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Brio Living Services Earns Top Ratings for Excellence from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

All Three Brio Skilled Nursing Centers Receive 5-Star Ratings



From: Lisa French
Brio Living Services (formerly UMRC & Porter Hills) recently announced that it has earned the highest possible ratings for its three skilled nursing centers following the latest review from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This includes the Kresge Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center at Chelsea Retirement Community in Chelsea, Michigan; and the Health Center at Porter Hills Village and Green House® Homes, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The 5-star quality rating system used by CMS is intended as a measure to help people more effectively compare and choose nursing care centers, according to Steve Fetyko, President and CEO of Brio Living Services. Ratings are determined after CMS thoroughly examines each center's health inspections, staffing, and other

key quality measures. "A 5-star rating signifies excellence and is a direct result of our team members' dedication to providing the highest quality care for all those we serve," said Fetyko. "The Medicare star rating is made up of three areas: quality, staffing ratios, and state survey results," explained Nicole Maag, RN, NHA, CALD, COS, Chief of Residential Services for Brio Living Services. "We are so incredibly proud to have all three of our skilled nursing centers reach the highest level across these three areas. Medicare defines a '5-star' rating as 'much above average,' which is what we strive for every day at Brio Living Services. So to be recognized publicly is a wonderful testament to all of our effort and constant dedication to our mission." "The Team at Kresge Center worked very hard to focus on

quality outcomes to achieve the 5-star rating," said Kathy Russell, RN, BSN, LNHA, Executive Director of Chelsea Retirement Community. "This is difficult to achieve and is a testament to how well the team works together to provide the best possible care for our residents."

Trisha Watkins, NHA, Administrator for Porter Hills Village Health Center and Green House® Homes, added, "It takes a compassionate, dedicated team to accomplish a 5-star rating, and our teams' caring efforts are reflected here. I am so proud of our teams and grateful for each member!"

Maag agreed. "Having one 5-star rated community is extremely difficult to achieve, but for each of our Medicare-rated skilled nursing centers to earn 5 stars is just incredible," says Maag. "We are tremendously proud of the amazing care being delivered each day in all of our clinical areas at Brio Living Services."



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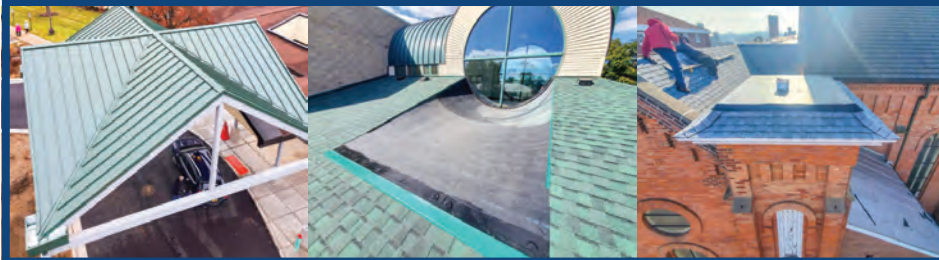
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ADULT LEARNERS INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW FEE SCHEDULE

By Peter Van Hoek
Starting in the Winter/Spring 2024 term, the Adult Learners Institute (ALI) has a new fee structure. All registration fees are being eliminated. The fee structure for the classes

has been minimally increased to make up for the elimination of the registration fees. You will now pay a single fee for each class, depending on the number of sessions for that class. The new fees will

be set forth in the upcoming catalog for the Winter/Spring term. We hope this new structure will make it easier and more transparent to sign up for ALI classes.



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Intuitive Artist Holiday Market at Robin Hills



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By Aimee Bingham
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Nov 25-26th was the third annual Robin Hills Farm Intuitive Artist Holiday Market. Hosted in the glass house with beautiful market lights and warm radiant heat, residents got a head start on Holiday shopping by patronizing local artists while browsing unrushed in the beau-

tiful glass house at Robin Hills farm.

Though it was the 3rd annual, this year was the first I'd heard of it and I was unsure what to expect. According to vocabulary.com, "Intuitive means having the ability to understand or know something without any direct evidence or reasoning process." Not to split hairs but I think New Age is a better way to

describe the booths and artists in attendance

My daughter purchased a stone that she's carrying with her to help with anxiety. I purchased some organic oils and debated over a set to cleanse my chakras. We explored the Hiram pants, yoga blankets, leather bags, pottery, and Cacao and enjoyed some locally made cinnamon

rolls from Kitchen Little which utilizes Agricole's Kitchen right in Chelsea, and shared a space with Gora's Goodies who also utilizes Agricole.

I wanted to buy everything but I was shopping for gifts for other people, not myself! Unlike typical hectic holiday shopping, we spent a relaxed, unhurried afternoon enjoying the beauty of Robin Hills

and some new-age products, which we really like. It is nice to be able to find options

locally that appeal to all types of individual tastes.

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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA ATHLETICS THANK YOU COACH LUCAS

Josh Lucas has accepted the head varsity coaching position at Jenison High School. Lucas, a Hudsonville High School graduate and former assistant coach returns to the west side of the state after an impressive six year run as the head coach of the Bulldogs which included 4 SEC White Division titles and 4 MHSAA Semifinal Appearances. Lucas also led the Bulldogs to the 2021 Division 4 State Title with a 55-52 last second win over Hudsonville Unity Christian in one of the greatest state finals games in MHSAA history. Lucas finishes with a record of 60-13 in his six seasons with the Bulldogs. Lucas also taught physical education at Chelsea High School for the past six years. Chelsea Athletics would like to thank Coach Lucas for all he has done for Chelsea Athletics and wish him and his family all the best!

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

continued from page 1 from December 15th through the 17th at Potter Center, nestled within Jackson Com-

munity 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 enchanting 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.

St. Louis Center CEO Transition on December 1st, 2023



Photo By Kelly Flaherty



St. Louis Center, a residential care facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

(I/DD) in Chelsea, MI, is pleased to announce significant leadership changes effective December 1, 2023. Father Sathesh Alphonse, SdC, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Father Enzo Addari, SdC, who will transition to a supporting role. Father

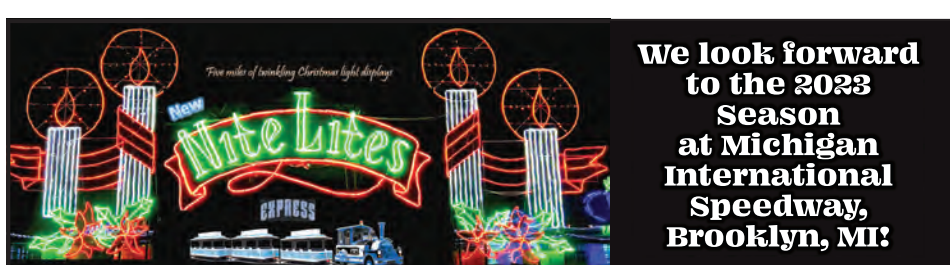
Enzo Addari, a dedicated member of the Servants of Charity, has been instrumental in the growth and success of St. Louis Center since 1983. His commitment began in seminary when he chose to work with those with developmental disabilities. His journey brought him from Italy to the United States in 1977, where he earned a master's degree from Villanova University, eventually becoming Chief Executive Officer of the St. Louis Center in 2005. Under his leadership, St. Louis Center celebrated its 50th and 60th Anniversaries, expanded

into St. Louis Guanel-la Village, and evolved into a pioneering model for comprehensive and integrated services for people with I/DD. Father Enzo's vision has made the Center a lighthouse of hope and a model replicated nationwide. Father Sathesh Alphonse, also a member of the Servants of Charity, brings his own unique energy and charisma to the role. Originally from India, he is known for his joyful spirit and commitment to spreading the Gospel. Father Sathesh began his journey at St. Louis Center in 2006, later serving at Pious Union in Grass

Lake, and since 2018 as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center. Father Sathesh's new role as CEO reflects his extensive service and community involvement. His leadership is warmly embraced by both the residents and staff of St. Louis Center, who are excited to welcome a familiar and respected figure into this pivotal role. Father Sathesh is well-positioned to lead the Center into the future, further enriching its legacy of innovation and compassionate care. Reflecting on the transition, Father Enzo shares, "There is a time for beginning projects

and a time for passing them to capable hands. I am confident in Father Sathesh's leadership and look forward to supporting him during this transition. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the community for their unwavering support over the past 18 years as CEO." St. Louis Center, now in its 64th year, remains committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive community for adults with I/DD. For more information about St. Louis Center or to support its programs, please visit stlouiscenter.org or call 734-475-8430.

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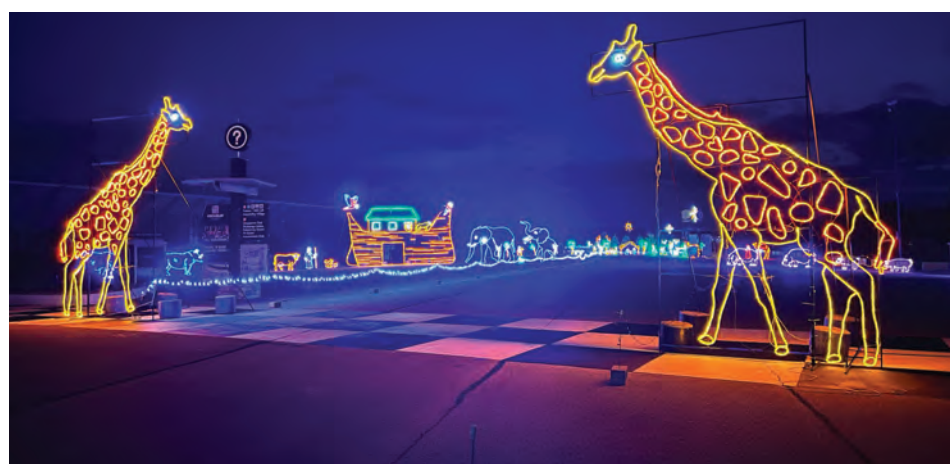
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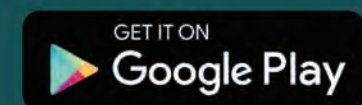
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Women's Advent Service Is Back



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December 2019 was the last time the Women's Advent service took place. Chelsea First United Methodist Church has traditionally hosted the candlelit women's advent service with Chelsea MOPS (moms of preschoolers). But, 2019 was the last year of the Candlelit Advent service and MOPs before Covid. December 6, 2023 the Women's Candlelit Advent Service returned to the

Chelsea First United Methodist Church hosted by Momco, formerly MOPS.

What is Momco and how is it different from MOPS? MomCo is Mops but grown up. MOPs became an organization of moms of 3-5 year olds. MomCo is an organization of moms with kids of all ages. If your kids are grown and having babies of their own and you want to help a young mom survive the terrible twos, you're welcome to join as a

mentor mom. If you miss having little ones run around you're welcome to volunteer in the childcare room. You are welcome if you never had children but would like to volunteer in the childcare room. According to the Momco website, "As a mom community, we:

- Raise our kids and one another.
- Bodily elevate motherhood.
- Embrace the unexpected and imperfect.
- Understand our

direction is more important than our speed.

Celebrate often and loudly.

Know every mom has a place with us.

Follow Jesus and invite others to journey with us.

Momco is a Christian group but is welcoming to everyone. If you are interested in learning more about Chelsea Momco check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thechelseamops>.

Advent symbolizes the Christian concepts of hope, peace, joy, and love. The MomCo and first MOPs presented a women's candlelit advent service as a calm way for women to ease into the typically stressful and chaotic holiday season. The Advent service features Holiday music and speakers on the topics of hope, peace, joy, and love. The women of Momco provided appetizers and desserts for attendees and the room



in the church was beautifully decorated. The MomCo Women's Candlelit service is a cherished Hometown Holiday

Tradition. It was wonderful to witness its return on December 6 2023 after a long Covid hiatus.



Effective and Objective Communication within an Intimate Relationship

From: Michael J. Patterson, Namaste Family Services, Chelsea

In my work with couples I find certain and specific traits that undermine the intimacy and connection between partners. Although there may be more, I will focus on the following:

1. Poor listening.
2. Lack of empathy and validation.
3. Defensiveness.
4. Wanting to win the conflict versus solve the issue.
5. Lack of skills to deescalate the conflict.
6. Misinterpretation of tone and/or body language.
7. The need to control the outcome of the conflict.
8. Being triggered by past abuse or trauma.
9. Using time-outs to deescalate your emotional state.

Effective and active Listening

You might think that unless you have physical difficulty with hearing, being an effective listener would be easy. However in a difficult if not contentious discussion, many will stop actually lis-

tening and spend the time wanting to win the argument or tune out. In many relationship there probably was a time when each of you hung on every word of your partner. The courtship and honeymoon phase of the relationship. But time and life slowly makes the phase of the relationship fade. This is normal and adjustments can be made to keep the dialogue and intimacy alive even when life gets tough. But if a couple start to drift apart of the stressors are difficult if not intense, then it may take extra effort to maintain a connection and work together to resolve and solve issues within the relationship. This is where the skills of active and effective listening come in.

Active listening requires for you to "... listen attentively to a speaker, understand what they're saying, respond and reflect on what's being said, and retain the information for later." (<https://www.usip.org/public-education-new/what-active-listening>). For some, being an at-

tentive listener comes naturally. However for most it is a skill that needs to be learned and practiced.

Some of the basics of active listening are:

1. Regular eye contact.
2. Open and inviting body language.
3. Asking for clarification.
4. Responding to what you heard with either a response or rephrasing what the person said to ensure you understand or heard correctly.
5. Do not judge what the other person is saying but rather accept it as their point of view or perception.
6. Ask open ended questions to gain better understanding.
7. Do not become defensive or argumentative.

If both parties practice and engage in active listening, many misperceptions and hurt emotions become less and less of an issue. Agreement is not the goal of active listening. The goal is to fully understand the others message or point of view, demonstrate that you have understanding, and respond in a

calm compassionate manner.

Empathy
What is empathy? "It's the ability to understand another person's thoughts and feelings in a situation from their point of view, rather than your own. It differs from sympathy, where one is moved by the thoughts and feelings of another but maintains an emotional distance..." (<https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/topic/empathy/definition>).

Empathy is a critical component in relationship communication. It allows understanding and compassion to decrease the intensity while also helping to facilitate a mutual outcome. Many individuals are natural empathes. But others struggle with this skill. They may have not received it in their family or their brain is wired so that abstract concepts such as this are difficult to accept. Prior to becoming a therapist, I volunteered at a nonprofit crisis hotline. Before we were allowed on the phone we were put through an intense training on

the concept and use of empathic techniques. After this training, I found other areas of my life going smoother and my communication becoming more effective. I found it easier to relate to others and for them to accept my viewpoint.

Empathy requires:

1. Active listening.
2. Reading non-verbal cues.
3. Learning and using the language of empathy.
4. Nonjudgmental attitude.
5. Doing your best to see things from the others viewpoint.
6. Calm tone of voice with encouraging phrases that help the other express themselves fully without feeling judged.
7. Sensitivity to the other's emotional state and acknowledging their emotions or asking for clarification so you do understand.

As you can see, empathy is a skill that needs to be developed if it does not come naturally to you. But even just a rudimentary understanding and use of empathy will reap significant benefits in

your relationship with your partner and others.

Validation
"Validation is the recognition and acceptance of another person's internal experience as having reality for them."

Validation is easier to understand and implement into your communication with your partner. Basically it is acknowledging that the other person in their eyes has a realistic perception. You don't have to agree, you just have to accept that for them this experience is real and important, and matters to them. It is not you goal to change their perception. Your goal is to help them understand that your idea or position has importance for you. You are not trying to change their mind, just asking for acceptance that what you are proposing has value. This becomes the foundation for solutions or compromise. For validation to work you must be genuine in your acceptance to their point of view.

SENIOR MOMENT: A Tradition of Gratitude



The 'army' of volunteers who facilitated the feast for over 200 diners at the November 17 Thanksgiving lunch.



Mary and Jim Hoey were two of the delighted participants at the annual Donald Cole Community Thanksgiving lunch at Chelsea Senior Center.

Submitted by Meg Gilbert

On Friday, November 17, the Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) dining room was buzzing with happy conversation and awash in delicious aromas at the annual Donald Cole Community Thanksgiving lunch. The tables were decorated with fall-themed placemats and centerpieces, and "celebrity volunteers" served heaping plates of traditional fare to over 200 diners. The stuffing and the generous pieces of pumpkin pie received especially

enthusiastic reviews. Bill O'Reilly, CSC Executive Director, welcomed guests and acknowledged the efforts of staff and volunteers in setup, serving, and cleanup for the no-cost lunch. He especially thanked the Cole family, who underwrite the Thanksgiving feast. Allen Cole, owner of Cole Funeral Chapel, gave the meditation and asked for the blessing.

In a pre-feast interview, Cole noted that, to the best of his recollection, his father, Donald Cole, began the Thanksgiving meal in 1977 or 1978, out of his gratitude for the support and welcome the community gave to the family when the senior Cole assumed ownership of the former Burkhart Funeral Home. Allen Cole said he believes his father bought those first turkeys and the rest of the meal items, and hired cooks from the public school to prepare the meal. He thinks that some people invited to the first meal were grieving community members who had recently used the services of the Funeral Chapel, and that his father was concerned for

those who might be alone at that traditional family-gathering time. Cole mentioned that his father was one of the most habitually grateful people he, Allen, had ever known. Cole senior was a supporter of the early Chelsea Senior Services organization, and served on the Board when it became CSC. "I was a kid, didn't really pay that much attention when it started," Cole notes, "but my dad just loved being of help to those in need, and he loved the Thanksgiving meal tradition. Saying grace for that meal was a highlight of his year." Donald Cole passed away in September 2021.

Now, saying the blessing before the Thanksgiving lunch has become a favorite moment in Allen Cole's year, too. "I miss my dad. This always makes me feel closer to him, and I'm glad the Senior Center is continuing the tradition."

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

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Give the Gift of Health Gift Card Special* (CHE/DEX) November 28–December 24

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*Community welcome!



Hometown Holiday Begins



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By Aimee Bingham
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The annual Hometown Holiday Celebration kicked off on Friday December 1st with the tree lighting ceremony, Christmas Carols, and a visit from Santa. During December, Chelsea has an event to enjoy nearly every day. The first official weekend of Hometown Holiday was a hectic one.

Friday night was the Tree Lighting in Pierce Park. There was free pizza from Jets and free cocoa from Lakehouse Bakery. Santa arrives every year on a festive fire truck decked out

in Christmas lights and makes the Hometown Holiday season official with the flip of a switch. A sing along of everyone's favorite carols happens. After being canceled last year the Live Nativity returned to Chelsea. Instead of being at Palmer Commons, The Live Nativity took place at St. Mary Catholic Church. The traditional live outdoor Nativity happened and included a large scale model train display and crafts for kids inside the church hall. The Light Parade thrilled as usual, on December 2nd.

Waterloo Area Historical Society

hosted the 28th annual Christmas on the Farm. Being the mom of a Ballet Chelsea Company dancer, our weekend was filled with Nutcracker rehearsals and company events. But we were able to attend Christmas on the Farm and The Children's Bazaar at The First United Methodist Church. We had a great time learning about what life used to be like on Waterloo Farm. Each time I visit I am impressed at how much the guides really enjoy teaching and the great stories shared. We saw curling irons and irons heating on the stove. We learned about

gathering and storing ice from lakes and ponds before freezers, electricity, ice cube trays and ice makers. We also learned how hard it was to be a farm worker and saw their living conditions. We learned that candles were used on Christmas trees which seems really dangerous. And that nothing went to waste; old clothing and fabric. My daughter was given a scavenger hunt, which she completed by learning from the guides on the tour. She was awarded a prize for completing it and we all learned a lot in the process. The Children's Bazaar is a holiday tra-

dition. Children are able to purchase items made by the Material Girls from February to October. All profits earned from the Bazaar are donated to Faith in Action. It is one of the many ways members of the Chelsea community come together during Hometown Holiday and support charitable giving. Another way to contribute is to donate a new, unwrapped toy to Palmer Auto Service from now until Dec 12. Toys will be distributed locally through Faith in Action.

To learn more about Hometown Holiday events check out the calendar at <https://chelseamich.com/>.

You can also be amazed by local talented youth by enjoying The Nutcracker Dec 15-17 at The Potter Center in Jackson. Tickets can be purchased online <https://balletchelsea.org/tickets/>. Chelsea has made the holiday season a wonderful community event. One need not be religious to take part and enjoy the fun events in the community. I personally love the decorated light poles around town. Snoopy, Woodstock and an icy Warlock can be found on light poles around town. It's hard to be in a bad mood seeing those characters.

CDL Celebrates the 2023 Friend and Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients!



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

ENGAGE. INSPIRE. EQUIP.

Chelsea District Library (CDL) staff and volunteers were excited to gather at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 2. At this celebration, CDL honored two individuals who have been particularly generous in their service to the library. The awards originated in 1992 as a small way to recognize the enormous gratitude CDL has for those individuals who help to further its mission. These dedicated individuals provide great value to the library by doing work above and beyond the normal scope of the CDL staff. This year CDL celebrates the services of 2023 Friend of the Year David Griffiths and 2023 Volunteer of the Year Dan Kaminsky.

David and his wife Marion moved to Chelsea in 2017 after his forty-year career at Hillsdale College as the theatre department's scenic designer and technical director. He recalls, "Once settled, I was looking

for a volunteer opportunity and heard the library was a possibility, what better for a lifelong reader? ... Books have always been a source of joy for me. As Groucho Marx once said - 'Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend - inside of a dog, it's too dark to read anyway.'" David has volunteered his time with the Friends Used Book Sale since 2018. When told of his nomination, David shared, "The library was part of my daily work life, researching facts for the classroom and information and images for sets. The plays we produced covered the widest variety of subjects and eras imaginable and libraries provide the information we need for every topic and taste. Libraries supported me throughout my work life and now it is my turn to support them however I can."

CDL's Volunteer of the Year, Dan Kaminsky, has a decades-long service history with CDL. He was part of the

successful campaign to form our library district and an incredibly generous donor in our recent efforts to bring Mobile CDL into library services. He has helped with book sales, deliveries to the homebound, and even served a stint as the library board president. Reflecting on the formation of the district, Dan shared, "At the time, I envisioned more books, more room, finally some staff. What happened astounds me now today. The library has become an enormous benefit for our community, with interesting programs, great resources, and helpful knowledgeable staff. It's a place that everyone in Chelsea can be proud of."

The staff at CDL could not agree more with this sentiment and gives thanks to all of our wonderful Friends and volunteers. It is with the help of many hands that we are able to engage, inspire, and equip our community! For information about volunteering, please contact Linda Ballard at 734-475-8732 x202. For more information on becoming a Friend, visit friends.chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

WASHTENAW UNITED RESULTS

From: Adam Winters

9-6 Loss to Cranbrook-Kingswood. "Unfortunately, our

only goalie had to leave the game about halfway through, we subbed in another skater in her spot. Dexter forward

Daphne Grant scored a Hat trick," stated head coach Adam Winters.

Chelsea Hospital Recognized as "Top Teaching Hospital" for Third Consecutive Year

Chelsea Hospital, a joint venture between Trinity Health Michigan and University of Michigan Health, has earned the "Top Teaching Hospital" award from The Leapfrog Group for a third straight year. The Top Teaching Hospital is a category within the Top Hospital award program, which is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive.

To qualify for the distinction, hospitals must rank at the top among peers on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest standards for quality and patient safety and achieve top performance in their category. To see the

full list of institutions honored as 2023 Top Hospitals, visit www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals.

"I would like to congratulate all the physicians and clinicians at Chelsea Hospital for making this recognition possible three years in a row," said Ben Miles, president of Chelsea Hospital. "As a Top Teaching Hospital, the communities we serve benefit from our strong commitment to attracting and retaining top medical talent, as well as the high standards we demand of ourselves in the areas of quality and patient safety."

In 2023, more than 2,100 hospitals were considered for the Top Hospital distinction, with 132 hospitals be-

ing selected, including:

- 75 Top Teaching
- 34 Top General
- 15 Top Rural
- 8 Top Children's

"Protecting patients from preventable harm is the cornerstone of The Leapfrog Group's mission," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Chelsea Hospital has demonstrated that patient safety is their top priority, and we're truly pleased to recognize them as a Top Hospital this year. Congratulations to hospital staff at all levels who made this national recognition possible."

All Top Hospitals will be honored tonight at the 2023 Leapfrog Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



From: BARRY LONIK TOWNSHIP LAND PROTECTION CONSULTANT (734) 223-2321

The Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation ease-

ment purchase from the John Orr Trust. The property is just over 144 acres in size with frontage on the north side of Gregory Rd. east of Huron River Dr. It is comprised almost entirely of prime and locally important agricultural soils, along with 12 acres of woods. The property is bordered by permanently protected land to the east and south and expands a block of conserved land now totalling 846 acres. The conservation easement ensures that the land will never be devel-



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-4813

Date: December 9, 2023

Location: 700 block of N. Freer Rd.

Time: 10:30 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers responded to the 700 block of N. Freer Road for the report of an assault complaint. Upon arrival officers were met outside by patrons who stated that the reported altercation was inside the gym area. The officers responded

to that area and made contact with some of the parties involved in the incident, as well as some witnesses. The incident remains open pending further investigation and review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office to determine what charges may be autho-

rized. Anyone who witnessed the incident and wishes to give a statement about what they observed is encouraged to come to the Chelsea Police Department and fill out a statement about what they witnessed.

oped but it remains in private ownership and is not open to the public.

The Orr farm was purchased from Darrel and Ella Heidt by John Orr in 1969 as an investment. Over the years the Orr family became attached to the land resulting in parcels being gifted to Mr. Orr's daughters. Both built their primary residences on their sites and continue to live there. Throughout the years the farm property was rented out for the planting and harvesting of crops.

Conservation easements are per-

manent deed restrictions on the use of a property. Purchasing easements costs less than buying the property, and keeps the property on the tax rolls and contributing to the local economy.

In addition to Webster Township's dedicated land preservation millage, funding support was supplied by the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program, the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and the State of Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund. Webster's share was 8% of

the appraised value purchase price.

Webster Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage which voters passed initially in 2005 and renewed twice, all by large margins. The Township has attracted over \$15 million of matching funds from other sources, a rate of over \$5 to \$1 of its own. With this project the Township program has been involved in protecting 2,682 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL

Christmas Meal

Gather With Others This Christmas!

Members of our community who would be alone on Christmas Day or who cannot afford a Christmas meal are invited to gather for a free meal at Chelsea Hospital.

Monday, December 25
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Space is limited.
Please call the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-9242 to register.

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