you achieve these desires. Eventually, they'll become realities and you will see just how amazing you are.

Remember, growth takes time and professionals are available to talk to if you need some extra support with your mental health journey. Check out the resources below for more information.

- **Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties.** Provides mental health and substance abuse services to adults and youth residing in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

Phone: (517) 346-8318; or for 24-hour Crisis Services: (517) 346-8460.

Website: ceicmh.org

- **Washtenaw County Community Mental Health CARES.** Services for all ages; offers short-term stabilization services including individual and group therapy, peer support and psychiatry services for residents in Washtenaw.

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Change is on the way

School increases sports funding

by Grace Burg, *Uncaged* Reporter

The common misconception is that all of a school's money goes to sports, but that's not necessarily the case. The Athletics department has been predominantly self-funded in the past years.

Susan Lockhart has worked in the school district for the past 18 years and has been a coach in almost every sport they offer.

"We have always had to fundraise for uniforms and it's been very frustrating and time-consuming. Not only is fundraising for uniforms frustrating, but pretty much all other equipment the teams need is fundraised for too," said Lockhart.

The Stockbridge Athletic Boosters is a non-profit organization that was created to raise funds to help support and promote involvement in athletics. They raise money through many different things including concession sales, raffles, fundraisers and many more events. The boosters provide funding to each sport that puts in a request for money. In the past years, they have been the main contributor to keeping the sports running.

Other coaches have assumptions about what sports receive the majority of the sports funding.

"It always seems that football and basketball get the most attention, and spring sports, in general, are overlooked," said previous varsity softball coach Darren Hejnal.

Although football received the most attention from spectators, it is not necessarily funded the most. In previous years, coach Jeremy Killinger has paid for the HUML membership out of his own pocket. These memberships can cost anywhere from \$900-\$3,300 a year.

"The school provides me with twelve footballs each year, \$2,000 for helmet reconditioning and recertification each season for many years, and, in the last three years, 6 helmets per year," said Killinger. "All other equipment and uniforms are provided through fundraising and donation."

Jeremy Killinger, who has been a part of the Stockbridge coaching staff for the past 28 years, is also the Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach.

"The school provides me with 3 soccer balls each year. All other equipment and uniforms have been provided for through fundraising or donation," Killinger said.

Like the other sports programs, boys and girls basketball programs have been self-funded in the past years but are hoping for a breather.

"In the past four years, boys basketball has been completely self-funded. Funds to operate each season and to purchase uniforms and equipment were raised annually by myself and the players in the program," said varsity boys basketball coach Jacob Robidou. "This year the district has been generous enough to pay for our new uniforms, which helps us a lot. This takes some pressure off us to raise money for upcoming uniform replacement and allows us to pursue other goals that will help us build the program in the future."

The 2022-2023 school year is a year for changes though. The boys basketball team was not the only one who received more funding from the school. Recently, the school took over the football HUML membership from the athletic boosters which helped the football program fund other necessary things like team warm ups and other equipment. The Stockbridge Athletic Program has also dedicated \$500 for each sport automatically with an allowance of more money being provided after a request. Finally, the school created a new uniform rotation which allows the boys and girls' basketball teams to have brand-new uniforms this season.

Although predominantly self funded before, the school is finally giving all programs the breather they deserve.

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FALL SPORTS RECAP

Girls and Boys Cross Country placed second and third at the GLAC finals held at Perry. Both teams won a regional title. Michah Bolton, Collin Cook and Ethan Wright all placed in the top 10 to end the season strong.

PHOTO KEITH MICHAELS

The football team finished strong with a 6-3 record. The boys put an end to their season with a win against Dansville (20-14) but did not make the playoffs this year.

PHOTO PAM MACKINDER

The volleyball team finished with a 15-19 record. The panthers advanced against Ovid-Elsie in the first round of districts hosted at home, and then fell in 3 games to Laingsburg to wrap up their season.

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Boys soccer improved from previous years with a 5-14-2 record. In the past 5 years, the boys had only won three games.

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GRACEE ROBIDOU. Reporter



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Among the 90 projects submitted this year, the new grandstand received some of the greatest public support. While it was initially proposed last year, the project was rejected in favor of the city of Mason's wastewater treatment. Now that the grandstand has been approved, the county is set to receive the money in the next six to eight months, with a construction start date yet to be announced.

The original grandstand was a source of many happy memories for fairgoers since its construction in 1936. Following its demolition, members of the community have advocated tirelessly for a new facility, including organizing fundraising efforts. Local leaders, including Ingham County Fairgrounds Events Director Lindsey McKeever and members of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, have helped to lead these endeavors.

"The construction of a new grandstand will truly unlock the potential of the fairgrounds and all we have to offer to our residents of Ingham County and our surrounding areas," McKeever says. With the new funding, "the fairgrounds will regain its heartbeat and with it the opportunity to continue to provide a space for families to make lifelong family memories."

Mason's mayor pro tempore, Leon Clark, says, "The impact of the new grandstand will be far-reaching; the venue will draw visitors from the immediate area, from around the state, and possibly other states... For the locals, the new grandstand will help enhance something that we and local government think is just as important as the economics, and work very hard at, and that is the sense of placemaking [in the community]."

Slotkin has heard requests for the project since becoming a representative. Given her childhood living on a farm and visiting the Oakland County Fair

annually, she was aware of and sympathetic to the demand for a new Ingham County grandstand. And she admits that she hopes to participate in a demolition derby at the fairgrounds.

Current plans for the grandstand total an estimated \$2.2 million, not including restrooms, electricity, and other amenities. There is no requirement for the community to match the funds, but additional fundraising will likely be required to add these facilities.

The various other projects approved for District 7 will strengthen public services in the area, including public trails, fire and police departments, and other infrastructure developments, according to Slotkin's office.

In addition to the new grandstand, funding has also been secured for a Stockbridge school-based health center to be used by the village and surrounding townships. Watch SCN for future news as more details become available about the new health center.

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Busy Stockbridge FFA Chapter to share information in celebration of National FFA Week



Stockbridge FFA members Chase Sommer, Hunter Pidd and Jacob Collin at the American Legion Tractor Show. Photos provided by Elizabeth Vliet

by Elizabeth Vliet

Members of the Stockbridge FFA Chapter had a busy and successful year so far. Over the first semester, the students attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. Later this year, the chapter continues its busy schedule and plans to participate in National FFA Week activities.

Stockbridge students also entered the Michigan FFA Broiler Contest. To compete in this contest, students were responsible for raising 25 chickens, as a group, from 1 day old to 8 weeks of age. The chickens then were taken to Munsell's Poultry Processing in Fowlerville for processing.

The students received a score based on the look of their chickens' skin and feet, the weight of the birds and their overall shape.

The Stockbridge FFA members also were involved with the American Legion at the tractor show, worked at the Farmer's Market and made a float for the Homecoming Parade and Festival of Lights Parade.

Later on this year, the chapter plans on attending the FFA State Convention March 8-10 at Michigan State University. Students will compete in the Crop Management Challenge. This challenge is designed to expand an FFA member's agronomy and marketing skills by competing against other chapters across the state. Members must make sound agronomic and environmental decisions in a demonstration plot of corn or soybeans. Students also will take part in leadership contests and agriculture skills contests. New officer elections are coming up, as well as National FFA Week on Feb. 18-25.

National FFA Week is a week dedicated to sharing what FFA is all about and the impact it has on its members. Throughout the week, chapters set up many different activities for their schools, community and members. This year, the Stockbridge Chapter will be sharing information about the FFA with the entire student body during FFA Week, in addition to joining in National Wear Blue Day on Friday, Feb. 24, as FFA members around the country wear their FFA jackets to school.



FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. (Front row, L-R) Clarissa Hill, Isabella Eccleton and Hannah Marshall. (Back row, L-R) Alan Hill, Marcus Hill, Jacob Collin, Megan Mackinder and Hayden Keiser.

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The races draw a crowd, and usually one or two racers will drive their snowmobiles over from a neighboring village to compete. Speaking of snowmobile races, the world's longest and toughest snowmobile race, the Iron Dog, goes through my village. People gather to watch the racers speed through and cheer them on.

If you missed it: You can read Karlee Fillmore's first article about teaching in Alaska on page 1 of the January 2023 edition of the Stockbridge Community News.

Staff Spotlight: Melissa Asher is thankful for all the good things in her world, including her young students

by Amy Haggerty



Amy Haggerty

You can find Melissa Asher working with students at Smith Elementary School, from the Young 5's through second graders. This youngest population represents the future, and Asher feels fortunate to be given this opportunity to work with these children in our community. She works hard on developing their math and basic reading

skills because early skills are predictors for future academic success. In this way, she is providing the students in the community with skills they can carry through their adult lives.

Asher grew up with four siblings in Jackson, Kentucky. She attended Eastern Michigan University and Jackson College here in Michigan.

She and her husband Clarence have been married for 38 years and have two grown children. Michelle, their daughter, is 33 and married to Christopher Pate. They have two children, Isaac and Elaina who are 9 and 4 years old, respectively. The Ashers' son, Michael, is 31 and married to

At Smith Elementary, Melissa Asher works hard developing math and basic reading skills for Young 5's through second graders. Photo provided by Melissa Asher.

Alexis Camp. They have a son, Clarence, who is 6 years old.

Asher says her husband Clarence inspires her every day to work her hardest and do her best. Her grandchildren are also her inspirations. Grandson Clarence encourages Asher to "have a kind and gentle heart." Her granddaughter Elaina inspires her to "be myself and to truly enjoy every day."

Asked about what she enjoys most about her job, Asher replied, "Finding the best way to teach each child. And, I feel honored to live in such a tight-knit community."

"I am often stopped by children or parents throughout my day to say 'hi' and to thank me for the work I've done throughout the years. I am always grateful."

In turn, she teaches her students to be kind to one another and reminds them that "Just because you need help learning, doesn't mean you're not smart."

When she's not teaching, she treasures her time with family and enjoys relaxing at home. She also is passionate about bargain hunting and finding good deals at garage sales, secondhand shops, and auction sales!

But working with children is a very important part of her day, and as she says, "They make me smile!" She adds: "I am thankful for all the good things in my world."

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.

Matters of the Heart

Paul and Connie Risner: Romance of 50-plus years spans Dairy Queen, wedding cake, and Burger King

by Connie Risner (as told to Mary Jo David)

Paul Risner and Connie Howard both grew up in Stockbridge and graduated from Stockbridge schools.

The couple first met at the Dairy Queen in Stockbridge, where Connie had an after-school job. Paul asked Connie for a date, and they went out the following Saturday. Readers can assume they must have hit it off because they were married about a year later.

They had a small wedding in Munith on Jan. 13, 1973, and a reception at the American Legion.

"My mom was appalled at only having about six months to prepare for a wedding," Connie Howard-Risner recalls.

Neither she nor Paul recall too many specifics about that special day, although Connie does recall Paul demonstrating his love for her by smearing a bit of cake on her face!

Following their wedding, they lived in Fitchburg for several years but have always lived in the Stockbridge area.

Their daughter, Lisa, and son-in-law, Nick Bolton, have two children—Hannah and Micah. The Risners' favorite memories, hands down, were when their daughter and grandchildren were born, followed by the times they've spent helping with the grandchildren.

See The Risners on page 20.

The Johnstons prove it can be done: 50 years of mutual respect and no arguing

by Chuck Wisman

In 1973, a gallon of gas was 40 cents, a Morton's TV dinner was 36 cents, and for the first time, women could serve on juries in all 50 states. It also was the same year David Johnston and Grace Penhallegon married.

More specifically, the couple was married on Dec. 1, after a six-month courtship. At the time, Grace worked in accounting at Rockwell and David at the Dana Corporation, both in Chelsea. They first met through mutual friends, via a blind date. Both knew from day one that they wished to spend their lives together. They were each impressed by the other's honesty and mutual respect, and both describe the other as "down to earth."

David and Grace have resided in the Gregory area since their wedding, including 44 years at their current address. They describe themselves as primarily opposites when it comes to their interests; yet, they report never arguing or raising their voices with one another. An avid outdoorsman, David has enjoyed cutting wood and gardening most of his life. Grace served 61 years in the choir of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea. For many, many years she was also a popular and renowned baker and decorator of cakes for weddings, birthdays, and graduations in our area.

Both David and Grace are most proud of their two very successful sons, Paul and Dan. Dan currently lives in Portland, Oregon, and Paul in Stockbridge. Coincidentally, the sons each have one son.

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A year after their first date, Paul Risner and Connie Howard became husband and wife. In January 2023, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Photos provided by Paul and Connie Risner



David Johnston and Grace (Penhallegon) Johnston knew from day one they wished to spend their lives together. Photos provided by David and Grace Johnston

Matters of the Heart

Neither snow nor distance have kept Jeral and Becky Whitaker from 50-plus years of wedded bliss

by Shuyler Clark

Like many small towns, Stockbridge has its fair share of longtime residents. Other denizens of the Stockbridge area may recognize Becky (née McKim) and Jeral Whitaker from their longstanding history with the town, as both have been lifelong residents of the village.

The two met in high school, where Becky remembers watching Jeral play basketball. Something in his performance must have charmed her, because the two eventually married on Nov. 27, 1971. Those familiar with the geography of Stockbridge will recognize the First Presbyterian Church opposite the town hall; this was where the couple tied the knot. Another noteworthy aspect of that date was the absurd amount of snow attendees of the ceremony had to endure.

"There was a big snowstorm the night before," Becky recalls, which no doubt made the occasion all the more memorable. She and Jeral overcame the weather challenges that day, made it to their ceremony, and will celebrate their 52nd anniversary later this year.

Becky and Jeral have three children: two sons, Jason and Ryan, and a daughter, Nancy Sommervell. In addition, they have seven grandchildren. The pair value their family as their proudest achievement.

Despite their happy marriage, Becky and Jeral have not been spared the occasional struggle. Becky recalls the most challenging part of their marriage when Jeral lived in Indiana for three years for work.

They consider themselves more of an opposites-attract couple; where Becky is a talker, Jeral is far more quiet.

While they most enjoy spending time with their family, Becky and Jeral have contributed much to the community. Nancy Wisman, Stockbridge Community News vice president, pleasantly recalls the years Becky served alongside her as a teaching aide in the district's preschool.

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Hackworths celebrate 50 years of love and worshipping together

submitted by Larry and Betty Hackworth

Larry Hackworth and Betty Clemons first met as students at Stockbridge High School. They were married Aug. 4, 1972, at Bunkerhill Pentecostal Church of God, and celebrated 50 years together in 2022.

The Hackworths currently live in Fitchburg in a home they purchased in 1978.

Their advice for a lasting relationship is threefold:

- Attend church, worship, and serve God together.
- Each and every day, tell your mate you love them.
- Don't be afraid to show affection to your spouse in front of others.

Larry's favorite memory (so far!) of time spent with Betty, took place in 2007. The couple traveled to Israel with a tour group. As the plane was landing in Tel Aviv, "I looked at Betty, and tears were running down her face. She was going to see the Holy Land and walk where Jesus had walked."



Fifty-two years ago, on Nov. 27, 1971, guests endured a major snowstorm to be in attendance when Jeral and Becky Whitaker tied the knot. Photos provided by Jeral and Becky Whitaker



Larry Hackworth and Betty Clemons Hackworth were married 50 years ago at Bunkerhill Pentecostal Church of God. Photos provided by Larry and Betty Hackworth



Larry Hackworth recalls one of his favorite memories of his wife Betty was watching her emotional reaction to arriving in the Holy Land on a special trip to Israel in 2007.

Matters of the Heart

Summer attraction leads to a longtime marriage

by Joan Tucker

On Aug. 24, 1970, Norma Jean Mitchell (Normi), of Leslie, and Frank Spadafore, of Stockbridge, attended an Italian picnic at SS Cornelius and Cyprian Church on Catholic Church Road. "Frank was so handsome," Normi thought. In fact, she had noticed him in church for a while. Shortly after, a mutual friend set them up on a double date, which led to many more dates and long phone calls.

Exactly 11 months from that Italian picnic, the date was July 24, 1971, Frank and Normi were married at SS Cornelius and Cyprian. Normi was the third generation from her family to be married there. She recalls that, during the wedding, as they knelt at the front of the church (a custom practiced in a Catholic ceremony), they suddenly heard a lot of snickering. Frank's groomsman had written "HE" on Frank's left shoe and "LP" on the right shoe, adding a little humor to a serious event.

The reception occurred at the American Legion Hall in Stockbridge, a night of dancing and celebrating, but later that night as they planned to head off on their honeymoon, the car didn't start. Frank's dad came to the rescue with a borrowed car, and they were off!

Initially, Frank and Normi lived in Stockbridge, in the Doug Mills duplex. Later, they moved to Pinckney, where they lived for 25 years while raising their four boys: Michael, Tony, Joe, and Nick. Normi and Frank finally experienced the joys of little girls when they started having grandchildren. They now have six granddaughters and three grandsons (Ryan, Mya, Hunter, Phoebe, Aidan, Loela, Sienna, Georgia, and Stella). Normi and Frank enjoy all of them, playing Gin 13 and Chinese poker card games, watching movies, and just hanging out. Occasionally, Normi takes the granddaughters to plays that appeal to just girls, a special night out.

For the past 22 years, the Spadafores have lived in Stockbridge and love being close to family and friends.

Traveling has provided this couple's favorite memories. Before their oldest son graduated, they visited the beautiful white beaches of Honolulu and Maui. Frank and Normi were entertained watching their four boys embrace beach life and meet Italian girls from New York City. At their hotel, the boys taught the hotel's pet parrot to swear. The next day, the parrot demonstrated its new vocabulary while the family ate in the hotel dining room, which incited a combination of smirks and laughter. Oh, those boys!

Both Normi and Frank are so proud of their growing family. They continue to spend time together often and value each and every member. Normi had eight siblings and her parents raised them all to feel "loved and cared for." They always had family dinners and went to church together—a great foundation for her as a parent.

As for Frank's advice to people considering marriage, he laughingly says, "Don't do it!" But after thinking a few minutes, he adds, "Don't get married too young. Make sure you are ready." Normi emphasizes that marriage takes work, effort, and communication on the part of both, as evidenced by their 51 years of marriage.



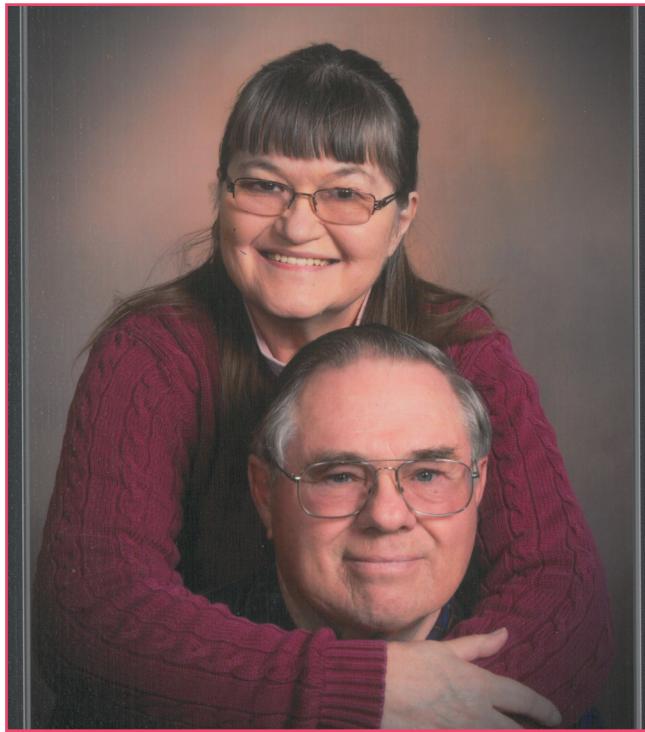
Exactly 11 months after they met at an Italian picnic at SS Cornelius and Cyprian Church in 1970, Frank and Normi Spadafore were married at the same church. Photo provided by Connie Spadafore



The Spadafores emphasize that marriage takes work, effort, and communication on the part of both, as evidenced by their 51 years of marriage. Photo credit Nick Spadafore

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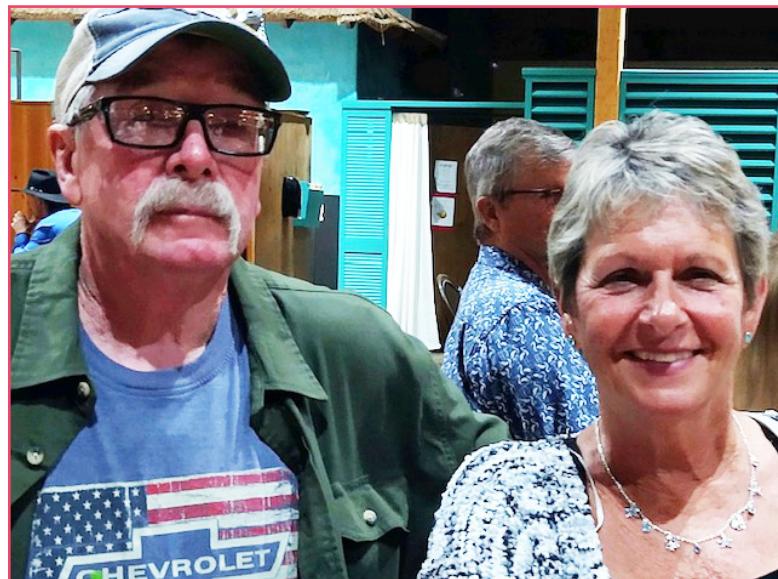
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The Johnstons' advice to those considering marriage today: Respect and love one another through honesty and patience.

another 50 years in a very successful and happy marriage.

The Whitakers page 18



While they most enjoy spending time with their family, Becky and Jeral Whitaker also have contributed much to the Stockbridge community.

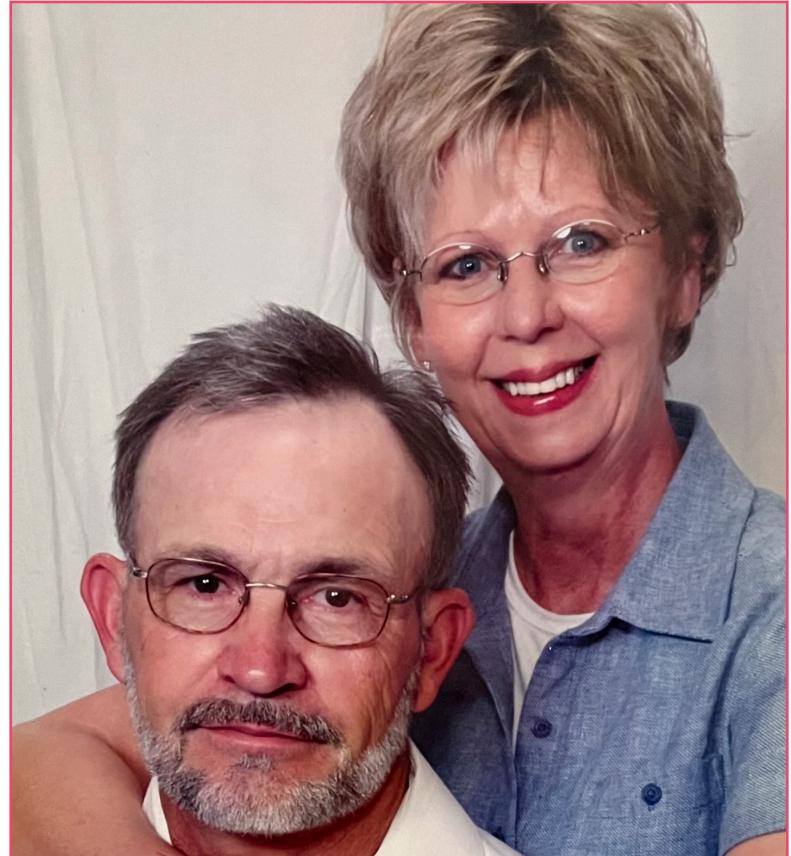
history with the village, Becky and Jeral continue to be model Stockbridge citizens. No doubt, family and area residents will continue to play an important part in the pages of Jeral and Becky's story.

When Paul was delivered at the old St. Joe's Hospital in Ann Arbor, David was busy parking the car after dropping off Grace at the hospital. It was a fast and easy delivery, reported Grace, so quick, in fact, that David actually asked the identity of the baby upon arriving in the delivery room.

Considering their long and successful marriage, one would think Valentine's Day would be memorable; however, both David and Grace simply describe it as "just another day."

Their recommendation to others considering marriage today is to respect and love one another through honesty and patience. It has certainly worked for this couple; David and Grace could easily go

The Risners page 17



The Risners' secret to marriage longevity: "We have always supported each other in any endeavor we pursued."

They also enjoy vacationing in the summer and attending the Risner-Brown family reunions, which were always a lot of fun, not to mention, very unpredictable.

Connie describes Paul as the more outgoing one, while she thinks of herself as a bit shy and very much a homebody.

The couple considered themselves fortunate to be able to celebrate their 50th anniversary together, especially when looking back on a very difficult time in their lives, when Paul was in a terrible accident—hit by a car while at work.

Says Connie, "It was a very difficult time, but we made it with our faith, family and friends."

Having just celebrated their 50th anniversary in January 2023, Connie recalls that Paul suggested they go to dinner. "Jokingly, he mentioned he had gift cards for Burger King," she said. Connie knows her husband well and knows that he does really like Burger King. She added, "And that pretty much sums up our simple married life together!"

Overall, if the Risners can point to the one thing that has made their marriage successful, it would be that "We have always supported each other in any endeavor we pursued."

NOTE: A special thank you to Connie for the work she does in advertising outreach, behind the scenes, every month for Stockbridge Community News.

Outreach in Action**Stockbridge area benefits from 5HF, SAWC, and Outreach collaboration**

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Involved in everything from trails and trikes to Tide Me Over bags, snack banks, cooking classes, playground construction and more, the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) has had a profound effect in our area.

First incorporated as the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation, 5HF is a tax-exempt, private foundation governed by a volunteer board. The board represents populations of the Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge school districts.

The 5HF quest: help folks in our area Eat Better, Move More, Avoid Unhealthy Substances, and Connect with Others in Healthy Ways. In this pursuit, they have worked with established groups and helped to create new ones.

Several successful 5HF collaborations have involved Stockbridge Community Outreach working with the 5HF-affiliated Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC). One example: Outreach's Tide Me Over backpack program — our first joint effort. In spring 2009, Outreach launched a pilot program supplying students on the free school-lunch program with backpacks of food to "tide them over" the weekend. 5HF stepped up with funding in fall 2011, along with Crossroads Community Church, to help Outreach expand the program. We currently serve nearly 90 students each week, in pre-K through 12th grade, during the school year.

Another joint effort: our cooking class, which started in fall 2016 under the tutelage of Suzi Greenway. The class is now taught each fall by Jackie Scheller at the Back Street Hall & Event Center. Participants get tips and tricks for easy, healthy food preparation, how to shop economically, as well as hands-on experience cooking meals together. Participants take home leftovers to enjoy and share.

In fall 2021, Outreach heard from school personnel about students in need of snacks to fuel them through the school day and teachers who were tapping their own limited funds to supply them. SAWC/5HF responded, offering a sponsorship used to create snack banks in each school. That program continues now with additional funding from the Stockbridge Lions Club and others.

The 5HF-Wellness Coalition partnership has also accomplished the following:

- Sponsored the construction/updating of five playgrounds (two in Unadilla Township, one in Munith, and two in Stockbridge).
- Helped fund the building of the greenhouse and pavilion at Heritage School.
- Paid for the refurbishment of the volleyball court at Veterans Park.
- Paid for upgrading and continued maintenance of school-based trails.
- Helped establish and continued its support of the Open Air Market of Stockbridge.
- Collaborated to establish SRSLY Stockbridge.
- Launched an informative, free magazine — Connected — which is mailed out twice a year to the entire five-town service area.

Perhaps the most consequential 5HF effort in Stockbridge is the construction and continued support of the Stockbridge Area Wellness Center — celebrating its 10th year — located in Lantis Plaza of Stockbridge.

Between these and other programs over the years, 5HF has invested close to \$1 million into the greater Stockbridge area!

Having such a helpful partner is a blessing to Stockbridge Community Outreach, and collaboration is convenient with SAWC and Outreach both operating from the same building, the Stockbridge Activity Center.

SAWC meets every other month to discuss community needs and oversee funding to help improve wellness in the Stockbridge Community School District. The next meeting is March 21 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Stockbridge Activity Center. For more information, please email Lori@5healthytowns.org or check out the website at www.5healthytowns.org.

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



Playground behind SAC, off Cherry Street, is accessible and suited for ages 2 – 12.

Photo credit: Jo Mayer

Woah Nellie! These ham sammies are heart stoppers

by Mary Jo David

Welcome to the trailerhood! This month, the 100-year-old recipe redux is even more challenging because it's being prepared in a travel trailer.

While perusing old Stockbridge Sun-Times papers from February 1923 for potential recipes to make in a 2023 kitchen, I came up with three choices for this month—puree of pea soup, brown bread, and hot ham sandwiches. Pea soup would have been a tasting challenge since no one in our house eats peas. Brown bread was a real contender, until two stores I went to didn't have graham flour. So this month, I've landed on hot ham sandwiches, a simple concept that actually called for a surprising number of ingredients.

These sandwiches are a throwback to the Monte Cristo sandwich, also introduced in the early 1900s, in that they are dipped in an egg wash and fried—much like French toast. But the Nellie version does not call for cheese.

Speaking of Nellie, can I just say that after months of remaking her old recipes, I've decided she was quite a tease. One month she provides you with most all of the ingredient measurements, and other months—like this one—there are almost no measurements mentioned. That had to be as frustrating to early 20th century cooks as it is to this cook.

In the case of this month's hot ham sandwiches, the two measurements Nellie did provide were one egg and one-half cup of milk, which were combined for making an egg wash. From there, I determined that the recipe was likely to make two sandwiches, so four slices of bread.

I adjusted the other ingredients accordingly. I finely diced 1/4 pound of boiled ham, creamed two tablespoons of butter to mix with the ham, added about one teaspoon of prepared mustard and less than 1/8 teaspoon of cayenne. I used about a half tablespoon of butter to spread on one side of the bread slices—guessing that Nellie meant for me to butter the insides of the bread. I then assembled the ham mixture onto the bread slices to make two sandwiches.

To the egg and milk wash, I added two pinches of salt. Then I melted another tablespoon of butter in a frying pan. I very carefully laid the sandwiches into the egg wash, drenching both sides of each sandwich, and then placed them in the frying pan. I fried the sandwiches for five minutes on each side, over medium heat, until they were golden brown.

The finished recipe got an unenthusiastic "It's nothing special," from my husband. But upon testing it myself, I have to say, even though the sandwich had no cheese, it tasted better than a grilled ham and cheese sandwich. And while I'm sure it was not Nellie's intention, I can say it was a simple, filling sandwich well suited for serving in our house on wheels.

If you think I called this recipe a "heart stopper" in the headline just because it's Valentine's month—you're wrong. I chose to dub it a heart stopper because of all the butter the recipe calls for!

Current photos by Mary Jo David.

THE KITCHEN CABINET
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WHAT TO EAT
Some evening when you are at a loss to know what to have for supper, try
Hot Ham Sandwiches. — Chop cold boiled ham very fine; add enough creamed butter to make a paste, season with mustard and cayenne and spread on slices of buttered bread. Beat an egg slightly, add one-half cupful of milk and a little salt. Dip the sandwiches in the egg and fry in a little butter until brown on both sides.

Nellie Maxwell
Stockbridge Brief-Sun. February 22, 1923

This "heart stopper" of a recipe consists of sandwiches of creamed butter and diced ham that are dipped in an egg wash and fried, much like the more famous Monte Cristo sandwiches.

Kyle and Madie page 3



The language of love is the same the world over. Kyle proposes to Madie at Bomburu Ella Falls in Sri Lanka.

needed to do later in life!

"When we first started talking about this crazy year of travel I think we thought it was unobtainable. It seemed so far-fetched coming from two small-town kids who have had little exposure to the world outside of Stockbridge. But we knew that if we didn't at least try, we would always regret it. To me, our story is the perfect example of, 'If you want it, go get it,' and that is exactly what we did."

More photos at stockbridgecommunitynews.com. Photos are from @kyleandmadie on Instagram. Follow Kyle and Madie's travels at youtube.com/@kyleandmadie/featured or instagram.com/kyleandmadie/

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Real Estate News & Views

Fear not! There is light at the end of the 2023 real estate tunnel.

by Jackie Scheller

The real estate market continues to experience issues consistent with 2008 and beyond. There is light at the end of the tunnel, however! Your timing is good if you want to sell or buy a home.

The reasons why:

1. Inventory of homes is low and sellers can maintain a strong yet reasonable price expectation.
2. Interest rates are ticking back for those needing a mortgage.
3. Many cash buyers are shopping and buying, which often means a quick close.
4. Some will follow the "sensationalized" news and stay out of the market, which will present an opportunity for you when you list your home.

The bottom line is that economics 101 applies to real estate. The market needs inventory, so listing your home now does make sense if you have somewhere to go. The lower inventory props up the price so you will be in a good position for the bottom line. The "20% above market value" is not at play in 2023, but a good solid price is. Buyers are waiting for homes to be listed in all reasonably priced markets. As the mortgage interest rate settles down, buyers will be interested in moving forward. Be ready when they are!

Start decluttering, doing interior painting and other maintenance to get ready to sell. Contact a licensed Realtor or two to answer your questions. Most Realtors provide a no-obligation consultation. During this consultation, a Realtor will provide a comparative market analysis, a seller net sheet and updates on the local market. Realtors also can provide information in out-of-area markets.

Make the move today! Mid March is an ideal time to list; it coincides with spring buyers entering the market.

Jackie Scheller is a licensed Realtor/real estate broker, local business owner, entrepreneur, and retired business teacher. She holds a master's degree in education from Wayne State and a bachelor of arts from Eastern Michigan University.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS



Gracee Robidou drives toward the basket. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Maddie Dalton runs the point for the Panthers.

Leslie

On Jan. 6, the Panthers then rallied past rival Leslie 43-39.

Stockbridge trailed by four heading into the fourth but outscored the Blackhawks 20-10 in the final period to pull out the win.

Robidou led the way with 12 points, including 10 points in the fourth quarter, hitting five of six free throws down the stretch to seal the win. Kellenberger finished with 11 after battling foul trouble that allowed the Blackhawks to make a big run and take the lead in the third.

Dalton and Lockhart scored eight each and Asquith four.

Olivet

The Panthers couldn't overcome a slow start Jan. 10 and fell to GLAC-leading Olivet 46-29.

Stockbridge struggled in the first half as the Eagles took a 29-11 halftime lead and never looked back to hand the Panthers their first league loss of the season.

Kellenberger led the Panthers with 10 points and Robidou chipped in with nine. Dalton finished with five points and Lockhart three.

Perry

The Panthers bounced back Jan. 13 by pasting Perry 52-14.

Stockbridge held Perry to just five first half points and jumped to a 27-5 halftime lead and never looked back.

Dalton had a big night with four triples and finished with a team-high 18 points.

Lockhart was a force underneath with six points and 15 rebounds. Kellenberger finished with 12 points and six boards, Robidou 14 points, eight rebounds, and five assists, and Melina Sayre two points.

The Panthers are 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the GLAC.

Lady Panthers continue strong play

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge girls returned from the long holiday break and looked like they didn't miss a beat on the basketball court as the Panthers rolled to a 53-27 win over Webberville Jan. 3.

The win was the third in a row for the Panthers and improved their record to 4-2 overall on the season.

Alaina Kellenberger was a force inside from the start, going to the line six times in the first quarter alone and making four to go along with a pair of baskets for eight points in the opening period.

Gracee Robidou scored five in the opening quarter to help the Panthers take a 15-6 lead after one.

The Panthers defense locked down in the second, allowing the Spartans just one three-point basket.

Maddie Dalton hit a pair of triples in the second and the Panthers took a 30-9 lead into halftime.

Kellenberger continued to dominate inside with six more in the third to give the Panthers a 39-13 lead after three.

Dalton had a big night, hitting five triples and finishing with a team-high 19 points.

Kellenberger finished with a double-double of 18 points and 17 rebounds, including 14 offensive boards on the night. Taylor Lockhart grabbed 13 rebounds and scored five points, while Robidou chipped in with 11 points, seven steals, and three assists.

Corunna

The Panthers came up with a big 35-33 win Jan. 5 over Corunna on the road on a game-winning shot by Kellenberger with under 10 seconds left in the game.

Kellenberger hit the jumper to break the tie and the Cavaliers had one last chance, but the ball was knocked out of bounds as time expired, giving the Panthers the win.

Robidou led the Panthers with 13 points, while Kellenberger finished with eight. Dalton chipped in with nine points and three steals. Lockhart scored three and grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds and Taylor Asquith scored two.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Panthers boys basketball team drops three of four after holiday break



Jake Sawicki makes a move for the Panthers. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Drew Robinson looks for a pass.

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge boys basketball team returned to the court after a long holiday break and the players have struggled by dropping three of four games.

The Panthers returned to the court Jan. 3 by blowing past Webberville 59-36.

Kegan Collins scored eight first-quarter points to help the Panthers take a 16-11 lead after one.

The Panthers went cold in the second with the Spartans outscoring them 14-8 to take a 25-24 lead at the half.

The defense locked down on Webberville in the third, allowing the Spartans to score just two points. Collins would score seven in the third and Joey Ballagh four to give the Panthers a 39-26 lead after three with a 15-2 run.

The Panthers would put the game away in the fourth with a 17-9 run to pull away for the win.

Collins had a big night with a team-high 23 points.

Ballagh added 11 points and Drew Robinson 10 points for the Panthers. Noah Lewis chipped in with four, Evan Sandecki, David Kluesner and Jake Sawicki three each, and Jalen Rogozinski two.

Leslie

A cold shooting second half doomed the Panthers Jan. 6 in a 46-42 loss to Leslie.

An 18-4 run in the second quarter gave the Panthers a 28-16 lead at the break, but Stockbridge went cold in the second half.

Stockbridge scored just two baskets in the third quarter, but still held on to a 34-25 lead after three when someone put a lid on the basket.

Leslie went on an 11-1 run to open the fourth quarter to take a 36-35 lead.

The Panthers retook the lead with a pair of Robinson free throws with 2:20 left, but the Blackhawks answered with a triple for a 39-37 lead.

Leslie would add two more, but a driving layup by Robinson cut the lead to 41-39 with 44 seconds left.

After a pair of Blackhawk free throws, Collins nailed a triple with 25 seconds left to cut the lead to 43-42.

Leslie split a pair of free throws for a 44-42 lead and the Panthers had a chance to tie, but a drive to the rim bounced off and Leslie got the rebound and sealed the win with two free throws with eight seconds left.

Collins led the Panthers with 15 points and Robinson 12. Ballagh finished with six points, Kluesner five, and Zach Fletcher four.

Olivet

The Panthers had a rough time against state-ranked Olivet and fell to the Eagles Jan. 9.

Collins hit a triple to open the game, but Olivet went on a 23-0 run and cruised to a 56-30 win over the Panthers.

Collins finished with 10 points to lead the Panthers.

Perry

Another slow start doomed the Panthers Jan. 12 in a 60-51 loss to the Ramblers.

Perry took a 20-9 lead after one quarter, but the Panthers battled back behind four Ballagh triples in the second to take a 29-27 lead at the half.

The Panthers went cold again in the third as the Ramblers outscored them 14-7 to take a 41-36 lead after three.

Perry would seal the win by hitting seven of nine free throws in the fourth.

Ballagh finished with six triples on the night and a team-high 18 points. Collins finished with 14 points, Rogozinski eight, Robinson seven, and Sawicki four.

Stockbridge wrestlers split pair at Dansville

by Mike Williamson

The Panther wrestling team continued to show a big improvement as the season goes on after the Panthers split a pair of matches at Maple Valley on Jan. 11.

The Panthers defeated Maple Valley 30-18 and fell to Dansville 54-12.

Chris Conant and Wyatt Pierce picked up wins for Stockbridge.

The Panthers dropped all four matches at the Jan. 7 Olivet team tournament, but had some strong individual performances.

Jayson Conant picked up four wins on the day to lead the Panthers.

Evan Arbenowske and Chris Conant won two matches each, while Remi Samek and James Lukenich each won single matches.



Paws and Claws

Kidney disease common in dogs and cats

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

Kidneys are very important because they remove waste substances from the blood and maintain the normal balance of fluids and minerals within the body. Any condition that damages the kidneys is called kidney disease.

Some pets may show early warning signs of disease, but signs of serious illness only appear when three-quarters of the kidneys' function already has been lost. Therefore, early detection is very important, especially in aging pets over 7 years old. Simple blood tests are all that is required to test for the disease.

Kidney disease is very common in cats and dogs, but with early diagnosis and treatment, progression can be limited. Many pets go on to live happily for years after they were diagnosed.

Signs of kidney disease can be difficult to recognize. The common signs are increased thirst and urine production, decreased appetite, weight loss, bad breath, vomiting/diarrhea, sore mouth, weakness and lack of energy with increased sleeping.

Kidney disease can be diagnosed by a routine blood test at your veterinarian's office. If your pet has kidney disease, the BUN (blood urea nitrogen) and/or creatinine levels will be high. Your pet also may have abnormal levels of electrolytes such as potassium, phosphorus and calcium.

There are no treatments available that will reverse kidney disease, but the goals of treatment are to slow the progression and treat the clinical signs. Treatments include a diet change to a special kidney diet. The diet contains less protein and phosphorus, making it the most effective way of slowing the progression of kidney disease. Pets that eat these diets can live twice as long as those eating a regular maintenance diet. If dietary changes alone do not accomplish this (or if your pet will not eat the new diet), there are medications that can be given instead.

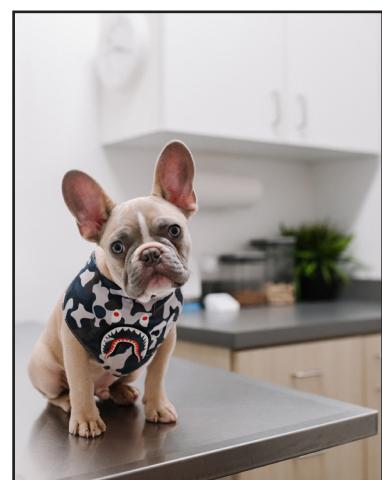


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Follow-up visits are needed to monitor your pet's kidney levels. Frequency of these visits will be determined by your veterinarian and the severity of the kidney disease.

Early detection is the key to slowing the progression. Please do not hesitate to call us at the Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 517-655-5551. I, Dr. Cindy Anderson, and my staff will gladly assist you.

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

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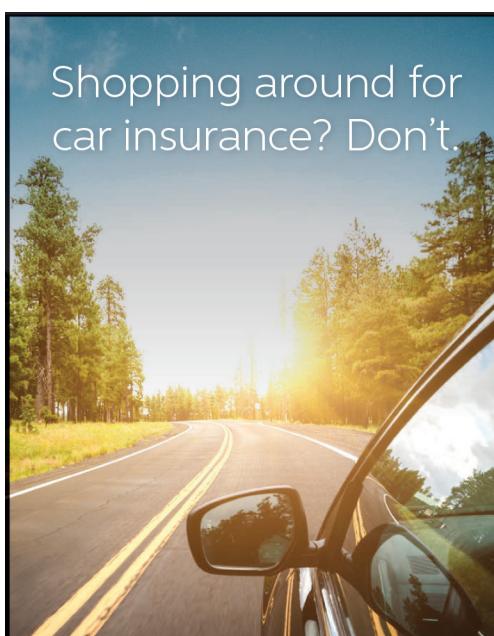
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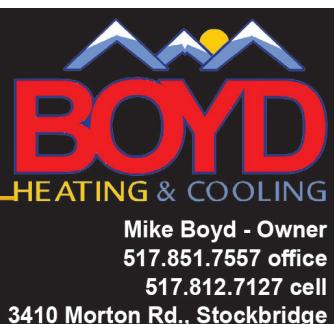
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(It also should be noted that shoe polish is not recommended for cleaning or repairing a car's leather interior because it will not soak up the substance the way that shoe leather does.) If shoe polish gets on your car, go to your local body shop to purchase a specialized cleaner, or consult with a professional.

6. Dust. Dust or dirt on a car isn't exactly attractive to begin with, but when dust mixes with rain, it can cause corrosion to the paint. Gentle car washes can help keep your car free of long-term dust and maintain the finish.

7. Acid rain. Acid rain is just that — acidic. Even after the rain evaporates, the acidic part remains on your car and can damage paint. Again, frequent car washes can help limit this exposure.

8. Dirty towels and rags. Washing your car can be great for the paint, but only if you're using the right towels and rags. Be sure towels and rags are clean and ideally made of microfiber. Also, don't set them down on pavement or gravel while working, as you could pick up dirt or debris that could damage your car's paint.

9. Coffee and soda. Between the sugar and acidic nature of many coffee drinks and sodas, they can spell danger for your car paint. Simply wipe up these spills with a wet paper towel to avoid any lasting effects.

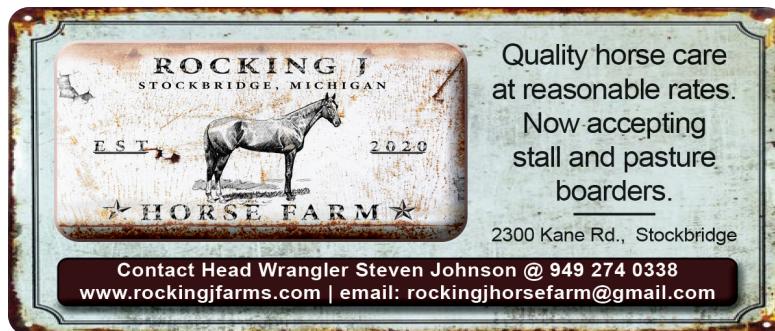
10. Salt. Salt helps keep vehicles safe on slippery winter roads — but it is one of the most corrosive things for car paint. If you live in a cold or coastal climate, it's important to wash your car frequently to keep salt off your car long term to reduce the risk of rust. Ideally, you should also treat your car with a wax sealant before the first snow as an extra precaution.

If there's damage. Find an auto body shop near you if damage has already occurred to your car paint. If you need a consultation with an expert, don't worry. An auto body repair facility near you can help with those repairs.

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



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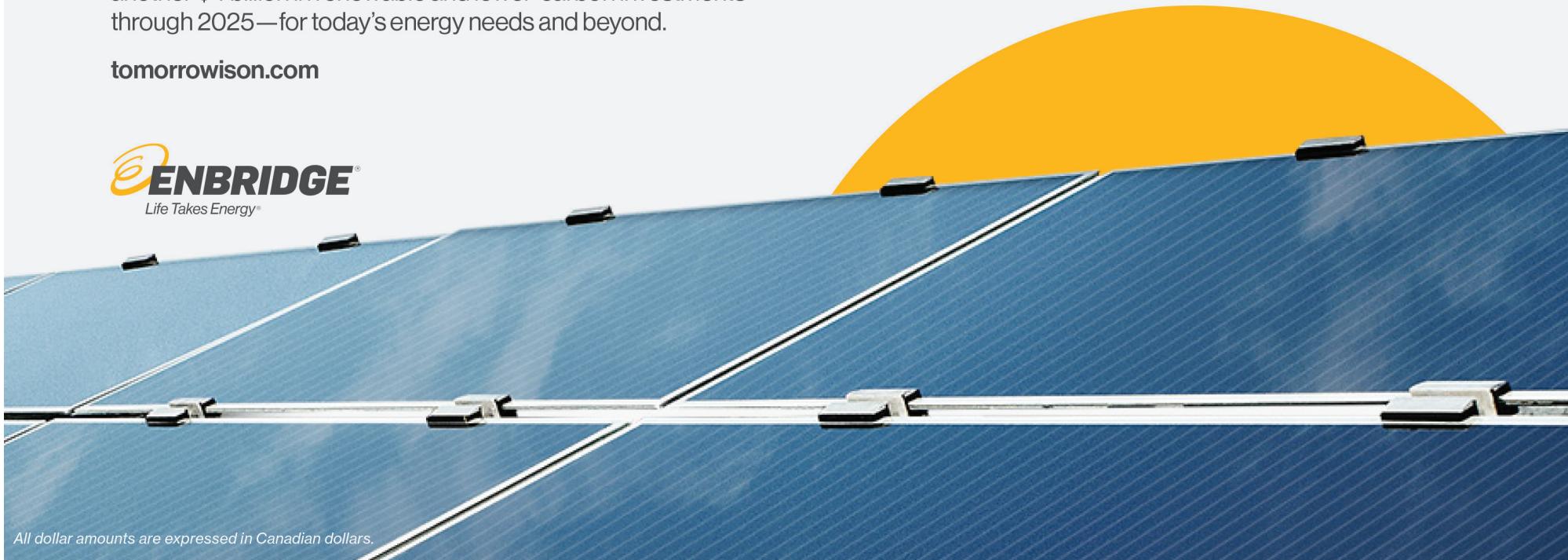


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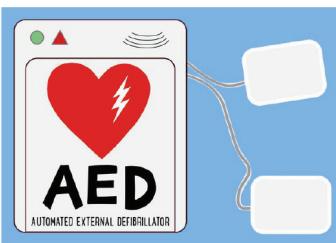
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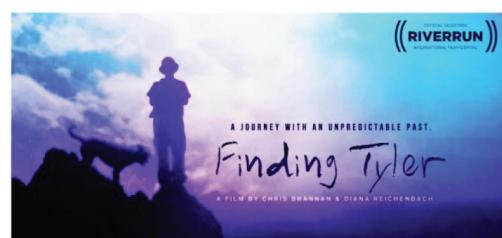
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