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Chelsea Has a New Mayor and New Councilmembers

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The first meeting of Chelsea City Council with Jane Pacheco as mayor and Council members Mehuron and Ruddock happened Monday Nov 15th. The consent agenda and

regular agenda were approved.

Public Comments; Christina Martin from Chelsea Friends of Recreation stated that she sent out an email voicing support for protecting land in Chelsea.

Council Business:

1. 2022 meeting date schedule changes were approved.

2. Council board and committee discussion. It was decided that the council would wait to assign board and committee positions until all council seats are

filled. Mayor Pacheco is automatically on DDA and Mehuron stated she had a conflict and would be unable to be on DDA.

3. Ianelli was approved as mayor pro tem.

4. With Mayor Pacheco

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From: Bobby Maldonado

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University of Michigan Health, announced today that it has received an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for fall 2021. This national distinction recognizes achievement in protecting patients from harm and error within each respective hospital.

"Here in Chelsea

we have maintained very high patient safety standards, which is a reflection of our colleagues' uncompromising belief that every patient should be treated like family," said Nancy Graebner-Sundling, president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea.

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Ballet Chelsea's The Nutcracker Returns to the Stage December 2021



From: D&B Strategic Marketing

Ballet Chelsea is proud to present its 24th annual production of The Nutcracker December 11 and 12. This is Ballet Chelsea's fourth year of collaboration with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra—expect a spectacular event! This exhilarating production brings music and dance together for three performances, at the Potter Center in Jackson, Michigan.

Both Ballet Chelsea and Jackson Symphony Orchestra are thrilled that the magic of The Nutcracker will return to the stage. Drawing on the talents

of Wendi DuBois, Artistic Director of Ballet Chelsea, and Matthew Aubin, Music Director of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, audiences will be swept away by an enchanting holiday performance with sparkling choreography, rich sets, and Tchaikovsky's beloved score.

The Nutcracker is a full-length narrated production that combines the beauty of ballet, the excitement of live music, and the joy of a classic holiday story. Join Marie and her Nutcracker Prince as they are whisked from an evening of holiday festivities into a wondrous land of sweets

where a fantastic cast of characters anticipates their arrival. Some fun facts about this production - there are 90 dancers, 75+ volunteers, more than 150 hours of rehearsal, and 172 roles and costumes, and there will be sales of Nutcrackers and Ornaments at the Potter Center at each performance.

Performances are December 11th at 2 pm & 7 pm and December 12th at 7pm at the George E. Potter Center, 2111 Emmons Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Tickets range in price from \$15 - \$30 and are available online at balletchelsea.org or jacksonsymphony.org.



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 checo elected, there is a vacancy on the council. The council will use the same process it's used the last four times there was a vacancy. The motion to adopt the process was made and passed. The second part of the motion to set a special meeting to interview candidates was made for Jan 10th and passed.
 5. Set a work session to review the police audit by Bobcat. The work session would be at 6 pm and not before a meeting so it is more open ended. The motion to set the work session for Nov 29th at 6 pm was made. Councilmember Ruddock, after reviewing council rules, that work session is not included in the rules. He suggested that it be called a study session, not a work session.

The only defining thing about this type of meeting is that no action is taken during the meeting. John Hanifan explained that the language was not important as long as no action is taken in the meeting. The Motion is approved.
 6. The second reading of the text amendment 7.05 and 7.14 were explained by Julia Upfal. The motion was approved.
 7. Amanda Garber submitted a resolution to assign delinquent storm water bill to the 2021 winter tax roll. This happens every November. There were a few questions to understand why it wasn't just an automatic process. The motion passed.
 8. Amanda Garber submitted a resolution to assign delinquent utility invoices to taxes. Looking to add it to the winter

2021 tax roll. The motion passed.
 9. Amanda Garber submitted 2022-2021 budget amendments. They reflect changes that have occurred during the course of business this year. Most amendments are due to one not used or monies shifted. There are typically quarterly budget amendments.
 10. Amanda Garber discussed the deficit elimination plan. The motion passed.
 11. Amanda Garber discussed the board of review letters of protest. Taxpayers can submit letters of protest to appeal tax assessment. This is an item seen every year. The motion to allow residents to write letters to protest was approved.
 12. Amanda Garber also spoke on the establishment of

the 2022 poverty and hardship guidelines. The rates are the same as those used by the Chelsea school district for free or reduced lunch. This is another item that is seen every year. The motion passed.
 Staff Reports;
 1. City Manager John Hanifan spoke about Chelsea Pop stating most in street treatment have been deployed. He noted that the emergency order for remote meetings will expire Jan 31st.
 2. Chief Toth supplied the police report for Oct. 251 calls for service. Provided a fraud presentation at Silver Mables. Preparing for the Holiday parade.. 90% done with bodycam and in car video policy.
 3. Amanda Garber gave the quarterly investment report.

4. Amanda Garber gave the quarterly financial report.
 Council Reports;
 Council member Feeney gave his report and discussed an upcoming meeting and the struggle with staffing important positions.
 Councilmember Ianelli discussed the HRC civility month.
 Councilmembers Mehuron and Ruddock are not liaisons yet and did not have anything to report.
 Council member Wisely discussed a street issue that he

feels is dangerous and problematic.
 Mayor Pacheco gave her report and let everyone know the city email has remained the same. She checks her email very often. She encouraged council members to attend meetings she's participating in and welcomed them to join her if they have interest.
 The meeting adjourned. Welcome to council, new members and the newly elected Mayor!



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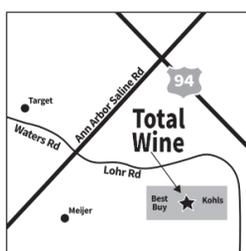
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DEXTER VOLLEYBALL

DEXTER'S AMAZING SEASON COMES TO AN END IN DISTRICT FINAL



Photo By Terry Jacoby

By Terry Jacoby

The Dexter volleyball team faced a difficult challenge going up against state-ranked Skyline last week in a volleyball District final on Skyline's home court. But the Eagles knew just how good Dexter was and weren't about to take the Dreadnaughts lightly so they brought their A game and were able to knock out Dexter in three well-played and hard-fought games. Skyline scored a 25-

17, 25-19, 25-17 win over the Dreadnaughts.

"It was a tough end," said Dexter coach Paula Palmer Burns. "Skyline played at the top of their game. We felt confident and kept with them the first 10 points of each set and the last five points of each set... but faltered too many points in between.

"Their front row kept us from being able to execute our game plan. Their block dominated and we needed to

get past that in order to keep up with their offensive attack as planned. In the end, we made too many compound errors and our first contacts were not good enough to keep us in system."

Despite the loss against a team that could very easily win a state title, the Dreadnaughts had an amazing and successful 2021 season. They finished second to Skyline in the challenging SEC Red Division, ahead of Saline. Both Skyline and Saline are playing on Thursday in Regional finals.

Dexter finished with a 37-8-4 overall record with four of the losses to Skyline.

"In a season that we moved to a division where we became the smallest district, we are proud of our

fight through our conference," said Palmer Burns. "We look forward to continuing to face higher level competition and growing our program."

Dexter leaders vs. Skyline

Senior libero Veronica Sannino led the defense with 21 digs contributing a serve receive average of 2.0.

Senior outside hitter Anna Creech led the offensive attack with 7 kills.

Senior captain and outside hitter Jamie Giese led the serve receive with a 2.5 on the match, adding 5 kills to the offense.

Junior opposite hitter Savannah Smith added 12 digs and 2 blocks to the defense with 4 kills on the offense.

Junior setter, Braedy Wineman, ran the offense with 21 assists and 2 service aces.

Senior captain Avery Goodrich contributed a top serve receive average of 2.12.

Sophomore middle blocker Ali Parachek led with 4 blocks on the match.

Senior middle hitter Hanna Quinn, led from the center with strong blocking and serving at the line.

Dexter advanced to the finals with a 3-0 sweep of Parma Western in a semifinal game.

"It was a perfect time to battle through five sets to prepare for the biggest game of the season," said Palmer Burns. "I am so proud of the way our players have risen to every occasion - putting the team above themselves. The athletes that never quit and will run through anything for their teammates

make me so proud to be their coach."

Dexter stats vs. Parma Western

Jamie Giese led the team with 13 kills. She contributed a 2.11 serve receive avg and 21 digs.

Anna Creech led with 6 service aces, adding 9 kills, 25 digs and a team leading 2.42 serve receive avg.

Hanna Quinn dominated the net with 9 blocks, adding 7 kills and 3 service aces to the offense.

Savannah Smith added 7 kills to the offense and 27 digs with 3 blocks to the defense.

Braedy Wineman ran the offense with 45 assists contributing 4 service aces and 4 kills.

Veronica Sannino had a team leading 30 digs and averaged 2.29 in serve receive.

Ali Parachek added 7 kills with a team leading 0.333 hitting percentage and 4 blocks.

Dexter Community Schools Update

Dear DCS Families,

I'm writing today to update the entire DCS community on upcoming changes at DCS. One of the greatest strengths of our school district is that we have incredible leaders, teachers, staff, students, and community. As an organization, these strengths allow us to be extremely nimble and responsive to the changing environments while always supporting our students.

As we've moved through the past two school years, we have continued to support our students and to always do what is best for our kids. Our leaders, teachers, staff and other adults find creative solutions to what sometimes feels like a list of never-ending challenges in order to do what is best for our kids on a daily basis. We will continue to provide the quality of education our community expects for our students despite the staffing challenges across the country and the pandemic.

We fully acknowledge that there are factors outside of the control of our school district that impact us all. We are committed to these challenges never negatively impacting our kids. Challenges are not an excuse to be unresponsive or apathetic. Instead, DCS will focus on utilizing our

strengths to best support our students. DCS is extremely nimble and our team members are always willing to take whatever role necessary to make us the strongest team for kids.

The 2021-2022 school year is more challenging than previous years in a variety of ways for every individual, community, and school district in the country. We're locally (and nationally) short-staffed and there is no end in sight for this problem. Organizations that believe they can continue to do what they've always done will be left in a constant state of triage. Administrators and office staff work into the night on matrixing out coverage only to wake up the next day with a whole new set of staffing obstacles due to absences. Our district staff has done an amazing job filling vacancies with very few options. You may have noticed that neighboring districts have had shutdowns due to personnel. The only reason Dexter has not had to look at this option is because of the selfless dedication and willingness to go the extra mile of our staff in the best interest of kids.

As a school district, we believe we need to approach this staffing issue and our organizational structure in a proactive manner and

create new solutions to providing the best education for our students. We are fortunate to have an incredible team. With recent retirements (and announcements of retirements), our team members are changing. This requires us to use our existing members in different roles that meet the immediate and long-term needs of our organization while building capacity for our future. The past two years have been extremely hard on school leaders and it is not surprising to see that individuals are looking to retire or move into new positions. This phenomenon is mirrored in all careers around the country. We want to retain as much of our leadership as we can at Dexter and part of that means providing new opportunities to provide new challenges.

The following plan allows us to use our team members in areas of strengths to help DCS best serve the needs of our community and kids while building long-term capacity that will benefit DCS kids and the community post-pandemic.

Need #1: Mill Creek Principal Needs:

Jami Bronson, Mill Creek Principal, recently announced her retirement effective at the end of January. This requires DCS to make a mid-year move to

lead Mill Creek Middle School. Ken Koenig, current DHS Assistant Principal, will move to lead Mill Creek Middle School as the Interim Middle School Principal. Ken Koenig is an outstanding educational leader with decades of proven school leadership experience. He's committed to school culture and kids. Mr. Koenig is an experienced administrator who can seamlessly transition mid-year to Mill Creek and provide the immediate leadership to continue moving our education for kids. Ken Keonig and Brett Pedersen will be a great team leading Mill Creek Middle School.

As Mr. Koenig transitions to Mill Creek, David Teddy will move to DHS as the Interim High School Assistant Principal. David Teddy has been the Community Education Director leading Jenkins Early Childhood Learning Center, Community Education, Summer Programming, and After-care for many years. Last year, Mr. Teddy served as a member of the Research and Development Team to create the SPARK program at DCS. Prior to moving into an administrative role, Mr. Teddy taught at both Mill Creek and Dexter High School. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in

a variety of leadership roles that will support the current and future needs of DHS.

We will be working on a plan to fill Mr. Teddy's current role at Community Education and will announce the plan in coming weeks.

Needs #2, 3, 4: Creating New Solutions to Our Staffing Crisis, Building Long-term Leadership Capacity, and Delivering on Promises to our Voters/Community:

Principal for Operations: Effective in January, Craig McCalla (Anchor Principal) will move to a new position titled Principal for Operations. Craig McCalla knows every aspect of how DCS operates. He knows the entire organization as well as anyone in our district and is uniquely able to help us address a variety of high-priority needs that cannot wait any longer to be addressed. His responsibilities will include:

- The 2017 Bond was structured in 2 Series. Series 1 was scheduled to be completed around now. After completion of Series 1, the sales of the Series 2 bonds provide funding for nearly \$17 million of additional work that was approved by voters. Mr. McCalla will be responsible for facilitating nearly \$3 million of remaining Series 1 Bond work from the 2017 bond that was postponed by the pandemic.

This includes essential projects like completing lingering punch-list items, pool repairs, bleachers, updating the CPA technology, boilers, water heaters, parking lot projects, and a list of high-priority projects that were part of the 2017 bond. Series 1 bond work must be completed before Series 2 (approximately \$17 million also passed by voters in 2017) can begin. The pandemic has delayed this work by almost 2 years and it is time to complete the projects our voters approved in 2017.

- Assessing the needs of support staff (paras, bus drivers, custodians, grounds, maintenance, food/nutrition, and other staff) so DCS can effectively implement retention and recruitment strategies.

- Oversee and support Buildings & Grounds and Transportation Department leadership to help create a new playbook on how to operate our support systems for our schools. Our directors of both departments are doing a tremendous job making "magic" happen every day. Both will continue leading their departments and we're blessed to have their leadership at DCS. However, there is no end in the near future to the national staffing shortages. We need to come up with another plan for cleaning buildings, trans-

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Making Waves at DCS



From: Dexter Community Schools
Over 650 Dexter students ages 5-11 received their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination during school on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Partnering with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Visit Healthcare, DCS is the first school district in Washtenaw County to offer a 5-11 year-old vaccination clinic to their families. Students were

brought by classroom to the Dexter Early Elementary Complex (DEEC) Marketplace to be checked in before moving into the Workshop area for vaccinations. A host of DCS administrative and support staff, as well as District nurses, along with parent and grandparent volunteers helped students through the entire process, soothing fears and holding nervous hands when needed. Parents were welcome to join

students during their scheduled time, many bringing favorite stuffed animals and small treats for afterward. One Dexter parent expressed his thanks to the District for providing this service. "This has been so helpful for our family to have the clinic during the school day," he shared. "I know many parents are struggling to find vaccination appointments, and we appreciate Dexter holding one so quickly. The District has been

great through the whole pandemic with all their COVID-19 protocols." Superintendent Chris Timmis also thanked all involved with running the clinic, "Your support of our kids and families is greatly appreciated and we are fortunate to have so many caring staff members, parents, nurses, administrators, and community members working with us to move forward out of this pandemic."

Dexter Community Schools Update

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porting students, and providing other support services. This will require time and focus to look at every aspect of our organization to help us find new models to meet the needs of our students, families, and staff. There's always the fear that saying "another plan" means privatizing services. We will not be privatizing services. We have great employees and we want to keep our employees. "Another plan" refers to looking at scheduling models and how other organizations have creatively solved the same problems we're navigating.

Dexter Early Elementary Complex: With Craig McCall's move to the Principal for Operations, DCS must fill his leadership position at Anchor Elementary. In order to fill this need, Brooke Stidham will assume the Principal Leadership Role for both Anchor and Beacon Elementary Schools. Brooke Stidham is an experienced administrator who, while new to DCS this year, will provide instrumental leadership for our Young 5's - 2nd grade buildings. To assist Mrs. Stidham, Katie Heikkila will move to Interim Elementary Assistant Principal. Katie Heikkila previously taught early elementary special education and middle school special education. In recent years, Mrs. Heikkila helped create and lead the Dread Strong Summer Program, teaches at the Dexter Alternative Education Program, and has been the primary leader for the Dexter Early Middle College. Her background with programming from our youngest learners to our oldest learners, from special education to general education, and from traditional buildings to alternative education buildings is extremely unique and we're fortunate to have Mrs. Heikkila at DCS to help us with our youngest learners. The combination of Mrs. Stidham

and Mrs. Heikkila is a tremendously strong leadership team. Building Capacity with Dexter Early Middle College and Alternative Education: With Ken Koenig and Katie Heikkila moving to their new roles, DCS has a need to support the Dexter Early Middle College and Alternative Education. Ken Koenig has been serving as the Principal for Alternative Education in addition to his role as DHS Assistant Principal. Meanwhile, Katie Heikkila has been leading the work of the Dexter Early Middle College. Lauren Thompson will be assuming this role of oversight of both of these programs. Mrs. Thompson has been serving as a half-time Creekside Assistant Principal and half-time DHS Graduation Coach. She will continue in her Creekside Assistant Principal role while also taking teaching and Principal leadership roles with Dexter Alternative Education and Dexter Early Middle College under Mollie Sharrar's Support. Abby Holland, DHS Special Education Department Chair, will serve as the special education liaison between DHS, Alternative Education, and Dexter Early Middle College while continuing her leadership and teaching roles at DHS. Shelley Ry-chener will pick up Mrs. Thompson's graduation coach caseload at DHS while also supporting our Alternative Education students. Creation of 1 or 2 Utility Player Positions: Currently, DCS has over 50 open positions varying anywhere from custodians to bus drivers to paraeducators to preschool teachers to aquatics program leadership to substitutes in every area. This new challenge requires some new solutions that provide significant flexibility based on the current needs of the organization. As a baseball fan, I've always admired the role of the utility play-

er. We're looking for 1 or 2 utility players who are interested in working year-round with tremendous variety in their duties and schedules. **Need #5: The instability of the job market has pressured DCS in some essential areas like pupil accounting, student information systems, and technology supports:** Student Information Systems Specialist and Student Opportunities: DCS will be adding a Student Information Systems Specialist to become our local expert in Powerschool, Canvas, Summit, SeeSaw and other essential student information systems. As a result of retirements and the volatile job market, we've lost significant expertise in our organization in this area at the same time the need to maximize these systems and build capacity in new staff is at its peak. This new hire will be our local expert while also creating new student opportunities. Student Technology Team: The Student

Information Systems Specialist will also train and facilitate a student technology team at both Mill Creek and Dexter High School. The student technology team members will work during the school day and outside of school hours in a combination of paid and unpaid (during the school day) roles serving the various technology needs of our district. We have students that are interested and more than capable of supporting technology for their peers at DCS. We visited districts in the state and country who support these programs and they've proven to be incredibly valuable to the students involved and the maintenance of district technology resources. Pupil Accounting and Data Specialist: In the short-term, we are being supported by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District for this work while we hire a new individual in our business office to support a long-term strategy. We're in need of a Payroll/Benefits Coordinator to join our team. This will allow us

to make several internal changes to support our business office needs along with our pupil accounting and data needs. These are a great deal of changes. Dexter has a long-standing tradition of providing personalized education to the residents of this community. Over the years this foundation in the community has driven a great deal of growth. People want to move to Dexter because it's a wonderful place to live and because of our quality schools. Dexter Schools is unique because of the immense community support and the highly dedicated staff that we've been able to hire and retain. Neighboring districts and districts across the country are not fairing nearly as well as Dexter during these challenging times. We are committed to finding solutions in our infrastructure to minimize the impact staff shortages and other challenges have on our students. If we did not adapt and make these moves, we believe it would ultimately degrade the quality of education that

our students receive. We believe these moves will not only prevent some of these consequences but ultimately strengthen our district and continue to move us on an upward trajectory. All of these moves have been done voluntarily and all staff members moving to new positions are excited with the new challenges they will be tackling. Obviously, these were not easy decisions for our staff to make. We want to say thank you to our community for their unending support of the schools and students in this district. If you have an opportunity over the next month please take the time to thank our district staff for all that they've been doing to overcome these challenges. The impact has been minimal on students only because of their dedication and sacrifice. I am so proud to be a part of this community and school district. Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads! Sincerely, **Christopher Timmis, EdD Superintendent**

Dexter District Library

2021 Winter Events

for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Winter Events at Dexter District Library

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

In person Story Times and Youth Programs
With consideration for the ongoing pandemic, and for the safety of everyone involved, please take special note of the following:
Registration is required for all Story Times and Youth programs.
Space is limited--each individual, including adults and minors should register so we have an accurate count of how many people are in the room.
Face coverings are REQUIRED for all patrons who are medically able to wear face coverings during Story Times and Youth programs held indoors. Presenting Librarians will be masked.
Face covering requirements are subject to change without notice.

Youth Winter Break Reading Challenge
December 1 - December 31
Registration on Beanstack required and begins December 1
Ages 0-12
Keep kids engaged with reading and writing in fun ways during their winter break. Kids of all ages can complete a variety of reading challenges on Beanstack during the month of December. Complete at least 10 activity badges to be eligible for a prize. There is no particular order and the challenges are "stackable", meaning it's possible to complete more than one activity at a time. If your child completes at least 10 Activity Badges, they are eligible to receive a prize. Stop by the Youth Reference desk of the Dexter District Library during the month of January to redeem your prize.

Teen Winter Break Reading Challenge
December 1-31
Ages 13-18
Registration on Beanstack required
Teens can complete a variety of reading challenges on Beanstack during their winter break. Complete at least 10 activity badges to be eligible for a prize. Prize pickup will be during the month of January.

Super Stories Book Club
For Young Fives and Kindergartners
This is a story and craft program held in person at the library for kids transitioning out of story time and into book club. Adults may attend this program with their children. Each month Ms. Krista will read books related to a theme and then the kids will make a theme related craft. Registration is required.
Thursday, December 2, 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Theme: Gingerbread
Registration begins Thursday, November 4

Take & Make: No-Sew Felt Coffee Cozy
December 3 through 9
Grades 5 - 12
Registration required, begins November 3
Teens can register for a take & make craft kit to pick up at the Library. No-sew felt coffee cozies are a fun, reusable, and easy to customize. They make great gifts as well!

Club Create Book Club
Grades 1 - 2
This is an independent book club for first and second graders held in person at the library. Miss Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. Registration is required.
Thursday, December 9, 4:30 - 5:15 pm
Theme: Gingerbread
Registration begins Thursday, November 11

Build-a-Buggy
Saturday, December 11
Session 1 - 10:00am - 11:00am
Session 2 - 11:30am - 12:30pm
Grades K - 5
Registration begins Monday, November 8
Explore forces and motion while designing and building a buggy that moves! We'll provide the wheels, axles, and materials to build the body, you engineer a way to make the buggy move! Are you up for the challenge? Space is limited. Registration is required. Face coverings are required

Monthly Take & Make Crafts for Kids of All Ages
Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library and pick up a bag with a variety of seasonal or themed crafts to make at home.

Holiday Craft Bags
Monday, December 13 - Sunday, December 19
For kids of all ages
No registration required
While supplies last
Limit 5 per family

All Star Readers Book Club
Grades 3 - 4
All Star Readers Book Club will meet in person this winter. We'll play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the library after you register. Registration is required.
Thursday, December 16, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Book: The Magic Eraser by Aaron Starmer
Registration begins Thursday, November 18

Magic the Gathering
Friday, December 17
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Grades 6 - 12
Registration required, begins November 20
Join us monthly for MTG tournament-style play on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with SRSLY Dexter.

Holiday Card Making Program
Tuesday, December 21
10:00 am - 10:45 am & 11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Grades K - 4
Registration begins Tuesday, November 23
Create beautiful and festive homemade cards for your friends and family.

Wrap It Up! DIY Gift Wrap and Bows
Monday, December 20
2 to 3 p.m.
Grades 5-12
Registration required, begins November 22
Want to make your holiday gifts extra special this year? Personalize your wrapping materials! Teens and tweens will make potato-stamped wrapping paper, recycled paper gift bows, and decorated gift tags.

Minute to Win It
Monday, December 27
2 to 3 p.m.
Grades 5-12
Registration required, begins November 29
Have some fast-paced fun with friends at the library! Test your skills with a series of 60-second games using everyday household items. They're more challenging than you might think! Can you handle the pressure? You have one minute to win it!

Tween Book Club
Tuesday, December 28
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Grades 5 & 6
Book: Snapdragon by Kat Leyh
Registration required, begins November 23

Read the book and then join us for icebreakers, discussion, and a related craft or activity. Get a copy of the book at the youth reference desk after you register.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

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Hometown Holiday Events

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, December 3 | 4-6:30pm

Free Pizza from Jet's (while supplies last), Hot Cocoa & Sweet Treats by Lakehouse Bakery (for purchase) available in the parking lot by Chelsea Custom Shirts before the Tree Lighting Ceremony which start at 6pm.

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LIVE NATIVITY
December 3, 2021 | 6:30pm & 7pm

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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LIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 4, 2021 | 6pm

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

DIY Holiday Pet Photo Booth
12/04/2021 | 12:30 - 4 pm

LANE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
EST. 1905

Christmas on the Farm

December 4th & 5th
10am to 4pm both days

Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museums



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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Donuts & Selfies with Santa
December 5 | 10am-Noon

40 | 30 | 30 Raffle Tickets

COOKIES, COCOA, & CASH!
December 10th
5:00-6:00 pm
222 S Main St

Stop by to watch us pull the winner for this year's 40|30|30 Raffle and enjoy some free Holiday Cookies & Cocoa. This will also be your last chance to purchase a \$30 Raffle Ticket! To purchase a raffle ticket email terris@chelseamich.com

40% - Raffle Winner | 30% - Chamber | 30% technical/trade scholarships to 2022 CHS grads!
Tickets are available through the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce
License # R59739

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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Cheers To This Claus For A Cause
St. Louis Center Gift Drive
December 17 | 6-9pm

- Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Free Hot Cocoa for Kids
- Chelsea Fire Truck
- Chelsea Police Department
- Chili available for purchase

Ugly Dog
218 S Main St
Chelsea, MI 48118

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

Gingerbread Cookie Kits
1 Free Kit per Family
Distributed December 19 starting at Noon
Chelsea Palmer Commons

The Full List of Events

12/02	Special Needs Shopping Bazaar (R)
12/03	Chelsea Tree Lighting Ceremony (P)
12/03	Live Nativity (P)
12/04	Material Girls Shopping Bazaar (R)
12/04	CDL Homemade Tween & Teen Gifts for the Holidays (R)
12/04	Light Parade (P)
12/4	DIY Holiday Pet Photo Booth (P)
12/04 & 5	Christmas on the Farm (P)
12/5	Donuts & Selfies with Santa (P)
12/9	CDL A Jan Brett Holiday (R)
12/9	The Arbor Consort Carolers (R)
12/10	Cookies, Cocoa & Cash (P)
12/11	Kiwanis Drive-Thru Nut Sale
12/11-12	Ballet Chelsea The Nutcracker 2021 (T)
12/15	CDL Gifts Galore! (R)
12/17	Cheers To This Claus For A Cause
12/19	Gingerbread Cookie Kit Distributed (P)
12/22	CDL Holiday Spirit
12/24	Santa Virtual Storytime (v)
12/31	SRSLY Virtual New Year's Eve Party (v) (R)

(P) In Person Event
(v) denotes a Virtual Event
(R) denotes Registration Required
(T) denotes that tickets are required

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Receives 2021 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award



Hospital earns national distinction as a top-performer for Patient Experience in Outpatient Services

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea today announced that it has been named a 2021 Guardian of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey, a national leader in health care consumer and workforce engagement. Press Ganey recognized St. Joe's Chelsea as a top-performing health care organization, ranking the hospital within the top five percent of hospitals nationwide for Patient Experience in Outpatient Services.

"We pride ourselves on the delivery of a high-quality, community-hospital experience, supported by a growing medical staff and advanced capabilities and technologies usually reserved for larger medical facilities in urban areas," said Nancy Graebner-Sundling, president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea. "We are pleased to be recognized once again as a leading national hospital and are grateful to our community for entrusting us with their care."

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award® is a preeminent, competitive achievement for leading health care organizations. Presented annually, the award applauds hospitals

and health systems that consistently sustained performance in the top 5% of all Press Ganey clients.

"Press Ganey is honored to recognize St. Joe's Chelsea as one of the nation's leaders for Patient Experience in Outpatient Services," said Patrick T. Ryan, chairman and chief executive officer of Press Ganey. "This award reflects an unwavering commitment to the patient's experience throughout unimaginable challenges. We are humbled by St. Joe's Chelsea's incredible efforts, and their ability to adapt to imperatives of COVID-19 on top of the increasing demand for consumerism in health-care."

Obituaries Lou Ellyn

Lou Ellyn was born September 30, 1949 in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She lived in Michigan, California, Florida and Ohio. She moved from Mansfield, Ohio to Chelsea, Michigan in 2013.

In Mansfield, she was part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship where she found community and a sense of well-being.

In Chelsea, Lou Ellyn's professional and personal community centered around the Chelsea Senior Center where she developed deep friendships. Lou Ellyn worked as the Office Manager and accountant there alongside her dear friend, Trinh Pifer. Lou Ellyn and Jim Heaton met at the Chelsea Senior Center where Jim volunteered teaching computer classes to numerous residents. Their friendship grew on many long walks around Chelsea and Dexter and on Ferris wheel rides at the Chelsea Community Fair and visits to the Chelsea Farmers Market.

Lou Ellyn shared her long history of water bird watching with Jim at Pierce Lake and at the four ponds on the corner of Scio Church Road and Parker Road. Some of the birds they encountered included Sandhill Cranes, both migrating and summer time versions, some Great

Snowy Egrets, Great Blue Herons, and Trumpeter Swans, an endangered species. Early summer was a special time to see the young ones. Lou Ellyn and Jim married in the summer of 2018.

Lou Ellyn attended Michigan State University and then pursued opportunities to learn programming in the early 1970s following the encouragement of her Roosevelt High School math teacher, Joanne Rankin, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Lou Ellyn programmed bank loan systems and taught banking administrators how the new systems worked and would enhance their operations. She was at various times a computer programmer, system analyst, project manager, product manager, and a software company entrepreneur with her late husband. All this at a time when programming and banking were both the purview of men. She held her own in the field for many years. Her work was highly respected.

Inclusion has always been part of Lou Ellyn's life. She grew up in Michigan with her parents, Jean Green (McIntosh) and Lewis Green, her sister, Sharyl and her brother, Lester. Social issues were always part of the discussion including living through the Civil

Rights Movement together and attending the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church.

Along with being a stellar math and computer professional, Lou Ellyn was also a word wizard. Her skills in Anagrams and Scrabble were hard to beat, and she may have been the world's fastest Jumble word-scrambler. She loved sorting and solving, encoding and decoding words as well as numbers.

Lou Ellyn is predeceased by her parents and her brother. She is survived by her husband, Jim Heaton, her father's wife, Mary Green also of Chelsea, her sister, Sharyl Green and Sharyl's husband, Peter Laskowski of Vermont, their son, Aaron Laskowski, and his partner, Mireya Murillo, Lou Ellyn's beloved nephew and niece. Lou Ellyn's influence is carried on through her many friends and numerous cousins.

A Memorial Service, a celebration of Lou Ellyn's life, will be held at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., where the family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service

Donations in Lou Ellyn's honor can be made to the Chelsea Senior Center or the Arbor Hospice Foundation.

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Dexter Community Band Returns to Live Music with Traditional Holiday Concert and Vocal Quartet

DCB's free Holiday Concert to be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.

After 637 days and a global pandemic, the Dexter Community Band is back!

The band, a fixture in the local music scene for 40 years, celebrates its return to live performances with a free annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 5. The 3 p.m. event will be held at the Center for Performing Arts in Dexter High School, 2200 North Parker Road, Dexter.

The concert will include a medley of Irving Berlin music; A Christmas Carol Fantasy by Takashi Hoshide; Candlelight Carol by John Rutter; Leon Jessel's Parade of the Wooden Sol-

diers; and Overture to Miracle on 34th Street by Bruce Broughton.

The band will be joined by a vocal quartet performing holiday favorites. The vocalists are Fiona Linn, Kristin Hoffman-Peavler, Jake McClory and Austin Chrzanowski. The concert will conclude with DCB's annual Christmas sing-along.

Important note: Dexter Community Schools requires the wearing of masks inside school buildings. Also, out of an abundance of caution, the band will not hold its annual post-concert reception.

Dexter Community Band will perform two other concerts during the 2021-2022 season. After the Dec.

5 performance, tentative dates for the upcoming events are:

- Winter Concert — Feb. 27, 2022;
- Spring Concert — May 15, 2022.

Founded in 1982, the **Dexter Community Band** is comprised of volunteer musicians from the local area. A registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the band performs professional-level symphonic wind music at four free concerts a year. There are also several free "Evening of Ensembles" featuring small groups from the band. For additional information about the band or how to provide financial support, please visit <http://www.dextercommunityband.org/>.

For tickets and showtimes please visit:
<https://www.theencoretheatre.org/>
or call 734-268-6200734



CHELSEA ATHLETICS



4TH STRAIGHT REGIONAL WIN FOR CHELSEA BULLDOGS



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By Charla Hamilton
charlachelseaguardian@gmail.com

The Bulldogs won their 4th straight regional title last Friday night against Country Day.

Key plays of the game:

Trent Hill had 137 yards and 1 TD.

Nick Fisk had 1 WR TD from Lucas Dunn.

Jason Skoczalas had a block FG returned for the game-winning touchdown!

Hunter Shaw had 2 FGs.

“We play Freeland Saturday for a chance to go back to Ford Field and play for a state championship,” stated head coach Josh Lucas. GO BULLDOGS!

Historic Homes Tour Returns to Chelsea

From: Bill O'Reilly

The Chelsea Area Historical Society returns with their historic homes tour - though this year with a healthy twist - an Exterior / Walking Tour focused on the many historical homes on a single block - the first block of E. Middle Street (tours in future years will focus on other blocks in town). Tours will take place on Saturday, December 11 with one-

hour+ tours starting at 2:00, 2:30, 3:00 and 3:30. Each tour will start with a presentation at the CAHS Museum and then a very short walk to the start of the tour (total tour distance - the equivalent of walking less than 3 blocks). Guides will provide background details on most of the 15 houses. This will be an exterior only tour but finish inside the Chelsea House Victorian Inn for refreshments

and a tour of the first floor of this magnificent house. Tour groups will be limited to 15 people. Tickets are \$10 / person and MUST be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the CAHS website (www.chelseahistory.org) or in person at the CAHS museum from noon to 3:00 Saturdays (128 Jackson Street - opposite the train depot).



Chelsea Area Historical Society

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

An Exterior Walking Tour of East Middle Street's Historic Homes!

— The tour will start at the Museum, followed by a three block guided walking tour of the homes.

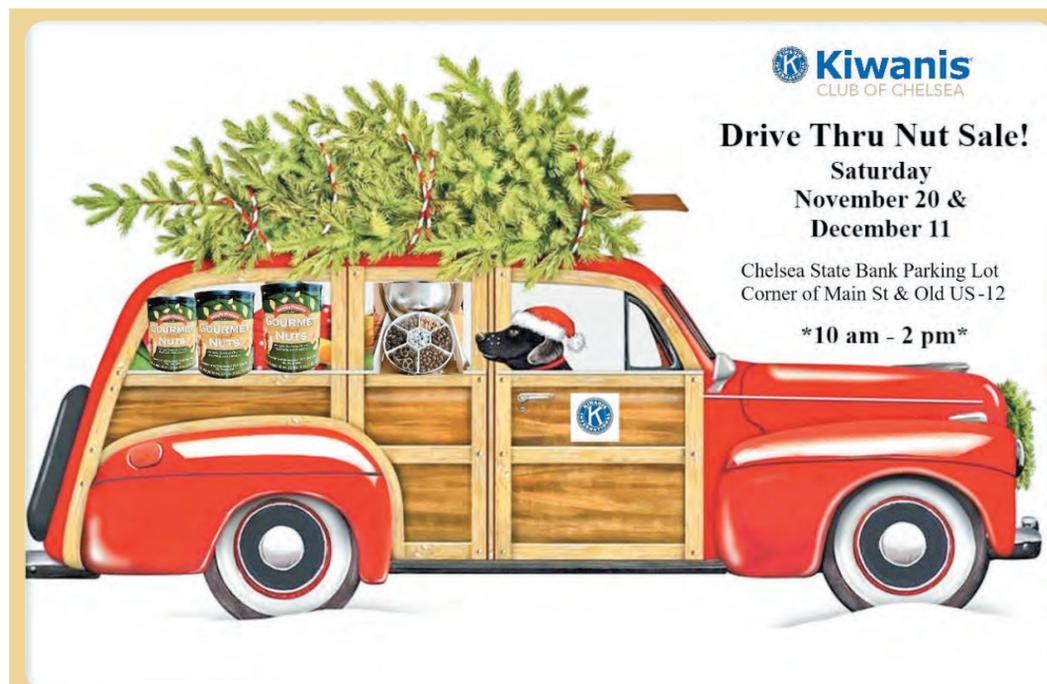
— Chelsea House Victorian Inn will be the final stop for refreshments and a tour of the first floor of this magnificent house.

— Tickets are \$10. Advance purchase required and available at website or Saturdays at the museum!

Saturday
Dec. 11, 2021
Tours @ 2pm, 2:30, 3pm and 3:30pm

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128 JACKSON ST., CHELSEA MI
www.ChelseaHistory.org
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Hours: Saturdays, Noon to 3pm



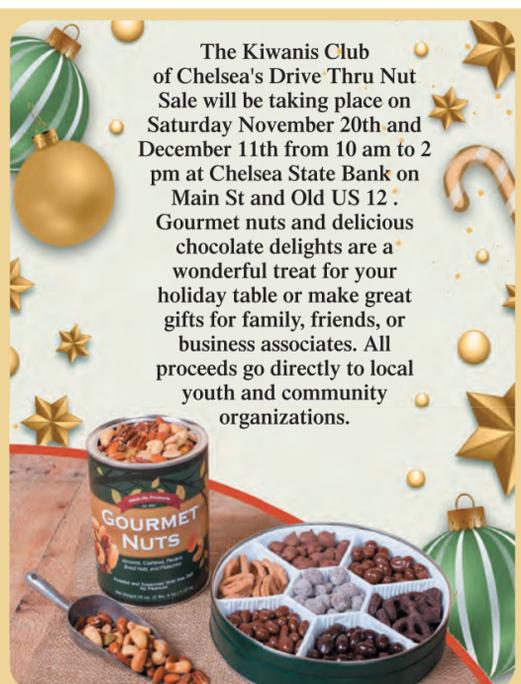
Kiwanis
CLUB OF CHELSEA

Drive Thru Nut Sale!

Saturday
November 20 &
December 11

Chelsea State Bank Parking Lot
Corner of Main St & Old US-12

10 am - 2 pm



The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea's Drive Thru Nut Sale will be taking place on Saturday November 20th and December 11th from 10 am to 2 pm at Chelsea State Bank on Main St and Old US 12. Gourmet nuts and delicious chocolate delights are a wonderful treat for your holiday table or make great gifts for family, friends, or business associates. All proceeds go directly to local youth and community organizations.

Come to the Drive Thru Event or Message Us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/kiwanisclubofchelsea • We Deliver!



CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Photos By Tracie Stoffer

Makayla Kegerreis
Track and Field
Slippery Rock University
Sharon and Kris Kegerreis



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Zoey Monica
Gannon University
Softball
Kim and Michael Monica



Ava Woodard
Michigan State University
Rowing
Robin and Miles Woodard

Ask Tracy

YOUR REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS



Sell Now Or Wait Until Spring?

Dear Tracy,
I just accepted a new position out-of-state and my first day is December 14th. I'm moving out the week prior and would like to get my house on the market now. All of my friends are telling me that houses don't sell near the holidays and that I should wait until Spring. What should I do?

Angie Alton

Dear Angie,
Selling your home during the holidays can actually have advantages, depending on the current real estate market and your lifestyle. Currently, in our area, there are more buyers and less available homes, plus interest rates continue to be favorable. This means we are experiencing a seller's market.

During the holidays, current sellers see much less competition generally because many sellers do wait until Spring to list their homes for sale.

Less buyers looking during this time might mean less inconvenience. It is likely you will have fewer showing requests. The Lookie-Loos and less motivated buyers tend

to be out in the warmer months. The holiday season and winter months can be an advantage for sellers with hard-to-sell homes. For example, homes that need updating, or are located on busy roads, may see more interest with less competition.

December and January's active buyers tend to be serious and are often motivated to find a home quickly. These buyers have far fewer choices and may be more flexible with their requirements. If your home is in their price range and checks some of their boxes, they might be more apt to make an offer when provided with fewer choices.

Some disadvantages are that this time of year people are cooking, baking, inviting friends or family over and it can be difficult to keep the house ready to show... sometimes with a short notice.

A few tips for selling during the holidays:

1) Don't over-do decorations or block important features. If your home is small or filled with books and collectables, the deco-

rations will only make your home appear more crowded. Instead of decorating, add holiday touches, such as a festive centerpiece to the table.

2) This time of year gives you an opportunity to showcase your home as a warm cozy environment, turn up the heat and play soft music.

3) Make sure your sidewalks and driveway are kept clear of snow and ice.

4) Try to accommodate all reasonable showing requests. Each request is a valuable opportunity to sell your home. If you turn away a buyer, they might find something else before they even have a chance to see your home.

Bottom-line: if you are ready to sell now, why wait?

Lenders and appraisers are not experiencing extended delays

during this time. As a result, most transactions are closing in reasonable amount of time. Good news for Michigan home buyers and sellers!

All indicators point to a robust real estate market this year. Interest rates continue to fall and are at a record low. I encourage anyone planning to buy or sell a property to first consult with a local Realtor who knows the local market. Your Realtor will listen to your goals and guide you expertly through the process of buying or selling a home within the time period that works best for you.

Tracy Rose is an Associate Broker with over 30 years of residential and commercial Real Estate experience. Do you have a question about Real Estate? Send it to Tracy at ask@tracyrose.net



Nina Faupel
Indiana University
Field Hockey
Tracie and Corey Faupel

PUBLIC NOTICES

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LYNDON TOWNSHIP - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Summary of Minutes, September 14, 2021—Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. No Public Comment. Items Approved: Agenda; Consent Agenda; Payment of Bills. Reports were given by Zoning Administrator, CAFA Representative; Deputy Supervisor on Broadband and IT; Representative to Multi-Lakes Water & Sewer Authority, and Representative to Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority. Items Approved: Township Board has reviewed the project and approves the Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA 21-001) to rezone the western 9,960 square foot portion of the subject site (Lot 27) from Rural Residential to Lake Residential because the amendment would meet the Criteria for an Amendment to the Official Zoning Map (Rezoning) under Section 19.12 (C) as presented to the Planning Commission and as recommended to the Township Board on September 14, 2021. This approval is contingent on the proposed land division being recorded within 60 days after the zoning map amendment approvals so that a single site does not have two zoning classifications; the cost of the conduit will be paid from ARPA funds and use of any ARPA funds will be determined at a later date; the purchase of conduit from Midwest Energy Cooperative for \$25,000 and authorizes the Supervisor of Lyndon Township to execute the Bill of Sale; Schedule a public hearing to increase the Sugarloaf Lake Special Assessment District for one year; Quote from Toby's Painting for \$5,000.00; Quote from Taylor Electric for \$7,287.60; Allocate \$20,000 for remodeling the Boardroom and \$5,000 for the sign in the Public Improvement budget. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Summary of Minutes, October 7, 2021—Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. No Public Comment. Item Approved: Agenda. Public Hearing on Sugarloaf Lake Special Assessment District to increase the special assessments for one year. Item Approved: Accept the petition for modifications of the Special Assessment District contingent upon receipt of the original signed petition for one year as follows: current assessment: lake front: \$147.98; 2022 assessment: back lot \$308.84; current assessment back lot: 61.59; 2022 assessment: back lot \$133.04. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Prepared by Office Manager: Janet K. Gilkey
Approved by Supervisor, Pam Byrnes
Linda Reilly, Township Clerk

We look forward to the 2021 Season at Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, MI!

Nite Lites is a DRIVE THRU CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

When: Nov. 25 thru Dec. 31, 2021
OPEN EVERY DAY INCLUDING HOLIDAYS

Where: Michigan International Speedway
US-12 Entrance only, 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230

TWO US-12 Entrances:
WEST bound use Lot 8 Entrance
EAST bound use Graves Farm Entrance

Time: 5:30 pm - 9 pm Sunday thru Thursday
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm Friday & Saturday

Pricing: \$25 per car/vehicle (Sunday thru Thursday)
\$30 per car/vehicle (Friday & Saturday)
\$45 per limo/motorhome/mini bus
\$100 per tour bus

CASH AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
We DO NOT accept "tap and go" cards or Apple Pay.

Be a Helping Hand this Holiday Season!



Helping Hands
Teen Supply Drive

Dec. 1-Jan. 3 | Library Lobby

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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school, and personal supplies." A complete list of items needed is available at this link: <https://bit.ly/HelpingHandsList>

While the holiday season is joyous for many kids and teens, for those with housing insecurity, it can be a period of anxiety. The Helping Hands Teen Supply Drive aims to eliminate anxiety surrounding personal care by collecting a variety of supplies from hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, African-American hair products) to cleaning supplies (disinfectant wipes, paper towels, laundry and dishwasher pods) and will directly benefit Ozone House in its ongoing mission and the teens in our communities that they serve.



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The Chelsea District Library (CDL) would like to welcome the community to participate in the Helping Hands Teen Supply Drive this December and Jan-

uary. This year, the library is partnering with Ozone House, a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving Washtenaw County, to help homeless teens. Members of the Chelsea community can donate full-sized, unopened items (please no tri-

al or hotel bottles) in the CDL lobby during library open hours starting December 1 and ending January 3; look for the colorfully-wrapped donation boxes.

"This year, we're expanding the scope of our annual hygiene

drive to better serve the needs of homeless teens," says Teen librarian Stacey Comfort. "To help Ozone House, we're asking for a variety of items, from hair products to diapers, to supply the community with necessary hygiene,



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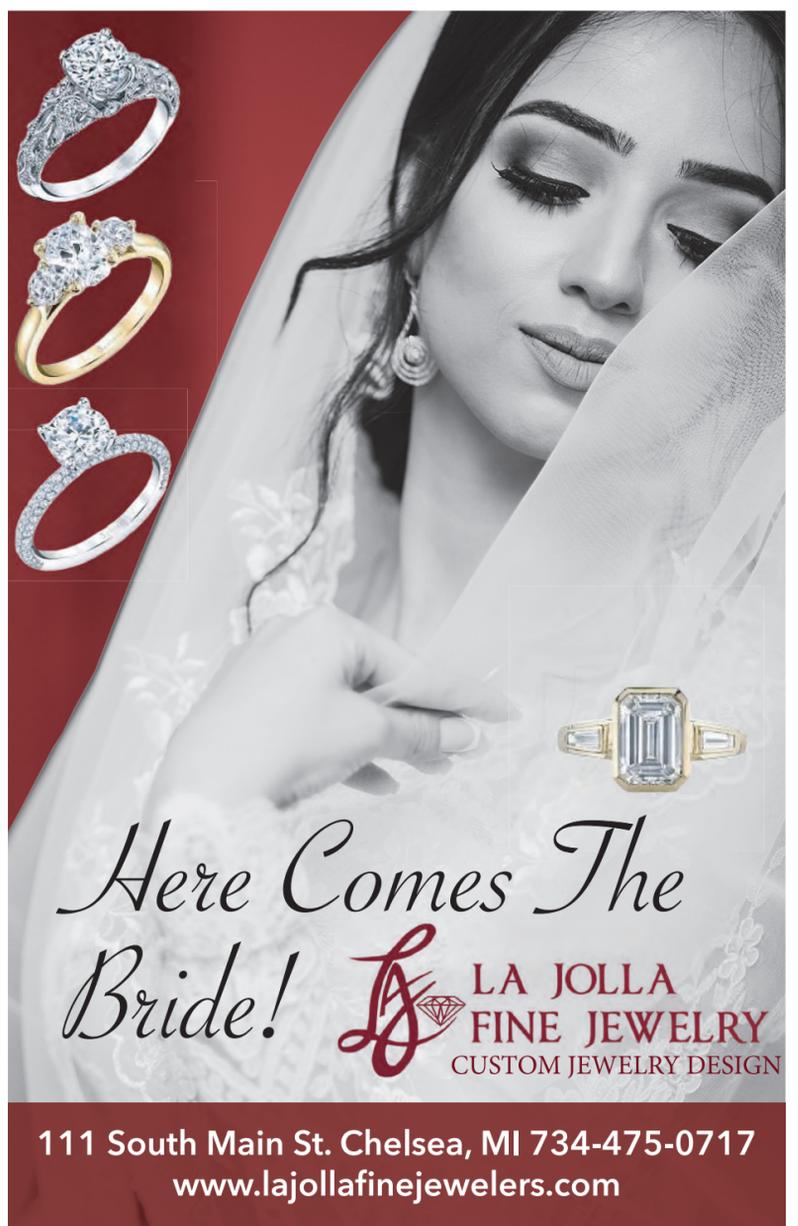
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St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Recognized with an 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

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"Among the core values that help guide our mission, not only do we honor the sacredness and dignity of every person, but we also embrace a culture that prevents harm and nurtures a healing, safe environment for all." The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to pre-

vent harm. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. "An 'A' Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which communities served by St. Joe's Chelsea should be extremely proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I thank the

leadership and workforce of St. Joe's Chelsea for their commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times." Three additional Trinity Health Michigan hospitals were also recognized. St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, St. Joseph Mercy Livingston and Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, each received "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for fall 2021. To see full hospital grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, please visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.



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