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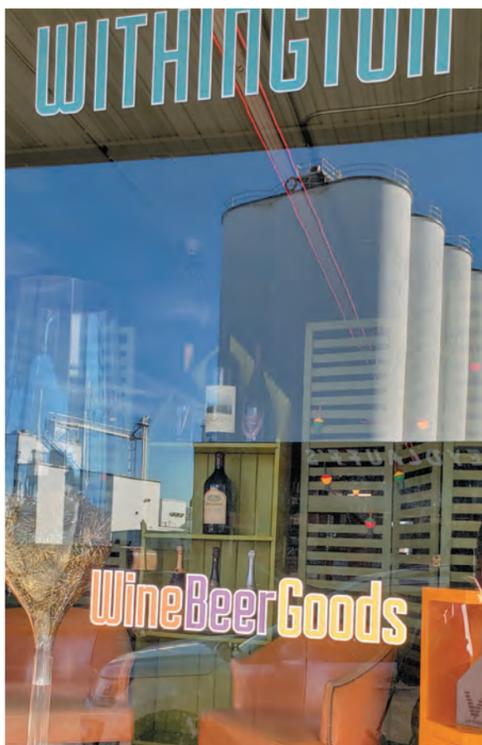


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Activities Planned for 2022 MLK Jr. Day in Chelsea

Four Chelsea organizations are cooperating to provide a range of activities this year to commemorate and honor Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. on his birthday, a national holiday. It is celebrated on Jan. 17 this year.

The First United Methodist Church will offer a multi-cultural concert on Jan 16 at 4.30pm. The Chelsea District Library will feature a showing of the film *The Butler* on Jan 17 at 5.30pm with a discussion after. The Human Rights Commission will have a speaker and presentation that same week. More details on these events will come in January. One World One Family will again sponsor a collection followed by a Day of Service and Social Action on Jan 17, the MLK Jr. Day holiday. Chelsea School District does not have classes that day.

From Jan 3 to Jan 17, please consider donating new school and

art supplies for refugee families. Area resettlement agencies have said they never get enough of these. Suggested items are listed at <http://www.owofchelsea.org> and an Amazon wish list is here. Drop off locations include Chelsea District Library, First United Methodist Church lobby, the Chelsea Senior Center and the Chamber of Commerce. Financial donations are also welcome. Details are at www.owofchelsea.org.

On January 17, the MLK Jr. Day holiday, families and youth are invited to gather from 10am to 3pm at the Chelsea Depot to work on projects to reach out in a personal way to offer welcome to refugee families. Projects include friendship bracelets, hand drawn cards,

and even tie-dye socks. Youth may bring a pair of their own to do too. The art and school supplies kits will be assembled and all the items delivered to families through Jewish Family Services and Washtenaw Refugee Welcome. Chelsea Depot Assn is a co-sponsor of the event. It will be a fun time that will make a difference for new families to the area. Student and adult volunteers will staff the craft tables. To volunteer, please contact owofchelsea@gmail.com. Masks will be required and social distancing in place.

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School District Employee Appreciation (CHE/DEX)

December 20 – January 31

5 Healthy Towns appreciates you! Stop in at any one of the Wellness Center's and receive your Punch Pass for 5 free visits!

Fundamentals of TRX (DEX)

January 7 – February 4 • 8:30–9:30am

In this 2-hour workshop we will release stress and tension from your hands to your feet and everywhere in between. We'll use simple self-massage techniques targeting trigger points and high-tension areas to help reduce aches and pains and improve mobility.

2022 Wellness Challenge (CHE/DEX)

January 10 – March 21

10 weeks to eat better, exercise more, and practice mindfulness. The Wellness Challenge provides opportunity and accountability to meet your wellness goals through weekly weigh-ins, food journal checks, exercise reviews, and a variety of educational seminars.

Stress Management (CHE)

Monday, January 10 • 6:00pm

Join Dr. Tom Bishop for an active engagement and discussion. Discover how to break the hold stress has on your life, so that you may find more joy, health and productivity. Learn to build resilience under pressure and meet challenges head on.

New Year, New You (CHE)

Wednesday, January 26 • 6:00–7:00pm

Thursday, January 2 • 9:00–10:00am and 7:00–8:00pm

Friday, January 28 • 12:30–1:30pm

Virtual and in-person! Join Rebecca Round as she discusses changing your eating habits for better health.

Relax and Roll Workshop (DEX)

Sunday, January 30 • 11am

In this 2-hour workshop we will release stress and tension from your hands to your feet and everywhere in between. We'll use simple self-massage techniques targeting trigger points and high-tension areas to help reduce aches and pains and improve mobility.



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Obituaries

Jan Kathleen Nelson



Age 69, passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021 at the University of Michigan hospital after a short battle with Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer.) She has embarked on a new adventure; one that is free of any additional pain and suffering. She was born on December 1, 1952, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, the daughter of Richard Keith and Barbara Arlene (Mast) Nelson.

Jan graduated from East Grand Rapids High School in 1970. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Michigan State University and was working on a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. Jan worked as a Probation Officer for several years before becoming a supervisor of the Washtenaw County Probation Department. She spent a few years working in Lincoln Park towards the end of her career but the majority of her time was spent in Ann Arbor. After retirement, she picked up a job as a teaching assistant for a special needs child. She always believed in doing good for others.

Jan loved to travel and shared that love with her daughter. The two of them took multiple trips, both domestically and internationally, together over the years. She believed

there was so much more to life than the confines of your hometown and that you should get out there and experience the beauty of the world. If she wasn't on a trip, she was likely in the process of planning one. Outside of travel, Jan loved adventure, boat rides, volunteering at the Ark, being in the Ann Arbor Ski Club, animals (especially her cats,) crossword puzzles, music and theater, being a member of the Las Tortugas Pirates, reading, snorkeling, kayaking, playing her clarinet in the Washtenaw County Community Band and the Ann Arbor Town Band, enjoying time up north on Lake Margrethe, and spending time with her family and friends. When she was younger, she was on the Ski Patrol, even while she was pregnant. For a handful of years, Jan assisted with the Miss Washtenaw County Pageant. Jan loved to be busy and live life to the fullest.

Jan was a phenomenal Mother. She raised her daughter primarily on her own and was always supporting and encouraging her to go after her dreams. She was her daughter's biggest cheerleader. It was very evident how much she loved her one and only child. Jan also loved being a Grandma and absolutely adored her granddaughter, El-

eanor (3). Her daughter Erin remembers her Mom as a kind, strong, independent, silly, adventurous, free spirited, fun, and beautiful human being. She loved that her Mom always stood up for what she believed in. She wasn't afraid to face the tough stuff in life and she never sweated the small stuff. She and her Mom were best friends. Erin also admired the bravery her Mom showed throughout her battle with cancer. From the get-go, her Mom was ready to fight and she just did what she had to do. She now sees her Mom as her hero.

Jan had many hopes and dreams for the future. She had tickets to various shows, multiple trips planned, home renovation projects she was excited to complete, and was looking forward to attending her 50th high school reunion that was postponed two years due to COVID. She was also excited to watch her granddaughter grow up.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Erin (Nelson) Pratt of Ann Arbor; her son-in-law, Daniel Pratt; her granddaughter, Eleanor "JoJo" Pratt, her brother, Jon Nelson of Satellite Beach, Florida; and several extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held next summer as one of Jan's wishes after her diagnosis was for "just one more summer." Memorial contributions may be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation (www.cholangiocarcinoma.org) or to Eleanor's Education Fund (www.ugifts529.com Code: M6P-83Q) Arrangements were entrusted to Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.



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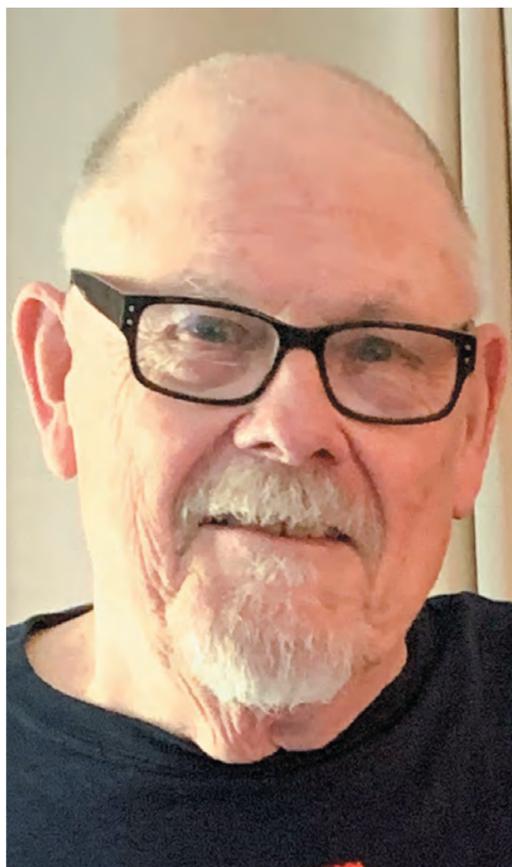
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Rodger D. Sager



the Lord in 1983, and his faith was very important to him. He sang in the choir and taught Sunday School in several different churches. Rodger enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his kids and grandkids.

On June 20, 1970, Rodger married Eugenia "Geanie" Federici, and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters, Angela (Bobby) Pratt of Spring Arbor, Elizabeth Searl of Chelsea; three grandsons, Micah Pratt, Dominic Searl, Jesse Pratt; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Fern Gray.

Rodger D. Sager of Chelsea, Michigan, Age 77, died Saturday, December 25, 2021 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Chelsea. He was born February 6, 1944 in Allegan, Michigan, the son of Harold J. & Florence Erma (Friend) Sager.

Rodger was a 1962 graduate of Grand Haven High School. He then went on to Muske-

gon Community College, the University of Michigan, and finally Eastern Michigan University, where he received his Masters degree. Rodger taught in the Ypsilanti School District, and in the autistic program in Garden City Schools, retiring in 2004. He was a hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed going to their condo in Oscoda, MI. Rodger came to know

Private services are being planned. Burial will take place at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Blast Ministries, 8070 Beechwood Blvd, Dexter MI 48130, or the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

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St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Names Sarah Wilczynski Program Coordinator for Mental Health Awareness and Training Grant



"I cannot express how excited I am to begin working on the program this grant supports," said Wilczynski. "I have worked for St. Joe's Chelsea for a number of years and cannot wait to continue with the hospital in this new role, bringing important mental health training and resources to the communities we serve."

For the past two and a half years, Wilczynski has been a special projects coordinator at St. Joe's Chelsea working with SRSLY to promote substance use prevention in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester and Stockbridge. In the new MHAT role, Wilczynski will be responsible for helping implement

evidence-based mental health awareness trainings, supporting youth in developing a stigma reduction campaign, identifying resources and support available for mental health, and working with community organizations to establish referral mechanisms to link youth to mental health services. These efforts will focus on the communities served by St. Joe's Chelsea, including Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to offer these programs to the community," said Reiley Curran, manager of Community Health Improvement at St. Joe's Chelsea. "We are excited to have Sarah contribute in this new capacity. Her work with SRSLY over the past two and a half years has demonstrated her passion and commitment to improving mental health for youth."

Wilczynski holds a master's in public health and bachelor's in health communication from Grand Valley State University. She enjoys volunteering in the surrounding communities, is a member of the Rotary Club of Dexter, and wants to spend her career working to create happy, healthy communities.

For more information about the MHAT grant please visit St. Joe's website or contact Sarah Wilczynski at sarah.schmidt@st-joeshealth.org.

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cy Chelsea announced the hiring of Sarah Wilczynski as the program coordinator for the \$625,000 Mental Health Awareness and Training (MHAT) Grant received in September 2021.

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5 Healthy Towns Foundation Opens its Wellness Centers to local School District Staff



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As a token of our collective gratitude, 5HF announced last

week that all school district staff members will receive five free visits to any of its wellness centers in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester or Stockbridge to be used between December 20, 2021 and January 31, 2022. Employees only need to present their employee identification at any location and receive a punch card for the remaining visits. Participating wellness centers include (please check for hours of operation):

- Chelsea Well-

ness Center, 14800 East Old US 12, Chelsea

- Dexter Wellness Center, 2810 Baker Road, Dexter

- Manchester Wellness Center, 710 East Main Street, Manchester

- Stockbridge Wellness Center, 5116 South M-106, Stockbridge

Says Steve Petty, 5HF CEO, "Our partnership with the schools helps us to reach so many families and children in the region with wellness programs. We

especially acknowledge that school staff members, who have demonstrated their tremendous resilience during another challenging school year, need down time to focus on their own physical and emotional well-being. Using the wellness centers as a place to move more, or access additional programs like strength training, gentle yoga or a spinning class, can be just what a person needs to relax and restore during the holiday period."

School districts were notified before the Thanksgiving break that the benefit will take place in December. "We think the process we have created will make it easy to use our wellness centers," says Cindy Cope, wellness center director. "We hope that every school staff member will take this opportunity to see what the wellness centers are all about!"

"More than anything," says Petty, "we want our teachers and support staff mem-

bers to know just how much we respect and appreciate their dedication to our children and their vital contributions to our community."

If you are a school district staff member and have questions, contact the Chelsea Wellness Center at 734-214-0220 for details.

For more information, contact Matt Pegouskie or Lori Kintz, at 734-433-4599.



5 Healthy Towns Foundation Appreciates **YOU**

5 FREE visits to the Wellness Centers for teachers and support staff in our communities!

December 20 – January 31

Pick up your PUNCH PASS at any one of our Wellness Centers to redeem your gift.

Offer valid 12/20/21–1/31/22 at Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester or Stockbridge Wellness Centers. Must be 18 years or older. School District identification required. Punch pass is valid at any one of the 5 healthy town Wellness Centers. Some restrictions may apply. See Wellness Centers for details.

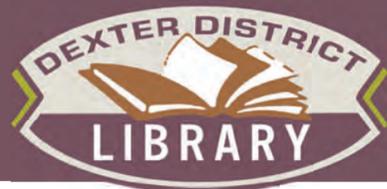


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Dexter District Library 2022 Winter Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Winter Events at Dexter District Library

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In-person Story Times and Youth Programs: With consideration for the ongoing pandemic, and for the safety of everyone involved, please take special note of the following:

Registration is required for all Story Times and Youth programs. Space is limited – each individual, including adults and infants should register so we have an accurate count of how many people are in the room. Face coverings are REQUIRED for all patrons who are medically able to wear face coverings during Story Times and Youth programs held indoors. Presenting Librarians will be masked. Face covering requirements are subject to change without notice.

Winter Story Times at the Library

January 10 – March 3

Registration begins on Tuesday, December 28

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Registration for Winter Story Times begins Tuesday, December 28. Winter Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, January 10 and run until Thursday, March 3. Registration is required, parents or caregivers of children may register in the library or by calling 734-426-4477. Space is limited due to social distancing. Registration will be on a first come first served basis. Face coverings are required.

Children 18 months to 5 years of age may sign up for an 8-week story time session. Story Times are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Children under 18 months may attend, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend. Each Story Time lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Winter Story Times for children include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading.

Super Stories Book Club

For Young Fives and Kindergarteners

This is a story and craft program held in person at the library for kids transitioning out of story time and into book club. Adults may attend this program with their children. Each month Ms. Krista will read books related to a theme and then the kids will make a theme related craft. Registration is required.

Thursday, January 6, 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Theme: Winter

Registration begins Thursday, December 2

Preschool Music & Movement Program

Friday, January 7 • 10:00 am – 10:30am

Ages 3 and up

Registration begins Wednesday December 1

Join Miss Jenn from Dancer's Edge as we dance through a book in our music and movement class! This program will be held in person. Space is limited. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website.

Winter Virtual Story Times *LIVE ONLY

Wednesdays at 10:30 am on Facebook Live • January 12 – March 2

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Visit the library from your living room! Ms. Krista will be singing familiar songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fun action rhymes every week on Wednesday at 10:30 am.

*In order to meet current read-aloud permission requirements from book publishers, virtual story time will be held live, but videos will no longer be posted for later viewing on our Facebook page.

Club Create Book Club

Grades 1 - 2

This is an independent book club for first and second graders held in person at the library. Miss Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. Registration is required.

Thursday, January 13, 4:30 – 5:15 pm

Theme: Winter

Registration begins Thursday, December 9

The A2 Magic Workshop

Monday, January 17 • 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm • Grades 1 - 4

Registration begins Monday, December 20

Your friends won't believe their eyes when you show them the simply amazing, yet amazing simple, magic tricks that you'll learn from Jeff Wawrzaszek in his A2 Magic Workshop event. Learn some "sleight-of-hand" tricks with common items like ropes, rubber bands, crayons and money. Registration is required. Space is limited. Face covering are required.

Monthly Take & Make Crafts for Kids of All Ages

Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library and pick up a bag with a variety of seasonal or themed crafts to make at home.

Winter Craft Bags

Monday, January 17 – Sunday, January 23 • For kids of all ages

No registration required

While supplies last

Limit 5 per family

All Star Readers Book Club

Grades 3 – 4

All Star Readers Book Club will meet in person this winter. We'll play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the library after you register. Registration is required.

Thursday, January 20, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Book: Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

Registration begins Thursday, December 16

Maker Challenge Program: Building Challenges

For grades K – 4

Monday, January 24 from 4:30 – 5:15 pm

Registration begins Monday, January 3

Get Creative at the library! Participate in a variety of building challenges.

Registration is required.

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Thursday, February 3, 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Theme: Friendship

Registration begins Thursday, January 6

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Thursday, February 10, 4:30 – 5:15 pm

Theme: Friendship

Registration begins Thursday, January 13

Virtual Cooking Program

Friday, February 11 • 4:30pm-5:30pm • Young Fives – Grade 4

Registration begins Friday, January 7

Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website. Registration deadline is Friday, February 4. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before February 11.

Join us for a 1-hour virtual cooking class to celebrate Valentine's Day from the comfort of your own home! During this hour-long class, students from Young Fives – 4th grade will learn how to create festive Valentine's Day dessert to enjoy with their family. Chef Jyl Nolan from A Curious Kitchen will help you as we prepare, mix, measure and create a beautiful dessert together! Please join us for this holiday class, and do something fun together as a family in the kitchen! Parents will be needed to assist with some tasks in the kitchen. Families will receive the recipe and list of ingredients 1-week prior to the class.

All Star Readers Book Club

Grades 3 – 4

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Thursday, February 17, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Book: Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte

Registration begins Thursday, January 20

Monthly Take & Make Crafts for Kids of All Ages

Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library and pick up a bag with a variety of seasonal or themed crafts to make at home.

Space Craft Bags

Monday, February 21 – Sunday, February 27 • For kids of all ages

No registration required

While supplies last

Limit 5 per family

Teen & Tween Programs:

January

Writing Contest: 2021 in 6 Words

Submissions accepted January 1-31 • Grades 5-12

Teens and Tweens are invited to enter a writing contest with the theme "2021 in 6 Words." Reflect on the year that was and share it in a micro form. Submit your 6-word memoir to Teen/Tween Librarian Mollie to have your work posted in the Teen Zone and for a chance to win a prize.

Take & Make: Cake Squishies

January 7 through 13 • Grades 5 – 12

Registration required, begins December 6

Teens can register for a take & make craft kit to pick up at the Library. Make your own squeezable, squishable mini slice of cake. Customize it to look like your favorite cake flavor, then squish it and watch it rise back into shape.

Teen Book Club

Tuesday, January 11 • 6 to 7 p.m. • Grades 7 – 12

Book: Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo

Registration required, begins December 6

Teens are invited to join our monthly book club. Read the book before the meeting, then join us for trivia and discussion. After you register, stop by the youth reference desk for a copy of the book.

A2 Magic Teen & Tween Workshop

Monday, January 17 (no school) • 3 to 4 p.m. • Grades 5 – 12

Registration required, begins December 20

Teens and tweens in grades 5 through 12 are invited to discover their hidden potential through the fine art of magic. Students will learn several easy-to-master tricks commonly used by many of today's top professional magicians.

Magic the Gathering

Friday, January 21 • 6 to 8:30 p.m. • Grades 6 – 12

Registration required, begins December 18

Join us monthly for MTG tournament-style play on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter.

Teen Advisory Group

Saturday, January 22 • 11 a.m. to noon • Grades 7 – 12

Registration required, begins December 20

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a volunteer opportunity for teens in grades 7 through 12 to get involved at the Library. TAG meets on select Saturdays each month during the school year.

Tween Book Club

Tuesday, January 25 • 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. • Grades 5 & 6

Book: Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Registration required, begins December 28

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

Animal Care Education with Humane Society of Huron Valley

Friday, January 28 (half day) • 2 to 3 p.m. • Grades 5 - 12

Registration required, begins December 20

Teens and tweens will hear a presentation from the Humane Society of Huron Valley detailing their history and what they do each day to help animals in our community. After the presentation, we'll make no-sew pet toys for our furry friends or to donate to HSHV.

February

Take & Make: Pop-Up Cards

February 4 through 10 • Grades 5 – 12

Registration required, begins January 3

Teens can register for a take & make craft kit to pick up at the Library. Make pop-up cards for friends and family in a variety of designs, including a card that opens up into a bouquet of flowers.

Teen Book Club

Tuesday, February 8 • 6 to 7 p.m. • Grades 7 – 12

Book: Verify by Joelle Charbonneau

Registration required, begins January 11

Teens are invited to join our monthly book club. Read the book before the meeting, then join us for trivia and discussion. After you register, stop by the youth reference desk for a copy of the book.

Magic the Gathering

Friday, February 18 • 6 to 8:30 p.m. • Grades 6 – 12

Registration required, begins January 22

Join us monthly for MTG tournament-style play on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Prizes awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter.

Teen Advisory Group

Saturday, February 19 • 11 a.m. to noon • Grades 7 – 12

Registration required, begins January 22

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a volunteer opportunity for teens in grades 7 through 12 to get involved at the Library. TAG meets on select Saturdays each month during the school year.

Geometric Canvas Art

Monday, February 21 (no school) • 2 to 3 p.m. • Grades 5 – 12

Registration required, begins January 17

Teens and tweens can get creative in this painting program. Tape-resist art uses painters tape to make geometric designs on canvas. After you paint and let dry, remove the tape to see how your masterpiece turns out!

Tween Book Club

Tuesday, February 22 • 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. • Grades 5 & 6

Book: The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson

Registration required, begins January 25

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

Dexter City Council Meeting December 27

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The meeting began with the Approval of the Minutes. 1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 13, 2021.

Meeting minutes were approved with one addition.

Approval of Agenda; The agenda was approved

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest. Zach will not participate in the consent agenda because his employer is involved.

Communications;

1. Upcoming Meeting List on page 11 of the packet. No Comments or Questions.

REPORT:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff. Was asked about the ice rink. Citizens can call city offices about the ice rink. The city will send out email updates and post on Facebook when it opens. Water break on Thursday that Dan updated the council on.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol; The report is in the packet. Jamie asked about the hourly rate six thousand dollars would get the city. The assistant manager starts on Jan 4th.

Wash t e n a w County Sheriff; There

is a report in the packet. No comments or questions on it.

City Manager Report – Justin Breyer. Ice rink is up, waiting for it to freeze and that's about it from Justin. The mayor wanted to know how long the holiday stuff typically stays up. Usually to mid February

Mayor Report – Shawn Keough. Happy New Year. No questions on the mayor's report.

Council Member Reports:

a. Council Member Griffin spoke about and encouraged a city-wide survey. She offered to provide much of the

work on the survey. The mayor suggested that questions should be added to the goal setting workshops.

Consent Agenda: 1. Consideration of: Bills & Payroll in the amount of: \$276,948.66.

Consideration of: Proposal from Carlisle-Wortman Associates for Community Development Department Staffing Assistance for an Amount not to Exceed \$6,000. The consent agenda was approved.

Council Comments; Donna wished everyone a happy New Year. Paul said the same and is hoping next year is better. Zach asked if

after the New Year if people can participate remotely. Council can if in military service. But the public will be able to continue to be remote. Zach was disappointed that the fire station was not discussed. Sanam did not feel that her intent about her agenda item was represented accurately. Sanam wanted to remind everyone that she was born in a country that does not have any 1st amendment rights. She became a citizen as an adult and she swore her allegiance to this constitution. She does not believe having a disclaimer on a survey that says, "this is me," or "this is

the council," is an infringement on those rights. She wants to have the language of a disclaimer easier for the council. A simple cut and paste option so the council can clarify if he or she is speaking for the council as a whole or for themselves. Sanam feels misrepresented. Sanam has the right to give feedback to her representatives on the council. She strongly believes in the First amendment. Jamie stands behind everything she's written or said.

The meeting adjourned.

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

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Hometown Holiday Events

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

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

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

LIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 4, 2021 | 6pm

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

LANE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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Christmas on the Farm

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

Waterloo Farm and Dewey School Museums



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

40 | 30 | 30 Raffle Tickets

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

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

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

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

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

Ugly Dog
218 S Main St
Chelsea, MI 48118

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

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

The Full List of Events

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

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

Building Legacy Fund

The Chelsea Area Historical Society announces the creation of the Building Legacy Fund. The purpose of this fund is to raise money for current and future needs for the museum itself – maintenance, repairs, etc.

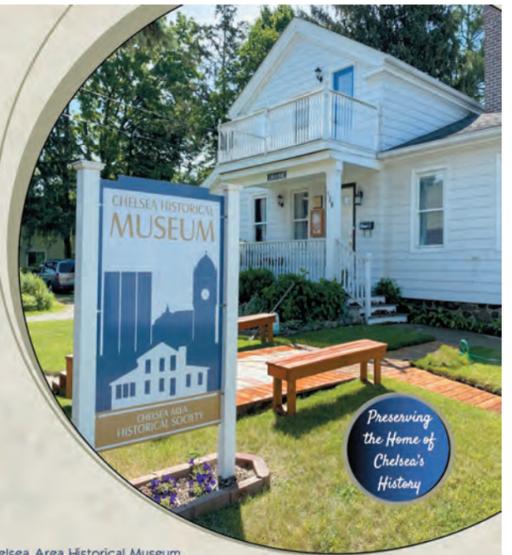
The Need

The Boyd House, built in 1853, is home to the Chelsea Area Historical Society. Through the generous donations of community members – living both far and wide – the CAHS was able to purchase the house in 2015, eventually “burning our mortgage papers” in 2019.

But now, major building projects need to be undertaken to ensure the building remains sound and a safe haven for our many pieces of Chelsea’s rich history for generations to come.

How to Help

Your donation to CAHS, a 501c3 organization, is tax deductible. Donations can be made online a variety of options or mailed to CAHS, with checks made payable to CAHS. Please note if you wish the donation to be for the Building Legacy Fund. Thank you!



Chelsea Area Historical Museum
Building Legacy Fund

Priority Projects

- Complete painting of the exterior of the museum
- Repairs to window sills and other exterior fixes
- New hot water heater

Future Projects

- Replacement of the furnace
- New Roofing

www.ChelseaHistory.org

The Chelsea Area Historical Society is pleased to announce the CAHS Building Legacy Fund

We are starting a new fundraising campaign to keep ahead of the march of time with repairs to the CAHS Museum

• We have set an initial goal of \$20,000 so that 2022 will see a needed full painting of the exterior, a handful of exterior

repairs, and a new hot water heater

• We’ll continue to maintain and build this fund for future repairs such as the

eventual need for a new furnace and new roofing in the years to come

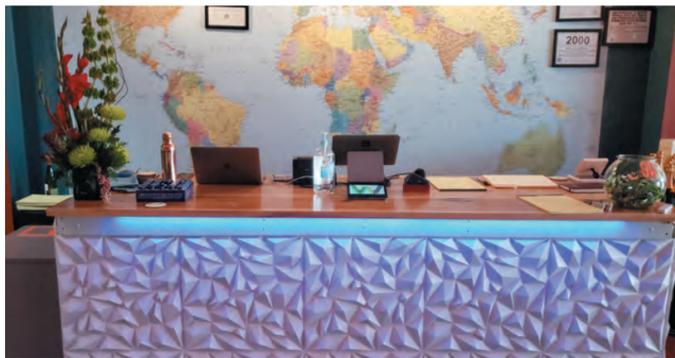
• At the “Donate” section of our website

(chelseahistory.org) you can choose between a General Donation or a Building Legacy Donation

• Since CAHS is a

501c3, all donations qualify as tax-deductible.

Withington’s Opens in Chelsea



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I had the opportunity to visit Chelsea’s newest business this week. I stopped into Withington’s, located on Main Street just before Agricole Fresh Food Mart. I was immediately struck by the beauty of the store. It sells primarily wine and beer. But rather than ugly buzzing fluorescent lights and standard industrial tile floors, it felt like stepping inside an art gallery. Jay, the owner, immediately welcomed me inside.

Upon entering, I was drawn to the shop. I was distracted by the bottles lining

the shelves. I took the opportunity to grab a hostess gift and another gift on my list. The owner Jay was extremely helpful and patient with my wine ignorance. I explained the hostess was a red wine drinker. He showed me several from different regions and started to tell me about the grapes. He was trying to help me look like I knew more about wine than the pink Boones we used to pool our change to buy in college. I saw a bottle of red with an owl on the label. I shouted “ohh an owl,” and pointed, startling and interrupting Jay Friend as he spoke. He pulled the bottle down

for me and I laughed as I shook my head that he’s trying to provide an education and I pick based on the picture on the label. Jay encouraged it and explained it’s a good way to learn what I like and I don’t. “Yeah, I said to my wine snob friend, silently. I don’t know the difference between a decent table wine or a treasure, but I’m fairly certain Jay helped me find something that makes me appear to have more knowledge and better taste than I do. If you don’t know much about wine and need help selecting a nice bottle, visit Withington’s. Jay will help you choose and won’t

make you feel stupid for not knowing much. I paid for my purchase and attempted to focus and work.

I learned about Withington’s through a Facebook post by Jay’s wife, Katy. I noticed that Katy had attended a university out of state, so I was curious if Jay and Katy were from Michigan. Katy is originally from Grand Rapids and Jay has lived in Marquette, Birmingham, and Ann Arbor. Three years ago, they moved to Chelsea. Jay has worked nearly twenty years for a beer and wine distributor. When he saw the space become available, he wanted to follow his dream and

open his own business. The decor of the shop is family inspired. Jay’s father is an artist. He’s done a few shows but he paints mostly for joy. Jay used his father’s art to create the theme of the store and it turned out wonderfully. Jay elaborated that he was raised in an artistic family. The benefit of shopping at Withington’s is that Jay knows the products, he can speak to the grapes, the location, and Michigan happens to be a great craft beer state and he has some vendors that normally only come to Ann Arbor so he has a selection that is not easy to find in this area. No need to drive

to find that specialty beer. And, due to his background, anything made with a purpose and artfully done will grace the shelves, including beautiful coffee table books and coffee beans. Withington’s is open Monday- Sat 10-7pm and Sunday 12-5pm. The address is 112 N. Main St. If you’re looking for a nice gift to bring to a holiday gathering but you are unfortunately ignorant like me, Jay is happy to help and won’t laugh at your inexperience. For more information and to check out their products visit their website at: <https://withingtons.mybigcommerce.com/>.



24/7 hotline for Washtenaw County substance use treatment support starting January 1

Washtenaw County residents will be able to call 734-544-3050 for substance use treatment support

From: Sally Amos-O'Neal, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH)

On January 1, 2022, Washtenaw County residents who want substance use treatment support can call a 24/7 hotline, 734-544-3050, to receive an immediate screening, referral to a community-based provider, or guidance on how to get connected to services.

The calls will be answered by licensed mental health and substance use professionals at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH).

“Washtenaw County Community

Mental Health, with its fully staffed 24/7 access line, is best positioned to serve as the new access point,” says James Colaianne, the chief executive officer at Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMH-PSM).

The switch aligns Washtenaw with the other regional counties overseen by the CMHPSM—Lenawee, Livingston, and Monroe—who all use their community mental health agency as the main access point for substance use disorder services.

“It’s important to note,” says Lisa Gentz, program administrator for millage ser-

vices at WCCMH, “that WCCMH will not supplant the county’s core substance use treatment providers. They will connect callers with the region’s exceptional community based providers—including Dawn Farm, Home of New Vision, and other providers in our network.”

“We expect this change to be a huge improvement for those seeking substance use treatment,” says Trish Cortes, director of WCCMH. “Substance use needs are mental and physical health needs. People who request this support need it as quickly as possible.”

CMHPSM and

WCCMH believe that the new 24/7 screening process will significantly speed time to treatment—and make it easier for residents to access services when they’re ready to take that step.

Before the pandemic, dozens of substance use treatment providers and stakeholders were convened by the Washtenaw Health Initiative to discuss ways to improve the region’s substance use treatment system. A single point of entry access process, and a universal screening tool, were some of the main recommendations that came out of this substance use treatment systems improvement process.

“I think Washtenaw County’s move to a single point of access is a big step in the right direction,” says Tim Shewcraft, peer recovery project coordinator at Michigan Medicine. “I feel the population is best served by simplifying the process for the many community

providers attempting to provide patients with referrals to this much needed care.”

“As a harm reduction specialist working with this population for over 20 years, many of these individuals are frustrated with access barriers to our care system,” says Lemont Gore, street outreach coordinator at Unified: HIV Health and Beyond. “I’m confident and hopeful that simplifying our access route, via [Washtenaw County] Community Mental Health, will enhance the process for those seeking help and also encourage others to consider their options.”

The intake process will also allow WCCMH to continue to collect data about substance use treatment needs and outcomes, such as time from assessment to treatment, as the WCCMH access system is integrated with CMHPSM’s electronic health record.

For substance use disorder emergencies—such as an overdose or immi-

nent danger—people should continue to call 911 for immediate professional help.

For all other needs, the 24/7 access line will connect callers to local, professional services. Residents can also call the access line with a broad range of questions, including how to help loved ones and how to navigate the county’s substance use treatment system.

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH) promotes hope, recovery, resilience, quality of life, and wellness by providing high quality, integrated services to eligible individuals. Thanks to the Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage, WCCMH expanded its services to all county residents regardless of insurance, ability to pay, or crisis severity. For guidance on how to get connected to services, call 734-544-3050.




The Chelsea High School Competitive Cheerleaders will be hosting a Little Cheer Clinic

Clinic Includes
Perform an Exhibition Round at the 5th Annual Bulldog Bash on Wednesday, January 26th
Uniform (T-Shirt, Leggings and Bow)
2 Saturday Practices

Details
Participant must be kindergarten age or older
There will be 2 Practices held at Pierce Lake Elementary Gym
(Little Cheerleaders are not required to attend both practices but it is recommended)
Practice dates are January 8th and January 22nd
Little Cheerleaders will be learning a combination tumbling and stunting round

Competition Day
Competition is Wednesday, January 26th

More Information to Come SOON!!!

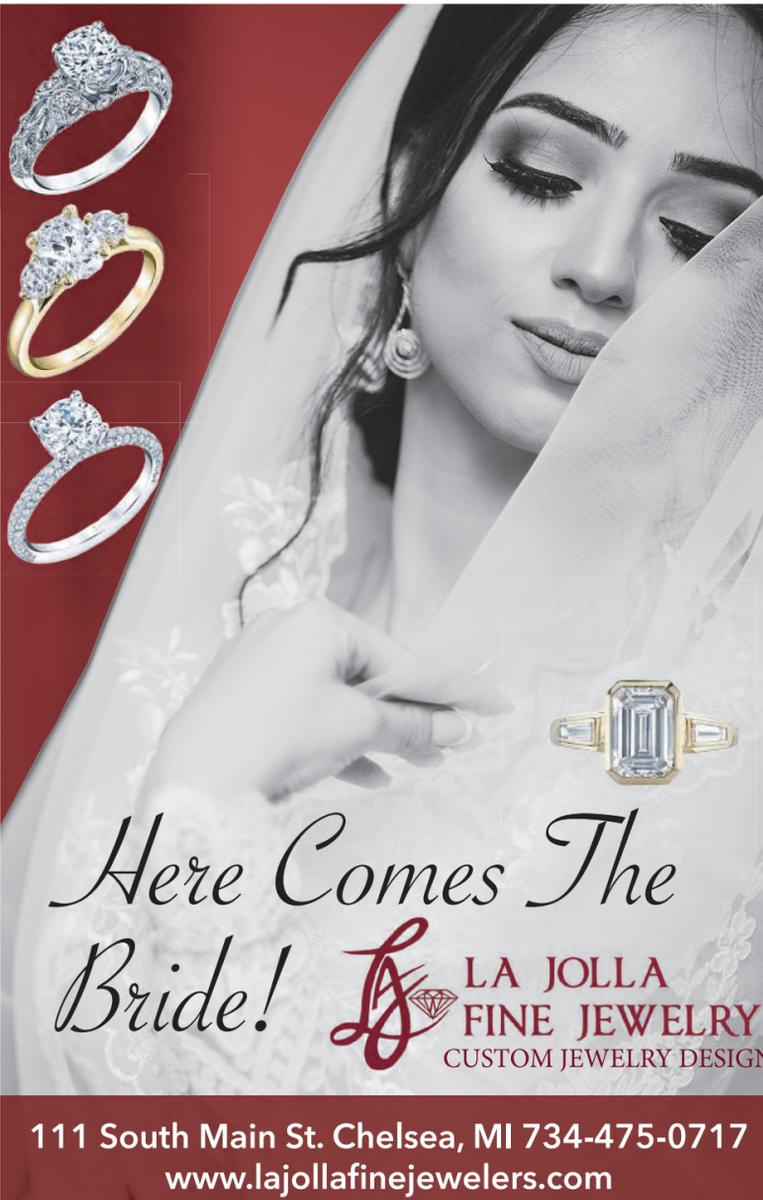


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