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Story and more photos on page 9. Photos by Aimee Bingham Osinski.



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Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) is 50% of the way to their goal of raising \$8,000 for the second annual Grad Year Fundraising Campaign. The campaign ends June 4 - Graduation Day for Chelsea's class of 2023!

The Grad Year Fundraiser celebrates the Class of '23 and all future Chelsea School District graduates. It continued on page 8

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Story on page 2.

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

continued from page 1
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 Chelsea: Saloons, Pubs & Bars" are available via Eventbrite. Admission is \$20 for the 90-minute tour, with discounts for museum members. Combo tour and membership tickets are available for \$25.

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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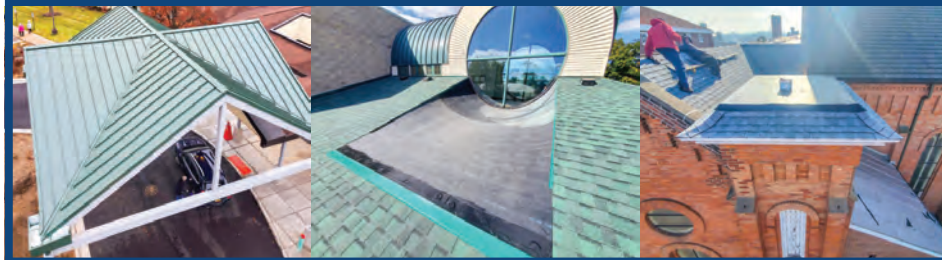
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UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Announces New President & CEO

Kelli Smith Takes Helm of UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation to Serve Older Adults Across the State



From: Steve Fetyko

After an extensive national search, the United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC)-Porter Hills Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelli Smith, CFRE as the Foundation's next President & CEO. The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation is the fundraising arm for Brio Living Services (formerly UMRC & Porter Hills). Smith will lead the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation team in its fundraising initiatives to support older adults, including the Foundation's cor-

nerstone—Benevolent Care—as well as Team Member Support Services, Life Enrichment programming for older adults, and capital and growth opportunities for the organization.

“The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board of Directors and I are delighted to announce Kelli Smith as the Foundation's next President & CEO,” said Brio Living Services President & CEO Steve Fetyko, who has been serving as the interim President & CEO for the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation. “Kelli is an accomplished fundraising professional with experience in the healthcare and education fields in both the Detroit and Grand Rapids areas, which Brio Living Services serves. She has a demonstrated track record of leadership and fundraising success as well as building successful relationships and programs.”

Smith comes to the Foundation with more than 25 years of philanthropic experience in healthcare, education, aquariums, zoos, and botanical garden sectors. She most recently served on John Ball Zoo's executive team as Chief Development and Engagement Officer. She spearheaded an \$18.5 million campaign in this role and led teams responsible for philanthropy, marketing, government affairs, community engagement, and membership.

UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board Chair, Jacqueline D. Taylor, Ph.D., said, “Kelli's background in healthcare, her commitment to the aging population, and her outstanding experience in leadership across the state will be invaluable to our UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation.”

Current Foundation board member and incoming Board

Chair, Catherine “Reezie” DeVet added, “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with Kelli who is such a gifted and experienced professional. She will be instrumental in our mission and success in serving older adults across Michigan.”

Smith led major and planned gift efforts to complete a multi-million-dollar campaign as Director of Philanthropy at Saint Mary's Foundation, Mercy Health. Originally from southeastern Michigan, she began her career in public health with the Oakland County Health Department. Her experience includes progressively more responsible roles at Beaumont Health Foundation, the American Heart Association, Detroit Country Day School, and University Liggett School.

Committed to civic, professional, and community service, Smith serves on the Grand

Rapids Chamber's Create Great Leaders Council (CGL), the Board of Directors for the Children's Advocacy Center, Immediate Past Board Chair of the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the East Grand Rapids School Foundation.

“Raised closely with amazing grandparents and great-grandparents, advocating for vibrant aging has long been a personal mission and now a professional one. I am honored to take the

helm as President and CEO of UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation and work alongside a stellar team and community dedicated to sustaining and improving the quality of life of aging adults. With adults 65 and older projected to outpace births in the U.S. by 2034, the Foundation's mission is more critical than ever,” said Smith.

Smith will begin her duties as UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation President & CEO on June 26, 2023.



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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

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Palmer Commons in Downtown Chelsea

Wednesdays, 1 to 5pm
Music: 1 to 3pm
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WEDNESDAYS

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

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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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Food Court July 28 (5-10pm) & July 29 (12-10pm)
Social Tent July 28-29 (6-11pm)
TeenZone July 29 (5-9 pm)
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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
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

2023 GIRLS T&F LARRY STEEB MEET OF CHAMPIONS SUMMARY

On Tuesday (5/30) afternoon, the Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team competed at the Larry Steeb Meet of Champions. In order to compete at the Meet of Champions, athletes needed to meet or exceed high standards set in each of the events. Thus, the competition was highly competitive with a total of 43 schools represented (29 Division I schools, 7 Di-

vision II schools, 4 Division III schools, and 3 Division IV schools). Overall, we continued to rise to the occasion as a team. We set 6 personal records and 2 relay season bests as well as earn 6 medals in 14 of the events contested in. Also, we had athletes continue to make the All-Time Top Ten Individual and Top 5 Relays Lists.

Highlights:

- Anna Brant had a big throw in the shot put with a distance of 35' 4" (a PR).

- With her throw last night, she is 7th all-time in the shot put.

- Madeline Collins tied her PR in the high jump with a height of 4' 10". She placed 5th in the event. Also, Madeline competed in the long jumped (14' 10") and placed 8th.

- Carley Grabarczyk

placed 7th in the 100m dash with a time of 12.79 and she also ran a fast, anchor leg of the 4x100m Relay, out leaning a competitor at the end.

- Natalia DeMea placed 8th in the 1600m run with a time of 5:32.97. A solid performance in the heat.

- Ceci Bayer placed 3rd in the Freshman 1600m run with a time of 5:40.06 (a PR). She al-

most out kicked the 2nd place competitor.

- Senior Brooke Mat-usik ran a 17.19 (a PR) in the 100m Hurdles. Also, she ran her third fastest time of the season in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 51.74.

- Senior Laney Smith and Junior Eva Dewaele both ran two fast splits in the 4x100m and 4x200m Relays to help lead these relays to top finishes.

- Specifically, the

4x100m Relay, composed of India Barney, Eva Dewaele, Laney Smith, and Carley Grabarczyk, placed 2nd with a season best time of 50.37. They are now ranked 5th all-time in the 4x100m Relay in school history.

- Also, the 4x200m Relay, composed of Laney Smith, Eva Dewaele, Cris Hurtado, and Brinna Wenzel, placed 3rd with a time of 1:49.30, a season best.



2023 GIRLS T&F DII STATE MEET SUMMARY

On June 3rd, the DII State Meet was held at Forest Hills Eastern High School located in Ada near Grand Rapids. The Chelsea Girls Track & Field team took six athletes to the meet to compete in four events. This included: shot put - Anna Brant, 100m dash - Carley Grabarczyk,

4x100m Relay (India Barney, Eva Dewaele, Laney Smith, and Carley Grabarczyk), and 3200m run - Natalia DeMea.

For all the girls on the team who made it to the State Meet this year, it was their first experience at this big event. They handled and performed well

at the meet given the significant competitive pressure to perform well and the heat of the day, which was near 90 F. Carley Grabarczyk ran a 12.76 in the 100m dash after a re-run in her heat, which she handled well. Anna Brant continued to throw well with a distance of 33' 9" in shot

put throw. Her throw at the State Meet was 3'+ further than her beginning of the year throw distances. The 4x100m Relay team ran their season best time of 50.35, which placed 10th out of 24 teams. We hoped the team could place in the top 8 (All-State Honors), but other teams

just ran just a bit faster than we did. Natalia DeMea was close to All-State Honors with 10th place finishing. She ran a strong pace in the heat throughout the race and ended 7 seconds off her personal record. The coaching staff is so proud of our athletes and how they represented Chelsea. I believe many in this group will return and bring others along to make an impact next year at the State Meet.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all those who supported us through the season: administrators, colleagues, parents, alum, local businesses, and community members. Without your support, our athletes would not have reached the successes we did and certain recognition that we experienced this season. Community involvement matters.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

5/30/23 CHS TRACK TEAM MEET SUMMARY @ LARRY STEEB MEET OF CHAMPIONS

On a hot Tuesday evening, the Chelsea boys track and field team took a small group of athletes to Dexter's Al Ritt Field for the Larry Steeb Meet of Champions. The Steeb meet is a long standing tradition of Washtenaw county and showcases the area's top track and

field talent. This was a non-scoring event that awarded medals to the top 6 performers in each event. It was a smooth meet that saw some of the state's best talent going into the state final meet this Saturday. Highlights include:

- Connell Alford placed 2nd in the 1600

M run with a time of 4:22. Connell is currently seeded 4th in the 1600 at the state meet. Note: the 3 guys ahead of him are all from our region. Connell was also named the male co-track athlete of the year of the Washtenaw area at this meet, sharing the title with Ann Arbor

Huron's Braxton Brann.

- Drew Sherwood placed 6th in the 100 M dash with a time of 11.25 seconds.

- Drew will run the 100 at the state finals on Saturday.

- Jackie Dell ran a personal best 1:59.77 in the 800 M dash. This time places him with-

in a little over a second away from breaking the top 10 all time list for Chelsea in the 800.

- Linus Helzerman ran a personal best in the 1600 M run with a time of 4:56.

- Breaking 5 minutes in the 1600 is a huge accomplishment, especially for a freshman!

- The dogs will travel to Forest Hills Eastern High School in Ada, Michigan for the MH-

SAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 State Finals on Saturday, June 3rd. Alford will compete in the 1600 and 3200, both of which he is ranked in the top 4 for the meet. The 4x800 team will also compete in the meet. Sherwood will run the 100, while Jacob Nelson will compete in the adaptive 100, 200 and shot put.

2023 LP D2 STATE FINAL MEET SUMMARY FOR THE CHELSEA BOYS TRACK TEAM

To conclude the 2023 track season, the Chelsea track team took 7 guys to Forest Hills Eastern High School in Ada to compete in the Lower Peninsula, Division 2 state finals. It was a sweltering, 90 degree day that tested even the most disciplined athletes.

The dogs scored 6 points at the meet, which saw the best track talent in the state.

Highlights for the dogs include:

- Connell Alford was the lone All-State performer for the Chelsea squad. Alford ran a smart race in the 1600 with a time of 4:21,

placing 8th. Alford also placed 4th in

- the 3200 by running a personal record of 9:19. We are all proud of Connell's achievements!

- Jacob Nelson competed in the 100, 200, and shotput. Jacob had a personal record in the 100 (27.28), tied his personal record in the shot put (6' 6"), and had a respectable 200 (57.71). Jacob was not alone this year as an adaptive athlete, Jillian Romanyk from Sturgis competed at the meet as well. Jacob was the first, and only, athlete to compete at the division 2 state finals when

he competed in the 100. Now, the state is seeing a massive increase in wheelchair and ambulatory athletes competing on their high school track teams. We are proud of Jacob for helping pave the way for the future of track and field in the state of Michigan.

- The 4x800 team of Jackie Dell, Bram Hartsuff, Beckett Boos, and Leo Swager ran an 8:20 and finished 24th overall. This team competed hard and every guy on the team ran either a personal best in the event or close to a personal best. We made the decision to pull Alford, who ran this at the re-

gional meet, from the relay so he could focus on his individual races. Leo stepped in and ran a great race. Jackie and Bram went sub 2:05 for their legs of the relay and competed hard as the first 2 legs of the relay, putting us in great position in our heat. Beckett Boos, one of the few freshmen at the meet, ran like an upper-classman and showed that he is one the elite freshmen in the state.

- Drew Sherwood ran a great race in the 100, but didn't make it out of the prelims with an 11.36. In order to make finals, the cut off time was below 11 sec-

onds, which is almost .2 seconds away from Drew's personal best. This closes out an incredible sprinting career for Drew. Drew holds the 3rd fastest 100 and 200 times in the past 15 years at Chelsea just behind Berkley and Bailey Edwards. Drew also ran on 3 all-region relays this year that all placed 3rd and almost made it to the state meet. We are all proud of Drew and his incredible career at Chelsea.

The track and field program would like to thank our administration at Chelsea, the parents of our student-athletes, and the community of Chelsea for their support this season in giving our

kids the best possible experience at Chelsea. We want to thank Brian Boos, Alex Stacey, and all the meet volunteers that worked at Chelsea this season who made our meets smooth and well done. Special thanks to Aubree Shemwell, our athletic booster representative! We also appreciate our coaching staff for putting in the time and effort to support and coach the athletes on our squad. Finally, we'd like to thank and recognize the student athletes of the track team for making this a great season and for continuing to contribute to a tradition of excellence in CHS track and field.

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In addition to educator grants, CEF will award scholarships to many deserving Chelsea graduates at their Class Night ceremony on June 2.

Help Build a Bulldog Future, Support the Class of 2023 and your Future Bulldog Graduate by donating at this link [23Grad-Year](https://www.chelsealeducationfoundation.org/23Grad-Year) For more information, contact Katie Hepler, Vice President vicepresident@chelsealeducationfoundation.org.

Chelsea Education Foundation congratulates the Class of '23 and extends its gratitude to all those who will help CEF meet their 2023 Grad Year Fundraising goal of \$8,000. CEF board members and volunteers will be in attendance at Class Night, be sure to stop by to help celebrate the Class of '23. Go Bulldogs!

continued from page 1 provides families and friends a unique opportunity to recognize the achievements of this year's graduates while also supporting academic excellence for all those Bulldogs that follow in their

footsteps. A suggested donation of \$23 celebrates a current or future Bulldog graduate and will be used to fund educator grants and student scholarships.

The photo of Claire Popovich, who

is also the CSD Art Department Coordinator, and Carrie Hillis was taken at the May 12th Opening Reception for the Art Show held at the Chelsea High School. The art display panels behind them were fund-

ed through a 2023 CEF Grant Award. Claire shared her appreciation "Thank you for your time and the amazing grant! We are so grateful!!"

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Chelsea High School Celebrates Class of 2023



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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.



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.

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DEX June 12 and 13

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Join us in honoring the longest day and supporting Alzheimer's disease. Wear purple on June 21 and be entered in a drawing.

108 Sun Salutations for Summer Solstice*

DEX June 21 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join us on the longest day of the year for our 108 Sun Salutations for Summer Solstice.

*Community welcome!



The Purple Rose Theatre's Starlite Ball Raises \$225,000

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, patrons, donors, and sponsors for their generous support.

From: Katie Hubbard

The Purple Rose Theatre Company's (PRTC) 'Starlite Ball' on May 13th was a whimsical, "Mad Men"-themed fundraiser to support the non-profit theater's programming and general operations.

Starlite Ball guests enjoyed delicious food and drink at the recently updated Weber's Boutique Hotel in Ann Arbor. The evening featured Purple Rose actors dressed as 1960's celebrities, a thrilling live auction led by Lamoreaux & Associates, and dancing to the incredible 10-person band, The Bluewater Kings.

As a final highlight, Purple Rose Resident Artists K. Edmonds and Brad Phillips joined Purple Rose Artistic Director and founder Jeff Daniels to perform with The Bluewater Kings for the last few songs of the night.

The one-night-only event was a huge success raising \$225,000 for The Purple Rose through ticket sales, live auction with proxy bidding available, sponsors, and individual donations.

"We couldn't be happier with the results of this very special evening; with such generous giving from the community, local businesses, and so many patrons who love what The Purple Rose Theatre means

to their lives and the lives of so many artists", says Managing Director, Katie Hubbard.

Thank you for supporting The Purple Rose by spending the evening with us (or by proxy bidding during the live auction), as a volunteer or through your thoughtful donations. Thank you for helping us grow as an organization. Your support helps produce and stage live, world premiere theatre each season. Thank you to our marvelous Purple Rose staff, crew, designers, actors, volunteers, and their families for their tireless work. And thank you to the City of Chelsea for your endless and cherished support.

Thank you to our fantastic PRTC Director of Donor Engagement, Rob Caplis, and our amazing Donor Services Associate, Cindy Bertson for making the evening a success. Thank you to our dedicated leaders, PRTC Founder/Artistic Director- Jeff Daniels; Artistic Associates- Lucas Daniels and Rhiannon Ragland; Managing Director- Katie Hubbard; and Director of Technical Production- Brian Dambacher.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for your guidance and trusted support.

A special thank you to our Sponsors of the Starlite Ball: The Ann Feeney Family;

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Thank you to our friends that made donations to our Starlite Live Auction:

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Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-2186

Date: June 3, 2023

Location: 500 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:17 PM

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was flagged down by a citizen who stated that they had just been involved in a motor vehicle crash. The citizen's told the officer that their vehicle had been struck by the vehicle behind them and they suspected that the driver was intoxicated because they had been swerving and tailgating them. The officer made contact with the driver

of the other vehicle and noted that the driver's eyes were red and there was an odor of alcohol emanating from his person. The officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and noted that he appeared unsteady on his feet. The officer began standard field sobriety tests and at the conclusion of those tests it was determined that there was enough probable cause to place the suspect, a

31-year-old Chelsea man under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was processed and then lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and warrant review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

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