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Chelsea Hospital's Urgent Care has moved to new location on Old US-12



Chelsea Hospital's Urgent Care was relocated from the hospital's Emergency Department in September 2024.
Photo provided by Chelsea Hospital

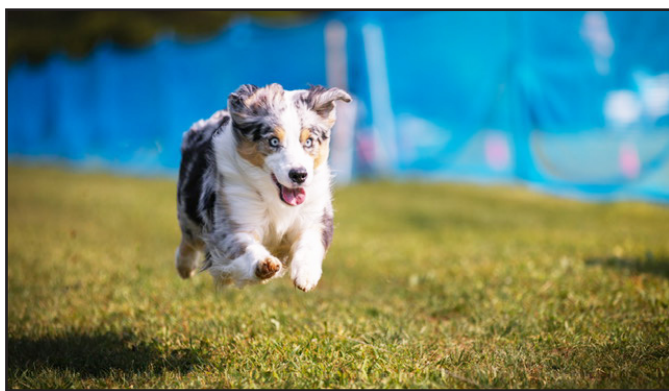
Information provided by Chelsea Hospital

Chelsea Hospital's Urgent Care relocated from the hospital's Emergency Department to the Trinity Health IHA Medical Group office as of Wednesday, Sept. 25, according to hospital officials. The new facility is located next door to the hospital on Old U.S. 12; the address is 14288 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. In addition, more seriously ill patients still have the option to quickly transfer care to the Chelsea Hospital Emergency Department.

Hospital officials announced the move May 20 and said it was necessary to meet the demand of a growing number of patients and to reduce wait times.

See Urgent Care on page 8.

Canine 'Ziggy Stardust' is one Fast CAT when it comes to AKC competitions



Ziggy in flight during one of his 2024 Fast CAT competitions. Photo provided by Tina Patterson

by Tina Patterson as reported to Mary Jo David

Many have seen him walking around Stockbridge or in Tractor Supply. With his bright blue eyes and cheerful attitude, this three-year-old miniature American shepherd (MAS) is winning smiles and greetings from people all over town.

What you might not know is this dog—Ziggy Stardust—is a superstar in the AKC Fast CAT® (Fast Coursing Ability Test) 100-yard dash. During competition, Ziggy often reaches speeds

of over 28 miles per hour, making him one "Fast Cat!"

Fast CAT is a relatively new sport for the American Kennel Club; the first organized AKC event of this type was held in 2016. Only the top five swiftest dogs in each breed are invited to participate in the AKC National Invitational. In 2023, of the 331 miniature American shepherds who competed, Ziggy was the third fastest and is hoping to bring home a blue ribbon this year. The 2024 Invitational will be held Oct. 8-12 in Wilmington, Ohio.

This amazing pup also has his Advanced Trick Dog title and is working toward other dog sport titles, including Obedience.

According to Ziggy's owner, Tina Patterson, there's always excitement in the air as Ziggy prepares to participate in a Fast CAT competition. The event involves chasing a "bunny" lure made of three plastic bags on a cord operated by a huntmaster. All pedigree and mixed breed dogs are welcome to compete in this event.

See Ziggy on page 22.

From the superintendent's desk Commitment to school safety: A community effort



Brian Friddle

As our local school district begins another academic year, our commitment to the safety of students and staff remains a top priority. The landscape of school safety is complex, involving not only physical security but also the emotional and psychological well-being of our community. In this context, we are excited to share our ongoing initiatives and the integration of new tools, including the BTAM (Behavior Threat Assessment Matrix), to enhance our safety protocols.

Each school has a dedicated crisis team responsible for developing tailored responses during emergencies. These teams ensure the needs of students, staff, and families are met while maintaining clear communication with all stakeholders. To reinforce our preparedness, every building is required to conduct various drills throughout the year, including fire, tornado, and emergency response drills. We are committed to transparency and accountability, reporting our annual drill information to the State of Michigan.

See Superintendent's Desk on page 10.

October 2024

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Harvest Fest: See page 7 for photos from the Stockbridge Harvest Fest and Tractor Show.

All Clubs Day: See pages 13-14.

Homecoming: See pages 23-24 for Parade and Halftime Queen's Court photos.

Rural Perspectives: Bumblebees have no ears, 5 eyes and 2 stomachs



Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

Of the 50 or so native species of bumblebees in North America, the eastern bumblebee (*Bombus impatiens*) is the most common in our area. The first part of the scientific name means "buzzing" in Latin, and the second part is the name of a favorite flower of the bee and a favorite garden flower.



The common eastern bumblebee has five eyes, three of which are dark bumps between the antennae. Photo credit Diane Constable

Only the younger queen bee survives winter by hibernating underground after fattening up on nectar. The others, including the older queen, die off as the weather gets cold.

In spring, the queen emerges and feeds on available flowers before searching for a suitable nest site near logs, brush piles, abandoned burrows and other protected areas in or near the ground. She produces a waxy substance and forms it into containers to hold nectar and pollen.

The queen lays only female eggs, which hatch in about five days; she feeds the larvae from the pots until they are adults. These females become the worker bees of the hive

while the queen continues to lay eggs. The worker bees secrete a substance, called royal jelly, which is fed to the queen, and the workers take over the raising of the new eggs. Certain female eggs destined to become queens also are fed the royal jelly. If there is not enough nectar and pollen supply and not enough workers available to feed them, few if any queens are produced.

In early summer, the queen also starts producing male (drone) eggs. The adult males, which do not have a stinger, are kicked out of the nest. They live solitary lives eating nectar, defending territory, and leaving scents to attract a queen bee to mate with. Males are identified by the patch of yellow below their eyes.

Colonies can contain 50-500 bees. Unlike honeybees, the bumblebee hive does not produce an overabundance of honey and has a smaller nest.

Bumblebees do not have ears. They have five eyes, three of which are dark bumps between the antennae (these can be seen in the photo). Their wings can beat up to 240 times per second. The rotund shape of bumblebees helps them bounce off objects that they run into. They "dance" to communicate the location of favorite flowers to the other bees.

See *Rural Perspectives* on page 11.

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Voter information and guides available at CADL ahead of Nov. election

by Sherri McConnell, CADL Head Librarian

When you walk into any library there are a few things you're sure to find. A comfy chair, a literary classic, a friendly face or two, and of course, access to important information.

With the election around the corner, CADL Stockbridge wants you to know what's available to those of you exercising your right to vote.

We've created a Voter Information Guide, filled with references to trusted sources outlining local, state and national voter information.

Voter Information Guides are available at the Stockbridge Library. Photo from SCN media library

Additionally, you'll find guides for registering to vote, voter registration forms with large print and other languages, as well as instructions for how to vote by absentee ballot and more. Access it at cadl.org/voter-information. Our staff are also happy to help you locate your polling location.

So what other important information does the library have? Well, that depends on what is important to you! There's no shortage of resources for hobbyists and craftspeople at CADL, including our popular weekly event Fiber Arts with the Flock. If family history is important, you can access Ancestry.com for libraries and the resources of our Local History department. Personal finances, supporting your small business, gardening, making music, playing Minecraft... the library can connect you to resources for exploring all kinds of niche interests or working toward your goals.

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CORRECTION! Village offices patio information

The September issue of Stockbridge Community News erroneously published photos of the "revamped" outdoor patio space at the Village of Stockbridge offices. Thank you to Village Clerk Heather Armstrong who pointed out that the photos we published showed the existing patio before any updates were made using the LEAP grant the village received. Plans are to redo the mural and provide new seating. Currently the renovation is on hold waiting for concrete to be poured.

Pickup truck stolen in Unadilla, later found abandoned in early September



Information provided by the Unadilla Township Police Department

The Unadilla Township Police Department and Livingston County Sheriff's Office located a stolen pickup truck in Gregory. Photo from SCN media library

On the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 5, the Unadilla Township Police Department was contacted regarding a pickup truck stolen from the area of M-106 and Dutton Rd. The stolen vehicle has since been found, abandoned and undamaged, at Gregory Rd. and Wasson Rd. Both the UTPD and Livingston County Sheriff's Office were involved in the search for the missing vehicle and the suspect.

Meanwhile, another abandoned vehicle—this one was a car—was spotted and reported to the police.

See Stolen Truck on page 8.

Woah Nellie!

Baked tomatoes? Instinct may say 'yuck,' but taste buds can be pleasantly surprised

by Mary Jo David

When getting ready to travel, one of my goals is to use up perishable food in our kitchen before the trip. As I contemplated this month's 100-year-old recipe remake within a day of leaving for our trip out West, I was determined to use up the lovely homegrown tomatoes we had received from our neighbors.

With this in mind, I started looking through the October 1924 editions of the Stockbridge Brief-Sun. I skipped right over "Escalloped Celery," "Mock Venison," "Mush and Milk," and "Terrapin" (which, it turns out, is cooked turtle). As in previous months, I found myself

wondering about Nellie's infatuation with oyster recipes—there were two in the October editions of the newspaper, but I'm not an oyster fan so those were a no-go. And much to the dismay of my squirrel-hunting neighbor Al, I passed right over "Brunswick Stew with Squirrel"!

My patience paid off when I found the Oct. 2, 1924, recipe for "Ritz Tomatoes," which sounded like something one would serve at a ladies' luncheon or tea in the 1920s. This recipe is a bit more involved than typical tea sandwiches of that time, which often were served cold. So if "Ritz Tomatoes" were served for a tea, it was most likely for a high tea, which in its day was intended to be more filling than a typical tea gathering. NOTE: Ritz crackers were not invented until almost 10 years after Nellie's recipe was published, so think "Ritz" as in "fancy," not "Ritz" as in "crackers" for this recipe.

Everything about the recipe appealed to me—the basic ingredients, the ease of putting it together, and its attractiveness. There was only one problem: I don't like warm tomatoes. Fresh tomatoes in a tomato sandwich—yum! Tomatoes made into a sauce for lasagna or spaghetti—double yum! But you won't see me ordering a pizza with tomato slices baked on top—not so yum!

However, lately I've been preaching to my better half and a few of my friends that we need to expand our palates. Personally, I'm finding that foods I previously detested are actually tolerable, and sometimes delicious. I've never been a fish eater, but in the last few years, I've learned to appreciate lake perch and some of the milder fish used in fish tacos. I turned my nose up at eggs most of my life, but more recently, I've given scrambles and quiches a chance, and I've been pleasantly surprised at how good they can be. The biggest surprise to my taste buds was when my friend Annette's pea soup converted me after a lifetime of despising this popular green mush.

Armed with my own experiences with changing taste buds, I set out to prepare a batch of "Ritz Tomatoes." Prior to assembling the recipe, I finely chopped the onion and green pepper and grated the cheese (I used colby jack) for the tops. I typically buy multi-packs of bacon and cook it all at once so I can keep cooked bacon strips in the freezer. That made it easy for me to pull out a few strips to thaw and sprinkle over the tomatoes when they came out of the oven.

All of this prep work made the recipe assembly quite simple. And while Nellie's instructions are always sparse, most everything was there for how to "put on the Ritz." She didn't leave anything out except the oven temperature and the baking time. But I've learned that when Nellie called for a "hot oven," I should set the temperature to 400 degrees. And after about 12 minutes, I kept a pretty close eye on the contents of the oven to make sure they didn't burn.

See *Woah Nellie!* on page 13.



(©. 1924. Western Newspaper Union.)

During the last days of summer and early autumn, food that is easy of digestion and not too substantial, is most favored.

Ritz Tomatoes.—Cut rounds of toast, butter, lay in a shallow pan and lay on each a thin slice of cheese. On the cheese lay half of a tomato, outside up, sprinkle with sugar, salt, pepper and finely minced green pepper and onion. Put a slice of butter on each, grated cheese over, and set in a hot oven until the tomatoes are slightly browned. Top with a sprig of parsley and garnish with crisp bacon.

Nellie Maxwell

Stockbridge Brief-Sun

October 1924



If you're looking for something different to serve for a light meal—especially if you have tomatoes to use up in a pinch—I can safely recommend "Ritz Tomatoes."

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Reading Between the Lines Once banned, a classic about The Great War became recommended reading

by Chuck Wisman

The classic, "All Quiet on the Western Front," is a thoroughly engaging and provocative novel completed in the aftermath of the Great War. Written by Erich Remarque, a German World War I infantry veteran, it was first published in book form in 1929. Within 18 months of publishing, it sold 2.5 million copies across 22 different countries. Written nearly one hundred years ago, it was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. The book remains relevant as one of the greatest war novels of all time.

The majority of literature following WWI glorified the war, its heroes, and the sacrifices of its participants. "All Quiet on the Western Front" took a much different position by illustrating the actual horror of war and its devastating impact on the soldiers, their families, citizens, and country. Almost 10 million soldiers died in WWI and few of the men portrayed in "All Quiet on the Western Front" survived the war.

Written in a first-person narrative style, the story is told from the perspective of the protagonist, Paul Baumer. Remarque describes the experiences of the nineteen-year old Baumer and his classmates—beginning in school, then volunteering for perceived glory in the army, later through training, and ultimately as they participated in the utter brutality and savagery of years in trench warfare.

The story encompassed the ongoing struggle for a few yards of territory between France and Germany, informed from the German perspective of Baumer and about a dozen of his fellow soldiers. The character development is superb, with each becoming very familiar to the reader through their individual personalities. The soldiers' daily travails and trials are engrossing as they experience battle after battle, involving injuries, poison gas attacks, incessant artillery fire, exhaustion, and the daily struggle to locate food.

Even the curse of body lice does not escape Remarque's attention via Baumer's firsthand description.

"It's a nuisance trying to kill every single louse when you've got hundreds of them. The beasts are hard, and it gets to be a bore when you are forever pinching them between your nails. So Tjaden has rigged up a boot-polish lid hanging on a piece of wire over a burning candle-end. You just have to toss the lice into this little frying-pan—there is a sharp crack, and that's it."

The camaraderie of his fellow soldiers was all important to Baumer, given their hellscape living conditions. Death and injury were always around the corner, waiting without warning.

As Baumer relates, "Those voices, those few soft words, those footsteps in the trench behind me tear me with a jolt away from the terrible feeling of isolation that goes with the fear of death, to which I nearly succumbed. Those voices mean more than my life, more than mothering and fear, they are the strongest and most protective thing that there is: they are the voices of my pals."

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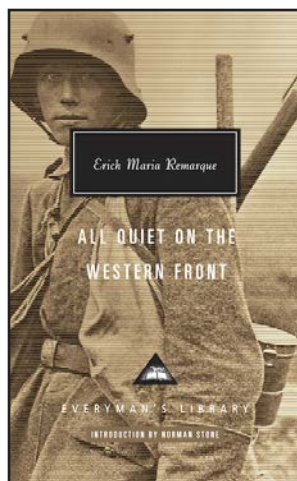
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"All Quiet on the Western Front" encompasses the ongoing struggle for a few yards of territory between France and Germany in WWI. Image credit Everyman's Library

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Hackers are equal opportunity criminals. People of all ages should be cautious.

by **Kenny Minger**



To a hacker, personal information is priceless, and they can use it for several underhanded deeds.

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It's not news that hackers target businesses, any business they can, from hospitals to banks and small businesses, to mega-corporations like Amazon. The gold the hackers are searching for at these businesses and organizations is your information. To a hacker, personal information is priceless, and they can use it for several underhanded deeds, such as accessing bank accounts, opening credit cards, identity theft, blackmail, or even just selling the person's information to companies to use for their own purposes.

So what should you do to avoid becoming a victim?

Protecting bank accounts and credit cards

When it comes to your bank account and credit cards, one of the best things you can do is keep records of what you purchased and occasionally compare those records to your monthly transactions. Sure, banks and credit card companies may notify you when unusual transactions and orders are placed on your account. But you can be proactive by watching for disparities yourself.

Whether you find the problem or your bank or credit card company contacts you about a problem, you can work with them to take further steps to recover the money that is lost. You may be advised to file a police report if you are a victim of bank fraud, and having that report may help you get your money back. At the very least, the report can help the government find ways to prevent future fraud cases that could affect you or others.

Another tip: Check with your bank about ways to view your credit score. Checking your credit score frequently can help you determine if another person is making purchases under your name.

Avoid being an online fraud victim

And then there's online fraud. Log-in information you use on the internet is valuable to hackers, especially if you use the same password for many websites. It's much wiser to have different passwords for different websites. When a website requires complicated conditions for setting up a password—like using a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters—the website is making sure your password is more secure. The more characters in your password the better.

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September 28 Tractor Show—A little rain did not dampen the fun



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2024 Stockbridge Harvest Fest



Final Harvest: Honoring 2024 fallen farmers from our community



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Clyde Whitaker

Clyde's Corner

A first-day-of-school glitch had a happy ending

by Clyde Whitaker

Hello, everyone. The new school year is off and running, and local kids have had a chance to get used to their school routines. As I see the school buses on our rural roads, it brings to mind a first-day-of-school memory I thought I would share with you. This story is only known by a few people. I'm pretty sure even my Uncle Willis Jackson hasn't heard this one.

As most of you know, I was born in Stockbridge at the Rowe Memorial Hospital on Center Street. At the time of my birth, my family lived in one of the small houses on the Krummrey Farm, just outside of Stockbridge, where my father Jim Whitaker was the farm foreman. We lived on the Krummrey Farm until my parents purchased a house on Territorial and Fitchburg roads, just outside of Munith.

It was always dusty on the farm, with all of the trucks running back and forth on the roads and in the muck fields. Our next-door neighbors on the farm were Weasel and Martha Poe, with a son Cletis and daughter Phyllis. Cletis and I rode our bikes all around the roads on the farm, waving as the trucks drove by, even though we were only 5 years old.

In addition to bike rides, Cletis and I also share a special memory from that year: Our first day of kindergarten at Emma Smith Elementary School. I don't recall much about that first day, except for our ride home on the bus. It seemed like an eternity that Cletis and I were on that bus, sitting in the right-front seat, watching all the others depart one by one.

Eventually, Cletis and I were the only students left on the bus. The next stop had to be our turn! At his last stop of the day, the bus driver pulled over, opened the door and said, "Here you go." I looked out the front-seat window, frozen in fear. This was not our farm!

Cletis and I immediately burst out into tears, crying uncontrollably. We told the bus driver we didn't live here; we were sobbing and scared to death. You see, the bus driver thought we lived on the Baldwin Farm, which also was just outside of Stockbridge.

Realizing this was not our home, the bus driver made the trip back to Stockbridge and to the Krummrey Farm.

Needless to say, we were overjoyed to finally be home, and that is one first day of school I will never forget!

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.

Urgent Care page 1

"Transitioning our Urgent Care services into a dedicated nearby facility is crucial for us to be able to continue delivering high-quality care to our patients," said Ben Miles, president of Chelsea Hospital. "By expanding our Urgent Care into a dedicated, larger space, we will not only reduce wait times for our patients, but also streamline their care."

Miles said back in May that when Urgent Care moved into the Emergency Department two years ago, "it was understood a future move would be inevitable due to expected growth."

That time came about much sooner than expected, as the combined Emergency Department and Urgent Care volumes have increased by 47 percent, rising from 20,000 visits to more than 31,000.

"This move is another step in our commitment to improving efficiency and delivering timely, high-quality care to our community," Miles said.

In coordination with the move, patients also will benefit from Trinity Health IHA Medical Group's launch of the "Save My Spot" online scheduler, which will allow patients to skip the wait by choosing an appointment time online.

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



The house the Whitakers lived in on the Krummrey Farm, just outside Stockbridge. Cletis and his family lived in the house next to the Whitakers. Photos by Clyde Whitaker



Entrance to the Krummrey Farm, where the school bus should have left Clyde after his first day of school.

Stolen Truck page 3

The abandoned car was parked behind a residence on M-106 within a half mile from where the pickup truck was stolen. It is believed that the person suspected of stealing the pickup truck is the registered owner of the abandoned car that was found.

The suspect was described as a Caucasian male, about 6-feet tall with dark hair and a scruffy beard, no glasses, wearing a dark grey sweatshirt, jeans, and carrying a dark-colored backpack. He is believed to have ties to the Mason and Lansing areas. Evidence suggests that alcohol or controlled substances may have been involved.

The police received a report of a person fitting this description sitting in a yard on Brogan Rd near Dexter Trail. However, the information was an hour old before it was relayed to police and the person was no longer in the area. A further search for the suspect was unsuccessful.

As of Sept. 30, these incidents remain under investigation by the Unadilla Township Police Department.

If the public has any information pertaining to this incident, please contact Chief Russell of the Unadilla Township Police Department at 734-498-2325.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2024

Stockbridge Township Supervisor CG Lantis called the Regular Stockbridge Township Board Meeting to order September 16, 2024, at 7:01pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Terry Sommer, Trustee Ed Wetherell Member absent None Clerk Becky Muraf was late arriving at 7:15PM

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board agenda as written with the Date Corrected from August 19, 2024 to September 16, 2024 and close session to personnel instead of Personal and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes at on under monthly bills Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried Citizen's Comment none

Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial Report from April 1, 2024, thru September 16, 2024 as printed Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Audit report as presented by Pfeffer Hanniford & Palka from Fiscal Year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 Sommer Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes. All in Favor Motion Carried

Memorial Wall Plaque request for Dorene White and Normi Spadafore Sommer motion to approve Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried Old Business

Stockbridge Township and Unadilla Township is having a Cleanup day on September 21, 2024, from 10am to 2pm in Unadilla New Business

Wireman motion to spend \$900.00 on Halloween Candy for the Stockbridge Township Trick or Treating

on the Square during the hours of 6pm to 8pm on Halloween October 31 Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Sommer motion we give Stockbridge Fire \$400.00 towards the annual Cider and Donuts during trick or treating on the square Muraf Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Harvest Fest Road closure of S. Center Street and E. Elizabeth Street on Saturday, September 28th, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Wireman motion to table Stockbridge Township Mower bag until Lantis looks at the current one to see if it is still working Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman motion to table Stockbridge Township Hall Rental until more research is done Sommer Second All in Favor Motin Carried

Muraf motion to give WAVE Bus \$4,000.00 for the upcoming year Wireman Second Roll Call Vote Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Sommer Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Stockbridge Police will be scheduling a joint meeting with Stockbridge Township and Village of Stockbridge in early October Date to be Determined Stockbridge Township Planning Commission will not publish meeting minutes at this time in the local paper, but they are available at Stockbridge Township Hall if needed

Sommer Motion to pay the Stockbridge Township Board monthly bills in the amount of \$42,835.30 Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried Citizen Comments None

Sommer motion to close open session and open close session Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried Muraf motion to close close session and open open session Sommer Second All in Favor Motin Carried

Wireman motion to revisit Stockbridge Township office cleaning and lawn care in 60 days with hope of improvement that grounds keeper will prove a worthy employee Sommer Second All in Favor Motion Carried Lantis motion to adjourn the Stockbridge Township regular Monthly Board meeting at 9:06 PM BM

Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting August 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Waterloo Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm. The following motions were made: approval to adopt the consent agenda including the amended July Board meeting minutes, approval to upgrade the township computer systems at a cost not to exceed \$8000, approval to purchase a new computer for the Clerk's office at a cost not to exceed \$1000, approval to adopt the amended Special Outdoor Event Ordinance and Permit application, approval of the Waterloo Farm Museum Pioneer Day event, approval of designees to approve outdoor event permit applications, approval of the Cameron Boundary Line adjustment, approval of the Bennett Land Division, approval of the new deputy clerk pay rate, approval to remove C. Richardson from the bank accounts and add P. Brown, and approval of a \$2000 donation to the West Washtenaw Area Value Express transportation system; Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Complete minutes can be found on the Waterloo Township website. (<https://waterlootwpmi.gov/meeting-minutes/>).

Bill Richardson, Clerk

Waterloo Township announces public accuracy test on Oct. 16, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5th, 2024 General Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 4:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI. The Public accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Bill Richardson
Waterloo Township Clerk

Waterloo Township announces public hearing notice on Thursday, Oct. 17

The Waterloo Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Waterloo Township Offices located at 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on a variance request for exceeding lot size coverage on New Construction on Parcel 000-10-01-177-010-00 located at 4724 Clear Lake Shores, Grass Lake, MI 49240 and owned by Amy Vogler, 1716 Golden Ridge Lane, Gaylord, MI 49735.

A copy of the application and supporting documents may be viewed at the Township Offices during regular business hours.

Written comments should be mailed to: Waterloo Township Offices, 9773 Mt. Hope Rd., Munith, MI 49259 or dropped off at the offices during regular business hours prior to October 16, 2024.

Individuals with special needs should contact the Waterloo Township Board by writing or calling the Clerk's Office, 9773 Mt. Hope Rd., Munith, MI 49259. Phone: 517-596-8400.

Ralph Schumacher-ZBA Secretary
Waterloo Township

Looking like fall thanks to Stockbridge Area Garden Club members

by Judy Williams

Doug and Terry Sommer's corn field was full of action as some of the Stockbridge Area Garden Club ladies and a few husbands gathered corn stalks for decorating downtown Stockbridge.

For additional photos, visit www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.



Women of the Stockbridge Area Garden Club and a few spouses cut corn stalks to bundle into corn shocks for decorating the Stockbridge Township Square. Left to right: Molly Howlett, Susan Daily, Flora Myers, Terry Sommer, Doug Sommer, Rick Howlett, Gary Ludtke, Roberta Ludtke, and Connie Risner. Not pictured Judy and Bob Williams. Photo credit Judy Williams

SASC Open House showcases senior center's place in community



Many of the Center's Open House volunteers gather outside the center for a photo. From left to right: Daryl Anderson, Laura Loomis, Kenny Minger, Mark Blakeman, Katie Faust, Christine Rebesch, Richard Mullins, Patrick Carbary, Nelva Lampart, Ed Jones, Eric Holmes, Arlene Jenkins, Richard Long, Kathleen Mullins, Paula Pietila, Jeanne Smith, Carrie Holmes, Jim Pietila, and Roger Nelson. Photo credit DigitalCrumbs Photography, James Clark-Swalla

Information provided by Kenny Minger

The Stockbridge Area Senior Center, at 219 W. Elm St. in Stockbridge, held an open house on Sept. 21 to raise awareness about the center and let people know about some of the recent changes in the organization and how the community can get involved.

See additional photo from the open house at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

Superintendent's desk page 1

In our efforts to enhance safety, we have incorporated the BTAM into our existing protocols. This structured approach helps school officials assess and manage threats systematically, focusing on behavioral indicators and appropriate interventions. The matrix outlines specific behaviors that may signal a potential threat, categorized by severity.

Threats are classified into various levels, from minor concerns to serious threats requiring immediate action. Clear criteria for assessing the credibility and severity of threats are provided, including evaluating the individual's history and the context of their behavior. Guidelines for responding to different levels of threats enhance our communication with law enforcement and mental health professionals.

Utilizing the BTAM allows multidisciplinary teams—including administrators, teachers, mental health care professionals, and law enforcement—to collaboratively assess concerning behaviors and determine appropriate responses. This systematic approach reduces subjective judgments, enabling early intervention and improved communication among all parties involved.

We hope that when staff and community members hear that the district is conducting a threat assessment, they will have peace of mind knowing there is a process in place to address any situation appropriately.

As we settle into the new school year, our commitment to developing and refining our safety programs remains a priority. By integrating tools like the BTAM and engaging with the community, we aim to proactively address threats while supporting the overall education and well-being of our students and staff.

Together, with the support of our families and community, we can create a thriving educational atmosphere where safety is a priority. Thank you for being an integral part of this mission.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

Go Panthers!

Brian Friddle

Superintendent of Schools

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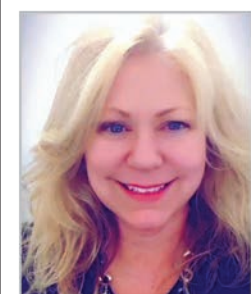
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Community Calendar

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.

– 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.

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

– Wednesday Wonders (All Ages), 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library

– Pop-up food distribution for anyone in need, 1 to 3 p.m. at Stockbridge Community Outreach

– 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– Walking Club, 6:30 p.m. at Veteran's Park.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Sundays – Youth Run Club, 6-7 p.m., starting Sept 8, Mike Levine Trailhead, Stockbridge

Oct. 6 - Pioneer Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm Museum

Oct. 7 - Wellness Social Hours sponsored by Stockbridge Area Outreach, 3 to 4 p.m. at Stockbridge

Community Outreach

Oct. 15 - Third Tuesday Book Discussion Group, 12:30-1:30, at Stockbridge Area Senior Center, 219 Elm St., Stockbridge

Oct. 17 - After Hours Book Discussion Group, 5:30-6:30 at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 19 - Shipshewana on the Road, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Fairgrounds

Oct. 20 - Shipshewana on the Road, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Fairgrounds

Oct. 21 - Fiber Arts with the Flock, 1:00-2:00 at the Stockbridge Library

Oct. 31 - Halloween. Stockbridge Township Trick-or-Treating on the Square from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Stockbridge Township Square. Call Village of Stockbridge for information.

For more community events visit: www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com. To add your community events to our free community calendar, email submissions to stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com.

For other library-hosted events, go to www.cadl.org/ and click the "Events" menu.

Reading Between the Lines page 5

top-grade emperors need at least one war, otherwise they don't get famous. Have a look in your school history books."

In 1933, less than five years after the book's introduction, "All Quiet on the Western Front" was banned in Germany and other parts of the world, including Austria, Italy, and parts of the U.S. and Australia. The rising National Socialist party (Nazis) in Germany viewed the book as unpatriotic, and it was vilified by Joseph Goebbels, the German minister of propaganda. The book was deemed illegal to own or possess in Germany and was the lead book in later Nazi book burnings. Remarque had his citizenship revoked and fled the country for Switzerland, and eventually the United States. His sister was executed by the Nazis.

Much later, and despite its violent content, "All Quiet on the Western Front" made its way onto some required and suggested reading lists for high schoolers here in the U.S.

In Erich Remarque's words, "This book is intended neither as an accusation nor as a confession, but simply as an attempt to give an account of a generation that was destroyed by the war—even those of it who survived the shelling."

"All Quiet on the Western Front" (1994 translation) is available on order via the Stockbridge District Library.

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

Rural Perspectives page 2

They have two stomachs, one for eating and one to store nectar to take back to the hive. Pollen is stored in little "buckets" on the hind legs.

Although not aggressive, bumblebees may sting if the nest is disturbed.

Fun Fact: Bumblebees are the only bees that buzz their wings hard enough to knock pollen off the flower, which dramatically increases seed production. This makes them the super-pollinators of wildflowers, garden flowers, fruit and nut trees, and other food crops.

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.



John and Theresa Kightlinger

Ask an Expert How to prepare your car for a major repair

by John and Theresa Kightlinger

Facing a major car repair can feel daunting, much like preparing for a big exam. You know it's necessary, but the whole process can be overwhelming. Whether it's a transmission overhaul, engine replacement, or serious collision repair, getting your car ready for a major repair involves more than just dropping it off at the shop. With the right preparation, you can make the experience smoother and less stressful for you and your vehicle. Here's how to get started.

Choose the right repair shop: Your car's health depends on this. Before diving into the repair, the first and most crucial step is choosing a reputable auto repair shop. Not all mechanics are created equal, and for a major repair, you want to make sure your car is in expert hands. Do your homework—look for reviews, ask for recommendations, and check the shop's certifications. A well-reviewed, certified shop will likely do a better job, saving you headaches and money in the long run.

Don't be shy about asking the shop for details. Get a written estimate, ask about warranties on parts and labor, and make sure they have experience with the specific repair your car needs. After all, you wouldn't trust just anyone to perform surgery—your car deserves the same level of care.

Clean out your car: This makes it easier for the mechanics. It's a good idea to clear out any personal items before dropping it off for repairs. Mechanics need space to work, and having an empty, clutter-free car will make their job easier. Plus, removing valuables like electronics, sunglasses, and paperwork ensures that nothing gets lost or damaged during the repair process. Think of it as decluttering before a big move—by clearing out the car, you're helping the repair go more smoothly and quickly. You'll also avoid any potential awkwardness if the mechanics discover your forgotten snack stash under the seat!

Organize your paperwork: Be ready to share important details. When you bring your car in for a major repair, the shop will likely ask for your vehicle's maintenance history. If you've kept records of previous services, bring them along. This information can help the mechanics diagnose issues more accurately and ensure your car receives the correct parts and service.

Also, be ready to discuss any symptoms or issues you've noticed with your car. The more details you provide, the better equipped the mechanics will be to tackle the problem. Think of it like a doctor's visit—the more you share, the easier it is to find the right cure.

Prepare for downtime: Keep in mind you may need to plan for alternative transportation. A major repair often means your car will be out of commission for several days, if not longer. It's important to plan ahead for how you'll get around during this time. Whether you arrange for a rental car, use public transportation, or carpool with a friend, having a plan in place will save you from scrambling at the last minute. If the repair shop offers a loaner car, ask about availability and any associated costs. Alternatively, you might want to explore other transportation options—who knows, you might discover a new favorite way to get to work!

Set a budget: Be prepared for unexpected costs. Major repairs can be expensive, and sometimes additional issues are discovered once the work begins. It's wise to set aside a budget that includes a buffer for unexpected costs.

See Ask an Expert on page 13.

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Woah Nellie! page 4

I took the "Ritz Tomatoes" out of the oven after about 20 minutes and then garnished them with the bacon and parsley before serving.

My resident taste tester doesn't have the same reservations I do about eating hot tomatoes. So when he tried his first bite, I was heartened to hear, "This is pretty darn good." I let them cool a bit more before I tried one, and I must say, my taste buds did not complain. And after sharing the last two with my next-door neighbor, I got her stamp of approval and a "Mmmm. I like them!"

So if you're looking for something different to serve for a light meal—especially if you have tomatoes to use up in a pinch—I can safely recommend "Ritz Tomatoes." And before you turn up your nose like I did, initially, at the thought of warm tomatoes, don't just take my word for it. The Cleveland Clinic reminds us that taste buds regenerate every 10 days or so and they also decrease as we age. So, according to the clinic, "Your perception of taste changes at different stages of life. The foods you love as an adult may differ from those you love as a child."

Source: Cleveland Clinic Health Library, Body Systems and Organs, Taste Buds (my.clevelandclinic.org/health/body/24684-taste-buds)

All photos by Mary Jo David.

Ask an Expert page 12

While the shop should provide you with an estimate, having extra funds available can help you avoid any financial surprises. If the repair costs more than you anticipated, discuss payment options with the shop. Many offer financing plans, and it's better to know your options up front than to be caught off guard when the bill arrives.

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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18th Annual All Clubs Day: Thank you to those who led the pack

by Lucas Haines

The 18th annual All Clubs Day was held on Sept. 15, 2024, on the Stockbridge Village Square. It's fair to say that, emotionally, this was the biggest year for the event, as it is the first time we've held an All Clubs Day without the late, great Suzi Greenway in the lead.

I can speak from experience that so much work goes into rolling out All Clubs Day. Luckily, I knew some of the inner workings of this motorcycle event and through my experiences helping Suzi in the past, I was able to locate supplies she had stored on her property. I spent some of the days before the event helping to load trailers with motorcycles that were to be featured on the lawn when All Clubs Day arrived. The day of the event was especially busy, and I spent considerable time helping to direct the huge influx of motorcyclists on where they should park and also setting up some of the club spaces.

All Clubs Day 2024 had a phenomenal turnout, and I would be remiss not to take this opportunity to thank some of our dedicated volunteers. A personal thank-you goes out to the following:

The DDA, Downtown Development Authority: Thank you for providing the required funding to run and make improvements to this event. It's fair to say that without the DDA, we would not have been able to hold this event.

Russ Mackinder of Stockbridge: The man with a plan. Among other things he initiated the necessary motions in town for street closings, funding, food truck reservations, cost accounting and budgeting as well as making trips all over to gather supplies—all the while thinking of new ideas to improve this event.

Don Kuwik of Detroit: Don arrived at the event early to set up canopies, signage and cones as well as many other things that helped keep the event organized.

Michele French of Mason: Thanks to Michele, who ran the registration booth all day at the event, participants knew where to go and what to do. She was also great at solving minor problems that arose here and there throughout the day.

The EMS Explorers: These volunteers stayed busy directing motorcycles on where and how to park.

Christian Motorcyclist Association: This group deserves thanks for the much needed traffic control.

So many others also volunteered their time and effort, but it's impossible to name them all here. Please just know that everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated, and without all of you, this event would not have happened.

To volunteer or learn about future events, please contact Russ Mackinder at 517-927-0556.

See photos from All Clubs Day on page 14. Additional photos available at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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Obituary Mary Lou Fletcher



Mary Lou Fletcher
Aug. 27, 1939 to Aug. 28, 2024

Mary Lou Fletcher, of Stockbridge, MI, age 85, passed away on August 28th, 2024 at Chelsea Hospital. She was born on August 27th, 1939, in Sublett, Kentucky, the daughter of Western and Sis (Montgomery) Allen.

As a child, Mary Lou and her family moved from Kentucky to Chelsea. On October 31st, 1959, she married Willard Fletcher, and they resided in Stockbridge for 36 wonderful years until his passing on September 9th, 1995.

Mary Lou held various jobs throughout her life, including positions at Jiffy Mix, the local movie theater, and the hardware store all in Chelsea, as well as the Speedway gas station in Stockbridge that she and Willard owned for several years. She also worked as a cook for Stockbridge Community Schools. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Stockbridge for approximately 60 years, where she started the church's quilting club, donating everything from material to thread.

Mary Lou loved gardening, mushroom hunting, and many people enjoyed her delicious Southern cooking. However, her greatest joy came from her family. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, always finding time to attend every sporting event for her family and friends.

She will be dearly missed by her three daughters, Linda (Dennis) Petsch of Stockbridge, Lisa (Kurt) Knisely of Stockbridge, and Jennifer (Tim-deceased) Schilz of Pinckney; two grandchildren, CJ (Jackie) Lewis, and Emily (Mike) Hoard; and one great-grandson, Benjamin Carl Lewis; four sisters, Molly Sue (Luke) Collinsworth of Chelsea, Nellie (Becher-deceased) Patrick of Jackson, Joyce (Ron) Watkins of Hillsdale, and Theda (Mike) Dyer of Lansing; several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and distant relatives; as well as two children she babysat that she thought of as her own, Sarah and Matthew Ford; and her wonderful caretakers, Bill and Patrisha LeMaster. The family also wishes to thank Bradford Howard and Katherine Smarch for their efforts.

In addition to her husband, Willard, Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, Western and Sis Allen, a son, Bobby Jo Fletcher, a sister, Phyllis (Emerson-still living) Marshall, a brother, "Buck" (Linda-still living) Allen; two infant sisters, Pauletta and Gladys Allen, and her sister-in-law, Sandy Allen.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge, on Saturday, August 31st, 2024 from 4-6 p.m., as well as on Sunday, September 1st, 2024 from 1-2 p.m.

Funeral Services were held at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Sunday, September 1st, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. with Larrel Whitaker officiating. Burial will be private at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge, MI.

Obituaries

Davy Sturgill



Davy Sturgill
Aug. 10, 1957 to Sept. 16, 2024

Davy Sturgill, age 67, of Stockbridge, MI, passed away on September 16, 2024 at Olive Branch Assisted Living in Perry, MI. Davy was born on August 10, 1957 in Jackson, MI, the son of Claude Sr. and Opal (Risner) Sturgill.

On October 12, 1979, Davy married Vicie Fay Holbrook in Fitchburg, Michigan. They shared a devoted life together, and she survives him. Davy worked as a supervisor for Die Cast in Jackson, MI. They moved to South Carolina, where they resided for 14 years, and six years ago moved back to Stockbridge, MI. He was known for his

love of fitness, enjoying both weightlifting and running, and he especially cherished time spent with his grandson, Eli.

In addition to his wife, Vicie, he is survived by a son, Davy J. (Stacy) Sturgill of Forest City, North Carolina; grandson, Eli Sturgill; three sisters, Juanita Heeney of Stockbridge, Wilma Wireman of Stockbridge, Eunice Sorenson of Jackson, and two brothers, Jack (Susie) Sturgill of Jackson and Mack Sturgill of Jackson; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Sr. and Opal Sturgill, a son, Joshua Sturgill, brother, Danny Sturgill, sister, Wanda Reynolds, and brother, Claude "Bill" Sturgill Jr.

Cremation has taken place, and a private graveside service will be held next summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stockbridge Community Outreach.

Edizine Lewis



Edizine Lewis
Dec. 26, 1933 to Sept. 17, 2024

Edizine Lewis, of Stockbridge, MI, age 90, passed away on September 17, 2024 at her home surrounded by all her children.

Edizine, more lovingly known as "Bird," was born on December 26, 1933 in Magoffin County, KY. She was a woman that was fiercely independent and strong, instilling that quality in all of those whom she loved, and she had so many people to love. Edizine's other name was "Mammaw," and that name was given to her by her 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Edizine shared her love and care to anyone that she could shine it on.

She preferred to spend her time surrounded by family, laying in the sun, and cooking entirely too much food. Edizine was devout in her faith and worshiped at Heeney Road Baptist Church in Stockbridge.

She is survived by her kids, Paula Patrick-Kimball, Billy (Sharon) Lewis, Bobby Lewis, Rhonda (Jim) Loy, and Jeff (Cloe) Lewis; as well as her siblings, Alva (Glaster) Risner, Dorothy Pickett, and Wanda (Bob) Waters. Edizine was preceded in death by her siblings, Charles Risner, Maxine Risner, Lois Jean Adams, and Sue Ervin; and a grandson, Trevor Jenks.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge, on Monday, September 23, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Jim Snyder officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Baptist Church of Stockbridge or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Wanda Lucille Brown



Wanda Lucille Brown
Passed away Sept. 19, 2024

Wanda Lucille Brown, of Pinckney, MI, age 89, passed away peacefully in her home on September 19, 2024. She was born in Vandalia, IL, the daughter of Harold and Edith (Jay) Miller.

Wanda married Paul Duane Brown on August 17, 1961 in Effingham, Illinois. They welcomed their daughter, Tammy, on January 4, 1967 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Paul and Wanda moved to the area in the 1970's.

Wanda made a 27-year career working as a bus driver for Stockbridge Community Schools. She loved driving her bus and taking care of "her" kids. Wanda retired in 2005 and spent most of her days caring for her granddaughters, cheering for them in the bleachers of sporting events, loving on her cats and dogs, camping with family in her Monaco motorhome, having occasional get togethers with her lifetime bus driver friends, and making the best home cooked meals and cakes for family and friends. She also enjoyed spending time crocheting, quilting, and sewing.

She leaves behind her two granddaughters, Jenni Gradowski (Ron Smith) and Makayla Gradowski; her son-in-law, Mike Gradowski (Sandy Lavey-Gradowski); and many family members in southern Illinois. Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Brown, and her daughter, Tammy Gradowski, her parents, Harold and Edith Miller, step-father, David Davidson, and her brothers, Eugene Miller and Donald Davidson.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 5-7 p.m., as well as on Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

A funeral service was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Missy Noll officiating. Burial followed at Plainfield Cemetery.

Joseph Edgar Taylor



Joseph Edgar Taylor
July 20, 1941 to Aug. 26, 2024

Joseph Edgar Taylor, of Gregory, MI, age 83, passed away on August 26, 2024 at Michigan Medicine in Ann Arbor. Joe was born on July 20, 1941 in Stockbridge, MI, the son of June C. and Sylvia (Votes) Taylor. He had lived in the area his entire life, graduating from Stockbridge High School. He married Janet Kay Musbach on October 6, 1962, and she preceded him in death on September 16, 2006.

From an early age, Joe was known for his tireless work ethic, dedicating himself to farming and trucking. His commitment extended to local organizations, including 4-H, the Ingham County Fair, FFA, and MMPA. Joe also served as a school board member and was a lifelong member of Plainfield United Methodist Church.

Faith and family were the center of Joe's life. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who deeply adored his grandchildren.

Surviving are five children, Julie (Doug) Wilson of Paintsville, KY, Jeff (Tammy) Taylor of Ann Arbor, Jonathon (Amy) Taylor of Gregory, Jake (Christy) Taylor of Munith, and Jodi Taylor of Gregory; his special companion, Connie Dzedziak; ten grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren (and one on the way), and one great-great-grandchild; and his siblings: Tom (Judy) Taylor of Gregory, Wayne (Kathy) Taylor of Oak Grove, MO, and Wilma Taylor of Howell. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two infant sisters.

Visitation was held at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge on Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and on Friday, August 30, 2024 from 10-11 a.m.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 30, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge. Burial will follow at Plainfield Cemetery in Unadilla Twp.

Bridge to Wellness

Cold and flu season is coming. Use proactive tips for reducing risk.



Jennifer Matthews

by Jennifer Matthews, RN

October typically marks the beginning of cold and flu season. As outside temperatures decrease and we begin to spend more time indoors, we tend to be at higher risk for illness. This is a great time to start thinking about illness prevention.

So, what is the flu? Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. The virus causes infection to the nose, throat and sometimes the lungs. It can cause both mild and severe illness, and in serious cases can lead to death. Symptoms of the flu include fever or feeling feverish/chilled, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle/body aches, headache, and fatigue. Occasionally vomiting or diarrhea also occurs, but this is more common in children.

Luckily the flu and viruses like the flu are well studied. Many tips are available for reducing your risk of becoming ill and for preventing the spread of illness to others.

Ideas for reducing risk of getting the flu

- The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the most important action in reducing risk. This is especially important for young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic conditions such as diabetes or lung disease, and people 65 years and older.
- The second most important action in reducing risk is good hand hygiene. Washing hands with soap and water frequently is the best way to reduce the spread of contagious illnesses.
- If you are sick, stay home. Limit contact with others until you are feeling better and are fever free, without medication, for at least 24 hours.
- Avoid close contact with someone who is sick.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces often using antibacterial cleaning products.
- Cover your mouth and nose! Keep a tissue handy and cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you do so, wash your hands after.
- Improve air quality. Bring in fresh outside air when you can. Use air purifiers indoors.
- Take good care of your body. Eat well, sleep well, get daily physical activity, and keep stress to a minimum. This will help you keep your immune system working at its best.

Ideas for dealing with the flu

Unfortunately, even when we take precautions, we sometimes still get sick. Here are some things you can do if you find yourself dealing with the flu or flu-like illness.

- Stay home and avoid contact with others, with the exception of getting medical care.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink fluids to prevent dehydration.
- Apply heat packs to help with aching muscles.
- Take acetaminophen or NSAIDs (ibuprofen) to reduce fever and provide pain relief.
- Use over-the-counter cold medications to reduce symptoms. Some effective over-the-counter medications include decongestants, cough suppressants, and expectorants. Important: You should always check with your doctor before taking over-the-counter medication, especially if you take other medications that could counteract.

The community of Stockbridge—and your school nurse—thank you in advance for doing your part to prevent the spread of illness!

Sources:

- my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/4335-influenza-flu
- cdc.gov/flu/prevent/prevention.htm



This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition. Jennifer Matthews, RN, is a registered nurse who has worked with the Stockbridge School System as a community nurse 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 healthcare system.



Cold and flu season is around the corner. Luckily many tips are available for reducing your risk of becoming ill and for preventing the spread of illness to others. Photo credit Myriam Zilles on Unsplash.com

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A secure password ensures a hacker can't "brute force" your password as quickly. So, for example, if you follow the standard requirements for making a password and create one that is, say, thirteen characters long, it might take two million years for someone to brute force your password.

Two more things to be concerned about: If you get a notification that your account was logged into and it wasn't you that did it, or if you know your passwords were found online, you should change those passwords immediately.

Protect yourself from the dark web

You may have heard the term "dark web" before, but do you know what it means? The dark web represents a tiny fraction of the internet that can't be accessed through normal means. Some people use it for uncensored speech in countries that may not have the free internet we do. Others use it for criminal activities, and as a result, innocent victims find their information, such as social security numbers or driver's licenses, have been leaked on the dark web. While it can be scary to have this happen, you can take steps to get to the bottom of what happened. Most importantly, you should file a report with the Federal Trade Commission at www.identitytheft.gov. They'll have you answer some questions to determine what steps you can take to recover your information. And just like bank accounts, it's good practice to file a police report and a fraud report if you find you've been a victim.

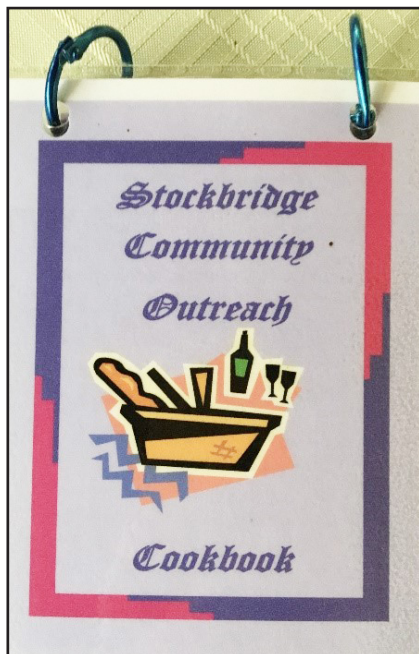
To summarize, the best things you can do to safeguard your finances and identity are to use complex passwords, avoid using the same password for multiple sites and accounts, regularly check your credit score and bank accounts for unusual activity, and file police and fraud reports when something is out of the ordinary.

No matter how impossible it may seem, you can protect yourself and stay safe on the internet.

Kenny Minger is a supporter of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC)—a great place to spend time. Visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org or call 517-480-0353 for information.

Outreach in Action

Outreach 'Featured Recipes' evolve from 2010 cookbook



Tucked away in our old cookbooks we found a humble, recipe-card-sized Outreach cookbook from 2010. Photo credit Jo Mayer

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall

Clearing out a pile of old cookbooks the other day, we were rewarded with an unexpected gift. Tucked in the corner: a humble, recipe-card-sized Outreach cookbook from 2010. It delighted us to look through and remember past and present board members, Outreach staff, and volunteers who had contributed to it.

The brainchild of former board member Mary Myer, the book was designed to be adjustable—new recipes could be added easily by punching a couple of holes in a recipe card and opening up the key-ring holders.

We tried the first recipe we came to—Cheryl Holloway's Mexican Soup—and found it delicious and satisfying. It also happens to be a recipe that uses ingredients commonly found in the Outreach pantry, making it a fitting debut for our new "Featured Recipe Series."

Registered clients of Outreach are invited monthly to shop our pantry shelves, choosing from basic items such as canned soup, cereal, pasta, canned veggies and more, as well as personal hygiene products like dish soap, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. And now, with our Outreach "Featured Recipe," they can walk away with a new idea for putting a meal together.

See this month's Featured Recipes below. Ask at Outreach for future installments of the Outreach Featured Recipe Series.

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

October 2024 Outreach Featured Recipes

Mexican Soup

submitted by Cheryl Holloway

1 can corn

1 can refried beans

1 can chicken broth

1 can black beans

1 jar of salsa or can of diced tomatoes

1 can of chicken (optional—we made it without the chicken)

Place all the ingredients in a crockpot or in a pan on the stove and mix them together. Heat and serve. Good with shredded cheese and tortilla chips!

Chipper Bars

submitted by former board chair Nancy Ocwieja

2 cups oatmeal

1 cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

3/4 cup butter (softened)

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk

1/3 cup peanut butter

1 cup chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, butter, baking soda, and salt. Beat at medium speed until crumbly. Reserve 1-1/2 cups of crumb mixture—set aside. Press remaining crumbs on the bottom of a greased 9"X13" pan. In a small bowl, stir together sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter. Pour evenly over crumb mixture in pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Pat the set-aside crumb mixture onto the filling. Bake 25-35 minutes or until golden brown.

Delicious! We ate them before I thought to take a picture!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Stockbridge Residents,

This letter is being written to notify all Stockbridge residents that a problem has developed in the village.

I live on South Clinton Steet and on July 13th a large rat was trapped in a live trap in my yard.

On 8/13 an evening walker spotted a huge rat on Main Street.

Rats multiply quickly, travel everywhere, carry disease and bite. When this situation escalates homes and businesses will be greatly impacted.

There are some houses and yards in the village that are constantly strewn with garbage and trash. It is rare that these places are ever clean. I am sure that there are other village issues contributing to the appearance of rats.

I have notified the village offices of this and filed a complaint.

As a citizen of Stockbridge, if you have concerns, I suggest you phone or visit the village offices.

One concerned citizen,
Sally Abbott Nichol

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MEETING THE GHOST OF POSSIBILITY: Reflecting on missed opportunities in the last moments of high school

by Kaitlyn Oversmith, *Uncaged* Reporter

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

Eastern Michigan University student Makayla Myers is a very accomplished individual in high school and now in college. She was a straight-A student who involved herself in the community and even had the time to partake in extracurricular activities such as competitive dance. And that was just during high school. In college, she now plays an active role in a successful debate team and a mock trial team while simultaneously maintaining a hefty class load as she continuously works to obtain her bachelor's degree. Yet, even with all of those admirable achievements under her belt, she still holds some regrets from her high school years.

"I did a lot in high school, and I'm proud of myself and the things I accomplished for the most part. However, I do regret not looking into outside law programs or workshops that I could've done. For example, I could have reached out to local law firms and asked to shadow them for a day or a week," Myers said. "I believe doing that would have given me a head start in college and would have given me a better idea of what working in the law field actually entails."

With graduating crawling closer and closer, many seniors, just like Myers did, have taken the time to reflect on the last four years of their lives as they get ready to move on to the next big step, whatever that may be. Senior Izzy Queen, for example, says she regrets not playing a more active role in her community.

"Looking back, I really wished I had pushed myself out of my comfort zone and taken on more leadership roles," Queen said. "Not only would I have been serving my school and community in a respectful manner that way, but I believe it also would have done good in preparing me for my future."

Queen isn't alone in her laments as senior Casey Brown shares similar thoughts. Brown says she's satisfied with her academic endeavors, having taken on and conquered a plethora of challenging courses such as AP classes, but wishes she had sought more opportunities for herself regarding college.

"I'm pretty happy with where I'm at in terms of my academic accomplishments. I feel like I've done pretty well for myself. However, I wish I had done more to get me ready to actually go to college in the near future," Brown said. "Stuff like representative visits from colleges and college trips definitely would have made me feel much more prepared for what's next."

Some seniors like Coco Cesarz and Rachel Warrens have conveyed their regrets about not participating in the more social aspects of high school. Ranging from sporting events to school dances, both share a feeling of remorse for having missed out on these scenes.

"I definitely regret not attending things like the dances and the football games," Cesarz said. "I think it would have been a good way to extend my social circle and to just have some fun."

Warrens holds a similar thought process.

"One thing I regret in high school is not going to the big school events like games or dances," Warrens said. "I think those would have been great memories."

There are even students like senior Grace Dancer who regret not taking on the more daring and nerve-wracking social events of high school.

"I honestly wish I had forced myself to have done the Mock Rock last year," Dancer said. "It sounded like so much fun, but I was too nervous to even consider it."

Outside of community, college, and societal happenings many seniors hold regrets regarding their athletic careers throughout high school. For example, seniors Jason Gruber and Kaden Carpenter both wish they had taken up track earlier on so they could have reaped the enjoyment of it for longer than they were able to.

"I would say my only regret is not participating in track every year," Gruber said. "I've built so many friendships through track and the sport, in general, has brought me a lot of joy."

Senior Jordan Husky-Wright, another avid track runner, wishes he had made more headway in the sport before time was up.

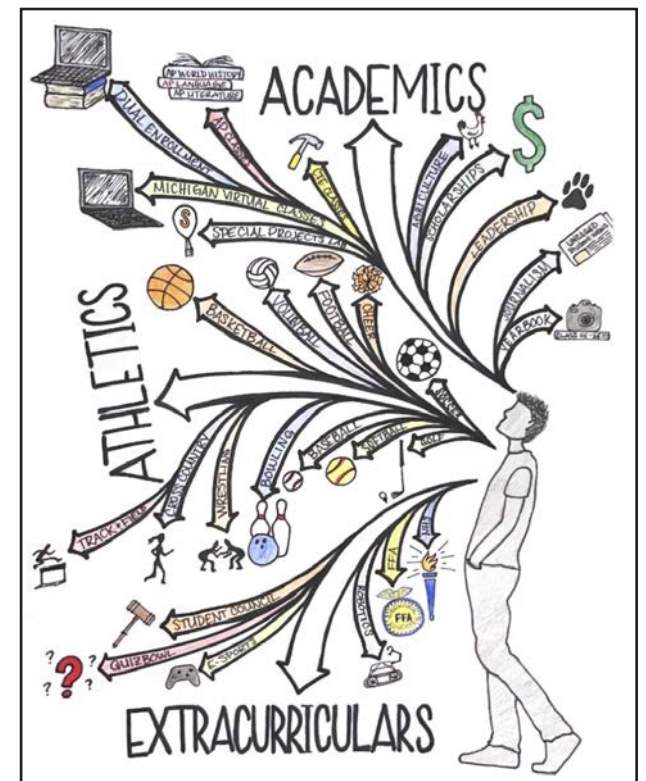
"Yeah, I wish I had gone to states with track," Husky-Wright said. "That would have been a great way to end it."

Similar to the rest, senior Zane Whitt regrets not playing soccer all four years of high school.

"Soccer is lots of fun and I've made a lot of friends through it," Whitt said. "I wish I had decided to play every year."

While seniors reminisce on their regrets, they are also reflecting on things they wished the school itself had done better. A recurring theme among the seniors is the want for the school to advertise the opportunities presented to them more boldly. Many feel like Stockbridge does provide students, especially seniors, with a variety of opportunities to take advantage of, but they also feel that they lack in making students aware those opportunities are available. Seniors have expressed that this lack of advertising made it significantly more difficult to fully make use of every opportunity at their disposal.

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There are many opportunities offered at Stockbridge to take part in. From multiple extracurriculars, sports, and academics, there's something for everyone.

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Positive Parenting

Mindset over matter and tips for positivity

by Kelsey Rasmussen



Kelsey Rasmussen

We tell children that the friends they choose will influence them, but it's also true that the people whom we spend time with as adults have a definite influence on us. Perhaps being around toddlers so much leads to my own mood swings or fixation on whimsical needs like having toys picked up off the floor?

Gradually, and seemingly out of the blue, I occasionally find myself dwelling on negative events and feeling depleted well before bedtime. I have a hunch that I'm not the only parent who ever felt that way...?

Sure, we all know positive thinking is better than dwelling on problems or complaining, just like we know eating a balanced diet, limiting media consumption, and exercising 30 minutes a day is best. But knowing and doing are two different things, right? Being our best selves as parents requires taking care of our own health, including emotional health.

In an article on the "Power of Positive Thinking" (2021) in Psychology Today, Robert Puff recommends the practice of training (and retraining!) our minds toward positivity.

"We're not happy because we're happy, we're happy because we interpret the things that happen to us as good. On the flip side, if we interpret the things that happen to us as bad, we tend to feel unhappy. Our thoughts interpret the things that happen in our lives and, as a result, they have a strong influence over our happiness. ... Our thoughts create our happiness or unhappiness."

This wisdom is not new.

In "The 4:8 Principle: The Secret to a Joy-Filled Life," Tommy Newberry presents an ancient, biblical foundation for positive thinking based on Philippians 4:8.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

In a nutshell, your mindset matters.

Newberry explains that most parents love their children unconditionally:

"What matters, though, is whether or not the child perceives this," he writes.

When we manage our thoughts, we manage our emotions and ultimately the message we convey to our children through our behavior.

Following are some strategies Newberry coaches parents to use to cultivate emotional strength.

1. Create a family mission or values statement and post it somewhere prominently in your home.
2. Start each day with a 15-minute routine that brings you peace and joy, not distraction.

3. Ask questions that require a positive response:

- a. What are five things I am thankful for right now?
- b. What are five of my strengths or positive traits?
- c. Who are the five people who love me the most?
- d. What are five things I am looking forward to in the next seven days?

4. Include positive nighttime declarations in your child's bedtime routine.

Following are some examples.

- a. Mom and Dad love you forever, always, no matter what.
- b. You respect and obey your mother and father.
- c. You think for yourself and make wise choices.
- d. Actions have consequences.
- e. You can do hard things.

Activity Highlight: Tape a large piece of paper to the wall for your tot to use for drawing on and placing stickers on. While it seems very basic, your child will use different muscles while drawing vertically and also build hand-eye coordination.

Positive Parenting Bonus: Get 8-10 text messages per month with fun activities you can do at home to help prepare little ones, ages 5 and under, for school success. Text TALK to 75547 to sign up. For more info, see <https://textandlearn.org/>

Kelsey Rasmussen is a local resident and full-time parent of toddler twins.



Drawing vertically helps with hand/eye coordination. Photo provided by Kelsey Rasmussen

Nominate a "Man of the Hour" from the community



Nov. 19 is recognized as International Men's Day. Stockbridge Community News would like to honor three local men who represent the best in our community.

Do you know of someone you consider a standout when it comes to making our community a better place to live? Someone who has given of themselves to make life better for others? A role model to others?

To nominate a Stockbridge-area "Man of the Hour," please send us their name, the reasons you think this person should be featured, and contact information for you and the person you are nominating (phone and email addresses are preferred).

Email nominations to:
stockbridgecommunitynews@gmail.com

Nominations due by Saturday, October 5.

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Stockbridge football team off to slow start

by Mike Williamson



Noah Sandecki sprints for his second long touchdown against Springport. Photos provided by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge football team opened the season in a new conference with the Panthers joining the Big 8, but the season got off to a slow start with Stockbridge at 0-3.

The Panthers opened the season Aug. 29 by taking on archrival Leslie and came up on the short end of a 41-7 decision.

Leslie started quickly with 21 first-quarter points and held on to the 21-0 lead at the half.

A Zac Rogozinski 2-yard touchdown run to start the third got the Panthers back into it, but Leslie answered with a pair of touchdown runs for a 34-7 lead after three and closed the game out in the fourth.

Rogozinski was 10-17, passing for 113 yards and rushed for 24 to lead the Panthers.

Brandon Hamlett rushed for 36 yards and Domenic Ciminelli 13.

Brock Rochow caught six passes for 86 yards, Noah Sandecki one for 16, and Hamlett two for 11.

Union City The Panthers could not overcome a 27-0 halftime deficit and fell to Union City 33-20 in the Big 8 opener Sept. 6.

Sandecki returned the opening kickoff of the second half 77 yards for a score and Hamlett followed with a 49-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 27-13, but Union City returned the next kick off for a score to make it 33-13.

The Panthers got the score back to 33-20 on a 24-yard touchdown run by Sandecki, but that is as close as they would get.

Rogozinski passed for 35 yards and rushed for 35 yards for the Panthers.

Hamlett finished with 71 yards rushing and a score, while Sandecki had 47 yards and a touchdown rushing and caught four passes for 15 yards. Rochow caught three passes for 20 yards for the Panthers.

Braiden Royal was in on 14 tackles to lead the defense, while Rogozinski had 10 tackles.

Bronson Stockbridge then fell to Bronson 26-20 Sept. 13.

Bronson jumped out to a 12-0 lead after one quarter.

Rogozinski connected with Rochow for a 12-yard scoring pass and the Panthers trailed 12-7.

See Football on page 21.



Brock Rochow goes high for a catch against Springport.

Volleyball team continues to battle



Zoey Horstman with a block for the Panthers. Photo provided by Pam Mackinder

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge volleyball team has been battling around the 500 mark all season and improved to 6-6-2 overall with a three-game sweep of East Jackson Sept. 19.

Senior Megan Mackinder had a huge game against the Trojans with a team-high 15 kills.

Jessica Sparks recorded three aces, while Lyla Thomas had four digs.

Zoey Horstman recorded eight kills, Melina Sayre four kills, and Alexa Satkowiak two kills.

The Panthers dropped a Sept. 17 match to Reading. Mackinder had 10 kills, while Horstman had seven kills, and Sayre two kills. Satkowiak added four digs in the match.

The Panthers went 1-1-1 at Webberville Sept. 14, with a win over the Spartans and a tough three-set loss to Lutheran Westland.



Chyanne Lindquist and Elliya Vogel block against Quincy. Photo provided by Chasidy Taylor

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Cross country runners set several personal records at Jackson Invite



Ava Vaccaro led the girls with a 34th place finish at Jackson. Photos provided by Mike Williamson



Steven Karowich set a new PR at the Jackson Invite

by Mike Williamson

Despite being short in numbers, the Stockbridge cross country teams continue to run hard as the season ramps up.

At times, both the boys and girls teams have struggled to have five runners compete at their races.

Jackson Invite The Panthers competed at the Jackson Invite Sept. 21.

The boys finished 12th, while the girls had just four runners, with their fifth unable to finish the race.

William Gancer led the Panthers with an 18th-place finish in 17:36 to earn a medal.

Finn Coffman ran a season best time of 21:30.2 to finish 77th, while Alex Avis was 81st in 22:17.7.

Senior Ethan Bradley ran a season best of 23:11.4 to finish 88th and freshman Steven Karowich set a personal record in 23:49.4 to finish 92nd. Grant Howlett was 94th in 24:21.4, Wyatt Okoney 101st in 30:36.1, and Owen Cipta 102nd in 30:37.4.

Ava Vaccaro led the girls with a 34th-place finish in 23:09.9.

Jaylee Chapman was 38th in 23:33.5, Emily Satkowiak 77th in 27:46.1, and Eliana Johnson 84th in 31:26.

Leslie Invite The boys finished 7th at the Leslie Invite Sept. 10.

Gancer led the charge with a 5th-place finish with a personal record of 17:24.5.

Coffman finished 37th in 21:48.8 and Avis ran a personal record of 21:53.5 to finish 39th.

Howlett was 41st in 22:23.44, Bradley 47th in 23:12.5, Karowich 62nd in 25:16.8, and Okoney 74th in 31:59.3.

The girls once again did not have enough runners to score points. Vaccaro finished 12th in 22:52.1.

Chapman was 17th in 23:33.3, Johnson 40th in 29:44.9, and Satkowiak 45th in 30:17.5.

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Bronson added two more scores for a 26-7 lead before the Panthers got a Sandecki 34-yard touchdown run. Rogozinski and Rochow then connected once again for a 12-yard touchdown pass to make the final 27-20.

Rogozinski was 11-16, passing for 122 yards and two scores.

Sandecki rushed for 40 yards and a score and caught four passes for 28 yards.

Rochow caught five passes for 90 yards and two scores.

Rogozinski was in on 16 tackles, while Royal chipped in with 10 tackles.

Stockbridge soccer team struggling as of late

by Mike Williamson

The Panthers soccer team has been having a rough time since its first win of the season, dropping 12 straight matches.

The Panthers have scored just one goal in the 12 games and that came in a 5-1 loss to Onsted.

Stockbridge dropped a pair of tough games Sept. 7 at the Onsted tournament, falling to Jonesville 2-0 and Michigan Center 4-0.

The Panthers have five games remaining, but they still have a chance to turn things around before the state tournaments in October.

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Ziggy page 1

Ziggy was born in Saginaw, Mich., and went to live with his first family in Connecticut. Like many other successful dog-sport canines, Ziggy was given up by his first family, who found his energy too much for them to deal with.

When he was eight months old, Ziggy was sent by his original owners to Georgia where the co-owner of Dynasty Kennels lives. Patterson was contacted by this breeder who knew she had a long history with high-drive herding dogs and was looking for a potential competition athlete. She immediately drove down to Georgia from Stockbridge to meet this potential super star.

"How lucky we are to be the family to bring him home and find a positive way to release all that energy and drive," Patterson said.

In the spring of 2023 Ziggy and Patterson started competing in Fast CAT, and it was immediately evident to Patterson and others that Ziggy loved the competition and was exceptionally fast. Throughout 2023 the duo competed in many Michigan trials, improving on Ziggy's time and making new friends along the way.

Ziggy has continued to add to his titles and points and placed in the top five miniature American shepherds in Fast CAT competitions in 2023. He trains weekly at Northfield Dog Training in Ann Arbor where Adele Yunck works with Ziggy to address issues, including some separation anxiety. With Yunck's guidance, Patterson looks forward to putting Obedience and Rally titles on him in 2025 and then seeing how he likes agility.

Ziggy goes to Blue Wave in Fowlerville for hydro conditioning and gets doggy chiropractic care to stay in top shape. Team Ziggy would also like to thank Shelbey, right here in Stockbridge at Paw Spa, for keeping him looking his "Fast CAT" best!

In addition to exercising with Patterson's other two dogs in a large, fenced-in yard locally, the family also has property near Gaylord they use for training and are fortunate to have friends with large properties for exercising Ziggy.

Patterson explained it is equally important to challenge Ziggy mentally.

"A tired dog is a happy dog, and if I did not devote a lot of time and energy to keeping Ziggy busy and engaged I am sure we would have a dog getting into trouble," says Patterson. "Likewise, I'm 76 years old, and I still believe in setting goals and reaching for the stars. There's no sitting in a rocking chair for this grandmother!"

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The annual Halloween parade in Munith will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26



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The parade will line up on First Street at 12:30 PM and begin at 1:00 PM. This year's Grand Marshal will be George Brewster. There will be free popcorn, cider, donuts, and candy for the kids at the Munith Methodist Church on the corner of Main and Seventh Streets.

Join us and help make this a great Halloween Parade for EVERYONE to enjoy! Help the kids dress up and join in the parade through Munith. Following the parade, there will be a costume contest with prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place with 3 age groups: ages 5 & under, 6-11, and 12 & up. Two bicycles will also be given away. A prize will also be given for the best float.

This event is sponsored by Henrietta and Waterloo Townships & local businesses.

We are in need of the following:

- Parade entries – decorated tractors, golf carts, floats, cars, bicycles, horses.
- Prize sponsors.

If you have any questions, please call Wendy Walz at Waterloo Township, 517-596-8300, email at wwalz@waterlootwpmi.gov.

This unique and memorable event is a success because of your participation! We'll see you there (in costume, of course)!

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"Sometimes it was confusing," Carpenter said. "Some things are hidden and if you didn't know where to look it was really hard to learn about some of the things the school offered."

Even Stockbridge school guidance counselor Leslie Cummings thinks the school could have done a better job at broadcasting what it has to offer.

"I believe the school does a good job at advertising events through means like notifications for the most part," Cummings said. "But a lot of the time notifications get ignored and so I think it would definitely be beneficial to start sharing information about things like scholarshipss and programs through other means as well, which is where we lack for sure."

Whether it be due to the school's lack or personal doings, a large body of the senior class holds some sort of regret about something they missed out on in high school. These regrets fluctuate between a variety of things such as community service, college preparation, social events, and athletic careers.

However, even with all of this heterogeneity, one thing is for certain: these seniors won't be making the same mistakes in whatever life brings them after graduation.

"I think I speak for all of us when I say that we seniors will take what we learned through high school, whether that be our regrets or lessons we've learned, and apply them to whatever lies ahead," Gruber said. "And we'll all be better off because of it."

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

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Stockbridge Police start the parade off at 6 o'clock sharp.



The American Legion Post 510 representatives proudly display the American flag.



Homecoming Parade



Grand Marshal, Kim Killinger, shows off her school spirit.



TD Club, K through 2nd grade.



Olyvia Hoard, 2023 Homecoming Queen, escorted by Lincoln and Camdyn.



Senior queen Eliana Johnson and escort Brendon Fletcher.



Senior queen Cynthia Tolliver and escort Ethan Monaghan.



Senior queen Miley Moser and escort Ethan Bradley.



Kindergarten through 2nd grade cheerleaders.



TD Club, 3rd and 4th grades.



Senior queen Averie Rosedale and escort Xavier Curtis.



Senior queen Lily Sager and escort Collin Trost.



Senior queen Taylor Asquith and escorts Drew Marshall (left) and Zac Rogozinski (right).



Senior queen Clare Beutler and escort Zavien Torrey.



3rd and 4th grade cheerleaders.



TD Club, 5th and 6th grades.



Senior queen Cecelia Szekely and escort Hunter Culver.



Junior class queen, Infinity Bills, and escort Terrence Cordero.



Sophomore queen, Emily Satkowiak, and escort Will Gancer.



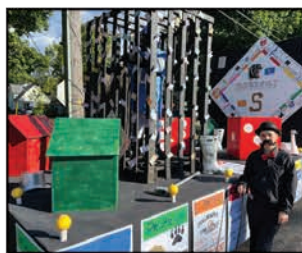
Freshman class queen, Ava Lucas, and escort Gabriel Muzzin.



5th through 8th grade cheerleaders.



TD Club, 7th and 8th grades.



The senior class float puts a creative spin on the game of Monopoly.



The junior class Battleship float.



The sophomore class float modeled after the game of Clue.



The freshman class Snakes and Ladders float.



JV volleyball.



The Stockbridge High School marching band plays the Fight Song for an enthusiastic crowd.



4th through 6th grade soccer.



Pre K through 3rd grade soccer.



Freshman girls volleyball team.



SHS Equestrian Team.



SCS transportation staff pass out candy.



Waterloo Farm Museum representatives.



Junior High cross country.



SHS Future Farmers of America.

2024 Homecoming Queen & Court



2024 Homecoming Queens



2024 Homecoming Court



2024 Senior Queens and Escorts



Senior Queens



Homecoming Queen
Miley Moser
with Escort Ethan Bradley
and crowned by
2023 Queen Olyvia Hoard



Senior Homecoming Escorts



Underclassmen Queens



Underclassmen Escorts



2024 Homecoming Escorts



Underclassmen Queens and Escorts



Senior Queen
Eliana Johnson and Escort
Brendon Fletcher



Senior Queen
Cecelia Szekeley and
Escort Hunter Culver



Senior Queen
Taylor Asquith and Escort
Zac Rogozinski



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