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Chelsea Area Players Perform The Only Man in Town



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I've only attended community theater once, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theater for a pre-opening night screening. My opinion, walking into a small-town community theater performance was, "it probably won't be that good." I didn't think such a small number of people could produce a large number of talented theatrical performers. I was wrong. I expected to cringe at bad singing but the reality was, I was enthralled by the beautiful voices

on stage. By the time it was over, I thought I should start drinking the tap water in Chelsea to get better at shower singing, and Karaoke. How does a little town like Chelsea have so much talent? The Only Man in Town, takes the history of Chelsea and weaves the story of how the town as we know it today, came to be. The town's newspapers act as the narrator. As a reporter, I smiled at the idea that the writer of a small town paper helped narrate history. Not history created a political tool, but a his-

tory of what happened, no matter the political party or favored presidential candidate. Through Jason P. Eyster's research skills and story telling ability, I learned about, "the crook who built the clocktower." It is a structure that is a part of Chelsea and is akin to a nose on a face. I've never imagined how it came to be or that illegal politics created it. Jason P Eyster wove a tale that kept me attentive and curious. It is a tale that teaches and celebrates the city. To be given a **continued on page 2**

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Chelsea Area Players Perform The Only Man in Town



running. But, if you have a small minded attitude, like I did, that small town community theater cannot have that much talent, you are profoundly mistaken. The orchestra was spectacular, and the singing was amazing. Congratulations to a job well done to the entire cast and crew. The set was a perfect representation of every small town Main St. in Michigan in which I have ever lived. The Only Man in Town was Chelsea Area Players 82nd show in 51 years. The experience of the Chelsea Area Players in putting on a professionally entertaining show is clear. If you've never attended, do come to the next show. My only complaint is that Judge Karl Fink was typecast. I read that he hasn't performed as an actor since high school and based on him playing Judge Weist, I think he still hasn't. Congratulations to everyone involved, you put together an entertaining tale about your town.

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 gift and be able to write and research that well is pretty amazing. But to be able to compose as well as he did is also pretty amazing. I am still singing, "Chelsea, Michigan," and if you attended, I'm sure you are too. If you've ever believed there is not enough art in public schools, it is nice to know an artist is the sitting Vice President on Chelsea's Board of Education.
 The Glazier fam-

ily, who attended on Saturday night, had a presentation after the show to thank Jason for writing their family history. Also in attendance were producers from New York. I was unable to ask if they had any Broadway visions for the small town of Chelsea, but what a thrill to imagine that they do!

If you missed the Chelsea Area Players presentation of The Only Man in Town, I am sorry. It's no longer



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Chelsea History Museum Walks Back to Era of Taverns, Pubs, and Prohibition

From: Shawn Personke

Chelsea may be famous for Jiffy Mix, the Purple Rose Theatre, and its thriving art and restaurant scene, but there's more to the city's story. This summer the Chelsea Area Historical Society unpacks both the famous and infamous in their inaugural walking tour, "Boozy History of Chelsea: Saloons, Pubs & Bars," on Saturdays, June 10 and 17.

Tour leader and organizer, Jasen King, is excited about the museum's new "pub crawl." Working with former board member Cary Church's research and museum volunteer Mary Keaton, he found a deep well of stories dating from the 1850s through the 1990s, highlighting a wild

and free-flowing past filled with political intrigue, gambling, murder, and hours-long fist fights.

"Chelsea has a fascinating history," said King. "Much of the past has been forgotten, but this tour will tell the stories of legal and illegal drinking, tavern escapades, the temperance movement and prohibition, and how the landscape and demand for alcohol morphed into today's sensibility."

King said that, at times, the rules and regulations were less stringent, but sometimes state politicians, like Frank Glazier, took a local and strong hand in solving the drinking and gambling problems of their era.

CAHS board president and Chelsea native, Jan Bernath,

recalls the "bar scene" growing up in the 1940s and '50s. She's looking forward to learning more about the how things were in early Chelsea history.

"I always thought Seitz's on West Middle Street was the only bar ever in town," said Bernath. "When the idea came up to develop a historic pub crawl, I was all in. I'm thrilled with the new tour and the stories and secrets behind Chelsea's familiar storefronts that are still standing."

Because much of the walking event takes place in the city's social district, the tour includes stops for beverages. Walkers will be able to stroll with their beverage of choice.

Tickets and more info about



Boozy History of Chelsea: Saloons, Pubs & Bars

Saturdays: June 10 ~ 7 pm & June 17 ~ 5 & 7 pm

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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
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Doggie Paddling!



By: Laura Perkins,
Laura Perkins
Animal Behavior,
Chelsea

It's already been a hot summer and we're just getting into June! Michigan has so many water-centered activities to offer from swimming to kayaking or paddle boarding. Sharing these activities with your canine companion can be great fun. But it's important to introduce them to the water carefully so that they learn to enjoy it.

Before starting with any water activity be sure to obtain a well fitted life jacket for your dog. Even good swimmers can tire out or encounter surges of currents that can be very dangerous. Another safety tip is to observe your dog and prevent her from swallowing or

inhaling too much water. Using a bumper or frisbee for fetch is better than a tennis ball because less water can enter their mouths passively.

When you are ready to try some water time with your dog here's some steps to consider;

1. Choose an area that is easy for them to get in and out of with either solid steps or a gradual beach. Choose an area that is quiet and free of other stressors in the environment. For example if your dog is afraid of strangers - find a time to go when there aren't going to be people around!

2. Don't force interaction with the water. Instead offer a game of tug or catch in the very shallow part of the water.

3. Don't bribe

with treats. Instead offer treats *after* they enter the water. This is so that they are confident about getting their feet wet rather than doing so with hesitation just to get the food.

4. Stay close to them, keep on leash (a long leash can be helpful) until you are sure they can swim well.

5. Continue to move into deeper water with them as they seem ready.

6. Once they are swimming you can try a game of fetch but don't throw the toy further than you are willing to go to get it yourself!

7. If you want to try kayaking or paddle boarding with your dog, introduce them to the equipment on dry land first. Then try in shallow water where you can easily help them to be stable or get on and off of the board/boat. As their confidence becomes clear you can try a short paddle or ride. Be sure to watch them closely and end the ride if they seem nervous - you can try again another day.

Enjoy the summer with your pups!

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JUNE 1-
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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



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- 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

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Greg Yankee will be hosting a zoom call for potential and previous Chelsea Community Foundation grant recipients. Grants

ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are available to eligible applicants.

Yankee is a senior program officer at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. In that capacity, he assists the Chelsea Community Foundation Advisory Committee in its re-

view of grant applications and subsequent awards.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an informal but informative forum for people interested in learning more about the application requirements, process, and timeline.

This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about funding opportunities through the Chelsea Community Foundation in its mission to support all things Chelsea.

Dates: June 21, from 11 am - 12 pm - RSVP by June 20 at 5 p.m.

June 28, from 2 pm

- 3 pm - RSVP by June 27 at 5 p.m.

Contact Greg Yankee @ gyankee@cfsem.org. Send a brief email with your preferred date and you will receive a zoom link for the meeting.

The Chelsea Community Foundation Grant Application Deadline is August 15, 2023. Anyone interested has time to apply for this grant cycle. The next application deadline is February 15, 2024.

Share this information with anyone that you think might benefit from participating in this forum.

June Events

Youth Monthly Pass

CHE/DEX/STK June 1–September 1

The Wellness Centers are offering monthly youth passes for member's children. Keep your kids active at the Wellness Center by enjoying the strength training and cardio equipment. Ages 12-17. For more information, visit the Member Service Desk.

Michigan Counties Challenge

DEX/STK June 1–August 27

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CHE June 1–30

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DEX June 12 and 13

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Men's Health and Fitness Week*

CHE/DEX/STK June 12–18

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Water Safety Week Lectures at the Wellness Centers*

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DEX June 14 12:00pm–2:30pm FREE

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CHE/DEX/STK June 21

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108 Sun Salutations for Summer Solstice*

DEX June 21 5:30pm–7:30pm

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Jacob Singer
Adrija Skiotys
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Zebedee Swager
Ngox Tao
Kalen Thomas
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Carter Trinkle
Emilee Underwood
Makenna Van Assche
Vivian Vanden Bosch
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SENIOR MOMENT: “Little Dresses for Africa” – International Philanthropy



CSC Sewing Group participants (above) display samples of recently completed skirts and dresses.

Sandy Diemer (above) has been the CSC Sewing group leader since its inception, and has printed information about the international aid program for those who would like to know more.

By Gretchen Zale

The Chelsea Senior Center Sewing Group has met weekly for eight years, making dresses for “Little Dresses for Africa”. The worldwide project began 15 years ago, providing 10.5 million contributions from more than 87 countries. To date, the CSC

group has contributed more than 2,000 garments, ranging from dresses for young girls, ‘britches’ for boys, ankle-length skirts for older girls, as well as attractive feminine hygiene kits.

Sandy Diemer, who leads the Sewing Group at CSC, works together with volun-

teers to cut, sew (and smile), every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Sewing machines are available on-site and sewers may take ready-to-assemble materials to work on at home, returning the dresses when finished. Completed items are taken to Rockwell, Michigan, then sent

to Malawi, Africa for distribution to underprivileged youth in nearby developing countries.

Each Sewing Group session provides a selection of colorful, often donated, fabric, matching tape and written instructions for the garments, pockets and ruffle ac-

cents. Fully washable sanitary-pad liners go into hand-made draw-string bags (including zip-lock bags and panties), to supply older girls attending schools with no available sanitary facilities. Any adults interested in joining the group or learning more about the

project may visit “littledressesforafrica.org” online—or stop in at the CSC Sewing Group on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

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

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Chelsea High School Celebrates Class of 2023



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Sunday, June 4th 2023, around 200 students, a host of faculty, and proud family members celebrated the Chelsea High School class of 2023's graduation. The sun shone as if to celebrate the bright futures of the graduating class. The weather was magnificent. When Pomp and Circumstance began to play, I felt the excitement of a future about to unfold. I felt nostalgia for a time before being jaded and a time when the choices and paths are limitless. Graduation is an absolutely magical point in life. Even though it wasn't my day or one of my children's, I couldn't help but smile with the students happy to witness their moment.

Dr. Angel began by listing off the many accomplishments of students in 2023. Chelsea students are state Champs in personal finance for the 6th time and are headed to nationals. The robotics team received a community service

and outreach award and hosted 10 visiting schools. The Blue-Print, Chelsea's student newspaper won an award for National excellence and the Theater Guild continues to grow and create an amazing program. 80% of seniors participated in a club, music, or a sport and Chelsea's water polo team made it to the state finals for the first time. Dr. Angel noted the opportunities to perform community service through several clubs at the school. He went on to announce Jacob Nelson's 3 state titles and 3 state records in track and field D2 state meet. He noted that Chelsea is ranked 330th in the state of Michigan which equates to being in the top 4% of schools in the nation. He listed all the accolades and accomplishments of the sports teams in Chelsea, which were so numerous, I could not keep up, to put it simply, the Chelsea athletic department is so strong that if you participate in a sport there's a strong chance you'll win Districts. Chelsea

superintendent Michael Kapolka spoke next, abbreviating 100 things that matter to 3: relationships, even disagreements are good because opportunities to grow are presented. Kindness matters and it's contagious. And if opportunity doesn't knock (it won't always) build your own door with grit, adaptability, and confidence. He encouraged the students to attempt the impossible.

The student speakers were up next starting with Pheobe Harris. She thanked her classmates to reflect on the questions: what kind of place are you starting your life in and what kind of place do you want to leave behind? She encouraged her classmates to not view the task as impossible. She offered the suggestion that making small changes in the right direction was something each graduate could do. The negative old root system might be thick but it is possible to trim vines for a healthier place for everyone. Peter Mourad gave the second student speech, which was charming and witty. He outlined the ideals most often given in graduation speeches: work hard, fail big, be kind, dream big. Peter outlined how hard the seniors wanted to win the pep rally, at least once. They worked hard for it but the upstart sophomores stole the victory, and thus the seniors failed big. He highlighted being kind by discussing a lonely Dr. Angel weeping in the lunchroom and how easy it would be to sit next to him and show compassion. I was thoroughly impressed by the wisdom and wit of the Chelsea seniors. The graduates were announced and received their diplomas. It was an amazing day for an amazing group of students to step into the next phase of their lives. I was honored to be able to watch.



CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNING



From: Tracie Stoffer

Airanna Griecci Kellogg Community College Soccer

Parents: Alberta and Stephen Griecci

The Purple Rose Theatre Company to open “A Jukebox for the Algonquin” A World Premiere by Paul Stroili



The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) announces the final production of their 32nd season, “A Jukebox for the Algonquin” a World Premiere play by Paul Stroili. Tickets are on sale now.

At a senior living community in the Adirondacks, a small group of residents decide they’re not quite ready to “go gentle into that good night.” This band of displaced former city dwellers from Brooklyn and The Bronx hatch a plot to prove that aging is not a New York state of mind. “A Jukebox for the Algonquin” is a tale about those who will not be forgotten – a serious comedy about sex, drugs, and rocking chairs.

“A Jukebox for the Algonquin” contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13.

A Resident Artist at PRTC, Paul Stroili’s autobiographical solo show “Straight Up with a Twist” toured the U.S. for over nine years, culminating in a twice-extended Off-Broadway run. Stroili’s other playwriting credits include “Last Call at the Aardvark”, “Cheese Louise”, “Plane Crazy”, and “My Dinner with Arlecchino”. His screenplay for the film “The

Beating” was utilized by Columbia College in their course of study on short filmmaking. His writing has also appeared in Los Angeles Magazine and New York Magazine. Recently, Paul served as Executive Producer for the feature film, “Wake”, which was awarded Best Feature Film honors at Riverside, Alexandria and Sedona International Film Festivals. While residing in Los Angeles, he was a faculty member in the UCLA Entertainment Studies program. He lives in Chicago.

Performances run from Friday, July 7 through Saturday, September 2, 2023. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, July 13. The press opening is Friday, July 14 at 8:00pm.

Directed by Suzi Regan (Birmingham), the cast features Susan Angelo (Los Angeles, CA), Wallace Bridges (Ypsilanti), Ruth Crawford (Ann Arbor), Mark Colson (Detroit), MaryJo Cuppone (Ann Arbor), Ethan May (Beverly Hills), and John Seibert (Ann Arbor). Set design by Bartley H. Bauer, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Suzanne Young, lighting by Noele Stollmack, and sound by Brad Phil-

lips. Karen Anne George is the stage manager.

The production sponsors for “A Jukebox for the Algonquin” are Lume Cannabis Co. Ann Arbor, Chelsea State Bank, and Rick Taylor, Reinhardt Realtors. Underwriting support for the season comes from the Chelsea Community Foundation, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include HOME.fm, JTV, 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 make reservations call (734) 433-7673 or go to www.purplerosetheatre.org.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-2245

Date: June 7, 2023

Location: 400 block of AD Mayer Dr.

Time: 1:04 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of AD Mayer Dr. for the report of a verbal altercation with someone loitering on the property. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the complainant who stated that he had observed a male subject sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot and listening to music at a loud volume. The complainant stated that he approached as the suspect exited his vehicle and was walk-

ing away and inquired if he could be of any help. The suspect stated that he did not need anything and was “chillin’”. The complainant stated that he informed him that if he did not have any business on the property that he would have to leave. The suspect reportedly got upset by this and began insulting the complainant and threw a juice box in his direction. The complainant separated himself from the situation and dialed 911. The officer located the suspect, identified

as a 34-year-old Chelsea man. The suspect was interviewed about what had taken place. The suspect admitted to getting into an argument with the complainant but denied throwing the juice box. The suspect was released from the scene and advised not to come back onto the property. The case will be submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutors Office for warrant review to determine if there was sufficient evidence for a charge of Disorderly Person.

Covenant Church of Chelsea Celebrates Graduate



From: Alan Umpstead

Cade Umpstead graduated from Saline High School. He plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to study Environmental Science.

