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Local farmer appointed to lead Michigan's Department of Agriculture



Dr. Timothy Boring, local Stockbridge farmer, has been appointed to head up the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), effective March 27. Photo from michigan.gov

Information from michigan.gov

Timothy Boring, Michigan's executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency, left the agency to join Governor Whitmer's cabinet as the head of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), as of March 27. Boring's family has operated a grain farm in Stockbridge for six generations, and Boring has been directly involved in the farm's operations.

Boring holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriscience, Master of Science in Crop and Soil Sciences, and a Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences—all from Michigan State University.

Elaborating on her appointment of Dr. Boring to head up MDARD, Governor Whitmer said, "At MDARD, I am confident that he will lead admirably, working to support farmers, grow Michigan's mighty agricultural industry, protect our natural resources, and power rural economic development."

According to Bob Thompson, president of the Michigan Farmers Union, "Dr. Boring is a proven leader who shares our values of supporting family farm operations, both traditional and nontraditional, and the communities in which they live. We look forward to working with Dr. Boring in his new role!"

For more information on Boring's appointment, search for Boring MDARD on the Internet.

Local artist victorious at Jackson art battle



Ari Simone was crowned victor of the Art Battle extravaganza that was held at Jackson's Art 634. Photo credit Jenny Smith

by Jenny Smith

Despite tough competition, local artist Ari Simone was crowned victor of the Jan. 21 Art Battle extravaganza that was held at Jackson's Art 634.

Simone, who began painting again three years ago after a twelve year hiatus, describes his style as "a visual representation of audio and sensory input with a bit of contemporary apocalyptic landscape thrown in for good measure." He entered the contest on a whim, thinking that it would be neat to paint in a new environment.

The contest pitted contestants against one another around a ring of blank canvases in the center of the historic venue. With twenty minutes on the clock, the artists fought to create a masterpiece while the spectators whirled around the works-in-progress with frenzied excitement. As the clock ran out, the finished pieces were whisked to a table of easels for the public vote. Once the audience and online ballots were tallied, the top two competitors from each round continued on to battle it out on stage at the final. Ari was selected as a winner from the first round of contestants and fought through the final four to take home the overall win of the entire event.

View more of Ari's works at Ari Franklin Paints www.ari-paints.com.

Stockbridge Coach Hora to be named to Coaches Hall of Fame



Former Stockbridge Basketball Coach Phil Hora has received word that he will be inducted into the MHSCA Hall of Fame in September. Photo credit Clyde Whitaker

by Clyde Whitaker

March 20, 2023—a day that renowned former Stockbridge basketball coach Phil Hora will never forget. On that day, an official with the Michigan High School Coaches Association (MHSCA) Hall of Fame reached out to Hora to inform him that he is scheduled to be inducted into that esteemed Hall on September 17, 2023. Keep an eye on the Stockbridge Community News, which will be sure to cover this event. On behalf of the entire community, congratulations, Coach! We look forward to celebrating Stockbridge High School's first MHSCA Hall of Famer—Coach Phil Hora!

Former Stockbridge librarian tells the story My girl Peanut, world's oldest living chicken



As a chick, Peanut almost didn't hatch, but thanks to Marsi Darwin's keen sense of hearing, Peanut is now a world record holder. Photo credit Marsi Darwin

by Marsi Parker Darwin

Some readers may know me as a former Stockbridge branch librarian, where I served from 1986-1998. Those who remember me may not be surprised to learn we have a chicken living in our house. Her name is Peanut. She's twenty years old, with a golden-brown, speckled body and a black tail. Most noteworthy is that Peanut just achieved the Guinness record for World's Oldest Living Chicken.

See Peanut on page 17.

Rural Perspectives: Canada Geese are the largest goose species in the world

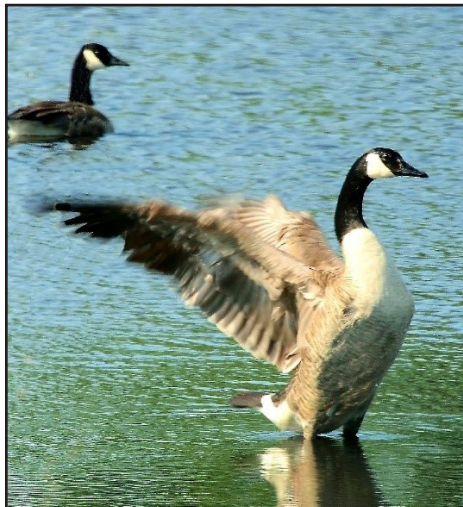


Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

By the 1940s, the Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) was thought to be extinct due to unregulated hunting and habitat loss. In the early 1960s, a small flock was found in Minnesota, and with careful management, this goose species was brought back from the edge.

It's a sign of spring when we hear Canada Goose honks and see their V formation pattern in the sky as flocks return to their nesting areas. These are mostly composed of family members.



Prior to the 1960s, the Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) was thought to be extinct due to unregulated hunting and habitat loss. Photo by Diane Constable

By the age of two to three, these geese pick out a life mate and build a nest in marshy areas, often atop a muskrat house. The 10-12 eggs hatch in about 30 days. By two days old, the goslings leave the nest and are walking, swimming, and eating; by 70 days old, they are flying.

The young are vulnerable to predators, but the parents defend them from dangers by flapping powerful wings and

hissing. They stay with their parents for a year and grow to 12 pounds. With a 5.5-foot wingspan, this is the largest goose species in the world.

They feed on short grasses and sedges, aquatic eel grass, and other vegetation, such as mowed grass on golf courses, parks and lawns, until fall when they often prefer grain seeds in harvested farm fields.

The Canada Goose is the only waterfowl that molts its flight feathers all at once, becoming flightless from late June to late July. In June, the geese without young to watch migrate farther north to spend their "molt time" near Hudson Bay Canada. Come fall, many flocks stay local as long as there is open water and food or migrate depending on the severity of the winter. Flocks from the Arctic do migrate to the southern U.S.

Fun Fact: A few adults will watch over several broods of goslings while other adults feed nearby.

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Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines

Questioning the morality of normalized cannibalism in 'Tender is the Flesh'

by Shuyler Clark

In the near future, a new virus renders animal meat dangerous to consume. As animals are culled and humans become desperate for meat, they choose to farm and eat other humans instead. Marcos, suffering from the death of his child and his father's deteriorating mental state, earns a living overseeing the human-farming process. When one of the farming plants gifts him a live female, Marcos comes to terms with his grief in this new society.

In the vein of similar speculative novels, Agustina Bazterrica's dystopian *Tender is the Flesh* is mostly contemplative and

character-driven, sacrificing plot to consider the moral and psychological ramifications of the speculative aspects. Despite the underlying idea of factory farming humans, Bazterrica dedicates much of the plot to Marcos' interpersonal struggles with his estranged wife and insensitive sister. The arrival of the female further aggravates these conflicts, though they do not feel unique to the circumstances. For instance, Marcos' grief over the death of his son and consequent disconnect from his wife could be compelling ideas, but they could easily exist in a contemporary setting without the human-farming aspect.

As a character, Marcos is sympathetic given the situation. He avoids human meat since he attributes the Transition (as the switch to cannibalism is called) to his father's decline and has his own theories on why it has become mainstream. The novel's slow pacing helps to develop his character, but it culminates in a rushed ending that leaves more questions than answers.

Given how Marcos' conflicts are the novel's main focus, this leaves the speculative facet underutilized. Readers are given the basics of this new cannibalistic society, including brief explanations for why more people did not become vegan or vegetarian in protest, what became of captive and domesticated animals, and what new habits people adopted around the virus narrative. However, not as much attention is paid to the worldwide response to the Transition. Since the Transition could be interchanged with other narrative ideas for Marcos' conflicts and have similar impact, it leaves the human-farming

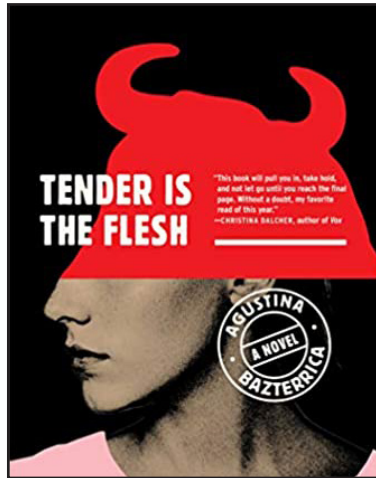


Image from Amazon.com

disjointed from the rest of the story.

Although the novel's premise can be interesting despite its flaws, the quality of the writing weighs it down. Despite the third-person narration, Marcos is rarely referred to by name, making some scenes with multiple male characters unclear. The prose itself is straightforward, with very little variety in sentence structure. While this could be a result of the translation from Spanish, the writing is often unengaging regardless.

As a novel, *Tender is the Flesh* offers an intriguing premise undermined by a lack of development. Readers who frequent the speculative genre may enjoy it for the opportunity to examine and build on the ideas presented.

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.

Chelsea Hospital appoints new Chief Medical Officer



Fazolemar Mahmood, MD, FACP, FACR, named new Chief Medical Officer at Chelsea Hospital

Photo provided by Chelsea Hospital

Information provided by Trinity Health Michigan

Following an extensive search and review of candidates, Chelsea Hospital has named Fazolemar Mahmood, MD, FACP, FACR, as the hospital's new chief medical officer (CMO). Since December 2022, Dr. Mahmood has served as the hospital's interim CMO, where he has continued to advance patient safety and high-quality care.

"Dr. Mahmood is a long-serving member of our medical staff and a well-

respected leader at all levels of our organization, from physicians to colleagues to the hospital administration," said Ben Miles, president of Chelsea Hospital.

See Chief Medical Officer on page 5.

Deadline: mid-April

Congressional Art Competition is open to high schoolers



The first-place piece will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. Photo credit Architect of the Capitol

who reside or attend school in Michigan's 7th Congressional District.

Representative Elissa Slotkin's office will be collecting submissions at participating high schools **the week of April 17**. Entries will then be judged by a volunteer panel. (As of this story release, the exact pick-up date has not been determined for Stockbridge High School.)

The art piece awarded first place will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The second place piece will hang in Congresswoman Slotkin's Washington D.C. office for one year, and the third place piece will be displayed in her Lansing office.

Information provided by Office of US Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin

Calling all high school artists!

The 2023 Congressional Art Competition is now open. This is a wonderful opportunity for young Michiganders to showcase their talent and gain recognition for their work.

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12

Clyde's Corner

When basketball was king

by Clyde Whitaker

March Madness is upon us; is there any better time to be sharing memories from the glory days of basketball at Stockbridge in the 70s. I think it's safe to say, all of us who played for our beloved Stockbridge Panthers cherish those times.



Clyde Whitaker

How many remember the 1970s and the basketball craze that swept through Stockbridge? It began in 1970-71, with an undefeated regular season, and continued until the retirement of Coach Phil Hora in 1989!

The 1970-71 team went to the State Finals that year, eventually losing a well fought ball game to Shelby.

I had the great honor of playing for two years on the varsity team with some great guys, and one year with our two-time All American, Jesse Campbell.

Back then we dressed up for game days, with a suitcoat, dress pants, and a shirt and tie. I recall my pregame ritual, parking my car at the backside of the gym and entering the building with my girlfriend during the junior varsity games. Walking through that gym door, I could immediately feel the excitement in the air.

Looking at the packed stands and the people circling the end of the floor, three and four deep—it was awesome! It always got my heart pumping faster as I continued through to the boys' locker room to get dressed for the game, waving to all of my friends in the process.

Coming out of our locker room to warm up, the crowd noise was deafening! The electricity in the air caused the hair to stand up on the back of my neck ... the noise unbelievable ... my heart racing.

Following our Friday night games, and usually after a big win, Stockbridge held dances in the gym. We'd shower, put our suitcoats back on, and head out to dance with anyone who asked us. The music was awesome back then too. I can hear it now—Three Dog Night, The Carpenters, Chicago, Al Green, Stealers Wheel, and Derek and the Dominos, to name a few.

One particular game I recall was played against Perry. It was a home game in 1972, when Jesse was a senior. By halftime, Jesse had scored 35 points. As we sat in the locker room during that halftime, Coach Hora proclaimed "Let's get Jesse the record." Well, we busted out of that locker room and proceeded to get Jesse the ball as often as we could, and he did set the school record for points that night with 65! It was so magical and something I will never, ever forget.

In addition to those early 70s teams, we did have other teams that had great seasons. Our 1978 team, led by All Stater Greg Basore, had a 20-0 regular season record, ending up 24-1. The 1976 team finished up 20-7, the 1980 team 20-5, and the 1977 team 22-4. Basketball was always elite at Stockbridge!

Stockbridge was blessed with a great coach from 1967 until 1989. Coach Phil Hora was a great game manager and motivator for us all. He pushed us to be the best we could be. He was honored by the Detroit Free Press as Dream Team Coach of the Year in 1970-71, and he was named Detroit News Coach of the Year as well. And this year, Coach Hora will be inducted into the MHSCA Coaches Hall of Fame!

It is difficult to convey exactly how it was back in those glory days, but all of us who played still remember the crowds and the support of the students and school staff. Thank you!

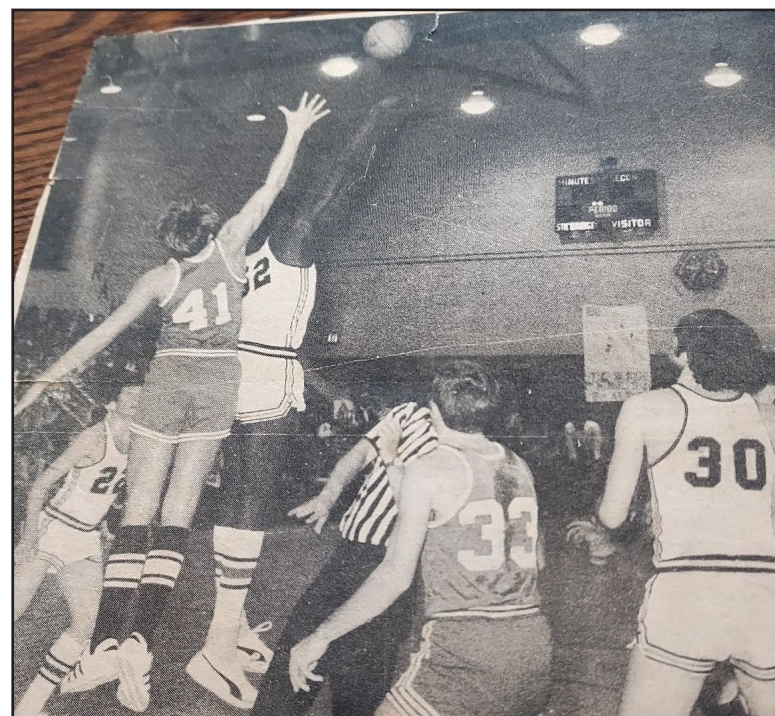
Our 15 minutes of fame have turned into over 50 years of beautiful memories. We were so lucky to be a part of that phenomenal time in Stockbridge basketball history. I, for one, will never, ever forget what, to many of us, was "the first" best time of our lives!

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.



The old Stockbridge High School gym, where Jesse Campbell attained the school record (still standing) of 65 points in a single game. Photo by Clyde Whitaker



Gary Allen (#22) and Craig Collins (#30) poised for Jesse to tip the jump ball to one of them. Photo by Clyde Whitaker



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Behind the screen

by Macy Cipta, *Uncaged* Reporter

The issue in today's world is that it is hard to recognize a bully. The person that looks like they are complimenting someone or are being kind can actually be the problem. For example, in *Mean Girls*, Regina George compliments another girl's skirt and immediately turns around to make fun of her. According to a survey of 100 of our high school students, 64.2% of people have felt isolated in their own friend group. There have always been occasions in schools where someone is being personally targeted whether or not it is seen.

Many will say that it is just 'kids being kids' or 'grow a backbone', but in reality all those sayings are invalidating someone who is constantly a target. Every situation is different and it is important to look around and recognize that there is an issue.

Social media is now one of the main ways people are getting bullied according to the high school counselor. The concern with social media is that you can't put a finger on who the bully is or how to help the situation.

A result of harassment online is the fact that cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day.

"I think the online stuff and the social media, I think that's the big difference I see," Guidance counselor Leslie Cummings said. "There's not an escape, sometimes they don't get a break from it."

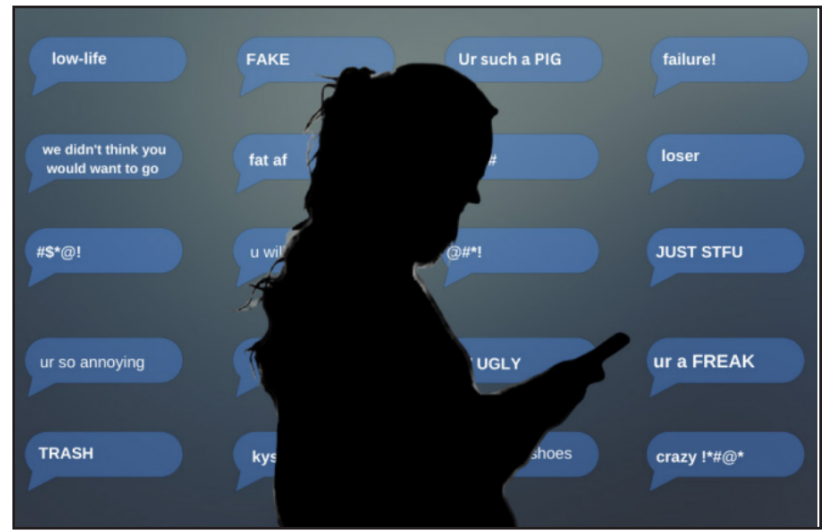
If a child is seeing hate comments throughout the day and night they don't have a safe place or a break. Making the problem worse, authority figures say that they have a tough time trying to control cyberbullying because they can't identify who the problem is as easily as in person.

A bully doesn't have to be a random person online or in school, but it can be someone that is close, like a friend.

"Basically plans would be made in front of you and you wouldn't get invited," Senior Kayla Surline said. "That has happened to me on multiple occasions. Then they always talk about stuff with each other that only they know, so it is an inside joke but basically you are left out of the conversation and they won't tell you what it's about."

Friends can exclude someone by leaving them out of conversations and not inviting them. Kayla Surline has had first hand experience dealing with friends that are actually bullies.

As reported by StopBullying.org, there are ways that bullying can be prevented and stopped. Adults may prevent bullying by spreading knowledge about harassment and make it clear that bullying is unacceptable and there are bad repercussions to bullying someone. Some ways that other students can help are by speaking up when something doesn't look right, treating others with respect and stand up for students getting bullied.



Sometimes the pressure of online bullying can be extreme. Image credit Macy Cipta

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If nobody can help you, then according to www.stompoutbullying.org stand up for yourself by either removing yourself from the situation, ignoring them or yell 'STOP' and continue to walk away.

This article is being published with minimal edits from the original, which was published in the January 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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"I am confident he has the experience and wisdom to help steer our organization in the right direction and advance our healing mission throughout the communities we serve."

As the hospital's CMO, Dr. Mahmood will continue to oversee all activities with the medical staff and medical staff office, while also continuing to practice as a rheumatologist with Trinity Health IHA Medical Group Rheumatology. In addition to his service as interim CMO over the past few months, Dr. Mahmood was already a familiar presence at Chelsea Hospital, having served on the Medical Care Review Committee since 2011, and as the current Director of the Utilization Review Committee and Chief of Medicine Service. Dr. Mahmood is a fellowship-trained rheumatologist and is Board-certified in internal medicine and rheumatology.

Chelsea Hospital is a not-for-profit joint venture hospital, whose partners are Trinity Health Michigan, a Catholic health care system, and Michigan Medicine, the academic medical center of the University of Michigan.



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Ask an Expert: Why is it important to fix your car's bumper?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

Bumpers are built to take a lot of abuse, which leads to dings and dents over time. For many car owners, these seem like small things and not something that should warrant a visit to your local auto body shop. While that may be true for a small ding, you'd actually do yourself a service to get these fixed. Your car's bumper plays a number of roles which, if not taken care of, can lead to other major problems. Here, we share why you should take care of that bumper problem.

Bumpers reduce impact on your car: When you hit something, chances are good that your bumper is the first thing that comes in contact with whatever it is. Bumpers are built using material that can take a lot of force on impact, before any other part of the car makes contact. This is especially true in cases where you have fender benders or other incidents involving smaller impacts. When your bumper is not in good shape, the damage to your car's body and other vital areas, like the lights, are easily affected.

Dinged bumpers can lower a car's value: You may think nothing of it, but when you go to sell your car or trade it in for another model, one important factor that affects the price of your car is the shape the bumper is in. If your car has a number of dings and dents, you may have a hard time fetching top dollar for it because sometimes people think a car's condition reflects the owner's driving style. Whether justified or not, a bumper with too many dings can signify poor driving and more wear and tear on the car.

Damaged bumpers can hide internal problems: While it may look like just damage to your bumper, there may be more to the story. Bumpers are built to withstand shock energy from a collision, but this sometimes leads to internal auto-body issues. A few bumper accidents can cause misalignment and put more pressure on other parts of the car, causing even more wear and tear. By fixing the bumper, you keep yourself safe on the road.

Insurance claims: Sometimes, insurance claims have determined the cause of collision to be a damaged bumper from a previous collision, and this complicates those claims. When you fix a damaged bumper in time, you ensure that future claims will not be complicated by a past problem.

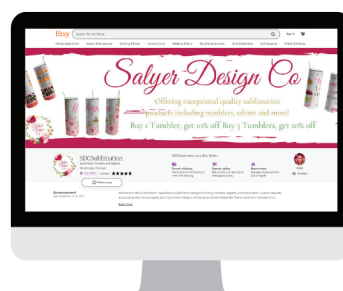
John and Theresa Kightlinger own My Body Shop at 401 N. Clinton St., Stockbridge. The couple have lived in the area and raised their children here over the past 20 years. John has been in the auto body business since 1985, and Theresa began work at General Motors after high school. Between the two, they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



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John Robinson

Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Who had a hit with 'Purple Haze' by Jimi Hendrix?

by John Robinson

Q: Didn't someone else have a hit with Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" or am I having a '60s flashback?

A: Flashback or not, you're right. Dion released it as his 1969 follow-up single to "Abraham, Martin and John." It actually charted higher than Hendrix's 1967 version; Dion made it to No. 63 compared to Jimi's No. 65.

Q: I remember a silly song from the '50s about Martians coming down to Earth that used snips of rock and roll songs. Can you tell me what and who it was?

A: You might have in mind the Buchanan & Goodman 1956 single, "Flying Saucer Parts 1 & 2." The original working title for the record was "Back To Earth Parts 1 & 2." Bill Buchanan and Dickie Goodman conceived the idea of a radio program being interrupted by a flying saucer invasion, along the lines of Orson Welles' "War Of The Worlds" broadcast. New York deejay Alan Freed got ahold of the recording and played it on his program. Because of the exposure, it zoomed to No. 3 and started the "break-in" record craze, a practice of using bits of rock and roll songs edited into scripted dialogue.

Q: Who did the original version of "Ballroom Blitz"?

A: "Ballroom Blitz" was a No. 5 hit in 1975 for the British band Sweet (who originally named themselves Sweetshop). The song was used in several movies, including the 1992 film "Wayne's World," where actress Tia Carrere sang the song. Other movies that used "Ballroom Blitz" include "Bordello of Blood," "Daddy Day Care," and "The Sandlot: Heading Home." A musical influence on the style of "Ballroom Blitz" was drummer Sandy Nelson's 1961 Top Ten single, "Let There be Drums."

Q: No one believes me that "My Darlin' Clementine" was a rock and roll song.

A: They probably don't believe it because it's never perceived that way. It was written back in 1884 under the original title "Oh My Darling Clementine" and originally hit the pop charts in 1941 by Bing Crosby. But there WERE a couple of rock and roll versions in 1960: Jan & Dean released it under the title "Clementine" in February of that year; one month later, Bobby Darin released his version. Jan and Dean's single stalled at No. 65 while Darin's surpassed it, making the Top 40 at No. 21.

Q: Is Gilbert O'Sullivan his real name or was it made up?

A: Gilbert O'Sullivan was a pop star who had a nice handful of hits in the early '70s, the most popular being "Alone Again (Naturally)" in 1972. His manager, Gordon Mills, decided to change O'Sullivan's first name Ray to Gilbert, making it a play on the songwriting team name of Gilbert and Sullivan.

See Rock 'n' Roll on page 9.

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Fire-Van Syckle Ct./Van Syckle Rd.,
Citizen Assist-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle
Rd.

Wednesday 2/15 - Assist EMS-Dutton
Rd./Dexter Trl., Respond to Alarm-
Arnold Rd./W. M-36, Welfare Check-
Webb St./Church St.

Friday 2/17 - Assist EMS-Wasson Rd./
Gregory Rd.

Saturday 2/18 - Animal Complaint-W.
M-36/Livermore Rd.

Sunday 2/19 - Stolen/Recovered
Property-Spears Rd./Donohue Rd.,

Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.,
Drugs/VCSA-Williamsville Rd./Holmes
Rd/

Monday 2/20 - Main St./Dewey St.,
Intimidation/Threats Harassment-
Woodside Dr./Lake Shore Dr.

Wednesday 2/22 - Citizen Assist-Church
St./Webb St., Assist UTPD-W. Trebesh
Cir./Winfred Ct., Assist UTPD-Doyle
Rd./Holmes Rd.

Thursday 2/23 - Respond to Alarm-
Wasson Rd./Weller Rd., Assist UTPD-
Roepke Rd./Bowdish Rd., Assist UTPD-
Donohue Rd./Spears Rd., Fraud-Webb
St./Church St.

Friday 2/24 - Property Damage
Accident-Bull Run Rd./Wasson Rd.,
Assist UTPD-M-106/M-36, Assist EMS-
San Luray Dr./San Marino Ave., Traffic
Violation/Arrest-Hadley Rd./Bruin Lake
Campground

Sunday 2/26 - Unattended Death-
Bridgets Way/Howlett Rd., Shots
Fired-W. M-36/Livermore Rd., Repo
Info-Bird Ln./Bullis Rd.

Monday 2/27 - Electrical Hazard-M-36/
Dexter Trl., Assist UTPD-Main St./Bullis
Rd., Community Policing-Unadilla Rd./
Williamsville Rd., Abandoned Vehicle-
Sutton Rd./M-106, Domestic Verbal-
Weller Rd./Wasson Rd.

Tuesday 2/28 - Suspicious Situation-
Wasson Rd./Bull Run Rd., Electrical
Hazard-Hadley Rd./Barnum, Assist
EMS-Dutton Rd./Deep Valley Rd.,
Citizen Assist-Weller Rd./Wasson Rd.

Chief David S. Russell
Unadilla Township Police Department

Waterloo Township Board Meeting**Unapproved Minutes Feb 28, 2023**

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.
Present: Lance, McAlister, Kitley, Walz, Beck. Also present: 3
residents and Deputy Jim Moore.

Public Comment: None
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 January was as follows: Deputy
Moore and deputies assigned to Waterloo Township worked 184
hours and patrolled 2072 miles. Deputies responded to 15 calls for
service. Deputies conducted 8 traffic stops and issued 3 citations.
Deputies investigated 1 fatal and 3 property damage traffic
crashes. The Sheriff's Office responded to 15 calls for service. The
Michigan State Police responded to 9 calls for service.

Correspondence: Lance read a letter from Rosemary Tanner of
Jackson regarding free money from U.S. Alliance for Election
Excellence. She is saying it is not free and asks townships to
discourage it. He also read an email from Jim Cole, Department of
Transportation regarding the type of repairs we want to do to roads.
Lance asked Kitley to respond to him referring back to December
20 email and do skip paving and let him know that we do not want
to do private roads and dead-end roads first, and do roads that serve
the most people traffic wise.

Old Business: None
New Business:
Parks & Recreation: Walz reported that the fence is completed
at the Clear Lake County Park. They are working on the Artisan
Market taking place in June. Fliers are ready and applications.
There will be a coffee truck there and they are looking to have a
food truck there. It should be a good event.

Planning Commission: Meeting for February was cancelled.
Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the Land
Division for Wahl Family Trust as presented. Aye/all; no/none.
Motion carried.

Beck motioned with support from McAlister to give Building
Clerks, Deputy Treasurer, and Deputy Clerk 4 paid holidays each
year. Holidays covered are July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas
Day and New Year's Day. The total cost for all would be \$688 a
year. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck. No/
none. Motion carried.

Kitley will check around for newspapers to publish in that will
fit the compliance regulations. It will be discussed further at the
March 28 meeting.
Lance motioned with support from Walz to approve the Poverty
Exemption Guidelines for 2023 using the 12-31-2019 income
standards for 2023. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Any Other Business That Comes to the Board:
Lance motioned with support from Beck to authorize Kitley to
write a letter of support of a Comcast Grant for Broadband. Aye/all;
no/none. Motion carried.

Lance read a letter regarding asking for funding to help provide
an officer for the Stockbridge Schools, \$6,500 a year for 3 years.
Because there are questions, we need more information to make
the commitment. Kitley and Beck will meet with authorities to

get questions answered before anything is done. The following
questions need an answer:

- What happens when the grant is done in 3 years.
- Is the school prepared to give more financial assistance.
- Who decided to get the grant funding for an officer.
- What does the officer do during summer when no school is in session.

e. Other entities supporting this?

f. Is Village commitment a one-time offering or per year for 3 years.

Beck brought up the information from Schumacher requesting
money to help the Stockbridge Education Foundation due to their
losses from Covid. This Foundation gives grants to students for
college. Walz motioned with support from Lance to budget \$40,000
(\$10,000 per school in our Township) from ARPA funds providing
they submit their 501 C3 established proof, paperwork showing
loss due to Covid and how they make decisions on who gets a grant
and the qualifications and an application with documentations by
December 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck,
McAlister. No/none. Motion carried.

Beck spoke of side by sides on the road and if they are legal.
Will check with other Townships to see what they have in place.
Following Motor Code Act 300 1949 257.657A. We can pass an
ordinance, if wanted.

Lance spoke of opening our Township facility for use by electric
power restoration people and for residents without power to come
in to use restrooms, get warm and have coffee, etc.

Lance motioned with support McAlister to adopt the amendment
to our current Blight Ordinance with a new number for amendment
being O-23-02-28-1 as presented. Yes/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Lance motioned with support from Walz to support Michigan
Class Resolution amendment with a new number being R-23-02-28-
1. Yes/all; no/none. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Richardson expressed his opposition to the
handling of so many items presented at the meeting that were not
on the agenda. It was explained that the items were just received
the day of the meeting and required handling. He also stated that
he approved of the letter from Ms. Tanner regarding elections
and opening the Township as a warming center. He supported the
request for support of security officers in the schools. Questioned
the \$40,000 for schools and would it cut out putting a fire truck
pole barn on our property. Lance assured him that the pole building
is still in the works and will happen. Richardson also asked
about the gravel pit on Clear Lake Road and was it affected by
the land division. It will remain an intact piece of property. That
property will be sold. Heatley spoke about push texts to help with
announcing the warming center. Walz said she would check into it.
Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to
adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Aye/all; no/none.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March
21st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be
on March 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:
waterlootownshipmichigan.

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

**STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES****February 12, 2023**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on February 12, 2023 at 12:00pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Ed Wetherell Member absent from meeting; Trustee Terry Sommer

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board regular meeting agenda as printed Wireman second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen Comments None
Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township meeting minutes from January 16, 2023 as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept the Stockbridge Township financial report as printed Wireman second All in Favor Motion Carried

Old Business
Muraf motion to donate \$15,000.00 to the Stockbridge Harvest Fest 23 Wetherell Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

New Business
Muraf motion to approve Ingham County equalization department for Board of Review for Poverty Exemption as follows.

TENTATIVE RATIOS & ESTIMATED FACTORS AS DETERMINED BY INGHAM COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CLASS Tentative Ratios
Agricultural 48.06
Commercial 45.69
Industrial 46.77
Residential 43.62
Personal 50.00

Wireman Second roll call vote Muraf Yes, wireman Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes All in favor Motion Carried
Muraf motion to accept Main Street Computer quote for up to \$4,000.00 on the Stockbridge Area Library Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman Motion to accept the quote for Spartan Irrigation in the amount of \$760.95 for lawn irrigation Program for 2023 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept Ingham County Road 2023 Local Road Programs for \$323,000.00 for the following Kinsey-Brogan to M36, Budd-Milner to Oakley, Milner- Dexter Trail to M52, Obrien-Parman to Morton, Morton-Chapman to Heeneey Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman motion to accept Delights Christmas Light Installation & Holiday Décor to remove the Stockbridge Township Christmas tree lights for the year 2023 \$6,400.00 to remove and put-up new lights the following year 2024 for \$5,000.00 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board Monthly bills in the amount of \$101,024.15 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Multipliers
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Muraf motion to close open session and open closed session Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried.

Citizen's Comment Discussion
Closed session Discussion.

Wireman motion to close close session and open open session All in Favor Motion Carried
Muraf motion to approve the discussion that was discussed in closed session Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting at 12:58Pm
Wireman Second All in Favor Motion

Community Calendar

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – Prepared Meals for Seniors through Stockbridge Area Senior Center, noon to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center

Every Tuesday and Thursday - MSU Extension Program Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, 7 to 8 a.m. online

Every Wednesday - Family Storytime (ages 6 and up), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library

Every Wednesday – 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

April 1-30 – The Seed Library Returns to Stockbridge Library while supplies last

April 4 – The Sons of the American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510

April 10 – The American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510

April 16 – Strange Creatures of of the Spring Pond, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center

April 22 – Grow Great Vegetables, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

April 23 – Why Peas need Bees!, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center

April 25 – The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510

April 30 – Nature's Nightlife, 2 to 3 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center

**For more community events visit: www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com
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submissions to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.**



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From CADL Stockbridge

Gardening novices and enthusiasts should check out the library this spring

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

Spring is just around the corner, and with it are some great opportunities offered by CADL Stockbridge!

For gardening enthusiasts, the Seed Library is returning. Starting in April, and running through May, CADL Stockbridge and nine other branches will be offering free seeds so people can start their own gardens. A variety of flower, herb, and vegetable seeds will be available for patrons to choose from (available while supplies last). For more information about our seed project, visit cadl.org/seeds.



Free seeds from the library's seed catalog are back in April and May (while supplies last). Photos provided by CADL Stockbridge.



Join Bevin Cohen for the "Grow Great Vegetables" program on April 22, 2023 (noon to 1:30 p.m.), at CADL Stockbridge.

If you want to start a garden but don't know where to begin, CADL Stockbridge has a perfect event for you. On April 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m., the library will be hosting "Grow Great Vegetables." This event will be run by author and herbalist Bevin Cohen, who has decades of gardening knowledge and experience to share with you. During this event, Cohen will discuss topics such as soil health, mulching, and harvesting, along with other garden tips to help you prepare your garden for its best year yet! To learn more about this event, visit bevincohen.com.

If you have other ideas of how you want to spend your spring, be sure to stop by the library to check out all the resources offered. All you need is your library card to start finding new ways to enjoy the warm weather that is bound to be headed our way.

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

Rock 'n' Roll page 7

Ray hated the name but went along with it, as Mills also had been responsible (and successful) for changing Gerry Dorsey's name to Engelbert Humperdinck (after the composer of "Hansel & Gretel") and Thomas John Woodward's name to Tom Jones (anticipating free publicity from the current hit film "Tom Jones").

Q: Which Beatle album has the song "Here, There and Everywhere?" I'm trying to find it.

A: You'll find it on the Beatles' 1966 "Revolver" album. Paul McCartney wrote the majority of the song, inspired by the Beach Boys' "God Only Knows" and "Wouldn't It Be Nice." Paul has stated that he was trying to sing it in the style of Marianne Faithfull.

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.

Open Air Market of Stockbridge to add food trucks to the mix



The outdoor market begins its 13th year on Fridays in the Stockbridge Township Square, from 4 to 7 p.m. This year, on the first two Fridays of each month, food trucks will also be featured.

K&D Southern Fixin's. Market hours are 4 to 7 p.m. each Friday.

Of course, market-goers can also count on a variety of table vendors who will entice their customers with all manner of goods: in-season vegetables and fruits, honey, maple syrup, jams, eggs, granola, breads, baked goods, cookies, pies, soaps, lotions, candles, art, and more. Vendor fees have remained the same since the start of the market 13 years ago—\$10 per booth per day.

Regional musicians will be back to fill the air with song, thanks to funding from 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, Friends of the Stockbridge Library, CADL, Stockbridge Area Arts Council and the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority. Market Music will run each Friday from 5:30-7pm, May through September, weather-permitting (and sometimes into October). Patrons are encouraged to bring their chairs and enjoy an evening of music on the square in the company of neighbors and friends.

Adding to the action, at dusk on the third Friday of each month, the market will be followed by the Stockbridge Township Movie Night (except September when it will be the last Friday).

The market is always looking for more vendors with new items and non-partisan community groups eager to share their stories and information. For more information on scheduling a booth at the market or for a schedule of events, visit the OpenAirMarketofStockbridge Facebook page or the Market's website at StockbridgeMarket.org.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

A Chelsea Hospital physician answers common questions



Calista Harbaugh, MD, is a colorectal surgeon at Chelsea Hospital. Photo provided by Chelsea Hospital

Information provided by Chelsea Hospital

In recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Calista Harbaugh, MD, recently answered questions to help bring attention to the disease and to discuss the medical services and support she provides patients as a colorectal surgeon at Chelsea Hospital.

Q: As a colorectal surgeon, what types of conditions do you treat?

Dr. Harbaugh: I care for patients experiencing a broad scope of illness and disease. I'm blessed to help people prevent and treat cancers, and I treat my patients for all sorts of other conditions of the large intestine, colon and anus.

See Colorectal Cancer on page 20.

Obituaries Anne Potts



Anne Potts
Sept. 20, 1940 to Mar 25, 2023

Long-time area resident and teacher Anne Potts died peacefully, surrounded by her family at home in Gregory on March 25, 2023 – just hours before her 58th wedding anniversary to Jack.

Born Anne Elizabeth Howlett in Ann Arbor on September 20, 1940, to Thomas and LeAnna Howlett, Anne was the younger sister of Henry and the older sister of Christine (Tinnie) and Joseph. She devoted her life, along with Tinnie, to caring for their two disabled brothers. Tinnie O'Haver and Joe Howlett survive.

A Stockbridge graduate, Anne followed in her parents' footsteps to Kalamazoo College and later graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Education, as did Jack and her son Sam; the family vocation (both her parents, Tinnie and many other relatives were teachers) was strong – rivalled only by Anne's Spartan spirit. All four of her children and one daughter-in-law graduated from MSU and she attended or watched football and basketball games (always wearing green and white) enthusiastically. She bore both losses and wins with grace and good humor, but those who loved her well knew "the look" for either scenario.

In 1965, she was eating ice cream in the family kitchen when (Charles) Jack Potts, her high school sweetheart, blurted out, "Why don't we get married?" In 10 days they were, in the Gregory Baptist Church. They went north to the family cabin in Alcona County, and she returned after the weekend to teach her 2nd graders in Howell. Jack returned to his studies at MSU, but once he had his Education degree, they lived in Oak Grove and both taught in Howell Schools.

The family moved back to Gregory in 1973 so Jack could take over the family hardware store (Howlett Hardware), and Anne raised their four children until she returned to teaching in Stockbridge schools in 1987. She was treasured by students and colleagues alike, a gentle, fun, funny, endlessly patient teacher in Smith Elementary until she retired in 2005, after being awarded Employee of the Year for Stockbridge Community Schools.

Anne loved her annual cousins' trip to Charlevoix, where the Howlett girls would "work" (shopping) and talk all night. Ever the teacher, she always gave a "lesson" – a favorite poem or reading. Northern Michigan held a special place in her heart, having spent childhood summers with her siblings and family friends living in a rustic cabin adjacent to a farm. That elicited a lifelong love of animals, especially dogs and her backyard birds. Anne's feeders attract myriad birds, which she taught her children and grandchildren to identify and enjoy.

Anne's flower gardens were never showy but always perfect, and her cooking and baking were legendary. In later years she enjoyed working at estate sales with her friends and collecting antiques. She had a deep faith, loved reading, crosswords and most of all, her family.

She is survived by Jack and their four children: Jack (Vicki) Potts of Wheaton, IL; Nathan Potts of Sacramento, CA; Sam (Meg) Potts of Brighton, MI; and Laura (John) Bakewell of Norwich, England; as well as grandchildren Thomas and Caroline Potts of Illinois; Maisie Potts of Michigan; and Lizzie, Anna, George and Sam Bakewell of England. Her grandson, Charles Stephen Potts, preceded her. Many loved nieces, nephews and cousins survive.

She lived a good life and was loved beyond words.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023, at Gregory Community Church. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Gregory Community Church, with Pastor Dan Miller officiating. Lunch to follow, then burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Contributions can be made to the Gregory Community Church.

Obituaries

Kevin M. Cook



Kevin M. Cook
Mar. 15, 1963 to Mar. 5, 2023

Kevin M. Cook, age 59, of Gregory, MI, passed away on March 5, 2023 at Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor, MI.

Kevin was born on March 15, 1963 in Jackson, MI to Keith and Barbara (Durfey) Cook. He had lived in the area all of his life, and he graduated from Grass Lake High School in 1981. He then went on to serve in the United States Coast Guard from 1981-1985. He received his certification and license for massage therapy in 2020. Kevin was a humble man. He loved doing anything outdoors, especially fishing and car "Hood" parties, and spending time with family and friends, especially "up north." He was also a devout member of the Gregory Community Church. He was born again on April 6, 2006.

On April 26, 2003, he married Amanda M. (Kenewell), and she survives. Also surviving are two children, Kaylee Cook (Brandon Benjamin) of Lansing, and Stuart Cook of Gregory; his mother, Barbara Cook of Jackson, and his father Keith Cook of Texas; his siblings: Mark (Melissa) Cook of Mason, Kimberly (Chrissy Ingalls) Cook of San Diego, California, sister-in-law, Karen Cook of Georgia; his mother- and father-in-law, Stuart and Terri Kenewell of Gregory; brother-in-law, Phillip (Karin) Kenewell of Gregory; nieces and nephews: Emma, Spencer, Max, Ian (Becky), Josh (Clay), and Jeffrey. He was preceded in death by a brother, Brian Cook.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 10, 2023 at Gregory Community Church, 126 Church St., Gregory. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Gregory Community Church, with Pastor Dan Miller officiating. Military Honors followed the service. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gregory Community Church. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Deborah K. Schenk



Deborah K. Schenk
July 31, 1955 to Mar. 2, 2023

Deborah K. Schenk, age 67, of Gregory, MI, passed away at home on March 2, 2023. Debbie was born on July 31, 1955 in Jackson, MI to Arthur and Lillian (Salyer) Minix. She had lived in the Gregory area for the past 30 years, moving from Ann Arbor. She had previously worked for the City of Ann Arbor as an Administrative Assistant. Debbie loved reading, all animals, and spending time with her grandkids. Deb was a free spirit who lived life to the fullest and by her own rules. She also loved to travel, listen to music, laugh, and have a good time. She was a good friend to many and would do anything for her family.

Deb is survived by three children, William (Kristie) Risner of Brighton, Ryan Risner of Gregory, and Jeffrey (Laura) Risner of Munith; the father of her kids, Billy Joe Risner of Stockbridge; her siblings, Marlene Stevens of Fitchburg and Michael (Bobby) Minix of Gregory; and five grandchildren, Kaitlin (Shane Robinson), Kayleigh, Jack, Ben, and Avery; Her aunt, Alice (Junior) Keeton of Jeffersonville, KY, one uncle, Wisemond "Blue" (Sylvia) Salyer of Jackson, and aunt, Dorothy Salyer of Stockbridge; Along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Lillian Minix, and a brother, Scott Minix.

Cremation has taken place, and all services will be private. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Debbie's honor, may do so to the Humane Society of one's choice. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Lillian Virginia Priebe



Lillian Virginia Priebe
Sept. 28, 1926 to Mar. 15, 2023

Lillian Virginia Priebe, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home with her son Gary by her side on Tuesday, March 15, 2023, at the age of 96.

She was born on September 28, 1926, in Detroit, MI to Joseph and Blanche Gootee. Lillian grew up in Detroit and often shared fond memories of walking with her cousin Agnes to visit their grandmother, who had immigrated from Poland as a young woman.

She later married Eugene Aloysius Przybysz (Priebe) on August 2, 1947, at St. Francis D'Assisi Catholic Parish, and together raised four boys until his untimely passing at the age of 46. She remained very involved at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, later volunteering with the Our Lady of Grace women's group as well as working many years for Ames Supply Company.

Lillian especially valued family — so much so — that on her wedding day, the entire wedding party went to the hospital with a plate of food for her grandmother, who was too ill to attend. She also had a very close relationship with her sister Geraldine (Gerry) until her passing at the age of 52. She was always there to lend a helping hand, babysit, or even offer a place to stay when needed. She loved to cook and entertain, often serving delicious Polish meals to a houseful of friends and family, including the priests and nuns from church. Her Catholic faith was paramount in her life, which only enhanced her gentle, loving nature with everyone she met. She always said she was a people person and loved everyone.

She enjoyed playing Bunco with friends, attending Polish festivals, and had many artistic hobbies, including wreath making, macramé, and creating stained glass works of art that she shared with her children. She enjoyed traveling and lived in Arizona for many years, then Florida — but ultimately, returned home to Michigan because that is where her family was. It was not uncommon to enter her home and hear Polka music playing loudly in the background as she busily worked in the kitchen making pierogis. She would often say, "Never leave your home — that is where family is. Always make time for family."

She is survived by her four sons, Eugene (Judy) Priebe, Donald Priebe (sig. other Frances Rogers), Gary Priebe, and Paul (Connie) Priebe; eight grandchildren, Monique (Michael) Coffman, Gina (Dennis) Pellock, Mark (Erin) Priebe, Mary (David) Ward, Jim (April) Priebe, Amanda (Jeremy) Schweim, Megan and Kenny Priebe; and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn infant daughter, husband Eugene, sister Geraldine Kohlruss, and parents Joseph Gootee and Blanche Kean.

A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 21 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, in Plymouth.

Active Aging A sense of awe and belonging

by Mark Taylor

Months ago, I was invited to visit the new Senior Center and make any recommendations I had for the layout and handicapped access to the building and its surroundings.

At the time, I was introduced to a few of the committed members of the Senior Center and was impressed with the amount of work they were doing to Stockbridge's old Fire Barn. I was then invited to stay and observe the Board of Directors' meeting. To make a long story short, I walked out of that meeting as the elected Board secretary. I can't explain how that happened, only that I saw a need for assisting with the overall Senior Center plan and development, and something inside me wanted to be a part of it.

I don't know the exact age you need to attain to be declared a senior citizen. I suspect my children thought I joined that crowd twenty years ago, and my hair color certainly qualifies me for this special group. I call it a "special group" because of the feeling I get when I have the opportunity to be with them.

I am in awe of this group. These are the citizens (along with their ancestors) who helped build and stabilize this community. Thanks to them, the community has schools and other services so we can raise our families in this area. This is the group that has sacrificed so much of their time and talent to benefit the rest of us. Their efforts in the service of our country, our state, our town and their families cannot be measured. It is impossible to comprehend the sacrifices they have made on our behalf, and I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting to personally thank Stockbridge area seniors for their efforts over the years.

Our family has now been in Stockbridge for 30-plus years. We know a lot of you, and many others we would like to get to know. We were welcomed into this community with open arms and felt at home immediately. Even though I was working outside this community, I felt a calm about having my family here as they would be protected and taken care of. Stockbridge is a community not without its challenges, but one with stable roots and the ability to confront whatever the future might bring.

We owe our senior citizens who have built such a strong foundation in the Stockbridge area.

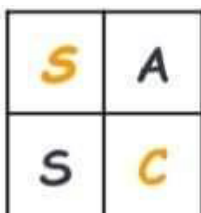
When I'm at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center, I feel like I belong. Smiles and greetings abound, and these encourage conversation and, yes, even a few pranks being played on one another! Old stories are relived and people want to know how you are doing and what they can do to help.

I feel like I belong, in a small way, to this special group of our citizens, and I would like to invite others who are interested or curious to stop by and say, "Hello." I am confident that, when you get ready to leave, you, too, will leave in awe of all the special citizens you had the privilege to meet.

If you look close enough, one way or another you will find opportunities to join in and assist with the growth of this organization. I wish for you the same sense of

belonging that I have experienced.

Mark Taylor is secretary of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC), a great place to spend time. Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org or call 517-480-0353 for information.



Stockbridge area seniors helped build and stabilize this community. Now they get to focus on fun with activities like this recent Harmonica Class held at the Senior Center. Photo credit Dana Blaszkowski

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Bridge to Wellness

Healthy Coping Tips for April's National Stress Awareness Month

by Emily Stewart

Whether you're dealing with difficulties at home, work or school, it can be challenging to manage stress. Coping is how you face responsibilities or problems in your life.

Some days you can cope successfully—frustration or overwhelming feelings are met in a calm, healthy manner. Other days, it can be tempting to turn to unhealthy or harmful behaviors for quick relief. Drowning out the discomfort with negative behaviors may seem easier, but healthy coping is essential for both youth and adults.

Some estimate that 75-90% of all doctor visits are for stress-related conditions. In honor of April as National Stress Awareness Month, this month's column highlights healthy ways to manage stress. According to BetterHelp, the tips below may help you cope and improve your overall well-being.

- **Connect with others.** Positive social connections and support are proven to reduce stress and improve health.
- **Practice mindfulness.** Try deep-breathing exercises and meditation.
- **Move more.** Physical activity of any kind can relieve tension and promote physical and mental well-being. The activity does not need to be extensive or intense and can be modified to meet your needs.
- **Carve out time for hobbies.** Engaging in activities you love can provide a nice break and help you unwind. Find what you enjoy and try to do it often.
- **Spend time outdoors.** According to research, even a brief period spent outside can alleviate stress. The hustle of life can be soothed by nature, which gives you time to pause, take in the beauty around you and relax.



Drowning out discomfort with negative behaviors may seem easier, but healthy coping is essential. Photo credit Zak Neilson via unsplash.com

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can be soothed by nature, which gives you time to pause, take in the beauty around you and relax.

If you're struggling and need guidance to manage stress, talking to a professional can help. Check out srslystockbridge.org for a list of local and national resources.

Upcoming Event

Just in time to provide a nice outdoor stress-coping mechanism, the Beckwith Preserve Spring Clean Up is Thursday, April 27, beginning at 1 p.m. Get your gloves and spades out and head into the woods for some invasive weed pulling, camaraderie, and communing with nature. Meet in the parking lot off of M106.



This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC). Emily Stewart is the Coalition Vice-Chair and SRSLY Stockbridge Coalition Director with the Community Health Improvement Team at Chelsea Hospital.



STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Panthers end season in district finals loss to Springport

by Keith Michaels

The girls' varsity basketball team saw its amazing season come to an end in the D3 district finals March 3 with a 45-41 loss to Springport.

The Panthers finished their season with a 17-7 overall record and will lose just one senior off its roster heading into the 2023-2024 season.

Stockbridge jumped out to a quick lead in the first and took a 12-6 lead after one.

Gracee Robidou and Alaina Kellenberger got into foul trouble in the second and spent some time on the bench, and the Spartans took advantage of it, outscoring the Panthers 20-9 to take a 26-21 lead at the half.

Stockbridge would battle back in the third by holding Springport to just eight points and cutting the lead to 34-32.

The Panthers fought all the way back and tied the game at 36, but Springport answered with six straight points to take a 42-36 lead and the Panthers would not recover.

Kellenberger had a big night with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Panthers.

Maddie Dalton chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds, while Taylor Lockhart added seven points and five boards.

Taylor Asquith gave the Panthers a spark early with a pair of triples and finished with six points. Robidou had two points, five rebounds, and four assists, while Thalia Sayre added two points.

The Panthers reached the finals with a 60-7 win over Maple Valley.

Stockbridge jumped out to a 40-6 halftime lead and never looked back.

Dalton had a big night with 19 points, seven steals, six rebounds, and four assists to lead the way.

Lockhart added 17 points, eight steals, and seven boards, while Asquith chipped in with 11 points and four rebounds. Thalia Sayre finished with eight points, Melina Sayre three, and Robidou two.

Maple Valley (Regular Season Finale)

Stockbridge wrapped up the regular season by setting a school record for most points by the girls' basketball team with a 97-2 pasting of Maple Valley.

The Panthers jumped out to a 35-2 lead after one and never looked back in the win.

Kellenberger finished with a team-high 29 points and eight rebounds to lead the charge.

Robidou just missed a triple-double with 22 points, 11 steals, and eight assists. Lockhart added 14 points and eight rebounds, while Dalton also just missed a triple-double with 14 points, 10 assists, and eight steals.

Thalia Sayre added eight points, Melina Sayre six points, and Asquith four points.

Mason Keene claims Division 3 bowling state title

by Keith Michaels

Stockbridge senior Mason Keene made history Saturday by winning the Division 3 boys' bowling individual state title in Jackson on March 4.

The state title in bowling is the first state title in history for Stockbridge, outside of track, cross country, and wrestling.

Keene barely qualified for the state finals with a 9th place finish at Quincy Regional, when only the top ten advance, and he made it count once he got to Jackson Saturday.

Keene, who just started bowling a year and a half ago, is now a state champion.

At the finals, the bowlers roll six qualifying games, and the top 16 move on to match play.

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Maddie Dalton drives the basket for two against Springport.

Photos by Mike Williamson



Taylor Asquith battles for a rebound against Springport.



Mason Keene with the top eight finishers at the D3 state finals. Photo provided by Leisa Gipe

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Leslie ends Panthers season in district finals

by Keith Michaels

The boys' basketball team saw its season come to an end at the hands of rival Leslie as the Blackhawks took down the Panthers 55-40 in the D3 district finals.



Drew Robinson goes high for a shot against Leslie. Photos by Dawn McCann



Jake Sawicki battles for position for a rebound.

The Panthers struggled offensively most of the night and could not overcome a slow start.

Leslie took a 10-6 lead after one quarter, but the Panthers would hold tough in the second and trailed 23-16 at the half.

Drew Robinson scored six points in the third, but the Blackhawks would push their lead to 36-27 after three.

Leslie would go to the line 25 times in the fourth quarter, making 15 of them, sealing the win and ending the Panthers season.

Robinson finished with a team-high 13 points.

Kegan Collins finished with eight points and Joey Ballagh seven. Brock Rochow chipped in with five points, Jalen Rogozinski three, Zach Fletcher and David Kluesner two each.

Dansville

The Panthers reached the finals by taking down Dansville 63-51.

The teams combined for 21 three-pointers on the night with Dansville making 11 and the Panthers 10.

The Aggies hit five triples in the opening quarter and took a 15-11 lead after one.

Ballagh and Collins each sank a pair of triples in the second as the Panthers tried to rally, but Dansville still led 33-28 at halftime.

Stockbridge would rally back in the third by outscoring the Aggies 18-11 to take a 46-44 lead after three.

The Panthers would seal the win by going 10 for 12 from the free throw line in the fourth and pulling away for the win.

Ballagh had a huge night with six triples and was 5-5 from the line and finished with a team-high 25 points.

Collins sank four triples and finished with 18 points, while Robinson chipped in with seven points. Noah Lewis added six points, Fletcher four, Jake Dalton two, and Rogozinski one.

Fowlerville

The Panthers took down Fowlerville 53-46 February 20.

The big story of the night came when junior Kegan Collins set the new school record for three-pointers in a career with his 103rd and 104th early in the fourth quarter. He broke the Stockbridge record of 102 previously owned by Skeeter Ballagh.

The Panthers took control early behind a pair of triples by Joey Ballagh, and five points from Drew Robinson, to take a 15-7 lead after one quarter.

Stockbridge went cold in the second with just three points, and Fowlerville got within 18-15 at the half.

Both teams got hot in the third combining for eight three-pointers, but eight points by Robinson helped the Panthers remain tied at 34 after three quarters.

The game remained close in the fourth, but clutch free throw shooting by the Panthers sealed the win. Robinson and Collins combined to go 10-11 from the line down the stretch, including 6-6 by Robinson as the Panthers held on for the win.

Robinson finished with a team-high 22 points to lead Stockbridge.

Collins finished with 17 and Ballagh eight. Jalen Rogozinski chipped in with three points, Zach Fletcher and Noah Lewis two each.

The Panthers finished their season with a 13-9 overall record.

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Keene finished in the final qualifying spot by three pins, with a six-game total of 1144, which included a game of 265 where he threw nine strikes in a row at one time.

The 265 was his only game over 200 in qualifying, but that would change in match play.

Keene was seeded 16th and faced the top seed from Napoleon in the opening round. The Napoleon bowler had out rolled Keene by 146 pins in qualifying, but it was Keene who rolled games of 201 and 202 to win 403-337 to advance to the round of eight and earn all-state honors, but he wasn't done.

Keene got even hotter in the round of eight with games 224 and 246 to scorch his opponent from Armada 470-312 to advance to the semifinals.

Keene continued to roll in the semifinals with games of 202 and 225 to best his Ogemaw Heights opponent 427-386 and reach the state championship match.

He took a 17-pin lead after one game by beating his Gladwin opponent 203-186 and needed to stay within 16 pins in the second game to claim the title.

Keene left no doubt by rolling a 204 for a final score of 407-353 to be crowned state champion.

After averaging 190 during Regionals and his six games of qualifying at state, Keene averaged an astounding 213 in his eight match play games on his way to the title. He shot over 200 in all eight games to roll to the title.

Staff Spotlight: 4th-grade teacher Kevin Macomber believes education is a team effort



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

The best place to become a teacher is in your own hometown. And fourth-grade teacher Kevin Macomber did exactly that, beginning in 2012.

He followed in his mother Nancy's footsteps; she worked as a substitute teacher in the district for 20 years. At a young age, Macomber he knew he wanted to pursue a career in education. His experiences working at a summer latchkey program with kids ages 4-12 sparked his desire for a teaching career.

Macomber grew up in Stockbridge and attended Stockbridge Community Schools through graduation in 2003. After high school, he attended Lake Superior State University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a double minor in English and social studies. Later, he attended Marygrove College and received his master's degree in the art of teaching with a focus in reading and literacy.

After college, he married his wife, Stacy, and they have two children together: Corinne, age 10, and Colton, age 7.

Macomber said what he likes most about his teaching job is "Watching the growth of his students throughout the year and the years following."

In his view, even as a teacher you can never be fully prepared or have all the answers.

According to this insightful educator, "Education is a team effort and you can't be afraid to seek guidance from others. To be successful in just about anything, you need to have the support of people around you."

Fishing and hunting are two of his favorite hobbies. Macomber has been an enthusiastic participant in the Michigan Walleye Tournament over the last several seasons. While he chose to stay close to home for his career, his hobby is a different story. His fishing adventures have taken him on water throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Canada.

When he's not at home or in his classroom, he especially enjoys time spent at his family's cabin in the Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan's picturesque Upper Peninsula. Macomber has been traveling and fishing there since he was a young child, and he shares that, someday, he hopes to retire there.

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.



Fourth-grade teacher Kevin Macomber says that even teachers don't have all the answers, and he's never afraid to seek guidance from others. Photo credit Kevin Macomber

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Peanut is in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's oldest living chicken. As befits a chicken of her stature, she now spends winters indoors at the Darwin household. Photo credit Marsi Darwin

Peanut's mom was a Nankin chicken and her dad was a bantam Belgian Mille Fleur d'Uccle rooster. Twenty one years ago this spring, Nannette the Nankin was happily sitting on a nest of tiny eggs. When they hatched, Nanette moved her chicks off the nest, and I saw one unhatched egg.

I had learned that disposal of old eggs could be a smelly endeavor, so I'd usually toss them into our pond in order not to attract predators. Think of it as food for the fish and the turtles. That day, with the egg in hand, I brought my arm up to pitch it into the water. But as my hand came up parallel to my ear, I heard a chirp. With the egg still cupped in my palm, I moved it closer to my ear, and I heard another chirp. I examined the egg and discerned a tiny crack. Back inside the house, I shone a flashlight on the eggshell and could see that the chick inside was indeed struggling to get out.

Most chicks, on the seventh day of incubation, develop a small horn-like protrusion on the end of their beak called an egg tooth. This sharp instrument is used to peck at the inside of the shell to break free, then the tooth falls off after hatching. But this chick was having trouble. Apparently its egg tooth had not developed. I ended up peeling it out of the egg as the chirping grew fainter.

A pitifully wet, wadded-up mess sat in my hand. I wrapped it in a towel and carried it close to my heart as I set up a cage and heat lamp with one hand. I didn't expect the chick to survive.

When I tried to introduce it to its mother, she wanted nothing to do with it. The other chicks were dry and fluffy and running around already. Mama Nan pecked at the new chick. I tried a few more times that week, slipping it under Nan at night, but she'd have none of it. I realized I had a house chicken, at least for the time being, so I moved her into an old parrot cage.

The "time being" became nearly two years. By then, my husband had built another coop designated for bantam chickens only, and I was able to integrate Peanut into the existing flock.

Fifteen years passed, with the addition of a few more coops and a lot more birds. But Peanut always came when called and had a habit of following me around, begging to be held. She often rode on my shoulder as I did my chores.

A few winters ago, when winds were howling and temperatures were frigid, Peanut followed me into the screened porch and hopped up onto the old parrot cage stored out there.


"Oh, you found your old home, Peanut," I said. She simply gave me her wise old owl look, and hopped inside.

Last fall, a friend urged me to apply on Peanut's behalf for the Guinness record. After six months of submitting evidence—photos, witness testimony, and a veterinary statement—we were notified in February 2023 that Peanut holds the record, and we have the official certificate to prove it.

Although doddering, she's always alert, and eats like it's her last meal. Once again this winter, Peanut is in our living room, watching TV and looking out the window, clucking over treats and sharing her cage with her 15-year-old-daughter Millie, oblivious to her new notoriety.

A hen named Matilda made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's oldest living chicken at the age of fourteen in 2004. She was even on the Tonight Show! Peanut and I have been on the radio, local television and newspapers, but we have no wish to travel to the big city.

We're just a couple of country chicks who want to put smiles on people's faces, proving what a little spirit and a lot of love can do.


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Outreach in Action

Got Milk? Clients of Stockbridge Community Outreach do!

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Thanks to funding from Ingham County, clients who shop the Stockbridge Community Outreach food pantry also get "milk bucks" coupons—each good for a gallon of milk. The coupons are redeemable at three area Mugg & Bopps stores and at Plane Food Market in downtown Stockbridge.

How they work: As milk bucks are spent, the milk's price is noted and then used as the basis for an Outreach reimbursement to the stores. In this way, the partnership supports both the local Outreach client community and local businesses.

Ingham County has supported various Outreach programs for over a decade, with efforts in recent years centering on the Milk Bucks program. And it's a hit with clients, said Outreach food pantry volunteer Cindy Ashley.

"They always remind me about the milk bucks," said Ashley, "So I never have to worry about forgetting to give them out."

Outreach also collaborates with Mugg & Bopps in Gregory, Stockbridge and Munith to provide gas certificates to clients. The certificates help cover transportation costs to and from medical appointments. These have been a big help, especially nowadays with high gas prices and everyone having to travel out of the area for medical care.

As with Mugg & Bopps, the Plane Food Market collaboration with Outreach extends beyond milk bucks.

Plane Food opened in 2020 to provide quality, local food and kitchen-related items to the community, explained co-owner/manager Deanna McAlister.

"Then friends and neighbors started asking if they could also do consignments, and it kept growing from there," McAlister said. "Outreach's booth at the market was just a natural expansion of that idea."

Upstream in the Outreach supply chain for these consignment sales is a handful of talented crafters who donate their talents. Proceeds from the booth at Plane Food Market help support the work of Outreach.

"We've had a variety of items for sale at Plane Food—cards, aprons, stuffed animals, woolen critters, face masks and more," said booth coordinator Sherry Bush. "We currently have fun stuffed animals and felted wool critters that would make a great addition to an Easter basket," Bush added with a grin.

At Outreach, we like to "milk" every opportunity for helping the community. So if you're looking for a way to put your crafting talents to good use as a community contribution, Outreach is the place to start!

Outreach is always looking for small kitchen or food-related artisan items to sell in our corner booth, for more information please email outreach49285@gmail.com or call 517-851-7285.

Additional photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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.



Outreach volunteer Cindy Ashley says customers regularly remind her about milk bucks. Photos by Jo Mayer



Outreach volunteer Sherry Bush.



Outreach collaborates with Plane Food Market on milk bucks and more. Here, co-owner Deanna McAlister is pictured with some of the goods shoppers can find in the Downtown Stockbridge market.

Paws and Claws

Congestive heart failure in dogs

by **Cindy Anderson, DVM**



Unfortunately, heart disease is not just a human condition. If your dog is at risk for heart disease, do not be disheartened. With early diagnosis and treatment, you can significantly improve your dog's life. In time, heart disease can lead to heart failure, which means the heart must work harder to do its job.

This can cause more damage to occur. In dogs with heart disease, the body will adapt to the condition, and it will take some time before heart failure develops. In some dogs, heart disease may not lead to heart failure, but it is important to understand your dog's condition and watch for signs of heart failure.

Almost all small breeds are at risk of congestive heart failure, which includes Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers, Pomeranians, Boston Terriers, and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Medium-to-large dogs can be affected as well, including Great Danes, Cocker Spaniels, Boxers, Saint Bernards, and Afghan Hounds.

Common signs of congestive heart failure include, but are not limited to, coughing, changes in breathing, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, changes in behavior, lack of energy/tiring easily, exercise intolerance, restlessness (especially at night), and changes in appetite.

The most common way of diagnosing congestive heart failure is with an x-ray of your dog's chest, along with bloodwork to evaluate/monitor the major organ functions like kidneys, liver, and glucose levels.

Many dogs diagnosed early with heart failure live long and full lives when treated and

managed appropriately. It's important to help your pet maintain a proper body weight; being overweight can make the heart work even harder. You should also exercise your dog regularly and avoid treats and people food, such as cheese, meat or high sodium (salty) foods, as they are not suitable for a dog with heart failure. It is also important to schedule annual checkups so you can consult with your veterinarian anytime changes occur while being treated. The length of your dog's life will depend greatly on several factors, like the cause and severity of the condition as well as response to treatment.

Common medications used to treat congestive heart failure in dogs can include Furosemide, Enalapril, and Pimobendan. Along with treatment, your veterinarian may design a follow-up or monitoring schedule that may include periodic monitoring with x-rays and bloodwork.

Please feel free to contact myself, Dr. Cindy Anderson, and my staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 517-655-5551, with any questions or concerns you may have about your pet.

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



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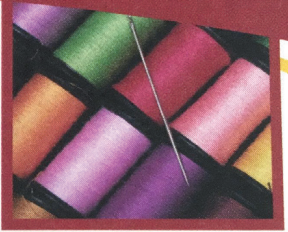
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Common illnesses I treat include diverticulitis, prolapse, incontinence and hemorrhoids. I have a very rewarding job; not only do I get to help improve the quality of life for many of my patients through treating the more common illnesses, but I can also help prevent, treat and surveil cancers, which in turn extends the lives of my patients.

Q: March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. What message do you have for those reading this?

Dr. Harbaugh: Prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer can save your life. The unfortunate reality is many people skip their colonoscopy screenings or avoid being seen by a doctor when they experience colon cancer symptoms, such as blood in their stool, a change in bowel habits, constipation, narrow stools, or passing excessive amounts of flatulence. As a physician I've heard and seen it all, so there is no reason anyone should make the mistake of keeping it to themselves. I strongly urge anyone with these symptoms to schedule an appointment with their primary care physician.

Q: How common is colon cancer?

Dr. Harbaugh: Colon cancer is one of the most common cancers in the United States today and the second-most common cancer-related death. If a patient is screened and we detect precancerous polyps, it may only require a colonoscopy to remove them. And should it be determined a patient has cancer, if detected early the patient's outcome improves significantly. The most dangerous thing people can do is delay screening and care because if cancer is present, a delay allows it time to grow and spread, which increases the risk it could begin to affect other important organs. With each day that passes, the mortality rate from colon cancer increases. Unfortunately, colon and rectal cancers are increasing, particularly among younger people even in their 30s and 40s, which is why the recommended age for screening was recently dropped to 45.

Q: When should people be screened for colon cancer?

Dr. Harbaugh: If anyone is noticing blood in their stool, they should get a colonoscopy to determine the cause. We highly encourage everyone to be screened at age 45 and after that as recommended by their physician. This is especially important for people with a family history of colon or rectal cancer, or with symptoms. It is important to continue screening at regular intervals based on your colonoscopy findings as recommended by your doctor and to reach out to your doctor if you start to develop symptoms before your next scheduled screening.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like readers to know?

Dr. Harbaugh: It's not common for communities the size of Chelsea to have access to so many medical resources. Our community is very fortunate to have access to the Chelsea Hospital specialists. I encourage everyone to develop a relationship with a primary care provider and stay up-to-date on all your important tests and health screenings.

If you have concerns about your colorectal health, speak with your primary care physician. If you don't have a primary care physician, you can find one near you by visiting <http://www.stjoeshealth.org/find-a-doctor>.

Waterloo Township Board Resolution Amending Resolution #22-07-26-1

RESOLUTION NO. 23-02-28-1

At a meeting of the Waterloo Township Board, Jackson County, Michigan, held at Township Hall (9773 Mt Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259) on February 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: D. Lance, J.Beck, J.McAlister, W. Walz, J. Kitley

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Lance and supported by Walz;

WHEREAS, the Waterloo Township ("Township") Board adopted Resolution #22-07-26-1 that, among other things, adopted an investment policy and authorizes the use of certain investments; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to update Resolution #22-07-26-1 to reference Act 20 of 1943 related to Michigan townships adopting investment policies. See MCL 129.91 et seq. ("Act 20").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waterloo Township Board, as follows:

1. The Township Board amends Resolution #22-07-26-1 to adopt the following investment policy and to reference the authorizing authority of Act 20. See MCL 129.95.

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Woah Nellie! Prune Pie beats out Onion Sandwiches for April.

by Mary Jo David

Raise your hand if you like prunes.

Face it, prunes get a bum rap (pun intended!). I would venture to guess that many folks reading this—especially the younger generation—are squinching up their noses at the mention of prunes. And many have probably never tried them.

I was raised by a mom who prided herself on keeping us all "regular" by always having prunes in the cupboard. So admittedly, I squinched up my own nose when I came across this 100-year-old Prune Pie recipe by Nellie Maxwell that ran in the April 19, 1923, edition of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun.

We had another family tradition—a much more pleasant tradition—that involved prunes when I was a kid. My Aunt Ann, who was known for baking some of the best cakes in the family, regularly baked prune cakes for our First Communion parties. Considering I was one of 38 cousins on that side of the family, Aunt Ann made a lot of prune cakes. All of us have fond memories of her prune cakes, which tasted somewhat like a spice cake. With a family that size, you can imagine our First Communion parties were well-attended, yet I don't recall overly long lines at the bathroom after the guest of honor cut the cake!

Those of you who weren't lucky enough to have an Aunt Ann in your family probably weren't raised to think of prunes as a dessert. But when you consider they are actually just dried plums, you might be a bit more accepting about using them in a pie. That was the thinking that went into selecting Prune Pie for this month's column. Plus, some of the other recipes from April 1923 sounded even less appealing—onion sandwiches come to mind!

The Prune Pie recipe calls for very few ingredients: just prunes, sugar, and cinnamon for the pie filling. I took the liberty of adding about 1/4 cup of cold water mixed with 2 teaspoons of cornstarch to thicken the filling so it wouldn't spill over in the oven.

Nellie's recipe required a double-crust pie pastry. She didn't include a pastry recipe in the column, so I used my standard pie crust: 2 cups of flour, 1 tablespoon of sugar, 3/4 cup of Crisco, 1 tablespoon of vinegar, 1/3 cup cold water.

As you'll see from the accompanying recipe clipping, Nellie suggests softening the prunes in water overnight but neglects to say how much water. I chose to use only enough water to cover the prunes. I left the mixture in the refrigerator overnight, and by morning the prunes had softened considerably and expanded in size. After soaking, Nellie instructs to "stew the prunes until soft." I took that to mean cook over a medium heat for about 10-15 minutes. When they started to boil, I turned them down to a simmer. Thanks to the miracle of modern food production, it's easy to find pitted prunes at the grocery store, so I was able to skip the "remove the pits" part.

After mixing the remaining ingredients into the prunes and making my pie dough, I poured the prune mixture into the bottom crust, dotted the mixture with butter, and added the top crust.

See *Woah Nellie!* on page 22.

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SOMETHING TO EAT

Prune Pie.

Take two cupfuls of cooked prunes, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-fourth of a cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter. Soften the prunes in water over night, stew until soft, then remove the pits and add to

the other ingredients. Put into a pastry-lined plate, dot with bits of the butter, cover with a top crust and bake in a quick oven. Brush over the crust with milk just before putting the pie in the oven. This will give a rich brown crust when baked.

Nellie Maxwell
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Stockbridge Brief-Sun, April 19, 1923



Prunes are not typically a go-to ingredient for dessert, but they do promote a healthy gut. We could all learn something from Nellie Maxwell who featured Prune Pie in her column back in 1923.

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Woah Nellie! page 21

Now for the biggest challenge. You'll note that Nellie only suggests to bake the pie "in a quick oven." A quick oven can refer to temperatures anywhere from 400 to 500 degrees. I decided to bake the pie for 20 minutes at 400 degrees and then 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Anyone walking into the house while the pie was baking would have surely commented on the delicious aroma coming out of the kitchen. When I removed it from the oven, it looked lovely, although admittedly the venting slits I had cut into the top of the pie were slightly off center.

All that was left was to let the pie cool and administer a taste test. But alas, the only one home was me. If I was a skeptic, I'd think my husband purposely scheduled a trip out of town to visit his brother just when he knew I'd be baking a Prune Pie! My neighbors were off the hook because the pie wasn't cooled until almost midnight, too late to take it next door for a taste test. So I was left to perform the taste test on my own. And I have to say, I was very pleasantly surprised! The cinnamon was exactly what the pie needed to take the prunes to the next level. If you're a fan of raisins or mincemeat pie, you'll enjoy Prune Pie.

I think I would consider baking this pie again—especially for a gathering that would benefit from a curious conversation starter.

A special shout-out to Gregory Market! Once again, Luke and company saved the day by stocking one missing ingredient I needed—this time it was the prunes—and saving me an hour going to and from the closest grocery store.

Current photos by Mary Jo David.



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Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

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100 years of Irish Hills amusements

by John Robinson

It's been around 100 years since Irish Hills started attracting tourists with their 5-mile stretch of amusements, all up & down US-12.

Any Mid-Michigander who is anybody knows about the Irish Hills area. Anyone old enough remembers what it used to be: a haven for families who needed a nearby getaway for an afternoon jam-packed with all sorts of fun stuff for everyone.

The entertainment aspect of the Irish Hills started in the 1920s with the building of the original Irish Hills Tower. It opened to the public in 1924 for a five-cent admission. The second one — the "spite tower" — was built by Ed Kelley, who owned the other half of the hill where the first tower sat. He attempted to make his taller and a competition between the two went on for months.

People came from all over to gawk at the tower(s), climb to the top, get pictures, and grab a bite at the restaurant. Buses — up to 52 a day — would stop throughout the day, bringing travelers who were curious. Seeing how popular the towers were (and seeing dollar signs in their heads), entrepreneurs started adding their own tourist attractions up and down the highway, hoping to cash in on the towers' popularity.

Hotels and restaurants began springing up along the five-mile stretch, and sure enough, here came the tourist trap attractions:

Mystery Hill (late 1950s)

Frontier City (1959-1974), complete with holdups, shoot-outs, and stagecoach bandits

Prehistoric Forest (1963-2002), with 35 life-size prehistoric animals.

Stagecoach Stop (1965-2007 and re-opened), with the same stuff as Frontier City, but more little shops

Fantasy Land, with amusement rides and fairy tale characters.

Mini-golf

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US-12 that runs through Irish Hills is said to have been a trail that was traveled by prehistoric mammals, possibly the reason for their "Prehistoric Forest" attraction. US-12 was also used as a Native American trail, and eventually became a stagecoach route, thus the reason for the "Stagecoach Stop" attraction.

In the 1840s, immigrants from Ireland arrived here after fleeing the 1846 Potato Famine. They were impressed by the landscape that resembled their home country, and dubbed the area "Irish Hills."

Nowadays, the Irish Hills attractions are Michigan International Speedway, Walker Tavern, Walter J. Hayes State Park, Wampler's Lake, Mystery Hill, and the former 1839 stagecoach stop, Bauer Manor (now known as Davenport House).

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 89-08-24-2

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP ANTI-BLIGHT AND ANTI-NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 23-02-28-1

At a meeting of the Waterloo Township Board, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Waterloo Township Hall at 9773 Mt Hope Road, Munith, Michigan 49259 on the 28th day of February, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., Board Member Lance moved to adopt the following Ordinance, whose motion was seconded by Board Member McAlister:

Under Act 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181 et. seq., and all authorizing authority, an Ordinance to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, by defining and prohibiting public nuisances including blight; declaring certain acts, apparatus, accumulations, violations, and activities as public nuisances per se; providing the procedure for enforcement of this Ordinance; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERLOO, JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: TITLE AND PURPOSE. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Waterloo Township Anti-Blight and Anti-Nuisance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 23-02-28-1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce and eliminate blight and/or nuisances within the Township by providing a mechanism to enforce violations and compel compliance with this Ordinance

2023 SAEF online auction draws 223 bidders and raises \$22,000

by Jennifer Hammerberg

The Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation's annual auction fundraiser was a great success again this year. The event raised almost \$22,000, thanks to the participation and generosity of donors, sponsors and bidders. The auction ran online for one week, March 11 to March 18, and items were picked up from Heritage School on Sunday, March 19.

An astounding 223 people registered to bid on the 176 items donated by businesses and individuals. Donors and sponsorships hailed from as far away as Georgia, here in the States, and even from across the border in Canada. Closer by, donors stepped up from Chelsea, Dexter, Jackson, Lansing, and of course all the communities served by the Stockbridge School District.

SAEF has been holding a fundraising event in the month of March for the past 20 years, with the exception of 2020 when the auction had to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID. Prior to that, SAEF had always hosted an in-person Festival of Tables event with a catered dinner and a silent and live auction.

The newer online format has enabled access to a wider audience and has significantly reduced the overhead costs.

In the future, SAEF would like to bring back the Festival of Tables in a way that supports the online auction and provides the community with a chance to get together. Many ideas are being considered, including collaborating with other local nonprofits, having an event offsite, or focusing on auction pick-up day to hold a party.

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