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Sounds & Sights 2023



Story and more photos on page 2. Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski.

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DOWNTOWN CHELSEA BUSINESS, LA MAISON, TO CLOSE JULY 2023

From: Sarah Velick

After nearly 9 years in downtown Chelsea, the retail store, LA MAISON, located at 104 N Main Street, Chelsea, will be closing in July.

We have enjoyed the support of the Chelsea community and have met some of the

best people through this store. Over the past few years, retail has been a wild ride and now it's time for us to make a change. While we will no longer have a physical store in town, Dana will continue to be available for Interior Design Services as d. marie interiors.

Thank you Chelsea Community for all your kindness and support of our special little store over these past nine years. We appreciate it and we will miss you!!
-Dana McGrath
DETAILS ABOUT STORE CLOSING:
• The store will be closed from July 2nd

through July 4th to prepare for liquidation.
• Wednesday July 5th doors will reopen to begin the LIQUIDATION SALE with deep discounts storewide.
• Already red-lined items are not included.
• ALL SALES WILL BE FINAL.

Washtenaw County
Clean-Up Days

2023 Events

- June 24 – Northfield Township
Registration opens May 12th
- July 22 – Augusta Township
Registration opens June 9th
- July 29 – Pittsfield Township
Registration opens June 16th
- August 5 – City of Chelsea
Registration opens June 23rd
- August 26 – City of Ypsilanti
Registration opens July 14th

Additional information about event time and location is provided at registration.

Registration will be required to attend any County Clean-Up Day. This change will allow us to better serve residents by spacing out event traffic arrival time. This strategy will significantly reduce wait times and reduce carbon emissions caused by idling cars at the event. Additional information regarding location, time and materials accepted will be disclosed during registration. Register at washtenaw.org/cleanup

For assistance with registration, or to find alternative locations for recycling or disposal, call 734-222-3950.

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Sydney Ash Stands Out as Top Teen Volunteer at Chelsea District Library



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JULY 28-29 2023 SOUNDS SIGHTS FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN CHELSEA, MICHIGAN **JULY 28-29 2023**

For more information visit:
<https://chelseamich.com/annual-events/ssf/>

Sounds & Sights 2023



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
anbingham@gmail.com

After a one-week bad weather hiatus, Sounds and Sights Chelsea was back last week. It was Thursday evening, my husband was working and there was nothing to make for dinner. My daughter and I headed into Chelsea to see what actually happens during Sounds and Sights, as neither of us has ever been. The line started to wrap around the side for Smokehouse 52 and it smelled amazing. We headed to Palmer Commons to catch the, "How to Chalk series," with Aaron Turek. Before arriving my daughter gleefully accepted a free freeze pop from a friendly man running a booth on the sidewalk. The previous week's weather cancellation was a serious disappointment to my daughter as she wanted to learn to chalk mythical creatures. We arrived in time

to find boxes of chalk and clipboards with step-by-step instructions for mermaids, dragons, wizards, and other creatures.

As my daughter worked diligently on a mermaid the band started to play. The Devil Elvis Show began playing Elvis Presley songs much to the enthusiasm of the audience. Elderly, seated on the lawn of Palmer Commons began foot tapping and singing along, some ladies even got up and danced. Children drawing felt the same foot tapping, body moving effect of the music. The act was sponsored by Heydlauff's, and was a crowd-pleaser. After my daughter had her fill of chalking mythical creatures we headed toward the car. We made a few stops by the booths lining the sidewalk and parking lot next to Palmer Commons. We stopped by the Secret Crisis Comics booth to browse. One

of the men working the booth asked my daughter her age and made her night by pulling up a pack of Pokemon cards. My daughter heard mention of a magician across the street and begged to go watch for a bit. We headed across Main St. to catch some of John Russell's magic performances.

On our way back we found a photo op spot with accessories including hats, a tiara, sunglasses, boas, and fans. Sounds and Sights was a perfect evening of family fun and entertainment in Chelsea. My daughter and I will definitely be back to enjoy the summer event in Chelsea. To stay up to date on events and learn more about Sounds and Sights, check out the website here <https://chelseamich.com/annual-events/ssf/>. If you scroll to the bottom of the page you can sign up for email updates on local events.



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GALLERY 100 PRESENTS THE CHELSEA PAINTERS EXHIBIT



Photos courtesy of Chelsea Painters top left Weins, Botsford, McKay



From: D&B Strategic Marketing
dandbmarketing.com

Gallery 100 at Silver Maples is hosting a brilliant exhibit featuring Chelsea Painters Artists from June 29 - August 25. Featured art will be available for purchase.

Chelsea Painters is a diverse group of talented men and

women actively involved in local, regional, and national art. Together they explore and share their lives as artists during regular meetings, September through May each year.

Their Mission is to be a mutually supportive group of artists who encourage one another in strengthening each other's artistic vision, allowing

for diversity and individual growth.

Chelsea Painters hold an annual Art Fair the second weekend in June at the Chelsea Community Fair Grounds. This popular event has stimulated the interest of art patrons from many neighboring communities. This collaborative group of artists has exhibited locally in Ann Arbor, Jackson, Lapeer, Ypsilanti, and Shiawassee.

Artists exhibiting at Gallery 100 starting June 29 include Janice Stevens Botsford

Susan Clinthorne
John Copley
Patricia Davenport
Mary Beth Day
Michael Dority
Barb Gilbert
Tina Hotchkiss
Linda Klenczar
Bill Knudstrup
Lois Lovejoy
Gwyn McKay
Jim Rehlin
Toni Stevenson
Marty Walker
Carolyn Weins

"You may have

visited the Chelsea Painters Art Fair when it was hosted at Silver Maples in our back courtyard. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting this event and are delighted to have the Chelsea Painters back again exhibiting at Gallery 100!" shared Winn Nichols, Director of Programming & Wellness.

Established in 2009, Gallery 100 (<https://silvermaples.org/gallery100/>) is an attractive gallery space nestled in the warm community of Silver Maples alongside their event space, the Maples Room. Gallery 100 hosts events and programming that encourage the exploration and appreciation of all aspects of art. In addition, the Gallery creates opportunities for residents, artists, and the community to come together to enjoy art and develop meaningful relationships.

You may see the



Photos courtesy of Chelsea Painters left Knudstrup, Davenport, Day

Chelsea Painters Art through August 25. To learn more about the Chelsea Painters, visit their website at www.chelseapainters.com.

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Music: 1 to 3pm
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May 27/Sept 16 - Stacey Murray
June 3 - Kay Harper
June 10 - Tom Girard
June 17 - The Instrument Room
June 24 - Loyce Hoffman
July 1 - Dan Bickel
July 8 - Kevin Brown
July 15 - MacDonald Bros
July 22 - Bill Personke w/Katie Personke
July 29/Sept 2 - Lilly MacPhee
August 5/Sept. 30 - Katie Geddes
August 12 - JTE Band
Aug 19 - A2SO
August 26 - Loyce Hoffman
Sept. 9 - Dave Boutette
Sept 23 Paul Girard Jazz Combo

May 31 - Scott Thacher
June 7 - Bill Personke
June 28 - Mike Ward: Psychosongs
July 26 - Nathanael Zuellig
Aug. 30 - Bob Bransky
Sept. 13 - Tom Girard
Sept. 27 - MacDonald Bros

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Farm to Table 8th Annual Fabulous Feast – Tickets Now on Sale



“Alber Orchard has welcomed us for the second time,” said Laura Wohlgenuth, planning committee member. “This venue is the perfect place to celebrate the Fall harvest season, local farmers, and a wonderful dinner prepared and served by your friends and neighbors. This year we will use the barns and inside seating areas accessible to everyone, so we will be protected rain or shine!”

of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, sees the event as much more than a dinner. “Our local farmers markets are our partners in every way – helping families in our communities to eat better and connect with each other – two important elements of the Foundation’s mission. Our farmers markets play an essential role in the five healthy towns to support greater access to

fresh, local foods at affordable prices.”
WHAT: 5 Healthy Towns Farm to Table Fabulous Feast, a multi-course dinner and celebration
WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2023, 3pm – 6pm
WHERE: Alber Orchard & Cider Mill, Manchester
COST: Tickets are \$75. Available online at Eventbrite or at the Farmers Markets in Chelsea, Dexter, Grass

Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge.
 To volunteer, sponsor, donate or attend this year’s event, go to link below.
<https://www.5healthytowns.org/farm-to-table-dinner/>
 For more information about the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation or the five farmers markets, visit www.5healthytowns.org.



3:00 PM | Eventbrite



From: Matt Pegouskie

An apple a day keeps the doctor away – or so the story goes! Join us to celebrate our local farmers markets, and our great Michigan seasonal bounty, at this year’s Farm to Table Fabulous Feast event, on Sunday, September 10. Tickets are now on sale.

Farm to Table Fabulous Feast Tickets, Sun, Sep 10, 2023 at

This annual event has come full circle, being hosted by each of the 5 Healthy Town communities since 2016. Last year, the event made its way back to Chelsea, and for 2023, the volunteer planning committee is excited about working with community members from each of the towns, as well as this year’s host - Alber Orchard & Cider Mill in Manchester.

The planning committee has lined up local chefs to prepare the feast and is pleased to welcome back chefs from Smokehouse 52, Silver Maples, Chelsea Alehouse, and Moveable Feast. New contributors include Lakehouse Bakery, Manchester Market, Smokey Michigan, River Raisin Distillery, Chateaux, and Millie’s Coffeehouse.

This year’s silent auction features great gifts, services, and gift cards from local businesses. The auction will open on the day of the event, and donations can be made on the link.

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SOUNDS & SIGHTS

ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

JUNE 1-
JULY 27
2023

FREE OUTDOOR LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

JUNE 1 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Salmagundi (Motown/Soul) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Superheroes | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Bubble U (Bubble Entertainment) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
League of Enchantment (cosplay) Merkel Furniture
BIG L & Code Blü (R&B/Rock/Funk) E. Middle St.
Chelsea Rotary Cornhole (games) W. Middle St.
The Big Band Theory (Jazz/Swing/Big Band) at Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Nixed Mutts (Folk/Americana) Clocktower Gazebo
Seventh (Metal) The Rumpus Room

JUNE 8 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies (Vintage Rock) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Flowers & Bugs | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Ring of Steel (Aerial Show) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
Selfie Stage (photo backdrop & props) Merkel Furniture
The North Creek Fiddlers (Bluegrass/Country/Fiddle) E. Middle St.
Curiouser Clay Make-It Space (Art Workshop) W. Middle St.
Revelators (Americana) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
The Bowdich Brothers (American Roots) Clocktower Gazebo
Ladyship Warship (Swamp Rock) The Rumpus Room

JUNE 15 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Cash is King (Johnny Cash Tribute) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Disney | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Ring of Steel (Stunt Performance) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
League of Enchantment (cosplay) at Merkel Furniture
Brian Brickley & the Martindales (Blues/Rock) E. Middle St.
Recreation Expo (Chelsea Rec) W. Middle St.
The Town Band (Vintage Concert Band) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Wicked Cricket (Rock N Roll) Clocktower Gazebo
Warhorses (Hard Rock) The Rumpus Room

JUNE 22 | 6:30-8:30 PM

The Devil Elvis Show (Elvis Tribute) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Magical Creatures | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
John Russell Magic (Magic) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
Selfie Stage (photo backdrop & props) Merkel Furniture
Soup Sandwich (Pop/Rock) E. Middle St.
Chelsea Rotary Cornhole (games) W. Middle St.
Bob Pogue (Rock/Country/Folk) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Scotty Karate (Rock/Country/Folk) Clocktower Gazebo
Lucid Furs (Freak Rock) The Rumpus Room

JUNE 29 | 6:30-8:30 PM

The Jimmy Clay Band (Country) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Sand & Sea | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Carousel Acres (Petting Farm) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
League of Enchantment (cosplay) Merkel Furniture
Indie Rock Royalty (Americana/Indie) E. Middle St.
WRC Speedway (RC Car Racing) W. Middle St.
Bret Maynard (Rock/Pop/Country) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Mo' Easy (Rock) at Clocktower Gazebo
Chirp (Proggy Funky Fusion) The Rumpus Room

JULY 6 | 6:30-8:30 PM

BIG L & Code Blü (R&B/Funk/Rock) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Star Wars | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Detroit Circus (Magic/Fire/Juggling) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
Selfie Stage (photo backdrop & props) Merkel Furniture
Cordaddy (Country/Rock/Americana) E. Middle St.
Chelsea Rotary Cornhole (games) W. Middle St.
Annie & Rod Capps (Americana/Folk) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Attention Deficit (Rock/Blues) Clocktower Gazebo
Imminent Sonic Destruction (Metal) The Rumpus Room

JULY 13 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Hullabaloo (Ska/Jazz/Dance) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Farm | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
The Facepaint Faerie (Face Painting) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
League of Enchantment (cosplay) Merkel Furniture
Otter River (Classic Country) E. Middle St.
Chelsea Robotics (Robots) W. Middle St.
The 3rd Chapter (Pop/Rock/Folk/Country) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
Premium Rat (Alternative Rock) Clocktower Gazebo
Black Note Graffiti (Rock) The Rumpus Room

JULY 20 | 6:30-8:30 PM

The Leaky Tikis (Jimmy Buffet Tribute) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Pokémon | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Eric The Juggler (Juggling) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
Selfie Stage (photo backdrop & props) Merkel Furniture
Two Trick Pony (Funk/Rock) E. Middle St.
Wild Aesthetic by Sean Hages (Visual Arts) W. Middle St.
David C. Bloom & Friends (Jazz) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
WildChildz (Rock) Clocktower Gazebo
Seventh (Metal) The Rumpus Room

JULY 27 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Chelsea House Orchestra (Celtic) Palmer Commons
How to Chalk Animals | Aaron Turek (Chalk Art) Palmer Commons
Bennett's Balloons (Balloon Twisting) Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn
League of Enchantment (cosplay) Merkel Furniture
Blaine Luis Band (Blues/Rock/Funk) E. Middle St.
Motorcycle Rally (Motorcycles) W. Middle St.
Kate Hinote Trio (Contemporary Folk) Collins Off Main
Whoa Silent Disco (Dance) Glazier Building
School of Rock Ann Arbor (Rock) Clocktower Gazebo
Sisters of Your Sunshine Vapor (Detroit Psych) The Rumpus Room



SOUNDS & SIGHTS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS
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SOUNDS & SIGHTS FESTIVAL
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SOUNDS & SIGHTS FESTIVAL

Art Market July 28 (Noon-8pm) & July 29 (10am-6pm)

Car Show July 28 (3-8pm)

Chalk Art Contest & Exhibition July 29 (8am-4pm)

KidZone July 28-29 (10am-3pm)

Food Court July 28 (5-10pm) & July 29 (12-10pm)

Social Tent July 28-29 (6-11pm)

TeenZone July 29 (5-9 pm)

Sidewalk Sales - all throughout Downtown Chelsea Farmer's Market | July 29 | 8am-1pm at Chelsea State Bank - Main St & Old US 12



SOUNDS & SIGHTS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

- 1 Palmer Commons Stage
 - 2 How to Chalk Stage
 - 3 Library Stage at Katie's Korner
 - 4 Merkel Furniture Stage
 - 5 E Middle Stage
 - 6 W Middle Stage
 - 7 Collins Off Main Stage
 - 8 Glazier Building Stage
 - 9 Clocktower Gazebo Stage
 - 10 Rumpus Room Stage
- Senior Seating always available at Stage 7

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ON THURSDAYS NIGHTS

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6:30 - 8:30 PM

Chelsea, Michigan



**August
22-26
2023**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are subject to change if inclement weather is nearby.
TUESDAY, Fair gates open at 10:00AM for general admission.
 All exhibits are open to the public from 10:00AM until 10:00PM on Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat.
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 every afternoon and evening starting at 3:00PM on Wednesday, 3:00PM on Wednesday and Thursday,
 Noon on Friday and 1:00PM on Saturday.
 All Main-Arena events are free with paid main gate admission and open to the public!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - Gates open at 8:00 am | Free Admission to Horse Show and Tractor Pull, Dead-weight on cement

9:00 a.m. - Tractor Pull, Dead Weight on Cement - Main Arena
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Exhibits entered in Agriculture, Antiques, Baking, Canning, Floriculture, Arts and Hobbies, Photography, Machine Sewing and Needlework

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - Gates open at 9:00 am | Free Admission to Antique Tractor Pull in Main Arena

All day, Green exhibit barn closed for judging
 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - All rabbits and poultry to be entered and caged
 5:00 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Main Gate
 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Entry of steers, dairy cows and feeder calves in livestock barn
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Entry of swine in livestock barn

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides not open

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - All other Livestock to be entered
 Noon - Green Exhibitor Barn Opens
 5:30 p.m. - Children's Parade begins downtown.
 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. - K of C Bingo Tent
 7:30 p.m. - Figure 8 Demolition Derby

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides start at 3pm

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Goats
 12:00 p.m. - Judging of Dairy Feeder Calves
 30 minutes after the end of the Feeder Calves Show - Judging of Beef
 6:00 p.m. - Judging of Sheep
 7:30 p.m. - Demolition Derby, 3 Heats plus Feature

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - Senior Day-65 & older enter Free before 5PM | Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides start at 3pm

8:00 a.m. - Horse Show
 10:00 a.m. - Judging of Dairy Cattle
 11:00 a.m. - Draft Horse Pull - Heavyweight Teams
 1:00 p.m. - Kiddies Peddle-Power Tractor Pull
 7:00 p.m. - Livestock Auction
 7:30 p.m. - Lost Nations Rodeo

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - Gates open at 8:00 am for Ladies Day - \$5.00 entry before 11AM for Ladies

Show rides start at Noon.
Ladies Day
 8:00 a.m. - Horse Show
 10:00AM for general admission and Military Day.
 11AM-3PM Family Day.
 Free Admission. No Re-Entry.

7:00 p.m. - Selection of 2022 Fair Queen
 7:00 p.m. - Tractor Pulling Contest, Super Farm, Pro-Stock, Hot Farm Speed-Pull Weight Transfer Sled Classes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - Gates & Admission fee at 10 a.m. | Show rides start at 1 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - Compact Tractor Pull
 1:00 p.m. - Chelsea Fair Parade
 7:00 p.m. - Sweepstakes Showmanship
 7:00 p.m.- 4-Wheel and 2-Wheel Drive, Truck Pulling Contest (No Diesel Trucks)
 Super Farm Tractors (1 class)
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Thursday, August 3 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM
 Thursday, August 10 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM
 Thursday, August 17 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM
 Sunday, August 20 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
 Monday, August 21 - Saturday, August 26
 9:00AM - 7:00PM
 Sunday, August 27 - 9:00AM - 11:00AM



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Sydney Ash Stands Out as Top Teen Volunteer at Chelsea District Library

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From: Stacey Comfort

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is proud to announce Beach Middle School eighth grade Student, Sydney Ash, has been named CDL's 2022 Youth Service Group (YSG) Volunteer of the Year. This award celebrates teens who demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment while

volunteering at the library. Sydney will be recognized by her peers at this year's YSG Orientation sessions and on a brand new plaque that will hang in the library's TeenSpace area.

Sydney has been volunteering at the library since the end of her seventh grade year in 2022. "Sydney was indispensable that first summer," said Teen Librarian

Stacey Comfort, "She signed up to help us out at the SRP Table and was really helpful to all of our patrons." She learned the Beanstack app and program easily, and was able to teach fellow volunteers how it worked; she even found errors and asked questions that helped the librarians serve the community better during the Summer Reading Program. Both Head Librarian

Shannon Powers and Youth Librarian Jessica Zubik said that Sydney is very take-charge. She's learning quickly, and willing to learn. Zubik even used Sydney's expertise to help on the 2022 Wings of Fire party, as Ash was a big fan of the youth dragon series, and the program was an enormous success.

CDL is always looking for new YSG

members who are entering seventh grade or above. If you are an interested student or parent and want to find out more about YSG volunteer opportunities at CDL, visit the library website at chelseadistrictlibrary.org, and click on the How Do I...Become a Volunteer tab. The library is currently taking applications for fall and winter volunteer positions only. Sign

up today by filling out an application online. YSG volunteers help set up and clean up library programs, assist with running the Summer Reading Program, and support the youth & teen librarians. YSG volunteering is a great way to serve our community and meet new friends! Plus, as an added bonus, the group will finish the summer off with a fun party at Pierce Park!

The Value of Validation

By: Michael Patterson, Namaste Family Services, Chelsea

An inherent human need is having value and being valued by others. Validating those who are closest to you enhances and deepens relationships. Knowing how to validate is a skill that some do not have or avoid using, especially when there are resentments or conflict. To validate another is to show respect and acceptance. When one feels valued by a close friend or intimate partner, it lessens the potential for severe conflict.

It is always good to

have a simple definition to start learning a new skill. According to HPRC-online.org,

"...answering in a way that shows the other person you believe their experience or statement is valid."

It seems simple. Yet many of us chronically invalidate others without even knowing it. For some it is not in our nature to let someone know we care about them and that they are valued and understood. It takes a conscious effort, especially while in an argument, to validate another's viewpoint or emotional state. I hate to say this but it is eas-

ier to defend and try to prove our point is correct rather than let the other person know that they may have a valid point or idea.

So why is it difficult to acknowledge another's view or feeling? When a conflict reaches a certain point, we stop listening and instead go into defense mode of our view. Our ears shut and our mouth opens. When I work with couples I will state that when a conflict reaches that state, they are being irrational and oblivious to the other person. Another difficulty in acknowledging another value is many of us

did not grow up with this validation from parents, loved ones, or peers. We inherently felt not valued and did not learn the skill of how to identify another's feeling state and accept it. This can lead to misunderstanding or rejection by the other party.

To validate another person you must fully hear and not make assumptions. A good skill is called active listening. Basically this is having your full attention focused on the conversation. Repeat what the person said in your own language. Or ask questions if you are not sure you fully

comprehend what they are saying (clarifying questions). Once you have done this, tell them that you understand and they have a legitimate reason or feeling to be as they are. You don't have to necessarily agree with everything they say but by letting them know you care and are trying to understand versus trying to convince them that their view is wrong can go a long way to finding a solution to the issue.

Another critical step is expressing or showing empathy. Empathy is not sympathy. Empathy is attempting to fully comprehend and feel or at least identify where the other person is at

emotionally. Expressing genuine empathy and validation will go a long way to deescalating an argument and enhancing the connection with your friend or loved one.

Validation, active listening, expressing empathy, these are all skills that can be learned. But you must consciously practice them in order for this style of interaction becomes natural and second nature. Once you can achieve this as your "go to" style of communication, I assure you difficult conversations or the potential for conflict will decrease, or at least be minimized.

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Yoga on the Lawn	Chelsea District Library	10:00am–11:00am
Yoga in the Park	Dexter Mill Creek Park	8:00am–9:00am
Yoga by the Lake	Grass Lake County Park	10:00am–11:00am

WIM Hof Method* (CHE)

Saturday, July 22 • 9:00am-1:00pm

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The Wim Hof Method (WHM) can help you gain control of your autonomic nervous system and open the door to an array of health benefits. For more information and to register please visit wimhofmethod.com/instructors/timothy-mann-1

Back-to-School Food Drive* (CHE/DEX)

July 17–August 4

Chelsea Wellness Center and Dexter Wellness Center are hosting a back-to-school drive, benefiting Faith in Action, from July 17 through August 4. We appreciate your donation!

Recommended Donations for non-perishable, lunchbox type options of snacks: Granola bars, single serve bags of chips or cookies, fruit cups, fruit snacks, etc.

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Mom I'm Bored: Junior Ranger Badge



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Every so often, I will be providing parents with ideas for bored children over the summer. The Gerald Eddy Discovery Center offers children the opportunity to earn a Junior Ranger Badge. This opportunity hits all of my favorite opportunities: it is both low cost and educational.

I happened to be taking a hike with my neighbors, my daugh-

ter, and three young boys. We noticed a sign advertising a Junior Ranger Badge. The woman working, cheerfully and patiently (4 young children are loud and enthusiastic), explained how to earn the badge. She explained the kids needed a punch card. Each child needs to complete three tasks to earn the badge. How a child earns punches is to attend an event, or check out a backpack created to inspire learning and use it while hiking a

trail. There are 4 different types of backpacks. The only two I remember are bird-watching and insects. The insect backpack included a butterfly net, a professional insect collector vest, books for research, and specimen jars. The bird-watching backpack included a device that played sounds from various birds, books, and binoculars. It was challenging to watch for birds with four noisy children on the trail, one of which kept running off and so his Mom had to keep yelling his name to make sure he was okay. But, the insect hunters quickly learned that rolling over logs and picking up rocks was a sure-fire way to find new creatures

My eight-year-old was inspired and very proud of her work finding insects. She found an orange and yellow millipede-looking thing under a rock, collected it, and brought it back to the woman working in the Discovery Center for the

DNR.. The woman showed a great deal of enthusiasm for this new to her creature and was excited to learn more. My daughter suddenly felt very important and proud. She donated the creature to the Discovery Center so the woman and her coworkers could study it and find out more about it, and also so I didn't have to bring it home. It felt very big and exciting to my daughter thanks to the enthusiasm of the woman working. She feels like investigating for bugs led to a scientific breakthrough. It could potentially impact the course of her future because it felt so important and big. She might devote her energy to stem and biology. The experience of a free opportunity in our backyard could inspire a future scientist. So, if your children are complaining about being bored, the Discovery Center has some great educational opportunities for your kids this summer.

To get a punch card for a Junior Ranger Badge, inquire at the front desk of the Discovery Center. To borrow a backpack, just request one at the front desk. I don't believe this is specific to children. If you want to birdwatch on a trail or discover new insects, you don't need to be under 18. You just need to be curious and interested. To find more information or other events to count toward the badge go to this website: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/places/v-centers/eddy> and click on Programs for Families and Classrooms. The

weekly event calendar is listed under Public Programs There are a host of events all summer from learning archery, to picking berries and eating ice cream. We are very lucky to have the largest State Park in the lower Peninsula in our backyard and to have it offer so many low-cost and free learning opportunities is a huge benefit and resource to our children. When you're sick of hearing they're bored, they can get inspired by nature and science thanks to the Discovery Center.



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The Purple Rose Theatre Company Announces 2023-2024 Season

The 33rd season begins with the return of “Diva Royale”, written and directed by Jeff Daniels



From: Katie Hubbard

The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) has selected a hilarious lineup of plays for its 33rd season, featuring two world premieres and a well-loved revival. PRTC Founder and Artistic Director, Jeff Daniels, kicks off the season with a revival of his 2018 smash hit “Diva Royale”. Revised a bit to reflect the times, Daniels puts on his director’s hat for the first time at PRTC since 1998. The original 2018 principal cast will return. Michigan’s own David MacGregor (“Sherlock Holmes” series and “Vino Veritas”) returns with the world premiere of, “The Antichrist Cometh” in Spring 2024. Veteran Purple Rose playwright Carey Crim (“Morning After Grace” and “Wake”) rounds out the 2023-2024 season with the world premiere comedy “What Springs Forth”.

“Diva Royale” a comedy written by and directed by Jeff Daniels

October 6 - December 23, 2023

Jeff Daniels’ Diva Royale is coming back! First staged at The Purple Rose in 2018, this evening of side-splitting hilarity follows three midwestern stay-at-home moms whose love for Celine Dion makes them plan a last-minute trip to New York City. With the return of the entire original cast, this crowd-pleasing comedy is guaranteed to make you laugh ‘til you cry.

Featuring: Rusty Mewha, Rhiannon Ragland, Kristin Shields, Kate Thomsen

*Contains adult language and subject matter.

“The Antichrist Cometh” a world premiere comedy by David MacGregor

directed by Rhian-

non Ragland

March 22 - May 25, 2024

The Antichrist Cometh is a comedy about a happily married man discovering he might be the Antichrist. Will he be able to enjoy a small dinner party with his loving wife, former college roommate and his fanatically religious fiancée? Or will their home cooked meal usher in the Apocalypse?

*Contains adult language and subject matter.

“What Springs Forth” a world premiere comedy by Carey Crim directed by Kate Thomsen

June 21 - August 31, 2024

Three middle-aged women, friends since college, embark on what was billed as a high end wellness spa retreat only to discover one of them, with the help of her new recently released from prison business partner, has changed the itinerary to a wilderness survival camp. Can their friendship survive bears, forest toilets and one another?

*Contains adult language and subject matter.

Also new this season, seating in the round! All 3 PRTC productions will be staged in the round; with seating on 4 sides of the stage. “We are so excited to be able to accommodate more patrons and give our audience a new experience here at The Purple Rose”, says Managing Director Katie Hubbard. This new configuration will add 40 seats to the theater space.

Underwriting support for the Purple Rose 2023-2024 season comes from the Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family, Michigan Arts & Cul-

ture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include ChelseaMich.com, JTV.TV and Michigan Radio.

Ticket Information

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118. The performance calendar can be found at <https://www.purplerosetheatre.org/calendar/>.

Ticket prices start at \$30 with special discounts for seniors, patrons 30 years or younger, members of the military, teachers, and groups (12+). For more information or to find out when you can make reservations for the 2023-24 season, call (734) 433-7673 or go to www.purplerosetheatre.org.

About The Purple Rose Theatre Company

Founded in 1991 by actor, playwright, musician and Chelsea native Jeff Daniels, the Purple Rose Theatre Company is a creative home for original American plays. In the 168-seat theatre, patrons experience an intimate encounter with live theatre.

The PRTC also provides classes, readings, and ticket donations to local fundraisers. It commissions new work from established and early-career playwrights. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit professional theatre, the PRTC operates under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors’ Equity Association.

For more information contact PRTC Managing Director, Katie Hubbard at (734) 433-7782 x 116, khubbard@purplerosetheatre.org.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-2513

Date: June 26, 2023

Location: 14000 block of E. Old US 12

Time: 11:01 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 14000 block of E. Old US 12 for the report of a malicious destruction of property complaint. Upon arrival, the of-

ficer was met by the complainant who stated that a sign that was affixed to the building had been damaged, possibly by some sort of cutting instrument. The complainant stated that the damage had

occurred sometime between June 22nd and June 26th. At the time of the complaint, there was no further information available on a possible suspect(s).

Incident #: 23-2590

Date: July 2, 2023

Location: 500 block of W. Middle St.

Time: 9:27 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 500 block of W. Middle St. for the report of a malicious destruction of property complaint. The complainant stated that she had went out to her vehicle at approximately 9:00 am to find

that the rear window of her vehicle had been broken out. The complainant stated that she had last seen her vehicle window intact on Saturday July 1st at 11:00 pm and discovered the damage the following morning, July 2nd at approximately 9:00 am. The complainant

stated that a neighbor had told her that they heard a “loud noise” sometime between 2:00 am-3:00 am the morning of July 2nd, but had no further information on a possible suspect or description of the suspect.

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