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## SCN's Judy Williams places in Press Women's national writing contest, once again



by Agnes Geiger

When you're a news writer and reporter for your local newspaper, you don't work for the glory. All you need is a favorable comment or two to keep going and the knowledge that you've done a good job in providing a service for your community.

So receiving national recognition is a rare thing, at least for most local writers. But Stockbridge Community News writer Judy Williams is an exception.

Williams, who also serves as SCN's treasurer, recently received an honorable mention award in the National Federation of Press Women's 2024 National Communications Contest. Award winners were announced June 22 during the organization's national conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Winning at the national level in the annual NFPW Professional Communications Contest is nothing new for Judy Williams, who received an honorable mention this year. Photo provided by Judy Williams

Williams' winning article, "Fire Up Panthers! Stockbridge students create a small business," was first published on the SCN website Dec. 7, 2023, and reprinted in SCN's January 2024 edition. It detailed the development of a microbusiness owned and operated by eight young men in the Stockbridge Jr./Sr. High School's special education program. For their business, the students decided to make and sell fire starters.

"Fantastic story on a great topic!" the at-large contest judge wrote. "What great students these young gentlemen are."

See NFPW on page 19.

## Gregory's Stuart Kenewell honored as DNR Hunter Education Instructor of the Year



2023 Michigan DNR Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Stuart Kenewell, of Gregory (pictured with plaque), is surrounded by his son and daughter (left) and his wife (right) along with staff from the DNR's recreational safety and education program. Photo provided by Michigan DNR

On June 27, 2024, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that Stuart Kenewell, of Gregory, is the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2023 Hunter Education Instructor of the Year. This honor was bestowed at the June meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission in Lansing.

Kenewell, who was nominated by other volunteer hunter education instructors, is credited for certifying thousands of students during 38 years of volunteering, creating community

programs to support hunter education and hunting, and recruiting new volunteer instructors, while positively representing hunting and outdoor recreation.

See Stuart Kenewell on page 13.

## Stockbridge benefits from LEAP grant targeting rural gathering spaces



LEAP awarded the Village of Stockbridge one of its six Small Town Enhancement Grants. The Village will use the funds to transform patio space next to its new Village Hall location. Image credit Lansing Economic Area Partnership

### Information provided by LEAP

On July 9, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) announced the recipients of its Small Town Enhancement Grant. This grant is a new initiative that fosters growth in rural communities through smart projects, requested by the

community, for revitalizing public gathering spaces. The program is the latest addition to LEAP's strategic regional plan.

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## Rural Perspectives: Groundhogs stay busy doubling their weight after long winter naps



Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

The groundhog (*Marmota monax*) is a burrowing rodent that is in the same family as tree and ground squirrels, chipmunks, and prairie dogs. It is also known as a "whistlepig" or a "woodchuck" (from its Algonquian name "wucack," which means "digger").

The adult is 17 to 26 inches long, tip-to-tail, and weighs 5 to 14 pounds. They do not store winter food like others in the squirrel family; instead, during the summer, they pack in enough food to double their weight in preparation for winter hibernation, which lasts four to six months.

The male awakens in early February to search for a female and will mate in early March. They share a den until the three-to-six offspring are born. At this point the male leaves and may return once the babies are able to leave the den. In about two to three months, the pups (or "chuckings") are on their own and will have an average life span



Groundhogs are smart, quick, and agile. They often climb trees when threatened by larger predators.

Photo credit Diane Constable

of about three years.

Groundhogs live in fields and woodlots and mostly eat grasses, fruits, leaves, and problematically, agricultural and garden crops. They also munch on grasshoppers, slugs and other small creatures.

Although they interact and communicate with each other using whistles and clucking sounds, they have personal living quarters. They make extensive underground dens that are below the frostline. These burrows can be up to 40 feet long and have multiple entrances and various rooms for sleeping, raising young, and going to the bathroom; they even have a peephole. The tunnels also offer shelter to other animals, and the act of tunnel digging helps aerate and mix the soil.

The dens and entry holes can cause problems if built too close to buildings (especially building foundations) or where farming equipment is used. Predators include mink, foxes, coyotes, eagles, and hawks.

### Fun Facts:

- Groundhogs are smart, quick, agile, and good swimmers. They will often climb trees when threatened by larger predators such as dogs or coyotes.

- Groundhog Day was started in the 1700s in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, by a German immigrant who wanted to celebrate Candlemas Day (Feb. 2) as he had in Europe. In Germany, part of this celebration involved viewing a hedgehog shadow to determine if the day was clear enough to cast a shadow, which predicted a longer winter. In Punxsutawney, instead of a hedgehog, a groundhog was used, and a new American tradition was born.

*As an avid photographer, Diane Constable regularly puts her formal education in both nature and photography to good use. Diane also enjoys gardening and her dogs and serves on the board of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club.*

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## Ingham County Sheriffs, Stockbridge Police, and SCS staff participate in Area Active Violence drill

by Terry Sommer

The Ingham County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Stockbridge Police Department and the Stockbridge Community Schools school district to organize an active violence training drill held at Stockbridge High School on Friday, July 26.

Law enforcement, fire personnel, dispatch, and school employees participated in a scenario to improve communication and readiness should the community face a future incident. The training involved over 30 different police, fire, and EMT units from different agencies, including 98 people in all, counting school personnel. The public was asked, in advance, to avoid the area if possible.

During each step of the drill, instructors were available to observe, encourage, and offer advice.

A debriefing was held following the drill, during which, all participants were prompted to ask questions, share observations of what went well, and offer ideas for where improvements could be made.

"We certainly hope the training is never needed, but we must be prepared given the prevalence of these incidents throughout our country," a spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office said in a news release prior to the training.

Stockbridge Police Chief Matthew Bartus stated, "The Stockbridge Police Department's top priority is the safety of our students. We are grateful to be able to collaborate with the Stockbridge Community Schools and Ingham County Sheriff's Office to create this exemplary school safety training."

Preliminary information for this story was provided by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.

*Photos by Terry Sommer.*



Michigan State Police Incident Command is just one of the agency units that participated in the mock active violence training drill.



A school staff member receives medical attention for a mock injury during the drill.

## Early voting has begun in Michigan's primary; Election Day set for Aug. 6

by Mary Jo David

Early voting for the Aug. 6 primary is already underway.

**Early, in-person voting:** Statewide, early in-person voting began on Saturday, July 27, and will run until Sunday, Aug. 4. No early in-person voting is available on Monday, Aug. 5, as precincts prepare for the Tuesday election.



Michigan's primary election is Aug. 6, 2024. Voters can vote early (absentee or in-person) or they can vote on Election Day. Photo from michigan.gov/som

**Important Note:** For early, in-person voting, you may need to vote at a different location than your typical precinct. To find out your early voting site, go to [mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index#early-voting-search-section](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index#early-voting-search-section). If you don't have online access, contact your county, village, or township clerk for this information.

**Mail-in ballots:** If you requested a mail-in ballot for this election, you should have already received your ballot in the mail. Contact your county, village, or township clerk if you did not receive this ballot.

You can return your completed ballot by mail or at your local drop-box or in person at your voting site. Two important notes: 1) Ballots were only mailed out to those who requested a mail-in ballot, and 2) Remember to sign your ballot before returning it.

*See Voting on page 12.*

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Woah Nellie!

## The 1960s called. They want their fish eyes back!

by Mary Jo David

What is it about olives—whether green or black—that led someone to say, "I think these would make wonderful fish eyes in a molded salad?" ☺ That idea caught on in the 1960s, and many samples are viewable on the internet today, like seafood mousse, tuna gelatin mold, and Thousand Island salmon spread.

What does this have to do with Nellie Maxwell's columns from 100 years ago? After scrolling through the 100-year-old August issues of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun, nothing was really grabbing me. Admittedly, this column has been light on main dishes, so I was really hoping for a good dinner recipe this month. But alas, it was not to be. I scrolled past "Calves Liver en Casserole," "Codfish Gravy," "Stuffed Calves Hearts," and "Larded Liver" before I gave up on main dishes. (Thank me later!)

That brought me to a couple of Nellie recipes for "Aspic Jelly," which is basically solidified chicken or beef consommé that gelatinized in the icebox after boiling the bones. Fun fact: Frigidaire and later General Electric began manufacturing refrigerators in the 1920s, but most U.S. households were keeping aspic and other foods cold using simple iceboxes in 1924.

Another advancement that promoted 1900's aspics and molded salads was the Knox company discovering how to granulate gelatin in the late 1800s. Some of Nellie's recipes call for adding this clear gelatin. Fancy, copper gelatin molds began appearing in the 1920s but usually in the homes of the well-to-do. They became much more common in average households in the 1950s and 1960s, often gracing the walls of midcentury modern kitchens.

Going back to Nellie's August 1924 columns, other than providing a source of collagen, her "Aspic Jelly" recipes just didn't seem exciting enough to devote a column to. But by then, my love affair with gelatin salads had resurfaced, and I decided, as the originator of this column, I could branch out a bit.

In all these years, I have never used Knox clear gelatin in a recipe. And I wasn't about to start with a recipe that called for fish eyes. Instead, I began googling and found a perfect summertime recipe that would not cause me to lose readers!

This month's recipe is "Molded Fruit Side Salad," which, although it was somewhat inspired by Nellie's "Aspic Jelly" recipe, is much more attractive and edible. I found a Facebook group called Struggle Meals, and watched Frankie Celenza come up with a "Fun Twist on a Side Salad," so I decided to follow his lead.

His recipe wasn't printed anywhere, and I did make some modifications, so here is the modified recipe:

### Molded Fruit Side Salad

4 envelopes	Knox unflavored gelatin
3 cups	Water
1-1/4 cups	Sugar
1	Lemon (juice only)
6 ounces	Fresh raspberries
1 can (29 ounces)	Peaches, drained
16 ounces	Frozen cherry berry fruit medley, thawed
16 ounces	Fresh strawberries, hulled

See Woah Nellie on page 19.



Aspic in the 1920s led to creative molded gelatins of the 1950s and 1960s—a craze we may be better off leaving behind! This month we feature a simple but attractive molded fruit salad (right) for your summer enjoyment.

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## Reading Between the Lines Rest, relaxation and reading: Drift away with a new 2024 beach read this summer

by Jessica Martell

Beach reads are escapist literature of the highest order. The genre includes instantly engaging, mind-candy page-turners that are easy to digest while at the beach. Often, but not always, books in this genre are also set in beachy locales—from Southern California, to the



This year, three authors who are considered beach-read royalty published new offerings just in time for summer. Photo credits Amazon.com

British seaside, to eastern Australia.

This year, three members of beach-read royalty published new offerings just in time for summer.

"**Funny Story**" by Emily Henry (April 2024): Emily Henry cemented her role in the beach read scene by publishing a book in 2020 literally titled "Beach Read." Using a similar titling strategy, this year Henry delivered "Funny Story." Henry writes books for book lovers—they're a bit more literary than a typical rom-com, and main characters are often connected to books or writing in some way. Incidentally, in 2022 Henry actually wrote a book called "Book Lovers."

Her latest book takes place in a small town on the shores of Lake Michigan. In the early pages of the novel, the reader learns the "funny story" of how the heroine, Daphne, a children's librarian, met her recently exed ex-fiance. Throughout the rest of the book, the reader is treated to the much funnier (think irony more than side-splitting laughter) story of how Daphne ends up with someone else. While enjoyable, this entry from Henry seemed to lack some of the depth of her earlier books, but that might be the very thing that makes it the perfect book to take to the lake.

"**Summers at the Saint**" by Mary Kay Andrews (May 2024): Before assuming the pen name Mary Kay Andrews, the writer published southern murder mysteries as

Kathy Hogan Trocheck. The name change signified a shift from shady whodunits (it's a stretch to call them "dark" but they're not exactly cozy either) to a broader range of contemporary fiction featuring elements of comedy, drama, romance and mystery. In other words: beach reads.

Setting often plays a prominent role in Andrews' works, many of which take place in and around Savannah, Georgia. "Summers at the Saint" delivers as expected on setting, taking place at a 5-star historic island resort off the coast of Savannah. However, Andrews seems to be returning to her murder-mystery roots with this darker-than-usual plot that includes three deaths, two attempted murders, and a sexual assault.

"Summers at the Saint" builds slowly as the reader meets an almost too large cast, which includes this year's hires at the resort, several members of the extended family that owns the resort, and many people who used to work and vacation there. That's a lot to keep track of for a beach reader whose attention might be divided between the book and waves lapping at the shore. Thankfully, once the action gets moving, the pieces fall into place, and readers are treated to a satisfying denouement.

"**Swan Song**" by Elin Hilderbrand (June 2024): Since the debut of her first book, "Beach Club," in 2000, Elin Hilderbrand has written nearly 30 books, almost all of which take place on Nantucket, making her the undisputed queen of the beach read. Over the course of her novels, Hilderbrand has resisted formulaic writing—some stories are mysteries, while others are romances, workplace dramas, or tributes to sisterhood.

Over the years, it seems like Hilderbrand has experimented with characters and style, really peaking with her last three books. Thus, the beach reading community is in something of a tizzy right now as Hilderbrand released the aptly named "Swan Song" in June, claiming that it will be her last Nantucket novel and that she is retiring from writing.

I started this year's beach reading by devouring "Funny Story," but I mosedied through "Summers at the Saint." "Swan Song" is up next on my summer reading list.

See *Reading Between the Lines* on page 11.





### Who We Are

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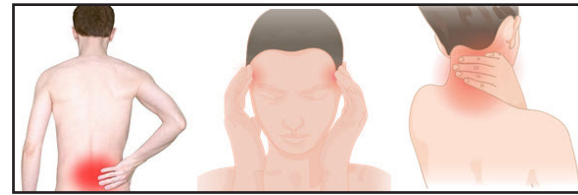
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# Six-week Chronic Pain Management Workshop begins in September



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by Christine Histed

Many common chronic pain conditions impact daily life, for example, arthritis, fibromyalgia, back pain, and so on. Living with a chronic pain condition can affect many aspects of life, including our ability or

desire to participate in social functions. Chronic pain can negatively impact relationships, cause frustration, and promote feelings of isolation.

Managing chronic pain means more than taking medication; it involves monitoring pain triggers, pacing activities, eating healthy, staying physically active, managing emotions, communicating what we need to others, and much more. All of these are topics that will be discussed in the Chronic Pain PATH Workshop, which is being held, conveniently, at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center. Note: "PATH" stands for "Personal Action Toward Health."

In this workshop, we won't focus on the pain condition itself; rather, we will focus on what we can do to manage our pain and take control of our lives.

The workshop will be held every Tuesday for six weeks, beginning Sept. 24 and finishing on Oct. 29. Sessions will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of pain condition. Each session will build on the previous session, so it is best if participants try to attend all, or most, sessions. (No new registrations will be accepted after the second week.)

This workshop is being offered in partnership with Tri-County Office on Aging, MSU Extension and Stockbridge Area Senior Center. Although it is free of charge, donations will be accepted.

To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or register at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center. The Stockbridge Area Senior Center address is shown below.

*Christine Histed is the evidence based program manager at Tri-County Office on Aging, a great resource for older adults in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. Visit [tcoa.org](http://tcoa.org) or call 517-887-1440 for more information. This Active Aging column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Senior Center, a great place to visit. Address: 219 W. Elm St., Stockbridge. SASC website: [stockbridgeareaseniors.org](http://stockbridgeareaseniors.org). SASC phone: 517-480-0353.*

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## Positive Parenting

**Parent like a Navy SEAL**

by Kelsey Rasmussen



Kelsey Rasmussen

After children's story time one Wednesday, I skimmed the back shelves of the Stockbridge Library where they sell used books for a dollar. Mothering boy-girl twins makes me curious about the different needs of boys and girls and how to best raise each, so "Raising Men" caught my eye. Author Eric Davis, a Navy SEAL and sniper instructor, validates the importance of involved fathers and mothers and the difficulty of parenting, and he gives practical advice for preparing our boys to grow into strong, confident and courageous men.

Rather than presenting a hyper-masculine doctrine, Davis makes a habit of asking, "How will this serve my child and the people around him in the future?" He asserts teaching children cause and consequence early and often, and has no-nonsense chapters like "Don't be Right. Be Effective" and "Get off your Ass."

Davis draws parallels between Navy SEAL training and parenting. In both, the stakes get higher and risks get bigger as you advance.

Early in the book, Davis explains, "The instructors know that either they or one of their teammates will potentially be going to war with one of these guys, and once a guy makes it all the way through SEAL training, there is nothing the instructors can do to him. Therefore, SEAL training is as much about protecting the community as it is about preparing a candidate to enter it. We're basically creating high-functioning citizens who will both excel within and improve the community they enter. (Imagine the world in which we would live if all parents did and thought the same for themselves and their kids.)"

Isn't that perspective about the importance of our home lives refreshing? And the reality is, parenting and SEAL training test one's very limits, and training never ends.

Another excerpt from Davis: "By experiencing cause and consequence in an unaltered and unsoftened environment, SEALs are able to develop their sense of personal responsibility and the autonomies required to succeed. They are trained to be responsible for every outcome, because they are free to control it. They are never victims of circumstance, always masters of their own universe. Similarly, as our sons age, the complexity of their choices increases along with their accountability and their freedom to make those choices, creating potential consequences that can significantly impact the entire team.

According to Davis, the goal of parents of sons is "...to build a team of strength and confidence, and to provide your son a solid foundation before heavy correction is necessary or applied." If we don't apply correction to our children, he asserts that life and/or law enforcement eventually will.

Each chapter of Eric Davis's "Raising Men" provides impressive examples of what Navy SEALs endure and can accomplish, gives practical advice for parents, and ends with reflection questions for parents to debrief. A sample of those questions is listed here.

- What does quitting being a father look like to you? What are some examples of quitting you've seen in others and yourself?
- Do the dive buddies your kids choose help them with their missions or hurt them? Do they produce confidence in your children? Is this something you monitor daily?
- Are you the most interesting person in your son's life? Why or why not?
- Are you in the constant practice of learning new things and remaining someone worth learning from?
- Does permission to live a good life so that you can lead your son to do the same inspire or scare you? Why?
- Do you pursue comfort or purpose? What is something you've succeeded at despite the overwhelming discomfort?
- In what ways are you setting an example for your son with regard to health and fitness?
- What will be the next physical activity you do with your son?
- In what training is your son engaged that will build his confidence?
- List four things you think should happen before someone defends himself or herself physically. (Read "Raising Men" Chapter 10 for Davis' answer.)
- How does shifting your focus outward to others help you better enjoy life? How does this connect to creating passion in your life? How can you teach this to your son?
- Are you good at self-regulating? How can you get better at it? Have you taught your son this skill?

**Activity Highlight:** Pick a few reflection questions from the list above, answer them, and try out your answer for a week.

SEALs always strive to improve, and they work in teams for a reason. You're not in this alone, and remember, what you do matters. HOOYAH!

*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.*



In "Raising Men," Eric Davis validates the importance of involved parents and gives practical advice for preparing boys to grow into strong, confident, courageous men. Image credit Fredrik Ohlander on unsplash.com





Clyde Whitaker

## Clyde's Corner 74 years later, Gabriele Mikelonis still thanks God and the USA for a better life

by Clyde Whitaker

Following on the heels of America's Fourth of July celebration, this seems like a perfect time to write about a good friend of mine—Gabriele Mikelonis—who endured hardship and sorrow in her early life in Lithuania before moving more than 4,000 miles to the United States.

Born over 90 years ago, Gabriele recalls a time, she was probably 8 years old, when the Russians came and occupied her family's land. They seized control of her family farm and forced her family, including her parents and four brothers to work the farm and provide food for the Russian soldiers. All the while, Gabriele feared the Russians would take her to Siberia, something that, unfortunately, happened to many people.

Gabriele remembers many bombings—this was during World War II—and she was always fearful that one might strike them. When the bombing started, she and her family would seek safety in bomb shelters.

As the danger to her family grew, her parents decided to pack up everyone and leave their home. Traveling by road proved very dangerous, as airplanes would fly overhead, shooting bullets at them, forcing them to jump into ditches for safety and scaring their horses away. During all of this time, Gabriele relied on her faith to keep her safe and to keep her going.

She and her family stayed at numerous refugee camps throughout the war, often sometimes with only the clothes on their backs. They finally managed to reach a U.S.-maintained camp for displaced persons in Germany, where they stayed for approximately four to five years. During that time, her family stayed in just a one-room house, so it was tight quarters, with everyone sleeping close together.

Gabriele remembers digging a hole in the dirt floor of that house to keep a piglet so she could raise and butcher it when it was big enough. She was always fearful that when officers would stop by to inspect the rooms, the piglet would squeal. It never did.

Eventually the family embarked on a nine-day boat ride to Ellis Island in the United States, arriving in August 1949. Gabriele was 16 years old. Her sponsors were the Ruth Ann Freeman family. Fun Fact: Shortly after they were sponsored, Ruth Ann married Angelo Parente and Gabriele and Ruth Ann are still friends, 75 years later!

After a year in the U.S., when she was 17, Gabriele met and married 32-year-old Raymond Mikelonis. Raymond's parents originally came from Lithuania and settled near here in Jackson, where Raymond was also born.

She and Raymond began their married life on his 120-acre farm on Haynes Road outside of Fitchburg. They lived there, along with her in-laws, and later purchased an additional 180 acres. That was also when Gabriele became a member of the Sts. James, Cornelius and Cyprian Church in Leslie, where she still remains active, 74 years later.

Raymond's parents lived with them for 28 years. During this time, the couple raised six children—four boys and two girls. Her family has grown to now include 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Understandably, this was an emotional interview for Gabriele, as she relived some of those early challenges in her life. But she is very happy that people will read her story. For my part, I learned a lot talking with Gabriele; she is such a sweet and faith-filled person. It seems that everyone loves her and she them.

I asked Gabriele how she would like to conclude her story, and without hesitation she said, "God Bless America and God." I couldn't have said it better myself.

*See additional photos at [www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com](http://www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com). Clyde Whitaker is a 1973 Stockbridge graduate. He and his wife, Mary, raised four children in Stockbridge, and they still reside in the Stockbridge area.*

## LEAP page 1

In partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), which provided the funding, LEAP's new program awarded six grants to communities across Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties.

After a rigorous selection process, six exceptional projects were chosen to receive grants ranging from \$11,000 to \$25,000. The projects include business improvements, community beautification, and creating new community gathering spaces. The selected communities are: the villages of Vermontville, Dimondale, Stockbridge, Leslie, Maple Rapids and Ovid.

To celebrate the kickoff of these projects, LEAP organized a Small Town Enhancement Grant Roadshow to visit each community between July 9 and July 11. On July 10, the roadshow visited Stockbridge to celebrate funding provided for transforming a patio next to the Village Hall (118 N. Center St.) into a tranquil seating area to foster community engagement and relaxation.

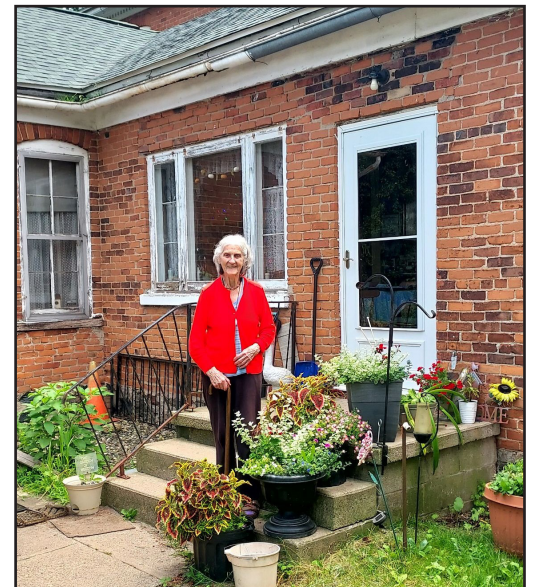
"Village Hall is in the heart of our community," says Jill Marie Ogden, village manager and council president. "The residents are looking forward to having a nice place to gather for small breaks each day or for special events. The updates will be enjoyed for many years to come!"

"The small rural community, main streets and agriculture assistance are key parts of our broader regional strategy," shared Bob Trezise, president and CEO of LEAP. "LEAP is known for its larger projects, but we pour a lot of resources into supporting small businesses and rural communities. We want everyone in our three-county region to take pride in where they live and work—that's quality of life, and that adds up to more investment and jobs and reasonable but necessary population growth, which we all need. The ripple effects of our Small Town Enhancement program are important."

"The MEDC is proud to celebrate the places that make our state great and support the vibrancy of small towns throughout the Lansing area through the Small Town Enhancement Grant Program," said Michele Wildman, chief place officer of Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "On behalf of the MEDC, congratulations to the grantees. We look forward to seeing the impact these projects have on further strengthening the economic vitality of their communities."



Gabriele Mikelonis has much to be thankful for and credits her faith for seeing her through some hard times before coming to the United States. Photo credits Clyde Whitaker



Gabriele tends to her flowers at the farm she has lived on for 74 years.



**STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 15, 2024**

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order July 15, 2024, at 7:02pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Treasurer James Wireman, Clerk Becky Muraf, Trustee Terry Sommer, Trustee Ed Wetherell Member absent None Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence Wetherell motion to approve the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting agenda as written Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried Citizen Comments None Wetherell Motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board meeting minutes from June 17, 2024, as printed All in favor Motion Carried Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial report as printed from April 1, 2024, thru July 15, 2024, Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to approve the Memorial Plaque for Suzie Greenway Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried Stockbridge Township 2024 second quarter building report is as followed 7 New Zoning Permits, 0 New Land Split, 13 New Building Permits (2 pole barn, 1 Solar roof Mount ,4 shingles, 3 Additions, 1 Window install, 1 New Home Build) 12 New Electrical Permits, 4 New Mechanical Permits, 2 New Plumbing Permit, 1 new Driveway, Address Permit, Demolition Permits. Muraf motion to pay Cintas 67.06 monthly for the change of rugs once a month Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to send Katrina Griffith

Stockbridge Zoning Administrator to Mapp Conference September 25-27 not to exceed \$1,000.00 with lodging and conference Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to increase Stockbridge Township Building Department Clerk pay from \$15 an hour to \$17 an hour Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to approve Kitley Special use with the recommendations of the Stockbridge Township Planning Commission as followed "An Inspection was performed at Kitley's Custom Exhaust and Auto at 5110 S M-106 Stockbridge MI, 49285. To determine what would be needed to separate the existing front office area into retail sales. We found the following would need to be done; 1) Front entrance door (minimum of one) would need to be changed to an out swing door with a panic bar. 2) Door between shop area and store front needs to be 90 minute fire rated door with closure. 3) All penetrations at common wall between shop area and front store area needs filled in with minimum 5/8" drywall and fire taped. Thank You, Rohn Tripp Stockbridge Township and Village Building Inspector" Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Lanis Yes, All in Favor Motion Carried Sommer Motion to pay the Stockbridge Township bills in the amount of \$66,841.27 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried Citizen's Comment None Lantis Motion to Adjourn the Stockbridge Township regular board meeting at 7:36PM Muraf Second All in Favor Meeting Adjourn BM

**UTPD Activity from May 1-31, 2024**

**Wednesday 05/01** - Citizen Assist-Holmes Rd./Doyle Rd., Assist EMS-Bradley Rd./M36, Intimidation/Threats-Bullis Rd./Bird Ln.  
**Thursday 05/02** - DHS Referral-Meadow Park Dr./Celestial Dr.  
**Friday 05/03** - Tree Hazard-West Coon Lake Rd./Bull Run Rd., Animal Complaint-Triangle Lake Rd./Sierra Dr., Assist EMS-Gregory Rd./Berkshire Dr., Lockout-M 106/ Main St.  
**Sunday 05/05** - Missing Person-Kathryn Ct./W M36, Outdoor Fire-Park Dr./Woodside Dr., Suspicious Person-Parkdale Dr./Crossdale Dr.  
**Monday 05/06** - 911 Hang Up-Webb St./Church St., Assist EMS-Gregory Rd./Berkshire Dr.  
**Wednesday 05/08** - Property Damage Accident-Arnold Rd./Spears Rd.  
**Thursday 05/09** - Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.  
**Friday 05/10** - DHS Referrals-E Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd.  
**Saturday 05/11** - Assist Other Agency-Putnam St./Pearl St., Tree Hazard-Barton Rd./ Spears Rd.  
**Monday 05/13** - Welfare Check-Bull Run Rd./Wasson Rd., Animal Complaint-Livermore Rd./W Trebesh Cir., Property Damage Accident-Van Syckle Rd./Spears Rd., Assist EMS-Mcgaugh Ct./Orlando Dr., Welfare Check-Dexter Trail/M36  
**Tuesday 05/14** - Missing Person-Kathryn Ct./W M36  
**Wednesday 05/15** - Court Prosecutor Activity-Grand River Ave./McPhearson Park Dr., Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.  
**Thursday 05/16** - Assist EMS-Doyle Ct./Doyle Rd., Alarm-Williamsville Rd./San Luray Dr., Noise Complaints-Kathryn Ct./M 36  
**Friday 05/17** - Property Damage Accident-Dexter Trl./Van Syckle Rd., Lost/Found Animal-M36/Dexter Trl., Missing Person-Kathryn Ct./W M36, Animal Complaint-Tamara Dr./Kaiser Rd., Domestic Physical in Progress-Kathryn Ct./W M36  
**Saturday 05/18** - Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St.  
**Sunday 05/19** - Death Investigation-Van Syckle Rd./Doyle Rd., Citizen Assist-Bull Run Rd./Wasson Rd.  
**Monday 05/20** - Animal Complaint-M36/Van Syckle Rd.  
**Tuesday 05/21** - Patrol Information-W M36/Arnold Rd., Hazard-Treelane Dr./M 106, Intimidation/Threats-Stonehouse Dr./M 106  
**Wednesday 05/22** - Fraud-Williamsville Rd./Holmes Rd., Civil Complaint-Dexter Trl./ Van Syckle Rd., Assist Other Agency-Pearl St./ E Main St., Fraud-Donohue Rd./Spears Rd., Property Damage Accident-E M36/Kane Rd.  
**Thursday 05/23** - Animal Complaint-Spears Rd./Donohue Rd.  
**Friday 05/24** - Drowning Open Water-Parkwood Dr./Parkwood Ct.  
**Sunday 05/26** - Shots Fired-Devonshire Dr./W M36  
**Tuesday 05/28** - Animal Complaint-Stockbridge St./Cass St., Assist EMS-Sunset Dr./ Kaiser Rd., Prisoner Transport-Church St./M36  
**Thursday 05/30** - Animal Complaint-Doyle Rd./Templar Ave., DHS Referral-Kathryn Ct./W M36  
**Friday 05/31** - Assist EMS-Van Syckle Rd./M36

**Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting  
June 25, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Waterloo Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm. The following motions were made and approved: Approval of Consent Agenda including the May Board meeting minutes, Approval of amended Township Hall Rental Agreement, adoption of amended solar energy systems ordinance and associated master plan language, tabling of the 2024 Tax Rate Request, removal of section 20.16 from the zoning ordinance, approval of budget amendments, and approval of a one month extension to the Aggregate Industries Extraction permit; Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Complete minutes can be found on the Waterloo Township website. (<https://waterlootwpmi.gov/meeting-minutes/>). Bill Richardson, Clerk

**WATERLOO TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS ORDINANCE  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

At a meeting of the Township Board of Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Waterloo Township Hall on May 30th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., the Township Board adopted text amendments to Sections 11.26, 20.25 and 21.02, also known as the Solar Energy Systems portion of the Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance, is justified as protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Waterloo Township, and for enforcement and civil penalties for violations of the Ordinance. Copies of the complete text of the Ordinance were posted at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. Published by Order of the Township Board Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan Bill Richardson, Township Clerk



## Stockbridge High School Class of 1974 celebrates 50th class reunion

Information provided by Barbara Baldwin

The Stockbridge High School Class of 1974 recently celebrated its 50th class reunion. The celebration, which was held at the Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post 510, brought together over 60 attendees from as far away as California and Texas.



The Stockbridge High School Class of 1974 includes: Row 1: Anne E. Fillmore, Amy Dancer Stanley, Barb White VanDyke, Martha Stephens Eizelman, Belinda Overbee Coleman, Gary Olson. Row 2: Pam Musbach Roxberry, RoxAnn Moeckel Jarrell, Cathy Gauss Carpenter, Christine May Berry, Judi Osburn Hannewald, Lori Mays, Cathy Elliott. Row 3: Mark Collings, Tom Glover, Reggie Riba, Ken Biehn, Dianna Patrick Carpenter, Jackie Carpenter Rhines, Linda Allen, Richard Mullins, Terry Parker, Don Van Slambrook, Kelly Greenamyre. Row 4 (stage): Dennis McConeghy, Roger Wild, Marc Jarvis, Rebecca Glenn, Phyllis Massey Stutzman, Charles Shiver, Beverly Biehn Smith, Tom Wilcox, Terry Baldwin, Barb Snay Baldwin, Steve Bebee, Allen King. Photo provided by Barbara Baldwin

## 'Tam's Fun Time' was a Jackson-area favorite in the 1960s

by John Robinson

Many kids who grew up in the lower half of the Michigan Mitten – particularly in the counties of Jackson, Ingham, Eaton, Livingston, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Washtenaw, and Lenawee – may very well have watched one of the most popular kid shows of the 1960s, "Tam's Fun Time," on WILX-TV, Channel 10.

Doing a story on this program is not an easy task, unless you know someone who was connected with the show. Not much has been written on it, or recorded as there don't seem to be any online video clips. Photos are rare and extremely hard to find – there isn't even any info to be found on the online movie and TV site, IMDB.

"Tam's Fun Time" ran from the early 1960s (debut year uncertain) until the time of Tam's death due to a car crash in September 1965.

Tam's real name was Robert Johnson, and recently I had the good fortune to have a chat with his son. He doesn't remember too much about his father's TV program, as he was only two years old when Tam died in 1965. Luckily, he



An ad for the local "Tam's Fun Time" show. Photo from 99wfmk.com

still has that old unicycle that Tam rode every week on the show.

What I personally remember about the show was Tam's expertise at riding a unicycle during the program.

See *Tam's Fun Time* on page 11.

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## Community Calendar

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** – Prepared Meals for Seniors, noon to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center

**Mondays** – Craft Drop In (Ages 8 and up) at the Stockbridge Library

**Tuesdays** – Drop-in pickleball. 7 p.m. at Veterans Park in Stockbridge. Bring paddle or borrow from Library. Questions? Email [StockbridgeParks@vosmi.org](mailto:StockbridgeParks@vosmi.org).

**Tuesdays** – Stockbridge Farmers Market, 5 to 7 p.m. in the S.A.E.S.A. parking lot

**Wednesdays** – Drop-in pickleball. 9 a.m. at Veterans Park in Stockbridge. Bring paddle or borrow from Library. Questions? Email [StockbridgeParks@vosmi.org](mailto:StockbridgeParks@vosmi.org).

**Wednesdays** – Family Storytime (Ages up to 6), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library

**Wednesdays** – Wednesday Wonders (All Ages), 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

**Wednesdays** – Market Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Mike Levine trailhead in Gregory.

**Thursdays** – Coffee chats, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library

**Fridays** – Open Air Market, 4 to 7 p.m. on the Stockbridge Township Square

**Occasional Fridays (Call Library for dates)** – Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library

**Saturdays (summer)** – Youth Run Club. 8:30 a.m. Mike Levine Trailhead in Stockbridge. Bring water. Dress appropriately. Questions? Contact [fdwanielle00@gmail.com](mailto:fdwanielle00@gmail.com)

**Aug. 5** - Wellness Social Hours sponsored by Stockbridge Area Outreach, 3 to 4 p.m. at Outreach

**Aug. 10** - Waterloo Area Historical Society 18th Annual Tractor, Truck, and Farm Equipment Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Waterloo Farm and Dewey School. See page 4 for more information

**Aug. 11** - Waterloo Area Historical Society 18th Annual Tractor, Truck, and Farm Equipment Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Waterloo Farm and Dewey School. See page 4 for more information

**Aug. 14** - Stockbridge Community Schools Open House

**Aug. 17** - Second Annual Waterloo Artisan Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall. See page 3 for more information

**Aug. 19** - Stockbridge Community Schools First Day of School

**Aug. 30** - Open Air Market to honor the memory of Dorene White with special booths, displays, and musical guests, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Square

**For more community events visit:** [www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com](http://www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com). **To add your community events to our free community calendar, email submissions to [stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com).**



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## Reading Between the Lines page 5

While I hope it lives up to the expectations set by her most recent titles, the read will be bittersweet knowing it's my last summer with a new Nantucket novel to dive into. Fortunately, Hilderbrand cracked open this beloved genre to make room for fresh voices following in her wake.

*Jessica Martell spent 17 years as a high school English teacher before accepting her current position as an educational consultant. She and her husband live in Munith with their cat, Scootie.*

## Tam's Fun Time page 10

He dressed somewhat like a 17th century minstrel. Kids would send in their artwork, and I think he may have shown cartoons as well. The show was held in the basement of the Jackson District Library, and for those who remember the show, it's a kick to go down into the basement and see where the stage and setup was.

Tam was called "Bobby" by his family and friends. It's believed he attended MSU, and his parents were from the Detroit suburb of Clawson. A newspaper clipping reveals the show was seen on Saturday mornings at 9am, but I thought for sure I recalled seeing the program on a weekday afternoon. Mandela effect, maybe?

Robert "Tam" Johnson is buried in the White Chapel Cemetery just off I-75 near Troy and not far from Royal Oak.

For a kids' show that is so fondly remembered by the ones lucky enough to see it, it's a shame there is not more written about it.

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## Bridge to Wellness

# Music is great for mind, body and an amazing tool for social connections



Jennifer Matthews

by Jennifer Matthews

I don't know about you, but my summer always has a soundtrack. Music is essential to my mind, body and soul. Scientific evidence shows that music is good for everyone's health and well-being.

Here is what the research tells us about the power of music.

**Music connects people.** Historically, music has been a powerful communication tool. For example, prior to the abolishment of slavery, slaves would use songs to communicate across distances. Additionally, music is an amazing tool for social connection. National anthems connect crowds at sporting events, protest songs provide a sense of shared purpose, hymns build group identity in places of worship, love songs help partners bond, and lullabies encourage parent and infant attachment.

**Music can lead to better learning.** Scientists have observed that areas of the brain necessary for learning light up on MRI scans when listening to music. Even the reward of listening to music has been shown to motivate learning.

**Music can improve memory.** Research has shown that both the ability to memorize and the ability to process tasks quickly are improved when listening to classical music. People living with memory disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia, experience the benefits of music therapy. Although music cannot reverse cognitive decline, it can help slow the progression and assist people in remembering significant times in their lives. Interestingly, music memory is one of the brain functions that seems to be present the longest.

**Music can improve mental health.** Music can very literally change the brain. Neuroscience has shown that music triggers the release of neurotransmitters in the brain, including some that improve mood, like dopamine and serotonin; stress hormones such as cortisol; and the chemical oxytocin that helps us connect with others. Listening to music can reduce anxiety and stress and improve depression.

**Music can improve your physical health.** Listening to music tends to make people want to move more. Dancing can be an effective form of exercise. Many exercise enthusiasts report more efficient workouts when listening to music. Music can be energizing and help decrease pain and fatigue.

Music therapy is becoming a more widely used therapy for treating both mind and body issues in the health care community. However, you don't have to seek out a health care provider to start using music to improve your health. Music is a free and effective resource we all have access to. Stream music online through free apps such as Pandora and Spotify Turn; turn on your AM/FM radio; or listen to your old CDs, tapes, or albums.

Local libraries are great resources for free music and throughout the summer you can catch a live show as many communities offer outdoor concerts and music events.

Explore your community and the music possibilities that are out there. It's good for your health!

Source: [healthline.com/health/benefits-of-music](https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-music)



*This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. Jennifer Matthews, RN, is a registered nurse in the Stockbridge School System. She has worked as a community nurse for the last eight years and is an active volunteer within the Jackson County foster care system. Jen has a passion for helping individuals advocate for their health and learn to navigate the health care system.*



What's on your playlist? Music is essential to the mind, body, soul, and social connections. Image credit Felix Koutchinski on Unsplash.com

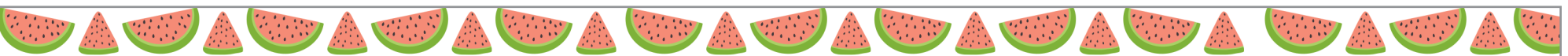
## Voting page 3

**Voting on Election Day:** If you choose to vote in-person on Election Day, you must do so at your specified polling place and be in line no later than 8 p.m. To find out your assigned polling place, go to [mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index](https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/index).

Besides providing your polling location, this website will also indicate if you are currently registered to vote. If you don't have online access, reach out to your county, village, or township clerk for registration or polling location information.

Remember to take your official identification with you to vote in-person. If you do not have your official identification with you, you can still vote, but you will be required to sign a special form first.

The Michigan Voter Information Center website contains more useful information about registering to vote, early voting, absentee voting, and more. Go to: [mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/](https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/)



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The Stockbridge Community News team would like to thank those in the community who continue to send donations in response to our article in the February edition about rising costs. Special thanks to those listed below whose donations were received between June 26 - July 25, 2024. We truly appreciate the support of our community, and we look forward to continuing to provide a quality, local paper. Donations can be sent to Stockbridge Community News at P.O. Box 83, Gregory, MI 48137

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## Stuart Kenewell page 1

Hunter education helps the next generation of hunters learn how to enjoy safe, responsible hunting and understand the importance of wildlife management. The DNR-managed program teaches lifelong skills, such as firearm safety, basic first aid and how to use a map and compass, to an average of 15,000 students per year.

"Volunteer instructors are the foundation of our recreational safety programs," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR recreational safety, education and enforcement supervisor. "Stu is a positive mentor of those programs and is crucial in recruiting and teaching new youth and adults how to safely and respectfully enjoy the outdoors."

Since becoming a volunteer hunter education instructor in 1986, Kenewell has served as the lead hunter education instructor at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club for 36 years. He plans the curriculum and coordinates the logistics for spring and fall hunter education classes to incorporate modern teaching techniques. He also works diligently to recruit and train new and existing volunteer instructors.

"Stu is one of the most respected members of the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club and also his community," said Timothy Eiseman, who was one of several Gregory community members to nominate Kenewell. "He is a positive light in all situations and talks about the ethics of hunting along with the enjoyment, respect, care and appreciation of the outdoors, and has always represented those characteristics one would look for in a true sportsman and outdoorsman."

Kenewell's list of many community accomplishments includes his role in developing a public archery program and target course, which has operated for more than 30 years. He is also credited with establishing a relationship with Chelsea and Stockbridge public schools to promote hunter education within their community education programs.

In 2018, Kenewell was recognized by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs for his outstanding service in conservation. He is also a member of Gregory Community Church, American Legion (Post 31), Ducks Unlimited and the National Rifle Association and still finds time to volunteer for many other community events.

Kenewell is one of about 1,000 volunteer hunter education instructors in Michigan.

"Hunter education is a rewarding program for volunteers and students," Wanless said. "Anyone who enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking or simply being outside will benefit from taking hunter education. The program creates not just ethical hunters, but also stewards of our natural resources, and we owe that success to dedicated volunteers like Stuart."

Stu grew up in Fenton, Michigan, and has lived in the state his entire life. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, he moved to Livingston County and has resided in the Gregory area for the last 36 years. A retired tool and gage maker, Kenewell led his family in developing an active outdoor lifestyle. His wife of 56 years, Terri, is also an avid hunter. She spends a significant amount of her time supporting and helping Stu with hunter safety setups, resource collection, and fielding phone calls.

The Kenewells have two children, Phillip and Amanda. Phillip has served alongside his dad for the last 20 years as a hunter safety instructor. Amanda attended and received hunter education safety in the first class her dad taught.

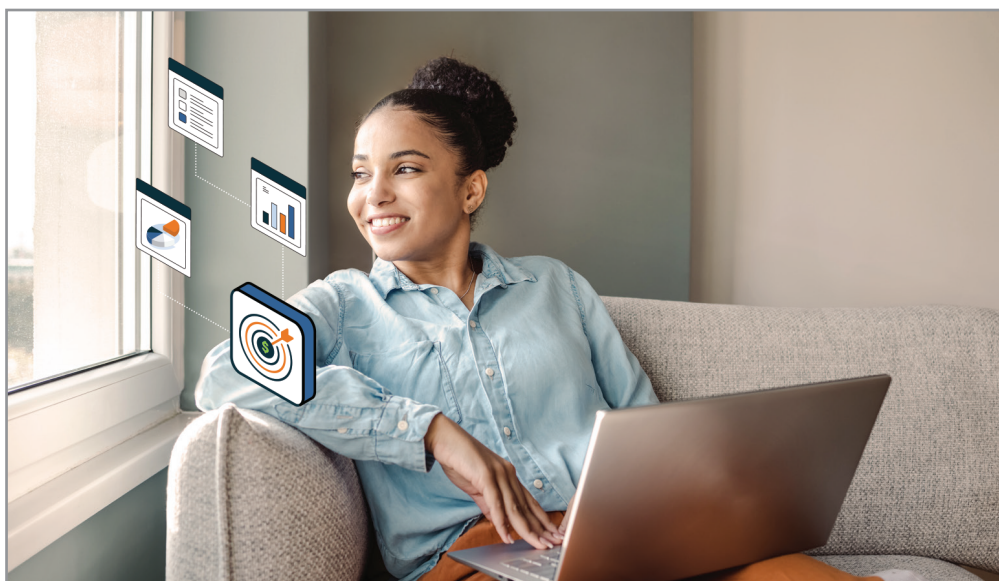
The newly named Hunter Education Instructor of the Year continues to enjoy the outdoors with his family through camping, fishing, hunting, and boating. He has a passion for antique outboard motors and serves as the family boat mechanic alongside his grandchildren. On top of it all, he is a genuinely nice guy.

Notably, Kenewell taught hunter safety to this writer's two oldest sons at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club in the 1990s. Although they were not interested in hunting at the time, they thoroughly enjoyed the class and gained a greater appreciation for the outdoors, nature, gun safety, and the shooting sports.

Kenewell is passionate about hunter safety and sharing that passion with others.

According to Kenewell, "The rewards of teaching Hunter Safety classes for so long have been deeply satisfying, especially when I have been able to set new hunters on a path of ethical hunting practices and safe firearm handling." He added, "In addition, teaching how to be a true conservationist and good stewards of our wildlife, forest, and waters has been so important to me."

*Information provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as well as SCN's Chuck Wisman and Kenewell's daughter, Amanda Cook.*



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## Superintendent's Desk Stockbridge ready to begin new school year

Hello Stockbridge Families,

Welcome back! As we gear up for the 2024-2025 academic year, there's excitement in the air. With new staff, initiatives, and opportunities, we're ready to embark on another year of growth, learning, and success. Here's what you can look forward to as we start this new chapter together.

### New staff

- We are thrilled to welcome new members to our dedicated team of educators and support staff. Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm will undoubtedly enrich our school community and help us continue to provide exceptional educational opportunities to our students.
- **Emily Hoard** will be teaching first grade. She attended Michigan State University, and her most recent teaching experience was at Dansville Schools.
  - **Andrea Maples** will be teaching fourth grade. She attended Eastern Michigan University, and her most recent teaching experience was at East Jackson Schools.
  - **Heather McNaughton** will be teaching secondary special education. She attended Point Loma Nazarene University, and her most recent teaching experience was at Rio Bravo-Greeley School District in Bakersfield, California.
  - **Bonnie Davis** will be teaching secondary English. She attended Michigan Theological Seminary, and her most recent teaching experience was at Dansville Schools.
  - **Kyle Lilley** will be teaching kindergarten. He attended Grand Valley State University and has been working in the district for the last few years.
  - **Kimberly Heim** will be a lead teacher in the Great Start Readiness Program. She attended Wayne State University, and her most recent experience was at Chelsea Schools.
  - **Ben Kruse** will be serving as our new Athletics and Community Education Director. He attended Saginaw Valley State University and is currently attending Concordia University. He has been teaching mathematics at Stockbridge High School for five years.

### New league: Big 8 Conference

We are excited to announce that Stockbridge Community Schools will be fully scheduled with the Big 8 Conference in the 2024-2025 school year. The schools in the Big 8 are Bronson, Concord, Maple Valley, Quincy, Reading, Springport and Union City. This change promises more competitive opportunities for our student-athletes and a chance to build new traditions and rivalries. Go, Panthers!

### School millage renewal vote

A critical event for our community is the upcoming vote to renew our existing school millage on Aug. 6, 2024. This renewal is crucial for maintaining the high standards of education and quality of facilities that our students and teachers currently enjoy. The millage supports various essential services and programs, from educational initiatives to facility maintenance, without increasing the tax rate. Your vote ensures we can continue providing a top-notch educational environment for our children. This millage is not an annual increase and does not affect homestead properties.

### Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

We are excited to advance our PBIS initiative with a full rollout this fall. PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing expectations for the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. This initiative aligns with our commitment to creating a positive and engaging school environment.

### Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

MTSS will be a significant focus this year, providing a structured framework to address the diverse needs of our students. By integrating academic and behavioral support, MTSS helps ensure that every student receives the appropriate level of intervention and support to succeed.

### Beyond Basics literacy intervention

We are proud to continue our partnership with Beyond Basics, a literacy empowerment program that provides intensive reading intervention. This program plays a crucial role in helping students who face significant literacy challenges, ensuring they develop the skills necessary to succeed academically and beyond.

### Student engagement

We encourage all students to get involved in the various activities and programs available at our schools. Participation in extracurricular activities not only enhances academic and social development but also helps students build lasting relationships and develop a sense of community. Whether it's sports, clubs, or arts, there's something for everyone. Please contact the school office for more information on how to get involved.

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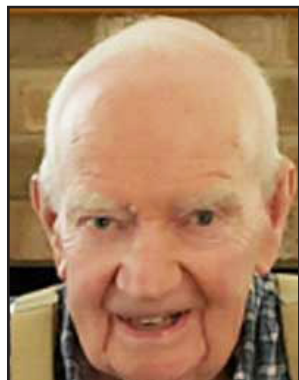


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## Obituaries

### Ralph Duane "Buck" Glenn



**Ralph Duane "Buck" Glenn**  
Aug. 3, 1925 to May 25, 2024

**Ralph Duane "Buck" Glenn**, 98, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Spring Arbor Assisted Living in Spring Arbor, Michigan. He was born on August 3, 1925, in Gregory, Michigan, in the family farmhouse on Dutton Road, to Ralph E. and Clarabell (Robards) Glenn.

Buck was a dynamic presence throughout his 98 years, known for his sage advice delivered through colorful language and captivating storytelling. An avid reader, sports enthusiast, and local historian, he possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of names, facts, figures and stories, enriching conversations with his wealth of experience and humor. Buck also loved his dogs, and many may remember Perkins, an English bulldog, who was a socialite around town and high school sporting events.

A 1943 graduate of Stockbridge High School, Buck's remarkable 80-year career included dairy farming for four decades, co-founding Glenn Brooke Realty, Ltd with three of

his children, and working in various roles, including at Caskey Funeral Home and Jackson Prison. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and formerly of the Methodist Church.

Family was paramount to Buck, who cherished his role as husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle. He married Beverly E. Miner on July 17, 1948, and together they raised four children and established a thriving dairy farm in Stockbridge.

Buck is survived by his wife of 75 years, Beverly; three children, Nathan Duane Glenn of Munith, Kristen Lee (Mark) Hartsuff of Phoenix, AZ, and Anne Marie (Mark) Glenn-Elias of Phoenix; a son-in-law, Jack Marshall of Stockbridge; his German exchange student son, Stefan (Barbara) Floeter; 12 grandchildren, Jennifer (Neal) Bookspan, Kathryn (Abe) Kohler, Sara Hartsuff, Amanda (Liberty) Van Hine, Joshua Hartsuff, Lucas (Jodi) Hartsuff, Meghan (Aaron) Gerisch, Mallory Glenn, Morgan (Matt) Glenn, Alexandra Elias, Nicholas Elias and Annika Floeter; 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Deborah Marshall; two sisters, Mavis Schaff and Marie Kotsch; grandson Christopher Nathan Glenn, and great-grandson Aric Urban Kohler.

Buck will be remembered as the stalwart patriarch of his family and a revered figure in the Stockbridge Area Community.

A celebration of Buck's life was held on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Mackinder-Glenn American Legion Post 510, located at 830 S. Clinton Street, Stockbridge, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Buck's name to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @stjude.org/donatetoday or the Moose charities @moosecharities.org. Arrangements were entrusted to Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

### Mary E. Barber



**Mary E. Barber**  
Aug. 10, 1934 to June 27, 2024

**Mary E. Barber**, age 89, passed away on June 27, 2024 at the Countryside Care Center in Jackson, MI.

Mary was born on August 10, 1934, in Stockbridge, MI, the daughter of Wendell and Vera (Hurst) Barber. One of four children, she grew up in Stockbridge and graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1951. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge and worked as a sales associate for Industrial Tectonics in Dexter.

Mary was a lifelong learner and loved a good conversation. She was an avid reader and enjoyed ballroom dancing and traveling with her partner, Claude. She briefly served as the Activities Coordinator at a Denver, CO, assisted living facility and was a committed caregiver to her mother in her later years. She especially enjoyed her Friday night cruises around

town with her sister, Jane.

Mary is survived by a sister, Jane Marz of Jackson, and nieces and nephews: Ann (Lynde) Cook, Harold "Hal" Lynde III, William Barber, Timothy Barber, Benjamin Barber, John Barber, Laura (Marz) Galloway, and Kenneth Marz. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Barber; and a sister, Joan Lynde.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 6-8 p.m., as well as on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, with Pastor Steve Malson officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stockbridge Library.

### Sean M. Boyce



**Sean M. Boyce**  
Feb. 10, 1992 to July 18, 2024

**Sean M. Boyce**, of Charlotte, MI, age 32, passed away on July 18, 2024.

Sean was born on February 10, 1992 in Lansing, MI, the son of Scott and Loretta (Wadkins) Boyce. He graduated from Stockbridge High School in 2010, and lived in Charlotte for the past nine years. He enjoyed working on cars and worked as a mechanic for Grand Ledge Ford for the past 11 years. He had a passion for driving fast and going wide open. Sean was also an avid animal lover, always finding time to care for and appreciate animals.

He is survived by his parents, Scott and Loretta Boyce of Gregory; his grandmothers, Mary Lou Boyce and Catherine Wadkins, both of Stockbridge; his siblings: Ryan (Cora)

Boyce of Jackson, Alex (Morgan) Boyce of Fowlerville, and Larissa Boyce of Gregory; and many aunts and uncles, and his nieces and nephews: Devin, Mackenzy, and Bradyn; as well as his girlfriend, Olivia Wilkey and her children, Payton and Joseph. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Max Boyce and Sammie Wadkins.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. as well as on Wednesday at the church from 10-11 a.m.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highest Praise Worship Center in Stockbridge with Pastor Wesley Starr officiating. Burial followed at Plainfield Cemetery in Unadilla Twp, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of your choice or the Highest Praise Worship Center.

### Janet Louise Nott



**Janet Louise Nott**  
Nov. 3, 1939 to July 23, 2024

**Janet Louise Nott**, 84, of Galion, passed away on July 23, 2024, at Millcreek Nursing Home in Galion. Janet was born on November 3, 1939, in Pontiac, MI to the late Fredrick and Naomi (Blodgett) Bredow, being one of thirteen children.

Janet was a caregiver by nature, leading to her career in healthcare. She worked for Chelsea United Methodist Home in Chelsea, MI, from which she retired. Janet possessed a multitude of talents and interests that brought joy to many. From her masterful sewing and crocheting skills to her green thumb in the garden, she always had a knack for creating beauty in the world around her. Her passion for fishing, camping, and preserving nature through canning brought her immense happiness, as did treating her children to special

delights.

With a deep appreciation for family ties, Janet held her loved ones close to her heart. Whether she was embarking on adventures with her dear friends, Vickie Osborne and Beckie Carlson, during their annual road trips or seeking out the excitement of the casino, Janet's zest for life was infectious. Her quick wit and unapologetic honesty endeared her to many, always speaking her mind with a refreshing candor that was uniquely her own.

Left to cherish Janet's memories are her children, Laura Neifer of Owosso, MI, John (Jill) Neifer of Kettering and Lynda (Dan) Teutschmann of Galion; 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and her sisters, Mildred (Larry) Johnson of Traverse City, MI and Mina Bahan of Lincoln, CA.

In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, John Neifer; her second husband, William "Rick" Nott; her children, Jeffrey and Jennifer Neifer; great-grandchild, Dayton Skriba; her brothers, Russell, Gordon, Gilbert, Richard, Fred, Kenneth and Rudolph Bredow; and sisters, Evelyn Urbonovich, Marie Zuck and Shirley Huntoon.

A celebration of life will be held in Stockbridge, MI and will be announced at a later date with burial to follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Stockbridge, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Harrison Moose Lodge and Family Center #2235 of Harrison, MI.

Those wishing to share a memory of Janet or send condolences to the Nott family may do so by visiting [www.masfh.com](http://www.masfh.com). The Mark A. Schneider-Gompf Funeral Home, 303 Portland Way N., Galion, is honored to serve the family of Janet Louise Nott.





John and Theresa  
Kightlinger

## Ask an Expert Why is a Vehicle Identification Number important?

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

A Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is a 17-digit code that is assigned to each vehicle. This number is used by auto repair shops, insurance companies, and other agencies to identify and track a specific car, truck, or SUV.

### History of the Vehicle Identification Number

The VIN was first introduced in the 1950s to help standardize the manufacturing process of vehicles. It was created by a committee of representatives from several automobile manufacturers and is a unique 17-digit code assigned to each vehicle.

Because of its importance in keeping track of a vehicle's history and identifying it, the VIN is one of the most important numbers to know when buying or selling a car. When shopping for a used vehicle, buyers should make sure to get a valid VIN from the seller to ensure they are getting a legitimate car with no hidden issues. It's important for buyers to check the VIN to make sure it matches the seller's description.

The VIN also helps ensure that the correct parts are used for repairs, and it aids law enforcement in tracking down stolen vehicles.

### What is a VIN?

The VIN consists of three sections. The first three digits represent the world manufacturer identifier (WMI). This identifies the specific make, model, and type of vehicle.

The fourth through eighth digits are the vehicle descriptor section (VDS). This contains information about the vehicle's body style, series, engine type, model year, and assembly plant. The ninth digit is a check digit which is used to verify the accuracy of the VIN. The last eight digits are the vehicle's serial number.

The VIN is important because it allows car owners, auto manufacturers, and insurance companies to track a car's past and present history. A VIN can be used to quickly access a vehicle's recall and repair history, as well as information about its previous owners. It also can be used to check for open recalls or to verify if a car has ever been in an accident or had its odometer rolled back.

### Why do auto body shops need the VIN?

The VIN helps an auto body shop get the exact specs of your vehicle, including the make, model, and year. This helps them provide you with the correct parts and services that are designed to fit your particular car. It also helps them determine which parts are subject to recalls, as well as any special instructions or warnings related to service on your specific car. In addition, the VIN is used for ordering replacement parts, so if you ever need to replace a part on your car, the auto body shop will use the VIN to order the correct part.

### A VIN is key

When it comes to vehicle ownership, understanding the importance of a VIN is key. A VIN can provide valuable information about the vehicle, such as its make, model, and even history of ownership. With this information, you can make informed decisions when purchasing a vehicle or making repairs. In addition, if your vehicle is stolen, having the VIN on hand can greatly help law enforcement in tracking it down.

*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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# Annual Artisan Market Aug. 17 in Waterloo Township



**by Carmen Burgess**  
 Feeling creative or needing a little inspiration this summer? Then join your friends and neighbors at the second annual Artisan Market at the Waterloo Township Hall grounds from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Sponsored by the Waterloo Township Parks and Recreation Committee, the event will be held rain or shine.

Thirty local vendors will be displaying their arts, crafts, antique home decor items and other handiwork. Many are returning to the event this year, but several are newcomers. The vendors include Cindy Lu Kitchen, Great Lakes Baker, Spinners Flock

The annual Artisan Market returns on Aug. 17 at the Waterloo Township Hall. Photo provided by Carmen Burgess

Artists, Sammie Sweets, Quality Chemist, Chelsea Rocks, Green Faerie ApotheKary, M's Creations, Fuzzy B Bakery and many more.

Hungry? Come for the lunch at the Cindy Lu Kitchen food truck. Thirsty? Support the Girl Scouts at their lemonade and beverage station and help raise money for their troop.

Fresh, local produce will be available, depending upon how the season develops according to the weather.

This is a great opportunity to meet and greet local artisans and crafters. Learn more about the arts and how these unique items are made.

Take a stroll around the grounds and catch-up with neighbors and friends. At the same time, reconnect with your creative side while supporting small, local businesses.

## Rock 'n' Roll Trivia

# Bachman-Turner Overdrive ever-changing



John Robinson

by John Robinson

**Q: Whatever happened to Bachman-Turner Overdrive? I always liked their music.**

A: Here's a short BTO bio: After Randy Bachman left The Guess Who in 1970, he formed the Canadian rock band Brave Belt with Chad Allan, who was The Guess Who's original lead vocalist before Burton Cummings. Keith Emerson, formerly of The Nice, was to be a member but an illness forced him to drop out. A year later, Emerson showed up as part of Emerson, Lake & Palmer.

After getting their lineup, Bachman changed the name of the band to Bachman-Turner Overdrive, named after himself, member Fred Turner and the trucker magazine Overdrive. Bachman left the group in 1977, did a short solo stint and formed another band, Ironhorse, who nabbed two chart singles: "Sweet Lui-Louise" (1979) and "What's Your Hurry Darlin'" (1980).

BTO split up in 1979, but Bachman reunited them in 1980; various members came and went. Another group was formed by former members, causing lawsuits: Bachman's band continued to tour as Bachman-Turner Overdrive while the splinter band toured as BTO. Bachman also recorded with artist conglomerations like Randy Bachman's Rock Thing, Bachman Cummings and Bachman & Turner. Since leaving BTO, Randy has recorded more than 16 solo albums. By the way, Randy pronounces his last name as BACKman, not BOCKman, and accepts the fact that people pronounce the band name as BOCKman-Turner Overdrive.

**Q: Did the guy who murdered John Lennon have a hit list? I heard he had other celebrities in mind.**

A: Mark David Chapman didn't have a "hit list" but he's on record as telling Bellevue psychiatrists he thought about murdering other celebrities, including Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra, George C. Scott, Jackie Kennedy and Johnny Carson.

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## NICK MEETS D.C.

### Winners of Congressional App Challenge in Michigan's 7th district

by Nicole Wadkins, *Uncaged* Creative Editor

*This article is being reprinted, with minimal edits, from the Uncaged Student News April 2024 edition.*

In January, Wilson Talent Center students, senior Nicholas Phillips along with his group members, senior Martin Miller from Williamston High School and senior Conner Pineda from Haslett High School were selected as the winners of the 2023-24 Congressional App Challenge by Michigan's 7th district U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin.

The Congressional App Challenge is a competition for students to show off their coding skills in the app they create. It's organized by members of Congress for each state district and the students who are eligible to apply are middle and high schoolers throughout the country. This event was held last year from June 15 to November 1.

"We were supposed to have three months," Phillips said. "But we ended up making our app in two weeks because our teacher forgot to tell us."

In the limited time the group had, they were able to create the app Snack Maps.

"When we got told of it, we thought about food, and were like, 'Yeah, this is a good idea,'" Phillips said.

Snack Maps works by using the public application programming interface (API), which is an interface provided by companies to share information. In this case, Snack Maps was able to get data about what types of snacks are available in certain stores to generate a map of the area. Currently, there is a bug in the app as the map portion keeps showing up in a random spot in Chicago.

"The map part doesn't work yet but it should direct you to stores you want based on the snack," Phillips said.

"We were just kinda proud because we really didn't have much expectation of winning," Phillips said. "Happy because it meant that we could actually put out something that was quality-ish."

Due to winning, the group was able to go to Washington, D.C. for a two day event called the House of Code, where they present their app to other people.

In April, Phillips left for D.C. for the two day event starting on April 10th. Once the group landed in Washington D.C. they were able to stay in a hotel that was funded by the Wilson Talent Center due to students being responsible for the cost of the travel.

"We went to the capitol, got through an hour of security, and displayed our app for about an hour to Facebook and Snapchat people alongside the other app winners," Phillips said.

As they showcased their app, Phillips and his group had the opportunity to meet Elissa Slotkin and demonstrate Snack Maps in action.

"She was excited because the last few years only one class had won consecutively," Phillips said. "And this is the first year she's gotten to meet winners in person at the capitol."

Afterward, Phillips had a chance to tour DC. Some of the places the group got to visit was the Washington Monument, the capital and a museum nearby. "Personally I was hyped for this good fried chicken and donut place called Astro's which had good donut and chicken sandwiches," Phillips said. "It was kinda surprising to be honest, because I thought the capital of all places would look nice but there were rats and roaches on the first night on the street."

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Nicholas Phillips stands next to a statue depicting Chief Washakie of the Shoshone people while touring the Washington D.C. museum. Photo provided by Nick Phillips

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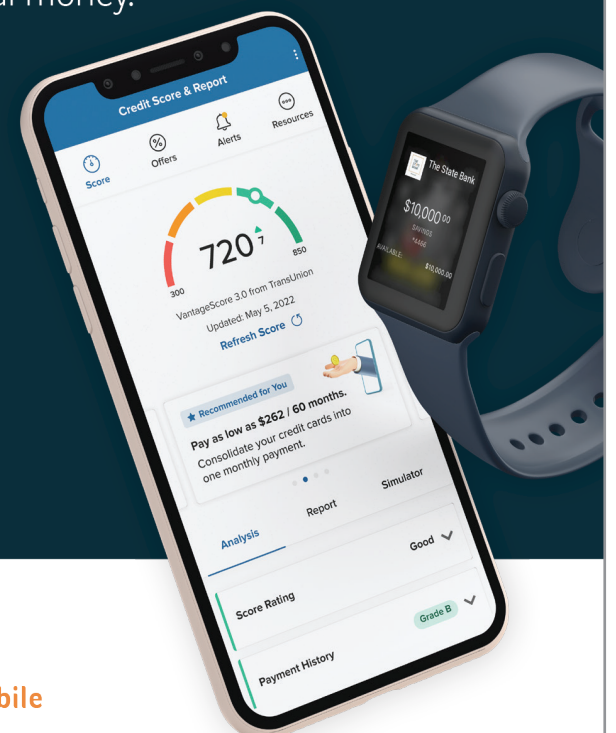
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According to SCN editor-in-chief, Mary Jo David, "Besides her treasurer responsibilities, you'll often see Judy chasing down photos and writing stories for the paper. She has a knack for identifying inspiring story ideas, and anywhere her byline appears, you can be sure readers will be drawn in completely. I'm not at all surprised by Judy's frequent successes at the NFPW annual competition."

This is at least the fifth time Williams has placed in the national contest. In 2022, she received another honorable mention for "A grateful community bids farewell to Mark Schroeder, retired Unadilla Township fire chief," published in SCN's April 2021 edition.

In 2020, Williams was awarded second place for "Memorial Day: More than just a three-day weekend," published in SCN's May 2019 edition. The article was a moving remembrance of the events after the death of Williams' brother, John Donohue, 18, who was killed in combat in Vietnam in 1968.

In 2019, she was honored with a national honorable mention award for her "Thank You Veterans" stories.

In 2018, Williams received two national awards for her work with SCN team members. A series of stories about veterans, which were written by Williams, Patrice Johnson, and Roberta Ludtke, earned a first-place award in the Special Series category. In a project celebrating SCN's one-year anniversary, an SCN team of Williams, Johnson, Nancy Wisman, Hope Salyer and Molly Howlett picked up a second-place award in the category of Marketing Program or Campaign.

Making it to the national contest is a huge accomplishment. Entries must receive a first-place award in a state or at-large contest before being considered for national honors. What makes it even tougher is that Michigan writers' entries are judged in the at-large category, which combines entries from about 19 other states and Washington, D.C.

Congratulations—AGAIN—Judy Williams! Thank you for keeping SCN's many-year streak alive at the NFPW National Awards.

**2024 NFPW At-Large Contest results**

In addition to her first-place in the at-large contest for the article described above, **Williams** received an honorable mention in the personal essay category for "What happened to Memorial Day observances?" (SCN, May 2023). The judge wrote, "The stats with the fatalities in each war was noteworthy. The author justified why remembering Memorial Day was important to her; I hope others got that message."

**Mary Jo David** had four entries place in the NFPW At-Large Contest. Her work received three second-place awards and one third-place award.

- "Judge Susan L. Reck photograph by Stockbridge resident unveiled in courthouse" (SCN, August 2023) received a second-place in the News Story category. "Great lead and appealing story that I'm sure readers enjoyed," the judge wrote.
- "Gordie Kunzelman joins ranks of retired Town Fathers with plans to continue community service" (SCN, November 2023) earned a second-place award in the Personality Profile (over 750 words) category. "A sparkling profile of a beloved community member," the judge wrote. "I wish I knew Gordie. I can just picture the old-timers drinking coffee at his business."
- "'Lessons in Chemistry' Provides Food for Thought" (SCN, October 2023) won a second-place award in the Column-Personal Opinion category. According to the judge, "the strength of the column is in the correlation from the book's events in the 1950s and '60s to today's world."
- "Woah Nellie! Memories in the kitchen, while not always fun, are still to be treasured" (SCN, December 2023) received a third-place award for Column-Humorous. "While touches of humor emanate throughout, the column also is flavored with nostalgia," the judge wrote. "For readers, it is a reminder of their own holiday experiences, and you can almost taste the homemade cookies and biscuit, and relate to the pudding tale. Nicely done!"

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Boil two cups of water with the sugar added. Stir until the sugar dissolves.

Take note: The most basic instructions for using unflavored gelatin are not on the Knox packaging. After googling, I discovered that, for our recipe, you need to stir the contents of all the gelatin packets into one cup of room temperature water to "bloom." (Do this in a large mixing bowl; I used my late mother-in-law's bowl for good luck!) After a few minutes, add the two cups of boiled sugar water to the gelatin and stir for about three to five minutes until the combination thickens. Add the lemon juice and stir.

Meanwhile, in a Bundt-style pan, place the raspberries in a nice pattern on the bottom. Gently add in the thawed fruit medley. Top the fruit with peaches arranged in a nice pattern. Top the peaches with the strawberries, bottom-side down, covering as much of the fruit surface as possible.

Use a cup to gently pour the gelatin over the fruit arrangement. Fill to near the top of the pan. The peaks of the strawberries may be left uncovered; that's fine. Carefully place the pan into the refrigerator and chill overnight. (Wait to cover the pan until the gelatin sets a bit.) When ready to serve, set the pan into warm water for less than a minute to loosen the gelatin from the sides of the pan. Turn the fruit salad out onto a plate and serve.

All that was left was finding out what the resident taste-tester thought about the recipe. Between forkfuls, he managed to comment, "Friendly would be proud!" (Friendly—yes, that was her real name—was born around the turn of the 20th century and was famous for showing up to family parties with multi-layer gelatin salads tall enough to rival a wedding cake!)

I agree with my taste-tester; I think I can safely recommend this "Molded Fruit Side Salad" to readers. As gelatinized salads go, this one is really quite attractive and, because it doesn't call for olive eyes, it shouldn't scare any of your guests away!



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## Rock 'n' Roll page 17

On Dec. 8, 1980, in New York City, a few hours after being photographed getting Lennon's autograph, Chapman shot his idol, John Lennon. In August 1981, Chapman (diagnosed as delusional and probably psychotic) pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 20 years-to-life in prison. During the first few months of incarceration, Chapman was beaten by fellow inmates, some who tried to kill him with scissors and other homemade weapons. He currently is incarcerated at the Wende Correctional Facility in Alden, New York. He has been denied parole time and time again. On March 7, 2024, Chapman had another hearing and was denied parole for the 13th time.

**Q: I haven't seen anything in your column about the Raspberries so I'm asking, since they were one of my favorites from the '70s.**

A: The Raspberries began as two '60s Cleveland bands: The Choir and Cyrus Erie. The Choir had a No. 1 single in Cleveland titled "It's Cold Outside," which peaked at No. 68 nationally in 1967 and became a garage band favorite. Members of The Choir included Wally Bryson, Dave Smalley and Jim Bonfanti, who all became members of the Raspberries. The fourth member — who would become the lead vocalist — was Eric Carmen, leader of Cyrus Erie. To make things brief, Bryson quit The Choir and joined Cyrus Erie. Bryson soon quit the band, causing Cyrus Erie to break up. Various members had projects for a couple of years until Carmen, Bonfanti, Bryson and John Aleksic formed the Raspberries around 1970. But Aleksic quit too soon. After the Raspberries replaced Aleksic with Smalley (just back from Vietnam), they recorded a demo tape, which sent them on their way as hitmakers for Capitol Records. Their first huge hit was 1972's "Go All The Way," with an intro based on the chord formation of The Who's "The Kids Are Alright."

**Q: Who had the bigger hit with "Kansas City"? The Beatles or Wilbert Harrison?**

A: Wilbert Harrison. He took it to No. 1 in 1959. The Beatles' version (which was a medley with Little Richard's "Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey") was never released as a single in America. However, Capitol of Canada did release it, but it failed to make the U.S. charts. "Kansas City" (original title, "K.C. Lovin'") also hit the charts in 1959 for Rocky Olson (No. 60), Hank Ballard (No. 72) and Little Richard (No. 95); in 1964 for Trini Lopez (No. 23) and in 1967 for James Brown (No. 55).

**Q: Didn't someone else have a hit with the Bread song "Everything I Own"?**

A: Not in America, but it was a No. 1 hit in England for two stars: Ken Boothe (in 1974) and Boy George (in 1987). Bread member David Gates wrote the song in memory of his father. "Everything I Own" was originally an American hit for Bread in 1972.

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## Superintendent's Desk page 14

### Important dates

- Aug. 12: Athletic practices start
- Aug. 14: Open House
- Aug. 19: First Day of School

We look forward to the return of our students and encourage you to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available. Together, we will make this school year a fantastic experience for everyone.

### Employment opportunities

Stockbridge Community Schools is seeking motivated individuals to join our team. We have multiple openings for employment starting in the fall. These roles offer family-friendly schedules and competitive wages. Positions include paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, food service staff, a high school mathematics teacher, custodial and maintenance roles, and bus drivers. We invite interested candidates to contact us to discuss these opportunities further.

### Commitment to literacy and mathematics

Our district remains committed to equipping students with essential skills for success. Emphasizing literacy and mathematics, we aim to improve academic performance and critical thinking. Our comprehensive approach, supported by the science of reading, MTSS, PBIS, and Beyond Basics, ensures students develop strong foundational skills. We believe that literacy and a broad vocabulary enhance effective communication and understanding across all subjects, setting up students for lifelong success.

### District goals for 2024-2025

- All students will be proficient in literacy K-12.
- All students will be proficient in mathematics K-12.
- All students will develop healthy relationships, mental health, a sense of belonging, and safety.
- All students will reach proficiency in all content areas and specials through the implementation of best assessment practices.

We are committed to creating an environment where every student can thrive. As we embark on this new school year, we are confident in our collective ability to achieve these goals and provide a supportive and enriching educational experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Stockbridge Community Schools. Let's make the 2024-2025 school year one to remember!

Brian Friddle  
Superintendent of Schools



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Many Outreach clients are trapped in a web of debt. Outreach volunteer Jackie Scheller has advice to help free clients from that web. Image credit Robert Anasch on Unsplash.com

## Outreach in Action

# Stuck in a web of debt? Outreach has suggestions to help

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Spider webs abound in the summer, with multiple intricate shapes and designs. But no matter how they look, webs share a common purpose: trapping prey. Many of our Outreach clients find themselves trapped in a web of debt from which they struggle to free themselves. But unraveling the strands that are keeping folks stuck in their debt isn't easy.

Fortunately, Outreach board member Jackie Scheller is well-versed in helping people create livable budgets. A retired vocational and alternative education teacher and a lifelong entrepreneur, Jackie has a knack for identifying ways to save money while still enabling people to get what's needed.

As a free Outreach service, Scheller meets one-on-one with Outreach clients, by appointment, to review their income and expenses and help them move closer to living within their means.

We asked her some questions about the process she uses.

### 1. When you meet with clients, what are the first few things you focus on?

We talk in general about work, transportation, family and how things are going. In other words, we "break the ice."

### 2. What are some of the difficulties you help clients deal with, and what do you tell them?

Every client has a unique scenario, so I try to focus on help they think would be beneficial to them. To get to the underlying budget crisis issues, we discuss income and expenses. This discussion includes identifying sources of assistance they use. Often it is obvious where the huge expense is that is tapping their resources, and at other times it is hidden. Once identified, the client leaves the first meeting with homework that may include contacting a bank, insurance provider, or energy provider or doing some work to bring income and expenses in line. At the first meeting a worksheet is completed and a copy is shared with the client.

### 3. Do you make recommendations to your clients that would be applicable to the rest of us? If so, please share them!

Yes, it is almost always worth contacting your auto and home insurance provider(s) to review coverage at renewal time. Don't just write the check for the increased premium(s) without doing this first. Paying more than the car is worth, annually, for auto insurance, especially when there is no loan, is a big financial burden and a waste of money. Most can insure older, paid-off cars with basic PL/PD and Comprehensive and save big by avoiding collision insurance. PIP (Personal Injury Protection) is actually a medical insurance question, so make sure your car insurance company has your medical insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid information, which will save you money on premiums.

I also stress the importance of writing down or using your phone's Notes feature to track everything you spend. It's a forced "stop and think moment" when we do this, which can help to forestall impulse purchases you may regret later.

Lastly, making a budget is key to getting a handle on financial freedom. You can't fix what you don't know.

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# STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

## Kids of all ages take to playing baseball and soccer while school is out



**Parker Sandecki, U-14 Baseball**  
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**Daniel Field, U-10 Baseball**  
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**Owen Peckham, U-14 Baseball**  
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**Melanie Bennett  
Farm League Softball**  
*Photo by Double D Image Creations*



**Sam Salla, 2nd-3rd Grade Soccer**  
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**Levi Bennett, Soccer**  
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**Bennett Lentz, U-10 Baseball**  
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**Reese Sadler and Amaura Breese  
U-12 Softball**  
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**Vince Rogozinski, U-14 Baseball**  
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**Sam McPherson, T-ball**  
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**Annabelle Lane, U-14 Softball**  
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**Karson Porter, U-10 Baseball**  
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**John McPherson, U-10 Baseball**  
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**U-11 CASL Soccer Team**  
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**Kipp Vogel, U-14 Baseball**  
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**Elias Laird, T-ball**  
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**Holly Humrich**  
U-10 Softball  
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**Grayson Winnie**  
U-10 Baseball  
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**Paige Jarson, U-8 Softball**  
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**Azlynn Parks, U-14 Softball**  
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**Hazel Lentz, U-8 Softball**  
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## Football



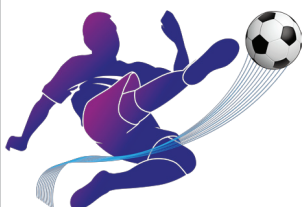
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• Fri 9-6	Union City	Away	7:00
• Fri 9-13	Bronson	Home	7:00
• Fri 9-20	Springport	Home	7:00 (Homecoming)
• Fri 9-27	Reading	Away	7:00
• Fri 10-4	Quincy	Away	7:00
• Fri 10-11	Sand Creek	Away	7:00
• Fri 10-18	Maple Valley	Home	7:00
• Fri 10-25	Dansville	Away	7:00

## Cross Country



• Tue 8-27	Marshall Inv	Away	TBA
• Sat 9-7	Bath Inv	Away	TBA
• Sat 9-21	Jackson Inv	Away	TBA
• Tue 9-24	Union City	Away	5:00
• Sat 9-28	Stockbridge Inv	Home	TBA
• Tue 10-1	Quincy	Away	5:00
• Tue 10-8	Bronson	Away	5:00
• Tue 10-15	Springport	Away	5:00
• Fri 10-25	Regional	Away	TBA

## Soccer



• Fri 8-16	Dansville	Away	5:30
• Mon 8-19	Quincy	Home	5:30
• Sat 8-24	Perry Inv	Away	9:00 AM
• Mon 8-26	Northwest	Home	5:30
• Tue 9-3	Everett	Home	5:30
• Thurs 9-5	Lakewood	Away	5:30
• Sat 9-7	Onsted Inv	Away	9:00 AM
• Wed 9-11	Pinckney	Home	5:30
• Thurs 9-12	Onsted	Home	5:30
• Mon 9-16	Laingsburg	Away	5:30
• Tue 9-17	Calhoun Christian	Away	5:30
• Thurs 9-19	Olivet	Away	5:30
• Wed 9-25	Maple Valley	Away	5:30
• Thur 9-26	Bath	Home	5:30
• Wed 10-2	Quincy	Away	5:30
• Mon 10-7	Potterville	Away	5:30
• Mon 10-14	Int Academy of Flint	Home	5:30

## Volleyball



• Wed 8-21	Corunna Inv	Away	5:00 PM
• Sat 8-24	Leslie Quad	Away	8:30 AM
• Tue 9-10	Springport	Home	6:45 PM
• Sat 9-14	Webberville Inv	Away	8:00 AM
• Tue 9-17	Reading	Away	6:45 PM
• Thurs 9-19	East Jackson	Away	7:00 PM
• Tue 9-24	Quincy	Home	6:45 PM
• Sat 9-28	Panthers Inv	Home	TBA
• Tue 10-1	Concord	Away	6:45 PM
• Mon 10-7	Potterville	Away	7:00 PM
• Tue 10-8	Maple Valley	Home	6:45 PM
• Thurs 10-17	Grass Lake	Away	5:00 PM
• Tue 10-22	Union City	Away	6:30 PM

## Fall 2024 SPORTS SCHEDULE

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# 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Gregory Fourth of July Parade

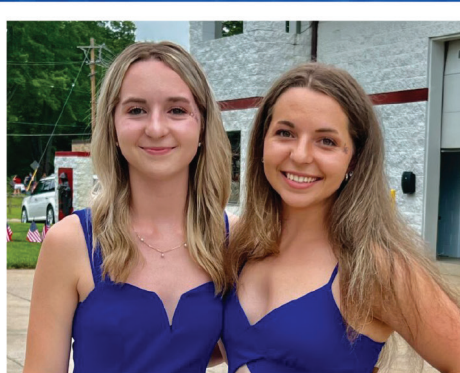
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Members of the American Legion Post 510, along with Legion Auxiliary, Legion Riders, and Sons of the Legion, are ready to line up for the parade.



2024 Grand Marshals are Geri and Tony Rasizzi, of Gregory.



The national anthem is sung by Clare and Josie Beutler.



An Army police jeep displays several flags.



Patriotic horses are adored by all.



Vintage tractors are essential in a rural parade.



A U.S. flag is mounted on this vintage car.



There are a lot of participants in the kids' bike-decorating contest.



A wreath is placed at the Gregory War Memorial.



This tractor and wagon are proudly decorated for July Fourth.