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Thanksgiving Story Time at the CDL



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According to The Child Mind Institute: “Reading to young children is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn general information about the world, which makes it easier for them to learn about new subjects once they get to school.”

The important thing is for your child to hear words and language and to have books be part of their daily life. Any steps you’re able to take can make a big difference.”

The Chelsea District Library provides excellent programming for all ages. I’ve had the pleasure of taking in several traveling art exhibits, and a class on mushrooms. This evening **continued on page 8**

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On display: Old school turns into a fabulous home



Chelsea Area Historical Society is bringing back the popular Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 2, from 1 pm - 4 pm. Due to COVID, the last time people were invited into Chelsea’s beautiful historic homes was in 2019.

“This year we have an extraordinary and truly unique home that we are thrilled to offer a look inside. The old St. Mary School at the corner of Congdon and

West Summit is now a single-family residence and will be on the tour. The challenge of making this school into a fabulous place to live was not too much for this family!” said President Jan Bernath.

Cyntha and David Burgoyne purchased the 1925 academic building in 2016 and have spent the last seven years creating it into a home for their children and grand- **continued on page 2**

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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BALLET CHELSEA’S MAGICAL NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE



From: D&B Strategic Marketing
Prepare to embark

on a magical journey as Ballet Chelsea presents The Nutcracker,

a timeless classic on stage for four performances **continued on page 6**

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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Overcoming the feeling of Hopelessness

From: Michael Patterson, Namaste Family Services, Chelsea

Many of us have lived lives that for the most part were OK. Maybe we had times that were stressful, or a loved one passed away. Maybe finances became tight or a job was lost. But with perseverance and support from friends and family we never came to a point that life lost all meaning, and all feelings of hope.

Then again there are those of us who have experienced the indescribable feeling of hopelessness. The sense that no matter what we do or who we turn to, it is fruitless because it seems that there is no one or no answer to resolve our dilemma.

Michael Moore in his book "Care of the Soul" talks about depression in a way that uses it as a tool to in life. In my work, I have encountered many who have reached a state of sheer hopelessness. No matter what I say, or what possibilities I point out my client is not able to grasp that all is not lost.

So how do you help a friend or loved one find and maintain hope when all seems lost? If you try and push your agenda on what they should or should not do it will probably fall on deaf ears. However, by showing genuine compassion and understanding, a you may gain the trust your friend one who is experiencing hopelessness. This can be done best many times without words; a gentle

touch, a small gesture of caring or just plain listening without judgment, without advice, without words.

But what do you do if you are the one who feels hopeless? You may want to seek out a friend or loved one who can listen without judgment. Expression of what is going on help you gain a sense of control. This allows you to clean out the inner obstacles that block your ability to think clearly. Clarity and insight. Then again, your path to regaining hope maybe a path of no action. This is referred to as acceptance.

When one feels hopeless here are three responses that are similar to being in a dangerous situation: Fight, Flight or Freeze. Or to put it in another way: control and dominate, run away or do nothing. Each of these responses can be helpful unless taken to the extreme. The fight response taken to the extreme would involve the compulsion to control all aspects of the particular situation you are facing. Flight taken to the extreme means to ignore the problem completely and wishing it would go away. The freeze response is just that, no practical action taken and then embracing the victim mentality until the situation or problem over whelms you. Obviously these are not solutions to being in situations that invokes the sense of hopelessness. However, aspects of all three of these responses done in a measured

way can help you to overcome the helplessness that you may now be facing.

When one has to resort to a fight response it usually is motivated by anger and or fear. A wise person will acknowledge their fear or anger but will not respond from either of those states of being. Instead he or she will use these feeling to give strength, and focus.

To flee a situation also has aspects of fear. But it also can involve wisdom. To stay and fight when the situation will overwhelm you is foolish. But to abandon any action that is practical is also foolish. A wise warrior will only stay and fight when the situation requires this action. Otherwise the warrior will avoid a fight until the time is right.

To freeze can also be described as the state of non-action. A wise warrior lets his opponent act foolishly and will only respond when the time is right or the situation demands it. Otherwise a state of non-action allows the warrior time to heal his wounds, reflect on past actions, plan for the future, and to rejuvenate her soul.

I wish I could say that there is always hope in every situation, but that would be arrogant. Then again I do believe that hope can be found in many if not most situations. But one has to be open to the possibility, be willing to change course, and accept the concept of acceptance.



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On display: Old school turns into a fabulous home

► continued from page 1 children. They have completed most renovations in 8,000 sq ft of the main building, which will be on display, and have plans for future restoration of the original gymnasium.

In addition, five other historic homes ranging from a Folk Victorian built in the 1890s to a 1930s bungalow will charm visitors. They all retain

much of their original character while being thoughtfully updated for modern use and taste and will be ready to welcome visitors for the holiday season.

Vouchers are available for sale at the Garden Mill, Hometown Pharmacy, and the CAHS Museum -- one of the oldest structures in town built in 1853. They are also available through Eventbrite by going to [\[ry.org\]\(http://ry.org\).](http://chelseahisto-</p>
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Prices are \$20 for non-members and \$17 for members. The tour starts Saturday, Dec. 2nd by turning in the purchased vouchers at the CAHS Museum at 128 Jackson Street for a copy of the event program and map. Entry tickets may be bought in-person only at the museum the day of the event from 11am-3pm.



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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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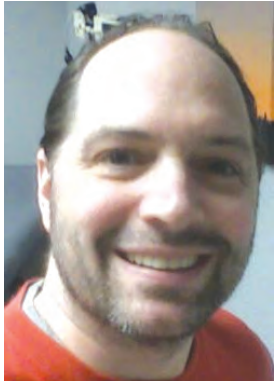
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



ON THE SIDELINE: I'M THANKFUL FOR MICROWAVES, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MOBB DEEP



By Don Richter
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I'm thankful for a lot of things.

How about you? Yes, I know this "thankful" column is early, but I'll be out of town next week, so my Thanksgiving musings will have to run in this edition of the paper.

I know, no one cares, but I had to clarify for the one or two people who read this column.

As I said earlier,

I'm thankful for a lot of things.

I'm thankful for the Detroit Lions. Err, I mean, I'm thankful for this year's version of the Detroit Lions. For the first time in my lifetime, the Lions are actually receiving some legitimate Super Bowl buzz. And the buzz is surprisingly warranted. Since starting last

season 1-6, Detroit is 15-4 in its last 19 games, including going 8-2 to close out the 2022 year. The Lions' 15-4 streak is the single greatest span of games I've ever seen Detroit play in my life. I've been watching and cheering on the Lions for five decades now. I'm thankful for this recent winning culture with Detroit,

it's long overdue.

I'm thankful for football, in general. Is there a better sport? There's no other sport where I can sit in my recliner for 12 hours straight and watch game after game and never tire. The only time I remove my rear end from my La-Z-Boy is to pay the pizza delivery person, go to the bathroom and re-

fill my pop glass. Otherwise, my sorry butt is smack dab in front of my flat screen flipping between games hour after hour until I pass out from "football watching exhaustion." It's a real thing, I looked it up.

I'm thankful for my microwave.

I'm thankful for my new Buick SUV.

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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
20. Chelsea	474
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27. Macomb Lutheran North	656

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

Individual Results - 252 Total

Place	Name	Time
3	Connell Alford*	15:11.2
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

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 divi-

sions. 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 Helzerman 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 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 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 sickness 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!

CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNINGS



From: Tracie Stoffer

Mitch Brown

University of Virginia

Men's Diving

Parents: Todd and Kathryn Brown



From: Tracie Stoffer

Leila Wells

Marquette University

Women's Basketball

Parents: Leeroy and Monique Wells



From: Tracie Stoffer

Jacob Stephens

University of North Georgia

Men's Basketball

Parents: Greg and Erin Stephens



From: Tracie Stoffer

Connell Alford

Syracuse University

Cross Country

Parents: JD and Jen Alford



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 Gamlin 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!

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Christmas Day
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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."

Since 1976, Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express has operated as a non-profit service organization dedicated to providing affordable transportation to residents in Western Washtenaw County. In Fiscal Year 2023, WAVE provided transportation for 27,000 rides covering 300,000 miles. To learn more about WAVE's services, contact them at 734-475-9494 or visit www.ridethe-wavebus.org.

Chelsea's Annual Hometown Holiday Light Parade

From: Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

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BALLET CHELSEA'S MAGICAL NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE



Photo Courtesy Michael Bessome Photography of Artistic Director Michelle Quenon, in Waltz of the Snowflakes rehearsal at the Ballet Chelsea Studios

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mances from December 15th through the 17th at Potter Center, nestled within Jackson Community College's Campus.

Join Ballet Chelsea for a new production of a beloved classic, The Nutcracker, led by Artistic Director Michelle Quenon. Michelle's rendition

offers audiences a magical experience while preserving the cherished holiday tradition. Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they embark on an

enchancing journey through the land of the sweets while enjoying the exceptional music of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and talents of Ballet

Chelsea's dedicated students and professional artists.

If you have ever wondered what goes into putting on a production like The Nutcracker, join Ballet Chelsea on December 2nd from 1:30 to 3:30 for a behind-the-scenes look at the rehearsal process! The open rehearsal will be held at Ballet Chelsea's studio, 1050 S. Main Street, Chelsea. Watch the dancers as they rehearse for The Nutcracker!

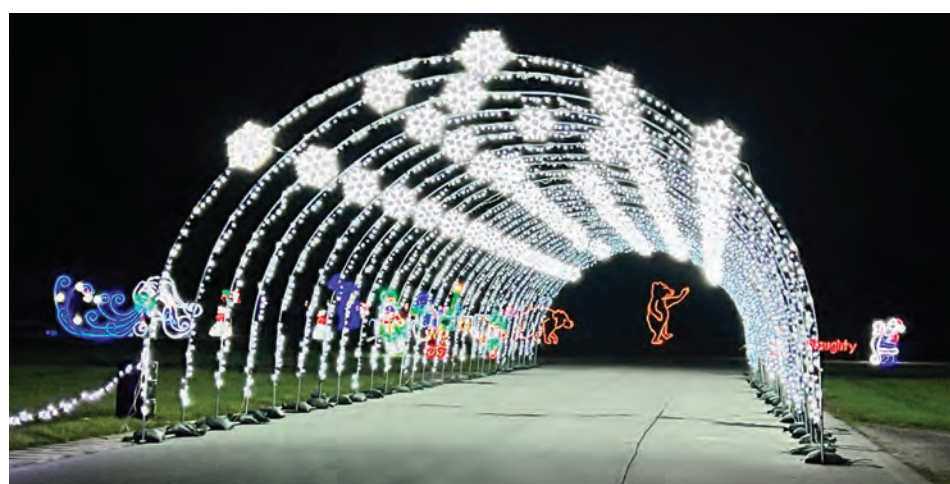
Adding to the enchantment, the Ballet Chelsea family extends a warm invitation to indulge in an intimate Sugar Plum Tea before the matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday. Perfect for kids and parents of all ages. Come watch the company class on stage,

enjoy a catered tea party with treats from the "Land of Sweets" followed by a character meet and greet, fun crafts, professional photos, and more! Seating is limited.

Secure your tickets for the 26th Annual Performance of The Nutcracker and the accompanying Sugar Plum Tea events at <https://balletchelsea.org/tickets/>.

Step into the world of Ballet Chelsea's Nutcracker and allow the season's spirit to enchant you. "Your support means the world to us as we continue our mission to nurture diverse talents and skills, extend scholarships, and enrich lives through the transformative power of the arts," shared Michelle Quenon, Artistic Director.

Nite Lites Christmas Light Show: An Experience Like No Other



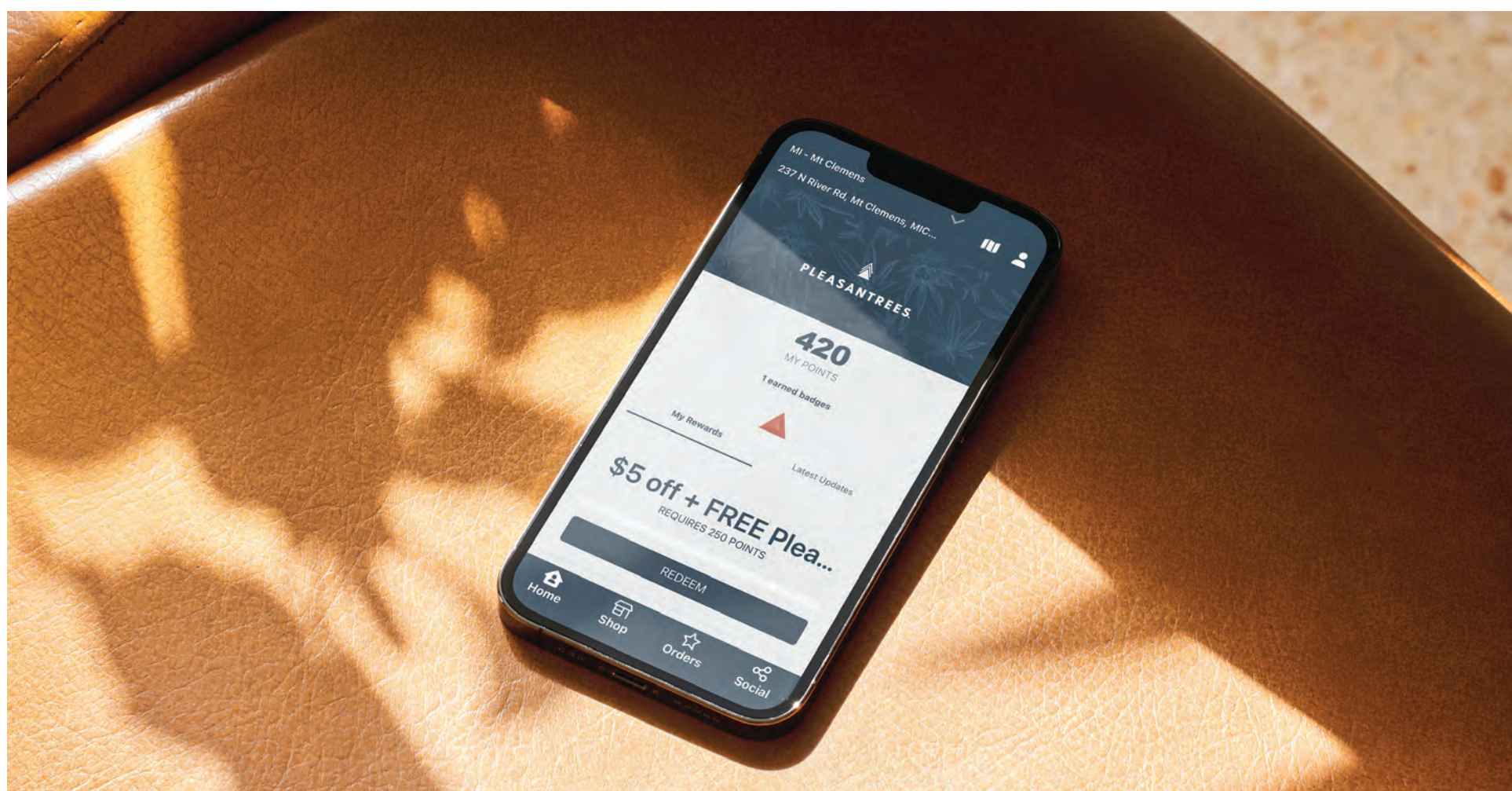
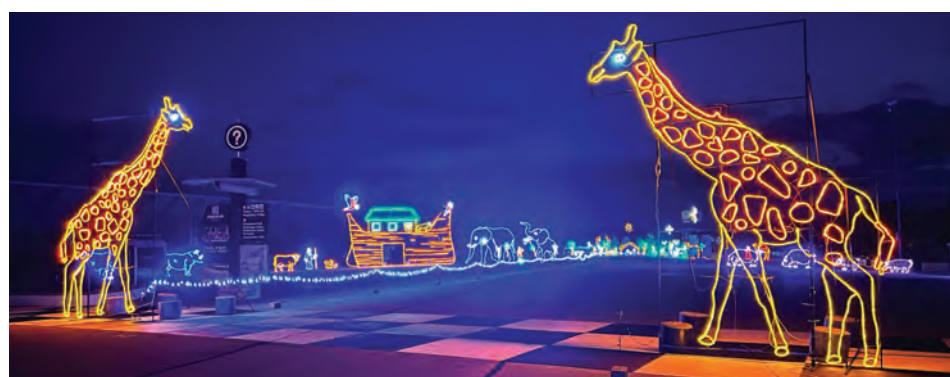
Nite Lites is a DRIVE THRU CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

An experience like no other
Our season begins 11/17

Nite Lites Christmas Lights Show is a five mile long holiday lights drive through experience. Get your tickets today!

When: November 17 - January 7th
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: \$35 per car/vehicle
\$50 per limo/motorhome/mini bus
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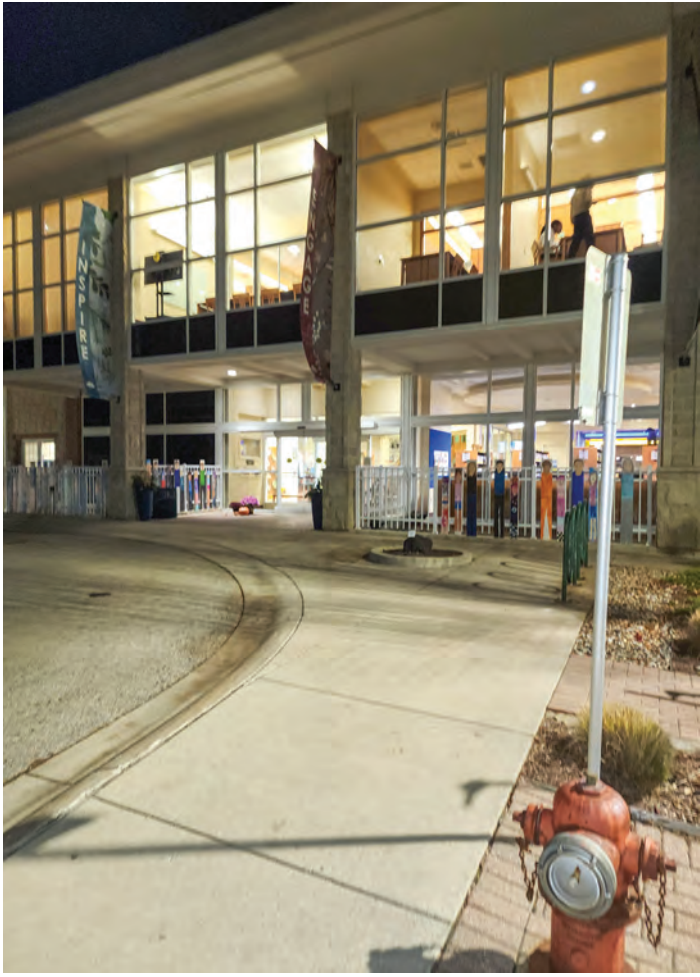
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Thanksgiving Story Time at the CDL



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I attended a special Thanksgiving story time for children aged 2-6. I did not bring a child and was met with several curious looks from tiny children but, once I was willing to sing with them, all suspicion was gone and we were smiling and singing

together. We were all happy and we knew it because we were clapping and smiling. One of the librarians helping to lead the event mentioned that the Thanksgiving evening story time usually has 30-plus attendees but the past few years it's been different. I nod, hav-

ing heard about this phenomenon quite a bit. It's the, "after covid effect." People seem to be staying home more. But, do not miss out on the great offerings provided by the library! Events this week only include; baby story time, teen-led chess clinic, finals freak out,

and preschool story time. The library is hosting all these opportunities and it will be closed for two days this week. The library provides a great deal of services for local residents. The Chelsea Library will deliver to residents with a disability; temporary or

permanent or even illness. Once you sign up you will receive a HOMEbound library ID. Purchased cardholders and other TLN patrons are not eligible but this is a great service to an aging community. Upcoming events include Mark Twain's American West, and

young readers can sign up to read to library dogs. To stay up to date on future events and take advantage of the wonderful programming offered check online <https://chelseadistrictlibrary.org/> and click on Events.

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ON THE SIDELINE: I'M THANKFUL FOR MICROWAVES, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MOBB DEEP

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I'm thankful for my new driveway, walkway and porch.

I'm thankful my knee healed. I fell off my roof a few years ago (don't ask) and busted up my knee, tore my calf muscle, twisted my ankle and somehow broke a rib. Thankfully, everything has healed. And thankfully I will not be climbing up a ladder and inspecting my roof each fall to sweep off leaves and other debris. I know, I'm an idiot. Believe me, I've been informed of that fact multiple times since falling off my roof by family, friends, significant others, work colleagues and even the nurses and doctors who helped care for me during my recuperation.

I'm thankful for my family.

I'm thankful for my friends.

I'm thankful for my job and the awesome people I work with every day.

I'm thankful for a paycheck.

I'm thankful for my health.

I'm thankful for books and magazines. Yes, I'm old school. If you've never read a

Reader's Digest, you need to take the time and do so. If you've never read a book about the connection between the state of Michigan, World War II and the Great Lakes, you owe it to yourself to sit down and do it — you won't be disappointed. Besides the New York City and Los Angeles areas, the most heavily defended city in America during WWII was Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Why you ask? You'll be amazed and quite proud to be a Michigander once you find out the answer(s). And it wasn't just because of the Soo Locks — though they did play a significant role.

I'm thankful for music. I can't stop listening to George Birge's song "Mind on You." I've also recently rediscovered the 1990s rap lyrical legends better known as Mobb Deep. Remember those guys, old timers? I recommend listening to "Give Up the Goods," "Survival of the Fittest" and "Shook Ones." You're welcome. Yeah, that's how I roll.

I'm thankful for movies like "Jaws,"

("You're gonna need a bigger boat."), "Friday the 13th," "Star Wars," "Caddyshack," ("You scratched my anchor!"), "Back to the Future," "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" and "Braveheart" ("Freedom!").

I'm thankful for my TV remote control — when I can find it.

I'm thankful for bologna and potato chip sandwiches. Yes, it's a thing. Yes, it's delicious. And, yes, I still have the tastebuds of an 8-year-old.

I'm thankful for lazy, do nothing and like it, weekends. After working seven days a week for most of the year (I had to pay for that new driveway somehow), I'm thankful for peace and quiet and being bored — bring it on.

I'm thankful I get to write a column in my local newspaper. Unlike me, it's pretty cool.

I'm thankful for another year of spending Thanksgiving with my almost 90-year-old Mom.

I'm thankful for a lot of things.

How about you? There has to be something...



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-4600

Date: November 18, 2023

Location: 700 block of Taylor Street

Time: 10:26 am

INFORMATION: While at the station the officer was assigned a complaint by phone for a larceny of a flag. The officer made contact with the complainant by phone, the complainant stated that sometime between the

evening of November 17th and the morning hours of November 18th an unknown suspect(s) had stolen a flag and bracket the flag was attached too off of the house. At the time of the report there was no further information

available on a suspect description. The neighborhood was canvassed to determine if any suspect description could be obtained and the findings were turned over to the investigator for further follow-up.

Incident #: 23-4575

Date: November 15, 2023

Location: 1000 block of S. Main Street

Time: 6:41 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 1000 block of S. Main Street for the report of a larceny from auto complaint. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that she had went inside an area

business and when she had returned to her vehicle, she noticed that her rear passenger window had been smashed out and her purse was missing. The complainant stated that she had observed two male subjects in the parking lot when the theft was

discovered and when she approached to ask if they had witnessed anything, the subjects abruptly left in their vehicle. The case was closed pending further information that may lead to the identity of the suspect(s).

Incident #: 23-4555

Date: November 14, 2023

Location: 1600 block of S. Main Street

Time: 12:57 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound in the designated turn lane on S. Main Street. The officer noted that the vehicle was traveling at a higher than the posted speed according to the patrol vehicles radar. The officer initiated his overhead lights and initiated a stop on the vehicle

in the area of M-52 x EB I-94 entrance ramp. The officer made contact with the driver and during that contact, suspected the driver to have been under the influence of alcohol. The officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and requested him to perform some standard field sobriety tests. At the conclusion of the tests the driver, iden-

tified as a 40-year-old Whitmore Lake man, was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab to determine the level of intoxication and warrant review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

Incident #: 23-4492

Date: November 9, 2023

Location: 1500 block of S. Main Street

Time: 4:47 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 1500 block of S. Main Street for the report of an indecent exposure complaint. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that they had experienced two similar incidents, most recently occurring on November 9th, the day of the report. The complainant stated that they had

received a food order and when the suspect arrived to pick up the food in the drive-thru, the suspect had exposed himself through the zipper of his pants. The complainant stated that a similar incident involving the same suspect had occurred on November 2nd to another employee. Interviews with the witnesses and complainants were completed by the officers. Through

further investigation a suspect was identified as a 71-year-old Stockbridge man. The suspect was interviewed about the alleged events and his statements were included in the incident report. The case will be submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, requesting charges for Aggravated Indecent Exposure.

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