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#### Village of Stockbridge purchases Back Street Stockbridge Wellness building for use as new Village Hall



The Stockbridge Village Council closed on the location of its new Village Hall, located at 118 N. Center St., in September 2023 with plans to be moved in by March 2024. Photo credit Jackie Scheller

See Village Offices on page 7.

by Mary Jo David

In a goal-setting meeting in January 2023, the Village of Stockbridge set the wheels in motion to purchase a Village Hall for the community. That vision has become a reality. The Stockbridge Village Council closed on the new building, located at 118 N. Center St., in September.

"We knew the Back Street space was up for sale, and we could see that building as having lots of potential for office space as well as community event space," Village President Jill Ogden explained. "Once we received Council approval, we were able to make it happen."

Currently, the plan is to use the large main room in the new building as a community hall; this space is already being made available to the public to rent for events. This is also the room where the Council Chambers will be located for monthly public meetings. The smaller room to the south of the main room (as you walk into the building from North Center Street) is where the Village offices will be.

#### Thanks to the Garden Club, the Township Hall and Square were ready for Festival of Lights



The Stockbridge Area Garden Club decorated the Stockbridge Township Hall and Square in preparation for the upcoming Christmas events. Front row L to R: Terry Sommer, Laura Morehouse, Molly Howlett, and Connie Spadafore. Back row L to R: Nancy Wisman, Deb Campbell, Roberta Ludtke, Susan Daily, Connie Risner, Bev Glynn, Andrea Stickney (back), Mary Wilson, Joan Tucker, Jill Peck and Dorothy Craft. Not pictured: Judy Williams. Photo credit Judy Williams

#### by Judy Williams

Thanks, in large part, to the Stockbridge Area Garden Club, the Stockbridge Township Hall and the Township Square both were dressed in their holiday best and ready for the Festival of Lights holiday celebration, which took place on Nov. 25 (See pages 4-5).

Additional photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

## Center launches new teen membership for ages 14-17



Information provided by 5 Healthy

Stockbridge Wellness Center is excited to announce the launch of our new teen membership! This membership is designed

to provide teens ages 14-17 with a fun, safe and supportive environment to get active and healthy.

A teen membership is a great way for teens to meet new friends, build up social connections and develop healthy living habits that will last a lifetime. Teens will find a variety of cardio equipment, strength equipment and group exercise options to round out their visits to the Wellness Center.

"We are committed to providing our community with the resources they need to live healthy and active lifestyles," said Cindy Cope, senior director, Chelsea Wellness Center. See Stockbridge Wellness Center on page 13.

#### **November was Stomach Cancer Awareness Month**



The Hoard Family hosted a memorial walk in honor of Richard Hoard to raise money and awareness for stomach cancer. Photo provided by Danielle Hoard

#### by Danielle Hoard

Back in 2003, the Hoard family lost Richard Hoard to stomach cancer at a young age.

After a string of cancer diagnoses, the family learned they have a rare genetic mutation called CDH1. The statistics for this cancer are devastating, and the only preventable action currently available is the removal of the stomach. Many people in our Hoard family have had this procedure and are affected by this genetic mutation.

See Stomach cancer on page 9.

## Rural Perspectives: Northern cardinals stay in our area throughout the year



Diane Gray Constable by Diane Constable

The male northern cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis) with its crimson red coloring and black mask is one of the most recognized birds in our area. It is named after the red robes worn by Roman Catholic cardinals. The female and juveniles are an olive-fawn color with a dab of red and with juveniles having black beaks.

Adult northern cardinals are about 9 inches long and weigh

1.8 ounces; they live for about three years in woodland edges, brushy areas and in our neighborhoods.

Cardinals stay year-round, and it is a harbinger of spring to hear the territorial calls by both males and females in late February. They are very protective of their territory and the males will fight reflections of themselves in windows, car mirrors and hubcaps.

Mates for life, the pair create a nest 1-10 feet off the ground in dense shrubs, vines or tree branches. The female is the main builder and lays four or five eggs in April. The male brings nest materials and food to her. Once the eggs hatch in about 12 days, they both feed the chicks. When



Cardinals eat a variety of food and will visit bird feeders filled with sunflower seeds. Photo credit Diane Constable

the chicks are about 11 days old, they leave the nest, and both parents continue to protect and feed them.

Cardinals eat a wide variety of food, including caterpillars, grasshoppers, beetles and other insects, various nuts, fruits, berries and seeds. They also will visit bird feeders filled with sunflower seeds. The pigment in the berries produces the male's bright red color.

**Fun Fact:** In many cultures, the cardinal is a positive symbol of good luck, hope, spiritual strength and renewal, or a visit from the spirit world.

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.









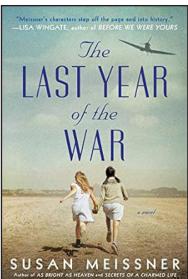








## In 'The Last Year of the War,' a friendship blossoms in the unlikeliest of places



"The Last Year of the War" recounts the friendship that blossomed between two 14-year-old girls in the Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas during World War II and where their lives go from there. Image credit Amazon.com

by Mary Jo David

A plethora of new novels abound that are set during World War II. Perhaps it's because so many boomers and millennials are losing parents and grandparents who served and/or lived through that turbulent period in history.

Whatever the reason, many World War II-themed novels have worked their way onto my reading list, with some keeping me captivated and turning pages well past bedtime. While "The Last Year of the War," written by Susan Meissner in 2019, didn't start out as one of those pageturners, it was a very worthwhile read. It jumped the queue past other novels I considered reviewing because it focuses on an aspect of the war that is different from many of those others. Meissner's novel, while fiction, is predicated on a friendship that began in a very real place in the 1940s—the Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas.

In setting the stage for the novel, Meissner introduces us to an aging Elise Sontag—a U.S. citizen who was born to German parents in Nebraska. The narrative begins in 2010, with Elise experiencing a serious medical diagnosis. However, the bulk of the story unfolds with Elise recounting

her past and the friendship that blossomed between Elise and Mariko, a Japanese American, when the two girls were 14 years old. Frankly, it isn't until Elise arrives at Crystal City and meets Mariko that this novel really starts to engage the reader, but it's well worth the wait to get there.

Readers expect to be depressed by Elise and Mariko's experiences in the camp. Meissner does her due diligence describing the stark living accommodations and strict rules and limitations of internment camp life. But the main characters are young, and as such, they manage to adapt as only fledgling teenagers can. In that respect, the novel eases you into the horrors of war, most of which take place later, when both girls and their families are forced to leave Crystal City. In fact, the harsh realities of Elise's life as her family is repatriated to Germany in the last year of the war are staggering.

I learned about the Japanese internment camps when I was young but never realized they housed a combination of Japanese, Germans and Italians. I may have known somewhere in the back of my mind that many internees were U.S. citizens, but I credit Meissner's book for really opening my eyes to this fact. Through Elise's experience, the reader starts to see that being sent to a camp wasn't as bad as it got; some of these people were repatriated back to Japan, Germany or Italy in return for American prisoners. On its face, this may seem fair. After all, we were involved in a major war. But the story reminds us that some of these people—like Elise and Mariko—were U.S. citizens and had never lived in the country they were being repatriated to.

Under the guise of a very readable novel, the story drives home some important lessons:

- Procrastination can be disastrous.
- A first-generation family can quickly lose everything they've worked hard for when their adopted country goes to war.
- Citizens of countries at war will quickly resort to herd mentality when their safety and comfort are threatened.

See Reading Between the Lines on page 9.







## Festival of

























## Lights \* 2023































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#### Who We Are

Founded in 2016, the Stockbridge Community News is a Michigan nonprofit organization, IRS-licensed to operate as a 501(c)(4) organization (# C4-4001565).

An unpaid, volunteer board of directors oversees all SCN operations.

Our monthly, printed newspaper is free and mailed at no-cost to members of the local community. Complementary printed copies are also made available at strategic locations in the community. Print subscriptions are available for a fee to those outside SCN's postal distribution boundaries.

Articles are posted online throughout the month and are available to view for free at stockbridgecommunitynews.com

#### **Our Mission**

To promote the common good and shared well-being of residents in the greater Stockbridge area through the collection and publication of local news and useful community information.

#### **Our Board of Directors**

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Stockbridge Community News depends on our team of talented, local writers who regularly volunteer their time to ensure we deliver newsworthy content each month. Writer names are reflected in the bylines that appear with each story.

#### **Editor-in-Chief Emeritus**

Patrice Johnson, an SCN founder and first editor-in-chief (2016-2021)

#### We would love to hear from you!

Please share any article ideas or community events you think SCN readers would be interested in. You are also encouraged to contact us with your advertising questions or for information about volunteering.

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## Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Were they always called the Eagles?

by John Robinson

Q: Did the Eagles ever go under another name?

A: The original four-man Eagles lineup was Glenn

Frey, Don Henley, Bernie Leadon and Randy Meisner. One of the rumors about the band had them as Linda Ronstadt's backup group. In reality, only Frey and Henley were in her band; Leadon was in the Flying Burrito Brothers and Meisner was a founding member of Poco. The four got together and formed a group they named Teen King & The Emergencies, but soon changed it to Eagles, as it sounded more American. It also was reminiscent of The Byrds, a group they all admired and were influenced by. Future Eagle members included Don Felder, Timothy B. Schmidt and Joe Walsh.

#### Q: How soon was Chicago forced to change their name from "Chicago Transit Authority?"

A: The band Chicago originally called themselves "Chicago Transit Authority" but by the time their second album came out, their name had been shortened to "Chicago." It seems the real Chicago Transit Authority (the second largest transit system in the United States) threatened to sue the band over the use of the name, with the city of Chicago backing them up; the band had no choice but to shorten their name.

## Q: I recently saw the movie "The Odessa File" and Perry Como was credited for singing the song, "Christmas Dream" which I really liked. Did he have it on an album? Did Elvis sing it?

A: It's currently available on Perry's albums "I Wish It Could Be Christmas Forever" and "A Perry Como Christmas." Haven't heard of any version by Elvis, but there is another version by The Mistletones on their 1995 album "Acappella Christmas."

#### Q: Where were The Music Explosion from? I saw these guys play in Michigan a few times and I wondered if they were from here.

A: The Music Explosion's big hit was "Little Bit o' Soul," which went to No. 2 in the summer of 1967. The band was from Mansfield, Ohio, and did play in Michigan quite a few times. They did have one other U.S. Chart single that got a lot of airplay but failed to make it past No. 63 in 1967: "Sunshine Games," which is a wonderful song. By the way, "Little Bit 'o Soul" was originally recorded by a British group, The Little Darlings, in 1965.

#### Q: I've always loved The Turtles. Some background, please.

A: Some Turtle info: They started out in 1961 as a surf-rock band led by Howard Kaylan and Mark Volman called The Nightriders, later changing their name to The Crossfires. (The Crossfires recorded quite a few tracks which are still available.)

See Rock 'n' Roll on page 15.



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#### Village Offices page 1

The long, narrow room at the north end of the building also will be available for events; it will be more suited for a small meeting space or for use as a conference room. The building also has a kitchen.

Rental rates are listed below, with discounted rates for those who live in the Village and for nonprofits and charitable events hosted by local groups.

**Village Resident Rates** (responsible party's address, based on driver's license)

- \$75 refundable deposit
- \$50/hourly (for first 6 hours)\*
- \$500 for an all-day rental (8 a.m. to midnight)
- Additional \$100 refundable deposit if alcohol will be served on the premises

#### **Non-Village Resident Rates**

- \$150 refundable deposit
- \$75/hourly (for first 6 hours)\*
- \$650 for an all-day rental (8 a.m. to midnight)
- Additional \$150 refundable deposit if alcohol will be served on the premises

\*A discounted flat rate of \$100 per event is being made available for nonprofits and charitable organizations located within the Stockbridge Community School District.

Some renovations to the space are already under way, with plans for the Village to be moved into the new location completely by March 2024. Until then, the Village will continue to conduct business out of the office space it rents in the Stockbridge Activities Center (the old middle school).

The Village is already booking events for the event spaces and is applying event rental fees toward some of the renovation work. Those interested in hosting events at the new Village Hall should contact the Village at 517-851-7435.

**Next up for the Village:** Watch for the future unveiling of a new look and feel to the Village of Stockbridge website, where interested parties can go to look for up-to-date Village information, including what dates are available for renting the new Village Hall space.





## Stockbridge FFA learns about marine biology during lab visit in Key Largo, Florida



FFA members display restored coral fragments.
From L-R: junior Brock Rochow, senior Jason
Gruber, junior Alayna Adkins, senior Kaden
Carpenter, junior Eliana Johnson and junior
Logan Hollenbeck. Photo provided by Bob Richards

#### by Kaden Carpenter and Bob Richards

On Nov. 9, in the wee hours of the morning, members of the Stockbridge FFA Chapter boarded a plane bound for Fort Lauderdale, Florida. These kids weren't going on vacation, they were going to an educational laboratory in Key Largo, Florida. This educational lab, MarineLab, is located on the coast of Key Largo, right next to the Florida Bay.

The MarineLab program has been educating students and teachers about the ocean since 1985. More than 5,000 participants each year from over 150 schools representing multiple states attend the highly regarded immersive programs in Key Largo.

Over the past 12 years, several different Stockbridge Jr/Sr High School classes have attended MarineLab with mentor Robert Richards. MarineLab's mission is to promote ocean conservation through education and research.

See Marine biology on page 13.

From CADL Stockbridge

#### Library wins award for increased use



At the 2023 CADL Conference, Stockbridge Library was recognized for the highest percentage of new and renewed library cards, May through September. Photo provided by CADL Stockbridge

#### by Head Librarian Sherri McConnell

Every November, staff from all Capital Area District Libraries Branches meet for a professional development conference and to recognize outstanding employees and branches from the past year. I'm proud to say that the Stockbridge Library won the award for the highest percentage of new and renewed library cards during May through September, CADL's busiest time of the year.

We received more good news last

month. Stockbridge students are the biggest users of CADL's Student Success Initiative library cards in Ingham County. Forty-two percent of Stockbridge students used their cards in October. Besides checking out books, this percentage represents using the card with CADL and Michigan eLibrary digital resources and signing into our public computers. All of this shows us that the Stockbridge community appreciates the library enough to get library cards, renew them and use them! Thank you, Stockbridge!

We invite you to stop by in December for several holiday activities. Our holiday open house is Thursday, Dec. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. Meet alpacas from Great Valley Longnecks Farm, listen to traditional hammer dulcimer music from Jerry Kloock and decorate your own alpaca ornament. We will have gingerbread house kits available the first half of December while supplies last and then a glass globe candleholder craft later in the month. Our Family Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. also will have holiday themes. Check our Facebook page for the latest information.

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

#### **Published in Uncaged, October 2023**

## One day at a time Bringing the school closer together

#### by Collin Trost, *Uncaged* Reporter

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

After a long summer, staff have had a lot of time to think about this school year over the summer, along with future goals for the school. One goal they proposed is bringing the school closer together during half-days. They accomplished this by creating a new plan called the buddy system, consisting of a mentor and mentee given to each student in the school. The mentor's responsibility is to guide the mentee through the rest of their school years, while the mentee's responsibilities include listening to their mentor and expressing their own feelings about school such as issues or problems they need help resolving.

"We're really trying to help connect students from both junior high and senior high," Assistant Principal Derek Douglas said.

There have been various emotions for the new half-days from the mentors and mentees. Some students like being a mentor and having a mentee during the half-days.

"Half-days are pretty cool because we don't have to do any work or have a full class hour. I like my mentor because I am friends with him and he is chill," eighth grader Collin Pilch said.

While some students appreciate the half-days and see it as a nice experience, others dislike having them in general.

"I personally think that we should just have the day off because there's really no point to show up at 7:35 am and leave at 10:45 am. We really don't even do anything on Wednesday's with the new buddy system," senior Jay Tatar said.

However, while Tatar admits he doesn't like half days, he has a different perspective when it comes to being a mentor to somebody else.

"I don't mind being a mentor, to be honest. I don't mind it because if they are my responsibility then they have to listen to me," Tatar said.

The main goal for these half days is for everyone to have somebody to mentor or be the mentee to. Overall, this new halfday system is to try to help our school unite as a whole.

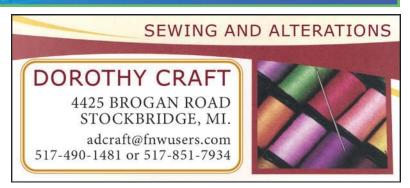
"We're really trying to just connect everyone as much as possible and build relationships with each other," Douglas said.

For more information about Stockbridge's award-winning student newspaper, go to https://uncagednews.com.

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#### **Clyde's Corner**

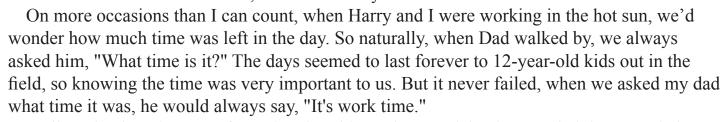
#### One special Christmas: Wow! I got a watch, a real watch!

#### by Clyde Whitaker

Here we go marching into December, meaning 2023 is coming to a close. It also signals that Christmas is not far away. With that thought in mind, I set out to recall some of my Christmas memories.

One of my fondest occurred when I was 11 or 12 years old. At that time, I was working summers with my dad and my buddy Harry Krummrey on the Krummrey Farm. My dad was the supervisor there, overseeing the labor

force. He was a strict taskmaster, even with Harry and me.



Well, at the time, it wasn't funny hearing this, and I complained to my dad that I needed a watch so I could know what time it was. But I wasn't able to convince him. When I finished working that summer, I still had no watch, only a hand-held transistor radio that announced the time occasionally during the day.

Christmas at the Whitaker house back then consisted of board games, books, candy, clothes and orange slices in our stockings. On Christmas Day that year, my brother and sister and I sat on the floor next to the Christmas tree, opening our presents and looking in our stockings.

I dumped my stocking on the floor, and the orange slices I so enjoyed came tumbling out. Also, a small box wrapped in Christmas paper landed on the floor. I whipped the paper off and opened the small box. Inside was my very own wrist watch! I took the watch out of the box, held it up to my ear and heard it ticking! I then proceeded to yell out, "I got a watch, a real watch!"

It was a magical Christmas, for sure, and it has made for a lasting memory. Looking back, Mom and Dad always gave us kids great Christmases, filled with love. We were so blessed.

As we look ahead to Christmas 2023, my wife Mary and I are wishing each and every one of you a safe, blessed Christmas. Don't forget the simple joys!

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Clyde Whitaker is a 1973 Stockbridge graduate. He and his wife, Mary, raised four children in Stockbridge, and they still reside in the Stockbridge



In this photo, Clyde Whitaker (in back) was two years from receiving his special watch. Sister Juanita holds their brother Jerry, while their parents look on from the shadows. Photo provided by Clyde Whitaker

#### Stomach cancer page 1

The Hoards are making stomach cancer awareness our passion. We recently held a memorial walk, at Veteran's Memorial Park, in honor of Richard Hoard, to raise money and awareness for stomach cancer. This way we fund research for a better future for our kids. Please use the following link to learn more information on the CDH1 mutation, including a link that takes you to information explaining a correlation between the CDH1 mutation and lobular breast cancer: nostomachforcancer.org/about-stomach-cancer/risks-genetics-prevention-of-stomach-cancer/hereditary-diffuse-gastric-cancer/genetics/cdh1-mutations/

Below is the link to donate to the No Stomach for Cancer foundation. Scroll down on the webpage, and you can see the Hoard family listed as the Top Team Fundraiser (as of Nov. 26)

nostomachforcancerwalkrun.raisely.com

The walk is over, but anyone still can participate and donate a flat amount.

#### Reading Between the Lines page 3

area.

Those who invest themselves in Meissner's "The Last Year of the War" should gain a stronger appreciation for families and lasting friendships, but more so, the realization that humans can and do endure major hardships and still come out stronger in the end.

For all his naiveté and procrastination, Elise's father says it best on the train to the Crystal City Internment Camp, "Wars begin and wars end. There will be peace again. We only need to hold on to who we are, deep within, so that we'll recognize ourselves on the other side when it's over."

Mary Jo David is a retired business and technical writer who contributes occasional book reviews to Stockbridge Community News. She and her husband reside in Gregory.



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**Positive Parenting** 

#### Introducing 'Positive Parenting,' a resource for elevating parenting skills and celebrating the joy of parenthood

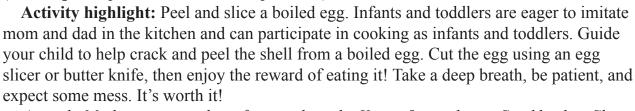
by Kelsey Rasmussen and Amanda Mathews

Parenting is hard. Parenting is vitally important. We believe parents want what is best for their children, families do their best, and it takes a village to thrive.

The COVID pandemic shut down many in-person supports for families, and increasingly, children are entering school with fewer social skills and less academic readiness. "Positive Parenting" is a new, monthly column to assist in recognizing and empowering parents of children in our community who range from those too young to enroll in Stockbridge Community Schools to adolescents and those nearing graduation.

Through monthly insight, tips and activities, we aim to elevate parenting, improve parenting skills, celebrate the joy of parenthood, and help our youngsters develop, make friends, and learn to their full potential.

Stay tuned for information about Parent University: monthly, in-person gatherings supporting interested parents (dinner, guest speaker and child care provided).



Amanda Mathews is a mother of two girls and a Young 5s teacher in Stockbridge. She has been in the early childhood field for more than 10 years. Her family moved to Gregory two years ago, and they love getting to be part of this amazing community.

Kelsey Rasmussen is a mother of twin toddlers and teaches computer science part time at Stockbridge High School. She and her husband moved to Stockbridge from Colorado in 2022 to raise their children in a small town near family.



Infants and toddlers are eager to imitate Mom and Dad in the kitchen and can participate in cooking as infants and toddlers. Photo credit Kelsey Rasmussen

Monday 10/02 - Larceny- Unadilla Rd/ Williamsville Rd.

Tuesday 10/03 - Unknown Accident-San Souci Ave./San Luray Dr., Citizen Assist-Dexter Trl./ Van Syckle Rd., Juvenile Complaint-Kathryn Ct./W M36

Wednesday 10/04 - Trespassing, Loitering-Livermore Rd./W Trebesh Ct., Animal Complaint-Gregory Rd./Wasson Rd., Assist UTFD-Main St./Kuhn St., DHS Referral-Kathryn Ct./W M36

Thursday 10/05 - Property damage Accident-Gregory Rd./Spears Rd.

Souci Ave., Intimidation/Harassment-Mickey Ln./M36, Shooting-Church St./Main St. Saturday 10/07 - Unknown Accident-Doyle Rd.

Monday 10/09 - Assist PPD-Kathryn Ct./W M36, Assist UTFD-Wasson Rd./Gregory Rd.

Tuesday 10/10 - Citizen Assist-M 106/Worden Rd., Subpoena Service-Gregory Rd./W Coon Lake Rd.

Wednesday 10/11 - Property Damage Accident-Bradley Rd./Iosco Mountain Rd., Citizen Assist-Town view Ln./Stonehouse Dr., Citizen Assist-Glenwyth Rd./Robertson Rd., Assist UTFD-Barton Rd./Spears Rd

Thursday 10/12 - Overdose/Ingestion-Cass St./

Friday 10/13 - Citizen Assist-Kathryn Ct./W

Saturday 10/14 - Suspicious Person-Bullis Rd./ Bird Ln.

Sunday 10/15 - Property Damage Accident-W M36/Kathryn Ct., Larceny-Williamsville Rd./ Holmes Rd.

Monday 10/16 - Trespassing-Graves Rd./Doyle Rd., Suspicious Situation-Arnold Rd./W M36, Fraud-Main St./Church St.

UTPD Activity October 1-31, 2023 Tuesday 10/17 - Disturbance-M106/M36, Property Damage Accident-M106/Dutton Rd., Assist EMS-Cass St./Ovit St.

Wednesday 10/18 - Court Prosecutor Activity-S Highlander Way/W Grand River Ave, Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St., Animal Complaint-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd., Fraud-Weller Rd./ Wasson Rd.

Thursday 10/19 - Alarm-Bridgets Way/Howlett Rd., Fraud-Weller Rd./Wasson Rd., Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct., Property Damage Accident-Worden Rd./Doyle Rd., Property Damage Accident-M106/Holmes Rd.

Friday 10/20 - Animal Complaint-M106/Worden

Friday 10/06 - Vin Inspection-San Luray Dr./San Saturday 10/21 - Animal Complaint-W M36/Twin

Monday 10/23 - Retail Fraud-M106/M36, Citizen Assist-Webb St./M36, Assist EMS-San Souci Ave. San Juan Ct., Public Patrol Information-W M36/ Livermore Rd.

Tuesday 10/24 - Fraud-Van Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd. Intimidation/Harassment-Stonehouse Dr./M106 Wednesday 10/25 - Animal Complaint-W Trebesh Cir./Winifred Ct., Hazard-Doyle Rd./Worden Rd., Suspicious Situation-Arnold Rd./W M36, Warrant Arrest-Doyle Rd./Worden Rd., Citizen Assist-San Souci Ave./San Juan Ct., Property Damage Accident-M 106/Morton Rd.

Thursday 10/26 - Hazard-M 106/Dutton Rd., Property Damage Accident-M 106/Dutton Rd. Saturday 10/28 - Hazard-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle

Sunday 10/29 - Assist other Agency-Watson Dr./ Channel Dr., Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St. Monday 10/30 - Assist UTFD-Bradley Rd./M36. Lost/Found Animal-Wasson Rd./Bull Run Tuesday 10/31 - Property Damage Accident-Holmes Rd./Doyle Rd., Assist EMS-Bullis Rd./ M36. Fraud-M106/M36

> Chief David S. Russell Unadilla Township Police Department

#### STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP **MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2023**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order on November 20,2023 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 with County Commissioner Randy Maiville Sommer Motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board meeting minutes for Oct 16,2023 as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial report from April 1, 2023 thru November 20, 2023 Muraf Second Allin Favor Motion Carried

Old Business None New Business

Wetherell motion to approve the purchase of a new file cabinet for Clerk records and 7 new chairs for the meeting room table in the amount of \$5,810.21 Sommer Second Roll call vote Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes Lantis Yes All in favor motion Carried.

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Muraf motion to accept the Metro Act Right of way Permit Extension for ATT Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer Motion to spend up to \$500.00 to fix the ceiling tiles at the Stockbridge Library Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to have the lighting finished at the Stockbridge Library Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer Motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Bills in the Amount of \$84,428.96 Wetherell Second All in **Favor Motion Carried** Citizen's Comment None Lantis adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Meeting at 7:56PM

## **Obituaries Arlene Mary Barringer**



Arlene Mary Barringer Sept. 11, 1953 to Nov. 18, 2023

**Arlene Mary Barringer,** age 70, of Novi, MI, passed away on November 18, 2023. Arlene was born September 11, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Bill and Alexandra Lovachis.

She was the beloved wife of Ronald J. Barringer, loving mother of Nicole Marie, cherished "Baba" (grandmother) to Ashton and Aubrie Bruining, dear sister to Tommy (Janice) Lovachis, sister-in-law to Alice Barringer and the late Derryl and Reginald Barringer, special aunt to Alexander, Nicholas, and Thomas Lovachis; Jarrett, Matthew, and Andrew Barringer; and Joe and Tom Fugedi.

Wyatt Worldwide in 2015. With her extra time she enjoyed golfing with Ron and out of state golf trips with her friends. Spending time with her grandchildren was a highlight in her life. She very much enjoyed watching the Detroit Lions on Sunday afternoons, walking and caring for her dogs over the years, and doing summer flower planting.

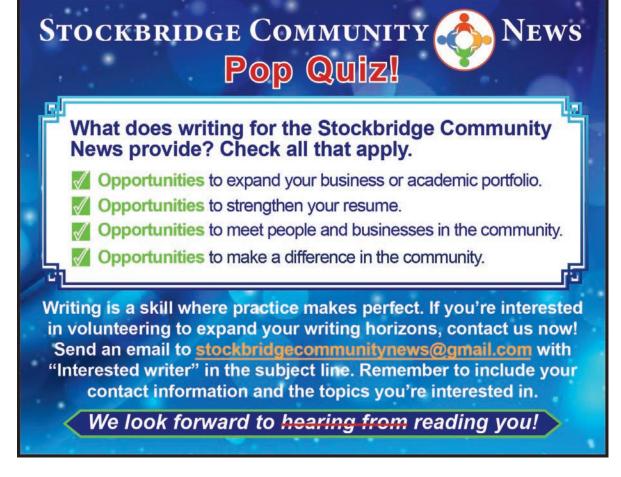
Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, 12:00 p.m., at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26355 W Chicago, Redford, MI. Visitation was at the church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Burial followed at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church or a Humane Society of one's choice.

#### **Death Notices**

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

- Elizabeth Ann Townsend, of Dansville, passed away in 2023
- Kathleen Salver, formerly of Stockbridge, passed away Nov. 1, 2023



## Rock the Mock campaign begins in area businesses

#### **Information from the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation**

November marked the launch of the Rock the Mock campaign, an initiative by One Big Thing to encourage businesses to offer more alcohol-free drink options for customers.

One Big Thing team members, who focus on the use of alcohol and other substances, invite local bars and restaurants in Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge to participate.

By offering more mocktail and nonalcoholic beer and wine options, the businesses will support community members who are either in recovery or choose not to drink alcohol.

Local bars and restaurants who join the campaign will display a Rock the Mock vinyl cling in their windows so community members can easily identify the places offering special alcohol-free drink choices. The campaign aims to foster a more inclusive environment, where everyone in the communities can enjoy a drink without feeling excluded.

According to chef Emily VanderWaard, from Chelsea Alehouse, "It's awesome to have an option for people to come out and enjoy something without alcohol that is still delicious and flavorful. We recently added a jalapeno tonic, a ginger pineapple tonic and an orange pineapple mocktail."

The names of participating bars and restaurants who are partnering with One Big Thing for the Rock the Mock campaign will be listed on onebigconnection.org and featured in Connected magazine.

The following businesses already have agreed to join in the Rock the Mock campaign:

- Arctic Breakaway in Chelsea
- Portage Lake Parlor in Grass Lake
- Chelsea Alehouse in Chelsea
- Stockbridge Bowl in Stockbridge
- Cleary's Pub in Chelsea
- Ugly Dog Distillery in Chelsea
- Jet's Pizza in Chelsea
- Valiant Bar and Grill in Chelsea
- Los Tres Amigos in Chelsea
- Zou Zou's Café in Chelsea.

The Rock the Mock campaign is one of the many efforts the One Big Thing action teams are working on to promote better mental health within our communities.

# Staff Spotlight: K-4 STEM teacher Donnie Anderson is a 'BESTagon' when it comes to making learning fun in the classroom



by Mary Jo David

If you didn't know better, you'd guess that STEM teacher Donnie Anderson has spent his entire adult life teaching. Surprisingly, the four years he has taught for Stockbridge Community Schools—one of those years as a building sub—represent his first formal foray into teaching for a school system.

Mary Jo David However, while working in retail management and information technology, Anderson, along with his wife Cecilia who is a CPA,

adjusted their work schedules for years in order to home-school their own children. And if their kids are any indication, the senior Andersons earned serious chops as home school teachers. Son Donnie, 27, is now a rocket scientist working on the space station that's going to orbit the moon, and daughter Natalie, 25, is in a Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Born in New Mexico, Anderson moved around a lot when he was young. While still in high school in Snyder, Texas, he already knew he wanted to teach, partly through the influence of a biology teacher, Mr. Thomas Strayhorn, who was a mentor to him. Anderson was also president of his high school's DECA Club (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America), an organization that focused on career and technical objectives for emerging leaders.

While participating in DECA, he worked on a project to teach economics to elementary students; that project earned him a trip to DECA Nationals his senior year, where he finished in the top tier of project competitors.



Donnie Anderson, STEM teacher at Heritage School, believes in experiential learning as a means for dispelling students' preconceived notions that science is hard or that they can't do math. Photo credit Deanna Kruger

Anderson attended college at Angelos State University in Texas, married his high school sweetheart, and then finished college at Eastern Michigan University. Fast forward to Heritage School in Stockbridge, where Anderson is now living the dream teaching kindergarten through fourth grade students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

His students really enjoy the active nature of Anderson's class along with his teaching methods. He provides a lot of mini learning centers in the classroom, with many hands-on activities that give kids a choice of what they want to do in class and how they want to complete assignments. His classroom is kid friendly and boasts a 3-to-4-foot-tall roller coaster built from K'NEX and a black light that makes the kids' clothes glow in the dark!

This month, Anderson checked out a banjo from the Stockbridge library, and he's been using it to teach his students about synthetic sounds.

Anderson, who's a big fan of old cartoon characters like Bugs Bunny, Marvin the Martian, and Scooby Doo, wants learning to be fun.

"I truly believe in the philosophy of experiential learning, including learning through play. It's important to help my students overcome any preconceived notions that science is hard or that they can't do math," Anderson explained. "They turn that corner in learning because they want to, not because they have to."

See Staff Spotlight on page 21.



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#### **Bridge to Wellness**

#### Nurture a healthy holiday spirit this season



During the holiday season, remember to set aside some time to care for yourself, your loved ones and your community. Photo credit Brigitte Tohm on unsplash.com

#### by Patti Bihn, BSN, RN

While the holiday season can be a lighthearted time full of joy and good cheer, the hustle and bustle and stress that comes along with it can lead to a dark period of anxiety, loneliness and regret for some. Remember to set aside some time to care for yourself, your loved ones and your community.

#### Tips for embracing a healthy spirit

- Be realistic about what you can do. Don't put the focus of the entire holiday season on just one day. Activities can be spread out to reduce stress and increase enjoyment. Make a list and prioritize the important activities.
- Life brings changes. Each season is different and can be enjoyed and celebrated in its own way. Don't set yourself up by comparing today with the "good old days."
- Try volunteering. Offer some of your time to help others.
- Enjoy activities that are free or low-cost. Try things like taking a drive to look at holiday decorations, going window shopping or making a snowman with children.
- Be aware. Excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.
- Spend time with supportive and caring people. Reach out and make new friends or contact someone you haven't talked to in a while.
- Save time for yourself and recharge your batteries! Let others share in the responsibility of planning activities so you can free up some of your own time. Recognize when it's more than just the blues

As the days get shorter, with longer, colder nights, many people find themselves feeling sad. They tend to suffer from symptoms of depression during the winter months, with those symptoms subsiding during the spring and summer. For many, it's simply a normal response to less sunlight, but for others, it can be a clinical form of depression called seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Some people respond well to light therapy, while others may also need support from medication.

Additional support may be needed if you are experiencing ongoing feelings of sadness or despair, see changes in your sleep patterns and/or appetite, or are lacking concentration and interest in your daily life. Seek professional help for a diagnosis and treatment from your primary care doctor or mental health care provider. To determine whether you are experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition, take a screening at: screening.mhanational.org



This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC). Patti Bihn is the Faith Community Nurse Liaison and Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Coach at Chelsea Hospital.

#### Marine biology page 7



Stockbridge students examine specimens collected during their field experience. Photo provided by Bob Richards

While at MarineLab, the FFA members participated in a series of labs and snorkeling expeditions to learn more about the ocean and marine science. Senior FFA member Kaden Carpenter, who is on track to become a marine biologist, recounts her experiences.

"It was an experience of a lifetime and a great insight into my future. I really enjoyed the Mote Marine Laboratory giving us the opportunity to help restore coral," she said.

Stockbridge wasn't the only school at MarineLab, however. Other schools from Florida and Texas also were in attendance. Junior FFA member Logan Hollenbeck describes how these schools impacted him.

"It was an amazing opportunity to bond with these other schools over our shared interest in marine science," he said. These connections the Stockbridge FFA members built with those other schools will impact them for the rest of their lives

Thank you to everyone who supported the Stockbridge FFA Chapter in its marine science endeavor. Your generosity and assistance helped make this experience possible. If you would like any more information on Stockbridge FFA or the MarineLab trip, please visit the Facebook page for Stockbridge FFA.

#### Stockbridge Wellness Center page 1

Cope added, "Our new teen membership makes it easier for teens to get the exercise they need to stay healthy and active, and it provides them with a safe and supportive environment to do so."

The teen membership allows teens to have full access to Stockbridge Wellness Center without their parent or legal guardian needing to have a membership. Teens will have full access to the Wellness Center, including the fitness floor and group exercise classes.

The teen membership is available for \$23 per month, with a \$25 enrollment fee at the time of enrollment. Parent/legal guardian must provide EFT for electronic billing. To register for a teen membership, parents/legal guardians must attend the center with their teen to complete the registration process.

Scholarships are available to individuals who meet financial criteria. To learn more about the teen membership or to schedule an enrollment appointment, please visit the Member Service Desk at Stockbridge Wellness Centers or call 517-851-4486.

#### **Outreach in Action**

#### Making the most of pantry foods during winter

#### by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

As local fresh food options dwindle in Michigan's winter months, many folks turn to frozen, canned and packaged foods. The Outreach pantry offers all three types, including frozen meat, canned vegetables and fruits, and packaged mixes of all sorts.

Outreach is always looking for delicious, simple and inexpensive recipes to share with our clients. Here we feature some favorites shared with us by clients, volunteers and staff. We hope you like them! NOTE: If you have a recipe that makes sense for our clients, please send it to outreach49285@gmail.com.

#### **Ramen Noodle Hacks**

One serving, per package of ramen, when made according to directions, takes about 10 minutes. Skip the spice packet to reduce salt intake; instead consider these possible enhancements:

- One egg: As ramen is cooking, drizzle Chopped green onions: Sprinkle on a whipped egg into the simmering ramen to make a sort-of egg drop soup.
- One-quarter cup of canned peas or a vegetable of your choice: Add to simmering ramen.
- top of cooked ramen.
- Chopped peanuts: Sprinkle on top of cooked ramen.

#### Black Bean Chili (Recipe from J. Kemp)

4 servings. Takes about 1.5 hours.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 onions, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 16-oouce cans black beans, rinsed
- 1 can crushed, fire-roasted tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin

- ½ teaspoon salt & pepper
- 1 teaspoon tamari sauce
- Water as needed

- 2 teaspoons oregano

- 2 teaspoons dried cilantro or parsley
- ½ teaspoon lemon juice

Directions: In soup pot, sauté onion until caramelized. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant, then add seasonings and tamari sauce. Stir. Add beans and tomatoes. Add water to desired consistency. Simmer for one hour on low. Note: Great served over Fritos!

#### Roasted Root Vegetables (Recipe from www.myplate.gov)

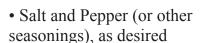
3-4 servings. Takes about 1 hour if using canned vegetables, more if using fresh.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can of potatoes
- 1 can of sweet potatoes
- 1 can of carrots
- 2 parsnips, peeled and chopped (also works for turnips, rutabagas or beets)
- ½ cup vegetable oil or olive oil

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain canned vegetables. (If using fresh, clean and cut them.) Place all vegetables in a medium bowl and drizzle oil over the top. Add seasonings and Parmesan and mix well. Spread an even, single layer of the whole mixture on a baking sheet or pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until tender. (Please note: Fresh vegetables may need to cook longer than canned.) Note: This method also works for other fresh vegetables including Brussels sprouts, onions and cabbage.

See Outreach on page 18.

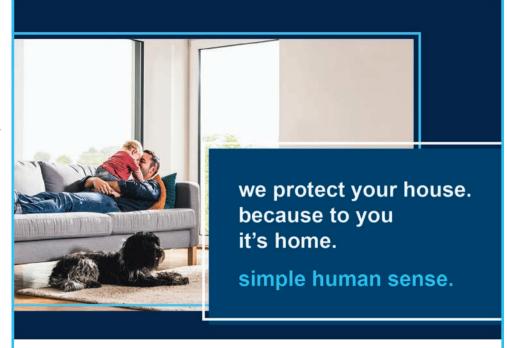


• 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, if desired



As local fresh food options dwindle in winter, many folks turn to frozen, canned and packaged foods. Stockbridge Community Outreach can help. Image credit Nadia Pimenova on Unsplash.com







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## From the Superintendent's Desk

#### Stockbridge Community Schools working to develop lifelong learners

Hello Stockbridge Families,

Stockbridge Community Schools' mission is to develop lifelong, confident learners, who have the resources and skills necessary for success in a changing world. We all know how much our world is changing. One way that we support students to achieve this mission is by using the Multi-tiered Systems of Supports.

MTSS. Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) are a framework that we use to support students in their academic learning process, their behavioral needs and in their social emotional learning. These tiers of supports are designed to provide students with a graduated level of supports based on their needs. All students receive tier one supports in the classroom. It is expected that 80% of students will achieve success with this level of supports. Tier two supports are expected for about 20% of students who need additional supports including small groups and additional time. It is expected that 5% of the neediest students will require tier three intensive supports, which include additional time and focused supports added to the tier one and tier two supports they are already receiving.

**District goals.** We use this MTSS framework to focus on the district goals: 1) to help all students be proficient in literacy K-12, 2) to help all students be proficient in mathematics K-12, 3) to help all students develop healthy relationships, mental health, a sense of belonging and safety, 4) to help all students reach proficiency in all content areas and specials through implementation of best assessment practices.

**Professional development**. This year we are using the half days each month to work on these goals by having all of the professional staff meet in Panther Improvement Teams that we call PIT Crews. We have organized all of the staff into groups to focus on these four goals and they meet regularly to move our school improvement plan forward. While we move these goals forward to promote student engagement and learning, we also are addressing other needs by focusing on team building, relationships, cross curricular and grade level planning, parent engagement, and more.

I am so pleased with the work that our staff is doing and the focus that they are putting on student learning. With all of the distractions over the past few years, it is very encouraging to see the work that they are doing to provide opportunity for our students.

Brian Friddle

Superintendent of Schools

### In Remembrance

Stockbridge Community News publishes death notices and obituaries on our website. Facebook page and Twitter feed as soon as we receive notice. This way, friends and loved ones will learn of your loved one's passing right away, so they won't inadvertently miss funeral and memorial services. All too often weekly publications circulate after services are held.

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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

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

#### Rock 'n' Roll page 6

In 1965, they changed the band name to The Tyrtles, intentionally misspelled in the same vein as The Byrds (and Beatles) but that spelling was rectified to the correct one. "It Ain't Me Babe" was their breakthrough hit (No. 8, 1965) followed by "Let Me Be" (No. 29, 1965) and You Baby (No. 20, 1966). In 1966, the band appeared in a little-known film, "Out Of Sight" and went on to have a total of 17 Hot 100 singles until 1970 when the band split up. Kaylan and Volman joined Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention and later performed as a duo, Flo & Eddie.

Q: There's a song lyric that goes "when I rolled with the punches, I got knocked on the ground by all this bulls\*\*t going down." Nobody can tell me what this song is.

A: It's "Fight the Power (PT. 1)" by The Isley Brothers, a No. 4 single in 1975. Often mistaken as a song about black power, it's more about rising above difficulties and surviving. According to Marvin Isley, "We decided not to be passive, to take a stand; and we met hardly any resistance because that power could be anything – we all have our different conceptions of what it is to each of us. And just letting it out – about the bulls\*\*t that does go down – is something that everyone wants to do." Another Isley brother, Ernie, came up with the chorus while taking a shower; he turned the water off, got out and wrote it down before he forgot it.

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.

## STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Memorable volleyball season ends with district loss to Dansville



Alaina Kellenberger reaches to power tip the ball past the blocker. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Maggie Jones tips the ball over the net. a 10-8 lead.

#### by Mike Williamson

One of the best seasons in recent memory came to an end when the Stockbridge volleyball team dropped a three-set match to Dansville in the district opener in Leslie Monday, Oct. 30.

The Panthers came up short against the eventual district champion Aggies 21-25, 18-25, 20-25 to finish the season with a 24-12-2 overall record.

Stockbridge jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead in the opening set, but Dansville answered with eight straight points to take

The Panthers would get within 14-13, but the Aggies would go on a 10-4 run for a 24-17 lead. Stockbridge tried to get back in it with four straight points, but a missed serve ended the set 25-21.

The second set saw Stockbridge take an 11-10 lead and trail 14-13 before the Aggies scored three straight for a 17-13 lead. The lead would grow to 20-16 and Dansville would put the set away 25-18 for a 2-0 lead.

Dansville jumped out to a 10-4 lead in the third set, but the Panthers bounced back to take a 12-11 lead.

The set was tied at 14 when Dansville went on a 5-0 run for a 19-14 lead and closed in on the match with a 23-15 lead. Stockbridge would score four straight to cut the lead to 23-19, but Dansville would close it out 25-20 to win the match 3-0 and end the Panthers season.

Maggie Jones recorded 10 kills, one block and two digs to lead the Panthers.

Megan Mackinder had a strong all-around game with eight kills, four aces and

five digs, while Alaina Kellenberger had four kills, two blocks and one dig for the Panthers.

Taylor Lockhart had three kills, one ace and eight digs, while Jessica Sparks had five digs and one ace. Grace Burg chipped in with two kills, one ace, three digs and two assists. Maddie Dalton dished out 24 assists, six digs, one block and one ace, while Gracee Robidou had three digs.

## **Panthers runners finish strong at State Cross Country Finals**



Emily Satkowiak picks up the pace. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



JayLee Chapman closes in on a runner.



Ethan Wright passes several runners.

#### by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge cross country teams were represented by four runners at the Division 3 State Finals at Michigan International Speedway Saturday, Nov. 4, and all four had strong showings at the race.

Freshman Emily Satkowiak and sophomore JayLee Chapman represented the Stockbridge girls team and both ran their second-fastest races of the season at the State Finals. Both runners had their fastest times of the season at the home invitational, which is considered a very flat and fast course

Satkowiak finished 170th with a time of 21:57.3. Her only faster time this season was at the home Stockbridge Invitational with a 21:36.9.

Chapman came home 182nd in 22:11.3. Her fastest time this season also was at Stockbridge with a 21:42.

William Gancer and Ethan Wright ran in the boys finals for the Panthers.

Gancer is just a freshman and set a new personal record at the finals with a time of 17:45.8 and finished 140th.

In his senior season, Wright struggled with injuries throughout the season, but he was able to finish strong by qualifying for the State Finals. It was his third time running at the State Finals and he finished 175th with a time of 18:15.2. It was his second-fastest time of the season.

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#### Traveling in Pakistan: A surprisingly pleasant experience of a lifetime



**Kyle Lilley and Madie Gee-Montgomery** sip tea in Lahore, Pakistan. Photos provided by Madie Gee-Montgomery



Madie enjoys a traditional Pakistani meal of roti bread (aka: chapati) and chana masala.

#### by Madie Gee-Montgomery

If I told you we visited a place with rich culture, amazing food, and some of the most hospitable people in the world, where would you guess we were? Most would say Europe, Central America, or most of Southeast Asia, if you've ever been. Many would not guess we are talking about a place where most Americans wouldn't dare to go: Pakistan.

Walking through the streets of Southern Pakistan after an overnight flight from Amsterdam was a shocking sight. All you see are crumbling buildings, arid landscapes, and military presence around every corner with giant AK-47s in hand. Coming from a Western country, this can be really daunting. We have never visited a place that is SO different from home, yet we continued to be pleasantly surprised.

Kyle needed a haircut so we asked a group of young men if they could show us where a barber shop was. One of the men happily led us into a dark alleyway where we found a barber who agreed to give Kyle a haircut. After 30 minutes plus of meticulously cutting hair, we went to pay the barber \$1.74, double what the barber said the haircut cost, and the nice man refused to let us pay. He stated that we were guests in his country and this was his way of welcoming us. We were speechless.

About a week later, we headed over to Peshawar, a town in the middle of Pakistan that is about 30

miles from the Afghanistan border. This town is known as the "oldest city in Pakistan" and is a place where the Taliban is still present to this day. With this in mind, we were leery of visiting, but ended up having the best travel experience we've had in visiting nearly 30 countries when we were invited to stay in a local's home.

To keep the story short, we took a two-hour bus ride to Peshawar from the capital city, Islamabad, where we left all of our luggage in a hotel. We walked around the markets for a few hours wearing traditional clothing to fit in, which meant I wore a head covering. Everyone we encountered was so kind and helpful, including a doctor we met when trying to get back to the bus station. She invited us to the clinic to have lunch with her and we agreed, figuring we would just take a later bus back to Islamabad.

After spending a few hours with her and the lead doctor, they invited us to stay in their home where we were fed WAY too much food, drank about 10 cups of green tea, and were shown around the city at night—all from the perspective of a local.

When traveling, you sometimes need to branch out and trust the process. Who knew we'd find such an amazing experience in a country we've only heard negative things about since we were young.

All photos provided by Kyle Lilley and Madie Gee-Montgomery. Additional photos available at stockbridgecommunitynews.com

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#### Outreach page 14

Papa Don's Quick Chili (Recipe from Don Crandall)

3-4 servings. Takes about 30 minutes

#### Ingredients

- ½ pound ground beef
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped, divided
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can tomatoes
- Cumin and chili powder to taste

Directions: Brown and season the beef with half the onion. Discard excess grease. Add remaining ingredients, including the other half of the onion. Cook over medium heat and season to taste. Note: Good with grated cheese on top.

#### Ground Pork Casserole (Recipe from Jerry McGraw)

3-4 servings. Takes about 1 hour Ingredients:

- 1 box Stove Top Stuffing
- 1 pound ground pork, browned (canned, cooked pork also works well)
- 1 can mixed vegetables
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 cup water

Directions: Mix the stuffing and seasonings in a bowl and dampen with water. Rinse pork and brown, draining fat. Place half the pork in the bottom of a casserole dish. Layer half the stuffing mix on top of the pork, then add a layer using half of the mixed vegetables. In a separate bowl, add the water to the soup and mix well. Drizzle half the soup mixture over the top, then repeat layers. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven until bubbly, about 30 minutes.

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.

#### Unadilla Township Police Department welcomes new detective Nicholas Rainwater

#### by Amber Walker Smith

Unadilla Township is delighted to welcome Nicholas Rainwater to the UTPD.

Nic will be serving as a detective for our community. Rainwater brings years of experience as an MCOLES-certified officer having served for the Genessee County Sheriff's Department, Lake Angeles Police Department, as well as the Linden Township Police Department.

Sgt. Nan Gelman said, "I have known Nic for several years. He is a dedicated, caring and professional police officer and I know he will be a unique asset to the department and community."

Nic currently is serving as an advanced police training coordinator for Oakland Community College and is a certified instructor in many areas including firearms, drug investigation, and defensive tactics, to name a few.

The department will utilize Rainwater's skillset for investigation of felony and misdemeanor crimes, interviews and interrogations, crime scene processing and case data collection.

Chief David Russell stated, "We are excited to have Nic as a part of the team. His personality, character, and skills will be a tremendous asset and blessing to our community."

Detective Rainwater was sworn in on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Community members welcomed Nicholas Rainwater at the Township Board Meeting Thursday, Nov. 30.

#### **Local Churches Celebrate Christmas**







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#### 29th Community Thanksgiving Dinner—Another Success Story

by Mary Jo David

Erin Smith and her band of more than 50 volunteers were at it again this year, coordinating, planning and executing the 29th Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The team accommodated all those who wanted to partake in a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner by offering dine-in, pick-up, and even some delivery options.

More than 400 meals were served to the community, with the remaining food donated to Interfaith Shelter in Jackson. More than 300 pounds of potatoes were donated, as were the more than 500 dessert portions. Forty turkeys were gathered, and the few that weren't needed for the dinner were donated to Stockbridge Area Outreach. In previous years, an account was set up to save money for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner efforts. Thanks to the generosity of the community, enough monetary donations came in this year so the dinner organizers did not need to take money out of the account.

If you ever need to surround yourself with smiles on Thanksgiving, this is the place to be—from the moment you walk in the door. Volunteers were happy to help and guests were delighted to break bread together.

Special thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time and talents and to those who donated food, gift cards, and cash to, once again, make the Community Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. There are far too many to thank individually, but you know who you are.

Photos provided by Mary Jo David



























300+ lbs Potatoes







#### **Active Aging**

#### Gift an aging senior with your time this holiday season

by Stacey Glemser

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

Well, thank goodness for that—nobody wants to see a mouse loose in the house! But during the holidays, we do want to see our loved ones, and that includes our gracefully aging seniors.

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, going from one event to another and focusing on checking items off of our (naughty or nice) shopping list. Often we find ourselves too busy to take the time to truly be present with our loved ones. How can we possibly be everywhere with so little time? Frequently, the reality is that the stress of the holiday season—no matter how we choose to celebrate it—can wreak havoc on our mind, body and soul.

Remind yourself it's OK to take a break and spend some time with your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors, and your community. Sadly, some seniors in our community will be spending the holidays without their loved ones. Now is the time for us to stop and be with our elders and to make plans to share our time with others.

Below are some helpful tips on how you can help make a senior's holiday extra special this year.

- Open your Home: Invite a senior, or seniors, to your home for a holiday celebration or a random small gathering.
- Consider a "How Ya Doin'" Check-in: Stop in and visit with your elderly neighbors, even if it is just to say "Hi!"
- Prepare a Meal: Make your loved ones their favorite meal, and think about taking a home-cooked meal to a senior neighbor or asking the neighbor over for dinner.
- Help with Winter Prep: Help a senior prepare for the winter by assisting with putting summer stuff up and bringing their winter necessities out.
- Be of General Assistance: Many seniors struggle with the ever-changing world around them. Offering your assistance in getting the hang of technology or navigating doctors' appointments could make a world of difference for a senior.
- Promote Connections: Make sure seniors in your family and your senior acquaintances know about the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC). It's a wonderful place for seniors to connect with other seniors and members of our community. The center offers many different activities and ways to find new connections. Participating can help build lasting relationships and a wonderful support system where they focus on seniors first.
- **Volunteer:** The SASC will open its doors to your volunteerism. The Center has many volunteer opportunities and accepts volunteers of all ages. Also, check with the Tri County Office on Aging for other opportunities to volunteer your time with our community seniors.

Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!

Stacey Glemser is vice president of the board of directors of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC)—a great place to spend time. Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org or call 517-480-0353 for information.



SASC staff, along with some of the center's members, celebrating the holidays together in 2022. Photo credit Dana Blaszkowski



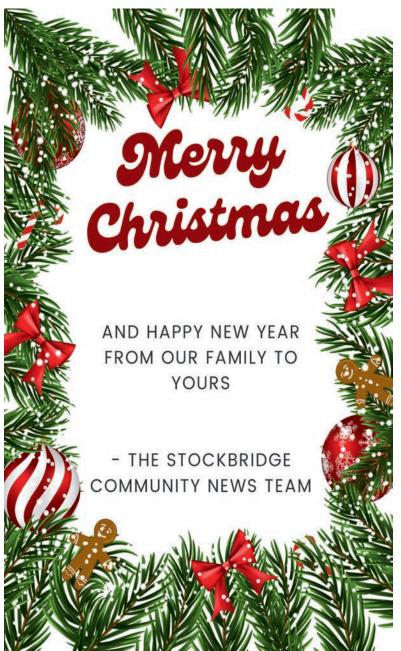


The Stockbridge Area Senior Center on Elm Street is a great place to spend time in the lead-up to the holidays. Photo credit Dana Blaszkowski



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#### **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** – Holiday Family Storytime (Ages up to 6), 10:30 to 11 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

**Dec. 1:** CADL Stockbridge Libary Silent Auction. Browse and bid on giftable treasures or find treasures for yourself.

**Dec. 1** – Steam Drop-in Lab (Ages 8 and up) at the Stockbridge Library

**Dec. 2** – Waterloo Farm Museum 28th Annual Christmas on the Farm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm Museum

**Dec. 2 -** Bev Penix Toy Drive, 7 p.m. at Mackinder Glenn Legion

**Dec. 3** – Waterloo Farm Museum 28th Annual Christmas on the Farm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm Museum

**Dec. 5** – Sons of American Legion Meetings, 7 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510

**Dec. 6** – Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 6** – Advent Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 13** – Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 13** – Advent Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

Dec. 14 – Alpacas at the Holidays (All Ages), 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

**Dec. 15** - Gifts/items for adopted families due at Outreach by 3 p.m.

**Dec. 20** – Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 20** – Advent Worship Service, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 23** – 4th Sunday of Advent, 4 p.m. at St. James, Mason (See page 18)

**Dec. 24** – 4th Sunday of Advent, 8:30 a.m. at Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Leslie (See page 18)

**Dec. 24** – Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Service, 4 and 10 p.m. at St. James, Mason (See page 18)

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. at Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Leslie (See page 18)

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service, 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (See page 18)

**Dec. 25** – Christmas Day Service, 10:30 a.m. at St. James, Mason (See page 18)

**Dec. 26** – American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Meetings, 7 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Mackinder Glenn Post 510

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He is excited to see with his own eyes that the past trend of only boys being interested in STEM is reversing, and now girls are loving STEM subjects just as much as the boys.

"This week one of my students thought she saw a rocket launch into the night sky. I love that she was thinking about science outside of the classroom and then coming back to school where we talked about all the possibilities of what she might have actually seen."

Anderson encourages the parents of all students to look for learning opportunities outside of school. Frequently, parents come to school and laugh about how their kids often point out hexagons to their families using Mr. Anderson's famous saying, "Hexagons are BESTagons!" He also suggests that museums are awesome places to learn and says even their own adult children still like visiting museums with him and his wife.

As for his students, Anderson has simple advice for them as they move on in their educational journey, "Always be curious and work hard." And then he can't stop himself. He adds one more piece of advice for good measure: "Don't forget to be a BESTagon!"

**Woah Nellie!** 

## Memories in the kitchen, while not always fun, are still to be treasured

by Mary Jo David

About once a year, Nellie Maxwell's recipes have to take a backseat to strong memories this writer just can't suppress. This is one of those months. Writing this column in time for the December issue of Stockbridge Community News falls right in line with my mom's 100th birthday this week. Although she is no longer with us, her presence is regularly felt by her seven kids and her grandkids—and nowhere more poignantly than in the kitchen, especially as we prepare for big holiday celebrations.



Top: Our youngest sister may have inherited the "Cooky Book" but we each have an apron sewn by Mom. Steamed plum puddings can be labor intensive but evoke great memories. Bottom: Mom's homemade biscuits were a staple in our home, and her memory lives on with the ornament we each have and in our family recipe book. Most photos by Mary Jo David. "What's Cookin'..." cover photo by Kevin McMonagle.

Mom was never one to enjoy company in the kitchen while she was cooking. Cooking dinner each day was probably the only time she had to herself, so none of us can really credit her for teaching us how to cook. I recall one time when my fun-loving dad decided to sneak up and tickle her in the ribs while she was browning some meat on the stove. Startled and caught completely off guard, she reacted by spinning around and smacking the intruder—poor Dad—on the cheek with the hot metal spatula! Needless to say, nobody messed with Mom in the kitchen after that.

She would, however, allow us to help in the kitchen if there was a particularly torturous job that needed doing—like using scissors to cut up mounds of dates for Dad's favorite sandwich cookies at Christmastime. Luckily, we were usually on school break by then since we generally lost all feeling in our fingers and couldn't hold a pen or pencil for a few days after that.

Mom scheduled a day each year to have our grandma join her to bake Christmas cookies. It was always a school day so they'd have the kitchen to themselves—until my youngest sister was born. Believe it when people say the youngest ones are usually spoiled! From the time she was old enough to spin a story, our baby sister came down with a mystery illness so she could stay home and bake with Mom and Grandma. She is also the sister who happened to inherit my mom's pride and joy—her KitchenAid stand mixer—and Mom's "Betty Crocker Cooky Book." Despite how it sounds, I bear my youngest sister no ill will; she's a great cook and always willing to send samples from her kitchen to extended family!

Occasionally before the holidays, cousins and siblings in our extended family get together to bake traditional pork pies and meat pies (see January 2023

Woah Nellie!). I'm happy to say, later in life, Mom did invite us, as adults, into her kitchen to learn how to make these.

The David siblings also have our grandma and our mom to thank for knowing how to make plum pudding (not a "pudding" in the more modern sense of the word). Although I've made them a few times, I find them to be labor intensive, mixing the extra thick dough and then filling cans with the mix, covering those cans with foil and string, and steaming them for hours on the stove. However, one bite into a dish of plum pudding with "hard sauce" (a definite misnomer) is all it takes to whisk me back into my childhood to relive memories of the happy times we spent with extended family at Christmas.

One staple we grew up on was my mom's homemade biscuits. They were best right out of the oven, which was fine because there weren't often leftovers. As we grew up and left home, Mom was good about sending batches of biscuits for us to put in the freezer. Thawed, warmed, and slathered with butter and/or jam, these treasures provided us each with a little taste of heaven without all the hard work. After my mom passed away, I found a bag of frozen biscuits still in my freezer. I thought long and hard about what I could do to honor my mom with this last batch. That's when I had a brainstorm—I turned these biscuits into Christmas ornaments for everyone in my family.

This, the year of my mom's 100th birthday, also marks 30 years since she passed away. And still, to this day, our biscuit ornament is one of the first to be hung on the tree, always front and center. And every year, someone in the extended family notices it—and that's all it takes to start sharing the memories.



#### Ask an Expert: Signs of hidden damage to a vehicle after a traffic crash



by John and Theresa Kightlinger

More than 6 million car accidents happen each year in the U.S., and more than 30% of those are rear-end collisions. Most fender benders are minor and happen at slow speeds, leaving little cosmetic damage, if any.

However, vehicles can sustain other kinds of damage that can be hard to spot if you don't know what you're looking for. This is what the automotive industry calls "hidden damage" or collision damage to the frame, mechanics, or electrical systems within a vehicle that is not visible from the outside.

Here are five signs that you might have hidden damage:

Steering issues. Problems with your car's steering can be a sign that your vehicle's frame is out of alignment after a collision. The frame of a vehicle is like its skeleton; even a slight misalignment can put stress on other parts of the vehicle and cause additional damage. Here are some common symptoms of alignment damage to your vehicle:

- The steering wheel seems to gravitate one direction when you're driving.
- The steering wheel is shaky or wobbly.
- · Noisy steering.

Kightlinger

• The vehicle vibrates or shudders when in gear.

A bumpy ride. If you've been in a collision recently and your ride has suddenly gotten a lot bumpier, it could be another sign that your vehicle's frame is out of alignment and is damaging your car's suspension system. Your car's



More than 6 million car accidents happen in the U.S. each year. Photo credit Michael Jin on unsplash.com

suspension system regulates friction between the tires and the road to limit the impact of road conditions and help you maintain control of the car. As suspension parts like struts and shocks wear down, they're unable to absorb the impact of potholes and grooves in the pavement, making your ride rougher. It may be annoying at first, but if left unattended, suspension issues can cause your car to bottom out when you hit a speed bump or steep driveway, which can damage the undercarriage and create mechanical issues.

Malfunctioning ADAS features. The newer your vehicle is, the more sensors it likely will have housed in the auto body. These sensors control Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS) features like blind spot monitoring, cruise control and others. ADAS features are amazing innovations that can improve the driving experience, but the sensors are susceptible to damage in a collision because of where they're located. For example, in a rear-end collision, the impact can damage sensors in the bumper, causing ADAS features to malfunction or fail. It is possible for a minor fender-bender to damage the sensors embedded in a car's bumper without causing any visible cosmetic damage. If you've been in an accident recently and your blind spot monitoring features malfunction or stop working, it may be a sign of hidden damage to the sensors in your bumper.

Leaking fluid. If your car begins to leak fluid or have issues with acceleration or shifting gears after an accident, it could be a sign of transmission damage. Rearwheel drive (RWD) and all-wheel drive (AWD) vehicles have transmission components near the rear of the car that can be susceptible to damage in a rear-end collision.

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Find a certified collision repairer near you: After you've been in an accident, a professional technician at a local collision repair shop will be able to repair hidden

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

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