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Stockbridge FFA students raise scale barn for annual Pioneer Day celebration



(L-R) Owen Cipta, Kaden Carpenter, Brock Rochow, Ethan Salyer and Jason Gruber construct the to-scale post and beam barn during Pioneer Day. Photo credit Robert Richards

Article submitted by Stockbridge FFA adviser Robert Richards

The Waterloo Farm Museum Pioneer Day is a celebration allowing families to travel the grounds and explore the farmhouse and many buildings depicting farm life in the mid to late 1800s.

Prior to the event, the Farm Museum director reached out to Stockbridge's FFA adviser Robert Richards with the need to raise a to-scale post and beam barn. Stockbridge students in the FFA chapter knew they had to step in. After coordinating and getting the numbers to build, the plan fell into place.

On Oct. 8, Pioneer Day arrived. After some guidance from pioneer volunteers, the building process began. Using 1800s methods, the team meticulously assembled the base of the barn.

The FFA team was greeted with an audience of families and peers wanting to learn more about the old building process. After a short break for passers-by to view the floor plan the team resumed construction.

See Stockbridge FFA on page 18.

What is a Veteran?



Photo credit: Eric Ward at unsplash.com

by Judy Williams

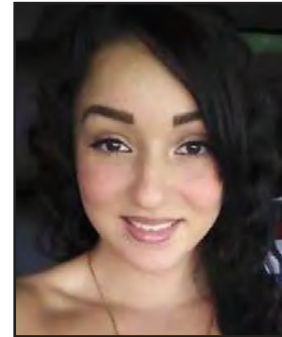
Webster's Dictionary simply defines a veteran as "a person who has served in the military." But a veteran is so much more.

A veteran is someone who has missed special family times and has sacrificed creature comforts while serving because of putting country and service before self.

Some of our veterans have received life-changing physical injuries while serving our country, and others have emotional scars we cannot see.

See Veteran on page 14.

Man arrested in suspected homicide of woman found in White Oak Township



The body of Alicia Gallegos, of Lansing, was discovered by a motorist in White Oak Township. Photo from GoFundMe page for Alicia Celeste Gallegos.

Information provided by Ingham County Sheriff's Office and the GoFundMe page for Alicia Celeste Gallegos.

On Oct. 21, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged 57-year-old Jacobo Montalvo, of Lansing, with the murder of Alicia Gallegos, also of Lansing.

In response to a call on Oct. 16, Ingham County Sheriff's deputies arrived at Iosco Road, west of Brogan Road, where a motorist noticed a deceased female in the wooded area along the roadway.

See Gallegos on page 18.

Draft horse wagon rides are a favorite at Pioneer Day



Kevin Doneth drives a wagon pulled by a pair of powerful, gray Percheron draft horses. Photo credit Joan Tucker

by Joan Tucker

The Waterloo Area Historical Farm Museum's Pioneer Day on Oct. 8 provided a great opportunity to take a wagon ride pulled by draft horses. The cool, crisp autumn Sunday was perfect for these rides, during which, the adults were as much in awe of these mighty, muscular horses as the kids—in fact, maybe more so!

See Pioneer Day on page 14.

Rural Perspectives: Common sugar maple tree can live for several hundred years



Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

The sugar maple is one of our most iconic and versatile trees and is common in our woodlands and neighborhoods. Its scientific name, *Acer saccharum*, is Greek for "like sugar."

These trees grow up to 135 feet tall and live for several hundred years. Some have been found that are more than 500 years old. The small greenish-yellow flowers bloom in spring and the winged seeds (often called "helicopters") ripen then fall to the ground in late summer. Come autumn, the leaves turn shades of brilliant yellows and oranges, often on the same tree.



The leaves of the sugar maple tree turn shades of brilliant yellows and oranges in autumn. Photo credit Diane Constable

The sugar maple is an important food source for many animals. The seeds, twigs and leaves are eaten by deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks and porcupines. Many insects are supported by the maple, including honeybees that feed on the flower pollen. Over two dozen bird species call it home.

The tree has been prized for eons. Native Americans used the sap as a sweet syrup and to season meat. The wood was used for furnishings, bowls and canoe paddles.

The heavy, close-grained wood is still used for furniture—and for an array of other things, including baseball bats, bowling pins and alleys, NBA basketball courts, hand tools, interior flooring and trims, pianos, violins, guitars, and many other items.

Sap is harvested safely from the tree in late winter, when the sap flow is triggered by above freezing temperatures during the day and below freezing temperatures at night. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. Michigan produced nearly 200,000 gallons of syrup last year, making it the fifth-largest producer in the country.

Fun Fact: Pioneers used the maple for firewood and then recycled the ashes to make soap.

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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Make sure to plan ahead for the December issue of the Stockbridge Community News. We have a graphic artist available at no charge.

Online ads and announcements are posted throughout the month. The deadline for ads and announcements for the print edition is November 15.

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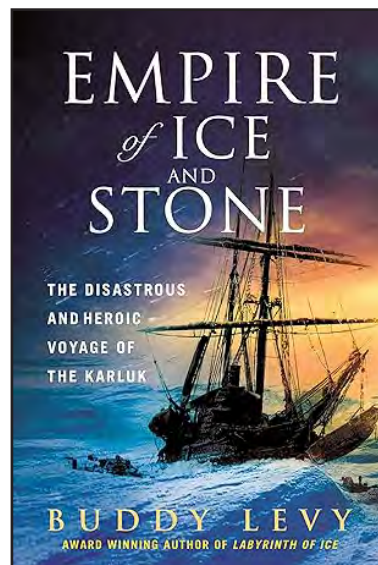


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'Empire of Ice and Stone': This page-turner will have you appreciating Michigan winters

by Chuck Wisman



"Empire of Ice and Stone: The Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk," by Buddy Levy, contains incredible episodes of heroism, cowardice, madness, hunger, bravery, death, fear, and survival in the everlasting night of the Arctic winter. It describes in great detail the daily challenges for the ship's crew to simply survive in almost unfathomable conditions.

In the summer of 1913, a wooden-hulled brigantine, the Karluk, left Vancouver Island, British Columbia, bound for the Arctic with 28 men, one woman, two children (ages 3 and 8), numerous sled dogs, and one cat. Of the humans on board, seven were Inuit. The goal of the expedition was to explore and map the Arctic. Within six weeks, the Karluk was trapped in a moving Arctic ice floe battling the seas, shifting ice, hungry polar bears, minus 60° F temperatures, hunger, and Arctic storms.

Buddy Levy's novel is a guaranteed page-turner that offers jaw-dropping suspense. Once you begin the adventure, it's difficult to put the book down. Image: Amazon.com

The Karluk was commanded by Captain Robert

"Bob" Bartlett, a 37-year-old seasoned Arctic sailor who had previously sailed with Robert Peary. The expedition was organized and led by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, a charlatan who essentially abandoned the expedition early on. Over a period of several months, the trapped Karluk drifted in the pack ice from the north of Alaska to

near Wrangel Island north of Siberia, where it was crushed by the ice and sank. Levy conveys the hopelessness of the situation:

For some time, everyone stared at the surface of the water that had engulfed the Karluk. Two umiaks and the whaleboat, all three of which had been on the deck, floated aimlessly, buffeted by the wind. Bartlett pulled down his hood and tried to bite back tears. He'd been shipwrecked twice before — both times on Newfoundland's southern coast — but this time felt different. The Karluk had been their home for seven months. (Empire of Ice and Stone, Levy)

Captain Bartlett and an Inuit hunter, Kuraluk (husband of crew member "Auntie" and the father of the two children), subsequently began a 1,000-mile trek together in subzero temperatures, across moving ice floes, mountainous pressure ridges, and barren land, among hungry polar bears, in an attempt to save the shipwrecked survivors.

"Empire of Ice and Stone" is a guaranteed page-turner that offers jaw-dropping suspense. Buddy Levy is a master storyteller. All who survived were impacted throughout their lives. Once you begin the adventure, it's a book difficult to put down.

This book is highly recommended for those looking for a true story of adventure and survival. The large number of photographs from the expedition are fascinating in their own right.

"Empire of Ice and Stone: The Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk" is available through the Stockbridge Library.

Chuck Wisman still resides locally on the family farm and is retired from state government after almost 40 years of service.

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- Holiday Sing Along

At 6:00 pm

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- Tree Lighting

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Celebrating Men of the Hour

November 19 is
International
Men's Day

November 19 is recognized as International Men's Day to "celebrate, worldwide, the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and communities." In our November issue, Stockbridge Community News is featuring Men of the Hour—three men from our own little corner of the world who make a notable difference in our community.

Ralph Schumacher's life brings him full circle, and Stockbridge is better off for it



Ralph Schumacher grew up on the family farm in Stockbridge and, since his return, has worked tirelessly to make the community a much better place. Photo credit Chuck Wisman



In May 2023, Ralph Schumacher (left) and daughter Jean Krndija (right) were pleased to present the Donna E. Schumacher Memorial Scholarship to Stockbridge High School senior Grace Niec (center). Photo provided by Ralph Schumacher

by Chuck Wisman

It's not often one comes full circle, leaving a community with deep, historical roots and returning years later to make it a much better place through his community work, personal dedication, and volunteering. Ralph Schumacher is one of those rare finds.

Before graduating from Stockbridge High School in 1966, Ralph grew up on the family farm. Next year marks 150 years that this farm has been in the Schumacher family. Ralph subsequently left the farm to attend Michigan State University, majoring in mathematics. Shortly after graduating in 1970, he began working for the General Electric Corporation in Erie, Pennsylvania, ultimately as the manager of locomotive engineering in GE transportation.

At MSU, Ralph met the love of his life, Donna Righetti, whom he married in 1971. The couple are the proud parents of two very successful daughters, Kate and Jean.

In 1999, Ralph left General Electric and returned to the family farm in Stockbridge, where he focused on caring for Donna, who

had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Sadly, she passed away in 2016.

Ralph represents the fifth generation of Schumachers to live on the family farm. One of his grandmothers was a Realy, who resided a hop and a skip away on the Realy farm, which is now the Waterloo Farm Museum. Not surprising, then, that Ralph served a stint on the Waterloo Farm Museum board of directors and now regularly volunteers at the farm for most all of its events. You'll usually see him selling memberships and passes during those events and putting up or taking down tents for the various events scheduled through the year.

Later, in 2018, Ralph joined the board of the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation (SAEF), where he currently serves as the vice president and chair of the finance committee.

See Schumacher on page 19.

Gordie Kunzelman joins the ranks of the retired town fathers with plans to continue community service

by Mary Jo David

If you live in Gregory, or for that matter, anywhere in the Stockbridge area, it's not unusual to hear Gordie's name bantered about. No last name—just "Gordie." By default, people generally know you're talking about Gordie Kunzelman, Gregory's favorite son and the town's newest retiree.

After 17 years of operating an anchor business at 130 Main St. in Gregory (not to mention the years he operated out of Howlett Hardware), Gordie's Power Equipment now is closed to the public.

Gordie will be missed for his prowess at fixing just about anything and for providing a home where the "town fathers," as Gordie likes to call them, have gathered for a coffee hour six days per week when the shop opened each morning.

"A lot of the old guys used to meet up at Howlett Hardware," Gordie explained. "When the



Gordie Kunzelman, as Teddy Roosevelt, prepares to emcee one of Gregory's past Fourth of July parades. Photos provided by Penny Kunzelman



Through the years, Gordie (pictured here with wife, Penny) has managed the fine art of balancing family, work, and community service.

hardware store was sold, I leased this building. The first day I opened my doors, there were the town fathers waiting for me—and the coffee!"

After that, you could set your watch by Gordie's Coffee Hour. Allowing for vacations and Sundays off, Gordie's shop has probably hosted in excess of 5,100 coffee hours. Although he's often working during that hour, he chimes in now and again to help solve the problems of the day. The tradition holds some sentimental value for Gordie.

"My dad was one of the guys who'd come to the coffee hour. I like to think he's been looking down and smiling on us. I know he'd enjoy that the tradition continued," he said.

Gordie's footprint in Gregory is much bigger than the square footage of his shop. Frequently, he is referred to as the "backbone of the community" or the "Mayor of Gregory." But if you ask him, he was just a town kid, the youngest of three brothers, who played lots of baseball in the neighborhood, became very involved in Future Farmers of America, and since then, has just helped out wherever he is needed in the community.

As a dad to two young boys, he coached soccer for a few years. In 1996, Gordie married his wife Penny, and her three boys joined the pack.

See Kunzelman on page 18.

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Stockbridge native Richard Mullins: Community service is his calling and he's answered that call many times over



Ask Richard Mullins about his family, and that's when you'll really see his eyes light up. Richard is pictured with his wife of 42 years, Kathleen. Photo provided by Richard Mullins



Richard Mullins (foreground), a regular volunteer at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center, is busy cooking sausage and flipping pancakes at the Center. Photo provided by Dana Blaszkowski

by Dana Blaszkowski

Vocabulary.com defines unassuming as "...modest, lacking in arrogance, pleasant, or polite. You'll find that some of the most unassuming people are actually the most interesting and powerful of all. They're just decent enough not to display it all the time."

"Unassuming" is the word that continually comes to mind in relation to Richard Mullins.

Stockbridge born and raised, Richard has deep commitment to our community. Although he lived in nearby Gregory for 23 years, he's pure Stockbridge, through and through.

In Richard's younger days, he coached local youth sports. That experience was one of his first opportunities to serve. He did it for the kids, to teach and get to know them, to listen to them and help them grow. He was the kind of coach that gave every player a chance.

For 17 years, Richard was a member of the Gregory Jaycees. The Jaycees Creed clearly resonated with Richard and helped pave the path for a lifetime legacy of giving. "...That earth's great treasure lies in human personality; And that service to humanity is the best work of life."

Richard currently serves as the administrative treasurer for the Stockbridge Lions Club. He accepted that position not because he loves the finance piece, but because he's dedicated to the good the organization supports and facilitates. And, well, it needed to be done, and he has a heart of service. As a Lion, Richard can be counted on to step up and isn't afraid to do the work. He recently helped install the new exercise equipment at Veterans Park and is continually available to help with all the ongoing projects that organization contributes to.

At Stream in the Desert Ministries, the Mullins' faith home, Richard serves as deacon. He is a dedicated member of his church family, sharing the Good News in God's image, actively learning, listening, praying and working together to reach out to their communities.

Richard is most proud of our Stockbridge Township and Village leadership for working together in an effort to support our citizens. He is encouraged by positive change and new businesses coming to our area. Richard is welcoming. He believes that anyone who makes Stockbridge their home is part owner here. Whether you are a new resident or a deeply rooted multigenerational family, you have a say—just as much as anyone else.

Although he thoroughly enjoys being a football spectator, both college and NFL, you won't find Richard armchair quarterbacking. In life, Richard steps up and doesn't mind rolling up his sleeves to do the work. This is clearly evidenced by his level of commitment to our local government.

He serves as a trustee on the Village of Stockbridge Council and chairs the Ordinance Committee. Richard serves on the Stockbridge Township Board of Review, as well.

While local government work certainly fills his calendar with meetings, he doesn't limit himself to boardroom tables, that's for sure.

Richard likes to build things. He made flower boxes at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center this spring and recently completed a beautiful porch at home, too. He enjoys mowing six lawns around town, driving his tractor from house to house. And, he's an avid golfer. Clearly he doesn't sit still too often.

Ask Richard about his family, and that's when you'll really see his eyes light up. He has been married to Kathleen for 42 years. He describes her as his best friend, the sweetest person around. He states, unabashedly, that they are dedicated to each other and the Lord. They love and clearly enjoy being with their daughter, son and extended families, too. They have a grandson and granddaughter who they adore, and they are fortunate enough to have them all close in their lives.

When Kathleen describes Richard, she sums him up well, with a range of attributes. She says, "He's the jokester in the corner, God-loving, Hallmark-movie-watching, crying-over-commercials, wonderful, fun-loving guy, and he's mine."

Richard declares community service is his calling. It's certain that is true. He genuinely likes it and says it helps him, since he can't sit still. He enjoys meeting new friends through volunteerism. He believes there are a lot of great people in our town and everywhere else. Richard says he's nothing special, that he fails like we all do. I say he's unassuming—and actually quite special.



Who We Are

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Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Did George Harrison sing a Carl Perkins song?

by John Robinson

Q: I recently watched an old Beatles film with George Harrison singing "Everybody's Trying To Be My Baby." Who did the song before the Beatles?

A: That 1964 Beatles album (and EP) track was written and originally recorded by Carl Perkins in 1958.

Q: My uncle, who always puts down rock and roll, says that Elvis' hit "A Fool Such As I" was first done by a country/western singer and he's rubbing it in my face. Is he right? Please say no.

A: Sorry, he's right. Elvis Presley's 1959 pop hit "A Fool Such As I" originally was a 1953 country hit for Hank Snow. But, in your favor, Elvis had the bigger hit. His reached No. 2 on the pop charts, Hank's peaked at No. 4 on the country charts. Bob Dylan had a minor hit version (No. 55) in 1974.

Q: OK, here's another argument for you to settle: Who's the Beatle who yells "I got blisters on my fingers" at the end of the song "Helter Skelter"?

A: Some think it's George Harrison, from playing his guitar so hard, but it's actually Ringo Starr who screams "I've got blisters on my fingers!" at song's end. "Helter Skelter" was a track on the Beatles' "White Album" in 1968, which features John Lennon on saxophone! The song was composed by Paul McCartney, who said he wanted it to be one of the "dirtiest, most raucous" rock songs ever, along the lines of The Who. There's rumored to be an original Beatles' version of "Helter Skelter" that's over 27 minutes long.

Q: I seem to recall a different Brownsville Station song that I heard a lot on the radio before "Smokin' In The Boys' Room" was put out. Can you tell me the name?

A: Brownsville Station had local airplay a few years before "Smokin' In The Boys' Room" became a national No. 3 hit in 1973. The first single that made the charts was "The Red Back Spider" in late 1972. It was followed by "Let Your Yeah Be Yeah" in early 1973, which peaked midway on the singles charts and put them in the national eye. Local Jackson radio stations played a few of their earlier 45s: "Rock & Roll Holiday," "Roadrunner," "Do The Bosco" and the single "That's Fine / Tell Me All About It" (which featured Bob Seger on backing vocals), but they all failed to chart. Brownsville Station intentionally gave themselves a long band name so it would take up most of the marquees wherever they played — that way it would overshadow any other names listed!

Q: Someone asked me the other day who did the song "Gloria" and I couldn't think of it.

A: "Gloria" was written by Van Morrison and originally recorded by Morrison in 1966 with his band, Them (with Jimmy Page sitting in on guitar)...but the one most of us remember is by The Shadows Of Knight, released that same year.

See Rock 'n' Roll on page 15.



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From CADL Stockbridge

Library plans tea time and silent auction

by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell



A child reaches for a basket at one of the Friends of the Stockbridge Library's previous silent auction fundraisers.

Photo provided by CADL

It is officially cozy season at CADL Stockbridge, and we have an event coming up to make you feel warm inside.

Enjoy "The Art of Herbal Tea" with Bevin Cohen on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. to noon. Blend, brew and enjoy an irresistible selection of herbal teas, while Cohen shares his knowledge on the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients. Then create a custom herbal tea to enjoy at home. This program will be held at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center, 219 W. Elm St., Stockbridge. Membership to the SASC is not required to attend this program.

Later in November, the Friends of the Stockbridge Library will host its annual Silent Auction fundraiser to support the Stockbridge Branch Library. The group is asking for donations of original artwork, homemade craft items, themed gift baskets, gift-quality items, or gift cards or services from local businesses to stock the Silent Auction. Items can be dropped off at the Stockbridge Branch Library from Nov. 1-12. The auction runs from Nov. 13 to Dec. 1 at the library. Browse and bid on giftable treasures or find treasures for yourself. The highest bidder on each item will be notified after Dec. 1.

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

Real Estate News & Views

Curb appeal conveys pride of ownership, attracts buyers

by Jackie Scheller



Jackie Scheller

Buying a home is just the first step in a future of "adulthood." Most likely you chose, or will choose, to buy a house or rent in an area you think of as appealing. "Curb appeal" is the No. 1

thing buyers notice. Price comes in at a distant second place.

Home values depend heavily upon the entire community maintaining their residences. All municipalities, towns, villages, and cities have ordinances (aka: rules) to help maintain a consistent image for that community. However, many people have no idea what their responsibilities are until they receive a warning letter that notifies them they are out of compliance. Enforcement is up to the governing entity and varies greatly from community to community.

As a Realtor® who has helped with many first-time homeowner purchases, I know the process can be overwhelming. Realtors, parents and mentors, and those who have experience can be a great resource for new homeowners. Remember the days of stopping by with baked goods and a welcome card? If you're a neighbor to someone new, open communication with them may help them to reach out with questions, which could later assist them in avoiding a citation and having to learn the hard way about what is required.

Established residents may become more lax over time, or they may age-out of the ability to keep up their home/property. Once again, communication can be key.

See Real Estate News on page 13.

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Off to the future: Stockbridge builds new opportunities in the form of new businesses

by Evan Sandecki, *Uncaged* Reporter

This article is being published mostly as-is from the September 2023 edition of Uncaged Student News at the local high school. A few very minor edits have been made by the Stockbridge Community News.

With big changes coming into the township comes new opportunities for young and old members of the community. Stockbridge has adopted a brand new Tractor Supply Co, Dollar General Market and Pump Track at Veterans Park.

The new Tractor Supply being built will allow new opportunities for young entrepreneurs. It is scheduled to be open to the public in the late summer of 2024. Two local students at Stockbridge have their own business. Junior Braiden Royal who runs his own mowing business since last April believes that the new Tractor Supply will have a positive affect upon his business.

"I think it's gonna be a good thing because I'll be able to get a lot more resources for my business," Royal said, adding that he is not worried about this causing other competition for his business. Another entrepreneur, junior Wyatt Benson has been running his own power washing business with his coworker Shane Whitaker. They started the business in early August. Benson believes that this new expansion will have a positive affect on his business.

"It might get people talking about my business, and that might bring people to our town," Benson said.

While he is worried about other competition being more experienced, he is excited for the local easy access to parts and equipment.

"We just started and people might do better than us," Benson said.

Benson isn't the only person who may be worried that these new businesses will cause competition. Currently, the Dollar General Market is being built next to Ace Hardware. However, the new Dollar General Market will only have food.

Senior Madyson Talbot is one of the worried people. Talbot currently works at Dollar General and is concerned that the new market will affect her hours of work.

Talbot admits that the store may lose money.

"It will affect how much money comes into the store but it won't affect the employees' pay," Talbot said.

Even though people are apprehensive about expansion, the Pump Track at the park is a testament to the power of new additions.

Sometimes groups of people utilize the track to practice new skills.

Only time will confirm whether or not expansion is good for the community.

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The Tractor Supply Co. is expected to be finished by the summer of 2024, and the Dollar General Market is expected to be finished by the end of 2023. Photo credit Evan Sandecki

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Clyde's Corner

Missing you old friend. Oh, the times we had.

by Clyde Whitaker

Where do you begin when writing about a lifelong friend, and the experiences you shared, after he was taken away too early due to the complications of diabetes?

I could write way more than the pages in this newspaper, but I will keep it short (Ed Wetherall...lol), in talking about a few life experiences shared with my old friend, John Stanfield.

John and I first met in the fourth grade at Katz Elementary in Munith, after my family moved from the Krummrey Farm and we bought a house on Territorial Road, just outside of Munith.

We were always trying to outdo each other during recess, at whatever sport we were playing. One day, in fifth grade, John and I were scuffling outside during recess and our teacher, Mrs. Mitchell, sent us back to the classroom. She said we had to come to an understanding before we could participate in recess again. After about 5 minutes indoors, John and I looked at each other and decided we would be friends! From that moment, we did become lifelong friends. Funny thing, John was my best man at my wedding 45 years ago.

John and I always were competing to see who was better in baseball. John was a substitute who played the outfield, and I pitched and also played the outfield when not pitching. The players' benches back in the day were mostly made out of wood. One day, we were playing a game up in Perry. John jumped up and told coach Ron Driscoll, "Coach, I got a splinter in my butt." Coach Driscoll just laughed and said, "Forget it, Stanfield," (meaning: "You are not going into the game!").

Finally, John and I loved to shoot clay pigeons at the Munith Rod and Gun Club. Every Friday night, under the lights, you could hear the guns booming and the clay pigeons being vaporized. John and I reloaded our own shells after shooting them, sometimes packing a double dose of powder into the shells. You could always tell when you got a double-packed shell because it would kick you like a mule. We just would look at each other and laugh, so much fun!

John was a great bowler, always kissing his bowling ball before throwing it and rolling several 300 games in Jackson. He also was a great hunter and a great friend.

'Til we meet again, my friend.

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.

All photos provided by Clyde Whitaker. Additional photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.



Clyde Whitaker

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John and Clyde competed to see who was better in baseball. Shown here with some of the 1973 Stockbridge Varsity team. Standing (l-r): Chuck Vizthum, John Stanfield, and Clyde Whitaker. Kneeling (l-r): Alan Cowan and Carl Kitley.

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Forty-five years ago, John Stanfield (far right) stood up as best man in Clyde and Mary Whitaker's wedding. Also pictured (l-r): Jody (Bennett) Elliott, Mary Beth (McGinn) Whitaker, and Clyde Whitaker.

Waterloo Township Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes
22 August 2023 7:00 P.M. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.
 Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister, Beck. Also present: 7 residents, Deputy Desnoyer, Margie Walz, our representative on Jackson County Commissioners.
 Public Comment: Bill Richardson read his letter regarding his thoughts on the 9 days of voting prior to any election. Margie Clark spoke and one of her pieces of news was that the Jackson Medicare Facility received a 5-star rating.
 Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay the Post Audit checks the amount of \$6,970.00. Roll call vote: Yes/Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister. No/none. Motion carried.
 Building and Zoning: 3 permits were issued and there was a total of 35 inspections done.
 SAESA: There was no meeting in August.
 Police Report: Deputy Desnoyer's report for July was as follows: Deputies put in 162 hours, drove 2125 miles, answered 29 calls for service, made 55 stops and issued 7 citations. Sheriff's office responded to 31 calls and Michigan State Police took 24 calls for service.
 Correspondence:
 Business: None
 New Business:
 Parks & Recreation: They had their meeting and are working on the Halloween Parade plans. They had someone come out and look at the fireplace in the Munith Park. It is in very bad shape. It is not repairable. It is suggested that it be taken down. Grants will be applied for to help with costs of upgrading that area. They would like to repurpose the stones and make a small wall or some other type of structure. Merry go round is gone now and has been returned to the original owners.
 Planning Commission: Beck reported that they held the public hearing on the Zoning change for Mark Zweifler. They recommended that the Board approve the request changing the zoning from A1 to A2. The sign input from attorney and Jackson County Department of Transportation and made several additions. They also

reviewed Section 19 with only changes to government name changes.

Action Items:

- Lance motioned with support from Kitley to approve the zoning change request by Mark Zweifler on parcel 000-05-17-451-001-00 from A1 to A2. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
 - Lance motioned with support from Walz to change the rental fee to \$100 plus \$75 for any additional day used for decorating or set up. Discontinue rental of tables and chairs outside of the hall. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
 - Lance motioned with support from Kitley to accept the quote from Belsen Asphalt for sealcoating the parking area at a cost of \$2,835 plus \$325 for crack repair. Roll call vote: Yes/Kitley, Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz. No/none. Motion carried.
- Discussion on the Purchasing Policy was tabled until the new version comes from our lawyer. Discussion on the push texts is tabled until more information is obtained.
 Signs were discussed. There are many in our township that are placed illegally because of location.
 John Beck spoke on the roadside litter issue. It is not possible to place cameras up to catch those littering. It will be policed regularly.

Any Other Business That Comes to the Board: Reminder that we have trash day collection here at the township on September 16 from 11:00 to 2:00. There will also be a trailer here for tire collection.

Public Comment: Cynthia Richardson asked about possibly charging a deposit in addition to the cost of rental of table and chairs. She also asked about the update of the fire barn building progress. Bill Richardson also spoke of the signs that we don't have to follow exactly what the County of Jackson uses.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on September 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootwpmi.gov, on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan, and The Grass Lake Exponent. Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

Obituaries

Virginia Irene (Miller) Weese



Virginia Irene (Miller) Weese
July 24, 1942 to July 10, 2023

Virginia Irene (Miller) Weese, of Zolfo Springs, Florida passed into heaven Monday, July 10, 2023 following a long battle with lung cancer. Virginia (Gin, Ginny) was born July 24, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan, to John A. and Bernice E. (Werdehoff) Miller. Gin grew up in Chelsea, Michigan, and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1960. She married Dale Weese of Munith, Michigan, in 1973. After retirement, Gin and Dale traveled the country, then settled in Florida. Gin loved to sing and dance, and taught line dancing for many years. She is survived by her husband Dale, daughter Terry (John) Barnett, sons Ernest (Tina) Cameron and Danny Weese, as well as sisters Bernice (Gary) Packard, Judy (Phil) Radant and Marilyn Hopkins plus multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son John James Cameron and her brother-in-law Ken Hopkins.

A memorial gathering took place Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria at Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2023

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on October 16, 2023 at 7:30pm 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 None
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Moment of Silence
 Sommer Motion to accept the agenda as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Citizen Comments: Discussion
 Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board Financial Report as printed from April 1, 2023 thru October 16, 2023 Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Sommer Motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Quarterly Building Report as printed for the third quarter 2023 Zoning Permits: 5 new permits. Building permits: 8 new permits. (3 alterations, 2 new houses) Electrical permits: new permits. Mechanical permits: new permits. Plumbing permits: new permits. Driveway Permits: new permits. Address Permits: new permits. Demolition Permits: new permits.
 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Old Business
 Wayne Risner will hang the Stockbridge Township Christmas lights on the Stockbridge Township Hall

Memorial Wall update Wetherell and Sommer are working to get this completed.
 New Business
 Blight property updates
 Wireman Motion to approve the Stockbridge Township resolution to maintain local control over local land uses including, but not limited to: Short -Term Rentals, Industrial Solar installations, Industrial Wind Turbines installations and Sand and Gravel Mining Muraf Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried
 Sommer motion to accept the Stockbridge Township 9 days of voting resolution to partner with Bunker Hill Township Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried
 Muraf motion to spend up to \$500.00 for next years Not so Scary Halloween walk thru Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Sommer Motion to pay \$5,000.00 for the deposit for the \$6,000.00 Drone show with 50 drones for next years Harvest Fest 24. Wetherell Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Sommer Yes, Wireman Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried
 Sommer Motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Monthly bills in the amount of \$ 67,816.95 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried
 Citizen's Comments Discussion
 Lantis adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Board meeting at 9:41 PM October 16, 2023
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Waterloo Township Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes
26 September 2023 7:00 P.M. 9773 Mt. Hope Road Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.
 Present: Lance, Walz, Kitley, McAlister, Beck. Also present: 14 residents, Deputy Desnoyer.
 Public Comment: Sharon Houck gave her prayer. Dave Karzynski read his resolution being presented for a vote regarding townships retaining control of land use for solar power, wind turbines, etc. Bill and Cynthia Richardson both spoke in support of the resolution. Nancy Siegel spoke of the Green Road opening. She is concerned with the length of time this has taken. Catherine Upton read many items relating to her research on the solar panels and wind turbines. She spoke of how they dispose of the items when they no longer function. Chad Simpson from the Waterloo Horsemen's Association said Green Road has been graded and rolled and it looks like more work is being planned.
 Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay the Post Audit checks the amount of \$663.99. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried.
 Building and Zoning: 19 permits, 20 inspections.
 SAESA: Kitley spoke of the \$40,000 grant received for new fire fighter gear. It has been ordered. Also spoke of the audit report and that Beck is doing a great job keeping SAESA solvent and in order.
 Police Report: Deputy Desnoyer's report for August was as follows: Deputies put in 128 hours, drove 1658 miles, answered 23 calls for service, made 32 stops and issued 6 citations. Sheriff's office responded to 33 calls and Michigan State Police took 21 calls for service.
 Correspondence: Discussion on the resolution to keep control of Waterloo Township land use. Lance motioned with support from McAlister to adopt Resolution 23-09-26-1 expressing support to maintain local control over local land use including, but not limited to short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installment and sand and gravel mining. Roll call vote: Yes/Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried. Signed copies will be sent to many officials including Governor Whitmer.
 Business: None
 New Business:
 Parks & Recreation: Walz spoke of the Halloween Parade plans. They are working on the Munith Park getting quotes on what needs to be replaced/removed from grounds. The

park has been inspected and evaluated by Rohn Tripp as to what needs to be done. Grants will be submitted for funds to help with repairs and replacements. Henrietta Township will help with grants and financing. A survey needs to be done. Lance spoke of electricity cost for Waterloo would be \$6500 and \$11,000 for Munith light poles electricity. It seems to be more sensible to buy battery powered LED light decorations for holidays. It will be checked into.
 Planning Commission: They had a zoning change request by Hamlin Farms LLC. They are wanting to change A1 to A2. A public hearing is being scheduled. They also discussed the sign ordinance and decided to let Jackson County Department of Transportation make decisions on signs placed in the road right of ways. They also reviewed and updated sections 20.1 through 20.13 of the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance.

Action Items:

- Lance motioned with support from Walz to approved the land division of Perry Land, LLC Parent Parcel 000-05-02-151-003-05 into 2 other parcels to be identified before submitting to the County. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.
 - Kitley motioned with support from Beck to increase election worker's hourly pay to \$15.00. Roll call vote: Yes/McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Beck. No/none. Motion carried.
 - The addition of two additional paid holidays for our 2 deputies and building admin person is tabled pending completion of Employee Handbook which Beck is working on.
 - Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to hold the 9 early days of voting in Jackson at one of the two locations that will be selected for the February election. Aye/Lance, Beck, McAlister, Kitley. No/Walz. Motion carried.
- Lance is still waiting on more information regarding push texts from the person who did our website upgrade.
 Any Other Business That Comes to the Board: None
 Public Comment: Dave Westner thanked the Board for passing the resolution earlier in the meeting. C. Richardson spoke to Beck regarding other sites to help with Employee Handbook. B. Richardson thanked Board for passing the resolution. Chad Simpson asked about the horse signs relating to their club. Lance will talk with county. He also spoke of notifying residents of horse trail riding events the same as bike riding events. Beck said he will take a helicopter ride to identify a couple of places a helicopter could land if there is an accident in the horse trail areas.

Adjournment: Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website waterlootwpmi.gov, on our Facebook page at: waterlootownshipmichigan, and The Grass Lake Exponent. Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk

Obituaries

Vaughn W. Dixon, Jr.



Vaughn W. Dixon, Jr.
July 20, 1939 to Oct. 14, 2023

Vaughn W. Dixon, Jr., age 84, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on October 14, 2023 at his home. Vaughn was born on July 20, 1939, the son of Vaughn Sr. and Catherine (Adams) Dixon. He had lived in the Stockbridge area his entire life, where he owned and operated an auto body shop for 20 plus years. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing. In August of 1957, he married Delma S. (Salyer), and she survives. Also surviving are four children, Randall (Brenda) Dixon of Bear Lake, Kathy Dixon of Tennessee, William Dixon of Stockbridge, and Douglas (Angela) Dixon of Mulliken, MI; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Hayes of Arizona, and a brother, Daniel (Valerie) Dixon of

Stockbridge. He was preceded in death by a son, Sidney Dixon, in 1999. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to SAESA. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Richard A. Cuthbert



Richard A. Cuthbert
Oct. 19, 1957 to Oct. 17, 2023

Richard A. Cuthbert, age 65, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on October 17, 2023. He was born October 19, 1957 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of William and Doris (Guest) Cuthbert. On June 16, 1984 he married Jane M. (Livingston), and she survives.

Richard had lived in the Stockbridge area for the past 37 years. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He worked as a journeyman tool and die maker for many years, and later worked as the frozen foods manager at Polly's Country Market in Chelsea. He loved to garden, and he enjoyed playing with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling.

In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by three children, Anthony (Kristy) Cuthbert of Dansville,

Nicholas Cuthbert of Jerome, and Hailey Cuthbert of Stockbridge; three grandchildren, Layla, Isabella, and Joshua; and his siblings, Gary (Donna) Cuthbert of New Jersey, Daniel (Polly) Cuthbert of Whitmore Lake, Michael Cuthbert of Williamston, and David (Laura) Cuthbert of Adrian. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Nancy Cramer.

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 4-6 p.m. at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 23, 2023, 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Weinberger officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to SAESA or the Mackinder Glenn American Legion Post 510.

Death Notices

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

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- Emma Chloe Allison, of Stockbridge, passed away Sept. 15, 2023
- Corey Lee Mata, formerly of Stockbridge, passed away Sept. 19, 2023
- Phillip "Kevin" Hamlin, of Stockbridge, passed away Sept. 19, 2023
- Lila Fern Long, of Stockbridge, passed away Sept. 27, 2023
- Deborah Sue Wright, of Grass Lake, passed away Sept. 30, 2023

Stanley Joseph Daily



Stanley Joseph Daily
March 30, 1941 to Oct. 10, 2023

Stanley Joseph Daily, age 82, was born March 30, 1941 in Wayne, MI to George and Mae (Blaker) Daily. He passed away peacefully with his family at his home on October 10, 2023.

Stan graduated from Wayne St. Mary's High School in 1959 and was an accomplished athlete lettering in football, basketball, and track. He earned Detroit News and Free Press All Detroit Catholic League honors in basketball and track his senior year, leading Wayne St. Mary's to a League and District basketball championship his senior year. After graduating from High School, Stan served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962, stationed in Nancy, France and serving time in Berlin, Germany. He was selected to the Nancy U.S. Army Base basketball team while stationed in France and enjoyed traveling

to other European U.S. military bases playing in basketball tournaments. He later earned his Business Administration degree from Cleary University and was President of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Delta.

Upon graduation from college, Stan married Susan Howlett on November 25, 1966, and together they raised three children: Jeff (Anne) Daily of Brighton, MI, Carrie (Rudy) Wengorovius of Farmington, MI and Mike (Melissa) Daily of Brighton, MI. He had eight grandchildren: Rhyan (Grant) Pensa, Karlie Wengorovius, Jonathon Daily, Sarah Daily, Andrew Daily, Max Daily, Evan Daily and Connor Daily and one great grandchild: Jack Pensa.

Stan and Susan began their lives in Detroit, MI while Stan started his career at Shell Oil Company as a Territory Sales Manager in the metro Detroit area. In 1972, they moved to Stockbridge, MI when he became a partner in Howlett Brothers & Hackney hardware stores. Together with his partners, Tom O'Haver and Jack Potts, they owned and operated three HWI hardware stores in Dexter, Gregory and Stockbridge, all in Michigan. Stan was a people person with a sense of humor and thoroughly enjoyed his many years serving the Stockbridge and surrounding communities in the hardware business. He sold his hardware store in 1986 and went to work for Stockbridge State Bank, where he retired from in 2003.

Stan was extremely dedicated to his local community serving in many volunteer organizations. He was a long-time member of the Lions Club, where he served as President, the American Legion Post 510, where he served as Post Commander, the Downtown Development Authority, where he served in many leadership positions and later together with his wife, Susan, driving for Meals on Wheels. He was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge, where he served many roles over 50 years.

Stan was always active in sports playing hockey, softball, basketball, football, and golf for many years while raising his family in Stockbridge. When his playing days were over, he transitioned to umpiring slow pitch softball and refereeing basketball to stay active in sports. He was a passionate fan of Michigan State basketball and all Detroit sports teams, especially his beloved Lions.

As much as sports were a big part of Stan's life from a young age, his family was always most important. He loved following his grandchildren's activities and rarely missed a birthday, a game or school event. He also loved playing cards in retirement with his family and especially his buddies at the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Susan (Howlett) Daily, sister-in-law, Mary Anne Daily of Canton, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and Mary Howlett of Pinckney, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jeff and Linda Howlett of San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mae Daily, parents-in-law, Dan and Frances Howlett, brother, Thomas Daily, brother, Michael Daily, and sister-in-law, Linda Daily, and brother-in-law, Pete Howlett.

A visitation for Stan was held Friday, October 20, 2023 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, 424 E Main Street, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285 and on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10 to 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge, 101 S Center Street, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285. A Memorial Service followed beginning at 11:00 a.m. with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery and a celebration of life luncheon at the First Presbyterian Education Building.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 510, First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge, and Stockbridge Community Outreach.

Staff Spotlight: 1st grade teacher Terri Grant creates a varied environment for learners

by Mary Jo David



Mary Jo David

Terri Grant, first grade teacher at Smith Elementary, has a knack for teaching young ones, but the impact she has on her students doesn't end in her classroom. As recently as this past year, Grant wrote a Stockbridge Community News story about two students she taught as second graders who have gone on to graduate—first high school, then college—and are now traveling the globe.

"I do so enjoy following their travels online. I have traveled overseas previously, so I really appreciate some of the things they encounter," Grant said when she talked about the adventures of her former Stockbridge students Madie Gee Montgomery and Kyle Lilley.

Grant, who is in her 27th year of teaching, grew up in Portland, Mich., and graduated from Portland High School. There, she participated in band, flag corps, and the school newspaper, and was yearbook editor her senior year. She then went on to graduate from Grand Valley State University.

Before she realized teaching was her calling, Grant worked at an office job with the idea she'd like to branch into travel and tourism. A few years later, and after she received her teaching certificate, her career took a left turn when a prospective employer called her about an overseas teaching opportunity.



First grade teacher Terri Grant.
Photo provided by Stockbridge Community Schools

"I heard, 'overseas teaching opportunity,' and I immediately began picturing a year in Paris or some other exotic European city," Grant exclaimed. Instead, she learned the opportunity was at the International School of Choueifat—in Lahore, Pakistan!

"What did he just say," she asked herself. "And where exactly is Lahore, Pakistan," she wondered as she reached for a map to help answer her questions. Grant went on to teach in Lahore for three years.

Upon her return to the United States, she landed a job in the Stockbridge School District, and when asked if she has any regrets about changing up her career choice after college, Grant said she has never looked back.

"I should have known. From the time I was young, I always enjoyed playing with my younger cousins and being the family babysitter. Once I taught my first class, I just became more and more convinced that teaching was my calling. I still love it even after all these years!"

In any given year, Grant explains that she has a range of learners in the first grade—some may be struggling with learning letter sounds while an occasional first grader may be reading 100 words a minute.

"Teaching early elementary is different from teaching older kids, because first graders are too young to be able to do much work independently."

Therefore, it's up to Grant to provide an environment that meets the needs of all her students. Her first graders love a varied routine. One of their favorite classroom activities she calls "Centers," where the students take on four different tasks in an hour's time. For example, in that hour they may have to work on puzzles, math, a "Meet with Me," and then practice Chromebook skills.

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Curb appeal is the No. 1 thing homebuyers notice, even ahead of price, which ranks a distant second. Photo credit Ian MacDonald at unsplash.com

A few creative ideas can invigorate some homeowners and remind them to keep up curb appeal. For example, garden contests can inspire existing homeowners to take a fresh look at their yard. The results can boast some truly beautiful gardens and invite others to see the dedication and hard work of many community members. Holiday decorating contests also provide a glimpse into the personalities of different property owners.

Living in a small community can be wonderful. Maintaining property values is essential! Rules regarding

unregistered vehicles, parking on lawns, grass mowing, deferred home maintenance, unapproved fence height/location, sidewalk maintenance, front-yard requirements, and more can lead to ticketing citations in most communities. Make a call or look up your specific ordinances if you have questions. If you ever plan to sell your home, make a plan to get caught up on your home and yard maintenance now.

Simply put, you can improve the value of others' homes by improving your own. Potential buyers like to see clean windows, well-hung blinds or drapes, mowed lawns, weeded flower beds, trimmed hedges and trees, fresh driveway sealing, and a welcoming entry area. Fresh paint is a bonus, especially when the trim is painted.

Congratulations on being a homeowner! Your dedication can be seen daily and is appreciated by your community.

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

Bridge to Wellness

Celebrate World Kindness Day on Nov. 13



World Kindness Day, celebrated around the globe on Nov. 13 each year, is a great time to promote ways to practice kindness. Image credit TheWorldKindnessMovement.org

by Emily Stewart

World Kindness Day, celebrated around the globe on Nov. 13 each year, is a great time to promote ways to practice kindness.

This special day was first introduced in 1998 by the

World Kindness Movement to “highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us.” According to its website, “TheWorldKindnessMovement.org has been placing kindness on the agenda for the past 25 years.”

World Kindness Day can provide an opportunity and serve as a reminder to foster compassion toward ourselves and others in our daily lives.

According to AwarenessDay.com, here are a few ways to observe World Kindness Day and help make a positive difference:

- Perform acts of kindness. Help a neighbor or compliment a colleague. Surprise someone with a random act of kindness, such as buying a stranger’s coffee or leaving an encouraging note for a family member or friend.
- Spread positivity. Share positive messages on social media to inspire others. Send an uplifting text or email. Reach out to someone you haven’t spoken to in a while.
- Volunteer. Offer your time and skills to a local nonprofit organization or group that aligns with your values.
- Donate. Contribute to a charitable cause you believe in.
- Teach kindness. Educate children and young people about the importance of kindness and empathy through storytelling or activities.

This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. Emily Stewart is the Coalition vice chair and SRSly Stockbridge director with the Community Health



Improvement Team at Chelsea Hospital.



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Susan Pidd REALTY

Pioneer Day page 1



Monica Wentz, of Durand, drives another of the four teams of draft horses. All totaled, nearly 500 passengers enjoyed wagon rides during Pioneer Day this year. Photo credit Joan Tucker

This year my husband, our grandson, and I attended the event and rode on a red wagon pulled by a pair of powerful, gray Percheron draft horses. Donna Doneth, from Doneth Family Hitches near Corunna, rode on the back talking to our group about these special horses. Did you know that the Percherons are born black and turn gray and finally turn white as they age? Shoeing these horses can cost as much as \$1,000, and the shoes only last six weeks because of the rapid growth of the horses.

Clearly, Donna, her husband Kevin, and their son who drove a second team, have a love and passion for these beautiful animals. Steve Opp, of Gregory, organizer of the wagon rides, drove a third team of draft horses, and Monica Wentz, out of the Durand area, drove the fourth team. These teams took passengers on a scenic drive down Schumacher Road to the beautiful Schumacher Farm and back. Each ride was about 30 minutes, with at least 15 adults and children on board. The four teams each made about eight trips, carrying a total of nearly 500 passengers during Pioneer Day.

This year's Pioneer Day had more than 1,500 guests, an attendance number that harkened back to pre-COVID days. Twenty-five vendors and another 25 demonstrators also participated. Demonstrations ranged from cookie making in the bake house and weaving in the big farmhouse to apple-cider pressing, forging metal tools in the blacksmith shop, and soap making. And there was so much more.

Susan Dewey, who has some Native American ethnicity, demonstrated Native American cooking. She ground acorns into flour, made biscuits with it, and then made a fruit compote with wild cranberries to complete the treat.

Pioneer Day always offers so many things to see and do. What a gem we have in our own backyard!

Waterloo Township Public Accuracy Test Scheduled for Nov. 7

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2023 Special Election for Jackson College Millage has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

SAAC's concert featuring gifted pianist Adam Knight draws a crowd



Left: Pianist Adam Knight performs for an appreciative audience on Oct. 15 at the Township Hall. Right: Pictured with Adam are (l to r) SAAC members DeAnn Charlesbois, Bev Glynn, Mary Myer and Andrea Stickney. Photos from DigitalCrumbs Photography

Information provided by the Stockbridge Area Arts Council

The Stockbridge area is fortunate to have an active community of musicians and a Stockbridge Area Arts Council that recognizes talent and makes that talent available to the public. On Oct. 15, SAAC hosted one of the area's younger and very accomplished musicians—pianist Adam Knight. After listening to this gifted pianist performing selections from the great composers—Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt—the crowd gave Knight a well-deserved standing ovation. Knight began as a student of Carol Hatch in Stockbridge and is now studying piano with Juilliard alumnus Lisa Spector, at the University of Michigan, and under Dr. Eunyoung Lee.

Veteran page 1

Think about the Vietnam War veteran who, 50-plus years later still has to get to an inside room every time there's an electrical storm. The sound of the thunder and flashes of lightning still remind that veteran of battles he or she can't forget.

And let's not forget about war veterans suffering survivor's remorse because they made it home and a comrade did not ... or the veteran who still sees, in his or her mind's eye, images of a fellow soldier losing a leg to a land mine ... or veterans with memories of holding dying comrades in their arms.

All of our veterans have made sacrifices for us and many are still suffering in silence with the images of battles fought. We can never erase their memories for them, but we can honor all of our veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

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Regardless of student ability, Grant's goal is to set an important foundation for her students. She explains, "When parents tell me their kids love my class and look forward to coming to school, I know those students are going to have the steppingstones they need for continued learning, and they will, hopefully, be open to great things in their futures."

And parents can help. This first grade teacher, who is also a single parent, is a firm believer that parents play a key role in helping their children to have an appreciation for learning. "Making it a priority to read with children at home for 10 or 15 minutes every day is another important key to giving them that strong foundation," Grant said.

As her students move on from first grade, Terri Grant hopes they enjoy their journey and remain open to wherever their paths may lead. After all, she did, and look where her journey took her!



Brian Friddle

From the Superintendent's Desk Help keep students, bus drivers safe while traveling

Hello Stockbridge Families,

Transportation safety comes up in our school safety discussions and I wanted to provide some clarity in how all drivers should respond when they come upon a school bus while traveling through the community.

- When Yellow lights are flashing: Be prepared to stop.
- When Red lights are flashing: STOP, no closer than 20 feet from the bus.
- When Red lights are turned off: Proceed with caution.
- When Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing: Proceed with caution.

Bus drivers conduct bus evacuation drills three times per year to make sure that students know how to exit a bus quickly, if the need arises. Bus drivers and students practice evacuating from both the front and rear of the bus.

In situations where a bus is disabled and unable to continue the normal bus run because of mechanical failure, being stuck, or other issues that require an alternative vehicle for transportation, another bus will be dispatched. Many times a bus already on a run near the disabled bus will be dispatched to support the need. This delay only may be a few minutes.

If this is not possible, or it is early in the route and there is no room on the closest bus, the transportation department will dispatch another bus from the spares that are kept in reserve. In these situations, the delay may be 15 minutes or a little longer. There is an employee in the transportation office who is licensed to drive a bus and can deliver a replacement bus in just such emergencies. Please do not go to pick up your student/s because this can create more significant safety issues.

If a situation arises that causes a significant delay in the bus drop-off times, the transportation department has the capability to notify the families of the students riding on the bus that the students may be arriving home late.

Please help us by following the listed rules above to keep all of our students and drivers safe as they travel to and from school. Thank you for your support.

Brian Friddle

Superintendent of Schools

Children Thru the Ice: The 1923 Tragedy in Gregory, Michigan

by John Robinson

No city, town, village, hamlet, or community is immune to tragedy. The small town of Gregory in Livingston County is no exception.

It was on January 6, 1923 when Maxie Sprangers (age 10) and his sister Johanna (age 8) went out to play in the snow. They grabbed their sled and were off to join their friend, Earl Carr Jr. (age 9). They went down to Williams Lake, where they figured the ice was strong enough to hold them. Maxie and Johanna got on the sled and Earl pulled them for a ride and went out on the ice. But it just wasn't thick enough to hold. All three kids fell through the ice. Earl managed to pull himself out of the water and ran a couple of blocks to get help for Maxie and Johanna. By the time help

arrived, it was too late – both children had drowned.

Maxie and Johanna were the only two children of Leo and Eliza Sprangers. Leo was born across the sea in Holland in 1873, only made it thru the eighth grade, and worked painting houses. Eliza, born in England in 1874, made it as far as the tenth grade. She and Leo married in 1911, Maxie was born the following year, and Johanna in 1914.

After the accident, a distraught, heart-broken Eliza stayed in bed for weeks. In 1940 she passed away from inflammation of the middle layer of the heart wall...or, some might say a broken heart. Leo died almost 25 years to the day of the accident: January 16, 1948.

Earl Carr Jr, the boy who was pulling the sled and went for help, only made it thru the sixth grade and wound up making a living by doing odd jobs around town. For his entire short life, he never married or had children of his own. He passed away from pancreatic cancer in 1945 and is buried in Jackson's Woodland Cemetery. He was only 33 years old.

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Rock 'n' Roll page 6

Gloria (cont.): Their rendition topped Them's original due to some radio stations refusing to play it because of the lyric "she comes to my room" which the Shadows Of Knight replaced with "she calls out my name." Among the radio stations that objected to that lyric was Chicago station WLS — the Shadows Of Knight just "happened" to be from the Chicago area. The Shadows Of Knight — a group of teens from Prospect High School in Illinois — formed the band in 1964 as The Shadows. Upon learning of the British instrumental rock group The Shadows, their name was extended to "Shadows Of Knight" in order to avoid confusion and for two other reasons: it sounded British (to tie in with the British Rock Invasion groups) and the Prospect High sports teams were called "The Knights." The Doors also released a live version of "Gloria" in 1984. Now, if that's not the song you had in mind, it could be a different "Gloria" song entirely: maybe "Gloria" by Laura Branigan in 1982 or "Gloria" by Enchantment in 1977...or maybe even "Gloria's Theme" by Adam Wade in 1960.

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



HOMECOMING PARADE



Photos by Judy Williams

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Mike Williamson

HOMEcomings QUEENS



Freshman Queen Bralynn Philipp and escort Aidan Bradley



Sophomore Queen Ariana Smith and escort Noah Beauregard



Junior Queen Cecilia Szekely and escort Hunter Culver



Senior Queen Grace Burg and escort Gary Killinger



Senior Queen Gracee Robidou and escort Joey Ballagh



Senior Queen Kaden Carpenter and escort Brady Cole



Senior Queen Macy Cipta and escort Kegan Collins



Senior Queen Madelynn Dalton and escort Cameron Loveall



Senior Queen Melanie Satkowiak and escort Drew Robinson



Senior Queen Olyvia Hord and escort Zane Whitt

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FFA member Owen Cipta inserts one of the wooden pins used to hold the post and beams in place. Photo provided by Robert Richards

Using beams and short posts, the team produced the walls to the barn. Team members maintained a rhythm and quickly assembled the roof using dowels for structure. Soon after, the barn was complete. The team rejoiced and watched the audience slowly gather to view the mock barn.

After an hour of viewing, the team disassembled the mid-1800s structure. The process was quicker because of the knowledge learned during the assembly.

After sorting the materials into the proper sections, the team members reflected on their work. The students were grateful for the opportunity and the knowledge that they took from the experience. All in all, the FFA team is willing and eager to help out again in the future.

For more information about the Stockbridge FFA, contact Robert Richards, the Stockbridge FFA adviser and agriculture teacher, at richardsr@panethernet.net or 517-851-7770, ext. 6204.

UTPD Activity September 1-30, 2023

Friday 09/01 - Welfare Check-Meadow Park Dr./Raspberry Ridge, Assist EMS-Main St./Kuhn St., Citizen Assist-Dutton Rd./Dexter Trail, Civil Complaint-Bullis Rd./Bird Ln.
Saturday 09/02 - Intimidation/Threats-W M36/Pingree Rd.
Tuesday 09/05 - Property Damage Accident-Kaiser Rd./Unadilla Rd., Stalking-Mcgaugh Ct./Orlando Dr., Assist another Agency-Van Syckle Rd./W Lakelands Trl.
Wednesday 09/06 - Assist UTPD-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd., Assist EMS-Church St./Main St., Mental Health Crisis-Doyle Ct./Doyle Rd.
Thursday 09/07 - Assist EMS-Dutcher Rd./W Schafer Rd., Fraud-Dutton Rd./M36, Assist EMS-San Juan Ct./San Marino Ave., Property Damage Accident-Unadilla Rd./Doyle Rd.
Saturday 09/09 - Property Damage Accident-Gregory Rd./Gregory Ct., Domestic Physical-Kathryn Ct./W M36, 911 Hang up-Bridgets Way/Howlett Rd.
Sunday 09/10 - 911 Hang up-M36/Spears Rd.
Tuesday 09/12 - Hit and Run Accident-Spears/M36
Thursday 09/14 - Assist EMS-Roepke Rd./Howlett Rd., Abandoned Vehicle-Deep Valley Rd./Dutton Rd.
Friday 09/15 - Animal Complaint-E Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd.
Sunday 09/17 - Patrol Information-Doyle Rd./Williamsville Rd.

Monday 09/18 - Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.
Tuesday 09/19 - Burglary Report-W M36/Livermore Rd., Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St., Cardiac Arrest-Dutton Rd./Deep Valley Rd., Medical Assist-Barton Rd./Spears Rd., Patrol Information-W M36/Twin Ponds Trl.
Wednesday 09/20 - Assist UTPD-Dream Catcher/W Lakelands Trl., Electrical Hazard-M36/Van Syckle Rd.
Thursday 09/21 - Assist EMS-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd., Subpoena Service-W Coon Lake Rd./Majestic Acres Dr., Abandoned Vehicle-Kaiser Rd./Tamara Dr., Larceny-Main St./Kuhn St., Animal Complaint-Pleasant Dr./Woodside Dr.
Saturday 09/23 - Overdose-W M36/Bullis Rd.
Monday 09/25 - Medical Problem-Kathryn Ct./M36, DHS Referral-Doyle Ct./Doyle Rd.
Tuesday 09/26 - Patrol Information-W M369/Barton Rd., Assist EMS-W M36/Graves Rd., Citizen Assist-M36/Main St., Medical Problem-Meadowpark Dr./Raspberry Ridge
Wednesday 09/27 - Suspicious Situation-Town view Ln./Stonehouse Dr., Welfare Check-Spears Rd./Gregory Rd.
Thursday 09/28 - Citizen Assist-E Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd.
Friday 09/29 - Citizen Assist-Mickey Ln./M36, Assist UTPD-Webb St./Church St., Citizen Assist-Bridgets Way/Howlett Rd., Citizen Assist-Church St./Bullis Rd.
 Chief David S. Russell
 Unadilla Township Police Department

Gallegos page 1

The female victim was later identified as 29-year-old Gallegos. Montalvo was charged on Oct. 21 with open murder and unlawful imprisonment in Gallegos' death. Motive has not yet been made available by the Sheriff's Office.

On her GoFundMe page, Gallegos' mother writes that her daughter, who struggled with depression, was also adventurous and fun and had a voice that "could pull a crowd together that was never meant to dance." Gallegos is survived by her three children, her parents, and a large extended family.

Kunzelman page 4

Together, they have 12 grandchildren, ranging from 25 years old to 3 months old, and two great-grandchildren.

Outside business and family, Gordie's forte in the community has been fundraising, emceeing special events, sports commentating, and organizing fun.

His years as president of the Jaycees in the 1980s helped cement his dedication to Gregory's Fourth of July festivities. The fire department took over responsibility for that day's events, but as the parade's master of ceremonies, Gordie still suits up in a costume each year—from historical figures like Ben Franklin and Francis Scott Key, to characters like Charlie Brown. He knows someone on every float or tractor that passes by, and his easy banter as emcee is a big part of the parade's popularity.

Face it, the man just likes to dress up! When the local Festival of Tables fundraiser for SAEF was still hosting in-person dinners, guess who showed up, in full costume, to emcee?

"He fills in for Santa at my day care and makes it so special for the kids," said Carrie Graham, owner of CG Daycare and Preschool and president of the Stockbridge Board of Education. "He has always been there for the community—from his days at Howlett Hardware, through helping with the Jaycees, right up to this year's Festival of Lights, which he will emcee. Gordie never hesitates to go out of his way if you need something."

He's been an active member and fundraiser for the local Lions Club, Sons of the Legion at the Mackinder-Glenn Post, and the Stockbridge Area Athletic Boosters. For 10 years, he's been the organizer of the community's Monday Night Golf Scramble.

During football season, you can hear Gordie announcing the Friday night play-by-play—a job he fell into accidentally 30-plus years ago. Although retiring from his day job, Gordie is considering many more years of football play-by-play.

"Just enough to give my youngest grandson time to get his years in before I hand over the mic to someone else!"

Jeremy Killinger grew up in Stockbridge and has coached for 29 years, including coaching a number of Kunzelman children and grandchildren.

"Gordie is a staunch supporter of the school district and athletics. He has emceed large events like the Panther Draw-down and our comedy nights. He's also a huge supporter of our Stockbridge Athletics Booster Golf Scramble. I'm not sure Gordie has ever said 'no' to any help we've asked for," said high school coach Killinger.

Through all the activities and all the years, somehow Gordie has managed the fine art of balancing family, work and community service.

"He's known people in this community forever," his wife, Penny, explained. "He's a natural at entertaining and making people feel welcome, and he loves to tell stories. I'm proud of the things he accomplishes in the community."

Senior Center's busy Open House offered fun, music and delicious food



by Dana Blaszkowski

Stockbridge Area Senior Center opened doors, set up a tent, and extended a warm welcome to the community on Saturday, Sept. 23. The Center's Engagement Committee planned and carried out a great day of fun, food and music.

SASC member Patrick Carbary brought his smoker to the center and made plenty of delicious pork for all. Volunteers prepared baked beans and coleslaw. Great Lakes Baker, LLC, and Lakehouse Bakery provided cake and cookies for dessert.

Stockbridge Area Senior Center extended a warm welcome to the community at its Open House on Saturday, Sept. 23. Photo credit James Clark-Swalla, DigitalCrumbs Photography

Chris Rebescher, of Rose City Harmonica Group, strolled the party playing "Name that Tune" with guests. Those who identified her songs were treated to a candy bar. Jack Falk played guitar and sang favorites enjoyed by the crowd. Kathy McClinchey led her Bluegrass Pickers group of great musicians with toe-tapping classics and guests happily sang along.

SASC held its first Silent Auction at the Community Open House. Many tables of donated items were set up in the Center's Activity Room. Handmade quilts shared by members, families, and friends adorned the walls and provided a beautiful and interesting backdrop for the guests to take in. Silent Auction items came from generous local and regional businesses.

There were handmade treasures from our members and the community and delicious baked goods to auction, too. The bidding helped add fun and excitement to an afternoon of friends, family and food! All proceeds earned through the auction and donations received at the Community Open House will directly benefit older adults and our community through continued growth and enrichment provided at Stockbridge Area Senior Center.

This was the first event to introduce the Center's new administrative assistant, Kenny Minger. Kenny is a Stockbridge native who has been getting to know members at SASC for months. He has provided his technical services as a volunteer at SASC's Tech Tuesdays. He is a welcome addition to the staff and a huge asset to continued growth and development. Kenny helped assure the event ran smoothly and could be found meeting guests and taking care of needs with a smile, all day long.

Stockbridge Area Senior Center is open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at the Center at noon, by Tri County Office on Aging, for dine in or carry out. Members and guests enjoy bingo for fun and prizes most afternoons. In addition, SASC offers a variety of movement and exercise classes, held each day it is open. Check the calendar for creative art and craft class opportunities. Educational presenters bring topics of interest to our community. Talented performers provide enrichment with live music, storytelling and more. Speakers bring important information to SASC on relevant wellness and resource topics. Trivia and book discussions are sponsored and provided by Stockbridge CADL.

All older adults in our community and surrounding areas are welcome and encouraged to come in and meet friends, the members, volunteers and staff at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center.

For more information, visit www.stockbridgeareaseniors.org, call 517-480-0353, or email sasc49285@gmail.com.

Additional photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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Ralph remains very proud of his work with SAEF, where the quarterly meetings are usually brief, effective and to the point in supporting and assisting the local public schools via scholarships and grants supporting individual teachers and schools.

In 2016, he established the Donna E. Schumacher Memorial Scholarship in memory of his wife. The generous \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a Stockbridge High School graduate attending Michigan State University with a major in one of the following:

- Special education, elementary education, or mathematics education.
- Mathematics, independent of a teacher-training program.
- Natural sciences, independent of a teacher-training program.

Since initiating the Schumacher scholarship, Ralph has managed to leverage the scholarship into a robust \$80,000 fund via grants and various donations. For Ralph, issuing the scholarship is not viewed as a one-time event but rather, an opportunity to support and mentor the recipients throughout their time in college. He makes a pledge to attend their college graduations and meet their families. He intermittently meets them for a dinner out while they attend college. He's even been known to take them shopping after purchasing their dinners.

Ralph is a member of the local Stockbridge Lions Club where he has volunteered on various projects for the past seven or eight years.

He also manages to find time to serve on the Waterloo Township Zoning Appeals Board and the Planning Commission, where he helped leverage \$10,000 in COVID relief funds for the Stockbridge Area Educational Foundation.

Looking back on his accomplishments, Ralph remains most proud of the incredible success of his two daughters, Kate and Jean, in their own lives and careers.

From an early age, Ralph was watching and learning from mentors and role models. He recalls a number of Stockbridge High School teachers, including Mr. Radowski, Mr. Woodman, Mr. Nash, Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Sargent, who not only expanded his horizons, but inspired him throughout his life and career.

In his personal time (what there is of it), Ralph loves to garden and cut wood in the winter. He follows the very sage advice of his doctor to "Resist the Chair."

Ralph has his own wise advice for the next generation: Set a higher goal than you think you can achieve, and always go for it. One must simply have the courage to make the world a better place.

Truth be told, that's exactly what Ralph Schumacher has done. He's traveled full circle, from leaving the family farm 57 years ago, to returning to that farm — and the Stockbridge community — where he continues to make it a much better place for others.

Active Aging

As seasons change, prioritize staying connected

by Dana Blaszkowski

Here in Michigan, we've learned to prepare ourselves for winter.

We do fall cleanup in our gardens and landscaping. Our vehicle tires are changed out for snow tires. We weatherproof our homes, campers and boats. We locate the shovels, boots and winter gear and tune up the snow blowers. We stock our pantries, like squirrels gathering nuts for the bitter cold days ahead. We add a warm blanket to the bed and stack fresh or favorite books on our nightstands. Our craft and creative supplies get filled and prepared as many of us move our focus from out of doors to in.

While aspects of this shift can be soothing and cozy, this time of the year can also signal a melancholy shift as we say goodbye to the warmth of summer sun and the enjoyment of socializing outside.

Imagine if we prioritized gathering together, laughing and creating fun, with the same dedication we apply to weatherproofing our doors and windows?

What if we made it part of our winter preparations to establish a standing coffee date or brisk walk time with a friend? How about committing to taking a class in something we enjoy, or taking the opportunity to try something new? Could there be a volunteer opportunity waiting, a way in which we could benefit others while enjoying the rewards of being generous with our time and energy? Perhaps we find ways to continue connecting with friends through shared meals, playing games and enjoying the many benefits of group exercise classes.

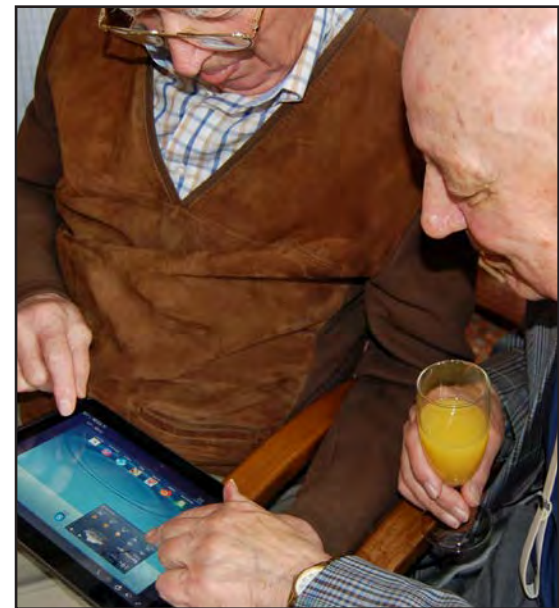
We all know winter in Michigan can be tough. Let's find friends and neighbors to check in on. Let's share companionship, fun, food, and hot cocoa this season. Let's look out for one another and help ensure no one has to go it alone. Let's be friends, neighbors, and community.

Stockbridge Area Senior Center is open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We offer a rich calendar of activities, events and opportunities to connect.

Meals are served at noon every day we are open. We have evening activity game nights once per month and public community events often. Our atmosphere is warm and welcoming in all seasons.

Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org for more information. Call 517-480-0353 or come visit us at 219 W. Elm St. in Stockbridge to get involved, learn more, join us or volunteer.

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



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- Print and online with photo, \$135
- Online only \$85

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More than 20,000 people each month view our news and information online. It's not uncommon for an obituary to attract up to 2,000 views and receive dozens of online expressions of sympathy and remembrance.

In contrast, the former local paper no longer circulates within Ingham County, and only a small percentage of residents in the area subscribe to or read daily papers from Jackson and Lansing.

When the time comes, please send, or ask your funeral director to send, your loved one's obituary to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com

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Paws and Claws

November is National Pet Cancer Awareness Month

by Cindy Anderson, DVM

National Pet Cancer Awareness Month is marked throughout November by pet lovers from all over the country. It also is a time of showing extra affection to pets living with cancer. In addition, this designation spreads awareness of how to prevent or treat cancer in our furry friends.

Statistics from MedVet show that one in five cats and one in four dogs are diagnosed with cancer. This makes National Pet Cancer Awareness Month even more important — to help pet owners learn about how to give their loved pets a better life.

History of National Pet Cancer Awareness Month

Animal cancer has been around for thousands of years. In ancient civilizations, people identified and documented cancer in both animals and humans. One example is in written records of cancer in animals in Egypt in 1600 B.C.

From the earliest times, discoveries in veterinary oncology have generally been like human findings. The invention of the microscope in 1590 brought about a breakthrough in the study of cancer. Pathologists used this tool to describe specific cancers and began to document relative frequencies. However, progress in treating cancer remained slow.

Surgery is the earliest and most common pet cancer treatment that dates to ancient times. For hundreds of years, health practitioners understood that cancer would typically return after surgery. As such, before they performed this procedure, they needed to be sure that the benefits would outweigh the risks, such as bleeding and infection. The discovery of anesthesia in 1846, however, made surgery far much easier.



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Statistics from MedVet show that one in five cats and one in four dogs are diagnosed with cancer. Photo by Alvan Nee via Unsplash.com.

From the mid-20th century, more people started accepting pets as part of the family. This new human-animal bond spurred veterinarians to dig deeper into clinical diagnosis and treatment for pets. In the 1960s, a few veterinarians pioneered the creation of the field of clinical veterinary oncology.

Over the last 20 years, health professionals have made progress in immunotherapy as a cancer treatment. This method boosts the body's natural mechanisms to fight cancer.

The first National Pet Cancer Awareness Month was marked in 2005. The Animal Cancer Foundation and Nationwide Insurance created this designation intending to raise money and increase awareness to combat the leading cause of death in pets.

Frequently asked questions:

What are the common types of cancer in pets?

Some of the commonly diagnosed cancers in pets include lymphoma, melanoma (skin cancer), mast cell tumors, osteosarcoma (bone cancer), and oral cancer.

How can I reduce the risk of cancer in my pets?

Veterinarians recommend early spaying of female dogs and cats to significantly lower the risk of breast cancer. Also, early neutering of male pets reduces their risk of developing prostate or testicular cancer.

Are all types of pet cancer fatal?

Not all pet cancers are deadly. Some are curable with early detection and intervention, while others are prevented with simple elective surgery.

The best bet against pet cancer is prevention, and early detection and treatment. Taking your furry pals to the veterinarian for cancer screening will help you keep tabs on their health. Cancer is a disease that can be difficult to treat in animals, but with early detection and the right treatment plan, many pets can enjoy a good quality of life.

Please contact Dr. Anderson and the staff at Lakelands Trail Veterinary Clinic, 4525 S. Michigan 52, Stockbridge, MI; or call 517-655-5551, to get assistance with any questions you may have.

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Woah Nellie! Indian Tapioca Pudding: Pleasant taste but presentation leaves a little to be desired

by Mary Jo David

As a child, I always loved tapioca, especially with mashed, fresh strawberries on top. So, as I was searching through 100-year-old recipes to try this month, is it any wonder that Indian Tapioca Pudding jumped off the page at me? Just in time for our November edition, consider it a nod to Thanksgiving.

Before deciding on this recipe, I perused the pages from the November 1923 weekly issues of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun. As is true most months, it wasn't easy to decide which of Nellie Maxwell's old recipes to try.

I didn't have any trouble eliminating a few of the recipes, like Sautéed Tripe, Oysters with Macaroni, Beets Piquant, and Caramel Junket. (This last one called for a junket tablet that, upon googling, I found may be available in stores like Meijer and Walmart or online. But I'm on a deadline, people, so this recipe was out!)

I found a couple of interesting contenders, like Washington Pie and Boston Brown Bread, and a recipe for Planked Club Steak that left me puzzled with its first instruction to "Wash one cupful of butter. . . ." Another recipe—Commonwealth Chicken Soup—sounded very interesting because it instructed cooks to "Reduce the 'liquor' in which a good fat fowl has been cooked." Perhaps 100 years ago people cooked their fowl in liquor, but I'm guessing it's more likely that Nellie was imbibing as she worked and probably meant to type "liquid"!

In the end, Indian Tapioca Pudding won over all the others.



This was my first time cooking with pearl tapioca; previously, I've always used Minute Tapioca. Pearl tapioca takes some planning. This particular recipe requires two hours for soaking the pearls before draining them and adding them to the other ingredients.

The recipe also required the use of a double boiler. As a modern cook, I very often skip over the double boiler in lieu of using my microwave, with temperature settings, for the same purpose. But since I usually try to stay true to Nellie's methods, I pulled out my trusty Revere Ware double boiler, which I inherited from my mom's kitchen, and I got to work.

Indian Tapioca Pudding calls for "scalded milk," which is really nothing more than milk that has been heated to not quite boiling. As I whisked the scalded milk and cornmeal in the top of the double boiler, my mind drifted to thoughts of my mom, who would be turning 100 years old over Thanksgiving weekend this year. I miss my mom often, but never more than when I'm making one of her recipes, opening one of her cookbooks, or using any of her old kitchen tools.

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"There is very little difference between one man and another, but that little is very important."

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Indian Tapioca Pudding.—Soak five tablespoonfuls of pearl tapioca two hours in cold water. Pour four cupfuls of scalded milk over four, tablespoonfuls of cornmeal, cook in a double boiler until the mixture thickens. Add the tapioca drained and three-fourths of a cupful of molasses, three tablespoonfuls of butter and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt. Turn into a buttered dish and cover with one cupful of cold milk. Do not stir. Bake one and one-fourth hours, in a moderate oven.

Commonwealth Chicken Soup.—Reduce the liquor in which a good fat fowl has been cooked to three and one-half cupfuls, add one-half cupful of rice and cook in a double boiler for three hours. Just before serving add two-thirds of a cupful of heavy cream whipped, and salt and white pepper to taste.

Nellie Maxwell

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Indian Tapioca Pudding, this month's pick for a 100-year-old recipe, has a pleasant molasses taste but resembles Detroit-style Coney Island chili in appearance.

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Ask an Expert: Causes of auto body dents and scratches



John and Theresa Kightlinger

by John and Theresa Kightlinger
Dents and scratches on a vehicle's body are inevitable, as numerous factors contribute to their occurrence. Understanding these culprits will not only help vehicle owners be more cautious, but also highlight the importance of timely dent and scratch repairs.

Accidental collisions: Accidental collisions are a leading cause of dents and scratches on vehicles. From minor fender benders in parking lots to more significant accidents on the road, the impact can result in visible damage. Even a seemingly insignificant collision can leave behind scratches or dents that require professional repair. It is crucial to remain vigilant and practice safe driving to reduce the risk of accidents.

Parking lot mishaps: Parking lots are notorious breeding grounds for dents and scratches. The close proximity of vehicles, limited space and tight parking spots increase the likelihood of accidental scrapes. Careless door swings, shopping cart collisions and careless parking maneuvers all can contribute to unsightly dents and scratches. Being mindful of surrounding vehicles, parking further away to avoid crowded areas, and employing defensive parking techniques can minimize the risk.

Environmental factors: Mother Nature also can play a role in causing dents and scratches on vehicle bodies. Hailstorms, falling branches, and debris during severe weather can leave behind unsightly damage. Furthermore, loose gravel, flying stones and sand can scratch the paint, especially on highways and in construction zones. Protecting the vehicle by parking in covered areas, using car covers during adverse weather, and avoiding driving through areas with potential hazards can help prevent damage.

Vandalism and theft attempts: Unfortunately, intentional acts of vandalism and theft attempts can result in significant damage. Key scratches, deliberate dents, and attempts to forcefully gain entry can leave owners frustrated and seeking professional repair services. While it may be challenging to completely avoid vandalism, parking in well-lit areas, installing security cameras or alarms, and using anti-theft devices can act as deterrents and reduce the risk of such incidents.

Auto body dents and scratches can be caused by various factors. Understanding these common causes allows vehicle owners to be more cautious and take preventive measures. By promptly addressing dent and scratch repairs, owners can restore their vehicle's appearance, protect its value, and ensure a visually appealing ride.

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

Chelsea Hospital sets \$10M capital investment to expand adult inpatient rehab unit

Information provided by Trinity Health

Chelsea Hospital announced the approval of a \$10 million capital investment to expand the hospital's adult inpatient rehabilitation unit. Under the plan, Chelsea Hospital's joint venture partner, University of Michigan Health, will consolidate its adult acute rehabilitation service into one location inside Chelsea Hospital, staffed by U-M Health providers. The new rehab unit, which will become a destination for inpatient rehabilitation across the region, is expected to open in the summer of 2024.

"While still very early, there is a lot of excitement building right now about how this investment and our growing collaboration with U-M Health will help elevate rehabilitation care in our community," said Ben Miles, president of Chelsea Hospital. "Plans for the new rehabilitation unit will allow us to offer a more unified, less fragmented approach to providing compassionate, high-quality care. Our U-M Health colleagues share similar values, which continues to provide our care teams inside the hospital with a very enriching, positive, and collaborative work environment."

Today's announcement builds on the success of a program begun in 2020, when Chelsea Hospital expanded its inpatient rehabilitation unit from six to 24 beds, in collaboration with U-M Health. Since then, the experience of U-M providers and staff has been universally positive. The expanded inpatient rehabilitation unit, which includes an additional 16 beds, will be located inside the hospital's Courtyard West unit. Using the approved investment of \$10 million, the unit will be remodeled before opening to the public. The existing 24 rehabilitation beds will continue to be located inside the hospital's Atrium West unit.

"We are excited to be a part of this expansion allowing U-M Health physicians to continue working alongside Trinity Health physicians to provide the best care possible for patients who need rehabilitation services in the community," said U-M Health chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Edward Hurvitz, M.D. "We look forward to building on our collaboration with Chelsea Hospital and bringing our faculty and staff's expertise together to serve patients recovering from stroke, brain injury, major trauma or other complicated medical conditions with rehabilitation needs."

The inpatient rehabilitation program will continue to treat a patient population similar to those currently treated inside Chelsea Hospital, including those with diagnoses of stroke, brain injury, neurological disease or illness and issues involving orthopedics or trauma. The spinal cord injury and cancer programs also will be moved from U-M Health to Chelsea Hospital. This decision concentrates the inpatient team and resources into a single center, which enhances the hospital's ability to provide a world-class experience to every patient. The rehabilitation medical director at Chelsea Hospital is Sally Young, M.D.

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I found it interesting that, after mixing all the ingredients, and just before putting the baking pan into the oven, the last instruction says to cover the mixture with additional cold milk without stirring that milk into the mixture. As it happened, when the pudding came out of the oven, it all seemed to have blended together during the cooking process so leaving the additional milk on top was not a problem.

The finished pudding has a strong molasses flavor, which I happen to like but my husband did not. The consistency left something to be desired. Picture a baking dish full of Detroit-style Coney Island chili (hold the onions and mustard!).

Let's just say it's the kind of dish you might want to eat blindfolded!

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Kathy Walz, fifth from the left, assists Outreach in identifying community strengths and weaknesses and targeting needs to be addressed in the future. Photo by Gwen Reid

Outreach in Action

Assessing community strengths, weaknesses helps determine future direction at Outreach

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Looking at where you've been and where you are now is a good practice for determining where to go next.

That's what Chelsea Hospital's Behavioral Health navigator, Kathy Walz, helped our community do at the Stockbridge Community Outreach board meeting on Monday, Oct. 16.

After enjoying cookies donated by Great Lakes Baker and pizza donated by The Unadilla Store, the meeting got down to business, with Walz posing some key questions to the Outreach board and volunteers.

First key question: What is the best part of your community — its strengths or assets?

Some responses: Community-minded businesses; a generous and giving community; dedicated volunteers; active community groups like the Chamber of Commerce, Stockbridge Lions Club, Masons, the Historical Society, and Outreach; places to gather like the Open Air Market, the teen center, the senior center, the library, township halls, and churches; and our small-town atmosphere.

Second key question: What needs do you see in your community?

Some of the answers: Mental health access for adults and youth, affordable housing, food availability, transportation, Wi-Fi access, and social isolation.

Ranking the top five issues needing attention:

Responses: Floating to the top was social isolation and reaching shut-ins. Other highly ranked topics included smoking cessation, mental health services, access to affordable prescriptions, and access to food (restaurants and grocery stores, in particular).

Walz came equipped with data collected through Chelsea Hospital, Trinity Health and Michigan Medicine to provide a preliminary statistical view of our region's needs. The data Walz reported on was based on anonymous electronic health record data from these three health systems. Many of the findings mirrored Outreach concerns.

Additional needs identified in the data: Access to primary medical care, financial hardship, dependent care for children and elders, vaping and marijuana use by youth, childhood vaccinations, consent and relationship safety, substance use disorder, maternal and child health, hypertension, pain, and diabetes.

Community meetings like this are one step in a process that nonprofit hospitals are required to conduct every three years as part of giving back to the regions they serve. The findings help to steer what programs and services the hospitals will provide or support over the next three-year period, which begins in 2025.

Below are some previous initiatives yielded by the process:

- Since 2015, Chelsea Hospital has supported partner organizations (including Stockbridge Community Outreach and Faith in Action) that work to address community factors negatively impacting health outcomes. According to Reiley Curran, director of Community Health and SRSly Coalition at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, the hospital has distributed over a million dollars to address food access, social isolation, housing, transportation, mental health and physical activity among the most vulnerable residents of the hospital's main service areas — Stockbridge, Grass Lake, Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester.

- In 2016 the hospital hired its Behavioral Health navigator — a community-health mental-health professional — in response to community calls for help in accessing mental health care. For more information, contact Kathy Walz at BHNavigator@trinity-health.org or 734-680-5312.

- The free WAVE shuttle bus service partnership was launched in 2020 between Stockbridge, Manchester and Chelsea to provide free transportation between these communities, improving access to food, primary care, jobs and other resources. To reserve a ride, call 734-475-9494. For more info, <http://www.ridethewavebus.org>

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• Through a five-year federal grant awarded in 2021, Chelsea Hospital is helping community members identify and respond appropriately to youth and adults experiencing mental health crises. This effort is coordinated by Sarah Wilczynski, who provided free suicide prevention training and youth mental health training to Stockbridge Community Schools staff last year. For more information: sarah.wilczynski@trinity-health.org

“The hospitals cannot meet the needs of the communities we serve on our own,” Curran said. She encouraged anyone interested in efforts to address community needs to contact her at reiley.curran@trinity-health.org.

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

Community Calendar

- Tuesdays** – Stockbridge Farmers Market, 5 to 7 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Post 510
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – Prepared Meals for Seniors, noon to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center
Wednesdays – Family Storytime (Ages up to 6), 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library
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
Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates) – Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
Nov. 13 - Dec. 1: CADL Stockbridge Library Silent Auction. Browse and bid on giftable treasures or find treasures for yourself.
Nov. 1 - Outreach stops taking used clothing and household goods donations until Jan. 12
Nov. 3 - Sign-ups begin for adopting a family for Christmas through Outreach.
Nov. 3 - STEAM Drop-In Lab (Ages 8+), all day at the Stockbridge Library
Nov. 4 - "The Art of Herbal Tea" with Bevin Cohen, 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center
Nov. 7 - Sons of American Legion Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Stockbridge Post 510
Nov. 10 - Veterans Day
Nov. 13 - Sign-up deadline for Outreach Thanksgiving assistance.
Nov. 14 - Buck Bash at Crossroads Community Church
Nov. 15 - After Hours Book Discussion Group (Adults), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library
Nov. 15 - Third Thursday Book Discussion Group (Adults), 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center
Nov. 17 - STEAM Drop-In Lab (Ages 8+), all day at the Stockbridge Library
Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day. Annual Community Thanksgiving Free Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heritage School
Nov. 25 - Small Business Saturday. PTO One Stop Holiday Shop at Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School, Festival of Lights
Nov. 27 - Sign-up deadline for Outreach Christmas assistance.
Nov. 28 - American Legion Ladies Auxilliary Monthly Meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. at Stockbridge Post 510
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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Cross country teams ready for Regionals



William Gancer and Ethan Wright run with the pack at the Stockbridge Invite. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Emily Satkowiak keeps a strong pace at the Stockbridge Invite.

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge cross country teams have continued to improve throughout the season and were ready for the Division 3 Regionals in hopes of qualifying for the State Finals in November.

The Panthers hosted the Stockbridge Invitational Sept. 30 and the girls finished 11th and the boys 18th at the annual event.

Freshman Emily Satkowiak led the girls with a 35th-place finish in 21:36.9 and Jaylee Chapman was right behind in 37th with a time of 21:42.3.

Ava Vaccaro was 41st in 21:49.7, Andrea Borowy 110th in 25:40.8, and Kaylee McClellan 126th in 31:33.3.

All five girls ran season bests with Satkowiak and McClellan setting personal records at the race.

Ethan Wright led the boys with a 48th-place finish in 17:50.8 and William Gancer was 50th in 17:50.8.

Finn Coffman finished 89th in 19:11.1, Brady Cole 122nd in 20:41.4, Grant Howlett 125th in 20:43 and Ethan Bradley 136th in 22:01.5.

Gancer, Coffman, Howlett and Bradley all set PRs at the race.

Soccer team shows improvement, closes out season by winning 9 of 14

by Mike Williamson

Although losing 2-0 to Michigan Center in the district opener on Oct. 11 was a disappointing way to end the season, Stockbridge soccer team members have no reason to hang their heads after the turnaround they made this season.

After an 0-5-1 start to the season, the Panthers improved and finished the regular season on a tear by going 9-3-1 over its last 13 games before the season-ending loss to the Cardinals.

The Panthers defeated Jackson



Jordan Huskey-Wright finished his career second on the Stockbridge all-time Goals Scored list. Photo credit Mike Williamson

Lumen Christi 4-1 Sept. 28. Jordan Huskey-Wright netted a pair of goals to lead the Panthers.

Zech Puckett added a goal and an assist, while Jason Gruber scored one goal. Gavin Hart made 10 saves in net for Stockbridge.

The Panthers wrapped up the regular season Oct. 7 with a 3-2 win over Bath. Huskey-Wright scored two more goals for the Panthers, while Puckett added a goal and assist.

Huskey-Wright finished his soccer career with 60 goals, putting him second on the all-time list for goals in a career.

The Panthers finished 9-9-2 overall on the season.

Jackson Invitational

The girls finished 11th at the Jackson Invitational Sept. 23.

Vaccaro led Stockbridge with a 34th-place finish in 22:28.2. Chapman was 42nd in 22:43.5 and Satkowiak 51st in 23:02.6. Borowy was 95th in 26:40.1, Gabrielle Heath 116th in 33:27.6, McClellan 118th in 35:21.9 and Ella Hardesty 120th in 38:39.8. The boys finished 15th at Jackson. Gancer finished 27th in 17:54 to lead the Panthers. Wright was 51st in 18:38.7, Coffman 81st in 20:02.1, Howlett 121st in 22:11.3, and Cole 123rd in 22:40.1.

Perry Tri-Meet

The girls finished second at a Perry Tri-Meet Sept. 26, beating out the Ramblers and finishing behind Williamston.

Satkowiak paced the Panthers with a fourth-place finish in 22:35.5. Chapman was fifth in 22:47.7 and Vaccaro sixth in 23:16.1. Borowy finished 17th in 27:31.1, McClellan 22nd in 34:24.4 and Hardesty 24th in 39:27.9. The boys finished behind both Williamston and Perry. Gancer led the way with a fifth-place finish in 18:52.2 and Wright was eighth in 19:21.5. Howlett finished 18th in 22:16.3, Bradley 19th in 23:27.6 and Cole 21st in 24:02.2.

Hudson Booster Invitational

The girls finished seventh at the Hudson Invite Oct. 7. Satkowiak finished 26th in 22:01.6 to lead the Panthers. Chapman was 31st in 22:29.5, Vaccaro 36th in 22:45.1, Borowy 82nd in 26:46.2 and Eliana Johnson 87th in 28:38.

The boys would finish 13th at the race. Gancer led the Panthers with a 22nd-place finish in 17:58.7 and Wright 35th in 18:50.3. Coffman was 51st in 19:28.3, Howlett 81st in 21:09.6, and Cole 89th in 21:44.1.

Greater Lansing Cross Country Championships

The girls finished 24th out of 30 teams in a race Oct. 14 that does not separate teams by school size. Satkowiak led the team with a 71st-place finish in 22:13, while Chapman was 86th in 22:29.8. Vaccaro finished 133rd in 23:55.8, Borowy 188th in 26:40, McClellan 211th in 34:27.1 and Hardesty 215th in 37:05.4.

The boys finished 27th out of 32 teams. Gancer led the Panthers with a 72nd-place finish in 18:22.6 and Wright was 100th in 18:54.8.

Coffman placed 148th in 20:00, Howlett 199th in 22:01.6 and Cole 214th in 23:33.

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Panthers end the season on a high note

Volleyball team continues to have a strong season as districts draw near



Zac Rogozinski with a big gain against Whitmore Lake. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Drew Robinson looks for extra yards.

by Mike Williamson

While the final record wasn't what the Stockbridge football team had hoped for, the Panthers finished with two straight wins to end the season with a 4-5 overall record.

Stockbridge wrapped up the season Oct. 20 by rolling over Dansville 40-0.

Zac Rogozinski returned a punt for a score and Jalen Rogozinski hit Drew Robinson with a TD pass and the Panthers would lead 14-0 after one quarter.

Stockbridge blew the game open with a Robinson TD run and a pair of Jalen Rogozinski TD passes to Robinson for a 34-0 lead at the half.

Noah Sandecki would wrap up the scoring with a 38-yard TD run in the third.

Robinson went out with a bang, rushing for 62 yards and catching nine passes for 150 yards and scoring four touchdowns.

Jalen Rogozinski passed for 167 yards and three scores on 12 of 18 passing.

Joey Ballagh caught a pass for 12 yards, while Zach Fletcher caught one pass for 4 yards and had one carry for 35 yards. Zac Rogozinski rushed for 45 yards on seven carries and had the punt return touchdown on a blocked kick by Fletcher. He also led the defense with six tackles.

Whitmore Lake The Panthers rallied

from a 10-point halftime deficit Oct. 13 to beat Whitmore Lake 26-22.

Trailing 16-6 at halftime, Robinson caught TD passes of 31 and 74 yards from Jalen Rogozinski to give the Panthers a 20-16 lead after three.

Robinson rushed for a 10-yard score in the fourth to push the lead to 26-16 and the Panthers held on for the win.

Jalen Rogozinski was 9-18 passing for 204 yards and two scores.

Robinson rushed for 52 yards and a score and caught five passes for 151 yards and two TD passes. Fletcher caught three passes for 38 yards and turned the momentum of the game when he picked up an onside kick and ran it back for a touchdown just before halftime. Brock Rochow caught two passes for 25 yards.

Gary Killinger had a big defensive night with 19 tackles, while Ethan Monaghan had 12.

Perry On a cold, wet, rainy night Oct. 6, the Panthers dropped a tough one to the Ramblers 14-13.

Stockbridge built a 13-7 halftime lead on TD runs by Robinson and Zac Rogozinski, but the Ramblers scored on a 58-yard TD pass in the third and held on for the win.

Zac Rogozinski had a huge night on the ground with 220 yards on 29 carries and a score. He also caught two passes for 26 yards and led the defense with eight tackles.

Robinson rushed for 42 yards and a score and Jalen Rogozinski passed for 35 yards.

Saranac Robinson had another big night Sept. 29 as the Panthers jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 28-8 win over Saranac.

Stockbridge took a quick 14-0 lead on a 65-yard TD run and 61-yard TD reception by Robinson from Jalen Rogozinski.

Jalen Rogozinski hit Rochow with a 4-yard TD pass in the second for a 21-0 lead.

Saranac got a TD and two-point conversion in the third, but Zac Rogozinski sealed the win with a 38-yard TD run in the fourth.

Jalen Rogozinski was 10-20 passing for 210 yards and two scores.

Robinson caught two passes for 80 yards and a score and rushed for 66 yards and one TD.

Zac Rogozinski caught three passes for 87 yards and rushed for 46 yards and a score. Shannon Henderson caught two passes for 36 yards, while Rochow caught three for 7 yards and a TD.

The defense was led by Zac Rogozinski with seven tackles and two sacks.

Bath The Panthers built a 14-0 lead over the Bees Sept. 22 with Jalen Rogozinski TD passes to Robinson and Shannon Henderson, but Bath would rally for 22 unanswered points to pull out the 22-14 win.

Jalen Rogozinski was 18-29 passing for 177 yards and two scores.

Robinson caught six passes for 94 yards and a TD and Henderson two passes for 8 yards and a score.

Fletcher caught two passes for 42 yards, Zac Rogozinski four passes for 13 yards, Joey Ballagh two passes for 12 yards, and Rochow two for 8 yards.

Killinger had 18 tackles on defense and Monaghan 12.



Alaina Kellenberger splits a pair of blockers. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Taylor Lockhart with a kill for the Panthers.

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge volleyball team continues to have one of the best seasons in recent history for the Panthers.

The Panthers improved to 21-9-2 on the season with districts just around the corner.

East Jackson

On Sept. 21, Stockbridge swept East Jackson 3-0.

Grace Burg had a big night with 14 kills, 11 digs and four aces to lead the Panthers.

Megan Mackinder had nine kills, nine digs, one block, and one ace, while Maggie Jones had six kills, two digs, and one ace.

Maddie Dalton dished out 24 assists, eight aces, and five digs, Gracee Robidou four digs, two kills, and two aces, Taylor Lockhart three digs, two kills, and one block, Jessica Sparks 11 digs, and Micaela Forcum six assists and two digs.

Leslie/Northwest Tri-Meet

The Panthers swept a home tri-meet Sept. 28, beating Leslie and Northwest both 2-0.

Burg had another big night with 21 digs, 11 kills, two aces, three assists, and one block.

Mackinder had 10 kills, two aces, and 11 blocks, while Lockhart had 17 digs and seven kills.

Robidou had 13 digs and two aces, Alaina Kellenberger seven kills and one block, Jones

six kills, three digs, two blocks, and Dalton 33 assists, six digs, and three kills.

Dansville

The Panthers struggled Oct. 5 and fell to Dansville 3-0.

Mackinder led the team with six digs, five kills, and three aces, while Burg had nine kills and two digs.

Kellenberger had four kills, two digs, and one block, Dalton 19 assists, three aces, two digs, and one block, Robidou five digs and one ace, Jones two kills and one dig, and Lockhart one kill and one dig.

Perry

On Oct. 3, the Panthers swept Perry 3-0.

Kellenberger had 13 kills and two digs, while Mackinder had eight digs, four kills, and two aces.

Jones added five kills, three digs, two aces, and one assist, Lockhart five digs, four aces, and one kill, Robidou eight digs and one ace, Dalton 24 assists, five digs, and one ace, Sparks one dig, and Danielle Hood one dig.



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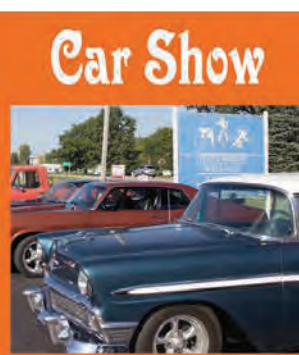
Tractor Show



Pedal Pull



Entertainment



Car Show



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