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Louis Salow joins Eaton Community Bank as business development officer



Louis Salow, new assistant vice president, business development officer at Eaton Community Bank. Photo provided by Eaton.

Information provided by Eaton Community Bank
Louis Salow has joined Eaton Community Bank's Stockbridge branch as assistant vice president, business development officer.

Growing up in mid-Michigan is a unique experience, always relatable, yet never completely understood by outsiders. It's a timeless blend of small-town living, agriculture and Midwest family values that's somehow harmonious with the ever-changing landscape of culture and technology. It's certainly not easy to maintain though.

For Salow, helping local businesses thrive is the best way he knows to protect what he loves.

"I don't know how to explain it; it really comes back to wanting to serve the community," said Salow, a 2002 Stockbridge High School graduate.

"I could've gone elsewhere, but I wanted to have a seat in town," Salow continued. "I really see it as an underserved community. There's not a lot of professionals in the area to be a local voice and trusted resource. It's about community for me, and Eaton is a true community bank."

Salow resides in Stockbridge with his wife Caitlyn and four children and brings more than 18 years of experience in the financial sector – 12-plus in banking – to the Eaton branch in Stockbridge.

See Salow on page 5.

Take time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and died for our freedom



with people. A local choir would sing several patriotic tunes, and the high school band would play a march. Almost everyone in the community took the time to turn out for the ceremonies.

Each year, the speaker would remind people of the high price of our freedom, while rows of area veterans sat in the front of the gym. Each Gold Star Mother—women whose sons were killed in combat or missing in action—would be presented with a corsage.

See Memorial Day observances on page 17.

by Judy Williams

What happened to Memorial Day? Is it only a reason for a vacation day? When did it lose its original significance?

When I was a kid years ago, Memorial Day was a big deal, but for a different reason than it is now. The school gym would be packed

Senior Center gifted with flag from Legion Auxiliary

by Dana Blaszkowski

On Tuesday, April 11, the Stockbridge Area Senior Center was honored with the gift of a United States flag from the American Legion Post 510 Auxiliary. Members, staff, board of directors and guests of the Senior Center gathered for the presentation and raising of the flag. They were joined by American Legion Auxiliary members and leaders of the Village of Stockbridge and Stockbridge Township as well as the



The Stockbridge Area Senior Center raises the flag gifted to the Center on April 11. Photo credit Kenny Minger

Stockbridge chief of police. The sun shone beautifully on the occasion as our national anthem played and attendees sang along.



Rural Perspectives: Temperature has a hand in determining the sex of these turtles



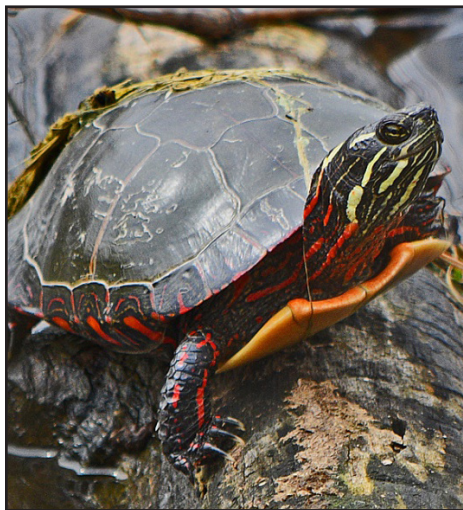
Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

As you travel this spring along the many waterways surrounding us, you will likely see our state reptile—the Eastern painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta picta*). It is easily identified by its yellow, orange, and red markings and a reddish bottom shell.

Because they are cold blooded, these turtles spend much of their day basking in the sun on rocks, logs, and banks of the wetlands. This serves to warm them before

they plunge back into the water to look for food, such as a wide variety of aquatic plants, insects, and other small animals.



The Eastern painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta picta*) can survive up to six months in hibernation with very little or no oxygen. Photo credit Diane Constable

In the spring, the female searches the shores of the water looking for a place to dig a nest in which to bury her 12-15 eggs. If temperatures are below 84 degrees, the baby turtles will mostly be all males; if warmer they will be mostly females.

When they hatch in about 75 days, the baby turtles are on their own and will make their way back to the water. They will shed and grow new bits of their shell as they grow. The male turtles will grow to be about 5 to 7 inches. Females will be a bit larger. These painted turtles will live up to 30 years.

When the painted turtle hibernates, it digs itself into the mud or banks of the waterways, and its body temperature will drop as low as 43 degrees. The turtle's unique body chemistry will allow it to survive up to six months in hibernation with very little or no oxygen. It is the most studied animal on the effects of hibernation.

Fun Fact: Eastern painted turtle fossils have been found from the last ice age, about 300,000 years ago, and their ancestor fossils have been found to be 15 million years old.

CORRECTION: In the April issue of Stockbridge Community News, the Rural Perspectives column about Canada geese omitted the specific subspecies (*Branta canadensis maxima*) of the giant Canada goose that was brought back from near extinction in the 1900s. We appreciate the sharp eye of one of our readers for bringing this omission to our attention so we could correct the record.

Diane Constable is an avid photographer. She serves on the Unadilla Township Planning Commission and is a member of the township's Parks and Recreation Committee. Diane also enjoys her dogs and gardening.

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Shuyler Clark

Reading Between the Lines 'Stolen Focus' examines reasons for the epidemic of shortening attention spans

by Shuyler Clark

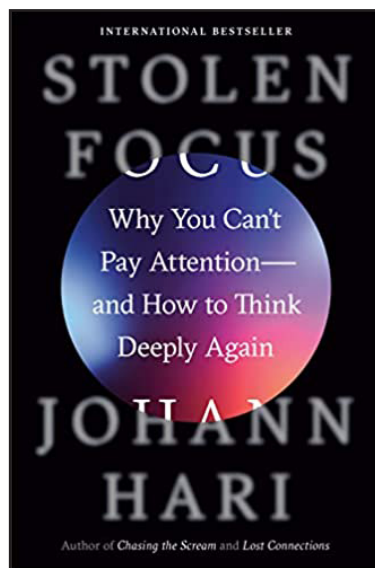
Journalist Johann Hari realized he had trouble focusing. With his attention torn between work, social media, and other factors, his lifestyle felt diminished. Despite his efforts to fix this, including a three-month retreat from the internet, he could not focus on the things that mattered to him. Suspecting more to his dilemma, Hari delved into

research on the epidemic of people's shortening attention spans, which culminated in his most recent title, "Stolen Focus."

During the course of his research, Hari arrived at several theories as to what is crippling our focus. These ranged from the seemingly obvious, like social media, to the less apparent, like our diets and the increased sheltering of younger generations. Hari argues that, while individuals actively engage in technology, the greater responsibility lies with the corporations keeping users glued to their screens to generate more ad revenue.

He applies the same logic to the food industry, which employs many artificial and ultra-processed products that harm brain development. Children spending more time supervised indoors rather than partaking in spontaneous play also stunts brain development, leading to a lack of creativity and problem-solving skills.

The author features many experts specializing in the aforementioned issues and other issues discussed in the



Johann Hari delves into research on the epidemic of people's shortening attention spans. Image credit Amazon.com

book. While their research does indicate that these factors may be contributing to our attention problems, Hari also indicates areas where said research is contested. However, on many occasions, he does not delve deeply into these counterarguments. In some cases, there is not much research in the area, given that this is a relatively recent phenomenon. Regardless, Hari's bias is apparent, and the reader is likely to perceive that he errs on the side of believing countering evidence to be inaccurate rather than looking at that evidence objectively.

Aside from his bias, Hari admits, to an extent, that he has more opportunities to escape distractions than most members of the working class. The subjects he interviews argue between taking an individual approach to removing distractions, such as disabling email notifications and changing their diets, versus a wider societal approach, such as banning the surveillance capitalism that allows social media companies to freely gather data on their users. Hari advocates for an in-between, using personal anecdotes to show how his actions have improved his focus. However, not many people can afford a three-month retreat to Provincetown, Mass., devoid of internet access, nor do most have the financial stability or opportunity to replace their nine-to-five routine with his remote, travel-heavy work style.

That is not to say the information in "Stolen Focus" is not beneficial in giving people a starting point for improvement. Readers who feel their focus is suffering may benefit from checking out Hari's book and arriving at their own theories for what is contributing to their attention problems.

If Hari's conclusions are accurate and many of our problems are a result of unsuitable environments, it is worth considering what further steps society would need to take to restore our attention.

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.

Vietnam veterans honored at ceremony at park in Lansing



Gathering after the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Ceremony in Lansing on April 11, from left, Camille Subject, regent, Lansing Chapter, NSDAR; Ross Baker, recipient of The Enduring Warrior Award; and Bob Craig, president, SAR Pvt. Ephraim Wheaton Chapter. Photo provided by NSDAR, Lansing Chapter

Information provided by NSDAR, Lansing Chapter

Vietnam veterans were honored and received a special pin to recognize their service during a Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Ceremony. The pin was a lasting memento symbolizing the nation's gratitude and appreciation.

The April 11 ceremony was held in Vietnam Memorial Park in Lansing. It was well attended and many family members and friends of the veterans were present.

The Pvt. Ephraim Wheaton Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in partnership with the Lansing Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) organized the event.

State Sen. Ed McBroom of District 38 was the keynote speaker and led the singing of the national anthem.

Kelly VanWormer, state regent for Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution and Joe Williams, vice president of the Michigan Sons of the American Revolution, participated in the ceremony. In addition, Boy Scout Troop 111 of Lansing presented the colors.

During the ceremony, Ross Baker received The Enduring Warrior Award. Baker entered the Army in 1970 and served as a medic during the Vietnam era at Walter Reed Hospital.

See Vietnam vets on page 11.

Clyde's Corner

'Things that once were,
but are no more'

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello again, everyone! I just wanted to start off my column for May by saying how appreciative I am when you tell me how much you enjoy my stories. It means a lot to me, and it keeps me going — thank you!



Clyde Whitaker

A lot of times when thinking about my next column, I will pull out my old high school scrapbook and look for some ideas. So for my May column, I will be writing about things from the past as I recall them, while including a few photos taken from The Town Crier newspaper, dated Feb. 28, 1973. The Town Crier was owned and operated by Charlotte and Bob Camp. They did a terrific job covering the events of our small community in the weekly newspaper.

On the front page of this issue were two of my friends from school, Tim Diefenthaler and Chuck Vizthum. Both were nominated to military academies, Tim to the Air Force Academy and Chuck to both the Air Force Academy and the Naval Academy. Not bad for two small-town boys from Stockbridge.

Believe it or not, we had two car dealerships operating in Stockbridge, Bob's Ford and C.W. Glenn and Sons. Meanwhile in Munith, we had H & F Sales & Service selling cars as well. George Freiermuth was a local salesperson for H & F.

Bob Leatherberry was the owner of Bob's Ford in Stockbridge. He was another great community leader. Herb Dickinson was one of the salespeople for Bob's Ford, and he was good at it. When my dad was shopping for cars, he always got in touch with Herb. Herb knew if he brought a car out to the house and left it overnight, my dad would fall in love with it and buy it, which he usually did!

C.W. Glenn & Sons was started in Stockbridge by local community leader Caspar Glenn and later managed by David Glenn. Sadly, as most everyone knows, all three dealerships are no longer in operation.

Stockbridge was blessed to have two grocery stores in 1973, Spadafore's and Ransom's. Gregory had Munsell's grocery store, owned and operated by Harlow Munsell, with his son Bob running the store.

Spadafore's was downtown and owned by Paul and Frank Spadafore. I was lucky enough to work there after school and our sport practices. They let me drink citrus drinks and make myself a sandwich from the deli, usually turkey! Such nice people to work for; it was a fun place.

The Ransom's grocery store was located on the outskirts of town and was owned and operated by John and Leona Ransom, two of the nicest people you could ever meet. They were always at the store, and John always had a sports story to tell. They loved Stockbridge.

A local hangout we all loved was The Panther Queen. Good food and ice cream, a great place to meet up with friends. As a matter of fact, this was my first trip when I could drive by myself from home in Dad's old red 1964 Ford Ranchero.

Fran's Dress Shoppe was located on the town square and was visited by the ladies in town, saving them trips to either Lansing or Jackson. Sadly, I never got a chance to shop in there, just walking on the sidewalk with a peek inside, ha ha.

Real estate companies were successful in the area as well. One of the more prominent realty companies was the Bowdish Real Estate Company. This was owned and operated by Lyle and Evelyn Bowdish, really nice people.

Finally, those of us around in 1973 fondly remember the Price Brothers Auctioneers, operated by Maurice, Robert and Richard. It was always a treat when you could attend one of their auctions. I just liked to go to hear Maurice call out the cadence.

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Tim Diefenthaler and Chuck Vizthum were pictured on the front page of The Town Crier's Feb. 28, 1973, edition with a story about their nominations to military academies. The two were school friends of columnist Clyde Whitaker.



REAL ESTATE BUSINESS BOOMING....Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bowdish, seated, owners of Bowdish Real Estate, and members of their staff look over copies of recent transactions. Standing, left to right are John Bowdish, Sally McKenna, Judy Grunner and Alwin Diefenthaler.

Good place to come to

Lyle and Evelyn Bowdish, owners of Bowdish Real Estate in Stockbridge, found the real estate business was booming in the area in 1973.



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All work, No play

by Staff, *Uncaged News*

Many years ago, young students walked into their classrooms eager to be with their friends and learn. While elementary students still learned the same subjects as high school students, they were taught in fun, creative ways. For example, building blocks to help count and learn numbers or writing exciting stories all about their life. High School students still count and write stories, but not in the way they want to.

The traditional American high school can be compared to a factory, in which kids are treated like products and crammed with knowledge before they're thrown out of the assembly line. Though high school students don't want to be taught in childish ways, they still would like to enjoy learning. Students are more eager to participate and take chances when teachers incorporate activities that make learning interesting and enjoyable. For example, students tend to love classroom competition, such as live quiz games like Kahoot! and Quizlet Live. Students who are having fun while learning are more likely to remember what they are learning since the experience is enjoyable and memorable.

"I would change the setting of the classroom," senior Donavin Pignanello said. "Even if it was just in town, I would want to leave the classroom. I would also like more hands-on assignments."

Changing the setting of a classroom could bring out the creativity in students and make them actually excited to come to school. In spite of the fact that some kids may treat areas outside of school like "recess," places like museums or historic buildings can create a learning atmosphere for students.

"I enjoyed the stock market assignment in my intro to business class because I thought it was interesting and was actually important information," Pignanello said.

Pignanello later said he wasn't actually interested in investing in stocks, he just enjoyed learning about business and real things going on in our country.

Many students prefer to learn about real-life topics, such as mortgages and taxes, instead of writing essays and solving tough math equations.

"There is only so much I can do to make it more engaging, but there is a point in life where you have to do things you don't want to do," English teacher Rita Stricklin said.

Stricklin has a good point that in high school, topics are tough, and there is not much you can do to make it more exciting. There is pretty much no way to make an English essay "fun" to write, unless it is a topic you enjoy, but usually it never is in high school. Assignments like these are dreadful, but need to get done.

During high school, we are focusing a lot more on critical thinking, which can be more stressful than motor skills. Because we have already learned the basics of subjects, such as math and English, high school goes more in depth with these subjects for more of a challenge.

Realistically high school will never be as fun as elementary school because it may have been more exciting, but the point of it was to explore fundamental academic skills. Elementary students learn basic knowledge and socialization skills by playing together, reading as a class, learning shapes and numbers and many other activities.

As grade-levels progress, there is more opportunity to engage students in higher order thinking strategies. For instance, elementary teachers may use technology to display content or build skills with their students. However, as students progress in technology and take on more independent learning skills, they are ready to be challenged to use technology as tools for learning. High school focuses a lot more on teaching students to show how they can do things on their own.

High school students miss being eager to go to school and wish that they could learn subjects that will be useful later in life. Many believe that classes such as math and science will not help them as they get older and would prefer learning about what is happening in today's world, taxes, mortgages, and other adult topics. In order for this to happen, and for high schoolers to be excited to go to school, schools' entire curriculums may have to be changed.

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Salow page 1

He also serves as owner/operator of Ransom and Salow Brothers Farms LLC, a cash crop farm started by his grandfather in 1956 as a dairy farm.

"Louis is a great addition to the Eaton Community Bank team," said Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer Garrett Bensinger. "He understands what it means to be a business owner in mid-Michigan, and he has the expertise in finance to really help others in our communities thrive."

In addition to helping local businesses with banking and lending needs, Salow's vast banking experience allows him to also assist customers with mortgage and consumer loans at Eaton. Salow previously worked as a commercial loan officer at The State Bank in Stockbridge, Farmers State Bank before that.

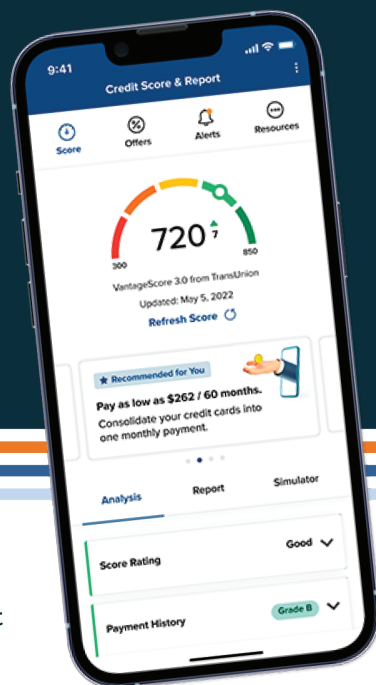
Salow earned a bachelor's degree in Economics and Management from Albion College in 2006 and a Business Leadership Certification from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Graduate School of Banking.

"I've always grown up with an interest in business," Salow said. "Excel spreadsheets and getting nerdy with those ... yeah, I just enjoy it. If I can strengthen my community by helping businesses achieve their goals and thrive, that makes me happy."

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Ask an Expert: Can a car wash damage your vehicle's finish?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

There's something so satisfying about a freshly washed car that sparkles and shines. But did you know that a car wash can actually damage your car's finish? Before you get too worried, it helps to know that most

modern cars have a finish that's extremely durable and can last under a variety of conditions for several years. And, not all car washes are created equal – some are more likely to damage a car's finish than others. Here's what you need to know to select the right washes for your vehicle.

The pros and cons of different car washes

If you're going to a commercial car wash, there are generally two types – the more "old-school" kind with roller brushes, and newer ones with cloth scrubbers. Which one can do more damage? The answer might surprise you.

While car washes with roller brushes may look more abrasive, they are actually less likely to damage your car because they hold on to less debris. On the other hand, cloth scrubbers can hold onto dirt or even small bits of gravel, which can scratch a car's finish. Either way, if you're in line behind an extremely dirty car, it might be worth coming back another time, just in case that dirt ends up scratching your car.

With this in mind, you may think a third option – "touchless" car washes – are safer. These car washes use high-pressure water and cleaning solution to clean a car without touching it. However, keep in mind that while these car washes don't touch your car, they likely make up for it with more abrasive cleaners. A little bit of scrubbing is also necessary to remove most types of grime, so just choose your car wash carefully based on how dirty your car is.

While at a car wash, you can also skip most of the extras. Waxes might give your car a nice look for a few days, but can quickly wear off and aren't always worth the expense. You should also get the undercarriage washed a few times per year, especially if you live in a cold or coastal climate where road salt may increase the risk of rust.

Washing by hand is best

The safest option for washing a car is by hand. This way, there's much more control over what comes into contact with your car's finish. Even here, be careful to use different sponges for the auto body versus the wheels. An abrasive sponge likely will leave scratches on the paint but would be beneficial for cleaning grime off your tires.

When washing your car, you'll want to use mild cleaners and rinse frequently and thoroughly. Don't set towels or sponges down on pavement or gravel while washing to avoid picking up dirt and debris.

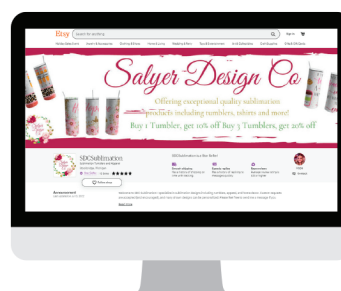
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John Robinson

Rock 'n' Roll Trivia

At one time, Glen Campbell was a Beach Boy

by John Robinson

Q: How long was Glen Campbell a member of The Beach Boys?

A: In late 1964, The Beach Boys were aboard a plane on their way to a concert appearance when Brian Wilson had a nervous breakdown brought on by his relentless writing, producing, performing and composing. (The fact that Capitol Records kept pushing him to do all this didn't help.) Brian began screaming, crying and babbling, insisting the pilot turn the plane around and take him home. The pilot eventually made an unscheduled stop and Brian's mother picked him up and took him home. That was the end of Brian's touring days with the Beach Boys, and while the others toured, he stayed home writing and producing new songs for the group. The band obviously needed someone to take Brian's place on the road: enter Glen Campbell. Campbell had been one of the studio musicians who performed on some of The Beach Boys' songs; he played guitar on "Good Vibrations" and "Dance, Dance, Dance" among others. Campbell became an official Beach Boy for only six months in 1965 before he decided it wasn't what he wanted to do. He was happy being a studio musician and had aspirations to do his own brand of music as well. He already had released a few solo singles in the early '60s that didn't do too well. When he quit The Beach Boys, he released the 1965 single "The Universal Soldier," which sold better than his previous 45s. Finally, in 1967, he gained the solo fame he wanted when he released "Gentle On My Mind" and "By The Time I Get To Phoenix." Glen's replacement in The Beach Boys was Bruce Johnston, who remains a member to this day.

Q: Was The Yardbirds the first group Eric Clapton was in? When did he start playing?

A: The Yardbirds was not his first group, but the first that brought him worldwide prominence. Clapton was with The Yardbirds for their first hit, "For Your Love" in 1965 and then dropped out, not happy with the musical direction the band was taking. On his 13th birthday, Eric received an acoustic Spanish Hoya guitar and a marimba; but learning the instruments was difficult and he almost gave them up. He grew up loving blues music, so he decided to stick to learning guitar, learning chords and sounds by listening to his favorite blues artists. In 1963, when Eric turned 17, he joined his first group, The Roosters; he stayed with them from January through August and then became guitarist for Casey Jones & The Engineers for a couple of weeks in October. In late '63, he joined The Yardbirds. Other groups he became guitarist and vocalist for were John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, Cream, Blind Faith, John Lennon & Plastic Ono Band, Delaney & Bonnie, and Derek and the Dominoes.

Q: What are the exact details of Elvis' death?

A: Officially, Elvis Presley's death was the result of a bad heart — it had been enlarged for years. Most experts, as well as the general public, believe Elvis' death was from an overdose, but of what? 1) Possibly by anaphylactic shock brought on by too many codeine pills (of which Elvis was allergic) or 2) polypharmacy or 3) cardiac arrhythmia (during the autopsy, doctors found a total of 14 drugs in Elvis' system).

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Friday 3/3 - Citizen Assist-Stockbridge St./Cass St., Assist UFD-Donohue Rd./Spears Rd., Road Run-Off Doyle Rd./Graves Rd.
Saturday 3/4 - Hazardous Road Condition-Dexter Trl./M-36, Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle Rd., Assist EMS-Dream Catcher/Billy Bob Trl., Electrical Hazard-Williamsville Rd./San Luray Dr.
Sunday 3/5 - Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct., Intimidation/Threats/Harassment-Stockbridge St./Cass St., Shots Fired-Doyle Rd./Roepke Rd., Assist EMS-Doyle Ct./Doyle Rd.
Monday 3/6 - Welfare Check-San Marino Ave./San Juan Ct.
Tuesday 3/7 - Property Damage Accident-Williamsville Rd./Roepke Rd., Assist Other Agency-Howlett Rd./Doyle Rd.
Thursday 3/9 - Domestic Verbal-Woodside Dr./Kaiser Rd., Malicious Destruction of Property-Main St./Dewey St.
Monday 3/13 - Property Damage Accident-Dutton Rd./Deep Valley Rd.
Wednesday 3/15 - Sick Person-Doyle Ct./Bullis Rd.

Saturday 3/18 - DHS Referral-Berkshire Dr./Gregory Rd, Subpoena Service-Holmes Rd./Williamsville Rd., Subpoena Service-Willow St./Red Pine St., Citizen Assist-W. M-36/Livermore Rd.
Sunday 3/19 - Fall-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd.
Tuesday 3/21 - Civil Complaint-Dexter Trail/Van Syckle Rd., Animal Complaint-Dutcher Rd./Schafer Rd., Welfare Check-Dutcher Rd./Wasson Rd.
Wednesday 3/22 - Assist EMS-M-36/Bullis Rd., Unattended Death-Rose Hill Rd./Spears Rd.
Friday 3/24 - Assist Other Agency-Webb St./Church St., Welfare Check-Van Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd.
Saturday 3/25 - Shots Fired-Woodside Dr./Lakeview Dr.
Sunday 3/26 - Sick Person-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd., Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct., Disturbance/Trouble-M-36/Plainfield Rd., Assist EMS-Dexter Trl./Dutton Rd.
Monday 3/27 - Welfare Check-Bowdish Rd./Leeke Rd.
Tuesday 3/28 - Welfare Check-W. Trebesh Cir./Winifred Ct., Noise Complaints-Kathryn Ct./W. M-36, Assist EMS-Bird Ln./Bullis Rd.
Thursday 3/30 - Trespassing, Loitering-Devonshire Dr./W. M-36, Warrant/Search-San Luray Dr./San Marino Ave.
Friday 3/31 - Welfare Check-W. M-36/Bullis Rd.

Chief David S. Russell
Unadilla Township Police Department

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**April 17, 2023**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on April 17, 2023 at 7:31pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Clerk Becky Muraf, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Ed Wetherell, Trustee Terry Sommer. Member absent from meeting: None.
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Regular meeting agenda as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Citizen's Comment: Discussion
Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Regular meeting minutes from March 20, 2023, as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Budget meeting minutes from March 28, 2023, as printed Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Budget Hearing minutes from March 30, 2023, as printed Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Muraf motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial report as printed Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Stockbridge Township 1st Quarterly Building report as follow
Zoning Permits: 6 new permits. Building permits: 12 new permits. (1 tower upgrade, 1 garage alteration, 2 pole barn, 2 roofs, 2 roof mounted solar units, 2 windows, 2 new houses.)
Electrical permits: 6 new permits. Mechanical permits: 3 new permits. Plumbing permits: 2 new permits. Driveway Permits: 3 new permits. Address Permits: 2 new permits. Demolition Permits: 0 new permits.

Chief Bartus Discussion
Old Business
Wetherell motion to accept the contract between Stockbridge Township and Village of Stockbridge to move the Village of Stockbridge building department back to Stockbridge Township with the formatting changes that was discussed. Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes Motion Carried
Sommer is working on the details for the memorial wall. Will be discussed at the Stockbridge Township Regular meeting on May 15, 2023
Stockbridge Township Board would like the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission to look at and update the Stockbridge Township Complaint and Blight Ordinance
New Business:
Sommer motion to have the Stockbridge Township Board donate \$500.00 to the Stockbridge Chamber \$250.00 will come out of Community Promotions and \$250.00 will come out of Harvest Fest Funds. Wireman Second 3 Yes and 2 no Motion Carried
Stockbridge Township will be partnering with Unadilla Township on June 10, 2023, at Unadilla for a joint cleanup day.
Lantis is looking into getting the light poles painted and looking into the Decorations for the poles for the holiday season.
Wireman motion to purchase the Kubota zero turn lawn mower 48-inch deck for the Stockbridge Township Hall up to \$8,000.00
Muraf Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Wetherell Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes Motion Carried
Sommer motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board Monthly bills in the amount of \$70,681.06 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
Citizen Comment Discussion
Lantis at 9:05 PM Adjourn the Stockbridge Township Board regular meeting Sommer Second all in Favor Meeting Adjourned

Community Calendar

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays – Prepared Meals for Seniors through Stockbridge Area Senior Center, noon to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center
Wednesdays – Pop-up food distribution for anyone in need, 1 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Community Outreach
Thursdays – Coffee chats, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
Fridays – Open Air Market (Beginning May 5), 4 to 7 p.m. on the Stockbridge Township Square
Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates) - Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
May 1-31 – The Seed Library Returns to Stockbridge Library while supplies last
May 2 – The Sons of the American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510
May 6 – Introduction to Spring Flowers, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
May 7 – Spring Flora of Waterloo, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
May 8 – The American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510
May 15 – Registration begins for Summer Reading Challenge. Contact the Stockbridge Library for details.
May 21 – A World of Animals, 2 to 3 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center
May 23 – The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510
May 29 – Memorial Day Remembrance Services, 10:30 a.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge (See pg. 17).
May 29 – Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority (SAESA) Annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ (Contact SAESA for details)
For more community events visit:
www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com To add your community events to our free community calendar, email submissions to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.

Coming Soon: New commercial builds in Stockbridge

by Mary Jo David

The rumors have been confirmed: Stockbridge will have two new commercial builds in the near future. Both have received Planning Commission approval. Following are some early details.

Dollar General Market:

This will be an enhanced Dollar General, meaning it will have a larger grocery section. The company is hoping to break ground in late May or June of this year; it will be located on Main Street, between ACE Hardware and L&B Outlet. Currently, the plan is for the existing Dollar General to also remain open.

Tractor Supply Co.: This store will be built next to the existing Dollar General in Stockbridge. As of now, there is no date for breaking ground, but according to a township source, if all goes well, the company is hoping to break ground next summer (2024).





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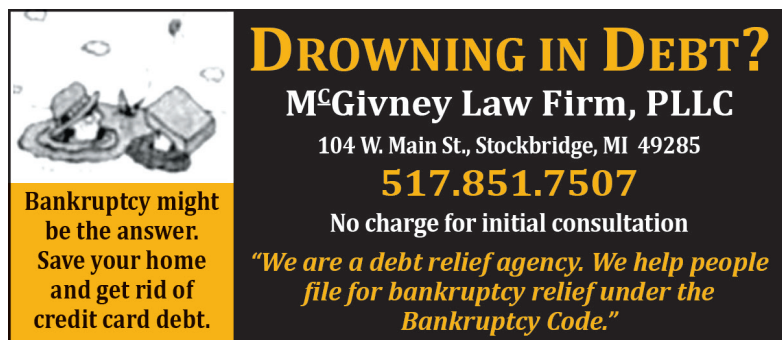


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From CADL Stockbridge

Check out pickleball, disc golf sets at library

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

Happy Spring, Stockbridge! We are thrilled to see the sunshine streaming through our windows and the students streaming through our doors since the weather is warmer.

The students are using their Student Success Initiative cards to check out books from our shelves.

We have something new for folks to check out in May, pickleball and disc golf sets. This sports equipment is donated to the library by the Friends of the Stockbridge Library and the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, respectively. It is for use on the tennis courts in Veterans Memorial Park and the disc golf course located behind Smith and Heritage schools. To borrow a set for a day, you don't need a CADL card but you should be at least 12 years old and give us a cellphone number.

The Summer Reading Challenge will begin June 1, but you can register on May 15 at <https://cadl.beanstack.org/reader365>. The SRC is a fun way for kids to maintain the reading level they achieved during the school year and win prizes. We have lots of performers and programs, crafts and community art projects this summer. We will provide more details next



Pickleball sets are now available to check out at the CADL. Image credit dickssportinggoods.com



Disc golf sets are available to check out at the CADL. A disc golf course is located behind Smith and Heritage schools and is available for public use. Image credit Amazon.com

month in this column and online on our new CADL Stockbridge Facebook page. Now we have one place where we can post program and event information and show the Stockbridge community what's happening at the library.

Follow us @CADLStockbridge on Facebook.

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

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A funny little story concerning Maurice: He lived down the road from me, and my boys hunted on his property. Well one day he called me saying "I got a darn squirrel in my upstairs bedroom, could you come and take care of it?" Of course I called my boys and we went down there. Slowly creeping up the stairs, there he was! A big fox squirrel running around the bedroom.

I told Maurice that there might be some .22 holes in the walls from the misses, but he didn't care. "Just get that squirrel," he said. My boys are good hunters, and the squirrel was soon retired, with minimal holes in the wall. Maurice was so grateful!

Hopefully you have enjoyed another trip down memory lane. For me, these are the best kind of trips.

Take care of each other and, hopefully, we can do this again next month.

All photos provided by Clyde Whitaker, from the Feb. 28, 1973, edition of The Town Crier newspaper. 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.



2023 Stockbridge Lions Easter Egg Hunt once again a great success

by Andrea Stickney

It turned out to be a picture-perfect, sunny afternoon for the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Memorial Park. Held Saturday, April 8 this year, the annual event was organized and hosted by the Stockbridge Lions Club.

Fifty eager young participants, ranging in age from 1 to 10, were accompanied by their parents and grandparents. The children were barely able to contain themselves before the official “GO” signal was given for the hunt to begin.

Each year, an event that takes hours to prepare is over in about 15 minutes. All the participants went home with at least five age-appropriate prizes, in addition to the candy from more than 720 eggs placed throughout the grounds.

Many thanks to the hardworking Lions volunteers who made the Easter Egg Hunt possible!



Lions Club volunteers, L-R, Duane Bordine, Andrea Stickney, Kathleen Mullins, Mike St. Dennis, Rich Mullins, Lyn St. Dennis, Bob Busby, Andy Shaw, Kathryn Busby, Bill Stickney, Sharon Bordine and Carrie Holmes helped make the annual Stockbridge Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt a fun event for 50 children.

*Photos by
Andrea Stickney*



Obituaries

Larry L. Howard



Larry L. Howard
Jan. 25, 1952 to Apr. 2, 2023

Larry L. Howard, age 71, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at his home.

Larry was born on January 25, 1952 in Salyersville, KY to Clyde and Gladys (Montgomery) Howard. He had lived in the Stockbridge area most of his life, moving from Kentucky when he was 18 years old.

He worked for the Jackson County Resource Recovery Facility, retiring after 20 years of service. He enjoyed working on cars, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his kids and grandkids.

On May 8, 1982, he married Rhonda Lynn (Minix), and she preceded him in death on January 24, 2007. Surviving are three children, Allisa (James) Baum of Jackson, Nicole (Brent) Stowe of Stockbridge, and Travis Howard of Laurium, MI; four grandchildren, Jessica, Madison, Cassandra, and Cade; his siblings: Clyde Jr. (Jewel) Howard of Salyersville, KY, Stewart Howard of Brooklyn, MI, Ina Blanton of Salyersville, Chloeteen (Gary) Fish of Florida; and Gail Smith of Salyersville, KY; and brother-in-law, Chuck Minix of Stockbridge, MI. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral Services were on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, MI, with Pastor Jeff Howard officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, and on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge, MI.

Death Notices

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

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

- Kevin M. Cook, of Gregory, died March 5, 2023
- Dorothy "Dottie" Grumelot, of Chelsea, died March 9, 2023
- Harold J. Edson, died March 14, 2023
- Arloa I. Smith, of Stockbridge, died March 16, 2023
- Richard (Dick) Streets, of Zephyrhills, FL, died March 29, 2023
- Norman L. "Norm" Osborn, of Stockbridge, died April 11, 2023
- Scott Rabideau, of Stockbridge, died April 12, 2023
- John Sawicki, of Stockbridge, died April 13, 2023

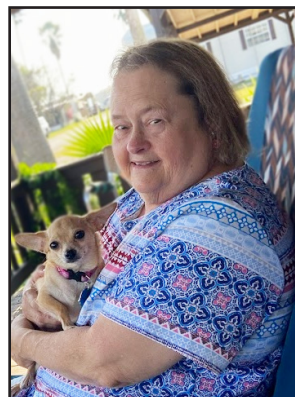
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His experience as a medic led him to pursue a career in nursing in the Lansing area.

Any living service members who served on active duty from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive the pin. Surviving spouses also are eligible.

For more information, see the Lansing Chapter NSDAR website at lansing.michdar.net or [facebook.com/LansingChapterNSDAR/](https://www.facebook.com/LansingChapterNSDAR/).

Judith "Judy" Lee Lentz



Judith "Judy" Lee Lentz
June 6, 1955 to Apr. 24, 2023

Judith "Judy" Lee Lentz, age 67, of Stockbridge, MI passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at her home on Monday, April 24, 2023, after her second battle with breast cancer.

She was born the daughter of Benjamin W. and Barbara A. (Benton) Brown on June 6, 1955 in Waukegan, IL, but Atchison, KS was the place that she called home. She married her high school sweetheart, Wesley M. Lentz, on May 25, 1974. They resided in Atchison (with a three year detour in Whittier, CA) until 1997, when they moved to Stockbridge, MI. She truly enjoyed working with children at Atchison Child Care Association for many years and celebrated 20 years at Chelsea Milling Company before retiring along with her

husband in January 2022.

Judy, aka "Memaw," loved spending time with her grandchildren, square dancing, crafting, volunteering with the Stockbridge Lionesses, taking care of her many animals, camping, and enjoyed walking along the beach of South Padre Island while spending time at their property in Texas. A true Kansan, she loved the Wizard of Oz, sunflowers, and the Kansas City Chiefs!

In addition to her loud but loving husband of 49 years, she is survived by her children, Kimberly (Michael) Williamson of Stockbridge, MI, Andrew Lentz of Fort Wayne, IN, and Phillip (Tracie) Lentz of Stockbridge, MI; siblings, Jane (Dwayne) Klingman of Atchison, KS, Daniel (Joyce) Brown of Gower, MO, Beth (Rob) Stone of Atchison, KS, and Paul (Sherry) Brown of Nortonville, KS; her beloved and beyond spoiled grandchildren, Aayden, AJ, Jackson, Makayla, Bennett, and Hazel, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Audie and Rick, and her nephew, Craig.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Thursday, April 27, 2023, and again on Friday, April 28, 2023.

A Memorial Service was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Following the service, the family had a reception with refreshments and light snacks at the Back Street Hall, 114 N Center St, Stockbridge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stockbridge Lions Club.

Terry Lee Schoonover



Terry Lee Schoonover
May 13, 1946 to Jan. 30, 2023

Terry Lee Schoonover, of Stockbridge, MI, age 76, passed away on January 30, 2023 at his home. Terry was born on May 13, 1946 in Pontiac, MI to Carl and Lucille (Sheldon) Schoonover.

Terry moved to the Stockbridge area in 1954, moving from Pontiac. He graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1965. He then attended Michigan State University in the MSU Agriculture Short Course, graduating in 1967. He enjoyed farming and International Tractors. He was a member of Busy Beavers 4-H in Jackson County. He loved being a farmer, and he liked to visit with people. Terry was a partner in Sunny Crest Farms with his parents and brother. They raised potatoes over forty years.

He is survived by a brother, Duane (Carolyn) Schoonover of Stockbridge, and sister, Carol (Buster) Myer of Stockbridge, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m., at the Southwest Church of the Nazarene in Gregory, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stockbridge FFA.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Active Aging

Resident poet and SASC board member inspired by mother's conversations with flowers

by Eugene S. Macario

My mother, each spring, would take us kids to the local nurseries to select the perfect flowers to go into the yard. Her favorite—pansies. I recall her speaking to each one as she planted them.

"Mother, why do you speak to them? They can't hear you," I would ask.

"Oh, but they can!" she would say.

Long ago, I dedicated the following poem to my mother, for helping me see the world as she did.



Photo credit Lora P via unsplash.com

My Mother's Little People

*Solemn faced flowers
Wrinkled with wisdom
Content as they gaze
Aglow with sun.
Nodding yes-no
To the wind secrets;
All in agreement.
They speak not a word of it;
Their faces reveal none of it;
Yet, you know they know.*

Inspired by my creative writing professor and mentor Jean Pataky, I submitted this poem and another entry into a poetic selection pool. Although the poem written for my mother was not selected for publication, my other poem was.

The poems were gathered in the bicentennial year of 1976 and were compiled into a collection of commemorative poetry titled "Poems for the Bicentennial, Michigan, 1976." The collection reflects the images and genuine expression of the experiences, historical events and themes unique to the history of our country.

Grants from the Michigan American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Bicentennial Committee of Delta College enabled the free publication and distribution to public libraries, college and university libraries, and officially designated bicentennial museums throughout the state of Michigan.

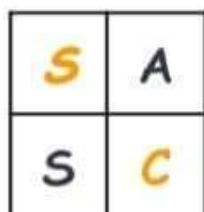
Laborers, housewives, students, retirees, secretaries, and professionals were asked to contribute to a lasting reminder of Michigan's contribution to the nation's bicentennial celebration.

At least a couple of decades ago, well after that poetry collection was published, my wife and I came to the Stockbridge Area. We joined the SASC—Stockbridge Area Senior Center—about a year ago. At SASC, we've met Spartans, Buckeyes and fellow Wolverines, "college boys" and "college girls" as referred to by the past high school class. Veterans of the Army, Navy, and Air Force can be found here, and I think there's even a Marine or two. All as diverse and unique as an individual can get.

Yet, even with the usual bingo badgering; Monty Python elbow nudging wink, wink; and chicken vs. rooster dancing going on, a true community sense of family can be found. Hoping you'll join in as a brother, sister, or patron of this community family. Open, loving hands welcome you as you step through the Center's doorway.

Now I can add my SASC family to the dedication of my 1976 poem, "My Mother's Little People," as, "wrinkled with wisdom," they bring a renewed life to its unique poetic inner meaning.

Eugene S. Macario is on the board of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC), a great place to spend time. Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org or call 517-480-0353 for information.



Legal Notice

To: David J. Hancock
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The Village of Stockbridge has filed a lawsuit to quiet title to the Alley at 111 W. Main Street, Stockbridge, MI 49285 in the Ingham County Circuit Court Case No. 22-807-CH, before the Hon. Wanda Stokes. If you dispute the Village's claim to ownership of the alley you should file pleadings setting forth that contest with the Court within 21 days of the date of this notice.



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Bridge to Wellness

Mental Health Month: Strategies for improving our mental health

by Anna Webber

May is Mental Health Month. Just like your physical health, mental health can improve with practice and consistently implemented strategies.

People often set goals around their physical health, like working out regularly, eating healthier, and scheduling yearly checkups with their doctor. Working to improve your mental health can be as challenging as figuring out an exercise routine or implementing healthier eating habits.

What should you focus on first? How does it all connect?

First and foremost, everyone is different, so there is no one-size-fits-all solution. While trained professionals can help tailor a treatment specific to your needs, the following are some things you can do to focus on your mental health journey:

- **Name and validate your feelings.** Often, we can name what we are feeling, but then we jump straight to problem-solving without taking a moment to validate that it makes sense to feel that way. This can leave us feeling like certain emotions are wrong, which can send us into a deeper spiral of feeling poorly about ourselves and how we are handling a situation.

- **Recognize and reframe negative thinking.** After naming and validating the feeling, it is important to make sure our thoughts are accurate because our thoughts are connected to how we feel. And how we feel, in turn, affects how we behave. When we are not honest with ourselves, it impacts how we feel about ourselves or a situation and can cause us to act in a way that might make our situation worse. A good rule of thumb is, if what you are telling yourself is something you wouldn't say to a best friend or loved one in a similar situation, it is time to reframe and find a kinder way of speaking to yourself—be your own best friend!

- **Practice mindfulness and self-care.** Mindfulness is the practice of being present in the moment, noticing what's happening around you and what you're feeling without passing judgement on it. There are many ways to practice mindfulness and many resources available to help you do so.

Self-care is the act of being kind to yourself and making sure you find ways to balance your responsibilities with things you enjoy. Self-care can be getting outside for a walk, joining friends out to eat, or snuggling in to binge your favorite show. It's the practice of tuning in to your needs and making sure they are being met just as much as you work to meet the needs of those around you.

If you are struggling and need guidance to manage your mental health, talking to a professional can help. Check out srslystockbridge.org for a list of local and national resources.

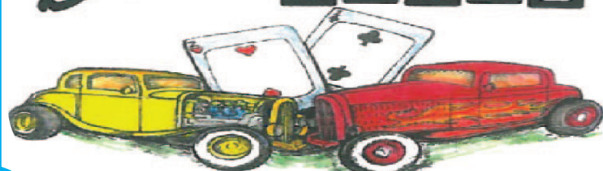
This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC). Anna Webber is a licensed social worker and, along with the Community Health Improvement Team at Chelsea Hospital, coordinates the SRSLY Manchester and Stockbridge programs.



Thoughts are connected to how we feel, and how we feel, in turn, affects how we behave. Photo credit Miquel Parera on Unsplash.com



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Staff Spotlight: Sarah Vowels, social studies and yearbook teacher, discusses role models and engaging her students



Amy Haggerty

by Amy Haggerty

Sarah Vowels teaches seventh grade social studies. She also began teaching high school yearbook, which is taught as a class in Stockbridge, when Elizabeth Cyr retired.

"My favorite days are when I overhear students talking to their friends and they say, 'it's the end of class already? It went by fast,'" Vowels said. She added, "That's when I know I've created a great lesson, when the kids are so engaged in learning that they don't pay attention to the clock. It's the best compliment they can give me!"

She loves watching students try new things, and she enjoys providing them with the opportunity to learn topics they wouldn't explore on their own.

"It's fun when kids ask questions and make hypotheses about what might have happened in the past," she said.

When she was in school, Vowel's English teachers let her explore her creativity in writing and expanded her knowledge in literature. In college, she had exceptional professors who brought history to life. The skills and knowledge she picked up from her role models are now being passed on to her students.

"I've been really blessed throughout my education and career to have strong role models," this seventh grade teacher reflects.

Vowels grew up in Concord, Mich., where she graduated from Concord High school in 1992.



Social studies and yearbook teacher Sarah Vowels loves providing students the opportunity to learn topics they wouldn't explore on their own. Photo provided by Sarah Vowels

"Growing up in a small town, I was surrounded by a community to support me. I have always felt that Stockbridge is a lot like my hometown; the staff really care about the kids," she said.

After high school, she attended Eastern Michigan University and earned a bachelor's degree in English language arts and social science. Later, Vowels attended Marygrove College for her master's in education.

Some of her hobbies include traveling, camping and enjoying the outdoors.

Vowels' family and friends are very important to her. She has two children: Max is 11 years old and Julia is 24. Julia attended Western Michigan University for her undergrad and is currently finishing her master's degree at Ball State University.

Early in Sarah Vowel's teaching career, an inspirational vice principal taught her how to be cool under pressure. Vowels now considers this to be one of her strengths.

Some sage advice she shares with her Stockbridge students: "Don't give up when something is challenging. You all have greatness in you."

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

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Flat Stanley has the best spring breaks!



Students in Nichole Whitt's second grade class mail their Stanleys. Photo provided by Smith Elementary teacher Nichole Whitt

by **Corey Peña**

Flat Stanley was at it again at Smith Elementary, traveling with second grade students for Spring Break 2023!

For those who don't know, Stanley Lambchop is a lovable, fictional character based upon author Jeff Brown's bedtime stories from his son's vivid imagination. Stanley was squashed flat by a bulletin board while sleeping, but decided to make the best of it by traveling through the mail on adventures.

Right before break, hand-decorated, paper Stanleys went home with eager students. Several of them came back from break with pictures and captions to share.

The students really enjoyed reading the Daily Journal pages, which included information from the places their Stanleys traveled to and pictures sent back from those destinations.

See Flat Stanley on page 27.

Memorial Day observances page 1

These women listened stoically to the speaker with hearts breaking as they remembered the ultimate sacrifice made by their sons. (No woman in our community had lost her life in the service at that time.) These mothers knew firsthand about the high cost of our freedom.

After the services in the gym, the veterans and the high school and junior high bands lined up for the Memorial Day Parade. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts all followed and marched to the cemetery. People lined the parade route and joined the procession to the cemetery after the parade passed by.

After a cemetery program, a chicken barbeque was held on the Township Square. Ice cream treats were given out to the children who participated in the parade. It was now time to gather and meet with family members, friends and neighbors.

In junior high, a band director gave my class a lecture about the importance of Memorial Day and why its date shouldn't be changed. At the time, some in Congress were debating this topic. The band director believed a three-day weekend would cause people to forget what the day really was all about.

Several years later, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, and it went into effect in 1971. The act moved the traditional Memorial Day from its May 30 date to the last Monday in May.

When it comes to acknowledging Memorial Day, things have certainly changed in recent times. Did the band director correctly predict what would happen? Did changing the date to become part of a three-day weekend cause people to forget Memorial Day's real meaning? It seems, every year, fewer and fewer people take the time to remember our fallen heroes.

Have we forgotten the significance of Memorial Day? It's fine to enjoy the holiday, but spend some time this May 29 to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. They paid a high price for our freedom. Let's not take it for granted.

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Outreach in Action

Lori Hendrick, an Outreach staple, wears many hats

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

At first glance, the Stockbridge Library (CADL) seems to be in a very different business from Stockbridge Community Outreach, yet we have many things in common. We both serve the general public. We both offer services at no charge. We bring people together. We share information, and we help our clients/patrons search out information online. We even serve some of the same people—job seekers, for instance, or people researching how to live on a budget.

But our most prized commonality is not a service, but a person.

Meet Lori Hendrick, whom you may have seen working at the library or at Outreach because she wears both hats. Lori has helped at Outreach for over a decade, first as a volunteer and then as a part-time employee. She currently works quarter-time as volunteer coordinator and office assistant.

"It's great having her here," Outreach Director Gwen Reid said. "She helps us accomplish so much and keeps us organized!"

Longtime Outreach board member Mary Myer remembers clearly when Lori and her family moved to town. "I sold her the house that she still lives in," Mary said. "I also eventually recruited her to help at Outreach when I was the volunteer coordinator."

Lori's affiliation with both Outreach and the library has provided an easy conduit for informal cooperation between the two. For instance, Lori has been seen rolling carts from the Outreach office at the Stockbridge Activity Center along the sidewalk to the library to help out with book sales. (Look for this spectacle around A Day in the Village time.) And when the library was ready to retire extra seat cushions and replace chairs recently, Lori knew Outreach had a need for them and helped make arrangements.

According to Library Assistant Rose Marshall, "Lori is one of those go-to people when you want to get something done and done right. She never leaves a task unfinished. Her connection between Outreach, the library, and the community is awesome. She never fails to offer help to those in need by directing them from the library to Outreach and vice versa. Lori is a kind and caring person and will help anyone in need. I am lucky to call her my friend. She is a great asset to the community."

But who is this elusive, behind-the-scenes, essential worker? We sat down with Lori to find out a bit more about what makes her tick.

What would you like the community to know about you? I've worked at Stockbridge Schools for 15 years, Stockbridge Library for 16 years and Stockbridge Community Outreach for 10 years. My favorite place to go is Topgolf, and I love to go "Up North." I like to listen to country music—Florida Georgia Line and Kane Brown are good!

What do you like about working at Outreach? I'm impressed with all the help that Outreach offers to clients. Outreach is also a place for anyone in need to look for (free) clothes, household goods and personal care items. We have a great group of volunteers who are willing to help you find whatever you're looking for. We are almost always accepting donations—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1–3 p.m. (or by appointment). We're currently in need of adult and kids summer clothes. We have a five-bag limit per donation, and please don't leave donations outside our door if we're not open.

How and when did you get involved with Outreach? I've always admired the work that Outreach did in our community. With the help of Kathy Gillem, Ev Kay and Mary Myer, I started volunteering in 2012. I was hired to do the Summer Tide-Me-Over program for a few years, eventually becoming the holiday & volunteer coordinator and office assistant, which is my current role at Outreach.

What's a favorite movie or TV show? Any Hallmark movie!

Where's a fun place you've gone on a trip or vacation? Friends and I had a good time in Maine camping and eating lobster.

How would you compare working in the previous Outreach trailer to Outreach's current location in the old middle school? The trailer was small, and it needed a lot of work! Outreach currently has four rooms we rent at the Stockbridge Activity Center—an office/pantry room, a sorting room, a clothing/household goods room, and a Tide-Me-Over room. It's cleaner and easier to keep organized.

See Outreach on page 27.



Volunteer Lori Hendrick invented our year-round holiday tree, which resides in the hall outside Outreach's office. Lori and Outreach volunteers decorate it for each holiday. (This photo shows the 2023 Easter tree.) Photo credit: Becky King

Paws and Claws

Pain management for cats and dogs offers many options

by **Cindy Anderson, DVM**



Animals suffer from pain just like people do. Pain comes in many forms: surgical pain, arthritis, and cancer-related pain, just to name a few. Acute pain is obvious and distressing. Chronic pain can be subtle, and masked as "getting old" or "slowing down." Old age is not a disease, but pain is. There are many options to treat the various causes of pain in animals, including pain medications, physical rehabilitation, acupuncture, laser therapy and therapeutic massage.

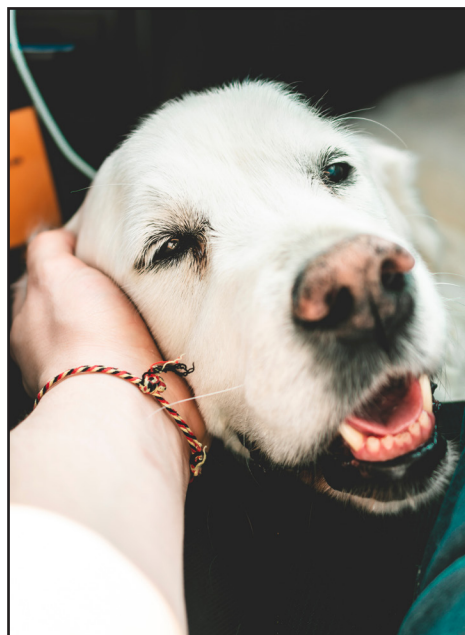


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Unfortunately, animals suffer for more extended periods of time than we do because they cannot tell us they are hurting. Many animals also are masters at hiding discomfort, a necessary behavior developed through evolution, to protect themselves from predators. Pets also love to please their people and often muster the energy to get up and play or give affectionate greetings.

This devotion to their human counterparts makes it more challenging to recognize when they are genuinely suffering. Even the best pet parents sometimes can't pick up on subtle, gradual changes in a pet due to aging or older pets just "slowing down." However, aging is not an illness and should not be painful. In fact, by the time a pet is visibly in pain, particularly if it is due to a chronic condition such as cancer or arthritis, he/she may have already been in pain for quite some time. It is important to keep a close eye on your pet's activities, eating habits, and personality changes so that you can seek veterinary treatment for possible problems as early as possible. Our pets are counting on us to be their voice.

There are many common changes that may signal your pet needs medical intervention. They include decreased play and activity, not going up/down stairs, anxiety, weight loss, whimpering, reluctance to jump (especially cats), difficulty standing after lying down, decreased appetite, over-grooming or licking a specific area of the body, growling or guarding behavior in dogs, hissing/spitting in cats, changes in urination/defecation habits, and lethargy/loss of interest in social interaction.

Pet parents play an important role in pain management by providing the veterinarian the relevant patient history, participating in assessment and reassessment of the pet, and continuing the recommended treatment and management at home. Pain management is viewed as a continuum of care.

I, Dr. Cindy Anderson, and staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, invite you to call us at 517-655-5551, or stop in at 4525 S. Michigan 52, Stockbridge, if you need any assistance with managing pain in your older 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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Real Estate News & Views

The effect of interest rates on the current real estate market

by Jackie Scheller

Look nearly anywhere and you will find glaring headlines about the real estate market. What does it all mean?

During our local Real Estate Q&A in March, several

questions were addressed. It makes sense to share some of the discussion here. First and foremost, this market will straighten out when given some time. Homes in the Stockbridge area are still selling at competitive prices. The buying power has decreased for some (especially first-time home buyers) as increased interest rates also increase the monthly payment.

Research indicates that sellers are waiting to put their homes on the market until they find a replacement. Potential sellers are getting antsy, but selling often means trading a 3-3.5% mortgage interest rate for one closer to 7% on the new home. The National Association of REALTORS has also indicated that selling price and time on market is specific to the region.

Stockbridge area homes are generally on the market for less than 60 days and sell within 5% of the list price when priced competitively.

Buyers are being coached to "date the rate" and possibly buy down the rate at the beginning. A few mortgage products allow for lower rates in year one and two. Buyers can also plan to refinance once rates come back down. Sellers can negotiate contributions to financing charges to make a deal happen.

Seniors can stay in their free-and-clear homes with a reverse mortgage. I spent a great deal of time trying to understand this mortgage product. Bob Yopko from First Equity (in the Clock Tower in Chelsea) explained the process during our Q&A. It makes sense in many cases.

Cash remains king in the real estate market and many cash buyers are looking for homes. If you are thinking of buying or selling, it is worth your time to have a conversation with a local Realtor. We are fortunate to have several real estate professionals, some who live in Stockbridge, who are more than glad to answer your questions.

Spring has sprung and the yard work has begun. Enjoy!

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Ask an Expert page 6

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Methought I saw a robin's wing
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—Florence Converse.

WHAT TO EAT

For those who like onions the following dish will be enjoyed.



Scalloped Onions and Peanuts.—Cut the onions into quarters, cook in boiling salted water until tender. Drain and reserve the broth for soup. Butter a baking dish and put into it a layer of onions, add a layer of ground peanuts, another layer of onions and peanuts. Pour over a rich white sauce well-seasoned, cover with buttered crumbs and bake in a moderate oven until brown. Cheese may be used in place of peanuts.





Nellie Maxwell

Stockbridge Brief-Sun • May 24, 1923

The Scalloped Onions and Peanuts recipe leaves much to be desired, regardless of how "well-seasoned" the white sauce is. I daresay even George Washington Carver couldn't have saved this experiment!

Woah Nellie!

Scalloped Onions and Peanuts: 100-year-old recipe is not all it's cracked up to be

by Mary Jo David

Every month, I scour through four old issues of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun weekly newspaper to find a 100-year-old recipe to recreate. For example, to write this month's Woah Nellie! column, I looked through the four issues from May 1923. Generally, I try to find recipes I consider "intriguing"—different but not so unusual that no one would eat the finished product.

To find this month's recipe, I waded through recipes for potato pancakes, graham cracker cake, and cream of peanut soup, to name a few.

- Potato Pancakes: Scratch! Too ordinary.
- Graham Cracker Cake: This one almost made it to my kitchen until I got to the part about using mocha frosting between the layers. This girl does not do coffee—oops, I mean "mocha"—anything!
- Russian Rocks: Nellie suggested these cookies are best after being kept one week. First of all, who can keep cookies in the house for a week without eating them? Second of all, did Nellie not have deadlines? Well, I sure do, and mine leave no wiggle room for aging cookies!
- Cream of Peanut Soup: I already made two pots of soup this week, so definitely not feeling it.

Next I landed on a recipe for Scalloped Onions and Peanuts. Why the sudden run on peanut recipes, I wondered. That prompted me to do some googling, and not coincidentally, 100 years ago, George Washington Carver was busy discovering ways to help farmers improve their soil through crop rotation. And if you remember your history lessons, what he found is that one of the crops that helped add nutrients

back into the soil was peanuts.

I like to think Nellie Maxwell—syndicated columnist extraordinaire—was tuned into new crop developments and capitalized on them for her recipe columns.

But enough of the history lesson, it was time to get cooking. The Scalloped Onions and Peanuts recipe (see clipping on this page) called for boiling onion quarters until tender. Nellie wasn't one to get too specific in her recipes, so I had to guess at the number of onions—I used one and a half large sweet onions. Once tender, I drained the onions and layered them with ground peanuts. Again, I was left to guess at the amount of ground peanuts (Nellie, you're killing me!), so I went with one cup. Next, she instructed to pour a well-seasoned white sauce over the onion/peanut mixture and top with buttered crumbs.

Alas—Nellie includes no recipe for the well-seasoned white sauce. Being a "well-seasoned" cook, I've had some experience making white sauces. So, I proceeded to mix together a combination of butter, whole milk, salt, and pepper into a lovely, thick white sauce. Keeping in mind the "well-seasoned" requirement, I also added to the sauce some newly dried fresh chives, garlic powder, onion powder, a pinch of poultry seasoning, and some paprika for good measure.

After topping the recipe with buttered panko bread crumbs, I baked the casserole in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 35 minutes for a

nicely browned topping. Meanwhile, the delicious aromas coming out of the kitchen were raising my hopes for a 2023 peanut recipe revival.


Once the casserole was cooled slightly, it was time for a taste test. I thought it safest not to mention the peanuts before handing my husband his portion; calling it "scalloped onions" seemed like it would be enough for him to swallow. After a back and forth of "You try it first," ... "No, you try it first," we both dug in at the same time. And we both said simultaneously—"It doesn't taste like anything." We were both right, but then he had to take it a step further and say, "It tastes like warm water!"

And I daresay, he hit the nail on the head; Scalloped Onions and Peanuts was definitely a dud. Next time I decide to experiment with onions and ground peanuts, I'll order Pad Thai!

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Reach for the stars at the Detroit Observatory; they're closer than you think

by Chuck Wisman

Consider this a Stockbridge Community News knowledge question of the month: Where is the Detroit Observatory located?

If your first response is Detroit, sorry, think again! The Detroit Observatory is located in Ann Arbor, Mich., on the grounds of the University of Michigan. Formally known as the Judy & Stanley Frankel Detroit Observatory, U-M's second oldest building contains several telescopes, displays, and more. It is open to the public on Fridays for walk-in visits from noon to 5 p.m. Knowledgeable docents are available to guide your visit and answer all your questions. Best of all, it's absolutely free to the public!

The Detroit Observatory is an oft-overlooked heritage site providing an extraordinary learning experience via its telescopes, construction, age, and history. The Observatory was built in 1854 at the behest of the first president of the University, Henry Philip Tappan. In 1857, the University subsequently installed the third largest refracting telescope in the world, the Fitz refractor, in the Observatory. That very same telescope with a few modifications is still in use today!

According to the Observatory website, "The Fitz refractor (telescope) sits atop a limestone pier weighing four tons, which rests on a 60-foot brick masonry pillar that extends 15 feet below grade. In its original configuration, the Fitz refractor had a pine wood tube and equatorial mount that allowed it to track celestial movements. As astrophotography developed in the late 1800s, the wood tube was replaced with the more rigid steel tube that you can see today. A new equatorial mount and clock drive were also installed at that time. Interestingly, Henry Fitz's 1857 objective lens was not reconfigured then or since. Consequently, it is the only Fitz lens in its original condition, making it of great historical interest."

The dome of the Observatory is constructed of wood and originally sat on cannon balls in order to rotate. The cannon ball mechanism became unworkable, and was replaced by a trolley system operated with pulleys and ropes. A child can literally turn the entire dome of the Observatory by simply pulling a rope. Since the Observatory dome and telescope were built and installed in the mid-1800s, they operate without electricity or hydraulics. It's entirely mechanical.

More from the website: "The Observatory also contains a Meridian Circle Telescope (MCT). Think of today's technologically advanced means for determining time and location, such as cesium clocks and the GPS satellite network. The MCT was the 1800s equivalent." The MCT and all its complex gadgetry are accessible via a stairway or an elevator."

So, if you're looking for a family-friendly activity that will expand your horizons and knowledge of the heavens, plan a visit to the Detroit Observatory. It's essentially a living museum. In addition to the Friday walk-in hours, they have free daytime tours and nighttime viewing events where you may see Saturn's rings, Jupiter's moons and even a look at the sun through protective lenses. Although free, many of these non-walk-in events require you to register first.

The Detroit Observatory's website is at <https://detroitobservatory.umich.edu>. This site contains a wealth of information on the history of the Observatory, photos, a calendar of events open to the public, and other information.

The address is 1398 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, located at the corner of Ann and Observatory streets.

Accessibility note: Please be aware the dome of the Observatory and its Fitz telescope are only accessible via a stairway. The elevator does not extend to the dome. Parking is available approximately a block or two east of the Observatory in a University Hospital public parking ramp.



Visit the Detroit Observatory—in Ann Arbor—for a family-friendly activity that just might expand your horizons. Photo credit Pentawing at Wikimedia Commons

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GRAND SLAM SUNDAE

SAAC accepting entry applications for A Day in the Village Art Show 2023



Adam Knight plays the grand piano during the 2022 A Day in the Village Art Show. Photo provided by Andrea Stickney

Information provided by SAAC

The Stockbridge Area Arts Council (SAAC) is moving forward with its premier annual event, the upcoming A Day in the Village Art Show in June.

This year, a poster contest in advance of the event is being held in the third and fourth grade art classes of Smith Elementary and Heritage School. The contest theme is "Celebrating Dads." Images of the winner's poster will be displayed

prominently throughout the area in advance of the special weekend.

SAAC invites and encourages all artists to participate in the show, which will be held in the Township Hall on the town square in Stockbridge. The artwork will be displayed on Friday, June 16, from 3 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Awards and cash prizes will be presented at 4 p.m. on Saturday for first, second, and third place in two categories—fine arts and photography. In addition, a cash prize for "People's Choice" will be awarded; this award will be determined by votes cast by visitors to the show on Friday and Saturday. The recipient of the "Mike Jones Award for Contributions to the Arts" also will be announced.

If you participated as an artist in 2022, you will receive a letter and application by email soon. For new participants, application forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Stockbridge Library. A small fee of \$10 will allow for up to four entries by an artist. For questions or additional information, please email stockbridgeareaartscouncil@gmail.com.

Rock 'n' Roll page 7

After Elvis' death on Aug. 16, 1977, his physician, Dr. George C. Nichopoulos (Dr. Nick), took a lot of heat for overprescribing drugs to Elvis and was quoted as saying: "Elvis' problem was that he didn't see the wrong in it. He felt that by getting it from a doctor, he wasn't the common everyday junkie getting something off the street. He thought that as far as medications and drugs went, there was something for everything." In 1977, the year of Elvis' death, Nichopoulos had written 199 prescriptions for Elvis, with over 10,000 doses of amphetamines, narcotics and sedatives. A few years later, Dr. Nick was found guilty of overprescribing drugs, but the conclusion was it wasn't unethical. (Dr. Nick claimed he was trying to gradually get Elvis OFF drugs!) Nichopoulos' license was suspended, and he was given three years' probation. Finally, in 1995, it was discovered Dr. Nick improperly prescribed drugs to many of his patients, ending in some deaths; his license was permanently taken away.

Rumor has it that Elvis got his first taste of recreational drugs in the '50s from Memphis deejay Dewey Phillips. Later, while Elvis was in the Army, he began taking drugs regularly. Specifically, when he had to pull overnight or late-night duties, Elvis would pop amphetamines to help him stay awake. Former wife Priscilla revealed that throughout the '60s Elvis would take Placidyl for insomnia and Dexedrine to fight the effects.

Seventeen years after Elvis' death, there was an investigation of Elvis' autopsy. Coroner Dr. Joseph Davis went on record saying "There is nothing in any of the data that supports a death from drugs. In fact, everything points to a sudden, violent heart attack." But all Elvis fans and admirers have no doubt the heart failure was caused by too much drug abuse.

Q: How did American rock stars react to all the English groups of the '60s? Were they threatened? Did it get them upset?

A: Once The Beatles came to America in early 1964, the U.S. rock and roll scene permanently changed. Hordes of British rock and roll performers flooded America: groups, duos, trios and solo performers. (I would name them all here but there are just too many!) From '64 thru the late '60s anything remotely British was the "in" thing. Americans attempted to speak with a British accent and used British slang, department stores stocked Carnaby Street-style mod clothing, both males and females styled their hair as the Brits did...it was trendy but nuts, just like any other fad. As for American rock stars taking offense, Elvis Presley headed the list — he was extremely threatened by The Beatles and wanted them to be deported. Other U.S. stars were vocal about their dislike for the long-haired Brit bands, but these were mainly the old-school performers, like Frank Sinatra (who referred to them as "cretinous goons") and Mitch Miller, who hated rock and rollers so much, he probably would've put them all to death if it was legal! Some American groups tried to make us think they were from England; the Sir Douglas Quintet ("She's About a Mover") was from Texas, but attempted to make the public believe they were British by the way they wore their hair and clothes and by putting "Sir" as part of their band name. Even the Chicago group The Buckingham's ("Kind of a Drag") named themselves after Buckingham Palace. As the British craze got more and more out of hand, new U.S. groups attempted to fight back by naming themselves after our country. There were The Five Americans, The American Breed, America, The United States Of America and Jay and the Americans (plus others who named themselves after American states and cities) in order to prove you didn't have to be British to record good music.

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

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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Stockbridge girls soccer picks up win over Potterville

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge girls soccer team has had an up-and-down start to the season with a 1-3-1 record after five games.

The Panthers defeated Potterville 2-0 April 6 for their lone win on the season to date.

Annie Borowy netted a goal in each half as Stockbridge was able to get their first win of the season. Maria Oliveria and Clarissa Hill assisted. The Panthers were able to carry much of the offensive play and recorded 14 shots on goal. Grace Lackey earned the shutout in net recording three saves.

The back line of Adrianna Adkins, Grace Niec and Josie Beutler held strong, with Krista Culver and Maggie Mahler helping change possession forward.

Lansing Everett The Panthers dropped a tough 3-1 decision April 4 to Lansing Everett.

Borowy started the season with our first goal early in the game on a through ball from Hill. Everett answered quickly with a goal of their own and then a goal off a deflection making it 1-2 at the half. The teams would battle late into the game before Everett was able to extend the lead to two goals with just under 10 minutes to play.

The Panthers had seven shots on goal compared to Everett's 14. Lackey played strong in net for the Panthers.

Lakewood On April 11, Lakewood overpowered the Panthers 6-0.

Stockbridge struggled with possession for much of the game and found themselves backed up against their own goal all night. Lackey recorded 17 saves on 23 shots for the Panthers.

Bath The Panthers could not muster much offense April 13 in a 6-0 loss to the Bees.

See Soccer on page 25.

Stockbridge track teams fall to Leslie

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge track teams opened the GLAC season April 11 with both teams falling to the Blackhawks.

The girls fell in a close meet 68-46 while the boys dropped a 98-36 decision.

Gracee Robidou led the Lady Panthers with three wins and a second-place finish. She won the 100, the long jump, the high jump, and was second in the 400.

Megan Mackinder picked up a pair of wins in the discus and the shot put for Stockbridge.

Second-place finishes went to Samantha Nothnagel in the 100, Kristina Wilde 800, Jaylee Chapman 1600 and Anna Ransom 3200.

Foster Pybus picked up the lone win for the boys in the high jump.

Second-place finishes went to Jake Sawicki in the 100, 200 and 400; Ethan Wright 800; Micah Bolton 1600 and 3200; Josiah Muzzin 110 and 300 hurdles; Remi Samek long jump, the 4x200 relay team of Damien Hayes, Isaac R, Ethan Bradley and Muzzin; the 4x400 relay of Bolton, Sawicki, Brock Rochow and Hayes, and the 4x800 relay of Bolton, Finn Coffman, Rochow and Wright.

See Track on page 25.



Adrianna Adkins looks to clear the ball against Bath. Photos by Mike Williamson



Cecelia Szekely battles a Bath defender for the ball.

Panther golfers finish 5th in GLAC Jamboree in East Lansing

by Mike Williamson

Stockbridge High School put together a varsity boys golf team for the first time in six years this season, and the Panthers finished fifth out of six teams at the GLAC Jamboree April 18. The GLAC meet was hosted by Lansing Christian at the College Fields Golf Course in East Lansing.

The Panthers finished with a team score of 209 in the event won by Olivet with 176.

Wyatt Loso and Kegan Collins each fired rounds of 50 to lead the Panthers.

Drew Robinson finished with a 54 and Evan Sandeck 55, while Noah Beauregard shot 61.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Stockbridge 6th grade basketball team beats Byron Center to win state title



The sixth grade boys' basketball team claimed the state title in March. Photo provided by Susan Lockhart

by Mike Williamson

A year after finishing second in the state as fifth graders, the Stockbridge sixth grade boys basketball team made the final step by winning the state title March 12.

In an impressive tournament run, the Panthers closest game was a 17-point win in the championship game.

Stockbridge opened with a 53-19 win over United Pursuit out of Portage to advance to the quarterfinals.

Stockbridge then took care of Mason 47-21 in the quarters and then continued with a convincing 50-30 win over North Branch to reach the state championship game.

The Panthers took on Byron Center in the finals and cruised to the 56-39 win to claim the title.

Stockbridge also took home the Red Cedar Gold Division tournament title to qualify for state.

Members of the team are Beau Kunzleman, Bradley Buddenborg, Brayden Collins, Evan Lockhart, Evan Killinger, Jonathan Crow, Kipp Vogel, Parker Sandecki, Remington Christie, Tanner Trapp and Vince Rogozinski.

The team is coached by James Christie and Dwight Crow.

Panthers softball splits pair with Webberville for first win of season

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge softball team picked up a doubleheader split with Webberville for its lone win in eight attempts to start the season.

The young Panthers squad took the opener 11-1 with four runs in the fourth, and three in each of the fifth and sixth innings to pull away for the win April 10.

Macy Cipta led the offense with two hits and one RBI, while Jessica Sparks added two hits.

Maddie Rusnock picked up a hit and two RBIs, while Lili Romalia, Bailey Bartrum, McKenna Mezo each had a hit and run scored. Arianna Place added a hit and RBI, and Jamie Phillips a hit and two runs scored.

Bartrum struck out 11 and allowed two hits for the win.

The Panthers dropped the second 14-8 with a seven-run fifth inning dooming Stockbridge.

Cipta again led the offense with three hits and one RBI, while Bartrum had two hits and two RBIs.

Sparks had a double and two RBIs, and Romalia two hits and two runs scored. Place added a hit, Melanie Satkowiak a hit and run scored, and Mezo a hit and RBI.

Laingsburg The Panthers could muster one hit April 6 in the 12-0, 12-0 doubleheader loss to the Wolfpack to start the season.

Rusnock had a single in the second game for the Panthers' lone hit on the night. Bartrum struck out nine in the opener and Sparks three in the nightcap.

Lakewood The Panthers dropped a doubleheader April 11 to Lakewood 5-1 and 16-0.

See Softball on page 26.

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The teams took part in the Fowlerville early season invite April 7 and the girls finished seventh and the boys 14th.

Robidou won the long jump for the girls and was fourth in the 300 hurdles.

Mackinder finished second in the discus and third in the shot put, while the 4x800 team of Ransom, Wilde, Tayla Trapp and Chapman was fifth.

The boys had a rough day with Bolton finishing seventh in the 1600 and eighth in the 3200, while Wright was seventh in the 3200.

Soccer page 24

The Panthers, playing short-handed and injured, fought valiantly against a talented Bath squad. They were able to generate some scoring opportunities but were unable to place the ball on the frame. Bath pressed their offense much of the game and converted on six of 17 shots in the game.

Barry County Christian The Lady Panthers battled windy conditions, a rough field, and a stout Barry County defense to a 0-0 tie April 18.

The team traded possession for much of the game, but neither team was able to convert. Barry County was only able to get off three shots on goal, all turned aside by Lackey.

The Panthers mustered 13 shots on goal, but couldn't put back a pair of rebounds or convert on a penalty kick against their talented keeper.

Adkins, Niec, and Kaden Carpenter anchored the back line with Hannah Breslin, Beutler, Mahler and Culver in support.

Miley Moser, Melina Sayre, Cece Szekely and Kate Ludwick continue their improvement on the season.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Local gymnast qualifies for Michigan Team USA

by Mike Williamson

Stockbridge eighth grader Melanie Marshall qualified to be part of the Michigan Team USA squad that will compete May 5 at the Midwest Regional in Tallmadge, Ohio, against other gymnasts from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky.

Marshall qualified for the team by finishing first overall in the Silver Division at the state meet in Mount Pleasant April 14. She finished with an overall score of 38.075 to take first. She was first in the balance beam and floor exercise, second in the vault, and eighth in the bars to claim the top spot.

Melanie has been cartwheeling and tumbling since she could walk. She has been in and out of gymnastics and dance classes since she was 7 years old but has only been doing competitive gymnastics through the PAX gym in Chelsea for two years.

Her favorite event is the floor exercise because of her natural ability to tumble.

Marshall was asked about her future because Stockbridge High School does not have a gymnastics team.

"I will continue to compete and progress my skill level. My next skill level will be competing in the Gold Division," she said. "I also will be enrolling in college gymnastics camps to improve my skills."

Marshall said she hopes to qualify for a gymnastics scholarship at a university so she can one day open her own gymnasium.

Melanie's parents are Danielle Hoard and Brandon Marshall.



Melanie Marshall was named to the Michigan Team USA gymnastics squad. Photos provided by Danielle Hoard



Melanie Marshall competes in the floor exercise.

Panther baseball team off to a slow start

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge baseball team had a rough start to the 2023 season, dropping its first eight games.

The Panthers took part in the Napoleon tournament April 15 and finished 0-2 on the day.

They fell to Napoleon 18-8 in the opener in a game that saw Stockbridge jump out to a 6-1 lead, only to have the Pirates rally to take a 10-8 lead after four.

Napoleon pulled away with eight runs in the sixth for the win.

Jayden Pilch led the offense with three hits, including a double and three RBIs.

Noah Sandecki added three hits and one RBI, while Donovan Phillips, Cruz Medina and Trevor Patterson each had a hit and RBI. Sandecki took the loss, striking out six.

The second game saw Columbia Central score in each of the first four innings to take the game 14-4.

Pilch finished with a double and two RBIs to lead Stockbridge.

Medina had a hit and two runs scored. Nick Graves had two hits, and Collin Cook one hit.

Laingsburg The state-ranked Wolfpack was too much for the Panthers with an 18-0, 18-0 sweep April 6.

Stockbridge could not muster a hit in either game.

Jack McLennan struck out four in the opener, while Collin Trost struck out three in the second.

Lakewood The Panthers came up short April 11 in a 16-1, 17-0 sweep by the Vikings.

Trost struck out six in the opener, while Phillips scored the Panthers lone run.

Medina struck out two for the Panthers in the second game.

Olivet Olivet was too much for Stockbridge April 18 with a 32-0, 16-0 sweep of the Panthers.

Cook and Phillips each struck out a batter in the opener for the Panthers.

Medina had the lone hit for Stockbridge in the second game. Trost struck out one on the mound.

Softball page 25

Bartrum struck out nine in the opener when the Vikings scored two in the fifth and one in the sixth to pull away.

Sparks, Bartrum and Mezo picked up hits for Stockbridge.

The Panthers had just two hits in the second game with Sparks collecting a pair of singles.

Olivet The Panthers dropped a pair of games April 18 to Olivet 1-0 and 20-1.

The opener was a pitchers' duel that saw the Eagles score a run in the sixth to take the game 1-0.

Stockbridge outhit Olivet 6-2 but could not put any together for a run.

Romalia, Sparks, Mezo, Place, Rusnock and Shelby Okoney each had a hit for the Panthers. Bartrum was stellar in the circle, striking out 12 and allowing just two hits and an unearned run.

The Panthers committed 12 errors in the second game.

Romalia and Place had the lone hits for Stockbridge.

Flat Stanley page 17

One entry, dated March 28, exclaimed, "Flat Stanley came to work with me today! I work at Whole Foods Market in the produce department, and we learned about healthy eating. Stanley loves fruits and vegetables!"

Here are some fun Flat Stanley destination facts:

Coldest places visited: Michigan and Denver, Colorado

Hottest places visited: Texas and Florida

Fun experiences: skydiving in Oklahoma, petting a stingray, visiting NASA

Farthest destination: Belgium in Europe. Stanley went to an Army base there and returned with some euros!

As with all great stories, those that take students on a learning adventure while creating fun memories underscore the importance of great literature. No doubt Flat Stanley will be back next year for more fun adventures!

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What's a favorite food? Pineapple pizza!

Has the pandemic affected things at Outreach? Yes.

Sometimes the clothing room becomes a social gathering place because anyone who comes in may run into friends they haven't seen in a while. We also had a change in how we schedule volunteers. We used to have lots of people work once per month, but when the pandemic hit, we had to reduce the number of people in a closed space, so we switched to volunteers who could work once per week, creating "teams" for each day we were open. That continues now.

What do you look for in an Outreach volunteer? A good volunteer would be kind, helpful, courteous, respectful to others, and also be detail-oriented.

Is there anything you'd like to add? We are very thankful to get so many donations and for the generous support of our community and volunteers.

Thanks, Lori Hendrick, for all you do!

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.



QUESTION: The section of the Mike Levine trail beginning at the Gregory trailhead and commencing west to where it connects with the Stockbridge portion of the trail is only paved on one side of the path. What is the reason for this?

A. The paving crew followed the local geese south when the weather turned cold. They (the crew, not the geese) will finish the paving work when they return this spring.

B. One side of the path was purposely left unpaved to accommodate those who use the trail to ride on horseback.

C. The project has run out of funds. Residents are planning a cow pie fundraiser (yes, it's a thing!) to earn money to finish the paving project.

The answer is B: To accommodate horseback riding!

Looking back on the surprises that come with being 'Mom'

compiled by **Mary Jo David** with assistance from SCN volunteers

The Stockbridge Community News would like to wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day. Considering how little training (if any) most of us received for carrying out our "mom responsibilities," it's not unusual that many of us encountered a few surprises along the way. In honor of this special day, some of the SCN board members and support staff shared their perspectives on the following question:

What has surprised you most in your experience as a mom?

"My biggest surprise is how quickly time has flown after becoming a mom. I always thought my mom was silly when I would say, 'This month (or year) has flown by,' to which my mom would respond 'Just wait 'til you have babies, then you'll really see how fast it goes.' Boy she wasn't kidding. They grow in the blink of an eye." —**Kayla Fletcher, media coordinator**

"It's the hardest and most rewarding job I ever had. The best part is watching them grow into adults and your role changes to best friends!"
—**Amy Haggerty, columnist**

"I was most surprised by the unconditional love I have for my three sons. Through good times or bad we have bonded. My three sons are extremely close despite distance and I admire their friendship. I can't imagine a life without children as they bring such joy and now their children bring even more joy."
—**Nancy Wisman, vice president**

"One thing (of many!) that has surprised me about my experience as a mom is how much I have learned, and continue to learn, from my two sons. Early on, it was more about developing my inner strength and personal voice through guiding and supporting them. Now, having adult sons, they teach me so many new things through their life's work and passions. I'm truly grateful to be their Mom!" —**Judy Brune, editing support**

"All the people who told me 'they grow up so fast' were right. So enjoy your children in each stage of their growth." —**Agnes Geiger, copy editor**

"What has surprised me most about being a mom is the personal growth I've gained because of the continued interactions with my adult children. As a mom, I took the time to support and mentor each child (I have four) according to their diverse interests and careers. This has given me opportunities, such as collecting Little Bluestem seed on a beautiful fall day or hiking and enjoying places like Colorado, Tennessee, Hawaii, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland—to name a few. Always, I can count on stimulating conversations about restoring native grasslands, practicing medicine, building a home, gardening, and child-rearing, often ending with a good laugh." —**Joan Tucker, president**

"Through the years, my boys have proven themselves to be caring, responsible adults. This was no surprise. My surprise was their parenting. They use some of the same rules I used with them. This has been a laugh after all the years of hearing, 'You're unfair.' 'None of our friends have rules like that.' 'If I ever have kids, they will not have these unfair rules!'" —**Judy Williams, treasurer**

"What surprised me most was realizing how much I LOVE being a mother and grandmother."
—**Bev Glynn, secretary**

"My mom passed away when I was a young mom. One big surprise was how much I missed her advice when I was raising teenagers. What I wouldn't have given to be able to put aside my know-it-all airs and reach out to her for her words of wisdom back then. Overall, though, raising our three kids was actually a lot of fun, and I've been pleasantly surprised to find there's still lots of room in my heart for the grands that have come along!"

—**Mary Jo David, editor-in-chief**

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