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Unadilla Township structure fire leads to arrest of alleged fire impersonator



Information provided by Unadilla Township Police Department

In the early morning of Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, the Unadilla Township Police Department responded to assist the fire department with a structure fire on Van Syckle Court. The Unadilla Township Fire Department also was assisted by Hamburg Township, Putnam Township, and Howell Area Fire Departments in the firefighting efforts.

The fire was extinguished with only minor damage to the residence, although the garage was a total loss. The residents and their animals were uninjured. The fire appears to be accidental, but the cause remains under investigation.

Police said that during the suppression of the fire, a man arrived on scene in a personal vehicle with emergency lights and a siren. He had minimal firefighting gear, including a helmet, safety vest and a radio. According to police, this eighteen-year-old Grand Blanc resident identified himself as a Brighton firefighter; however, the Brighton Fire Department had not been dispatched to assist.

Fire department command staff did not allow this man to participate in firefighting efforts at the scene, after which he left. Fire department staff then notified the police of the suspicious encounter. Unadilla Township police quickly identified the suspect and contacted him, at which time police said the man confessed to responding to the fire scene in Unadilla Township as well as other fire scenes in surrounding counties.

See Unadilla Township fire on page 13.

Students in new alternative education program already show significant progress



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by Joan Tucker and Corey Peña

In the Fall 2022 semester, Stockbridge Community Schools (SCS) started a new and successful alternative education program. Prior to that, the school system had an online component for alternative education, but it wasn't as successful for some students compared to in-person learning. With increased money from COVID relief, this past fall SCS was able to initiate a new alternative education program housed in Gregory's former Howlett Elementary School.

The program is designed to help at-risk students get back on track. Most students who chose to attend alternative education this year did so because they were at risk of dropping out or not graduating on time.

The Panther Alternative for Student Success (PASS) Program uses the Michigan Merit Curriculum to help students attain 18 core credits along with their elective credits. With a smaller class size, unique class structure, and increased counseling and emotional support, students are making gains. They are more engaged and have improved attitudes, academic commitment, and better overall behavior. According to Meghan Kunzelman, the program director, the seniors are very focused on graduating with their class.

See Alternative education on page 23.

Stockbridge FFA Chapter receives \$2,000 donation from Corteva Agriscience



Stockbridge FFA members and advisor are joined by Pioneer representatives from Corteva Agriscience. Photo provided by Bob Richards

Information provided by Bob Richards, FFA advisor

Stockbridge FFA is pleased to announce that Corteva Agriscience donated \$2,000 toward the efforts of getting the chapter off the ground and running for years to come.

The goal of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

See Stockbridge FFA on page 11.

From the superintendent's desk Stockbridge area wins

by Dr. Virginia Resmierski and Brian Friddle



Brian Friddle

When President Joe Biden signed the Congressional Appropriations Bill on Dec. 29, 2022, ensuring government funding for 2023, residents of the

Stockbridge area and students attending the Stockbridge Community Schools had a big WIN.

Included in this bill is \$2.5 million from Congressionally Directed funding for critical services to meet the needs of local communities. The proposal for building funds (capital funding) was submitted by the Stockbridge Community Schools on behalf of the community and surrounding area. It requested federal funds to build, on school property, a school-based health center that will provide services, especially for children, youth and families.

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Rural Perspectives: Fox squirrels fun to observe as they forage for food



Diane Gray Constable

by **Diane Constable**

The fox squirrel is found in forested areas and in our neighborhoods. This squirrel gets its name because its fur coloring reminds people of the gray fox. Its scientific name *Sciurus niger* means "shadow tail with dark fur."

It is our largest tree squirrel, up to 30 inches long with a tail as long as its body. Most of its time is spent on the ground foraging for and burying food. Favorite foods include most nuts, acorns and other tree seeds, plus fruit, some grains, insects, and bird eggs. This 2 1/2 -pound rodent will eat about a pound of food a week. They bury nuts and seeds for future use and sometimes forget where their stash is, resulting in sprouted trees. A favorite ruse is to pretend to bury food to confuse others from knowing where the actual nuts are buried.

Fox squirrels make their nests in tree cavities and frequently build stick-and-leaf nests high in trees. They often have multiple nests and will sometimes move their two to four babies, or kits, from one to another. The kits are born in early spring and open their eyes at about 6 weeks old. They are on their own at around 16 weeks old. A second litter may be born in the fall.



The fox squirrel is our largest tree squirrel, measuring up to 30 inches long, with a tail as long as its body. Photo credit Diane Constable

Although a solitary animal, fox squirrels are often seen chasing each other in trees. Their acrobatics are fun to watch as they leap up to 15 feet from tree to tree and free fall, jumping up to 20 feet to gently land on a branch or tree trunk. Their quick actions and lightning-fast turns also help them avoid predators. They live about 10 years in the wild.

Fun Fact: Fox squirrels can climb down a tree headfirst because their ankle joints can rotate nearly 180 degrees.

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Superintendent page 1

Stockbridge and the neighboring townships are designated by the department of U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, (HRSA), as mental health and medically underserved. The number of residents relative to the number of mental and medical health providers yields that designation—indicating a critical need for more services for children, youth, and adults. Because of its location across four counties, (Ingham, Livingston, Jackson and Washtenaw) Stockbridge is often overlooked when state and county funding allocations are available.

Over a period of three years, Stockbridge leaders examined the community needs, analyzed options, and developed the proposal to provide more sustainable services for the area. They established a partnership with Packard Health, a highly respected, quality health organization in Washtenaw County, to extend services to the Stockbridge area through the new center.

The proposal was developed by Stockbridge faith and other community leaders. It was selected from the many applications that were submitted to Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin. After its selection, it was advocated for by these representatives as it went through further analysis and review in the Senate and House Appropriations Committees and finally through the U.S. Congress. It has now been fully supported and funded.

The new health center (Stockbridge Area-Packard Health), once built, will provide sustainable high-quality medical and mental health services to children, youth, adults and seniors. Working together, school and other village leaders have brought new ideas, energy and now, more financial resources as well, to the Stockbridge area.

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Healing hearts with hope Local business owner fights for her own life after losing 5 in family during one year

by Tina Cole-Mullins

In February, Patty Kerton and her family marked the one-year anniversary of the deaths of her oldest daughter and granddaughter. Patty owns Patty's by the Lake restaurant inside the Country Corner Store at Portage Lake.

At the time of that tragedy, little did the family know it would be the start of an unimaginable chain of events leading to the loss of five loved ones within the next year.

Now after this most difficult 12 months, Patty finds herself in the hospital undergoing emergency heart surgery.

Losing a child is a parent's biggest fear, a fear that Patty woke up to Feb. 8, 2022, when she received a call from the fiancé of her oldest daughter Debra Wilson. Debra was 36 weeks pregnant and being rushed to the hospital as she



Patty Kerton (center) and her children, pictured L-R, Ashley (only surviving child), Mike, Debbie, and Thera. Photo provided by Patty Kerton

struggled to breathe. Unfortunately, Debra and her baby girl Giavanna could not be saved.

Debra was to marry Will Williams that Valentine's Day. But instead of exchanging vows and hosting a wedding celebration, Williams and Patty were making arrangements for a celebration of life. Debra wore her wedding dress and Giavanna was cradled forever in her mother's arms, dressed in a white gown for a doll. The grieving groom wore his tuxedo to the funeral service. Mother and baby were laid to rest Feb. 15.

Patty, also a bus driver for Grass Lake Community Schools, had just regained a bit of normalcy in her life when tragedy struck once again, claiming the life of her oldest son Mike Wilson.

During a suspected robbery outside his home in Battle Creek, Mike lost his life on Oct. 25, 2022. In honor of her son, community members showed their love by creating a makeshift memorial of items at the spot where he was killed.

"Mike was a giver in the Battle Creek community he lived in, hosting an annual Easter egg hunt at a local park there," Patty said.

Tragedy surrounding the family became even more horrific at the loss of 15-month-old granddaughter Zariah on Dec. 13, 2022. A trusted friend and babysitter was arrested and faces a charge of open murder in Jackson County in the toddler's death.

Last Christmas, there were no celebrations for Patty, her family, or her daughter Thera, baby Zariah's mother. Instead, a shroud of grief cloaked them as they screamed "Justice for Zariah." As if the family's losses were not deep enough in 2022, the year 2023 continued to be one of unspeakable tragedy. They had just said goodbye to baby Zariah on Jan. 4 when, only two days later, heartbreak struck once again.

On the afternoon of Jan. 6, 2023, Patty was working at her restaurant, waiting for her daughter Thera to return from delivering thank-you cards to the investigators working on her child's homicide case. Then Patty heard the sirens.

"I knew as soon as I heard those sirens and looked at my phone, which had Thera's location on it stopped just down the road," Patty said. "I just knew. I told the store owner, 'It's Thera, I know it is,' and I just left." Thera had died in a car crash on Seymour Road, less than one-eighth of a mile away.

Patty and her husband Dale had a combined five children in their 25 years together, four of which are hers. They now have their grandson, Thera's son Izaach, to raise. Patty says the boy has been suffering from severe separation anxiety when it comes to being apart from her or her husband.

See Patty Kerton on page 16.

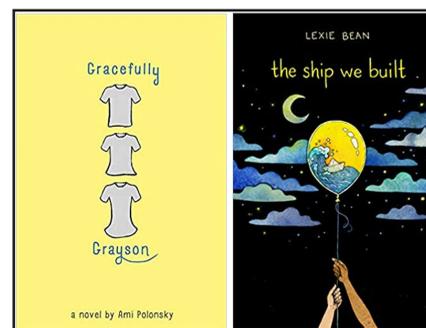


Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines Exploring gender identity in two middle-grade novels

by Shuyler Clark

March 31 is International Transgender Day of Visibility, a day devoted to



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recognizing and spreading awareness about transgender people. As a vastly underrepresented group, the transgender community has only recently seen more positive representation in media.

Middle-grade novels in particular have experienced an increase in transgender coming-of-age tales, which

are vital in helping such youths find affirmation and acceptance. These two novels depict transgender children coming to terms with their identity and gradually coming out to their peers.

In Ami Polonsky's "Gracefully Grayson," Grayson Sender has long had fantasies of wearing skirts instead of pants, but she hides these thoughts from her family and classmates. When she is given the chance to play the Greek goddess Persephone in her school's play, Grayson learns to navigate harassment from her classmates while finding support and encouragement from others.

Polonsky is cisgender but has a child under the transgender umbrella. Despite not being a member of the transgender community, Polonsky approaches Grayson's character and her struggles with tenderness. Grayson encounters an unfortunate amount of homophobia and transphobia following her casting in the play, but Polonsky balances this with the euphoria Grayson experiences as she gradually owns her identity. Ultimately, this novel is a hopeful, affirming tale in staunch support of youths who may be facing similar adversity.

Following a similar plot is Lexie Bean's "The Ship We Built," an epistolary novel chronicling Rowan Beck's experiences with loneliness and ostracization as he slowly presents himself as a boy. In addition to gender dysphoria, this book addresses incarceration, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic violence in ways that are approachable for younger audiences by relying on Rowan's interpretation of events instead of graphic depictions.

The use of letters as a narrative device helps bring out Rowan's voice and his innocence. This tactic also cleverly shows Rowan's dysphoria through the letters' signatures, in which he alternates between his deadname (the name he was given at birth) and several alternate names before settling on Rowan. Even then, he occasionally reverts to his deadname when feeling confused or ashamed because of his family's or classmates' reactions.

As a nonbinary author who suffered from similar struggles, Lexie Bean channels many of their own experiences into Rowan's story, further solidifying its authenticity. As a result, "The Ship We Built" provides an alternative to "Gracefully Grayson" for readers looking for narratives from transgender authors specifically.

Although marginalized communities are gradually seeing more representation, seeking out and appreciating these stories is critical in ensuring writers continue having these opportunities. Opening children to these communities can also pave the way to understanding and provide safer environments for these marginalized communities. "Gracefully Grayson" and "The Ship We Built" are excellent starting points for readers exploring their identities or coming to understand the identities of others.

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



Clyde Whitaker

Clyde's Corner Hot coffee, good conversation, and lawn mowers in downtown Gregory

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello again everyone! This month I write to you about a local interest story—a lawn mower sales and service business—Gordie's Power Equipment—located in downtown Gregory and owned and operated by Gordie Kunzelman. I have known Gordie since high

school, a good friend, great sports announcer, and an honest businessperson.

Gordie's shop was established on June 26, 2006. Some may remember back when Gordie got his start working for Jack Potts, owner of Howlett Hardware. Gordie worked in sales and repaired lawn mowers at Howlett's prior to opening his own business.

Through the grapevine, I heard that, for years, every morning, except Sunday, a group of men gather for some hot coffee and socializing in Gordie's shop, usually from 8 until 9, discussing the issues of the day, tractors and machinery, and maybe a story or two.

So, on a cloudy and cool February morning I decided to stop by Gordie's to check out this meeting of the minds in beautiful downtown Gregory. Maybe I could learn something!

Walking into the store, I was met by Gordie, sitting on a bar stool. We exchanged greetings and talked some golf, mostly lamenting how much we miss it and are anxiously awaiting the start of our new golf season.

Gordie mentioned that this would probably be the last year of operating his business, as he is considering closing sometime this fall. He will be sorely missed, but after 17 years in business, he feels now is the time to say goodbye and do something else with his life.

After chatting with Gordie for about 10 minutes, I ventured out into the shop and saw several men sitting in chairs, side by side, talking away. The first person I saw was Joe Taylor and then Jack Potts. Two of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet, and I'm proud to call them my friends.

After saying hello, I asked the men if it would be OK for me to mention their gathering and maybe take some pictures. They agreed, and this very laid-back group continued their casual conversation while I took a couple of pictures. They told a few stories and had some good laughs. On this day, six men were in attendance, but I learned that, traditionally on Mondays, they usually have about 15 guys chatting it up. That's a clue for me that I need to show up on Mondays to be part of what I'm sure are some very interesting conversations.

It will be sad when Gordie does retire, but knowing him, he will stay busy, which is likely to include more golfing! I feel fortunate to have learned about this casual coffee club while there's still time to enjoy it, and I wish Gordie all the best that life has to offer.

Of course, the next question will be: Where will we meet for our daily coffee and conversation? Stay tuned on that one!

More photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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.



Gordie Kunzelman, proprietor of Gordie's Power Equipment, is a fixture on Main Street in Gregory, both for his small engine repair expertise and his hospitality. Photo credit Clyde Whitaker

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Art Contest

by Jolie Smith, *Uncaged* Reporter

In early November of last year, the student council announced that there would be an art contest at the high school. Students had the opportunity to create different types of art in the designated categories including sculptures, paintings, drawings, photographs or a piece of artwork created by a collaboration of people.

Students had a little over two weeks to complete and submit their artwork, as they were due on December 1st. 1st place winners received a trophy, had their artwork displayed around the school's TV screens and their names announced on the PA, while 2nd and 3rd place winners received a medal, as well as their artwork displayed in the library.

Entries were evaluated on quality, creativity, originality, technique and artistic vision/emotional

appeal. The art committee was not able to come and judge, so the artwork was judged by an anonymous panel of teachers.

On December 9th, the winners were announced. There were only a total of 15 submissions, but no one entered into the photography category and there was only one entry in the collaborative category.

"The fact that we had 15 submissions, I think for a first time event that many people didn't know about, feels like a decent number," English teacher Kristi Gillon said. "Artistic talents tend to be a little more hidden, so I liked the opportunity to showcase it."

Even though there was only one collaborative submission, each contender still won a medal. Nicole Wadkins, Via Hoard, Loke Muscoe, Aux Rooney, Grace Dancer, Devon Maxwell, Isabelle Lowe and Abigail Schlaff created a piece of artwork called the "Meme Team" which consisted of pictures of their faces in the shape of a heart.

Grace Dancer also participated in the drawing category for the contest and won 1st place. She created her drawing using only pencil and called it "Diphyllaia," which is a small white flower also known as the "skeleton flower."

"I was excited to win and it was something I wanted to get the chance to draw," junior Grace Dancer said.

The winner for the sculpture category was Xandra Leonard. She created a sculpture out of clay and coils and called it "My Pet Snake is Exactly 3.14 Meters Long. He's a pi-thon."

"The idea was a vase that was getting squeezed by a snake," sophomore Xandra Leonard said. "Then at one point, I added coils just because, and it turned out to kind of look like a face." Xandra recently picked up a hobby of making pottery after a class she took over the summer.

"I think it's really fun making something 3D that you can use," Leonard said.

Though her artwork consisted of no paint, only marker and pencil, senior Kathryn Brumm won 1st place for the painting category. She named her artwork "Red and Black" and based it on two characters from a novel she wrote.

"Our school doesn't really appreciate the arts all that much, so to be able to win the contest and hear my name over the PA, it was pretty cool," Brumm said.

Students enjoyed having the ability to share their creativity with our school, as well as the competitiveness of winning the contest for prizes. Most of them did not even expect to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, but were instead just excited to submit a piece of art.

There hasn't been much talk about this happening next year, but the idea has floated around.

"I would love for it to happen next year, but it'll be whatever next year's student council decides, so if they want it to happen again, we'll make it happen," Gillon said. "And if not, maybe there will be something new, but I like the idea of it happening again."

This article is being published with minimal edits from the original, which was published in the February 2023 edition of Uncaged, the student-run independent student news of Stockbridge High School. For more information about Stockbridge's award-winning student newspaper, go to <https://uncagednews.com>.

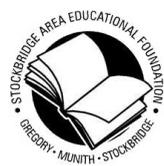
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Nicole Wadkins, Via Hoard, Loke Muscoe, Aux Rooney, Grace Dancer, Devon Maxwell, Isabelle Lowe and Abigail Schlaff created a piece of artwork called the "Meme Team" which consisted of pictures of their faces in the shape of a heart. Photos provided by *Uncaged* Student News



Senior Kathryn Brumm won 1st place in the painting category with her marker and pencil artwork named "Red and Black," based on two characters from a novel she wrote.





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John and Theresa Kightlinger

Ask an Expert Survey: Crash prevention tools aid safety, complicate repairs

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

New technology that helps prevent car accidents is helping make roads safer, but is also making auto repairs more complicated, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) says. The IIHS surveyed

drivers whose vehicles are equipped with front-crash prevention, blind-spot detection and other visibility-enhancing cameras.

But among those who had the systems repaired, about half had issues with the features afterward, the study found. Most owners never needed to have their crash avoidance features repaired, but for the owners who did, the problems weren't always resolved easily. Many had issues with the technology afterward, and some said they had to have the same feature repaired more than once.

An IIHS spokesman said he did not have any information about whether the insurance claims process factored into the quality of the repairs being made.

We don't have details on any given company's approach to the claims process with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), but having an ADAS system impacted by a crash will likely add to the complexity of the claim and the repair. That increased complexity can extend repair times and increase repair costs.

The study was released shortly after vehicle diagnostic experts spoke out about the importance of following original equipment manufacturer (OEM) repair procedures when making repairs. AirPro Diagnostics and Repairify said following OEM repair procedures is essential given the advancements in technology, and proper repairs are essential to ensuring safe roadways.

The current and near-term vehicle safety technologies provide significantly safer vehicles for the motorist. The systems onboard are becoming more mature and robust in their ability to mitigate collisions. But they all still require the motorist to be involved and in control. As the other vehicles on the road are not all equipped with these systems, there continues to be opportunities for an accident.

When damaged vehicles are repaired, it is critical that they be returned to their "as designed state," or we risk placing the motorist in a vehicle that cannot perform in a way that was intended.

There are two core reasons these technologies are having issues post-repair.

1. Choosing the wrong scan tool will create a situation where the technician is not aware of a possible problem in a controller or system that has been damaged and needs repair. Choosing a tool that meets the gold standard set by the factory will ensure the technician is aware there is a problem.

2. The second issue, and perhaps the largest, is either ignorance or apathy regarding the need to calibrate and validate these systems before returning the vehicle to the owner. Ignorance meaning the shop or technician is simply unaware of a problem due to an incomplete scan, unaware due to a lack of education or apathetic to the significance of the risk they are placing on their shop, themselves and their customers.

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Rock 'n' Roll Trivia The story behind 'A Day in the Life' by the Beatles

by John Robinson

Q: Was the Beatles' song "A Day In The Life" supposed to be written about Paul McCartney's fake death?

A: First of all, the Beatles NEVER did a "Paul Is Dead" hoax; that was concocted by the media, who will do ANYTHING to get attention to themselves. In the song (from the Sgt. Pepper album), John Lennon, who composed the majority of the song, was reading the "Far and Near" column in the Jan. 17, 1967, edition of the British newspaper The Daily Mail. The column read: "There are 4,000 holes in the road of Blackburn, Lancashire, or one twenty-sixth of a hole per person, according to a council survey." He also sang about his role in the movie "How I Won The War" in the lyric "the English army had just won the war." The line "he blew his mind out in a car" was based on an accident that killed one of his friends, Tara Browne. Browne was a Guinness heir and son of the fourth Lord Oranmore & Browne and Oonagh Guinness; he had befriended many rock stars, including the Rolling Stones. Browne had been speeding more than 110 mph, running red lights and finally smashed into a parked van. Rumor was he crashed while under the influence of LSD. The song is the final cut on the 1967 Beatle album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and before recording began, there were two different songs; John's had no middle and Paul's had no beginning so they fused the two together, under the original working title "In The Life Of..." If you listen closely to the middle section, the alarm clock heard just before McCartney's vocal had been recorded to mark the end of the first 24-bar symphonic "orgasm"; and since it fit in nicely with his "woke up, got outta bed" lyric, it was kept in. The end of the song was originally intended to be hummed by all four Beatles but that idea was changed to an extensive, fading piano chord (on which the sound level was turned up so high you can hear the room's air conditioner running and a chair squeaking). Also in the final chord, a 20,000-hertz tone was added, inaudible to humans. Some sources say Paul asked producer George Martin to sneak them in because the Beatles "never record anything for animals." Others say John put them in just to drive dogs crazy (this tune has been given the title "And One For Martha," named after Paul's sheepdog). England's BBC banned the song from radio airplay for the lines "I'd love to turn you on" and the McCartney line "went upstairs and had a smoke," thinking they were marijuana references.

Q: I would like to know more about a Michigan group, The Rationals.

A: The Rationals, from Ann Arbor, formed in 1964, with Bill Figg (drums), Scott Morgan (lead vocals and guitar), Steve Correll (lead guitar) and Terry Trabant (bass). They had several local hits, the best being "Respect" on the Cameo Records label (which actually made the Billboard chart in 1966 at No. 92). This led to a recording agreement with Capitol Records, who released the Rationals' great ballad "I Need You." During the late '60s they tried experimenting with psychedelic music and soul songs but they couldn't match the success of "Respect." They finally began recording their first album, "The Rationals," in 1969 but their heyday was over. By now they had no manager and no discipline within the group, which caused fights and arguments among the members. Finally, in 1970 the band broke up and Scott Morgan eventually became a member of Sonic's Rendezvous Band.

Q: Is there any story as to how Quicksilver Messenger Service got its name?

A: Some of the members were born under the astrological House of Mercury. The liquid metal, mercury, is also known as "quicksilver." Plus, the mythological Mercury was the Messenger of the Gods; so, combining the two, they came up with the band name Quicksilver Messenger Service. The band released some great underground rock and its biggest hit was "Fresh Air" in 1970.

See Rock 'n' Roll on page 9.

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For questions or additional information please contact Brian Friddle
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UTPD Activity January 1-31, 2023

Sunday 1/1 - Citizen Assist-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd.

Monday 1/2 - Domestic Verbal-San Juan Ct./San Luray Dr., Assist EMS-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.

Tuesday 1/3 - Solicitor Complaint-Spears Rd./Rose Hill Rd., Citizen Assist-Webb St., Respond to Alarm-Arnold Rd./W. M-36

Wednesday 1/4 - Road Hazard-Morton Rd./M-36, Animal Complaint-Stockbridge St./Cass St., General Non-Criminal Complaint-Webb St./Church St.

Thursday 1/5 - Hazard-Main St./Dewey St., Animal Complaint-Crowes VW./Joslin Dr., Subpoena Service-Bull Run Rd./Roberts Rd.

Friday 1/6 - Subpoena Service-Holmes Rd./Williamsville Rd., Parking/Traffic Complaint-Templar Ave./Doyle Rd., Citizen Assist-Crowes VW./Joslin Dr.

Saturday 1/7 - Subpoena Service-Holmes Rd./Williamsville Rd.

Sunday 1/8 - Animal Complaint-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir.

Monday 1/9 - Assist EMS-Wasson Rd./Weller Rd., Assist EMS-Main St./Dewey St.

Wednesday 1/11 - Noise Complaints-Kathryn Ct./W. M-36, Malicious Destruction of Property-Dutcher Rd./W. Schafer Rd., Animal Complaint-M-106/Treelane Dr.

Thursday 1/12 - Assist Other Agency-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd., Suspicious Person-W. M-36/Arnold Rd.

Friday 1/13 - Assist EMS-Bird Ln./Bullis Rd., Welfare Check-Berkshire Dr./Gregory Rd.

Monday 1/16 - Domestic Verbal-Van

Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd.

Tuesday 1/17 - Civil Complaint-M-106/Ibbetson Dr., Warrant/Search-Livermore Rd./W. Trebesh Cir., Assist Other Agency-W. M-36/Dream Catcher

Friday 1/20 - Warrant/Search-Kathryn Ct./W. M-36, Assist EMS-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd., Suspicious Vehicle-Dutton Rd./Deep Valley Rd.

Saturday 1/21 - Hazard-Gregory Rd./Spears Rd.

Sunday 1/22 - Assist EMS-W. M-36/Graves Rd., Animal Complaint-Bullis Rd./M-36, Assist EMS-Worden Rd./Bowdish Rd.

Monday 1/23 - Fraud-Bullis Rd./M-36, Assist Other Agency-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd.

Tuesday 1/24 - Respond to Alarm-Wasson Rd./Gregory Rd., Domestic Physical-San Marino Ave./San Juan Ct., Respond To Alarm-Wasson Rd./Gregory Rd.

Wednesday 1/25 - Road Runoff-M-36/Spears Rd., Disturbance/Trouble-Van Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd., Assist EMS-W. M-36/Graves Rd.

Thursday 1/26 - Hazard-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd., Suspicious Situation-Winifred Ct./W. Trebesh Cir.

Friday 1/27 - Domestic Verbal-Dexter Trl./Van Syckle Rd., Assist EMS-M-36/Dutton Rd., Assist EMS-Graves Rd./Doyle Rd., Welfare Check-Pleasant Dr./Kaiser Rd.

Saturday 1/28 - ATV Complaint-Holmes Rd.

Monday 1/30 - 911 Hang Up/Meadowpark Dr./Raspberry Rdg., Respond to Alarm-Wasson Rd./Weller Rd., Respond to Alarm-Wasson Rd./Weller Rd.

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Waterloo Township Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes Jan 24, 2023

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

Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz, Beck. Also present: Rohn Tripp, Building/Zoning Inspector and 7 residents.

Public Comment: Sharon asked to be able to offer a prayer. Leaders from the Stockbridge Area Senior Center, located at 219 W. Elm Street in Stockbridge gave a presentation regarding the center. They are experiencing a large amount of interest and are now at 83 members. They offer many meals, games, crafts, exercises, etc. Senior citizens are enjoying all that is offered and they wanted to make sure Munnith area residents were aware of this service that is available to all areas.

Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Deputy Moore's report for December was as follows: Deputy Moore and deputies assigned to Waterloo Township worked 167 hours and patrolled 1,960 miles. Deputies responded to 20 calls for service. Deputies conducted 2 traffic stops and issued 1 citation. The Sheriff's Office responded to 6 calls for service. The Michigan State Police responded to 23 calls for service.

Correspondence: Jackson County Parks sent notice that new fence is ready for installation at Clear Lake County Park. Sheriff Schutte: Gave an update on the failed millage and updates to the current jail. Also spoke of replacement for Jim Moore, our current deputy, when he retires in May. He was explaining the cost of the new facility for the future.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Parks & Recreation: They are ready to submit Parks and Recreation Plan for grants. Looking to put in some new equipment in at Munnith Park. They are planning an Artisan Market June 24th in cooperation with the dates at the Waterloo Farm Museum. Christmas decorations are down now and getting prepared to store them. Quote is around \$14,000 to get good power to poles. Our portion is approximately \$11,000 for our side according to Lance. Still waiting to get quote for Waterloo Village for electric update on poles.

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

criteria and reviewed and changed proposed parcel zoning in sections 1,2 and 3. They will revisit several parcels in section 3 at the next meeting.

- Lance motioned with support from Walz to accept the insurance proposal for February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$11,180. Roll call vote: Yes/Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz; no/none. Motion carried.

- Lance motioned with support from Beck to purchase a new drop vault for ballots and taxes at the cost of \$999 along with installation cost not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley; no/none. Motion carried.

- Kitley gave a report on our audit for the year. It turned out very well. Copies are available at the Township Office.

- Lance motioned with support from Beck to set a budget of \$300,000 to begin work on sections of the worst secondary roads using chip seal, etc. Roll call vote: Yes/Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley will let J. Cole know of our commitment.

- Other Business That Comes Before the Board: Missy Hess will develop Mileage reimbursement sheets to allow for re-payment for bank trips, etc. Lance motioned with support from Walz to work from Matt Kutchel's forms to develop our own forms for reimbursement. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
- It was decided to have one of our lawyers, Kyle O'Meara go over our Anti-Blight Ordinance which is badly out of date. Ask him to go over it thoroughly.

Public Comment: Catherine Upton had questions about clarification of misdemeanor and civil infractions which were explained by Beck. Houck had questions regarding the new drop box which were answered by Kitley and Lance. Upton thanked Wendy Walz for her work on the Clear Lake County Park fencing as well as type of fencing and height. She also questioned our cost of the fencing.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Aye/all; no/none.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on February 28, 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: [waterlootwpmi](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootwpmi). Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk



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- 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** – Pop-up food distribution for anyone in need, 1 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Community Outreach
- Every Thursday** – Coffee chats, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates)** - Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- March 3** – Art vs Science drop-in lab, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- March 5** – HERPS! Michigan's Amphibians and Reptiles, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center
- March 7** – Sons of American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510
- March 11** – Old-Time Maple Sugar Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center
- March 11** – Chicken Supper, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plainfield United Methodist Church
- March 13** – American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510
- March 15** – After-Hours Book Discussion Group (Adults), 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- March 16** – Third Thursday Book Discussion Group (Adults), 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- March 17** – Art vs Science drop-in lab, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
- March 19** – Eyes on the Forest: How you can help prevent new forest pest invasions, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center
- March 26** – Spiders and their Kin, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center
- March 28** – American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510

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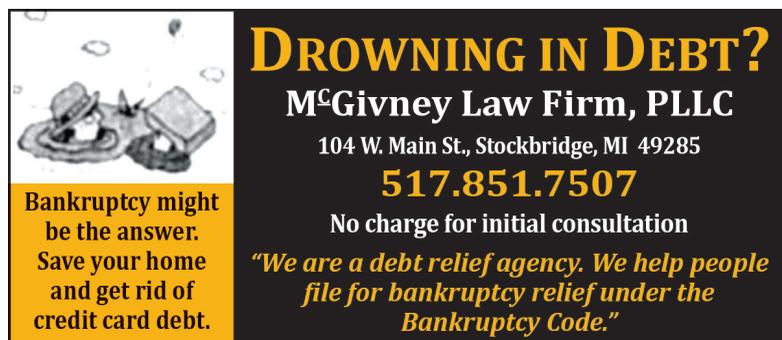
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Activities to mark March is Reading Month

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

Did you know that March is Reading Month? And what better way to celebrate than at the library?

During March all CADL branches will be featuring displays highlighting different children's books. Be sure to stop by the Stockbridge Branch to see our display for the "Bad Kitty" books.

Also, feel free to join us on March 1 for a special Bad Kitty family storytime, intended for children up to age 6. We will read and make a craft about the funny little feline with an attitude. Bad Kitty may not like a lot of things, but he's sure to love the Stockbridge Branch this month!

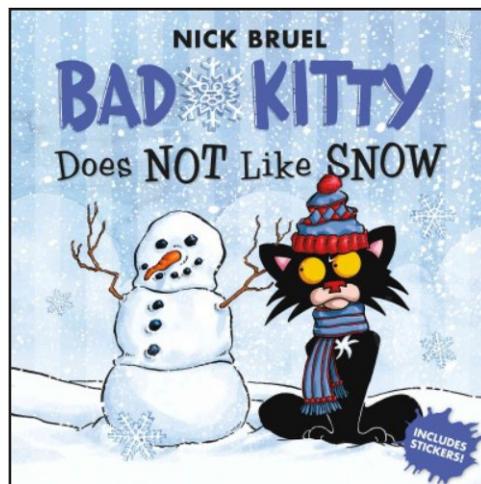


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And as always, we will be hosting our regular events such as Coffee Chat, Keep Calm and Carry

Yarn, our book discussion groups, and our Drop-In Art vs. Science projects. For more details about these or any other events, check out our online events page at cadl.org/events or stop by the library. We'd love to see you!

Have a happy reading month!

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

Rock 'n' Roll page 7

Q: I would like to know the story about Sam Cooke's death, please.

A: Sam Cooke (who originally went under the stage name Dale Cook) leaped to pop stardom in 1957 with "You Send Me" and continued into the mid '60s with a total of 43 chart songs. He was only 29 years old when he was shot to death by the Hacienda Motel manager, Bertha Franklin, who claimed she killed him in self defense. Cooke had checked in earlier that evening with a lady identified as Elisa Boyer. Boyer had first met Cooke earlier that evening at a nightclub and had spent the evening in his company. She claimed that after they left, she asked him to take her home but he insisted on going to the Hacienda Motel. She went on to say that Cooke physically forced her onto the motel room bed and she was sure he was going to have his way with her. When Cooke went into the bathroom, she grabbed her clothes and ran out the door. She ran to the manager's office and knocked on the door but nobody was answering. Realizing she had mistakenly grabbed most of Cooke's clothing and afraid that Cooke would be coming after her, she left before the manager answered. As she dressed and found a phone booth to call police, Cooke (according to manager Franklin) broke into the manager's office/apartment wearing just one shoe and an overcoat, angrily demanding to know where Elisa disappeared to. Franklin said the woman was not in the office but Cooke thought Franklin was protecting Elisa and grabbed her demanding again to know where she went. They struggled and fell to the floor. Franklin got up, found her gun and shot him. Cooke looked up at her with the words "Lady, you shot me," and fell. Days afterward, Elisa Boyer was arrested for prostitution, leading people to question the events: They feel that Elisa went willingly to the motel and tried to rob Cooke of his money, stealing his clothes so he couldn't come after her. That's the tale. The bizarre epilogue to this story involves R&B vocalist Etta James. She says when she visited the funeral home to see Sam, she noticed the strange injuries. It looked as if he was beaten so severely that his head was practically decapitated and his hands and nose were mangled. Her story gave Cooke's family reason to believe there was a murder conspiracy. The story has never been put to rest.

Q: What was Gladys Knight's first hit?

A: That would be "Every Beat Of My Heart" from 1961. It was the only record to hold two spots in the Hot 100 chart at the same time by the same group! In May 1961, it was in the No. 6 position on VeeJay Records by the Pips and a re-recording on Fury Records that peaked at No. 45 by Gladys Knight & the Pips. The song was written by Johnny Otis and originally recorded by The Royals.

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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Ask an Expert page 6

Although the systems may be difficult to repair, crash prevention technology works, the IIHS said and pointed to a study that showed automatic emergency braking (AEB) cut rear-end crashes in half.

But properly repairing such equipment can be both challenging and costly, the report said. While a standard windshield replacement could cost \$250, windshields with front-crash prevention could cost at least \$1,000 to repair, an HLDI study found. The extra cost is attributed largely to recalibrating ADAS features.

Of the drivers who participated in the IIHS study, those who had their windshield replaced or were involved in a crash were most likely to report post-repair trouble with features. About two-thirds said the repairs involved calibration.

The number of issues linked to calibration was a hint for IIHS that repairers are having a hard time with the calibration process, which requires special training and expensive equipment. The issue is made worse by the fact there is no standardization of the process, IIHS said.

Support to guide the process is available online. OEM1Stop is one resource technicians can use to find information about manufacturers' repair processes. It links repairers to automaker websites to gain guidance on OEM repair procedures and OE parts.

Another factor is some bill payers don't understand the need for proper repair of ASAS systems. There also are instances where the manufacturer's dealerships aren't tooled up properly to calibrate their vehicles. Industry insiders say there also have been cases where insurers refused to cover the costs of scanning or calibration.

To solve these challenges, it will take a cooperative effort by the OEMs, the repairers, and the carriers to find common ground. These technologies have been proven to reduce crashes and related injuries. Our goal is that they continue to deliver those benefits after repairs and for owners to be confident that they're working properly.

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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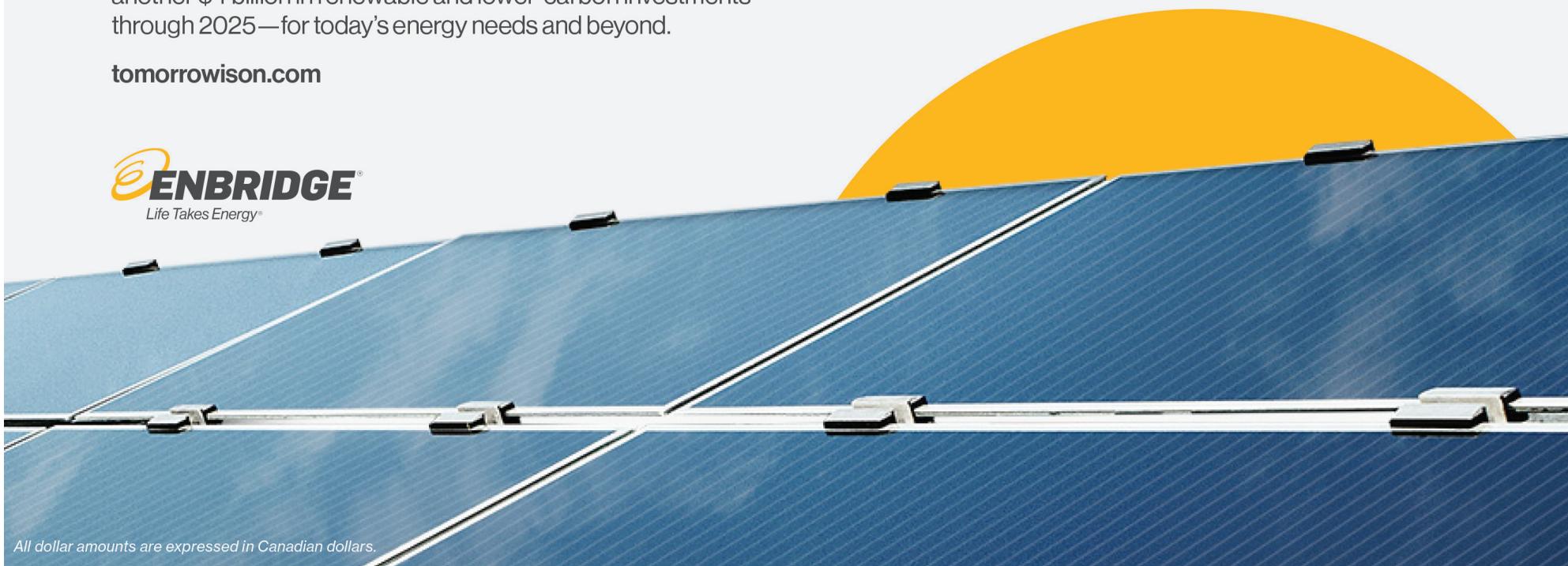


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Stockbridge FFA page 1

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Obituaries

Valerie Ann Werfelmann



Valerie Ann Werfelmann
June 13, 1952 to Feb. 14, 2023

Valerie Ann Werfelmann, of Chelsea, MI, age 70, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

She was born on June 13, 1952 in Detroit, MI to George and Joan Werfelmann. After graduating from the University of Michigan with degrees in Fine Art and Architecture, she lived in Washtenaw County for many years.

Val was a very private person but kept a close relationship with her sister Jan. She also received support from Jan's husband Kelly over the years. As an accomplished artist she valued beauty and grace, and was thoughtful and generous of spirit. She will be greatly missed.

Valerie was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her sister, Janet (Kelly Schmidt) Werfelmann of Gregory. Cremation has taken place and her service will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Stockbridge Community Outreach.

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.

- Nicole Marie Adkins-Dally, died Dec. 3, 2022
- Keith James Klapperich, of Munith, died Jan. 24, 2023
- Allene Fletcher, of Stockbridge, died Jan. 30, 2023
- Terry Lee Schoonover, of Stockbridge, died Jan. 30, 2023

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Active Aging Time—there's no greater gift

by Dana Blaszkowski

Introducing Active Aging, a new column sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Senior Center. Regardless of your age, join us each month for some pearls of wisdom inspired by the community's most experienced residents!

Folks are placing a new value on their time. Perhaps it's a post pandemic state of mind or the realities of today's ever-changing world. Whatever the reason, people seem to have a new appreciation for life and living it to its fullest.

Maybe we've experienced loss or struggle and are resetting to make the most of our time. It could also be gratitude and celebratory joy that guide us toward living life more intentionally.

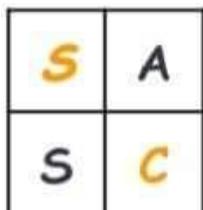
We're seeing an emphasis on self-care, rest, and rejuvenation, with special attention to health and wellness. Increased volunteerism, creative expression, connection and time together are being celebrated with bright vigor. There's a renewed focus on fun and pleasure in being present with friends and loved ones—and the feeling is palpable.

As we build and grow here in Stockbridge, it's beautiful to see the many opportunities available to celebrate life. In our community, it's wonderful to know that there are ample places to volunteer and be of service to others. Social groups, clubs and gatherings are welcoming newcomers with warm smiles and open arms. You can find plenty of places to worship, walk, and wonder at the local beauty of nature and Michigan's seasons. Nearby, we have arts organizations and places to exercise your brain and body. There are places to play, places to party, and places to rest.

It's easy, sometimes, to focus on what we don't have or what we are lacking. But what we are happy to see is an eruption of abundance and a continued growth and appreciation for what we do have. As we all anticipate spring and the fresh renewal it brings, let us also continue to celebrate the freedom we have to choose what we do with our time. We get to select how and where to spend time, who we give it to, and healthy ways that help us make the most of it. As fast-paced as life can be, there's no greater gift we can give ourselves or others.

"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote.

Dana Blaszkowski is the director of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC), a great place to spend some time. Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org or call 517-480-0353 for information. You can reach Dana by email at directorofsasc@gmail.com.



In 2022, the Stockbridge Area Senior Center hosted a grand opening of its new center location where seniors are gathering and aging actively! Photo credit Dana Blaszkowski.



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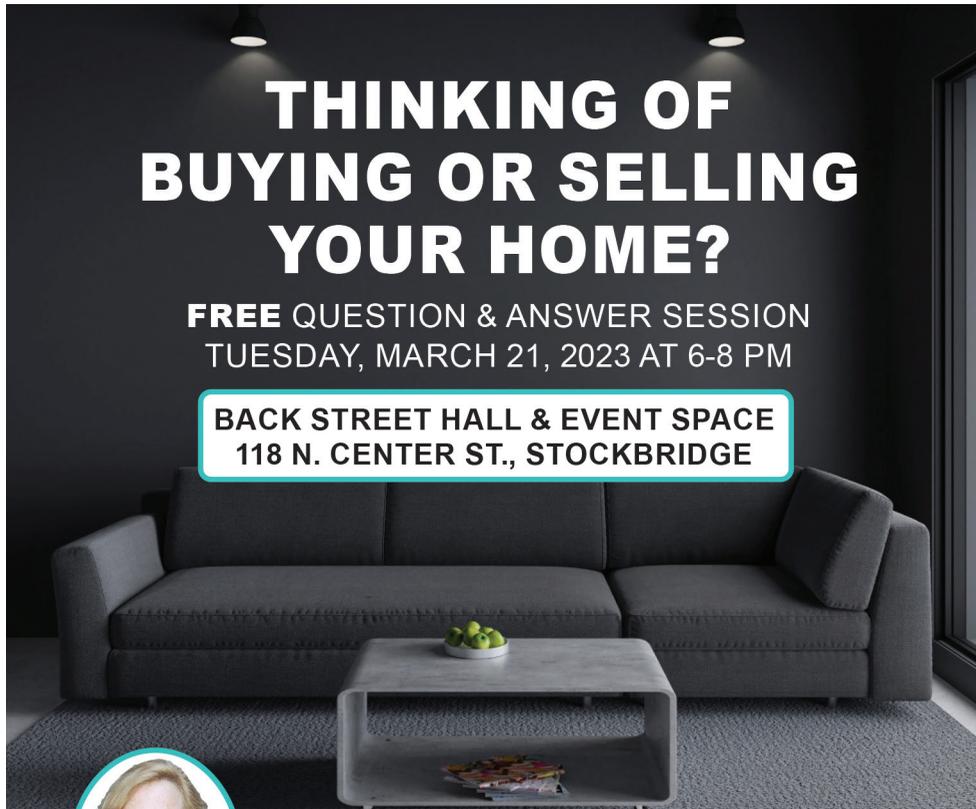


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Bridge to Wellness

Medicine disposal methods for keeping the community and the environment safe

by Emily Stewart

Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem across the country, even here in Michigan. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the misuse of prescription drugs refers to taking a medication in a manner or dose other than prescribed. That includes taking someone else's prescription, even if it is for a legitimate medical complaint or taking a medication for recreational use.

Properly disposing of unused or expired medications is a proactive approach to reducing prescription misuse or abuse.

How to get rid of unused medications

Deterra pouches provide a convenient and safe way to dispose of medications right at home. The pouches are made from environmentally sound, nontoxic material, and they immediately and permanently deactivate unneeded pills, patches, liquids, creams and films. Follow these steps to use a Deterra pouch:

1. Tear open the pouch (do not open or remove any inner pods) and place medications inside.

NOTE: One pouch will dispose of 45 pills, 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 medication patches.

2. Fill the pouch halfway with warm water and wait 30 seconds for air to release. Some foaming may occur during this step, which is completely normal.

3. Seal the pouch tightly, and then gently shake and throw it away in a trash can.

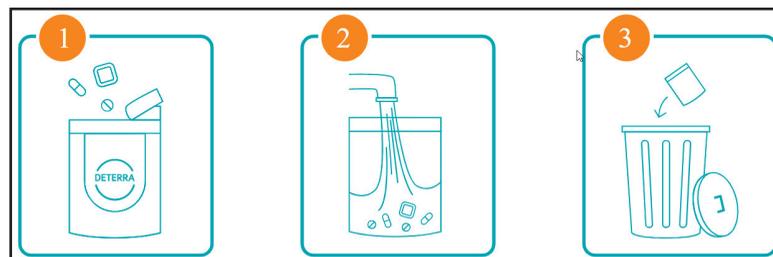
To help community members properly dispose of medications, the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition and SRSly Stockbridge are offering free Deterra pouches. Please email info@srslystockbridge.org or call (734) 593-8089 if you are interested or have any questions.

Other disposal options

Many community organizations take part in programs, such as the Big Red Barrel program, to help members of the community safely dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications. These programs help reduce any potential risk to the community and the environment. To find the nearest drop-off location or for more information, visit dontflushdrugs.com or the statewide EGLE's Drug Take Back Map.

Unused or expired prescription drugs, OTC medications, and pet medications can also be taken to Trinity Health Michigan hospitals for free and anonymous disposal. Large green containers can be found in the lobby where medications can be dropped off. Items not accepted for disposal include liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, needles, thermometers or hydrogen peroxide.

This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. Emily Stewart is the coalition vice chair and SRSly Stockbridge Coalition director with the Community Health Improvement Team at Chelsea Hospital.



Deterra pouches offer a convenient and safe way to dispose of medications right at home. The Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition and SRSly Stockbridge are offering free Deterra pouches. Image from deterrasystem.com.



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Police recovered the radio and clothing used, as well as other evidence. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the Livingston County Jail. He was charged with two felonies: impersonating a firefighter and use of a receiver or scanner in the commission of a felony.

The Unadilla Township Police were assisted by Fenton Police, Unadilla Township Fire, Putnam Township Fire, Hamburg Township Fire and Brighton Fire Departments.

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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Competitive cheer team ends season with regionals at Michigan Center

Panthers boys basketball team bounces back with victory over Perry



The Stockbridge competitive cheer team competes at the home GLAC jamboree. Photo by Liz Castleberry

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge competitive cheer team saw its season come to an end at the D4 Regional at Michigan Center Feb. 17.

The Panthers finished 11th out of 14 schools at the event with a three-round score of 602.1. Michigan Center was crowned regional champion with a score of 745.94, the only team to score over 700 points at the event.

The Panthers earned a sixth-place finish Feb. 8 at the GLAC Finals at Perry with a score of 511.1. Lakewood ran away with the title with a score of 745.08.

The middle school team finished fourth at the GLAC Finals. Only nine points separated second and fifth place at the finals, which was easily won by Lakewood.

One of the Panthers top finishes of the year came at the Maple Valley New Year's Invite in January. Stockbridge finished third at the event with a score of 540.1, just .32 out of second place.

The Panthers hosted the first GLAC jamboree of the season and finished fifth out of eight teams. They finished with a team score of 578.3 at the meet won by Lakewood.

It was a very young squad with just two seniors (Adrianna Adkins and Josie Beutler) and three juniors (Olyvia Hoard, Abby Roberts and Maria Oliveira).

Sophomores on the team include Averie Rosedale, Rose Beauregard, Samantha McClain and Alayna Adkins. The freshmen are Shelby Okoney, McKenna Williams, Gianna Watts, Brittney Senkowski, Wendy Cowan and Alana Porzio.

The team was coached by Sara Steinkraus.

Panthers wrap up wrestling season

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge wrestling team wrapped up its season Feb. 9 after competing in the D3 districts.

A pair of Panthers wrestlers just missed qualifying for regionals by falling in the consolation semifinals in their weight classes.

Christopher Conant went 2-2 on the day before falling in the semifinals. He opened with a pin before falling in the quarterfinals. Conant bounced back with an exciting 11-9 win over a strong opponent from Laingsburg that was 27-17 on the season. His season ended in the consolation semis with a second-period pin.

Remi Samek also went 2-2 on the day before bowing out in the consolation semifinals.

Samek opened with a pin before he fell to the D3 state runner-up in the quarterfinals. He then bounced back with a 6-2 win in the consolation bracket before he was forced to withdraw due to injury in the consolation semis.

No other Panthers picked up a win on the day.

Stockbridge team season came to an end at the D3 district Feb. 9 when they fell to state power Clinton. The Redskins had won the D3 state title two of the last three years and are ranked again this season.

The Panthers competed in the GLAC/CMAC Finals Feb. 4 and finished ninth with 33 points.

Chris and Jayson Conant both earned medals on the day with third-place finishes.

Jayson Conant went 3-1 on the day with three pins to take third place at 113 pounds.

Chris Conant lost his opening round match, but battled back with four straight pins to finish 4-1 on the day and claim the third-place medal.



Jalen Rogozinski takes a shot. Photo credit Mike Williamson

by Mike Williamson

Following a tough loss to rival Leslie, the Stockbridge boys basketball team bounced back Feb. 14 to take down Perry 51-44.

The Panthers started slowly with the Ramblers taking a 12-5 lead after one, but Stockbridge got hot in the second and outscored Perry 22-7 for a 27-19 halftime lead.

David Kluesner and Joey Ballagh scored seven points each to spark the big second quarter for the Panthers.

Ballagh hit a pair of triples in the third and Kegan Collins scored five as Perry tried to make a charge and cut the Stockbridge lead to 41-35.

Collins would score six in the fourth including a pair of big free throws late to hold off Perry for the win.

The Panthers were led by Collins with 20 points and four rebounds.

Ballagh finished with 13 points, while Kluesner added nine points and four boards. Drew Robinson finished with six points and five assists, Jake Sawicki two points, Noah Lewis one point, and Jalen Rogozinski grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

Leslie A late run in the final two minutes doomed the varsity boys team as rival Leslie handed the Panthers a 45-38 loss in front of a large Coming Home crowd Feb. 10.

Leslie took control early, outscoring the Panthers 11-4 in the opening quarter.

The Blackhawks pushed the lead to 14-4 early in the second, but the Panthers went on a 13-6 run and a lay-in just before the buzzer by Collins cut the lead to 20-17 at the break.

The teams went back and forth in the third with Leslie holding a slim 28-27 lead after three.

The Panthers came out strong in the fourth and led 34-30 midway through.

A Leslie triple cut the lead to 34-33, but Ballagh hit a pair of free throws with 1:55 left to give the Panthers a 38-34 lead,

See Boys basketball on page 15.



Jayson Conant competes on the mat. Photo provided by Jennifer Conant

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Lady Panthers basketball team takes care of Perry, improves record to 15-5 overall

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge girls basketball team continued its strong play as the season wound down and districts drew near. The Panthers improved to 15-5 overall on the season and 9-2 in the GLAC with a 60-18 win over Perry Feb. 13.



Alaina Kellenberger tries to get a good look at the basket.

Photo credit Mike Williamson

Leslie would get within nine, but Stockbridge went on an 8-0 run to take a commanding 17-point lead and cruise to the win.

Kellenberger had a monster night with a double-double of 24 points and 25 rebounds to lead the Panthers.

Lockhart also finished with a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds. Robidou added seven points and Dalton finished with five points and nine rebounds, while Asquith chipped in with five points and four boards.

Pewamo-Westphalia The Panthers struggled in the second half Feb. 7 in a 38-26 loss to Pewamo-Westphalia.

Stockbridge took a 13-9 lead into the half, but the Pirates outscored Stockbridge 29-13 in the second half to pull away for the win.

Lockhart led the Panthers with seven points, while Kellenberger had six points and five rebounds. Robidou finished with five points, while Asquith and Dalton had four each.

Lansing Christian The Panthers used a big third quarter Feb. 6 to pull away from Lansing Christian for a 64-45 win.

Stockbridge trailed by two after one, but outscored the Pilgrims 13-7 in the second for a 26-22 lead at the half.

The Panthers outscored Lansing Christian 22-13 in the third and pulled away in the fourth for the win.

Robidou had a big night, hitting six triples and finishing with a team-high 25 points and dished out six assists.

Lockhart added 12 points and five rebounds, while Kellenberger chipped in with 11 points and seven boards. Asquith and Dalton finished with eight points each.

Lakewood On Feb. 2, the Panthers had a dominating first half and cruised to a 48-29 win over Lakewood.

Stockbridge came out on fire and smothered the Vikings in the opening half to take a commanding 35-6 lead at the half and never looked back.

The Vikings outscored Stockbridge 11-1 in the third, but the big first half was enough for the Panthers to cruise to the win.

Robidou led the way with 17 points and nine steals for the Panthers.

Lockhart had 10 points and eight rebounds, while Dalton had 10 points, seven steals and five boards. Kellenberger chipped in with eight points and five rebounds, and Thalia Sayre three points and two rebounds.

Bath After a slow start that saw the Panthers trail 18-7 after one, the Panthers caught fire and outscored the Bees 18-4 in the fourth to rally for a 52-41 win Feb. 1.

Kellenberger led Stockbridge with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Robidou had another big game with 18 points, followed by Dalton with 10 points and six rebounds. Lockhart chipped in with eight points and nine rebounds and Asquith two points and five boards.

Olivet The Panthers could never get things going Jan. 26 in a 39-14 loss to GLAC leading Olivet.

The teams were tied at seven after one, but the Eagles outscored the Panthers 12-3 in the second for a 19-10 halftime lead.

The wheels fell off for the Panthers in the third when they were held scoreless. Olivet built a 34-10 lead after three and cruised to the win to take over the top spot in the conference.

Robidou led the Panthers with five points, while Lockhart had three points and seven rebounds. Thalia Sayre, Kellenberger and Dalton scored two each.

See *Girls basketball* on page 21.

Stockbridge scored the first six points of the game, but the Ramblers answered with a 6-0 run to tie the game at 6-6.

The Panthers would take over from there with a 13-0 run to close out the first for a 19-6 lead after one. The lead would grow to 34-10 at the half with a 15-4 run in the second.

Stockbridge continued to pour it on in the third with a 13-2 run to push the lead to 47-12 as they cruised to the win.

Alaina Kellenberger had another double-double with 18 points, 15 rebounds and five steals to lead the Panthers.

Gracee Robidou added 18 points, while Maddie Dalton chipped in with 12 points, six steals and five assists. Taylor Lockhart finished with eight points and five rebounds, and Taylor Asquith four points and six rebounds.

Leslie The Panthers used a big first quarter to take down rival Leslie 57-44 at Coming Home Feb. 10.

Stockbridge outscored Leslie 17-7, but had to hold off the Blackhawks rallies twice and in the end pulled away for the win.

Leslie battled back to cut the lead to one in the second quarter, but Stockbridge answered and held a 32-21 lead at the half.

The Blackhawks opened the third on an 11-0 run to tie the game at 32, but Stockbridge would answer once again.

Lockhart hit a pair of free throws to put Stockbridge up 34-32 and Dalton followed with a triple. The Leslie bench was called for a technical and the Panthers split a pair of free throws and got the ball. Lockhart then hit a triple and the Stockbridge lead was quickly back to nine at 41-32. The Panthers would lead 44-34 after three.

Boys basketball page 14

It would be the last points the Panthers scored and the Blackhawks would go on an 11-0 run over the last 1:55 to pull out the win in front of a stunned crowd.

Collins finished with a team-high 16 points to lead Stockbridge.

Ballagh finished with 11 points, Jake Sawicki four, and Drew Robinson and Zach Fletcher two each.

Lakewood The Panthers snapped a five-game skid Feb. 3 with a 48-27 win over Lakewood.

Collins was hot from the outside, hitting six triples on the night and finishing with a team-high 20 points.

Stockbridge took a 13-8 lead after one behind a pair of Collins triples and a Ballagh long ball from behind the arch.

The Panthers' defense continued to clamp down on the Vikings in the second, allowing just eight points as two more Collins triples pushed the Panthers' lead to 24-16 at the break.

Collins hit two more threes in the third and Ballagh hit another one from deep for the Panthers as the lead grew to double digits at 38-22 and the Panthers would cruise in the fourth.

Ballagh finished with 11 points to go along with Collins 20. Kluesner and Robinson scored four each, Zac Rogozinski three, Lewis and Foster Pybus two each.

Bath Panthers made quick work of Bath Jan. 31 with a 61-26 win.

Stockbridge took control in the first half by taking a 32-14 lead at the break and never looked back.

Eleven Panthers scored in the game with Collins and Kluesner leading the way with 13 points each.

Ballagh chipped in with 11, Robinson seven, and Jake Sawicki six.

Jacob Dalton added four points, Brock Rochow and Pybus two each, and Fletcher, Evan Sandecki, and Lewis one each.

Maple Valley The Panthers snapped the five-game skid with a 58-45 win over Maple Valley Jan. 24.

The teams were tied at 20 at the break, but the Panthers pulled away with a 20-7 run in the third quarter and held off the Lions in the fourth.

Collins and Sawicki scored 12 points each in the game that saw 10 Panthers score on the night.

Kluesner added eight points, while Dalton and Shannon Henderson chipped in with six each. Robinson and Lewis each scored four, while Fletcher, Ballagh and Pybus each finished with two.

Olivet The Panthers lone loss in the stretch came to D2 fourth-ranked Olivet 71-46 Jan. 27.

Ballagh and Collins finished with 14 points each to lead the Panthers.

Staff Spotlight

Julie Rentfrow assists children in becoming better communicators



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Having difficulty communicating can be a huge challenge, and in some cases, an inability to communicate can even be life threatening. Julie Rentfrow, the speech-language pathologist for Stockbridge Community Schools helps to work with students to conquer communication problems early.

Rentfrow has been at her job since 2008. She works with students in grades one through three, at both Smith Elementary and Heritage School. Every day she is assessing, diagnosing, treating and developing plans of care to improve students' language and speech skills, skills that have the potential to improve her students' quality of life.

Rentfrow attended Grass Lake Schools and then Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Audiology and Speech Sciences. After that, she went on to attain a Master of Arts in the same. She also has several other certifications through the state of Michigan, and these have enabled her to enhance her knowledge in the speech and language fields.

In 2007, she married her husband Mathew, and they have two daughters: Ava, 12, and Cassie, 8. Rentfrow's favorite way to spend time is with her family in the comfort of their home; however, in her free time Rentfrow does enjoy "supporting our girls during sports and other school-related activities."

As for her job with Stockbridge Schools, Rentfrow thinks the best part is her students.

"I love the diversity in personalities and helping them become more confident individuals through development of their communication skills."

There's one superpower Rentfrow would pick if she could. She explains that she wishes she could "freeze time in order to be more present when time is elapsing." Many of us would love to have this same ability; it would truly be one of the greatest superpowers of all time.

Although she can't freeze time, many of us in the community believe Rentfrow has superpowers in the way she has helped so many of our children districtwide. Children have gone on in life to become successful adults, thanks in part to Rentfrow's help.

As a community, we should thank Julie Rentfrow for everything she does for our students!

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.



Speech-language pathologist Julie Rentfrow helps Stockbridge Community Schools students conquer communication problems early, which helps boost their confidence. Photo provided by Julie Rentfrow

Patty Kerton page 3

Working with special services and his school, Patty is addressing his emotional needs best she can with the services available to them.

Patty describes her daughter Ashley as her everything and her rock. But Ashley, too, is suffering from anxiety and wondering if she will be next. Patty also finds the anxiety to be so bad that some days she struggles to work at the restaurant.

"It's like I'm living in a nightmare, asking myself when will I wake up!" she says. "But I get up each morning and move forward for Izaach, Ashley, my husband and grandchildren. Our family has been close through all of this."

It's a struggle to not only move forward emotionally, but the cost of five deaths has taken a toll on their finances. Then there's the lost time at work for family members. Patty's restaurant only has been open as steadily as she can manage it around everything.

"We are drowning financially and I mean sinking," Patty reveals.

When asked what she would like to see from this story, Patty shares "I simply want justice for Zariah and Mike. I also ask my customers to please be understanding and patient in the fluctuating hours of operations as I juggle schedules around not only my grief, funeral services, but also court hearings."

Unfortunately, the family's troubles continue. Patty Kerton recently underwent emergency heart surgery on Feb. 6, 2022, according to daughter Ashley Wilson.

"You can die from a broken heart. It's literally tearing her heart up. She suffered an aortic dissection," Ashley said.

According to Ashley, her mother and stepdad had just been to the Blackman Police Station, when her mother told him she didn't feel right. After another stop, she was rushed by ambulance to the hospital in Jackson and life-flighted to the University of Michigan.

"At this time we ask for your ongoing prayers!" Ashley said.

Author's note: For updates and more on Patty's story and #JusticeforZariah, follow me at Tina Cole-Mullins on Facebook. For fundraising locations and donation information, see Wake Up Stockbridge & Surrounding Communities.

Where to find Grief Support

If you are in need of grief counseling or support, there are options available. Contact one of the following:

- **Celebrate Recovery (Stockbridge)** www.celebraterecovery.com/
- **Healing Clinic** (Jackson) (Medicare/Medicaid accepted) (734) 219-3314 <https://jacksonhealingclinic.com/>
- **Grieve Well** (Ann Arbor) (734) 975-0238 www.grievewell.com/ or www.griefshare.org/. Enter your ZIP code and locate a grief support group near you.

Student Spotlight: Book-a-Day challenge brings joy to eager young readers



Corey Peña

by Corey Peña

Students in Laura Whitaker's second grade classroom at Smith Elementary are working their way through 180 days of reading tied to specific themes in the curriculum, including a Positivity Project objective. This reading-for-pleasure project was planned during the summer and rolled out on the first day of school.

In anticipation of this reading project, the hallway was lined with laminated images of each book. Most books are now in the classroom library, a few of them graciously gifted by community members. Read-aloud books that are found online can be read over again through the use of StorylineOnline.

In February, through the characters they met in their daily story, students learned about Black history, Presidents Day, and using self-control. All of the students LOVE the stories, and when Whitaker is out for the day, the students make sure the guest teacher reads the book left by their teacher!

Lily Monette said that this project has given her a reason to read a little more and loves "Dog Man" by Dav Pilkey and "The Turkey Halloween" by Wendi Silvano. According to Whitaker, "Lily takes her learning very seriously, participates in all of the themes, including bringing books to share with the class, loves to discuss the characters and is a positive role model for her classmates."

Zoey Baxter said that she really likes getting to choose her own books and loves



Left to right: Adrian Pheils, Lily Monette and Zoey Baxter were introduced to three of their favorite books and authors during the Book-a-Day challenge. Photo credit Corey Peña

"The Good Egg" by Jory John and Pete Oswald because it is a book about friends. Whitaker says, "Zoey Baxter may be the hardest worker in class. She likes all of the stories and often looks for more by favored authors. She can always be counted on and often takes on leadership roles."

Adrian Pheils loves to read "Elephant & Piggy" books by Mo Willems and his StorylineOnline favorite is "Arnie the Doughnut" read by Chris O'Dowd because, "He is suuper funny!" And Whitaker has noticed, "Adrian Pheils loves to have the stories posted online so he can read and hear them over and over, including during free choice time. He will remind me if we have missed, or are late for our reading time."

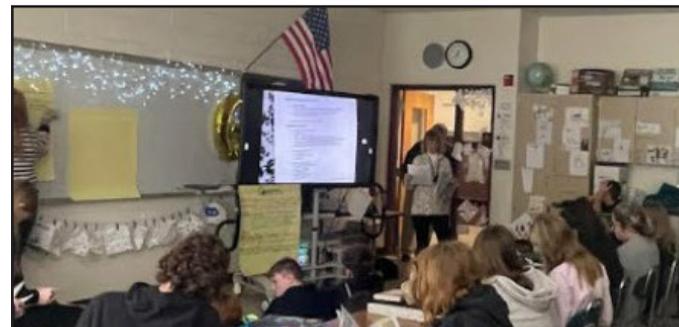
As for the daily read aloud, this engaging teacher adds, "My whole goal for this project, and creating the display, is to help promote a love of books and reading—in all genres and themes, both physical books and online books, so students have a chance to be exposed to different kinds of literature."

She points out that the class has its favorites. "The students are always excited to see the favorites, especially the "Turkey Trouble" books. We also read a chapter book each day, and this year my class is obsessed with the "Boxcar Children" series by Gertrude Chandler Warner!"

Students at Smith Elementary are looking forward to "March is Reading Month" activities; it will give them motivation to read books for fun and rack up those reading points!

Corey Peña is a recently retired Stockbridge school teacher. With a bit more time on her hands, she has volunteered to write occasional student profiles for Stockbridge Community News.

The Tuckers talk news articles



6th grade Heritage students learn about how to create the perfect news article. Photo credit Morgan Rice
Photo caption Owen Pekham

by Bryson Khozouie, Sixth grade, Heritage School

Sixth graders at Heritage School have been studying news writing. Here SCN is sharing a story by Bryson Khozouie, which we are publishing as-is.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker visited our 6th grade classroom at Heritage Elementary School. The Tuckers taught us how to be strong newspaper writers!

It was really fascinating to learn from them about newspaper writing. My favorite part was the discussion. They had talking points that we could take notes on, that was helpful. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker also had a paper where we wrote captions for pictures she took.

They not only discussed the research that goes into writing articles, but also shared some of their personal experiences with us. They made it clear that being a good reporter requires an ability for multitasking, staying organized, and having strong attention to detail. All qualities that are good in any field.

It was such a great session. We were all so lucky to have them come speak to us!

Panther Plants



Just some of the succulents that Heritage hopes to sell at the Stockbridge Open Air Market.

Photo credit Addison Wright

Photo caption Andre and Makenna

by Makayla Williamson, Sixth grade, Heritage School
Sixth graders at Heritage School have been studying news writing. Here SCN is sharing a story by Makayla Williamson, which we are publishing as-is.

Heritage Schools proudly present Panther Plants! We got the name, Panther Plants, by brainstorming as a 6th grade class. Each student voted for the official title/name. We also solicited ideas on local Facebook groups.

My name is Makayla Williamson and I'm here to talk about how Mr Vince's 6th grade classes came up with the plant business. The greenhouse projects have connected to our science lessons and studies such as reproduction, genetics, biology, and more. We have learned that succulents are wonderful for studying asexual reproduction because the new plants are identical to the adult/parent plants that we have cloned (because of asexual reproduction). We have also been researching a plentiful amount to make sure that our succulents are getting the resources they need and learning how to grow more of them (water, soil, pots, etc).

We have been propagating the succulents by taking the leaves that have fallen off to propagate and grow to get more plants. The propagating process is not easy but with a lot of hard work and experience you can do it! 6th graders have been working on preserving and problem solving all of the time. Me, myself and a couple of my friends have been going to the greenhouse ever since we started building the garden boxes. We still continue to do so to this day and we really enjoy help taking care of the plants!

Mr. Vince and 6th graders are very proud to announce that we will be selling succulents at the Stockbridge Open Air Market on March 11th from 11am-2pm. The location is 101 S. Center St. at the 1st Presbyterian Church Hall. Our business name is Panther Plants and all purchases/proceeds will go back into funding more and future greenhouse work and projects. In the future, some projects will be the gourds that we are working on growing and drying later so stay tuned for that for the future 6th graders!

Celebrating Women of Note

March is
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Shaped by her love for people and the environment, Lori Cowan serves the community as Unadilla Twp. trustee

by Mary Jo David

Those who love nature, the environment, and animals have a friend in Lori Cowan, who, along with her husband, Bill, has lived and loved Unadilla Township for close to 28 years. Cowan is serving her fifth term as a trustee on the Unadilla Township Board, and during that time, she has worked hard to secure the funds for local parks projects, cleanup days, tree planting, and recycling efforts.

The Unadilla Township Hall Playground and the Unadilla Township Community Park have new playscapes thanks, in large part, to Cowan's efforts. In addition, she was instrumental in pulling together the resources to add a walking path, a gazebo, and solar lights to the township's Community Park.

"I love participating on the Recreation Plan Steering Committee for Unadilla," Cowan said. "The park improvements are a big plus to the township. Take the Community Park, for example. It was an old, dilapidated park with a baseball diamond that was falling down. Thanks to some grant money and help from organizations like the Boy Scouts, we've managed to completely refurbish it."

Jo Mayer, chair of Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC) and Stockbridge Community Outreach, is quite familiar with Cowan's achievements. "The quote about how 'a small group of people can make a big difference' certainly applies to Lori. She has helped bring in grants to improve the Lakeland Trails trailhead in Gregory, not to mention the improvements of the Unadilla playground and the Unadilla Township park," Mayer said.

Cowan gained broader name recognition in 2022 when she ran for Livingston County commissioner representing District 3 in last fall's local election. Although she didn't win the election, she benefited from meeting many different people in the county through her canvassing efforts.

"Unadilla had its biggest turnout ever in that election," she says with pride. "Many of the folks in Unadilla already knew me, so we concentrated on going door-to-door around Pinckney, Fowlerville, and some of Hamburg."

Together with a team of volunteers whom she will be forever grateful to, Cowan knocked on about 1,500 doors.

"I talked to and met so many wonderful people, and it was interesting to learn that I had something in common with so many—even those who weren't going to vote for me."

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Dr. Erin Clifton's endeavors have a far-reaching, healthy effect on the area

by Shuyler Clark

It is no secret that Dr. Erin Clifton cherishes her career in chiropractic care. From the various fitness courses she has instructed over the years to her newest endeavor, with the aptly named Babies & Boobies support group at Positively Chiropractic in downtown Stockbridge, Clifton has taken strides to promote wellness with her patients.

"If I were to win the \$5 million lottery tomorrow, I would pay off all my student loans, I would hire an associate, and I would still come to work," she says as she laughs and pushes a stroller with her 4-month-old daughter, Eloise, inside. "[Other people] have careers to support their passions; my career is my passion. Like, how many people get to say that?"

Since childhood, Clifton and her family have valued health and fitness. Born in 1982 and raised in Owasso, Oklahoma, with her three siblings, Clifton moved with her family to Michigan at age 12 when her father, Mark Taylor, accepted a job at the University of Michigan. Her mother, Nancy Taylor, worked as a pediatric nurse, bus driver, and stay-at-home parent through Clifton's childhood. Both parents made an effort to attend most of their children's sporting events, something that Clifton has gained appreciation for since becoming a mother herself.

Although Clifton knew from a young age that she wanted to pursue a career in health care, she had a difficult time deciding which field to study. Her introduction to chiropractic care came with a job at a chiropractor's office in Saline. Given how her family's approach to health problems was to drink water and take ibuprofen, watching patients' health improve from chiropractic adjustment determined Clifton's new trajectory. She has since become a proponent of chiropractic's benefits and enthusiastically touts the many improvements she has seen in her own health since starting adjustments.

Following this career path, in 2011 Dr. Clifton graduated from Life University, a chiropractic institution in Marietta, Georgia. While attending the university, she met Dr. Sarah Prater-Manor. The two quickly developed a bond after realizing they were both from Michigan; ultimately, they decided to open a business together in the state.

Their search took them through Livonia and Plymouth, but the buildings they toured didn't support their vision. When a Stockbridge resident heard Clifton was back in the area, she convinced the doctor to check out an available building in town.

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According to Jo Mayer, chair of SAWC and Stockbridge Community Outreach, "Lori is a light in the world...with her dedication to improving the lives of those in her community." Photo from livcodems.com



Dr. Erin Clifton stops to capture the moment while participating in the 22-mile Crucible hike in 2022. Photo credit Dr. Erin Clifton

Celebrating Women of Note

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Volunteering is a way of life for retired teacher and coach Cheryl Holloway

by Tina Cole-Mullins

Retired Stockbridge teacher and coach Cheryl Holloway spends much of her time giving selflessly to others.

Her help extends to organizations such as Stockbridge Community Outreach and a women's golf league at Hankerd Hills Golf Course at Pleasant Lake. She works with programs like Tide Me Over and the Summer Tide Me Over. Holloway also befriends a student who needs a friend or an elderly neighbor who could use a helping hand.

Holloway's volunteer work was recognized in 2018, when the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce named her the Volunteer of the Year.

She was born in Jackson and grew up just outside of Gregory. After graduating from Stockbridge High School, she went on to Eastern Michigan University, where she graduated in 1978 with a degree in physical education.

Having never had children of her own, her students became her kids. For example, she started helping one young boy who was having trouble in school. He's now in high school, and she attends most of his sports competitions. She also takes him on golf outings and simply makes sure he is staying out of trouble.

Holloway was known throughout her tenure with the district for coaching sports such as softball. One former student and player is co-worker Sherry Bush. Bush laughs as she says, "I've forgiven her for not putting me in when I thought I should go in!"

As a physical education teacher, Holloway was the natural choice to organize many Field Days events for students and the annual "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraising event for the American Heart Association.

"I think it was the late '80s or early '90s when I took over the jump-roping event from Mike Demint until retiring from it in 2017," Holloway said. "Our sixth graders would jump rope all day raising money. We'd have games, food and a fun day for the kids [who were] participating."

Holloway and her co-worker and friend Jean Buurma were founders of the Tide Me Over program after they recognized the food gap faced by young children in the community. These children received breakfast and lunches while school was in session, but often were hungry on weekends. Holloway and Buurma, both board members of Stockbridge Community Outreach at the time, decided Outreach should fill that void so they created the Tide Me Over program. It is funded through individual, business, church, community and foundation donations.

For more than a decade, Holloway spent uncountable hours each school week ordering the food and hauling the cases of groceries. These groceries were packaged into healthy meals and distributed to needy elementary children in the community for use on weekends. Running throughout the school year, the program serves students within the Stockbridge School District. During summer vacation, a related Summer Tide Me Over program enables families to come to Outreach to pick up a weekly bag of groceries.

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From a refugee camp to achieving her dreams, Fay Odeh continues sharing what she has learned

by Chuck Wisman

Six thousand miles from Stockbridge and nearly 80 years ago, a young girl was born and raised in the town of Jimzu, Palestine. As the firstborn, she was given the name of Fathieh, meaning "the beginning."

In 1948, the family of 11 was forced to flee their home as result of the Nakba, the forced displacement of families following the founding of Israel in the Middle East. Her father owned and operated a flour mill and olive oil press in Jimzu, and both were abandoned. As a result, Fathieh and her family became refugees living in a tent camp.

While in the refugee camp, Fathieh was inspired by a white female teacher (likely English). Fathieh thought if that woman could be successful and independent, so could she. Her dream was coming to the United States to find that success.

Such was the early life of the woman later known as Fay Odeh—a successful mother, wife, and businesswoman who has resided in Stockbridge since the mid-1970s.

Fay met her husband-to-be, Mustafa "Steve" Odeh, in Ramallah, Palestine. They applied for a visa and arrived here in 1965, settling near Woodward Avenue and Six Mile Road in Detroit. Fay's first order of business was learning English. She attended Oakland Community College and then Wayne State University, completing a degree in psychology. Steve attained a graduate degree from the University of Michigan and then taught at Schoolcraft and Wayne County Community College. During this time, Steve and Fay opened a restaurant in Farmington called "Steve's Winter Palace." In 1976, Steve and Fay began building their future home in a rural area of Stockbridge where Fay resides to this day. Following their move to Stockbridge, she became a substitute teacher in the Stockbridge school district.

In 1980, Steve and Fay leased and later purchased a restaurant in Jackson, renaming it "Steve's Ranch," and it operates to this day. During these transitions, Steve and Fay had eight children. Six of their children graduated from Stockbridge High School and two graduated from Lumen Christi in Jackson.

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Left to right: Diane Rockall and Mary Myer assist Cheryl Holloway at admission table for A Day in the Village festivities. Photo provided by Stockbridge Community Outreach



The years Faye Odeh spent as a young girl in a refugee camp instilled a strong desire for freedom and success, which she pursued—and achieved. She credits education as a big part of her and her family's success. Photo credit Chuck Wisman

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Cowan was raised to be naturally interested and open to learning about others.

"My mom and dad taught me to love and respect everyone and to welcome everyone into our clan," she shared with a smile. Her dad was a professor at the University of Michigan, and Cowan recalled that, at Thanksgiving, "Students from all over the world came to our house because they couldn't go home for the holiday. That's what shaped me."

Hands down, the person Cowan most admires is her husband Bill, whom she says is her soulmate. They met in high school shooting spitballs at each other, later went off to California separately, returned around the same time, and met up again in Ann Arbor when she ran into him while he was working at TJ Maxx. A romantic page from him when she was leaving the store ("Lori, come back, I need your phone number") has resulted in 40 years together!

Running for the township trustee position five times, and winning, is quite an achievement. But winning the first time still resonates as her most outstanding professional achievement. That is also when she met Judy Williams, who was the township supervisor at the time. Cowan lists Williams as one of those who has inspired her over the years.

"Judy helped welcome me to my new role and supported me with answers to my questions and more. She's a special person and a great person to know," she said.

As trustee, she's in a position to know about Unadilla's and Gregory's greatest assets, and she considers those to be, "Nature. We are so lucky to have the trails, the wildlife, and the lakes around us."

When she's not performing her duties as trustee or working as an assistant manager at the Earle Restaurant in Ann Arbor, you can often find Cowan walking the Lakeland Trail with Keebler, her 16-year-old, part Aussie shepherd/part blue heeler pup.

Diane Constable has worked for years with Cowan on the Unadilla Township Park Committee.

"She is an ardent proponent of land and nature," Constable said and added, "Lori is kindhearted and a willing listener to everyone she meets. Her friends, family, the people in her township, and especially her dog are close to her heart."

Jo Mayer also weighed in on what it means to know Cowan.

"Lori is a light in the world. She lightens the mood, lightens the load, and lightens each day with her dedication to improving the lives of those in her community."

Clearly, to know Lori Cowan is to love her, and if you don't know her, you'll probably want to!

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Initially, Clifton was skeptical of the location. "I didn't think there was enough here to justify it," she recalls, but she quickly changed her mind when she saw the space. It took little effort to convince Prater-Manor, and the two officially opened Positively Chiropractic in June 2012.

As for her focus on pediatric and pregnancy care, Clifton attributes that to her love of babies and the transition into motherhood. She is a staunch advocate of chiropractic adjustments for improving the health of pregnant people and infants. With her most recent support group, Babies & Boobies, she hopes to create an information center for mothers.

Although she has ceased instructing fitness classes following her recent pregnancy, Clifton keeps up with her group fitness certification in hopes of starting new classes in the future.

Aside from adjusting local residents in her practice, this forward-thinking chiropractor also participates in other community health-oriented activities. A member of the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce from 2012-2018, she has expanded her reach into 5 Healthy Towns. She and other members of Positively Chiropractic have volunteered extensively with that organization's annual Father's Day 5K race in Stockbridge. As a result, Jo Mayer, chair of the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition, approached her to ask if the chiropractic practice would take over the organizing of the 5K. Given her experience with triathlons, Clifton was confident that, with the help of her business partners, she could figure out how to successfully run the event.

Clifton's interest in fitness and health extends into her free time. She spends many weekends exercising and hiking, including training for the Crucible, a 22-mile hike that follows the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail in Michigan. After participating in this event for the first time last year, while five-and-a-half months pregnant with her daughter, she plans to take on the challenge again this year.

Clifton also has a strong appreciation for her family. Despite her siblings initially heading off in different directions in adulthood, they all came back to settle in this area, something she is grateful for. In addition, she takes pride in her husband, Stephen Higgs, her daughter, and her two sons, Jon and Eli.

Clifton attributes much of her success and admirable work-life balance to Prater-Manor. "Pairing up and going into business allowed us each to have better balance between being a mom and being a doctor. I was able to be at home with my kids more than I ever would have working anywhere else."

With the support of her family and business partners, Dr. Erin Clifton continues trailblazing a path to wellness that benefits the Stockbridge community.

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Bush is also a board member of Stockbridge Community Outreach and works on the Tide Me Over program. "I joined the TMO program last year as the program expanded to the high school and most recently have taken over Heritage School," Bush said. "Cheryl took me under her wing to help me choose food and put together bags for these other schools."

Bush is continually amazed at what Holloway accomplishes. "She is an inspiration and I truly don't think people understand the time and labor it takes to complete this task." Bush continued, "Each week she packs over 100 bags of supplies to give to the children that are in need."

In retirement, Holloway finds more ways to help others. Another example: She regularly visits a 97-year-old neighbor now living in Chelsea.

"I will visit, run errands for her, take her to appointments," Holloway said. No doubt her companionship is priceless.

Holloway enjoys working puzzles in her free time and looks forward to the upcoming golf season. She has assumed responsibilities in the Thursday morning women's golf league at Hankerd Hills Golf Course at Pleasant Lake. Her role involves scheduling, figuring handicaps, and tracking awards.

"Basically I just keep them in line," she adds with a chuckle.

For Holloway, it's all in a busy day's work.

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Their first child, Hana, a scientist with her doctorate degree, is working as a genetic researcher at the National Institute of Health. Next their daughter, Reema, is a retired firefighter and EMT. Daughter, Buthina, has a doctorate in pharmacology and is currently employed as a senior executive at Genentech, a biotech company. Rudina "Rudy" has a doctorate in pharmacology and is an assistant dean at the Columbia School of Medicine. Yousef ("Joe") is a cardiologist and leads a heart transplant team in Arizona. Tariq has a master's degree in business and works in property management and construction in Hawaii. Son Jaffer is an anesthesiologist at a Dallas hospital. And the youngest of the Odehs, Ramy, graduated from Fordham University's law school and works as an attorney in New York City.

In August 2004, Steve suddenly passed away from a heart attack, leaving Fay with sole responsibility for the home and Steve's Ranch. This was one of the most difficult times of Fay's life, as previously Steve had managed the restaurant, the paperwork and the taxes. Initially she didn't think she was capable of operating the restaurant alone, but her own drive for success and the support of her children proved her wrong. The restaurant is still thriving, even after surviving the worst of the COVID pandemic when the restaurant closed temporarily for over a year.

"On behalf of all of my siblings, I can say we are truly blessed to have been raised by such a lovely person," Ramy Odeh shared. He added, "From driving us to 6 a.m. sport practices to cooking dinner for 10 after a hard day's work, she has always held our awe and admiration. She deserves endless recognition for all her accomplishments, and I hope that we can all strive to each be a little more like her."

Raising eight children and keeping the family restaurant afloat is no small feat. Not surprising, Fay was recently selected to receive this year's Nike Award from the Jackson Professional Women's Association. It will be presented at the annual Jackson Economic Club luncheon.

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Outreach in Action

Chelsea Hospital extends beyond brick and mortar to assist with community needs

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

It used to be, when we thought of Chelsea Hospital, we visualized the building, the emergency room, and the talented people—many from our school district—providing medical care. It was always a comforting thought. But recently, we're realizing just how much the hospital's footprint in our community has grown over the years—by leaps and bounds. In large part, this growth has occurred through a partnership with Stockbridge Community Outreach.

One enduring aspect of that investment: The hospital staff's enthusiastic involvement in the Outreach Adopt-a-Family program. Each holiday season, for decades, members of Chelsea Hospital's staff have adopted many of our client families, cheerfully bringing a truckload of wrapped presents year after year. During the Christmas 2022 season, they adopted 15 households, with a combined total of 51 individuals receiving gifts.

Another hospital investment in our community: Initiating the fare-free Stockbridge/Manchester W.A.V.E. bus service. The service helps fill a big transportation void by driving people from the Stockbridge area to Chelsea, using a mix of pick-up locations and door-to-door service. For more info on how to access this service or reserve a ride, call (734) 475-9494, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. or visit www.ridethewavebus.org/scio-township.html.

Perhaps the hospital's most significant initiative has been the hospital's financial support to Outreach to help fund our operations over the past six years. This has amounted to an astounding \$264,000 since 2016 to help pay for our space, staff, and phone and computer connections. The support has led to more robust services. Having our basic needs covered means we can focus on helping our neighbors tackle theirs.

Reiley Curran, MPH, a community health improvement manager for the hospital, explains the hospital's funding rationale: "As a not-for-profit hospital, in addition to excellent medical care, we reinvest profits into the communities we serve through programs that assist the poor and uninsured, manage chronic conditions like diabetes, provide health education, reach out to the elderly, and address mental health and substance abuse challenges. Stockbridge Community Outreach is one of our partners in serving those needs."

To help identify and address the most pressing health concerns, Chelsea Hospital conducts a community needs health assessment every three years and then works with other agencies to help meet the community's needs. The W.A.V.E. bus, for example, is one outcome of that analysis.

Curran shared three priority areas identified by data from the most recent assessment, which was conducted in 2021:

- Mental health and substance use disorders.
- Obesity and related illnesses.
- Preconceptual and perinatal health.

The hospital's assessment also looks at social determinants of health, such as poverty or lack of access to healthy food.

"Because Chelsea Hospital covered 100% of our operating costs in 2022, we were able to funnel 100% of our donations to directly helping our clients," said Stockbridge Community Outreach Director Gwen Reid.

Reid said one especially notable result of that support enabled Outreach to distribute \$36,000 in utility support in 2022.

There's more. Thanks, in part, to the hospital's support, in 2022 Outreach offered the following initiatives that impacted the community directly:

- A weekly food drive-through at Outreach: 3,325 households.
- Monthly pantry shopping for food and personal care supplies: 606 families.
- Monthly curbside food distribution in the Jeruel Baptist Church parking lot: 150 boxes/month.
- Clothing room with free gently used clothing and household goods: 723 visits.
- Rent eviction support: 12 households.
- Medications: 3 people.
- Consults and referrals for government assistance, medical, and mental health needs: 42.
- Gas vouchers for medical appointments: 85.
- Tide-Me-Over weekend food for school kids: 82 kids/week.
- Holiday Meals, Adopt-a-family program, and Christmas shopping room: 124 families.
- Bombas sock distribution: Over 700 pairs.

Moreover, Outreach signed up 96 new families in 2022. "That's huge," said Reid.

As important as the hospital's partnership with Outreach is, its impact in our community extends further, with many other services and connections, including behavioral health services, health education classes, catering and food services, and the support of SRSly Stockbridge, to name a few.

Bricks and beds, sure, but additional efforts like those noted here help make Chelsea Hospital a truly invaluable community partner.

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.



Chelsea Hospital staff with Stockbridge Community Outreach staff after unloading donated gifts for Outreach's Adopt-a-Family 2022 program. Photo credit Jo Mayer

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Maple Valley

The Panthers dominated Maple Valley from the opening tip Jan. 23 in a 77-7 rout.

Stockbridge scored 31 points in the opening quarter and led 58-3 at halftime.

Robidou had a big night with 30 points and nine steals. Lockhart and Kellenberger both posted double-doubles. Lockhart had 10 points and 15 rebounds and Kellenberger 19 points and 16 rebounds. Dalton finished with 10 points, nine steals and eight assists. Thalia Sayre finished with six points and seven rebounds, and Asquith two points and four rebounds.

Lakewood A showdown between two of the top teams in the GLAC Jan. 20 turned into a one-sided affair as the Stockbridge girls rolled past Lakewood 46-28.

Stockbridge and Lakewood were tied for second at 3-1 in the GLAC with the winner moving into a first-place tie with Olivet.

The Panthers' defense was stifling early, holding the Vikings to just seven first-half points to take an 18-7 lead at the half.

Stockbridge would continue to pour it on in the third, outscoring Lakewood 13-7 and pushing the lead to 31-14 after three.

The Panthers would get the lead to over 20 before the Vikings hit a few baskets late.

Robidou had a big night with three triples and a team-high 18 points.

Lockhart had a strong game with 10 points and eight rebounds for the Panthers. Kellenberger chipped in with eight points and 10 boards, while Dalton had nine points, five rebounds and four assists. Asquith grabbed eight rebounds and scored one point.



Cindy Anderson,
DVM

Paws and Claws

Six benefits of spaying/neutering your cat

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

Spaying and neutering your cat benefits you, the cat and your community. There are not enough homes for the cats currently in need of adoption. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 3.4 million cats enter shelters every year.

Some advantages of spaying or neutering your cat include:

1. It lowers the chances of your pet wandering off.

Grown, intact cats are likely to roam away from home in search of a mate. Even indoor cats may try to find ways to get out of your house.

When cats do wander off, they are at risk of being hit by a car, being injured by other territorial cats in the area, or even being eaten by a predator. Spaying and neutering your cat will help relieve your cat of the need to run off and find a mate elsewhere, thereby keeping your beloved pet safe at home.

2. It lowers the risk of cancers.

Spaying can help prevent breast tumors and uterine infections in up to 90% of female cats. The best practice for cancer prevention is to spay your cat before her first heat. In males, neutering can help prevent testicular cancer and health issues related to the prostate.

3. It helps improve your cat's behavior.

You are likely to find that a spayed or neutered cat is a well-behaved cat. Cats that have not been spayed or neutered tend to mark their territory, which can leave your home reeking of cat urine. Males will benefit from neutering, as the surgery can help prevent embarrassing or aggressive behavior such as mounting on visitors.

4. It reduces cat overpopulation and homelessness in your neighborhood.

Cat overpopulation is an issue in many communities throughout the country. More than 3 million cats enter shelters each year, but shelters have capacities and cannot accept all the animals coming to them. They also cannot adopt out all of the animals, which sadly leads to the euthanization of more than 500,000 perfectly healthy cats each year. Spaying and neutering your cat can help control your local cat populations, reducing the number of cats on the streets or in overcrowded shelters.

5. It reduces the spread of disease.

Strays often don't receive the medical care required, including vaccinations that can help protect them from contagious diseases. Fewer stray cats on the streets means fewer stray cats that can spread harmful diseases and parasites. Therefore, you aren't just helping to protect your cat when you get it spayed or neutered, you are contributing to a greater societal good by keeping your cat off the streets and preventing it from interacting with or impregnating a stray.

6. It increases your cat's life span.

Did you know that spayed or neutered animals tend to live longer than intact animals? By spaying and neutering, we have managed their chances of cancers and they are less likely to wander off, thus not getting hit by a car or attacked by another animal.

The benefits of spaying and neutering your cat far outweigh any drawbacks. Please talk to your veterinarian about spaying and neutering your cat as soon as possible. Feel free to contact Dr. Cindy and the staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 4525 S. M-52, Stockbridge, MI 49285, or call 517-655-5551 if you have any questions.

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

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The award "specifically recognizes those in business locally who are making an impact in their community by giving back and volunteering. This award represents progress, strength, freedom, and triumphs while facing adversity—including prejudice and other limitations."

Somehow Fay also has found time to personally assist and support Arabic students attending East Jackson Schools who had minimal English skills. As such, the East Jackson School District has recommended Fay for a Daughter of the American Revolution award for supporting student success.

On top of the above awards, Fay also judges pies at the Waterloo Farm Museum's annual Pioneer Day and donates food to Jackson's Interfaith Shelter and Meals on Wheels. And there's more! She participates in the annual Jackson Office on Aging's "Soups Are On" fundraiser.

With all of her achievements and the adversity she's overcome in her life, she's most proud of her children and their great successes—which all began with their education.

"You can lose everything: your house, your home, your job, your wealth. But you can never lose the education you earned," Fay reminds people.

Fay currently has 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She foresees that her children's successes will continue with their own children as well.

Looking back over her life, Fay recalls, "Those years in a refugee camp instilled in me the strongest of desires for freedom. I saw America as that freedom and dreamed of coming to live here."

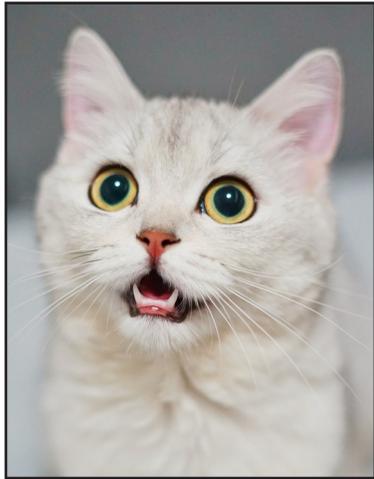
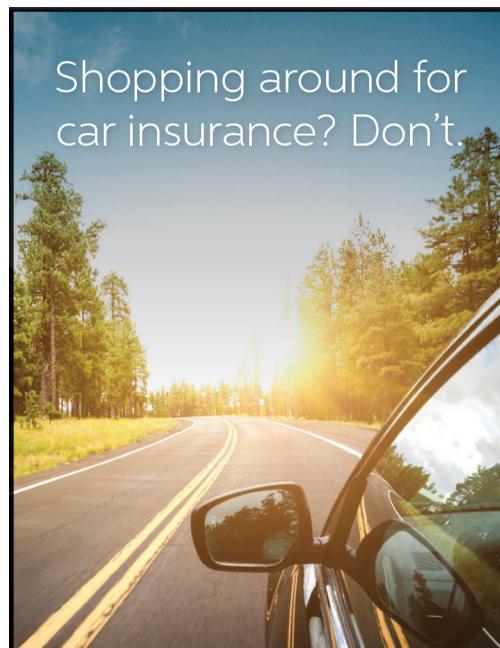


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Alternative education page 1

An important part of student learning involves real-life skills. In regularly scheduled morning groups, students in the alternative education program talk about what it means to be a good student and a contributing member of society. Those who are working or will work after they graduate learn how to interview and problem-solve issues occurring within the workplace. Good work ethics are emphasized. Often, students can earn credit for work-based learning.

On Feb. 14, retired teacher Corey Peña spoke with a group of students, primarily seniors, and each emphatically praised both instructors—Kunzelman and Chris Conley—as well as the program.

During her visit, Peña noted the relaxed atmosphere and students working at their own pace on individual assignments. Meanwhile, another group was receiving direct math instruction in Consumer Math (a practical class focused on personal finance, budget, and managing debt) with Kunzelman in another room.

One senior student in Conley’s group stated, “[The instructors] really care about us and take the time to explain things in a way that we can understand what we are learning.” Others appreciated the time to catch up, get a lot of one-on-one help, and improve their chances of getting their diploma.

Conley really has enjoyed being able to get to know each student personally, so he can target what they need. But, make no mistake, Conley will “stay on you” (as one student noted) because he wants his students to know he cares about them and their success.

When asked how the program measures success, Kunzelman explained that this past semester, students achieved an overall higher credit recovery rate (partial credit work completed to attain the full credit) and an overall higher credit percentage than in the fall of 2021.

On a personal level, one of the program’s students recently achieved his goal of returning to the Stockbridge Jr./Sr. High School. Well done, students and staff!

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Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:30 p.m.

White Oak Township hall 1002 S M-52 Webberville, MI 48892

REMINDER: No permanent or movable lot "Adornments" allowed without permission of cemetery sexton.

Lots for Sale: Full lot (4 burial sites) \$1,200; Half lot (2 burial sites) \$700; Single lot (1 burial site) \$400. Contact Glen at (517) 331-2489 or Chad at (517) 206-7854

Waterloo Township Board of Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the **Organizational Meeting** of the March Board of Review is scheduled for **Monday, March 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

Waterloo Township Board of Review will be hearing assessment appeals according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 17, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

	Tentative Ratio	Tentative Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00
Commercial	50.00	1.00
Industrial	50.00	1.00
Residential	50.00	1.00
Personal Property	50.00	1.00

All of the above meetings of the Waterloo Township Board of Review will be held at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. Check our website www.waterlootwpmi.gov for any changes that may occur.

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THE OPEN AIR MARKET

March 11 ~ 11 to 2 pm at 101 S. Center St.
First Presbyterian Church CE Bldg.

FOR SALE: honey, eggs, maple syrup, granola, chocolates, cookies, bread, pies, coffee cake, soaps, candles, lotions & art.

ALSO: local Girl Scout troop sells cookies and Heritage 6th Graders sell succulents.

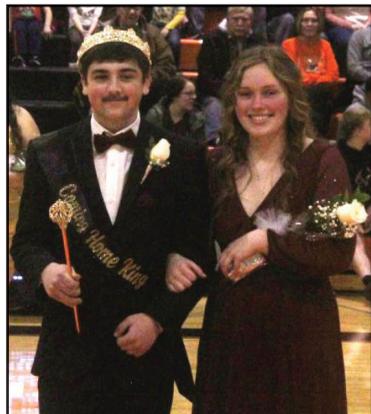
Last 2023 Winter Market: April 1

For more information, call Suzi at 517-851-7437.

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OPEN AIR MARKET OF STOCKBRIDGE

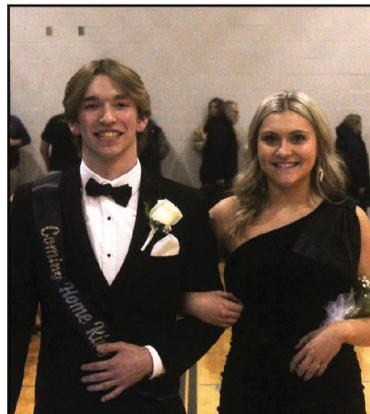
Coming Home - 2023



Senior Coming Home King Hayden Keiser and escort Hannah Marshall



Senior King Michael Armstrong and his escort Krista Culver



Senior King Micah Bolton and his escort Grace Niec



Senior King Ebin Gustafson and his escort Lirin Bolcavage



Senior King Noah Lewis and his escort Adrianna Adkins



Senior King Devon Moser and his escort Sofia Morales



Junior King Kegan Collins and his escort Ava Marshall



S STOCKBRIDGE
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Sophomore King David Joseph Acosta IV and his escort Averie Rosedale



Freshman King Kameryn Gross and his escort Taylor Steele



2023 Coming Home Court

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