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Chelsea Resident Awarded Michigan Celebrates Small Business 50 Companies to Watch



Kristine Bergman

By Charla Hamilton
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Longtime Chelsea Resident Kristine Bergman and her business BBC Entrepreneurial Training & Consulting LLC (BBCetc) was recently awarded a Michigan Celebrates Small Business Award in the category of 2021 Michigan 50 Companies to Watch. Kristine explains some background on herself and her business: "I have been a Chelsea resident for 50+ years, and was a graduate of Chelsea

High School in 1973. I married my high school sweetheart, Steve Bergman, and raised our 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, in Chelsea. We have lived in our home on Cavanaugh Lake Rd for 41 years. While raising a young family being an entrepreneur allowed me to set my own hours. I learned the craft of painting and wallpapering home interiors from my mother-in-law working alongside her for several years before her retirement **continued on page 3**

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Chelsea City Council Meeting Monday April 19

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The consent agenda was approved to open the city council meeting. The regular agenda was approved next.

The public comment portion of the meeting was next. Laura Damschroder spoke regarding the CPD. She stated that without having any authority from the City Council or the City manager. She stated

without any authority the CPD is an occupying force. She noted that a town very similar to Chelsea is facing a million-dollar civil rights lawsuit. She requested a final decision not be made tonight.

Katie Tinsley gave a metaphor to attempt to explain oppression. She stated if we want to solve our problems we have to name them. She said in this society, there is only racism or fighting racism. Di-

ane Jonas Locker asked what the narrative will be. She asked the City Council to create a better narrative.

Jennifer Kundak read for Joanne Ladio. She asked the council to postpone the decision stating it was too rushed. The public did not have time to investigate the proposals for the police audit.

Bill Ruddock spoke next he brought up the defense in George Floyd, tried to state

that the officer used lawful force. He stated that if that's the case, the law is wrong. If the law is wrong we need to change the law. He urged the Council to provide better oversight of the police.

David Bloom spoke next. He stated that the council listened to an overwhelming majority of taxpayers and ignored them. He is very disappointed with the work session last week. **continued on page 9**

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Two Chelsea High School Symphony Orchestra Students Recognized as Outstanding Soloists



Phoebe Harris was named an outstanding soloist by the MSBOA for her cello performance. Photo courtesy of Lynn Harris.



Peter Mourad was named an outstanding soloist by the MSBOA for his performances on violin and piano. Photo courtesy of Emily Kuo.

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2020 Small Business Leadership Award Winner Announced

From: Terris Ahrens, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

"Congratulations to the 2020 Small Business Leadership Award winner, Breathe Yoga! The Business Leadership Awards are presented each year to Chamber of Commerce members who demonstrate commitment to strengthening our community and promoting a vital business environment. The winners are chosen by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, and will be honored at the Chamber's Annual Meeting on May 19th. It's no big "stretch" to see why Breathe Yoga is receiving this award, so if you see Sue around town make sure to congratulate and thank her for a year well done!"



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St. Paul United Church of Christ to become an "Open & Affirming" congregation of the United Church of Christ

From: Eric M. Stricklin, Pastor, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Chelsea

You may have noticed a colorful rainbow flag with the words "Justice For All" hanging on the front of St Paul United Church of Christ (14600 Old US-12). The flag is not only beautiful, it is also meaningful. Members of St Paul UCC, after over a year of study, discussion and prayer, voted in November 2020 to become an "Open and Affirming" UCC congregation. The vote was overwhelmingly (91%) in favor of this important step in the life of the church.

You may be asking, "What does that mean?" While all churches generally strive to be welcoming to others, being "open and affirming" means much more. It means that St. Paul welcomes people of all races, all ethnicities,

all sexual identities, all personal identities and all abilities. It means that ANYONE who walks into the door (when in person worship begins again) or joins worship via Zoom will be accepted as they are. It means any 2 consenting adults may join together in Holy Matrimony at St Paul. It means that members of St Paul strive to love all of God's people and creation without judgment.

The effort to become Open and Affirming was led by a group of members who called themselves "Grace Group". Regular meetings, question and answer sessions, consultation with other churches, study and prayer took place well over the year prior to the Congregational Meeting and vote. Pastor Eric Strickland guided and provided counsel to the Grace Group,

which was formed and already meeting prior to his call to St Paul. St Paul of Chelsea is the number United Church of Christ in Michigan to have become Open and Affirming.

A group of Grace Group members have been studying systemic racism to better understand how St Paul can do its part in avoiding this. Another group is learning about the Black Church, and how these institutions are similar and/or different from white churches. It's an exciting time to be at St Paul United Church of Christ. People are learning and growing!

If you are interested in learning more, Zoom Sunday services take place at 10AM on Sunday mornings, and the link may be found on the church's Facebook page (St Paul, Chelsea).



April 24, 2021

11:30am

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128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI (parking lot)

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Multiple establishments will be offering their Sweet \$aver Saturdays discounts to participants of the blessing of the bikes.

Chelsea Farmer's Market 2021

In-person outdoor markets will also be available on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, beginning May 1. The Wednesday Market will open each Wednesday from 1-5pm, and the Saturday Market every Saturday from 8am-1 pm through the end of October. The Open Food Network online store will also be open again for online ordering Monday-Thursday, from 7am to 7pm, beginning in April.

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Culture Creations Celebrating Teachers' Day

May 4th is Teachers' Day this year, and the merchants of Chelsea would like to thank our teachers for their hard work, dedication, and tirelessness. We are asking parents to bring their school aged children to Culture Creations at 105

S. Main St. and sign a card for their teacher. Once signatures and thanks are collected, many of the local businesses will add a little gift card or coupon to show our appreciation for our amazing teachers in the school district. This will continue

throughout the rest of April and cards will be delivered to the schools before Teachers' Day. It's been a tough time for everyone and we'd like to do what we can to spread good cheer and smiles.

Chelsea Resident Awarded Michigan Celebrates Small Business 50 Companies to Watch

continued from page 1 at which time I continued the business on my own until 1991 when I secured full time positions in a couple of different corporations until 2000 when I began as an Administrative Manager at Biotechnology Business Consultants (BBC), now known as BBC Entrepreneurial Training & Consulting LLC (BBCetc). In 2000 BBC was a young start up with 4 members, growing to 8 in 2016 when my partner Becky Aistrup and I purchased the company and took it to 12 team members now. The company had been founded and housed in Ann Arbor until the purchase in 2016 when I moved the company to Chelsea to be closer to home."

Winning the Michigan Celebrates Small Business Award was special to Kristine: "Being awarded one of the 50 Michigan top businesses to watch means we are making a difference in Michigan providing the support and assistance to innovative entrepreneurs moving technology forward to help stimulate and sustain the economy and in these most difficult times that is very gratifying."

Kristine discusses what she feels sets BBCetc apart from similar businesses in

the surrounding areas: "Our business is unique, there are only a few consulting firms such as BBCetc across the US and the only one in Michigan. BBCetc has been fortunate to have been awarded a grant since 2002, managed by the MEDC and funded via the Michigan Strategic Fund, to manage the MI SBIR/STTR Assistance Program. The program provides coaching, education and assistance to technology innovators across the state seeking Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) funds to advance their R & D efforts to commercialization. Those companies that have received our assistance since 2002 have been awarded over \$348m in grant funds from the SBIR/STTR programs."

Kristine loves the Chelsea area and feels strongly about businesses in Chelsea:

"Chelsea is home and the people are what make you feel at home. Businesses in Chelsea still believe in and deliver service, they care about their customers and pride themselves on delivery of the goods and services. That philosophy and respect for our clients is replicated at BBCetc."

"Unfortunately over these last few years my community involvement has been put on hold, all of my time and energy is filled with family first, and then BBCetc. I look forward to reducing my work load in the next couple of years and finding ways to be involved and useful in Chelsea once again.

BBCetc operates out of an office in the Great Space building at 18650 W. Old US Hwy 12 in Chelsea. For more information visit their website at <https://bbcetc.com/>.

Congrats to Kristine and her team at BBCetc on their award!

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Monday, April 26 at 12:00pm
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Two Chelsea High School Symphony Orchestra Students Recognized as Outstanding Soloists

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From: Crystal Hayduk

Two Chelsea High School symphony orchestra students earned outstanding soloist honors from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) for their individual performances during the annual Solo and Ensemble (S&E) event.

Phoebe Harris, daughter of Lynn and Brett Harris, is a cello student of Sara Cummings.

Taking awards for two instruments, Peter Mourad is a piano student of Lester Castellana and a violin student of Nathan Peters. He is the son of Ron Mourad and Emily Kuo.

Director of Orches-

tras Phillip Sylvester said since both students are sophomores, the designation is especially exciting because it's difficult for underclassmen to achieve.

In a typical year, outstanding soloists are invited to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) in the Honors Orchestra and Honors Band.

Unfortunately, these concerts have been canceled for the second year in a row due to the pandemic.

MSBOA historically holds district-level S&E in early February, followed by a state-level event in March. COVID-19 pandemic response led to changes this year. Only one event was held and performances were scored rigorously, similar to the state level competition, according to Sylvester. Students submitted recordings for the virtual event in early February, but had to patiently wait nine weeks for the online comments and scores from the adjudicators—unlike the immediate face-to-face feedback students are accustomed to.

Of the more than 6,800 events registered statewide, Sylvester said well over 100 were from Chelsea, which included not only solos but also duets by siblings.

"I'm extremely proud of all the students who participated in S&E," said Sylvester. "Even though the competition was virtual, preparing for it still provided students with a noteworthy goal for this year. Hopefully they will carry these goals into the future, as well."



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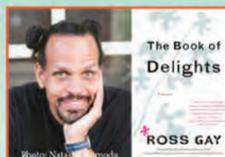
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



ON THE SIDELINE: MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS



By Don Richter
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WARNING: The following column includes multiple rants by a cantankerous middle-aged man. Be advised to turn the page or line the bird cage with this column if you find differing opinions offensive. You have been warned. Carry on...

The weather.

Yeah, I said it.

Do I need to say anymore? Can I get an amen, a hallelujah?

Tell me again why I live in Michigan? Oh, that's right, I'm too poor to live anywhere else. Thanks for reminding me.

What other state has weather like the Great Lakes State? Short answer -- no other state.

Last weekend, I was in shorts and a T-shirt. I was outside raking, mulching, digging and weeding. I was sweating it was so hot. Last weekend, I officially opened lawn-mowing season at the Richter Homestead. The first mow of the season is always a big deal at my home. My grass was getting so high, small dogs were disappearing as they wandered onto my lawn. The individual blades of grass seemed to be looking up at me as I surveyed my lawn last weekend. "Dude, it's time," they seemed to say in unison. "Get your rear end in gear and give us a trim."

My flowers are blooming. The buds on my trees are making their presence known. Heck, the bumble bees are even out. I had my

first encounter with one last weekend. I turned a corner near the back of my house heading to my shed and ran smack dab into a big, buzzing flying machine -- it looked like a black and yellow Hindenburg with tiny wings. We both instantly put the brakes on, did a little, "pardon me, excuse me dance," and in somewhat slow-motion, made eye contact. I think it was as surprised to see me as I was to see it. In response to the awkward situation, I think I blurted out something like, "Geez, this corner could use a traffic light." Followed by a nervous laugh. "Am I right?" It wasn't laughing. As it flew away buzzing my head and making me duck, I could hear it say, "You might wanna slow down there, bud."

Anyhow, my bumble bee run ins aside,

my point is last weekend was warm and nice and quite spring-like. The plants were feeling it, the insects were feeling it and so was I. Then Mother Nature decided to trip us all up.

Earlier this week, I had to scrape my windshield and brush snow off my vehicle. I had to wear my winter coat. And I had just hung it up in the closet, retiring it for the season -- or so I thought.

Are you kidding me, Mother Nature?

What the heck is going on? Why are you messing with us like that? Explain yourself. I get so tired of going barefoot one day, then socks and boots the next day. T-shirt and shorts on Sunday and winter coat and hat on Tuesday. What gives, Mother Nature? Make up your mind. I've got yard work and bumble bees to deal with.

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Wait, what? Are we



Bumble bees were out last weekend at this columnist's house.

still talking about the weather, Mother Nature and bumble bees?

No, I'm switching to contractors. Or, if you will, hired help.

I need my home's driveway repaved this summer. I tried all last year to get a contractor or "concrete guy" to come out to my home and give me an estimate. I never even received a return phone call, let alone a visit from one of the "concrete guys" last year. Granted, I started a little late in the "concrete season," but still, a sim-

ple return call saying, "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, but we are too backed

up to take anymore clients. Thank you for calling, however. Give us a call next year and we'll be happy to work with you." Click. How hard is that? I don't get it. Maybe I was just raised and/or taught differently. I've worked in the service business my entire life. I've had to deal with the public, customers, clients, parents, etc. my entire working career. At the very least, common

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

CHELSEA GIRLS RESULTS FROM PINCKNEY & TECUMSEH DOUBLE DUAL

The Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team came away with double wins (Chelsea 72 vs Pinckney 65. Chelsea 126 Tecumseh 11). We had a close meet with Pinckney and it came down to the last event, the 4x400m relay (the team of Kegerreis, Kasey Matusik, Laney Smith, and Riley Thorburn) in order to win the meet against Pinckney. It was a definite team effort to beat a talented team.

Overall, our field

events led the way with big points against Pinckney. In the throws, we took many of the top spots. Morgan Majeske threw 31' 2.5" in the shot put and 92' 6.5" in the discus throw (personal bests in each event) Ava Woodard placed 2nd in the shot (25' 10.5") and in the discus throw (77' 5.5" - a personal best), while Lily Paddock placed third in the discus (52' 10.5"). Breanne Black continued to improve

her personal best with a vault 9' 7" placing first, while Audra Guthre earned a third place finish with a height of 7' 0".

In the hurdle races, we took a number of top spots. In the 100m hurdles, Kendra Patterson (17.53 seconds), Brooke Matusik (17.93 seconds), and Anna King (19.20 seconds) swept the event against Pinckney. In 300m hurdles, Kendra Patterson ran a time of 53.06 seconds to

place first overall and Brooke Matusik ran a time of 54.59 seconds to take third place against Pinckney.

In the distance events (1600m and 3200m run) against Pinckney, Trilian Krug led the group with top finishes. Trilian placed first in the 1600m with a time of 5:32.07 and placing first in the 3200m run with a time of 12:06.9 (personal bests in each event). In the 3200m run, we had three other distance

runners perform lifetime bests. This included Kate Gaiser with a time of 12:45.05, Seren Angus with a time of 12:55.93, and Julia Kause with a time of 13:05.45. All of these girls have worked very hard in the off season and it's paying off.

In the open sprint events against Pinckney, Makayla Kegerreis placed 1st in the 400m dash with a time of 63.59 (a personal best) and a 2nd place finish in the 200m dash

with a time of 28.18. Other top performing sprinters were Kasey Matusik in the 400m dash, placing 3rd with a time of 68.86 (a personal best), and Laney Smith earning a 3rd place in the 100m dash with a time of 14.08.

For our next meet, we will be at Lincoln High School on Saturday, 4/17, competing at their Splitter Relays meet. We look forward to a competitive meet.

2021 GIRLS SPLITTER RELAYS RESULTS - 4/17

From: Loren Thorburn

The Chelsea girls finished 3rd overall out of 11 teams at the Splitter Relays held at Lincoln High School on Saturday, April 17th. Some the top D1 and D2 schools in track and field in the State of Michigan were competing at this

relay meet, which included Divine Child, Ann Arbor Skyline, East Kentwood, and Saline.

We really performed well overall even when things were seemingly stacked against us. The coaching staff is very proud of the efforts of our athletes against tough

competition. We had two 2nd place overall finishes with our relay teams. They included the Shuttle Hurdle Relay (composed of Kendra Patterson, Molly Mannor, Brooke Matusik, and Anna King) and the Mid-Distance Relay (which included Kate Gaiser, MaKayala Kegerreis, Riley

Thorburn, and Trilian Krug).

Other notable relay groups were the 4x1600m relay, which was composed of Trilian Krug, who had the best time of all runners at the meet, Seren Angus, Julia Kause, and Rachel Bullock who all ran near personal best times or

season best times.

Overall, the 4x1600m relay group finished fourth and 1st in the morning session. Also, the discus throw relay (which included Morgan Majeske, Ava Woodard, and Lily Paddock) placed 3rd overall out of 11 teams, earning 3rd place finish overall

and a medal.

This week we are hosting Ypsilanti Lincoln and Adrian High Schools in a double dual meet at Chelsea on Tuesday. Also, this Friday we have the Chelsea Relays with seven other teams competing for top three medal places.

ON THE SIDELINE: MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS

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courtesy and respect should be shown, no matter the circumstances.

Fast forward to this year. More specifically, fast forward to this past weekend. I got an early start on making my calls this "concrete season" and was able to get a "concrete guy" to come out to my house to give me an estimate.

He arrived on time. Sadly, he forgot to bring a "can-do" attitude. I work very hard for my money and if I'm going to pay you to do a job for me, I expect you to work just as hard as I do, if not harder. I expect you to have high energy and to go the extra mile for me.

After our initial introductions, which consisted of a fist bump and a barely audible "hi," from him, I showed him my driveway and what I was hoping to get done. I already was disappointed and knew this was going to be a waste of time. Not the best of first impressions. And this was a guy around my age or maybe a little younger -- he still had hair. Anyhow, besides the obvious pock-



This columnist's driveway needs repaving. It's been a chore simply getting an estimate.

marked portions of my driveway that need repaving, I have a more detailed area around my back door that needs repair. I showed him that area first. Within a nano-second, his response was, "Yeah, I don't do that." Translation -- "I don't have the wisdom or skill to handle a job like that." My response in my head, "So why are you here?" How does this person stay in business? Here's how this interaction should have went down. Me showing the guy my detailed area around the back door. His response should have been a simple, professional -- "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, that's something I don't do. But before I leave I can get you a phone number of someone who

can handle that sort of work."

Is it really that hard?

Then he went on a long-winded speech telling me what he would do for me and my driveway -- all, of course, at a price way too expensive. And the kicker was he said he would have to break up a portion of my driveway near my house that didn't need repaving, but I would have to take care of repairing that section myself -- wait for it -- because it wasn't something he did. Of course it wasn't...

Anyhow, he never asked me what I wanted as a customer. What I was looking to get done. I don't know why this simple act of giving an estimate is so difficult. Did this per-

CHELSEA BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

CHELSEA SOFTBALL WINS

By Dave Merchant
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On Monday the Chelsea softball team defeated Adrian 19-2

in two innings. Emilee Underwood pitched a perfect game winning 16-0 in three innings. Chelsea beat Ea-

ton Rapids 3-2 and Oliver 17-1.

The Bulldogs defeated Woodhaven 9-5 and 11-10 over the Kicking Mules of Bedford.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

CHELSEA TAKES FIRST

By Dave Merchant
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Another beautiful day, and the squad competed well in Lansing. Ended up taking the overall championship against 13 other teams!

Will Barhite was the star of the meet,

winning both hurdle races and placing in the high jump. Other medal winners included Will Scott, Aiden McGuire, Connell Alford, and several relays (DMR, 4x100, 4x400). At Lincoln, pole vaulters took 4 of the top

5 spots! Many others set lifetime bests, and continued the trend of improvement.

"We now have 3 consecutive home meets - the next 2 Tuesdays as well as the Chelsea Relays this Friday. We hope that fans of all sorts will come down and support spring's most exciting sport!" said head coach Eric Swager.

son actually want my business?

I have a second estimate scheduled for later next week. Wish me luck. At least I'm getting call backs this time around. Let's hope this next indi-

vidual has a can-do, professional, courteous and customer-first-type attitude.

I know in this day and age, that might be asking too much. But a guy can dream, right?

None of this might

even matter. I hear it's supposed to reach near 80 degrees next week. You know what that means? Snow is right around the corner. Along with a very cold and angry bumble bee...

Chelsea City Council Meeting Monday April 19

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David wants a citizen oversight board with real accountability.

Marka Eberle spoke next. She does not feel like the council is listening to the people. She is not okay with ticketing children who stand against racism and bully people who make complaints against the police. She is upset that the council isn't standing up for the kids who are on the right side of history. She asked for police accountability.

Glen Bugala spoke next and agreed with David Bloom. He wants an oversight board, not an advisory board. He wants the police examined.

Kate McAlpine spoke asking for an oversight committee, not a group of citizens chosen by the police.

Andrew Thomson from the Chelsea school district gave a presentation about 2020-2021 community education and recreation. The recreation department took a large hit during the pandemic. Prior to the shutdown, they were doing very well. With spring sports starting, safety protocols are in place and numbers are back up. They are part-

nering with as many groups as possible. In July a new registration system will be rolled out. The new registration system will enable data collection and streamline the process.

Julia Roberts of Wave presented to the Council. She stated that due to safety protocol they are at about 50% capacity. Wave is offering a free trip to Peirce Elementary for vaccinations. Call 734-475-9494 for a free ride. She stated that they've partnered with Chelsea hospital and now can help serve Manchester and Stockbridge. She noted the current safety protocols in place including contactless fares, facemasks, and social distancing.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing for the commercial rehab abatement at 301 N. East Street. Bill Ruddock spoke and requested the abatement be tied to the number of units discussed after the public hearing closed.

The mayor noted that compliance is included and that includes the number of units, which addresses Bill Ruddock's concern. The Council had some concerns regarding garbage, parking, and con-

struction. There was some confusion over the ten-year abatement even though the developer will not get a full ten years due to the timing.

Ms. Albertson made the motion to approve Resolution to Approve Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate on Parcel 06-06-12-111-007. Mr. Wisely recused himself due to his relationship with the Clocktower Complex. Motion passed.

A motion to adopt the resolution Resolution to Approve Brownfield Plan on Parcel 06-06-12-111-007 was presented. The motion passed.

The second reading of a rezone of two parcels as requested by the Chelsea Milling Company. The motion passed.

John Hanifan spoke on proposals for the police department review. He narrowed down the field to three national firms to do the audit. The Council noted the diversity of the Bobcat firm. Mr. Wisley does not like spending the time and money on their opinions. Councilmember Pacheco would like to ask the firms some questions.

Councilwoman Kwas would like to interview the candidates, noting public comment this evening. Councilmember Feeney agreed that having a presentation would be fine. Councilwoman Albertson wanted to know what more there is to ask and suggested waiting is a waste of time. Ms. Pacheco would want to ask about engagement and stakeholders. She wants to know how concerned citizens would be identified and how the organizations would make themselves available to the citizens. Councilmember Albertson noted that in her professional life, she adjusts her process based on the needs of her clients. Mr. Iannelli asked if there would be the ability to give some direction to the firms. John Hanifan stated that the involvement should be putting together the scope of work and how the council wants them to do their job. He explained that guiding the work is really against the spirit of an audit. John also noted that there was an accusation that he wasn't moving fast enough. The questions need to

be standardized and it would need to be public. Ms. Albertson stated the public has commented multiple times that the process was taking too long. Ms. Pacheco wants to hear how the firms will address or quantify police discretion. Mr. Wisely again stated that he does not believe the city will get \$35,000.00 worth of work out of it. Ms. Pacheco would ask how they would tailor their big city investigations and reports to the small town of Chelsea and further if there are reports that the council could view. Ms. Albertson stated from previous experience in research, the methodology will not be changed based on a smaller size. The methods will work no matter the size. Mr. Iannelli would specifically request they look at the transcripts from listening sessions. John Hanifan did provide each firm with the location of audio to review. Ms. Albertson made a motion that the city hires the Bobcat firm. But there was no second to her motion. Jane Pacheco made a motion to ask for additional information and to conduct an interview of the three firms.

Ms. Kwas seconded the motion. Mayor Johnson wants to see and approve standardized questions. The Mayor made an amendment to table the matter until the next meeting for the council to submit standardized questions to be approved by the council and to request an interview of the three firms at the time. The details were hammered out and determined prior to a vote. The motion passed with one no, from councilmember Wisley.

Utility rate discussion was next. A lot of the information was the same as last year. No action required this year. Rates have stabilized. Wastewater and water funds are stable and holding steady. Recommendations for the coming year are no increase proposed for the coming year.

John Hanifan updated the Council on upcoming meetings and meetings that have taken place since the council last met.

Chief Toth provided the police report.

The council members gave their reports and the meeting adjourned.

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Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 21-626

Location: 500 block of N. Main Street

Date: April 17, 2021

Time: 10:34 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers responded to the 500 block of N. Main Street for the report of a patron at a local business refusing to pay their bill and leaving the establishment. The complainant stated that an unidentified male and female as well as a 50-year-old Manchester woman had been inside the establishment and there had been a disagreement with some other patrons. The suspects were deemed by staff to be creating a disturbance and were asked to pay their bill and leave the establishment. The suspects refused to pay the bill and left the business without further incident. The case remains open pending further investigation and potential followup interviews.

Incident #: 21-622

Location: 1600 block of S. Main Street

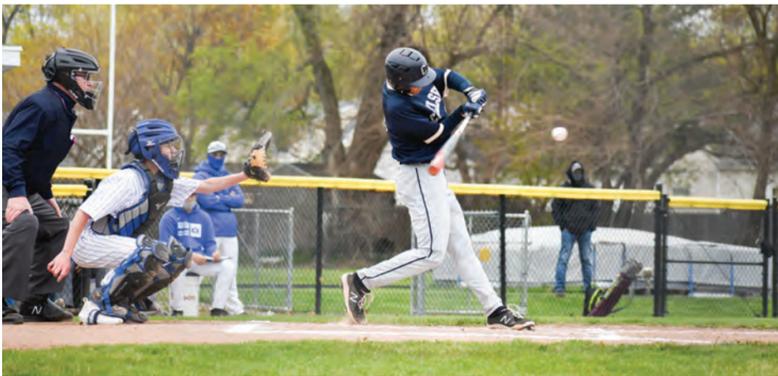
Date: April 16, 2021

Time: 9:01 pm

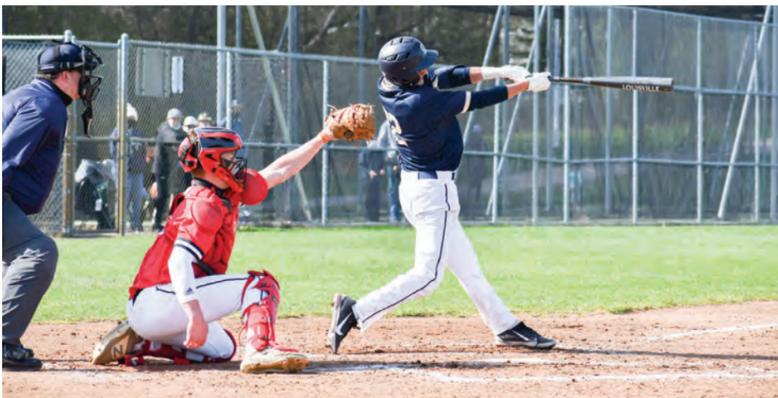
INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers responded to the 1600 block of S. Main Street for the report of a larceny that had just occurred. The complainant stated that a male and female subject entered the business and the female went into the restroom and came out shortly thereafter and told the complainant that there was no toilet paper in the restroom. The complainant went into the restroom and when he returned to the front counter, he noted that the male and female were gone from the store and the vehicle that they had been driving; a white possibly two door car was also gone. When the complainant got back behind the counter area, he noticed that the cash register was open and cash was missing from the cash drawer. The case remains open pending further investigation and review of the surveillance footage.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BASEBALL

CHELSEA VARSITY BASEBALL RESULTS



Will Wilhelm drives in a few runs vs. Adrian. Photos By Pam Kemp.



Hunter Sciackitano rips a double in the OLSM game.



Hunter Ferry with the catch in the outfield (OLSM game)

From Pam Kemp on Friday with a score of 5-3. Chelsea mercied both games with scores of 19-3 and 25-1. Chelsea lost to Orchard Lake Saint Mary Adrian beating them

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