

Kitley’s Smoke Shack: A new business carries the family name and thrives with family effort



Kitley’s Smoke Shack was introduced to the food scene in April. Follow them on Facebook at Kitleys-Smoke-Shack-LLC to keep tabs on where they’ll be serving their smoked meats and sides.

Photo by Nikki Wood

conditioning in their trailer, so they are able to set up for any weather. The owners have a passion to expand and even reach beyond Michigan, but so far their barbecue is making a name for itself locally. Marketing is primarily handled through their Facebook page at Kitleys-Smoke-Shack-LLC

According to Ken, they had to get many permits and licenses through the health department, which took awhile. But by April 18, they were open to the public from their parking lot in front of Native Tan & Boutique and Kitley Auto on M-106.

Kitley’s Smoke Shack is a family effort. Tracy’s mother, Brenda, takes the orders. The sides are a joint effort—Tracy’s son-in-law Sean handles the macaroni and cheese and Tracy makes the coleslaw and baked beans. Meanwhile, Ken handles all the smoking. Everything is homemade and has excellent reviews on Facebook. The brisket and pulled pork are Ken’s recipes, which he said can take up to 14 hours to cook in his pellet smokers.

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Rain curtails attendance but enthusiasm defies weather at fall All Clubs Day



All Clubs Day attendees start off their day swapping stories of previous years’ events at the annual breakfast hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge. Photos by Joan Tucker

by Joan Tucker

attendees were full of stories from years past at the annual breakfast hosted at the Presbyterian Hall. Of course, the late Suzi Greenway’s name came up, with some recalling she hosted the first All Clubs Day ride out at her house and property. Greenway’s love of riding and meeting people was evident through these conversations.

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Rider Henry, from Toledo, shows off a black T-shirt from one of Suzi Greenway’s first gatherings.

by Joan Tucker

The rain was tough on the motorcyclists for the 21st All Clubs Day ride on Sunday, Sept. 20. Looking back through the history of the event, Linda Dancer recalled this was the third fall ride affected by rain. The difference from dry years was notable—at noon only seven motorcycles graced the Stockbridge Township Square.

Earlier that morning, the spirit was alive and event

New village manager message

New village manager's roots and commitment run deep



Pat Turner’s first official day as the Stockbridge Village Manager was Monday, Sept. 21. Photo provided by Pat Turner

Michigan State University. Together, we raised our two sons, Conrad and Zane, here in Stockbridge. After graduating from Stockbridge High School in 2016 and 2018, both of our boys studied at Jackson College. Our oldest went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Eastern Michigan University, and our youngest earned his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Trine University. Watching them build their lives and careers has been our greatest joy.

See Village Manager on page 3.

To the residents and neighbors of Stockbridge,

It is an incredible privilege to introduce myself as your new village manager. While the official title is new, this community has long been my home. I have lived in the Stockbridge area for over 50 years, and my family’s roots here run deep. Many of you may remember my mother, Betty Turner, who served our community as a dedicated local librarian for decades.

I grew up on our local roads, graduated as a Stockbridge Panther in 1989, and met Kim, my wife of 29 years, while she was attending



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Rural Perspectives: Area's white oak turns orange-gold to yellow in fall



Diane Gray Constable

by Diane Constable

The swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*, is found throughout our area near semi-wet woodlands and in low-lying fields. It is one of 10 oak species native to Michigan, and there are about 90 species in the USA.

It belongs to the white oak group with rounded leaf lobes, while the red oak group has lobes that are pointed with bristles on the ends. Oaks are closely related to beech trees.

The swamp white oak is a medium-sized oak, growing up to 80 feet tall and 60 feet wide. It will live up to 300 years. The 3-to-7-inch-long leaves are not as deeply lobed as our other oaks, and they turn shades of orange-gold to yellow in the fall. Short, yellow-green catkins bloom in May, and the 1-inch-long oblong acorns mature in about six months. At about 20 years old, the tree will begin to produce a good crop of acorns every three to five years, with a lighter output in other years. The ridged, thick bark of mature trees is a light gray color.

Nearly 200 species of birds and mammals feed on these sweet-tasting acorns, including squirrels, deer, bears, turkey, and ducks. Swamp white oaks host more than 500 species of butterflies and moths, in addition to many beetles and gall wasps. They also provide home and shelter to numerous species of birds and other animals.

Its water-, insect-, and decay-resistant hard wood is valued for furniture, flooring, trim, railroad ties, boat building, and barrels.

Native Americans used the acorns for food and ground them into flour for baking and thickening. Parts of the tree were used to cure a variety of illnesses, such as digestive issues, congestion, and tuberculosis; some parts were used as an astringent.

The swamp white oak also is a good landscape tree for providing shade, and it is tolerant under a wide variety of conditions.

Fun Facts: The scientific name *Quercus* is Latin for oak tree, and the bicolor name describes the tree's leaves of glossy green on top and silvery white underneath. This stately oak was chosen to be planted around the 911 Memorial in Manhattan, New York.

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. She serves on the board of the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club and is editor of the club's newsletter.



The leaves of the swamp white oak have rounded lobes and are a glossy green color on top, but silvery white underneath. Photo credit Diane Constable

Kids Halloween costume exchange available at CADL Stockbridge Library through October

by Kristin Shea

The Stockbridge Library is excited to announce a new holiday project: A Halloween costume exchange! From Oct. 1 through Halloween, the library is asking members of the community to consider donating any costumes your children have outgrown. Bring these costumes to the CADL Stockbridge branch and either donate them or exchange them for a costume someone else has donated.

The Halloween costume exchange is entirely free to everyone, and the project's success depends on people who are willing to participate! (We are also accepting new costumes if some people are willing to donate them.)

We only ask that the costumes be complete, clean, and in good condition. Please do not bring any home or yard decorations.

Drop off donated costumes in the large plastic bins inside the door of the Stockbridge Library. The bins will be at the library beginning on Oct. 1 and will be available all month long.

Let's come together as a community and create a fun exchange for as many kids as possible.



Costume drop-off/exchange bins are located inside the door of the Stockbridge Library from Oct. 1 through Halloween. Photo credit Kristin Shea

All Clubs Day page 1

She was known for her delicious soup, which always tasted great on cool fall or spring days. "Henry," previously from Detroit and now Toledo, proudly wore a black T-shirt that said, "World Class Motorcycles and People." It was from one of Greenway's first gatherings.

Many riders came in trucks or cars stating it was just too slick to ride. Despite the weather, riders came from Royal Oak, Ferndale, and the Detroit area. One couple, who came specifically for this event, were from South Carolina. More riders continued to trickle in throughout the day, and some folks were ambitious enough to set up their Club tents on the square.

The rain may have dampened the All Clubs Day ride, but not the spirit of the riders who attended.

See additional photos at www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

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Faces of Addiction

The other side of the story: Carrying the scars from offering sober support

by Tina Cole-Mullins



Choose peace even when life feels unpredictable, and protect your peace without apology. Image generated using Microsoft Copilot

October is a month that brings its own kind of clarity. It asks us to look at addiction not just through the lens of the person fighting it, but through the eyes of the ones who stand beside that fight. With Substance Abuse Awareness Month and World Mental Health Day falling on Oct. 10, we're reminded that addiction and mental health are inseparable conversations. When one fractures, the other strains—for both the addict and the supporter.

Last year, Faces of Addiction presented an update on Richard's journey, which began in 2018, "Through the Eyes of the Incarcerated" (August 2018). His struggle, his effort, his early steps toward sobriety were later chronicled in "Nine different, but powerful, words pierced through silent veins of addiction" (December 2025). What I didn't explore then was my own place in that story.

This year, I'm stepping into that space, offering the part that often goes unspoken: the experience of loving someone through addiction while trying to stay whole yourself. Loving an addict has taught me a lot about myself.

First and foremost, what I learned is that support only works when the sober support system protects their own stability. Think of it as telling yourself, "I can care deeply without carrying the weight of his choices." That realization changed the way I show up in every relationship these days.

There were moments with him that shifted everything. Subtle turning points when Richard's effort met my hope. They reminded me that addiction isn't linear. Seeing him genuinely try, even imperfectly, reshaped how I understood both love and recovery, and part of recovery is relapse.

Over time, my self-care became something I practiced daily. I learned to steady myself first instead of trying to be the anchor for both of us and others.

See Faces of Addiction on page 12.

Bridge to Wellness

Wellness Connection program inspired participants to build healthy habits



by 5 Healthy Towns Foundation staff

The free, 8-week Wellness Connection program kicked off in May, with 126 people enrolling in the program. Image credit 5 Healthy Towns

In May, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation and the 5HF Wellness Centers launched the first-ever Wellness Connection social media

campaign. Designed in partnership with Chelsea Hospital Nutrition Department and Timber Creek Foundation, this free, 8-week program aimed to connect participants to their wellness goals and to the many resources that support strong wellness habits.

The Wellness Connection program was well received; 126 people enrolled. Participants received a free goodie bag that included walking maps, a wellness journal, and more. Each weekly theme explored a dimension of well-being and provided inspiration and tools to help participants build sustainable healthy habits. The themes and goodie bags were supported by weekly wellness videos featuring Chelsea Wellness Center fitness supervisor Liam Hartsuff and other guest speakers, including Nicole Derderian, RD, and Andrew Cuthbert, PsyD. The video clips averaged 477 views each, and viewers watched almost 12 hours of video.

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Munith Halloween Parade 2026 & Costume Contest

Saturday October 24 at 1 PM



**Floats line up on 1st St. @ 12:30 pm.
Parade ends @ Munith United
Methodist Church, 102 7th St.**

- Cash prizes for best floats & costumes including "Most Patriotic"!
- Costume Categories: 5 yrs & younger, 6 to 11 yrs, 12 yrs & up.
- Annual Bicycle Giveaway sponsored by George & Sons, LLC.

Join us once again for the annual Halloween Parade and help make Halloween 2026 a fun and memorable event for the whole community! Watch the parade and catch candy tossed from various participants. Costume Contest at the front of the Munith Methodist Church at the conclusion of the parade.

Sponsored by: Henrietta & Waterloo Townships;
George & Sons, LLC; Jackson Community Foundation

Village Manager page 1

Because my family's past, present, and future are entirely tied to this community, I have a profound, lifelong stake in Stockbridge's success and stability. As I step into the role of chief administrative officer, I bring an innate understanding of our area. Having grown up just south of town, and now living just minutes west of town, I deeply appreciate the regional cost pressures facing our local families. My commitment from day one is to ensure our municipal operations are defined by absolute fiscal responsibility, total transparency, and a high standard of public service.

To meet our community's challenges, I am bringing nearly three decades of hands-on Michigan civil engineering and municipal infrastructure experience to Village Hall. My career began with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) during college, followed by two years with the City of Lansing's engineering team. For over 27 years, I have worked with Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, managing infrastructure, budgets, and public works projects for several communities across south-central Michigan. I know what it takes to manage a municipal system efficiently, and I know exactly how to stretch a taxpayer dollar to achieve the best results.

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to working collaboratively with President Fred Cattell, the village council, and our dedicated public works and safety teams to review our budgets and streamline daily operations. A municipal government operates at its best when it truly listens to its people. Because I am your neighbor first, my door at 118 N. Center Street will be open to you. I welcome your feedback, your questions, and your ideas as we work together to keep Stockbridge a stable, transparent, and prosperous place to call home.

Sincerely,
Pat Turner
Village Manager,
Village of Stockbridge



Who We Are

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

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

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

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

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

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Outreach in Action

Lions Club among those who ensure Outreach Christmas giving is a roaring success each year

by Jo Mayer and Paul Crandall



The Stockbridge Lions Club is a generous ally in ensuring Outreach can help area families have a happy Christmas. In 2025, the Stockbridge Lions Club adopted 21 people and provided an additional monetary donation! Image credit lionsclubs.org

As we slide headlong into another beautiful Michigan autumn, attention at Outreach turns to planning the annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas program. Fortunately, Outreach is not alone. Many churches, school and community groups, and individuals make plans to participate in the program by adopting one or more families.

Among the most steadfast and generous allies in ensuring a happy Christmas for area families: the Stockbridge Lions Club. In 2025, the Stockbridge Lions Club adopted 21 people! That's a lot of shopping, sorting, wrapping and delivering. Plus, the club gave Outreach an additional donation of \$500.

The Lions raise these funds in a way as entertaining as it is generous: by hosting an annual Christmas auction. Lions members wrap a white-elephant-style gift and bring it to the auction, where other members bravely bid on the unknown objects, amid lots of jokes and teasing. All proceeds go toward helping Outreach with Christmas in our community.

"Extra money from former Lions Club members also comes in through the mail to help shore up the fund," said Lions Club member Molly Howlett.

Last year's gift shopping was headed up by club members Kathleen Mullins and Lyn St. Dennis.

"It's a long day, and we try to use coupons gathered by Lions members to help stretch our money," St. Dennis said. "We also order some hard-to-find items online and keep our fingers crossed that we receive them in time. I've run—or sent my husband, Mike—to Outreach on distribution day, slipping last-minute gifts in the bag just before they are given out," she said with a laugh.

The Stockbridge Lions Club is a proud member of Lions Clubs International, a network of volunteers who serve their communities in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Additional annual projects that are done locally include the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up program; the Stockbridge Easter Egg Hunt; and collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need. The club also awards scholarships to graduating Stockbridge High School seniors and provides financial support to community organizations.

The Lions meet the first Tuesday of the month at Stockbridge Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information, email stockbridgelionsclub@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES for holiday giving and receiving at Outreach

For those who want to **GIVE HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE**:

- For those who would like to assist with clothing donations: Outreach will still accept winter outerwear throughout the holidays. *Please hold your other clothing and household goods until after the holidays.*
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Reading Between the Lines ‘The Woman Behind the New Deal’: The scope of Frances Perkins’ achievements was breathtaking

by Chuck Wisman

Believe it or not, “The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins—Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage” isn’t even close to being the longest book title ever. And while it may not be for everyone (of course what book really is?), if you’re at all interested in the history and origin of our social welfare programs in the U.S., this book is for you.

Many don’t give a second thought to the oft mundane aspects of how we live. Yet, no matter our politics, we as a society continue to receive monthly Social Security benefits, survivor benefits, unemployment insurance benefits and a minimum wage, without a thought to their origin. That origin is the subject of this extremely well-written biography as personified in Fanny Coralie Perkins (later changed to Frances Perkins), who became the first female to serve in a presidential Cabinet in the United States. Perkins was the Secretary of Labor in the Franklin Roosevelt administration and a fascinating personality to boot.

An engaging and easily read book, “The Woman Behind the New Deal,” by Kirsten Downey, was named one of the best biographies of the year in 2009 by the American Library Association and the most definitive biography of Frances Perkins. It moves quickly through the life of Ms. Perkins and her incredible efforts to initiate and move legislation establishing Social Security, unemployment insurance, the minimum wage,

anti-child labor laws, and other initiatives during the days of Roosevelt’s New Deal. The writing animates Perkins’ incredible work to successfully lobby different entities—unions, business owners, Democrats, Republicans, independents, and Franklin Roosevelt—to move the necessary legislation through Congress and get it passed.

Downey explains, “The scope of her list was breathtaking. She was proposing a fundamental and radical restructuring of American society, with enactment of historic social welfare and labor laws. To succeed, she would have to overcome opposition from the courts, business, labor unions, conservatives.”

Perkins grew up in a middle-class family in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was born in 1880 and knew at a young age she wasn’t destined for a traditional role as a wife and mother. According to the biography, she was “an exceptional child, unusually verbal and articulate.”

She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1902 with a degree in chemistry and physics and later obtained a graduate degree in economics and sociology from Columbia University in 1910.

After college graduation, she traveled to New York seeking a job in social work, but was rebuffed due to her young age and lack of experience. Ultimately, she moved to Chicago, teaching science at Ferry Hall, a college for affluent women. There she quickly became a social activist and later returned to New York City to study social work.

See Frances Perkins on page 10.

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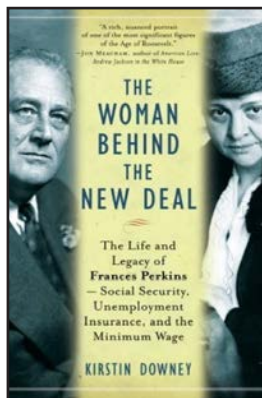
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Follow 5 Healthy Towns on Facebook (facebook.com/5healthytowns) and Instagram for updates about the next Wellness Connection activity and to view Liam’s videos. You can learn more about Wellness Center community programming on page 32 of the fall issue of Connected magazine.

If you would like a free copy of the Wellness Connection journal to help you set your wellness goals and track your progress, contact Lori@5healthytowns.org.

This column is sponsored by the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition (SAWC).



Kirsten Downey’s engaging book about Frances Perkins describes the part she played in defining our most enduring social welfare programs—Social Security, survivor benefits, unemployment insurance, and the minimum wage. Image credit Goodreads.com



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Clyde Whitaker

Clyde's Corner

Oh, no! There go the crates into the pouring rain!

by Clyde Whitaker

Here's another memory of mine from working on the Krummrey Farm during the summer of my senior year in high school. Those of us who worked in the hot muck remember it was almost like quicksand, mushy and uneven.

The trucks we drove back then, at least most of them, had no brakes, but when you pushed the clutch in, you pretty much stopped right there anyway.

We worked Monday through Saturday, 10-hour days, with the exception of Saturday, when we only worked half-days, from 7 a.m. until noon. Saturday also was payday, when we went up to the old wooden building next to the office to collect our pay, in cash. A lot of the time, only a few men worked on Saturdays. But I usually worked on Saturdays and was allowed to drive the big trucks!

On one particular Saturday, it was an overcast day, with the threat of rain in the air. We drove to the far outskirts of the farm with a small group of onion toppers. I pulled crates off the truck and placed them ahead of the onion toppers to use as needed.

Sure enough, after a little while it started to sprinkle, then it became a steady rain. My dad told the toppers to load up in the canvas-covered work truck, and he drove off to the farm. That left Harry Krummrey, Don Krummrey and me. Harry and I jumped into the crate truck, with Harry driving, and Don followed behind.

It was really coming down as we proceeded toward the farm. I kept looking out my side mirror, watching a pallet of crates tip back and forth ... back and forth. They were close to falling over because of the combination of the speed and the uneven road. Then it happened! One of the pallets full of crates did indeed tip, falling over the side of the truck. Harry hit the clutch to stop—remember, no brakes!—and the three of us jumped out into what was now pouring rain, picking up crates and throwing them back on the truck. Yuck! Finally, we had all the crates on the truck, and we jumped back into the truck, soaked to the bone. Harry slowed down after that scare, and we made it to the farm with no further incident, soaked but safe.

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.



Mary Jo David

Woah Nellie!

Nellie Maxwell takes a back seat to Betty Crocker, beginning in 1926

by Mary Jo David

This month, I decided to circle back to check out 100-year-old recipes from the October editions of the weekly Stockbridge Sun-Times. After all, those early 1900s Sun-Times recipes are where this column's roots began. Well, I hope you're sitting down for this news—it looks like, in October 1926, Betty Crocker started to edge out Nellie Maxwell in the world of syndicated food columnists! I guess I knew it would happen sooner or later, but I'm not sure I'm ready to say goodbye to Nellie.

I have to admit, though, Betty Crocker is like a great-aunt to me. My siblings and I were weaned on her recipes; the "Betty Crocker Picture Cook Book" was our mom's go-to in the kitchen. I decided to use that special cookbook and look for something seasonal to use up some apples I had in the house. So this month's recipe features Betty Crocker's Quick Apple Cake from her Picture Cook Book. Like many other recipes in that book, the Quick Apple Cake is based on a "key" recipe called Prize Coffee Cake, which Betty describes as "the foundation costume for many delightful changes to fit every occasion." You use the "key" ingredients for the base coffee cake, and in this case, add apples and cinnamon to turn it into Quick Apple Cake.

This is a basic recipe—great for novice bakers. The instructions in the recipe were easy to follow, so I just added a few helpful notes from my baking experience.

- The recipe calls for sifted flour. This confuses some people as they often wonder, "Do I sift before measuring or after?" The rule of thumb is, if a recipe calls for "2 cups of sifted flour," you sift it before measuring.

See Woah Nellie on page 18.



A truck similar to one used on the Krummrey Farm, but that one would have crates loaded in back. Photos provided by Clyde Whitaker



The 1962 Ford truck Clyde's dad drove with onion toppers riding in the back.

COFFEE CAKES QUICK BREADS For breakfast, lunch, or supper.

PRIZE COFFEE CAKE (Recipe) The foundation costume for many delightful changes to fit every occasion.

Mix together thoroughly.....	3/4 cup sugar
	1/4 cup soft shortening
	1 egg
Stir in.....	1/2 cup milk
	1 1/2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour
Sift together and stir in.....	2 tsp. baking powder
	1/2 tsp. salt

Spread batter in greased and floured 9" square pan. Sprinkle with desired topping (see below). Bake until wooden pick thrust into center of cake comes out clean. Serve warm, fresh from the oven.

TEMPERATURE: 375° (quick mod. oven).

TIME: Bake 25 to 35 min.

AMOUNT: 9 3" squares.

QUICK APPLE CAKE

Follow recipe above—except arrange apple slices in fancy design on top of batter, pressing them slightly into batter, then sprinkle top with 1 tsp. cinnamon mixed with 2 tbsp. sugar. For Christmas, use red cinnamon candies.



Like many other recipes in the "Betty Crocker Picture Cook Book," Quick Apple Cake is based on a "key" recipe called Prize Coffee Cake. Photo credit Mary Jo David

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Community Calendar

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

Mondays

- LEGO Club, 4 to 5 p.m. at CADL Stockbridge.
- First Mondays: Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority meetings, 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Second Mondays: Stockbridge School Board meetings, 6:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School Library.
- Second Mondays: American Legion Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge American Legion Post.
- Third Mondays: Stockbridge Township Board meetings, 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Hall.
- Fourth Mondays: Stockbridge School Board meetings, 6:30 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School Library.

Tuesdays

- Fiber Arts Group meets for knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning, etc., 3-5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- First Tuesdays: Sons of American Legion Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge American Legion Post.
- Fourth Tuesdays: Legion Auxiliary Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge American Legion Post.
- Fourth Tuesdays: Waterloo Township Board meetings, 7 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall.

Wednesdays

- Discovery Storytime (For Babies, Toddlers, and Children), 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.
- Bingo, 6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge American Legion.
- Tabletop Role-Playing Game, 6-7:30 p.m. Village Hall, 118 N. Center St. Led by experienced facilitator. Ages: middle school. Free but requires a refundable deposit. (Runs through Oct. 21.)
- Second Wednesdays: Henrietta Township Board meetings, 7 p.m. at the Henrietta Township Hall.

Thursdays

- Coffee chats, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- American Legion Thursday meals, 4:30-7 p.m. Open to the public.
- Ladies Night, 6 to 9 p.m. at Trillium Gardens.
- Celebrate Recovery, Stockbridge at Crossroads Community Church. A welcoming, community-focused format. Dinner (free) is at 6 p.m. Large Group at 7 p.m. Open Share at 8 p.m.
- First Thursdays: Lions Club Meetings, 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Hall.
- Second Thursdays: Unadilla Township Board meetings, 7 p.m. at the Unadilla Township Hall.
- Third Thursdays: Village of Stockbridge Council meetings, 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Fridays

- Discovery Storytime (For Babies, Toddlers, and Children), 10:30 to 11 a.m. Stockbridge Library.
- Open Air Market of Stockbridge, 4 to 7 p.m. at Veterans Park. Final market for 2026 will be Oct. 16. (See ad on page 14.)

Saturdays

- Second Saturdays: Coffee with the Stockbridge Village Council, 9 to 10 a.m. at Plane Food Market.
- Oct. 1** - Morning Trivia, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC).
- Oct. 3** - 3rd Annual Grass Lake Oktoberfest. Celebrate Bavarian culture, 1 to 3 p.m. in the village of Grass Lake, Mich.
- Oct. 5** - Drop-In STEAM Lab, 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 7** - Art with Ms. Tiffany, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 9** - Unadilla Farmers Market, 4 to 8 p.m. at Unadilla Community Park.
- Oct. 10** - Fall Quilts Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School. (See ad on page 4.)
- Oct. 10** - Sewing Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 10** - Pumpkin Pie Shoot, 6:30 p.m. at the Munith Rod & Gun Club (11455 Fitchburg Road, Munith, MI). \$30 entry fee.
- Oct. 11** - Fall Quilts Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School. (See ad on page 4.)
- Oct. 11** - Pioneer Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museums. (See ad on page 2.)
- Oct. 12** - Stockbridge Book Club, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Stockbridge Library. Book: Remarkably Bright Creatures.
- Oct. 15** - Morning Trivia, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Area Senior Center (SASC).
- Oct. 19** - Drop-In STEAM Lab, 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 19** - Reading with Remington, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 21** - Music with Ms. Beth, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stockbridge Library.
- Oct. 24** - Munith Halloween Parade, 1 p.m. in Downtown Munith. (See ad on page 3.)
- Oct. 25** - Ballstars Kickball, 2 p.m. at the Gregory ballfield.
- Oct. 28** - The Drying Game: Basics of Dehydration (Twins & Up), 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Oct. 31** - Halloween. Contact Stockbridge Township for Trick-or-Treating hours and information.

For an online calendar of more community events visit:
www.stockbridgecommunitynews.com.

To submit an event to our free calendar, email us at
StockbridgeCommunityNews@gmail.com.

View the full Fall Sports schedule in our September 2026 layout on our website at
www.StockbridgeCommunityNews.com.

For a full-list of Library events, visit CADL.org.



Jeffrey Trapp

Superintendent's Desk Stockbridge Traditions + School Spirit = Panther Pride Share your Stockbridge school memories

Stockbridge Community Schools has a rich history filled with traditions and school spirit. As each new year begins, we must honor our past and look toward the new opportunities of the school year. We feel that our schools are the heartbeat of our community, and understanding where we have been is essential to navigating where we want to go.

To help honor our past, one of my goals as your superintendent is to reach back and celebrate our graduates and alumni. Our past is our foundation, and our legacy is built by those who walked these halls of our schools before us. When we connect that storied history with our current students, we discover what I hope you will agree is a simple but powerful equation for us to embrace:

Stockbridge Traditions + School Spirit = Panther Pride.

Our **traditions** set us apart and bind our school community together. Just in case you're new to our school/community, here are a few examples:

- For many years, a special Homecoming tradition has been our cross country team running the game ball back from the opposing team's school and presenting it to the football team at a pep assembly for the Homecoming football game.
- On Halloween, our elementary students dress up and then join together to become one big Halloween Parade. Our families line the sidewalks to celebrate and see the creativity of our students in their costumes.
- For the past few years, we have started two new traditions for our seniors—Senior Sunrise and Senior Sunset—marking the start and end of their last year in our school.
- Seniors in their caps and gowns also now connect with our kindergartners before they leave, “passing the torch” in the Panther Pass Ceremony at the end of the year.
- Traditions where we honor our students are part of many of our programs, including athletics, grade levels, choir, band, FFA, robotics, and more.

This is only a partial list, and traditions are only half of the equation; the other half is our school spirit. We have many opportunities to share our spirit through events and connections. One fun connection that takes place during Homecoming week is when our high school athletes greet and “pump up” our younger students as those students walk into school. A high-five or fist bump generates energy and excitement, fueling our school spirit. If you walk into our high school during Homecoming week, you will see the halls completely transformed and decorated with colorful paper, themed props, and hallway lights covered in orange and black to build excitement. That energy carries directly into our athletic events, where our student section creates themes for each game and then shows up with costumes and school spirit galore! There is also nothing like the earth-shaking roar of the Spirit Jug chant at our pep assemblies, where students yell at the top of their lungs to win the trophy.

The reason for sharing all of this is that many of you are alumni of Stockbridge High School, many of you participated in or even helped create our special traditions, and TOGETHER, we want to fuel more SCHOOL SPIRIT, not only at school, but within our entire community! Go Panthers! **So what's next?**

We want to hear **your alumni stories!** What traditions made Stockbridge special when you were a student? What school spirit memories, traditions, events, or experiences still stand out to you today? What ideas do you have that could increase our school spirit everywhere?

Whether it's a Homecoming or Coming Home tradition, a special event, a team tradition, a classroom activity, or something unique to your class or era, we want to hear about your favorite school memory!

Please share your Stockbridge tradition, favorite school memory, or school spirit story by **emailing us at communications@panthernet.net**. We hope to share these in our community newsletter you receive three times each year—in the fall, winter, and spring/summer.

We want to build a district where every Panther—past, present, and future—feels a sense of belonging and Panther Pride in their school community. Together, we are writing the next great chapter of our school's history.

We Are Stockbridge. Go Panthers!

Jeff Trapp

Superintendent of Schools



A past Stockbridge cross country team runs the game ball from the opposing team's school to present at a Stockbridge pep assembly for the Homecoming football game. Photo provided by Jeff Trapp

Frances Perkins page 5

While in New York, she worked with the destitute, immigrants, and the dispossessed.

On March 25, 1911, Perkins witnessed an event that had a profound impact on her life. She was with friends having tea in New York City when they were interrupted by shouts and the sounds of fire whistles. A large fire had erupted nearby in a ten-story building housing the Triangle Shirtwaist factory that employed hundreds of workers, mostly young, impoverished immigrant women in extremely cramped and unsafe conditions. With blocked exits and stairwells, many of the employees began jumping from the top floors to their deaths rather than die from the flames and smoke. As Perkins stood there witnessing the mayhem, 146 workers—mostly young Jewish or Italian women—died that day.

Through her social and political contacts, she met and became a close friend and confidant of Franklin Roosevelt when he was serving in New York state government in the very early years of his long political career. Later, as president, Roosevelt invited Perkins to Washington and asked her to become his Secretary of Labor. She only assented if he agreed to support her agenda.

Kirsten Downey well describes Perkins' incredible ability to curry favor with all kinds of political entities, including influential members of Tammany Hall, unions, businesses, the courts, and politicians of every stripe and party. Besides vividly describing her work to establish needed social welfare programs, Downey delves into the fascinating challenges of Perkins' personal life in Washington. Her husband had developed a mental illness and she had to depend upon the charity of others to afford living in the Georgetown area of Washington.

This is one book you will likely not regret reading if you're at all interested in the life of the first and only female in Roosevelt's Cabinet. Perkins was one of the few who lasted the entirety of his administration and, throughout that time, pursued the enactment of historic social welfare and labor laws we all depend upon to this day.

This book provides even greater context by including numerous photographs from that time period, including photos of Frances Perkins.

“The Woman Behind the New Deal” is available on order from 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.

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Around the Market

From market to table: Bringing 'Friday finds' home to enjoy this autumn season



Create a fall centerpiece or outdoor arrangement by combining pumpkins and gourds from the Open Air Market in Stockbridge. Photos by Stacey Glemser

by Kristen Stromski

Every Friday brings a special time for market-goers, especially as we transition into the cozy days of fall. The Open Air Market is more than a place to shop—it is a place to gather, connect, and enjoy our community. Families can visit the playground, bikers can take advantage of the pump track, and friends can meet up for a stroll around the walking track. You can grab dinner, listen to live music, shop with local vendors, or simply enjoy a Friday evening at the park.

But what happens when you leave the market?

Your experience doesn't have to end when you pack up your purchases and head home. As the season winds down, the market tables are filled with plenty of ingredients and goodies that can inspire a cozy fall meal, a weekend treat, or even a little seasonal decorating. You don't have to arrive with a perfectly planned shopping list. Sometimes the best meals begin by walking through the market, seeing what catches your eye, and letting those finds inspire you.

Cozy up with your market finds

Fresh potatoes and herbs can become crispy herb-roasted potatoes, the perfect side dish for a fall dinner. Pick up a loaf of fresh bread and turn it into warm garlic and herb toast to serve alongside soup, chili, or pasta.

Looking for something to share? Create a cozy fall charcuterie board with freshly baked bread, uniquely flavored jams, expertly coated nuts, cookies, and other baked goods. Add cheese, apples, or other favorites from home, and you have an easy spread for a Friday night with friends. Even a fresh tomato bruschetta is sure to take center stage on your charcuterie boards.

See Market on page 15.

Outreach page 4

IMPORTANT DATES (cont.)

- Food donations due for Thanksgiving bags **Friday, Nov. 20.**
- Gift and Christmas food donations due at Outreach by **Friday, Dec. 11.**

• Monetary donations can be made throughout the year: Online, go to stockbridgecommunityoutreach.org. In person, drop off at the office during open hours. By mail, send to Stockbridge Community Outreach, PO Box 682, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

For those who NEED HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE:

- Apply for Holiday Assistance: **Monday, Oct. 26 through Wednesday, Nov. 25.**
(Call to schedule an appointment, 517-851-7285. Bring updated household income info with you.)
- Last day to apply for Thanksgiving food baskets: **Wednesday, Nov. 18.**
- Last day to apply for Christmas adoption: **Wednesday, Nov. 25.**
- Outreach CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday: **Friday, Nov. 27.**
- Christmas Room opens to qualified families: **Monday, Dec. 7.**
(Call to schedule an appointment to qualify for and shop the room.)
- Christmas food and gift distribution: **Friday, Dec. 18, Noon to 3 p.m.**

To learn more about the Outreach holiday programs, please email outreach49285@gmail.com or call 517-851-7285.

Our local food pantry, crisis, and referral center is 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. Contact us at Outreach49285@gmail.com, 517-851-7285, or find us on Facebook.

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Faces of Addiction page 3

That shift offered a healthier connection to relationships, not codependence or feeding the trauma bond that once tied us to the darker parts of his addiction.

And somewhere along the way, I realized I had already begun building what I first described in my 2025 “Chasing Light” article (May 2025) as my “travel bag of coping skills.” These were tools gathered through years of healing, reflection, and survival. Gardening taught me patience and quiet hope. Camping and traveling gave me space to breathe outside toxic environments. And DBT talk therapy helped me reach “wise mind,” that place where clarity outweighs chaos.

“Wise mind is not always a happy place, but it is a healthy place.”

The tools mentioned above weren’t just mental health tools; they are lifelines that kept me grounded while loving someone whose world is unstable.

I also learned that my boundaries aren’t boundaries unless enforced. And enforcing them requires consistency—the willingness to draw that line and hold it, even when emotions pull you toward old patterns. I could show up without sacrificing my peace, and I could support him without becoming responsible for his sobriety, all while I gained my own emotional sobriety. That clarity changed everything, not only for me but for him. Even my sense of hope evolved. My hope for Richard isn’t about imagining a perfect future or even a relationship; it’s about appreciating honest effort. Progress matters more than perfection now.

There are scars, of course. The scars I carry are quiet ones of fear, fatigue and uncertainty. But they didn’t break me. They taught me to love with clarity instead of within chaos and to choose peace even when life feels unpredictable. Trauma doesn’t disappear, but you learn to carry it differently.

Through all of this, my growth is visible. I trust slowly. I protect my peace without apology. This relationship didn’t just change how I love Richard—it changed how I love myself, and I know one can love from afar. That’s why this year’s story feels different. My evolving story isn’t the same one I told last year. That was Richard’s story and the stories of others.

Now what I’m telling is my story—the part lived by the person standing beside addiction, learning and healing in real time.

And in the end, my truth today is simple: loving someone in addiction is both beautiful and brutal. Support means standing beside someone, not saving them. There is a fine line between supporting an addict and enabling them and learning to walk, and enforce, that line is part of the healing. It means choosing compassion without losing yourself. It means believing in progress, even when the path is uneven.

This is the part of the story that often goes untold. It’s the lighthouse in the storm, the quiet resilience of the one holding the light.

Journalist Tina Cole-Mullins covers a range of topics and issues for Stockbridge Community News, including her Faces of Addiction and mental wellness contributions. A lifelong Dansville resident, she volunteers as a community outreach facilitator, helping ensure individuals and families can access the resources they need.

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Transparency is a two-way street; raise kids to be civically engaged



Knowledge is power, even if gaining it sounds boring. Attend a local municipal meeting with your child, and maybe even make a public comment!
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by Kelsey Rasmussen

As the digital world speeds up, our children learn instant gratification as the norm. Yet the gears of government turn much slower. The gap widens between how things get done and what youth have the patience to learn. It’s never been more important for youth to understand how decisions that shape their daily lives actually get made.

Until my 40s, I dismissed local politics as, well, boring. My public school

education never required me to attend a single local meeting, much less learn Robert’s Rules of Order for making a motion, seconding a motion, or demanding “Point of Order” to interrupt a long-winded tangent. This time-tested system may seem antiquated, but it enables meetings to be conducted predictably, fairly, and with consensus-based outcomes.

To put it in lingo our little ones understand, I’ll second Chili Heeler’s wisdom as she teaches Bluey and Bingo, “Boring things are still important.”

I was recently appointed to the Village Council and have been surprised by how much I didn’t know about how local decisions get made—and how easy it is to be involved.

The Open Meetings Act requires transparency: Meetings should be posted at least 18 hours in advance and open to the public (except under very special “closed meeting” conditions). Agendas typically invite audience members to address the board directly for up to three minutes in a “public comment” section. Boards are not required to respond to public comments, but a clerk or recording secretary types up the proceedings of the meeting as “minutes,” which are also required to be posted publicly and voted on for accuracy at the next meeting.

- But if no one attends the open meetings, are they really transparent?
- Transparency is a two-way street that requires active involvement by the government and the governed. Knowledge is power, even if gaining it sounds boring. Teach your children to start from a place of curiosity.
- Have you ever wondered where village toilet water goes after being flushed? We have wastewater treatment lagoons and a Utilities Committee!
 - What happened to the school millage renewal? The school board is a good place to learn more!
 - Why did the Village of Stockbridge council downsize the police force?

These are exactly the kinds of questions your family can bring to a meeting. Check out the Community Calendar monthly in the Stockbridge Community News for municipal meeting dates and locations. Keep your local village or township’s website bookmarked and challenge yourself and your older kids

to check it periodically. Equip yourself and your family with the tools for understanding—and perhaps influencing—how and by whom decisions are made.

Recurring Local Meeting Times

- Village of Stockbridge Council: 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Village Hall, 118 N Center Street.
- Village of Stockbridge Planning Commission: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority: 1st Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Village of Stockbridge committee meetings are posted on the door of the Village Office.
- Stockbridge Township Board: 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Township Hall lower level (enter on Elizabeth St. side of square).
- Stockbridge Township Planning Commission: 2nd Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at the Stockbridge Township Hall lower level (enter on Elizabeth St. side of square).
- Henrietta Township Board: 2nd Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at Henrietta Twp. Hall.
- Waterloo Township Board: 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Waterloo Township Hall.
- Unadilla Township Board: 2nd Thursdays, 7 p.m. Unadilla Township Hall.
- Stockbridge School Board: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School Library.

Activity Highlight:

Skip the TV one evening, and instead, talk with your child. Find a local topic they’re curious about, then plan to attend a meeting together if appropriate. Read the previously posted minutes on your local village or township website. Make a list of questions, or even prepare and rehearse a two-minute speech together. Show up to a meeting and let your locally elected or appointed officials know your opinions, questions, and priorities. Your presence is your voice!

-PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE- WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Tuesday October 20, 2026 at 7:00pm

The Waterloo Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 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 Proposed text changes to Section 20.08-Home Occupation Class 1 and Class 2, Table 9-2 and Associated Footnote, and Article 21 Home Occupation Definitions of The Waterloo Township Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the Proposed text changes may be viewed at The Township Offices during regular business hours.

Written comments should be mailed or emailed to the Township Offices, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259 or dropped off prior to October 19, 2026.

Individuals with special needs should contact the Waterloo Township Board by contacting the Clerk’s Office, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259. Phone: 517-596-8200, ext. 101.

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Dear Gabbie,

A local Stockbridge area Facebook group I'm in often posts helpful information like yard sales, giveaway items, information about people who need assistance, or fun activities going on in the area. But lately it seems like it's been overrun with people judging others who weren't born and raised in the area. Commenters often make derogatory remarks about area residents they assume have moved here from <gasp> Ann Arbor or other communities outside of the immediate Stockbridge area. What's up with that?

Signed,
Other Side of the Tracks

Dear Tracks,

Some people only feel good about themselves if they are belittling others—whether it be people who make less money, people who make more money, or, in the case you mentioned, people who are outsiders. To some, an outsider might be someone who grew up only 20 miles away—and in all fairness, that 20 miles might be the difference between growing up in a rural area and growing up in a suburban subdivision or big city. But that doesn't give people the right to judge others they may not even know. Heck, even those families who have streets named after them out here were newbies at some point!

Remember the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." That's really the best approach to take with these online commenters. Ignore them! Make an effort to skim past their comments to read the really helpful ones that others post. Most importantly, try to keep yourself in check from judging others. The best way to do that is to remember another old adage, "Judging a person doesn't define who they are; it defines who you are."

Oh, and one more thing: If you find yourself bumping up the price of an item at your next yard sale when you see one of those judgy online commenters coming up your driveway, well, who am I to judge!

Gabbie



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Find eight spooky words. Read across or down.

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SPIDER: R5C4 to R5C9

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WITCH: R4C1 to R8C1

CANDY: R6C3 to R10C3

BAT: R8C6 to R8C8

BOO: R10C8 to R10C10

Obituary George Allen



George Allen
Feb. 17, 1955 to April 22, 2026

George Allen, 71, of Naples, Florida, passed away on April 22nd, 2026, after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic and liver cancer.

George was born February 17th, 1955 to George and Ruth (Arnett) Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Dani Allen.

George lived in the Stockbridge area before moving to Naples, making that his home for the past 42 years.

George loved to work in his yard, making sure it was perfect. He was also a great cook! He enjoyed tinkering and was always available to help his friends whenever needed.

He enjoyed golfing and hooking up with his friends from his Sunday morning golf league.

He loved to cheer on his favorite sports teams, the Detroit Tigers and Lions, and of course the Michigan Wolverines. Go Blue!

When he came home to Michigan, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Left to celebrate his life is his loving companion of 25 years, Arlene Quinn, and his beloved fur baby, Sophie; his son Nathan (Meghan) Allen and daughter Amanda Allen; his grandchildren Braylon Norman and Carter and Ashlyn Allen; and his sisters Debi (Jerry) Kunzelman and Angela (Phil) Hora along with numerous nephews and nieces.

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Active Aging

From harvest to health: Gather today, plan for tomorrow

by: Alexa M. Ten Eyck and Rachel Stanley

October is harvest season throughout the Stockbridge area. Fields are to be cleared while gardens give up the last of their produce. Preparations begin for the colder months ahead. Annual harvests are also a time to take stock of the yield. This process of taking stock is valuable; it makes it possible to evaluate resources needed to strategize and sustain through changing seasons. Harvest season and the concept associated with the process of harvesting help us make thoughtful decisions about the year ahead.

Taking stock is just as valuable when applied to active aging and future health needs. The Stockbridge Area Senior Center supports this through education and access to resources that help older adults remain informed and involved in decisions affecting their lives. This fall, that effort includes helping Medicare beneficiaries prepare for the coming year. Medicare coverage changes from one year to the next, and those changes affect how well an existing plan fits one's needs. Reviewing coverage before making decisions for 2027 provides time to take stock of those changes and consider whether current coverage remains appropriate.

The Stockbridge Area Senior Center eagerly hosts "The ABCs of Medicare" on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m. Presented by Kevin Gebhard, the program provides an overview of Medicare with information about important coverage changes for the coming year. Medicare beneficiaries and their families are welcome to attend.

For those who would benefit from an individual review, prescheduled, one-on-one Medicare SHIP appointments will be available Nov. 5. "SHIP" stands for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, which provides unbiased, personalized assistance to Medicare beneficiaries. Participants can review current coverage and learn how available options apply to their individual circumstances. A red, white, and blue Medicare card should be brought to the appointment, along with a current medication list that includes dosages when possible.

Just as the harvest provides an opportunity to take stock before another season begins, fall provides an opportunity to look ahead at health coverage before another year begins. Gathering information today provides a stronger yield for sustaining the decisions of tomorrow and helps individuals remain active participants in planning for the year ahead.

Medicare education and counseling opportunities are supported by the Tri-County Office on Aging and Madison Miller, BSHA. For more information about "The ABCs of Medicare" or to schedule a Nov. 5 SHIP appointment, contact the Stockbridge Area Senior Center.

Alexa M. Ten Eyck is president of the Stockbridge Area Senior Center board of directors and Rachel Stanley is the Center's director. Experience firsthand a sense of connection and well-being at the SASC. For information, visit stockbridgeareaseniors.org, call 517- 480-0353, or stop in at 219 W. Elm St.



The Stockbridge Area Senior Center is hosting "The ABCs of Medicare" on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and prescheduled, one-on-one Medicare SHIP appointments on Nov. 5. Image source: Facebook.com

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And don't forget dessert! Pick up some locally baked cookies, cinnamon rolls, or other sweet treats and pair them with a warm cup of coffee or apple cider for an easy Saturday morning treat.

Bring a little fall home

The market isn't just for the kitchen. April Farms will be bringing pumpkins, gourds, hay stalks, and more to help you add a little fall charm to your porch, entryway, or dining table.

You could even create a simple fall centerpiece using a few seasonal finds, or combine pumpkins and gourds with flowers or greenery you already have at home.

These are just a few of the possibilities waiting for you at the Open Air Market in Stockbridge. With only a month left in the season, now is the time to enjoy those Friday evenings, support our local vendors, and discover something delicious—or something beautiful—to bring home.

Join us Fridays from 4–7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, and make your own Friday market memories before the season comes to a close.

Kitley's page 1



Ken and Tracy Kitley, owners of Kitley's Smoke Shack, "have trailer, will travel" for catering events of all kinds. Photo credit Amy Haggerty

Ken currently has four pellet smokers; this enables them to offer a variety of meats and side options.

"I am having so much fun," Ken says as he truly enjoys preparing and smoking the meats. He explains that this is his dream to carry him into retirement.

Ken and Tracy have worked hard to run a business and feed people who are spending their hard-earned money on food, and they take the job very seriously. The Kitleys have recently been certified by IROL (Inspection Reports Online), a web-based software platform used to track and manage fire and life safety compliance and provide food truck registrations. While not currently a requirement, the Kitleys are thinking ahead to what is likely to be a future requirement for all food trucks to operate in the state of Michigan.

Ken and Tracy are delightful residents of the Stockbridge area and have supported the Stockbridge community for many years. Look for them at Veterans Memorial Park on Fridays, during the Open Air Market from 4-7 p.m.

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STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Panthers football team continues to battle through tough opening stretch



Domenic Ciminelli runs over an East Jackson tackler on his way for a touchdown. Photo credit Mike Williamson

Blackhawks answered to take a 21-6 lead after one quarter and extended the advantage to 41-12 by halftime.

Killinger found Aidan Bradley for a 15-yard touchdown in the second quarter and the pair connected for another 15-yard score in the third.

Stockbridge added two touchdowns on the ground in the fourth. Evan Lockhart broke free for a 29-yard score before Domenic Ciminelli raced 75 yards for the Panthers' final touchdown.

Killinger had a big night, completing 16 of 21 passes for 252 yards and three touchdowns.

Bradley caught six passes for 108 yards and two scores, while Regan finished with two catches for 41 yards and a touchdown. Vince Rogozinski added three receptions for 46 yards.

Ciminelli led the rushing attack with 97 yards on seven carries and a touchdown, while Lockhart rushed for 60 yards and a score.

Bradley led the defense with six tackles and two assists. Ciminelli recorded three tackles and three assists, while Lockhart had three tackles, two assists and a tackle for loss.

Bronson. Stockbridge traveled to Bronson on Sept. 3 and found itself in another early hole when the Vikings scored four first-quarter touchdowns for a 28-0 lead.

See Football on page 17.

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge football team has shown flashes of offensive firepower through the opening weeks of the season, but the Panthers have been unable to overcome fast starts by their opponents in losses to Leslie, Bronson and Quincy.

Stockbridge opened the season with a 57-30 loss to Leslie on Aug. 28 before falling to Bronson 59-6 on Sept. 3 and Quincy 67-21 on Sept. 11.

Leslie. The Panthers put together their best offensive performance of the three-game stretch in the opener against Leslie.

Leslie jumped out to a 14-0 lead before quarterback Evan Killinger connected with Kaleb Regan for a 4-yard touchdown pass. The

Stockbridge volleyball starts strong, picks up five early wins



Emma Monaghan with a dig against Quincy. Photo credit Mike Williamson

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge volleyball team has put together a strong start to the season, picking up five wins in its first eight matches.

The Panthers opened the stretch at the Perry Invitational on Aug. 29, where they earned wins over Byron, Leslie and Perry before falling to Alma.

Stockbridge swept Byron 2-0. Alexa Satkowiak recorded five kills, while Zoey Horstman added three. Laura Humrich

was tough from the service line with four aces.

The Panthers followed with a 2-0 win over Leslie. Satkowiak finished with six kills, Emma Monaghan added seven kills and Horstman recorded eight digs. Madeline Topping chipped in three kills.

Stockbridge earned another straight-set victory over Perry, taking the two sets 27-26 and 25-23. Topping led the attack with five kills, Satkowiak added four and Horstman served three aces. Monaghan added two aces.

The Panthers closed out the Perry Invitational with a 2-1 loss to Alma. Satkowiak had six kills, Horstman added five and Topping finished with three. Monaghan led the defense with 22 digs.

Stockbridge returned to action Sept. 2 and continued its winning ways with a 25-19, 25-16 sweep of Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy.

Later that night, the Panthers battled New Lothrop and came away with a 2-1 victory.

Stockbridge made it five wins on the season Sept. 9 with a 3-1 home victory over Homer.

The Panthers saw their winning streak come to an end at Concord on Sept. 15, falling in three close sets, 25-21, 25-22 and 25-20.

Satkowiak led Stockbridge with 12 kills against Concord, while Monaghan anchored the defense with 24 digs. Topping added four kills, Horstman finished with three kills and Humrich chipped in two kills.

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge boys soccer team has battled through an up-and-down start to the season, with the Panthers picking up their latest win behind a big night from Koen Griffith.

Stockbridge opened the season at the Rambler Cup on Aug. 29, falling to Perry 1-0 before bouncing back later in the day to defeat Leslie 6-5 in a shootout.

Griffith scored twice against Leslie, while Steven Karowich, Ashton Oversmith and Brennen McCalla each found the net for the Panthers.

Stockbridge returned home Sept. 2 and rolled past Maple Valley 5-2. Griffith recorded a hat trick, while Karowich and Andrew Ackeborg added one goal each.

The Panthers suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Jonesville on Sept. 8 before bouncing back with a 2-1 road win over Quincy the following night. Griffith and Ackeborg scored the two Stockbridge goals in the win over Quincy.

Stockbridge then went through a tough two-game stretch at home, falling to Bronson 1-0 on Sept. 14 and Dundee 6-0 on Sept. 16. The Panthers quickly put the losses behind them with a road win over Olivet on



Koen Griffith battles the Jonesville goalkeeper for the ball. Photo credit Mike Williamson

Sept. 17. Griffith had another huge night for Stockbridge, recording his second hat trick of the season with three goals. With the Panthers looking to put the game away late, Oversmith sealed the victory with a goal four minutes before the end of the game.

Stockbridge boys soccer team wins several matches as season begins

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTS

Stockbridge cross country speeds through busy week with three meets



William Gancer took first place at the Leslie Blackhawk Invitational. Photo provided by Lissa Avis



Emily Satkowiak and Lucy Chapman run at the Leslie Invite. Photo provided by Lissa Avis

by Mike Williamson

The Stockbridge cross country teams had a busy stretch with three meets, highlighted by a pair of individual wins from William Gancer.

The Panthers competed at the Springport Invitational and the Bret Clements Bath Invitational before returning to action at the Leslie Blackhawk Invitational on Sept. 15.

Leslie. Gancer continued his strong senior season at Leslie, winning the boys race with a time of 16:33.43. His first-place finish helped the Panthers place fourth as a team with 85 points.

Alex Avis was 14th in 20:13.75, while Owen Peckham was right behind in 15th at 20:15.49. John Fox finished 28th with a season-best 22:39.90, Steven Karowich was 36th in 23:29.99, and Wyatt OKoney placed 46th in 26:53.06.

The Stockbridge girls placed fifth at Leslie with 102 points.

Lucy Chapman led the Panthers with an 11th-place finish and a season-best time of 22:50.43. Emily Satkowiak was 15th with a season-best 23:45.75.

Emmeline Gancer placed 27th in 26:56.80, Isabella Pratt was 33rd in 28:08.98, Rachel Avis finished 36th in 30:28.94, and Ella Hardesty was 38th with a season-best 30:48.17. Alexis Friddle rounded out the Stockbridge runners in 44th with a personal-best 40:21.40.

Bath. On Sept. 12 at Bath, Gancer finished as runner-up with a time of 16:50.47 as the Stockbridge boys placed eighth with 174 points.

Peckham ran a personal-best 19:54.94 to finish 39th, with Avis 40th in a season-best 19:57.18. Fox was 77th in 22:43.73, Karowich 84th in 23:47.63, OKoney 91st with a season-best 24:47.00, and Owen Cipta 103rd with a season-best 27:59.14.

The Stockbridge girls finished seventh at Bath with 186 points. Satkowiak led the Panthers in 40th with a time of 24:48.80.

Aliyah Numinen was 44th with a personal-best 25:09.28, followed by Pratt in 49th at 25:46.28. Emmeline Gancer was 64th in 27:28.04, Abigail Taylor finished 71st with a personal-best 28:11.70, Rachel Avis was 75th in 28:29.50, and Friddle finished 92nd in 43:07.08.

Springport. Stockbridge opened the stretch at the Springport Invitational, where William Gancer also claimed the individual title with a time of 17:37.78. The Panthers finished fourth in the boys standings with 84 points.

Peckham finished 11th in 20:01.61, Avis was 13th in 20:33.77, Karowich 29th with a season-best 23:26.25, OKoney 38th in 25:13.12, and Cipta 47th in 32:06.40.

The Stockbridge girls placed fifth at Springport with 87 points. Chapman paced the Panthers with a fourth-place finish in 22:51.40.

Pratt finished 15th with a personal-best 24:29.90, Satkowiak was 17th in 24:35.20, Emmeline Gancer placed 25th with a personal-best 26:16.10, Rachel Avis was 30th with a season-best 27:48.30, and Hardesty finished 39th in 31:10.50.

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Evan Lockhart moves through East Jackson tacklers. Photo provided by Mike Williamson

Bronson pushed the advantage to 35-0 before the Panthers got on the board when Killinger connected with Tommy Bills for a 31-yard touchdown pass.

Killinger completed 12 of 18 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown. Lockhart was the leading receiver with seven catches for 57 yards, while Bills' lone catch went for the 31-yard score.

The Panthers struggled to get their running game going against Bronson, with Lockhart leading the team with 9 yards on five carries.

Bills led the defense with four tackles. Lockhart had three tackles, an assist and a tackle for loss, while Bradley recorded three tackles.

Quincy. Stockbridge returned to action against Quincy on Sept. 11 and once again showed some big-play ability despite falling 67-21.

Quincy took a 14-0 lead in the opening quarter before Killinger found Regan for a 4-yard touchdown. Killinger added the extra point to cut the deficit to 14-7.

The Orioles took control in the second quarter, putting up 30 points, but Stockbridge answered with one of its biggest plays of the season when Killinger connected with Remington Christie for a 59-yard touchdown.

Stockbridge found the end zone again in the third when Lockhart scored on a 9-yard run. Killinger then connected with Bradley on the 2-point conversion to make it 44-21.

Killinger completed 10 of 19 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns against Quincy.

Lockhart continued to be a major part of the Panthers' offense with five catches for 66 yards to go along with 57 rushing yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.

Christie caught one pass, but made it count with the 59-yard touchdown. Ciminelli had a 37-yard reception, Regan caught two passes for 13 yards and a score, and Bradley added a 12-yard catch.

Ciminelli also rushed for 45 yards on 13 carries, while Bills added 12 yards on his lone attempt.

Lockhart led the defense with four tackles, four assists and a tackle for loss. Ciminelli recorded three tackles and two assists, while Regan finished with three tackles and an assist.

Woah Nellie page 8

If it calls for “2 cups flour, sifted,” you measure after you’ve sifted the flour. In other words, if the word “sift” comes before “flour,” sift the flour before measuring. If the word “sift” comes after “flour,” sift the flour after measuring. In this particular recipe, the ingredients call for “sifted flour” so I sifted before measuring. But it also calls for sifting again after you add the baking powder and salt to the sifted flour.

- The recipe calls for a 9-inch square cake pan. I only have an 8-inch pan, so I used that. I’m glad I did. The amount of batter and the limited rising the cake does in the oven makes me think it is much more suitable for an 8-inch square cake pan.
- I sliced the apples thinly for the top of the cake—probably about one-quarter-inch thick. That seemed to work fine for baking, but upon tasting, the apples ended up being the most flavorful part of the cake, so I maybe should have cut them a little bit thicker.
- I always keep a cinnamon/sugar mix in a shaker to put on toasted bagels, etc. Although the recipe does not call for it, I decided to spread half the batter into the pan and then sprinkle that with the cinnamon/sugar I had on hand. After spreading the rest of the batter over that cinnamon/sugar, I then laid out my apple slices on top. Finally, I topped the apples with the cinnamon/sugar combination that the recipe called for. Later, during the taste test, I didn’t think the addition of the cinnamon/sugar in the middle made any difference.
- I baked the recipe for the recommended 25 minutes, but the center wasn’t springing back, so I baked for 3 minutes. Although the finished cake wasn’t dry, per se, I think I should have taken it out at 25 minutes.

My resident taste tester and I tend to have differing opinions—on just about everything! Unfortunately, on this we could agree: The finished Quick Apple Cake was OK, but nothing special. That’s not bad, though, considering Betty Crocker was only 5 years old when she came up with this recipe. That’s right, folks, the fictional Betty Crocker was created in 1921 and made her national network radio debut on NBC in 1926, the same year she bumped Nellie out of the Stockbridge Sun-Times. I guess she was born a fighter!

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2026

Stockbridge Township Supervisor Cg Lantis called Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting to order on September 21, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Members present at the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting; Supervisor CG Lantis, Treasurer James Wireman, Trustee Ed Wetherell, Member absent Clerk Becky Muraf, Trustee Terry Sommer

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Regular Board Meeting agenda as printed. Wireman second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments Harvest Fest update

Wetherell motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Board meeting minutes from August 17, 2026, as printed Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Wireman motion to accept the Stockbridge Township Financial Report as printed Wetherell Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Police update Calls for service to the Township decreased 8% from the month of August, while calls for service in the Village decreased by 9%. Total Calls for Service within Village 88 Total calls for Township 86

Clerk Muraf arrived late 7:12pm

Memorial Plaque None

Wetherell motion to accept Stockbridge Township Audit report as printed Wireman Second Roll call vote Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Muraf Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

Old Business

Muraf motion to return Public Safety Revenue Sharing from Ingham County Sheriff program to Ingham County Sheriff Office in the amount of \$4,257.00 Wireman Yes, Wetherell Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion Carried

New Business

Muraf motion to approve Clyde Whitaker continue service as ground keeper at Derby Cemetery for 2027 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Muraf motion to approve work on the 219 Elm street to extend the Parking Lot and fix drainage issues up to \$20,000.00 Wetherell Second Roll Call Vote Wetherell Yes, Muraf Yes, Wireman Yes, Lantis NO Motion Carried

Muraf motion to approve Special Use permit recommend by the Planning Commission for 4012 Milner an accessory building on vacant land Wetherell Second Roll Vote Muraf Yes, Wetherell Yes, Wireman Yes, Lantis Yes All in Favor Motion carried

Wetherell motion to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$43 ,754.50 Wireman Second All in Favor Motion Carried

Citizen Comments Discussion

Lantis adjourn the Stockbridge Township Regular Meeting at 7:45PM

Unadilla Township Police Department Activity Log Saturday 08/01-Monday 08/31/2026

Sat 8/1 Follow up- Church St/Webb St • Citizen Assist-Church St/Webb St • Property damage accident-W M36/Howlett Rd. Sun 8/2 Hazard-M36/Dutton Rd. • Assist EMS-Doyle Ct./Unadilla Rd. • Assist EMS-Parkdale Dr./Patterson Lake Dr. Mon 8/3 Domestic Physical in progress-San Luray Dr/San Marino Ave • Welfare Check-Spears Rd./Barton Rd. • Assist other agency-Church St/Webb St Tues 8/4 Medical- Stonehouse Dr./M 106 • DHS referral-Doyle Rd./Van Syckle Rd. • Citizen Assist-Berkshire Dr./Gregory Rd. Wed 8/5 911 Hang up-Barton Rd./Spears Rd. • Suspicious Situation-Main St/Ovit St • Patrol Information-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd. Thurs 8/6 Assist EMS-Spears/Van Syckle Rd. Friday 8/7 Alarm-Winifred Ct./W Trebesh Cir • Lost/Found Property-M 36/Dexter Trail • Liquor Investigation- Main St/Dewey St Sat 8/8 Assist EMS- Webb St./Bullis Rd • Suspicious Situation-M36/Main St • Medical-W Trebesh Cir/Winifred Ct • Fireworks-Livermore Rd./W Trebesh Cir Sun 8/9 Suspicious person- W M36/Dreamcatcher • Road Hazard-Dexter Trail/M36 • Hit & Run Accident-McGaugh Ct./Orlando Dr. • Welfare Check-Stockbridge St/Cass St. Monday 8/10 Assist UTFD-Dexter Trail/Dutton Rd. • Citizen Assist-Webb St/Church St • Assault (report only)-W Trebesh Cir/Livermore Rd	Tuesday 8/11 Fail to pay-M106/M 36 • Civil Complaint-Roepeke Rd/Oklahoma Dr. • Medical-W Trebesh Cir/Winifred Ct Wed 8/12 Cardiac Arrest-Kingston Dr./Patterson Lake Dr. • Citizen Assist-Dutton Rd./Depp Valley Rd. • Animal Complaint-Arnold Rd./M36 • Medical-M36/Dexter Trail Thurs 8/13 Animal Complaint-Arnold Rd./M36 Friday 8/14 Property damage accident-W M36/Kathryn Ct • Assist UTFD-Walnut Ln./Bowdish Rd • Follow up-Walnut Ln/Bowdish Rd. Sat 8/15 Suspicious Person-Unadilla Rd./Williamsville Rd. • Assist EMS-Doyle Rd./Unadilla Rd. Sun 8/16 Found Child-Doyle Rd./Doyle Ct. • Civil Complaint-Main St./Church St. Mon 8/17 Larceny- M106/Dutton Rd. • DHS Referral-M106 • Assist UTFD-Joslin Lake Rd./Barnum • Suspicious person-W M36/Pingree Rd. Tues 8/18 Animal Bite-Unadilla Rd./ Williamsville Rd. • Littering/Dumping-Livermore Rd./M36 Wed 8/19 Larceny-Doyle Rd./Worden Rd. • Suspicious Situation-Wasson Rd./Bull Run Rd. Thursday 8/20 Animal Complaint-Livermore Rd./Trebesh Cir Friday 8/21 Follow up-Webb St./Church Street • Vin Inspection-Devonshire Dr./M36 Sat 8/22 Assist EMS- W Trebesh Cir/Livermore Rd. • Assist UTFD-M36/Gregory Rd.	Sun 8/23 Medical-Barton Rd./M36 • Citizen Assist-Pleasant Dr./Kaiser Rd. • Assist UTFD-Donohue Rd./Spears Rd. Monday 8/24 Citizen Assist-Webb ST./Church St. • Assist UTFD-Spears Rd./M36 Tuesday 8/25 Vehicle Fire-W M36/Dreamcatcher • Citizen Assist-Webb St./Church St. Wednesday 8/26 Suspicious Situation-Woodside Dr./Pleasant Dr. • Medical-M106/M36 • Fraud-M106-M36 • Welfare Check-Stockbridge St./M106 Thursday 8/27 Missing person/Runaway-Main St./M36 • Citizen Assist-Main St./M36 Friday 8/28 CMH-M36/Main Street • Assist UTFD-Stockbridge St./Church St. • Citizen Assist-Kaiser Rd./Pleasant Dr. • Suspicious Situation-Roepeke Rd./Williamsville Rd. • Assist EMS-Gregory Rd./Spears Rd. • Assist UTFD-Wasson Rd./Gregory Rd. Saturday 8/29 Domestic physical in progress-Holmes Rd./Doyle Rd. • Warrant Attempt-W Main St./W M36 • Medical-W Trebesh Cir./Livermore Rd. Sunday 8/30 Suspicious Situation-Webb St./M36 • Alarm-Doyle Rd./Unadilla Rd. Monday 8/31 Assist UTFD-Tree Lane Dr./M 106 • Animal complaint-Doyle Rd./Worden Rd. • Structure Fire-Deep Valley Rd./Dutton Rd. • Assist UTFD-Kuhn St./Main St. • Welfare Check-Dutcher Rd./Schafer Rd.
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Homecoming Queens

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2026 Senior Homecoming Queen
 Lillyan Trent with
 Escort Oliver Rosedale (inside)
 and 2025 Queen Melina Sayre
 and Escort Kameryn Gross


Senior Homecoming Escorts


Senior Queen
 Lillyan Trent and
 Escort Oliver Rosedale



Senior Queen
 Bella Glenn and
 Escort Devin Bennett


Underclassmen Queens

Underclassmen Escorts


Senior Queen
 Bralynn Philipp and
 Escort Tim Clark



Senior Queen
 Emily Satkowiak and
 Escort Will Gancer



Senior Queen
 Emma Monaghan and
 Escort Aidan Bradley



Senior Queen
 Laura Humrich and
 Escort Collin Satur



Senior Queen
 Madeline Topping and
 Escort Owen Cipta



Senior Queen
 Zoe Buddenborg and
 Escort Koen Griffith


2026 Queens and Escorts


Junior Queen
 Leighla Pidd and
 Escort Joseph Larie



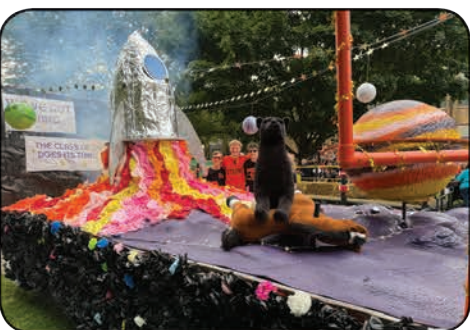
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 Mikayla Winklepleck and
 Escort Evan Killingier



Freshman Queen
 Madalyn Barson and
 Escort Logan VanLoo

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