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## Business Spotlight: Maxine's Table



By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Since shifting from the Dexter paper to Chelsea, I've enjoyed the business spotlights. I enjoyed eating my way through Dexter during Covid but noticed a great vibe within the Chelsea community; collaboration and mutual support. I discovered Maxine's Table for the first time when I saw a table with

Studio on Main Street. I also noticed the lady from the shop upstairs and so many businesses out supporting the studio. I think it's one of the biggest lessons I learned during the pandemic, link arms and uplift each other when we can. Just as we haven't fully escaped the pandemic, Chelsea has not forgotten the lessons.

I met Andi and Brooke, owners of Maxine's Table Cheese **continued on page 9**

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**From: D&B Strategic Marketing**

Main Street Park Alliance (MSPA) is implementing a comprehensive community engagement plan to inform the park's design.

MSPA understands the value of

vibrant public space and has embarked on a design process to transform a former industrial site into a hub that honors the past and inspires future growth. The revitalized landscape will strengthen the connection of the sur-

rounding neighborhood to the city while ensuring an active gathering space for future generations.

Parks are an essential part of the fabric of vibrant communities and provide a safe environment for improving community health outcomes, interpersonal development, self-discovery **continued on page 2**



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# Calling All Chelsea Nonprofits: Chelsea Community Foundation Announces Grants Information Session



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**From: D&B Strategic Marketing**

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) invites all Chelsea-area nonprofits to join them for an informative Grants (and More!) Information Session on Monday, November 13, at Chelsea District Library's McKune Room.

This event will provide valuable insights into the 2024 CCF grant program, allowing local nonprofits to secure essential funding for their initiatives.

With grant applications due on February 15, 2024, this event is perfect for learning more about the application process and the Chelsea Community Foundation. CCF is changing to a one-time per-year grant opportunity, rather than two grant cycles. Grant applications are due

by February 15, 2024. Program highlights include a presentation on the grant application process by Greg Yankee, Community Foundation Program Officer. Greg will provide valuable insights into navigating the 2024 grant application process. A questions & answers segment for attendees to ask questions to gain clarity on the grant application process. Information about other opportunities, such as creating agency endowments to directly benefit specific nonprofits, will also be shared.

In an era where offline connections have become increasingly challenging, CCF is delighted to offer this space for Chelsea nonprofit leaders and staff to come together in person. Attendees can look forward to con-

necting with fellow Chelsea nonprofit professionals while enjoying coffee and pastries.

Chelsea Community Foundation Chair Anne Merkel said, "I encourage all interested parties to join this enriching session. We love giving money to local Charities who will continue to help Support All Things Chelsea!"

Join the Chelsea Community Foundation on November 13 to explore funding opportunities and connect with peers. Register at this link: <https://www.addevent.com/event/Mc18914272>

Date: Monday, November 13

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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## MAIN STREET PARK ALLIANCE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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ery, and celebrating community identity. The proposed park resolves a longstanding environmental issue within the city, will improve neighboring property values, and will provide a welcoming gateway into downtown.

Extensive public input will inform the design. In partnership with the City of Chelsea, MSPA and Viridis Design Group will facilitate focus group meetings with key stakeholders and demographics to ensure inclusivity and accessibility remain at the

forefront of the design. Understanding that public input is integral to the process, MSPA has arranged an open house with opportunities to engage with representatives to ask questions about environmental work, general concerns, project costs, and design ideas. Participants are welcome to come any time during the two open house windows.

When: Thursday, November 16

Where: Chelsea Depot

Times: 12:00–2:00 pm & 5:00–7:00 pm

In addition to

these in-person opportunities for input, an online survey is available on the MSPA website—<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D27XTH3> through the end of November. "MSPA aims to honor and celebrate Chelsea's agricultural and industrial roots while nourishing our active cultural landscape. We want to hear from many voices and encourage all to participate." shared Joe Ziolkowski, MSPA board member and lead developer.



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# Senior Moment: Movin' and Groovin'



Macks Kreps leads the Movin' and Groovin' adaptive exercise class at the Chelsea Senior Center

Submitted by Dave Gilbert

Walk into the Chelsea Senior Center Room 100 on a Tuesday morning,

and you will see a group of seniors from around the Chelsea area, greeting each other and finding seats. Then the mu-

sic begins. They have gathered for another session of Movin' and Groovin', the Adaptive Dance Program led by Macks Kreps of

Ballet Chelsea.

Kreps keeps the participants moving with a playlist of mostly 'oldies,' and singing along is encouraged. As is laughter, and at one point they pass out colorful scarves to be incorporated into the basic exercise routines. The sessions emphasize improving balance, developing strength in shoulders and arms to help with carrying things, coordination, etc.

The exercises are chair-based, using various props and suggestions for moves provided by Kreps, who has been teaching ballet and other movement programs for the past ten years. A 'natural' teacher, they keep the movers groovin' with a variety of tunes that coordinate well with the movement suggestions. So it's fun!

The 30-minute classes are open to all

seniors; those with movement concerns are especially encouraged to attend. The Tuesday class begins at 11 AM, when those from the Ease The Day adult day program join in; on Thursdays, Movin' and Groovin' meets at 9:45.

The classes are part of Ballet Chelsea's Adaptive Dance Program which they developed and started in 2015. It was, and still is to a large degree, sponsored by 5 Healthy Towns, which had identified

a need for additional exercise opportunities for members of the community with physical, mental or cognitive limitations.

Initially, classes were offered in Chelsea special education classrooms, at the senior center and WISD Young Adults classes, and at the St. Louis Center. Since then, the offerings have expanded across the county, with 50 classes per week. Kreps is one of four Ballet Chelsea teachers who travel across the county to present the program in various settings.

The Senior Moment feature highlights opportunities for older adults through the Chelsea Senior Center and related organizations.



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# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## CHELSEA BULLDOGS VARSITY FOOTBALL

### CHELSEA'S SEASON ENDS WITH 30-22 LOSS AGAINST HASLETT



Photos By Crystal Meads

From: Josh Lucas

"Our season ended vs Haslett. We lost 30-22 and ended our season at 9-2.

It was a great year and we appreciate the support over the year. Tyson Hill had over 200 yards rushing and 2 TDS."

## CHELSEA BULLDOGS MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### 2023 STATE RESULTS RESULTS MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY (MIS), BROOKLYN NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023 (61, PARTLY CLOUDY WITH 6 MPH WIND)

Team Results	Points
1. FHE Ada Forest Hills Eastern	134
2. Pinckney	156
3. East Grand Rapids	175
4. Allendale	176
5. Gladwin	211
6. GR Christian	218
7. Adrian	221
8. Alma	250
9. Marshall	252
10. Ostego	303
11. Plainwell	314
12. Frankenmuth	318
13. Flint Powers Catholic	331
14. Petoskey	352
15. Yale	371
16. Sparta	395
17. St. Johns	427
18. Holland Christian	429
19. Parma Western	455
<b>20. Chelsea</b>	<b>474</b>
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27. Macomb Lutheran North	656

#### Individual Results - 252 Total

Place	Name	Time
<b>3</b>	<b>Connell Alford*</b>	<b>15:11.2</b>
126	Jackie Dell	17:01.8 (SB)
145	Linus Helzerman	17:18.0 (PR)
174	Beckett Boos	17:39.7
215	Brant Maley	18:13.3
216	Alex Martin	18:14.4
237	Wyeth Angus	18:54.0

\*= All-State Honors

On Saturday, November 4th, the Chelsea Boys High School Cross Country Team competed at the D2 State Meet held at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) located in Brooklyn. We had a nice fall day with temperatures in the low 60s with 6 mile per hour wind. There were 27 teams competing in the field with 252 runners in total. FHE Ada Forest Hills Eastern won the meet with 134, while Pinckney, a SEC White Division team, placed 2nd with 156 points. Also, Adrian, another SEC White Division team, placed 7th overall with 221 points. Chelsea placed 20th overall, which was close to the projections of 19th.

Chelsea was led by Connell Alford, a senior and co-captain. He placed 3rd overall with a time of 15:11, which was his 3rd fastest time of the season. (The overall winner was TJ Hansen, a junior, who ran 14:52.8, which was the fastest time in all divisions. Connell was close to him or ahead of him most of the race, but towards the end TJ kicked it into another gear.) Jackie Dell, a senior and co-captain, ran his season best time of 17:01.8 and placed 126th out of 252 runners. He was followed by Linus Hel-

zerman who finished 145th place and set a personal record of 17:18.0.

Our fourth and fifth runners were Beckett Boos who placed 174th (17:39.7) and Brant Maley who placed 215th (18:13.3), respectively. Rounding out the varsity were Alex Martin who placed 216th (18:14.4) and Wyeth Angus who placed 237th (18:54.0). We concluded our season with the right mentality and desire to compete as a team. Our captains, Connell and Jackie, led the way with prepping the other guys to train well together during the last week. We put in a good workout on Monday which set the tone for the rest of the week. These guys put their hearts in it this week and today. They believed in each other and themselves. The best thing that happened is how we gelled as a group throughout the week and how many guys on the team are excited about the future.

I appreciate all of the teammates, alums, fans, family, and friends who traveled out to MIS and cheered on our team. I am thankful for the families who helped with food and fellowship post race. It was a very special day for our team to see so many who came out

to support the girls and boys cross country teams.

Finally, I would like to thank Mike Holik for assisting me this season. Mike has been an assistant distance coach in our program for over 20 plus years. He brings a depth of knowledge about training, competing, and program history, which helped me plan and reflect on our performances throughout the season. He helped run practices occasionally in my absence. Also, I would like to thank Tim Muckle and Jimmy Alford for also assisting me, specifically pacing runners at practices and commenting on their Strava posts in constructive, positive words. Our team was lucky to have these men assist and support us.

We look forward to the future and continued attitude of improving ourselves in the classroom, in our daily lives, and in our sport. Much can be learned from preparation and competition. We hope to continue the rich traditions of Chelsea distance running.





# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## CHELSEA BULLDOGS WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

# STOCKBRIDGE LAST CHANCE & STATE MEET RESULTS

Runner	Time	Place out of 250
Natalia DeMea	19:02.8	36
Sam Bieber	20:24.8	131
Zora Ziolkowski	20:46.7	157
Lauren Thompson	20:52.2	161
Seren Angus	21:31.6	197
Clara Fredenberg	22:18.7	224
Marah Putnam	22:52.6	234

Chelsea finished 17th. There were 27 teams at the competition.

It was an exciting final week for the Chelsea cross country team. On Wednesday five runners competed in the Last Chance meet at Stockbridge High School. It was the final race for senior

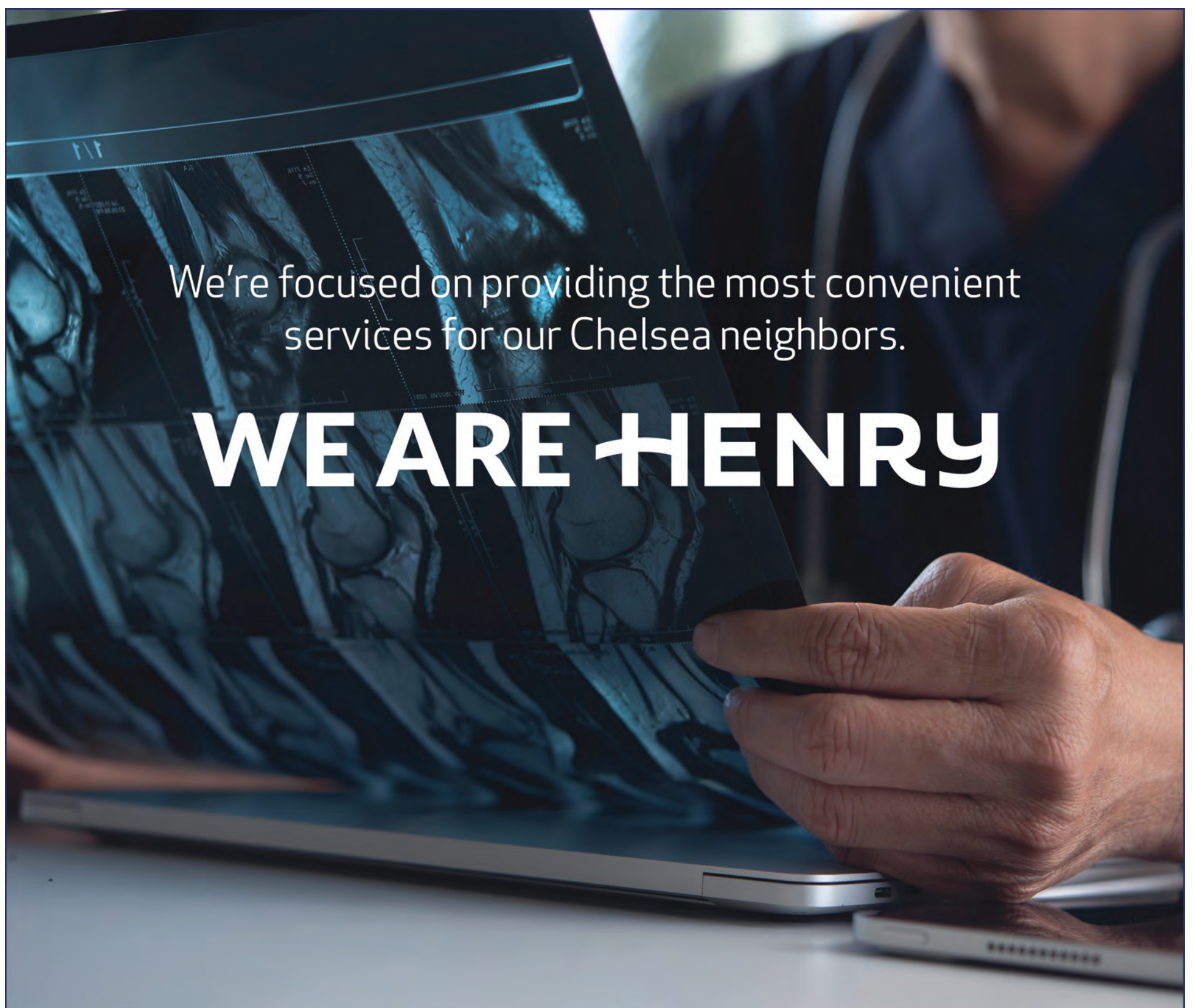
athletes Madison Morgan, Sam Dark, and Cyprus Gabriel-Menegay. Sam and Cyprus ended their high school cross country careers with season best times! Madison fought through sick-

ness to finish her first season with the team with a tough, well-run race. And, Junior Kaitlin Kubicki & sophomore Mireille Hunter also ran solid races to finish off their seasons. Saturday, seven

runners competed in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 State Meet and had an excellent showing! The team was projected to finish 20th and ended up placing 17th - one spot higher than last

year's finish. A total of 27 teams and 250 athletes competed on a beautiful late fall day at Michigan International Speedway. The team was once again led by junior Natalia DeMea who ran her second fastest time of the season and finished in 36th - 12 places higher than last year. She was followed by sophomore Sam Bieber who ran well and finished 33 places higher than last year. Freshman Zora Ziolkowski and Senior Clara Fredenberg both made great first appearances at the state meet running just seconds off of their PRs. Junior Lauren Thompson ran her season best time in this huge event. Senior Captains Seren Angus and Marah Putnam both ran well and

put everything they had into their final race. These two captains brought leadership, talent, and fun to the team this season. We will miss them and all of our seniors next year! The success at the State Meet Saturday was shared by all 17 of the runners who put in the time and miles together over the summer and season. They couldn't have done it without the guidance of volunteer coaches Jessica Rickli, Kim Gabrielson, and Caroline Hirth; and the support of their families, friends, and the Chelsea community. We look forward to continuing to work hard and have fun together next season!



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## From: D&B Strategic Marketing

Up next is Chef Series #3! This event will take place on November 18 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in Heydlauff's Appliances New Living Showroom, and will feature La Baguette's

bakers Suzanne Murray and Lisa Carolin. Space is limited, so contact [sales@heydlauffs.com](mailto:sales@heydlauffs.com), or call 734-475-1221.

Murray, a French teacher and an admitted Francophile, worked in the restaurant industry for

more than 30 years, and Carolin, who has spent her career in journalism, formed La Baguette in 2011 after the Cottage Food Law was passed in Michigan. They have sold their baked goods at a number of farmers markets in

Washtenaw County, including the Chelsea Farmers Markets.

This past outdoor market season featured baguettes and a few other bread products: rye sesame boules, brioche loaves, and bretzels, which debuted this past season. In addition to breads, La Baguette offers seasonal fruitcakes including strawberry rhubarb and peach blueberry. Other favorites include their Brittany walnut cake and French Madeleines.



Photo courtesy of La Baguette, Lisa Carolin and Suzanne Murray

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## Thanksgiving Meal



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# Romeo and Winifred



## Tickets on sale now for CAP Jr.'s production of Romeo and Winifred, A Tragical Comedy in Two and a Half Acts

CAP Jr., the youth theater company of the Chelsea Area Players will present Romeo and Winifred, A Tragical Comedy in Two and a Half Acts at the George Prinzing Auditorium, Washington Street Education Center, November 10-11 at 7 p.m. and on November 12 at 2 p.m.

It is modern-day New York City, where the high-end Montagues Department store and the cheapo Capulets Discount Mart rival clothing stores meet in the street to trade vicious insults.

Romeo and Win-

ifred, the heirs to these two retail empires, fall in love, and well... you know the rest. But this play has a happy ending! With pie fights instead of duels, a nurse obsessed with paper cuts, and an outrageous parody of the most romantic scene in literature, you'll forget the story ever had anything to do with tragedy!

Director Alex Moore notes, "I used to teach middle school English, and one of my favorite subjects to teach was Shakespeare. So when I found this parody, my inner En-

glish teacher jumped for joy at being able to introduce all our cast members, to the joys of Shakespeare.

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She adds, "I've loved seeing the students' enthusiasm and am always so proud and amazed at what

they can accomplish."

This hilarious spoof turns Shakespeare upside down and shakes things up with a stage full of zany modern-day characters that will keep you in stitches!


General admission tickets are available for \$10 at Chelsea Pharmacy, 1125 South Main St. or at the door.

About Chelsea


Area Players:

Formed in 1972, the purpose of the Chelsea Area Players is to enrich the educational and cultural life of the community, promote understanding and appreciation of an important art, provide worthwhile entertainment, encourage interest and active participation by the community in all phases of the the-

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# MARIE GRESS APPOINTED WAVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Photo of Marie Gress courtesy of Megan Carpus, Gal with Her Camera

**From: D&B Strategic Marketing** (WAVE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie Gress as its new Executive

Director, effective November 1, 2023. Marie Gress, the accomplished CEO and Founder of Kovir Consulting, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role. Marie Gress served as the Interim Executive Director at WAVE since May this year, successfully stepping in to fill the vacancy left by Julia Roberts, who accepted a position at RTA- Regional Transit Authority.

Kim Moore, WAVE Board President, expressed her enthusiasm for Marie Gress, stating, "We are pleased to welcome Marie to our team. Her background in public transportation, management, leadership, and social work will greatly benefit our efforts to enhance urban

and rural transportation solutions."

The selection process for the new Executive Director was thorough, with over 70 applicants initially considered. A dedicated search committee, consisting of board members Kim Moore (president), Bill Holmberg (secretary), Gary Munce, and Reiley Curran, conducted two rounds of interviews before recommending Gress for the position. The full board wholeheartedly approved the selection.

Marie Gress brings extensive experience in overseeing transportation services, securing grants, and supporting organizations like the Milan Seniors for Healthy Living (MSHL). She has previously served as

an interim Executive Director at the Dexter Senior Center, where she led the search for a new Executive Director and provided valuable training and coaching to the successful candidate. Her leadership within the Washtenaw County Commission on Aging and Washtenaw County Healthy Aging Collaborative has resulted in significant system improvements and increased financial support for the sector, particularly in addressing transportation challenges in the county. Her collaborative efforts with AAA 1-B and Oakland County have extended beyond the region, facilitating discussions with transportation providers to secure county ARPA funding

and support.

In Marie Gress's own words, "I am honored to assume the role of Executive Director at WAVE and look forward to collaborating with the dedicated team to improve transportation solutions for our community."

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The Parade runs along Main Street in Chelsea from Old US 12 to E Middle St.

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or group would like to participate in the Light Parade – please complete the application at <https://chelseamich.com/events/hth-light-parade/>



## Stay Safe on the Road While Deer are Chasing Tail



As the temperature drops, deer affairs are heating up.

November is a prime month for deer mating as well as deer hunting. As deer are on the move—"chasing tail" or "running from guns"—they can head out into the middle of the road. While deer collisions represent less than 3% of all car collisions in Ann Arbor, and none have been fatal, the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) wants to remind residents how

they can prevent accidents and protect both people and deer.

To help prevent accidents, HSHV suggests seven safety tips:

1. Look out, especially at dawn and dusk. Deer are most likely to be on the "edge" of development—where we've built roadways next to woodlands. Pay attention around forest edges and ditches, and scan the sides of road for movement. Be extra vigilant during dawn and dusk, though during this

season, deer may be on the move anytime.

2. Reduce speed. Slow down, especially in areas where deer are known to be active. Reducing your speed can give you more time to react if a deer appears.

3. Heed warning signs. Ann Arbor and other communities often have signage where deer are known to cross.

4. See one? Expect MORE. A doe is likely to be followed by a buck during mating season, and followed

by a family of deer afterward. If you see one deer, slow down and look out for others waiting to cross.

5. Use your high beams. If there's no oncoming traffic, switch to bright headlights; they can help you spot deer from a greater distance. Look for "eye shine." Deer have poor vision-- hence the phrase "Deer in the headlights"—they're not stupid; they're trying to focus on the bright light ahead of them.

6. Honk in short bursts. While deer vision isn't great, their hearing is better, and they can discern where noise is coming from. Though you should still slow down and stop, honking will encourage them to move further from the road, as well as alert other nearby drivers to look out.

7. Don't veer. If an animal jumps in front of you, slow down

as much as possible without swerving or losing control. Apply the brakes, keep your hands on the wheel, stay in your lane, and come to a controlled stop. Only steer around the animal if you can safely do so; the biggest danger comes when people veer into oncoming traffic or collide into trees on the side of the road in order to avoid the animal.

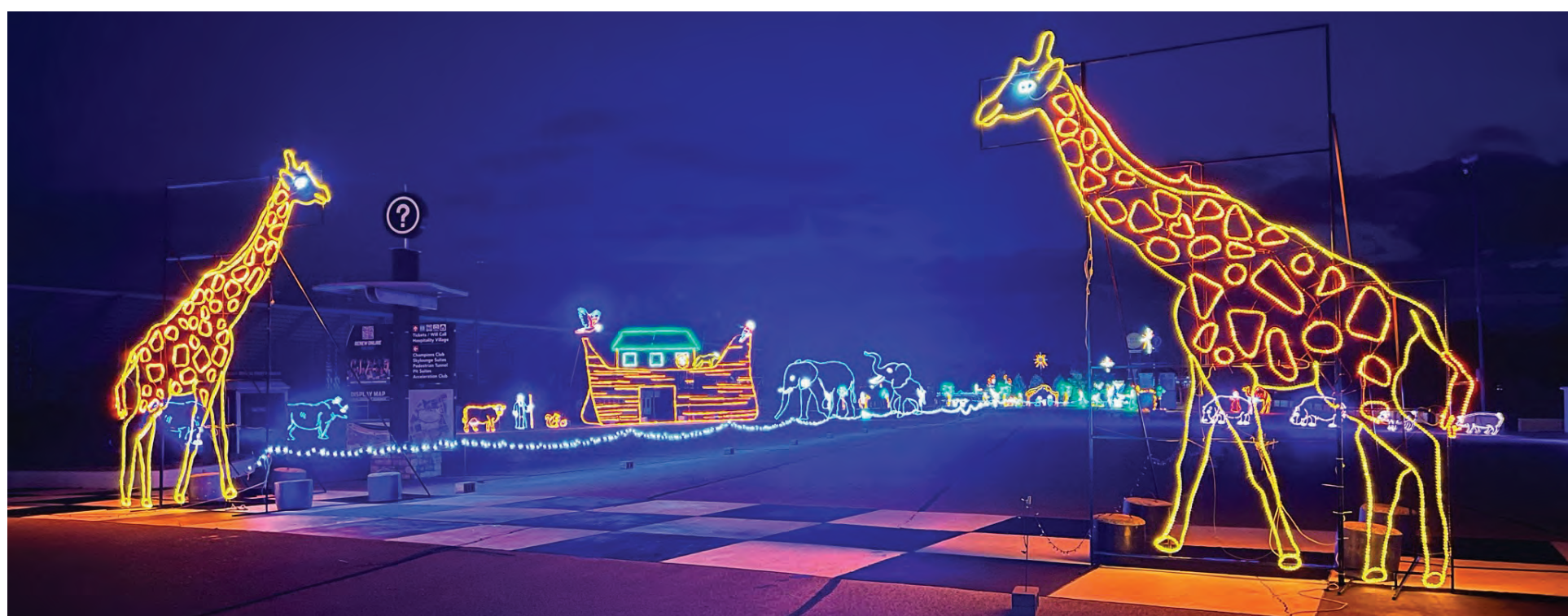
If you hit an animal and are injured or your car is damaged, call 911 immediately.

For injured animals, area residents can call the Humane Society of Huron Valley's (HSHV's) emergency rescue line: (734) 661-3512. You should not attempt to move an animal. HSHV provides emergency services to sick and injured wildlife and stray animals; wildlife are given medical treatment and transferred to local, licensed

rehabilitators when possible. Although animals who are hit by a car are top priority, wait times may vary as a field officer may be servicing another part of the county. This service is provided free to Washtenaw County residents. For removal of dead animals from public areas, call your local police department's non-emergency line.

"Deer are magnificent creatures and natives of Michigan who have been here far longer than roads have been," says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's CEO and President. "And though deer are pretty savvy around roads, even passing on information to their youth, their judgment is impaired when they're finding mates and fleeing guns. When deer are more active and less cautious, there are ways we can change our own habits to help avoid them."

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# Business Spotlight: Maxine's Table



► continued from page 1 & Social at Agricole over a perfect chai latte with honey. Before actually meeting, I'd already written their creation story in my head. I am admittedly a fan of trash TV, *The Real Housewives* is the way I unwind and congratulate myself for not being petty, or acting on my petty desires. They always serve great charcuterie boards with wine when their friends are over. At my house, you get Cheez-

its, Oreos, and Miller Lite. I imagined Andi and Brooke hanging out over a lovely charcuterie board drinking the perfect wine they obtained at Withingtons realizing, 'wow, we're good at this, we should sell these!'

The truth is, Andi and Brooke met in downtown Chelsea and bonded over being new girls in a small town. Their husbands have since become friends as well. During Covid they formed

a bubble and socialized together quite a bit. Andi confessed that as a new mom, she was adjusting to life but that Brooke already knew and understood the challenges of motherhood. During Covid, parenting became unrelenting. I love my kids but found myself wanting to pull my hair and scream, 'would you just go away for a minute?!' Motherhood and the changes it brings helped the two bond. Andi was creating spreads for their little pod during the pandemic. The two had wanted to launch a business together for awhile, but struggled with a concept. They were enjoying their pod in an igloo on a Wednesday at Ugly Dog when Andi said to Brooke 'I think I have an idea.' They thought if they could sell 5 boards they could make a go of it. The next day Andi created their brand and website and by Friday they had sold 25 boards. This is where collaboration comes in. They

sold these boards without a clue as to how to source ingredients. Andi is the artsy friend but Brooke is the details girl. You can't have one without the other, you end up with a disaster or not a big enough spark, but together, you have magic. They filled the orders and realized they were on to something.

Andi and Brooke have since expanded their offerings. They currently offer themed boards for different occasions, and although it's too late to order their Halloween themed "Spook Cuterie", it looked fun and delicious for a fabulous Halloween party. There will be a Thanksgiving menu available soon, so if you, like me, struggle to pull together a gathering, you will appear to have it all together with a Maxine's Table charcuterie board. Andi and Brooke, also enjoy using their talents to help make local businesses look like they have it together too. They enjoy collaborat-



ing with the community, doing social hours for businesses, and tapping into their creative talents for other people's product launches. While Andi is a fine art major, Brooke brings her entrepreneurial skills to the table for a dynamic team. With these two at your side, your business will not look like you're winging it. You will appear polished and refined, even if you're in a panic and pure chaos mentally. As Andi explained, "We are patrons first and foremost in this community and try to bring what we are good at to these amazing partnerships." Maxine's Table has partnered with Robin Hills Farms

for an event during the holiday season. It is the Sequin Celebration Brunch which includes hors d'oeuvres from The Nest, a sip and shop from local vendors, wine tasting, and a brunch charcuterie workshop, get prepared for the holidays and have a ton of fun while doing it! For more information on ordering, partnering or purchasing tickets to the Dec 9th workshop, check the Maxine's Table website <https://www.maxinestable.com/> or follow their socials <https://www.instagram.com/maxinestable/> <https://www.facebook.com/maxinestable>.

## Veterans Day Arlington Michigan Display In Ann Arbor

Saturday, November 11th, 11am until dusk, Veterans Park, Maple and Jackson Roads, Ann Arbor. Veterans/Armistice Day memorial display of one marker for every Michigan soldier lost in the Iraq and Afghan wars (230 mark-

ers). The purpose of this display is to honor those who have fallen, to provide a place to grieve, and to educate the public about the costs of war, as well as the needs of those returning from conflicts.

Peace ceremony at 11am. World War One

ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and was regarded at that time to be so horrible that it was "the war to end all wars." Originally known as Armistice Day, November 11th became a legal Federal holiday

in 1938 and was a day to "be dedicated to the cause of world peace". The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 to honor all veterans.

The display is at the southwest corner of Veterans Park with parking at the Veter-

ans Memorial Ice Arena parking lot (2150 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). Sponsored by Veterans For Peace Chapter 93. Details at [www.vfp93.org/arlington-michigan](http://www.vfp93.org/arlington-michigan), <https://www.facebook.com/events/254502464245879/> or

call (734) 487-9058. For more on Veterans/Armistice Day visit [www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/armistice-day](http://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/armistice-day) and for the history of the day at [www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp).

## Equality Chelsea and Serendipity Books Present November 14 Queer StorySlam

**Equality Chelsea & Serendipity Books presents**

**QUEER STORYSLAM**  
TUES, NOV 14 @ 7:00 PM

**NOTE - new location -Chelsea First United Methodist Church**

Storyteller Joanna Whaley, a multiple Moth StorySlam winner, is coming back to Chelsea with a group of guest tellers who will share stories to foster empathy and understanding in our community of LGBTQ+ and allies.

Please preregister for this free event at [serendipity-books.com](http://serendipity-books.com)

**Serendipity BOOKS**

The final program, in the three-part Fall Story Series, presented by Equality Chelsea, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Chelsea First United Methodist Church. Storyteller Joanna Whaley, a multiple Moth StorySlam winner, is coming back to Chelsea with a group of guest tellers who will share stories to foster empathy and understanding in our community of LGBTQ+ and allies. Please preregister for this free event at ser-

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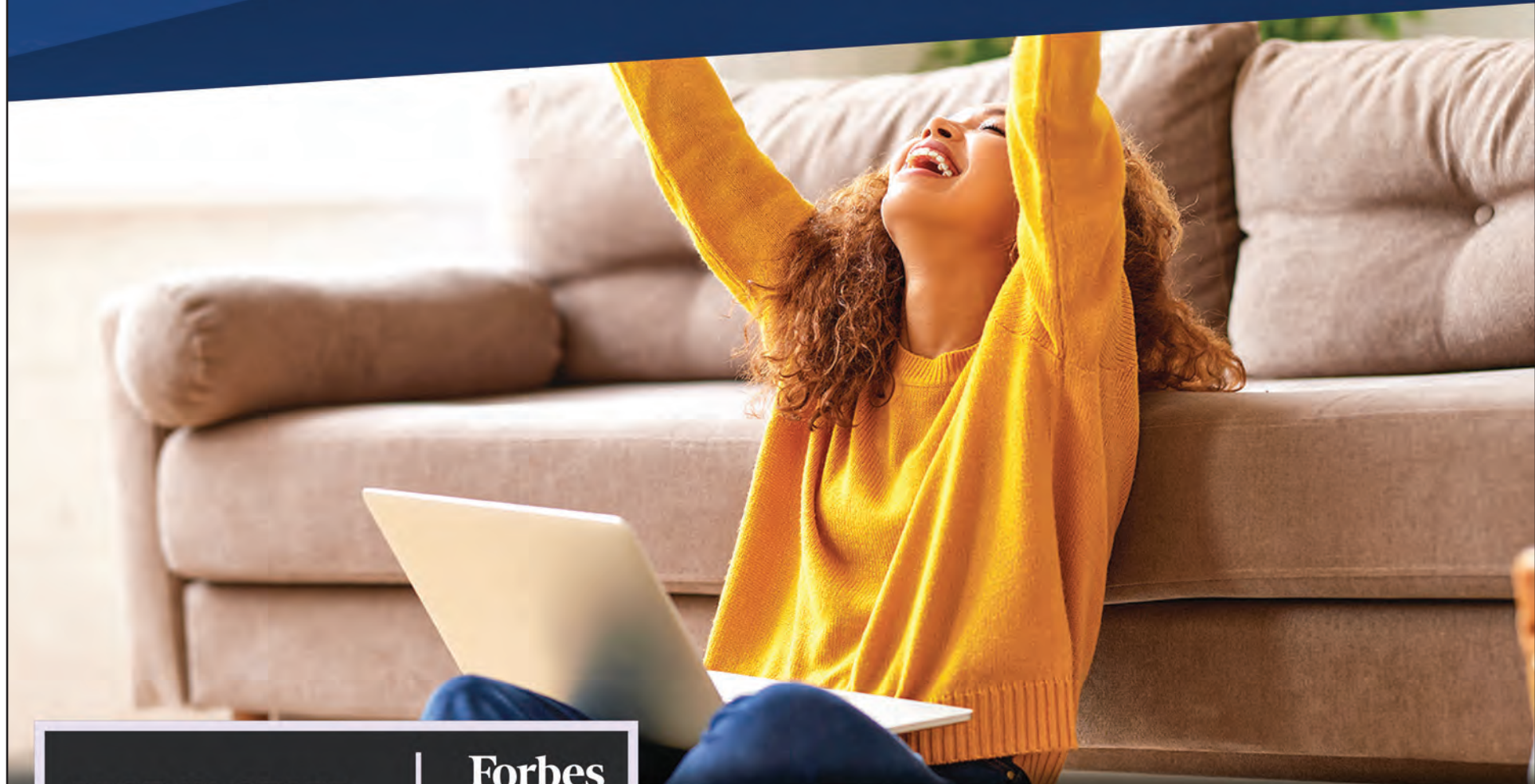
In September, Equality Chelsea hosted Laura O'Connor to present a workshop to help train a cohort of "Story Collectors". In October, a second workshop took place at Serendipity Books in Chelsea featuring Joanna Whaley who offered a bit of her story as well as tips on How to Tell Your Story. The final event, on November 14, will include a performance of a number of different folks sharing their crafted stories of life within

the LGBTQ community.

Equality Chelsea MI helps LGBTQ+ people to live their best lives in Chelsea MI, and as part of our surrounding areas in Washtenaw County, MI. Open to all LGBTQ+ people and allies, Equality Chelsea believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect. Read more about the organization at [www.equalitychelsea.org](http://www.equalitychelsea.org)

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# November Events

## Turkey Burn (CHE/DEX)

**November 1–30**

Receive a Turkey Burn t-shirt after you earn two feathers, while supplies last. Three prize winners will be selected and notified by Friday, December 1. Stop by the Fitness Desk for details and to register.

## Training your Pelvic Floor\* (DEX)

**Thursdays, November 2–30 • 5:00pm–6:00pm**

**\$90 Non-member, \$84 Member**

This class improves the strength and mobility of the pelvic floor, effectively enhancing the function of multiple systems. Participants learn to contract and relax pelvic floor muscles in relation to other muscles.

## Everyone can Hula Hoop\* (CHE)

**November 3–December 8**

**\$60 Non-member, \$55 Member**

In this one of a kind 5-week course, ACE approved Hoola Fit instructor Heather Gamin facilitates space to explore the benefits of hula hoop dancing.

## Strengthening your Posture\* (CHE)

**November 7–December 12 • 12:00pm–1:00pm**

**\$90 Non-member, \$84 Member**

These 6-week sessions will focus on strengthening your back, shoulder, and core muscles, which are all essential to standing with proper posture and preventing lower back pain.

## Yoga for Parkinson’s Disease [PD]\* (CHE)

**Tuesdays, November 7–28 • 2:00pm–3:00pm**

**\$56 Non-member, \$40 Member**

People with PD have been shown to respond favorably to the practice of Yoga. This class is suitable for people with PD as well as their caregivers. Yoga can ease symptoms by improving core strength, flexibility, and balance. Yoga may also decrease stress and bring calm to a busy mind, allowing for deeper relaxation. In addition to postures, breathing techniques will be shared to apply anytime during your day that may help with one’s symptoms. All levels are welcome, modifications will be given.

## Faith in Action Pajama Drive\* (CHE/DEX/STK)

**November 27–December 15**

Chelsea, Dexter, and Stockbridge Wellness Centers support Faith In Action (FIA) with donations to help families in Washtenaw County. You can help contribute to Faith In Action by donating children’s pajamas. Sizes 5T-16.

## Gift of Health (CHE/DEX)

**November 27–December 24**

Purchase a gift card and give your loved one or friend the freedom to enjoy membership or other services at the Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers.

\*Community welcome!

### Coming up in December

#### Christmas Eve

CHE/DEX • 7:00am-12:00pm  
Kids in Motion • CLOSED  
STK • CLOSED

**Christmas Day**  
CLOSED



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# Snowy Hometown Halloween



with 3 toppings in 30 minutes to win. This sounded like a challenge I'd be willing to try. My son, husband, and I decided we could win. Foolish optimism. The day we wanted to attempt it, 4 other teams were trying. This Monster Pizza challenge took a lot of you down. We did not call early enough to schedule our challenge. Despite how popular it was, there was only one winning team in Oct. Congratulations to the three of you and Thompsons for creating a fun and popular Halloween event. I'm coming for the monster challenge next year. I did win a donut eating contest in high school, against a bunch of boy football players. Teresa Miller of Howard Hanna Real Estate and Monica Ahrens of Liberty Title sponsored the Halloween Homes

contest. The public voted for the \$100 people's choice first place prize and the Chamber and Sponsored picked a \$100 chamber/sponsor choice 1st place. 2nd in each category won \$50. The weekend before Halloween was filled with Trunk or Treating. I was only able to attend 2 of the many. St. Mary's has become our family tradition. My daughter enjoys all the clever trunk ideas and my husband and I enjoy the cider and donuts. Trunk or Treat for St. Mary's went head to head with a playoff game so there were fewer trunks. But the people were as kind and friendly and fun as usual. Saturday morning we attended the Trunk or Treat at Our Savior Lutheran on Main St. My daughter was once again met with



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 een. It's been windy and rainy each Halloween. The growing celebrations surrounding Halloween gave ample opportunity for kids, possibly too young to be out so late on Halloween night, or parents hoping to avoid the snow to participate.

Starting Oct 1st Culvers held a coloring contest. All entries were displayed in Culvers through Oct. A winner was selected on Oct 31st and won dinner for four at Culvers. Thompsons' Pizzeria held a Pizza challenge on Oct. 3 people had to eat a 30-inch cheese stuffed crust pizza

kindness and creative trunks. We enjoy the warm welcoming community making Chelsea such a fun place for a young child to enjoy growing up and making memories. Halloween night was cold and snowy. But the flashmob returned this year and the 1st United Methodist

Church provided a rest station for weary walkers. All in all the throwback to the 80s with snowfall was manageable and the throwback to a time when the community comes together to provide a wonderful time and great memories for children warms the heart on a cold day.

## Adult Learners Institute Announces its November Classes

ALI's Fall term ends in late November but four classes will take the chill off that month. Or maybe not. Even allowing for the vagaries of Michigan's weather, the reality of climate change can no longer be denied. Cheryl Wells will discuss that reality in her class, Climate Change 2023: The Big Questions on November 1 and 15. That a series of paintings in an art gallery was the inspiration for Modest Mussorgsky's popular orchestral suite, Pictures at an Exhibition, is probably well known. Henry Aldrich will discuss that relationship as well as other cross-media connections in his Music Inspired by Art class on November 2. What you see on TV police programs may not be all there

is to finding the bad guy. But you probably knew that which is why Peter Van Hoek's class on November 14 and 28 on Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases will be of special interest. You will learn a lot about DNA but the usual suspects....fingerprints, ballistics and bite mark comparisons... aren't neglected. As many ALI

students may know, Hank Muir and Chris Lenehan love Exploring Musical Theater. On each of the four Mondays in November, they will show a filmed version of a musical from Broadway and then delve into the inspiration behind the show's creation, its performers and the place it occupies in theatrical history.

The ALI catalog with more class information on these classes as well as the registration form is available for download on the website, [www.info@adult-](http://www.info@adult-learnersinstitute.org)

[learnersinstitute.org](http://learnersinstitute.org). Registration is by mail only. Mail complete registration forms to: Adult Learners Institute, P.O. Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118. Registration fee is

\$10 per semester and the class fees range from \$10 to \$35. If you have questions, please call the office at (734) 292-5540 or visit the ALI website.

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