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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.

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-


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.

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
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LIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 2, 2023 | 6pm

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BALLET CHELSEA'S MAGICAL NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE

The Nutcracker 2023
DECEMBER 15-17 | POTTER CENTER

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From: D&B Strategic Marketing Prepare to embark on a magical journey as Ballet Chelsea presents The Nutcracker, a time-

less classic on stage for four performances from

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAY **Holiday events throughout December**

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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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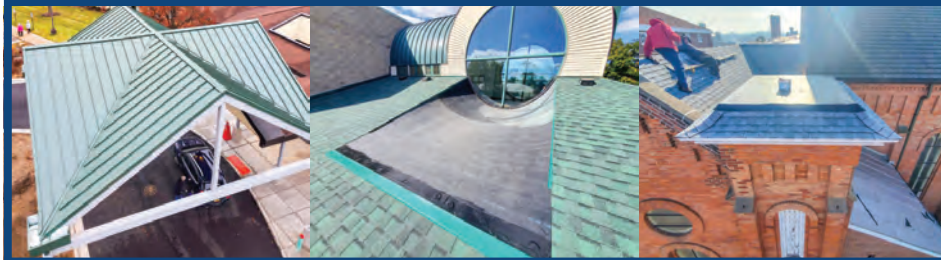
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On display: Old school turns into a fabulous home

► 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://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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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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 Men's Basketball
 Parents: Greg and Erin Stephens



From: Tracie Stoffer
Leila Wells
 Marquette University
 Women's Basketball
 Parents: Leeroy and Monique Wells



From: Tracie Stoffer
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 Syracuse University
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 Parents: JD and Jen Alford

Chelsea's Annual Hometown Holiday Light Parade

From: Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

Join us for the Annual Hometown Holiday Light Parade!

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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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 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 ren-

dition 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!

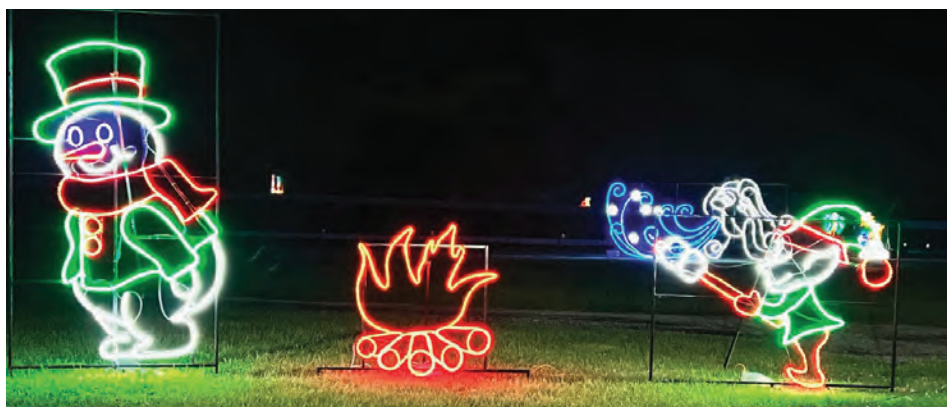
Adding to the enchantment, the Ballet Chelsea family extends a warm invitation to indulge in an intimate Sugar Plum Tea before the matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday. Perfect for kids and parents of all ages. Come watch the company

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.

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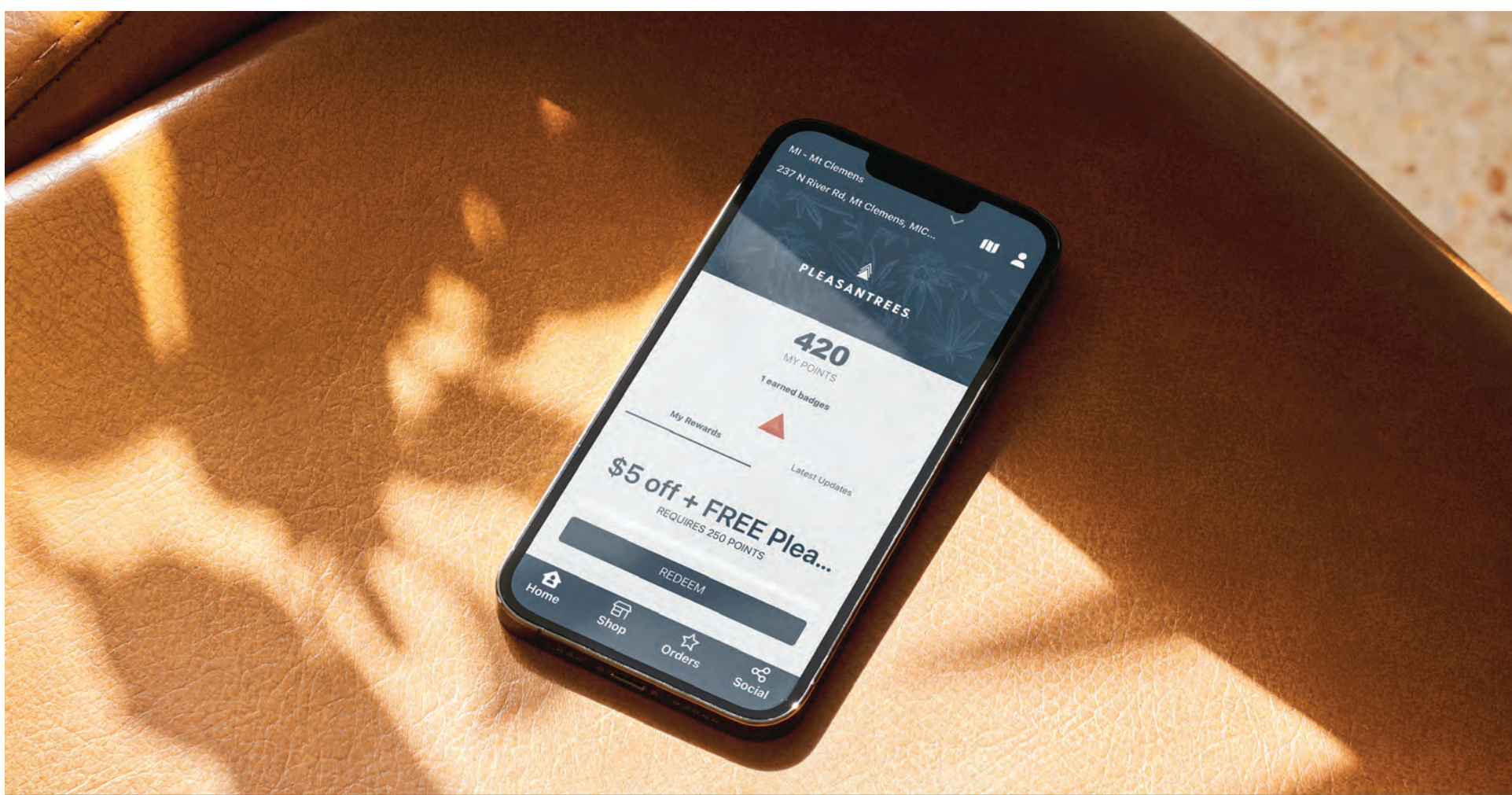
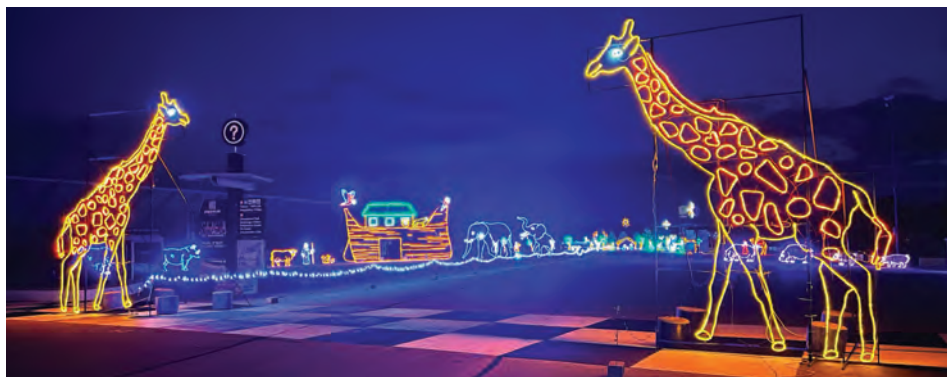
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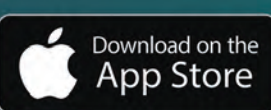
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Christmas Eve
December 24

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Kids in Motion • CLOSED
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Christmas Day
December 25
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New Year's Eve
December 31

CHE/DEX • 7:00am-3:00pm
Kids in Motion • CLOSED
STK • CLOSED

New Year's Day
January 1
CLOSED

Faith In Action Pajama Drive* (CHE/DEX/STK) November 28–December 14

Help Faith In Action by donating children's pajamas (sizes 5T-16). Drop off your unwrapped donations in the lobby!

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

Deck the Halls (CHE/DEX/STK) December 11–January 7

Workout during the busy holiday season and you could win a prize! Earn a drawing entry every day you workout at your home center for a minimum of one hour. Your entries will be entered into a gift basket drawing each week.

Blood Drive* (CHE)

December 12 • 12:00pm–6:00pm
To register call 734-214-0220.

108 Sun Salutations for the Winter Solstice* (DEX) Friday, December 15 • 5:30pm–6:30pm Dexter Wellness Center • FREE

Purchase a Winter Solstice shirt and receive a guest pass! Honor the Winter Solstice early with this abbreviated Sun Salutation Practice. Participants will flow through Sun Salutations with Dianna for 60 minutes. This celebration is also a practice of patience and stamina, of flexibility and strength, of mind and body. Come with no expectations, an open mind, and willingness to try and leave with a new energy and confidence. All fitness levels welcome! Modifications to all Sun Salutations will be shown. We encourage you to pre-register for this class. This class is approximately 60-minutes but may go over depending on pace. For more information, please visit the Member Service Desk.

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



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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.

**From: BARRY LONIK
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The Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation easement 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 developed 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 permanent deed restrictions on the use of a property. Purchasing easements



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-4633

Date: November 21, 2023

Location: 1000 block of S. Main Street

Time: 7:18 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of S. Main Street for the report of a bomb threat complaint. Upon arrival the officer was met by the complainant who stated that they had received a phone call from a female who said that "her dad was inside the store with a bomb strapped to his

chest" according to the complainant. The complainant and the officer confirmed that there were no males inside the establishment, with the exception of a male subject who had entered just prior to the officer entering. The officer checked the male patron and searched the property and found no evidence of an explosive device. The

complainant stated that they had received an additional call approximately 30 minutes before the police had been contacted. At the time of the report there was no further information available on the identity of the suspect(s). The case was turned over to the investigator for further follow-up.

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4TH QUARTER/ END OF YEAR HOLIDAY SPECIALS!

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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.

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