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## Chelsea Fair: Nearly 150 Years of Spotighting Agriculture

By Aimee Bingham Osinski [anbingham@gmail.com](mailto:anbingham@gmail.com)

about the history of fairs in general. Common sense told me it has its roots in agriculture much like Saline, Chelsea, and Manchester. According to history daily.org, "The first county fair was in 1807 and the brainchild of sheep farmer Elkana Watson. His goal was to promote better farming and farming practices. The first fair was nothing-

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## Walking Across the Mighty Mackinac: A Labor Day Tradition



Story and more photos on page 6. Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski.

## The Purple Rose Theatre Company begins their 32nd Season with "Pickleball" A World Premiere play by Jeff Daniels



**From: Katie Hubbard** must overcome their own limitations in order to achieve greatness in a game that has nothing to do with pickles. "Pickleball" contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13. This production is the twentieth play written by Jeff Daniels. Tickets are on sale now.

In a wild comedy about America's fastest growing sport, four below average players

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# Bestmaze Corn Maze FINAL SEASON -

*A cross state gas pipeline project will put an end to Mid Michigan's favorite corn maze.*

**From: Mark Benjamin**  
owner and designer  
of Bestmaze mark@  
bestmaze.com

After 22 years of operation along I-96 in Williamston, Bestmaze will cease to exist after this season. A \$550 million pipeline project going from Chelsea to Ovid will cross the farm in 2023 and take out the maze's parking lot. A 14 feet wide by 8 feet deep trench will cut a mile long gash through the owners farm to install the new 36" diameter pipe and make operation of maze impractical for 2023 and 2024. So this is your last chance to conquer a favorite fall activity of Mid-Michigan. Opening the 2022 season on Friday Sept. 16 the maze will run until Oct. 30. The mazes ticket booth will be open Friday night's 6-10 pm, Saturday 1-10pm and Sundays 1-8pm. New this year will be an onsite app to track your progress via your phone. A "fog" will cover the map and disappear as you walk down the paths revealing where you have been but not

the paths ahead of you. Bestmaze opened in 2001 with a Great Lakes Theme carving a lighthouse, freighter, and hot air balloon into the maze. Other years they carved themes of space, dinosaurs, Smokey Bear turning 75, Cruise ships, knights and dragons, The Wild West, King Tut, Pirates, Under the Sea, and more. For the final maze theme Bestmaze is going out with a roar, VIKINGS! People will enter the maze and enter the Viking Longship, then off through the maze to find Odin's Raven, the Viking with his sword and shield. Then into the three triangles and Thor's Hammer before exiting. Customers told the owners to change their name to Bestmaze during the first year of operation. The maze won several public "favorites" voting events for mazes over the years. Bestmaze is unique because they have underground drainage and also hand rake all the trails to shed water. Even after a heavy rain the trails are not muddy

while other mazes are a mud bog. The maze is designed and installed by the owner; not hired out to an out of state company that cuts mazes all over the nation. Upon news spreading on Facebook of the last season, past guests are already sending messages of sorrow to hear the maze will end. Bestmaze has been a fall tradition for families as well as a surprising number of first dates. The maze has also been the scene of a few marriage proposals, family reunions, office parties, birthday parties, youth groups and college events. Many say they are making a special effort to attend this year for one last tour through their favorite corn maze. Customers are encouraged to see [www.bestmaze.com](http://www.bestmaze.com) for more info. A new food truck will be onsite and all food truck profits will fund the truck to become a traveling soup kitchen for areas hungry this winter.



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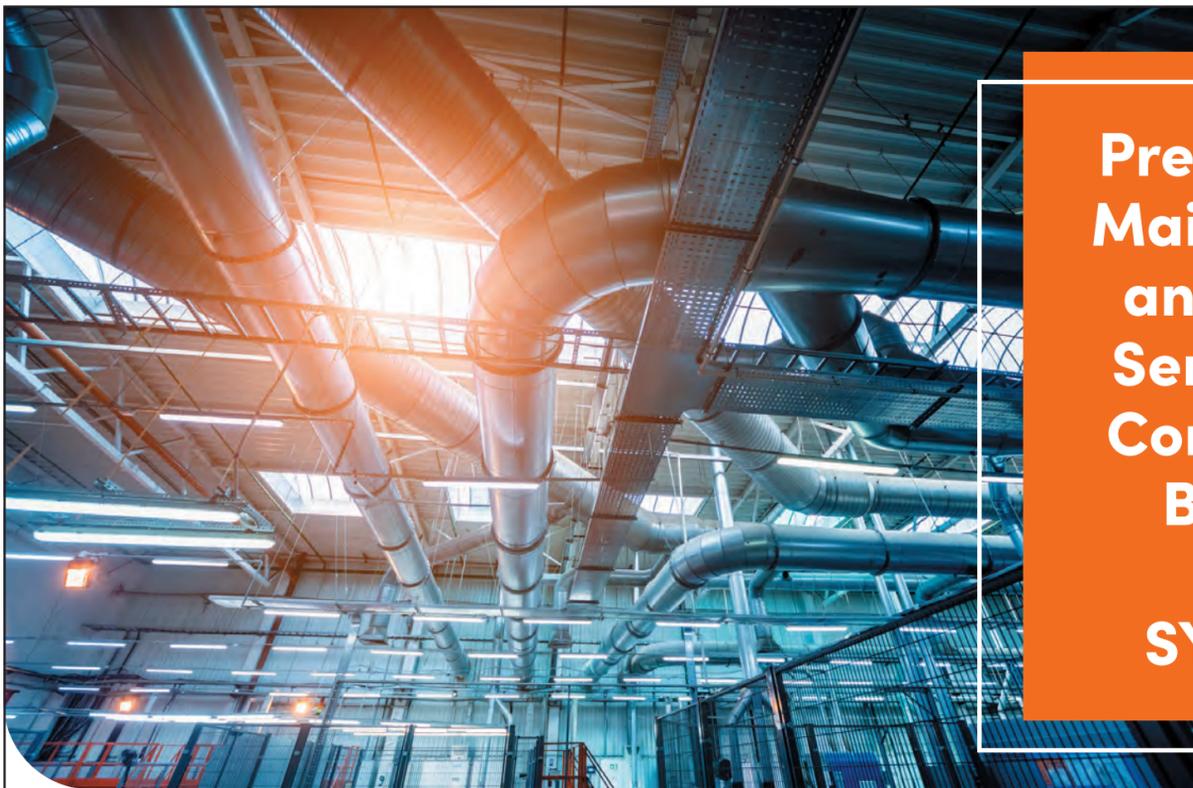
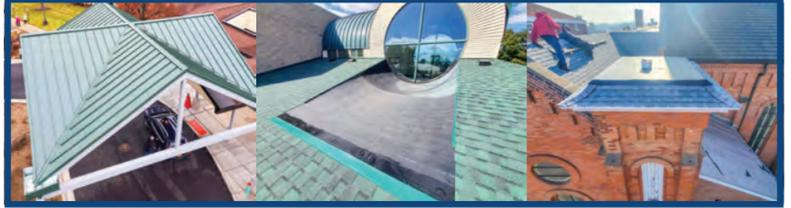
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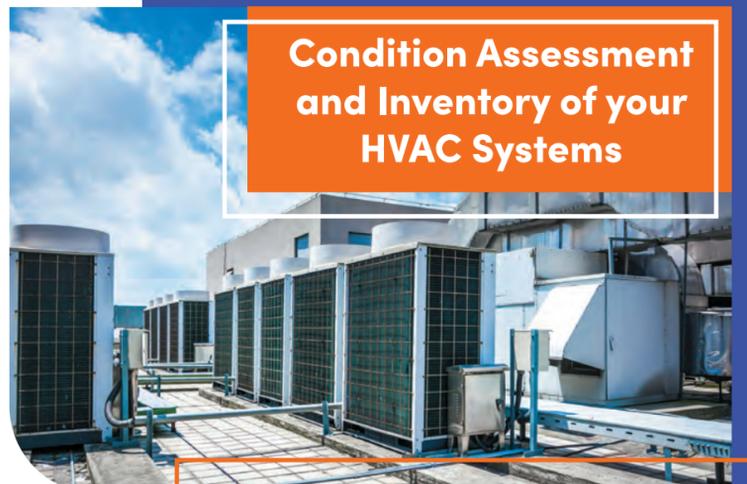
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# Henson Named to City Public Safety Group



**From: Shawn Personke**

Kate Henson has been named to the City of Chelsea Community Public Safety Strategic Planning Group. The group is charged with "creating a strategic plan for

and with the Chelsea Police Department to ensure that the mission and vision of the Chelsea Police Department aligns" with the city's vision.

Henson is a Chelsea resident and parent of two young

children, has a background in organizational development, and serves as a substitute teacher in Chelsea schools.

"In order to develop an effective strategic plan the group must think about our

public safety from the standpoint of all stakeholders, individual citizens, local businesses, the hospital, visitors, and our schools," said Henson.

She added that the city council has provided a good framework for progress.

"We'll be breaking it into segments, with an early piece being determining our police force's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats," Henson said.

As a potential school board member, Henson noted the school district's efforts in recent years to improve safety and security in each building.

"The district's work will add to the information we need to craft a good plan."

"I think we've learned so much over the past couple years

and I think we have a great opportunity to shape public safety into a modern organization that still holds the nature of our small town community at heart," she added.

"Our community has grown and changed in many ways. We've more traffic to manage, a bigger and more diverse population, and pressures from the outside world," Henson said. "But we're still a small town where people know each other and

want the best for each other."

"I'm committed to helping our town find the right plan and policies to effectively serve and protect everyone."

More information about the city public safety group can be found here.

[https://www.city-chelsea.org/Portals/0/Community%20Public%20Safety%20Strategic%20Planning%20Group%20Creation\\_1.pdf](https://www.city-chelsea.org/Portals/0/Community%20Public%20Safety%20Strategic%20Planning%20Group%20Creation_1.pdf)

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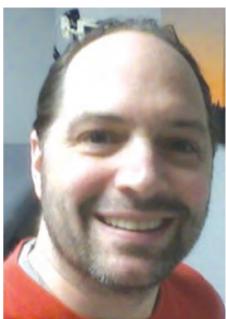


# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE:

### OLD WEST WAGONS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE TONIGHT SHOW AND JACKSON, MICHIGAN



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

Here's a little quiz. What do the following topics all have in common?

- Wagons of the California Gold Rush of 1849 and of the Old West's pioneer Manifest Destiny.
- The Pro Football Hall of Fame and a Super Bowl champion.
- A U.S. Ryder Cup golf team member.
- The Tonight Show and a Star of the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- An outdoor music festival second only to Woodstock in total attendance.
- A No. 1 song later covered by musical legends such as Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Arm-



The sign inside Jackson's Coney Island restaurant billing itself as the "Birthplace of the original coney dog." The restaurant opened in 1914.

strong and Patsy Cline.

— The first ever coney dog restaurant.

— The oldest continually in use train station in America.

— The formal birthplace of the Republican Party.

— And a varsity letter jacket Block J taken to the moon and back by a local NASA astronaut.

Well?

What do you think? Drum roll, please.

The answer is they all owe their existence in some way, shape or form to the city of Jackson, Michigan.

Wait, what?

Yes, Jackson, Michigan.

As some of you might know if you've read this column over



Part of the 34-foot tall stone wall and guard tower at the original site of Jackson State Prison. Opened in 1839, Michigan's first prison was at one time the world's largest walled prison with over 6,000 inmates.

the years (thank you to those five or six people), I'm a huge history buff. Every so often I like to focus on a certain city or area of the state of Michigan and delve into its history.

Recently, Jackson has been in my history crosshairs.

Jackson was founded in 1829. The city was named after Andrew Jackson, our nation's seventh president. With a city proper population of close to 35,000



The boulder at the "Under the Oaks" site in Jackson, Michigan. The boulder marks the location where the first formal meeting of the Republican Party was held in 1854.

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## CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

### SALINE EARLY BIRD MEET RESULTS HURON MEADOWS METROPARK - SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 (80S AND SUNNY)

Runner	Time	Place out of 177
Natalia DeMea	20:29.26 (PR)	14
Samantha Bieber	21:14.41	30
Julia Kause	21:22.20	33
Trilian Krug	21:31.07	36
Lauren Thompson	21:36.41	40
Seren Angus	23:08.01	66
Clara Fredenberg	23:28.10	71
Brooke Matusik	23:43.20	76
Maryanna Fredenberg	24:12.82	83
Marah Putnam	24:23.48	89
Audra Guthre	24:46.07	101
Samantha Dark	25:12.65	106
Cyprus Gabriel-Menegay	25:55.20	120
Aurora Welling	26:07.81	124
Mireille Hunter	26:24.40	127
Kaitlin Kubicki	26:38.56	130
Lissa Krueger	27:24.63	135

\*Sorina Kuehn completed one lap of the course and Christina Hurtado did not run this meet.

Thursday night's meet was a great showing for the Chelsea Girls Cross Country team. On a very warm night, their hard work paid off with solid performances. For eight people on our team, this was their first true cross country race, whether because they are new to the sport or because this was their

first race at the 5K high school distance. The newcomers raced well adding their talent to the already strong returning runners. This made for an excellent all-around showing for the team. Sophomore Natalia DeMea led the way coming in 14th out of a field of 177 runners earning her lifetime best and a medal. Oth-

er outstanding performances ranged from freshman Sam Bieber, who placed 30th in her first high school meet, to senior Julia Kause, whose finishing time in this early season meet was only seconds away from her lifetime best. This bodes well for a successful season for the Bulldogs!

## CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

### END OF SUMMER CLASSIC 9/1/2022 @ HURON MEADOWS METROPARK 83 DEGREES, SUNNY, CALM

Coach Swager's Comments:

We got the season rolling with some solid performances. For 10 of these 20 runners, it was their first high school XC 5k, so we have a lot to learn. Still, several guys ran remarkably well, Connell was on top of his game, running a life time best and dominating the large field. Our next four all ran faster than last year- a good sign. The warm temperature provide a challenge during the second half of the race. We have been training all summer, however, so we are able to soldier through Confidently. The season gets into full swing after Labor Day. I am looking forward to see how this entertaining, Inexperienced, diverse squad improves through the year. His name is Lucca, he's never run this race before. He may be not as quick as you, But faster races are in store.

Individual Overall Places	Times
1. Connell Alford	1531
8. Bram Hartsuff	1630
10. Zebedee Swager	1643
25. Jackie Dell	1728
26. Leo Swager	1735
33. Nick Spruce	1752
40. Beckett Boos	1810
55. Mo cugliari	1829
80. Karl Swager	1905
89. Ethan Kapolka	1923
108. Linus Helzerman	1958
124. AJ Smith	2017
143. Alex Martin	2038
165. Miles Dell	2116
191. Eric Cameron	2201
194. Gabe Muckle	2207
197. Brant Maley	2221
237. John Muckle	2439
246. Lucca Rossini	2525
256. Davion Garrison	2603
(277 runners finished)	Medal winners
	In italics

# CHELSEA BULLDOGS FOOTBALL

## BULLDOGS WIN HOME OPENER

From: Josh Lucas

The Bulldogs won 22-20 over Angola at their home opener.

Tyson Hill had 2 TDS and Regan Plank had 1 receiving TD.

Lucas Dawson was their leading rusher. Chelsea is on the road this Friday night against Jackson. Go Bulldogs!



Photos By Crystal Mead

## Retired FBI Agent and Author Greg Stejskal to Speak at The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner on October 20

Interested in hearing some of Michigan's most gripping true-crime tales from the past 50 years? Then don't miss The Washtenaw 100's annual fundraising dinner, open to the paying public, on Thursday, October 20.

This regional non-profit charitable organization, founded in 1971, supports the county's

law enforcement officers and firefighters, their families, and their departments.

Retired FBI agent and author Greg Stejskal, who lives in Ann Arbor, will be the dinner's guest speaker. Stejskal's 2021 book *FBI Case Files Michigan: Tales of a G-Man* vividly tells of notable cases he investigated during

his nearly 32 years as a Special Agent in the FBI's Detroit Division. Attendees can expect Stejskal to share some of his most challenging and exciting FBI experiences in his talk at The Washtenaw 100's dinner. He will tell of the courage of those that uphold the mission of the FBI to "protect the American people and

uphold the Constitution of the United States."

Says Stejskal, "Whether it's the Bureau or local law enforcement and firefighters, we're all looking to help protect and foster a safe and healthy environment. As we work together as a community, we can continue to secure that."

**About Greg Ste-**

**jskal**

Stejskal began his FBI career in 1975. As a Special Agent, he primarily investigated criminal cases. He was also a member and leader of the area's SWAT team. Later, Stejskal served for 11 years as a Senior Resident Agent in charge of the FBI's Ann Arbor office. He retired from the Bu-

reau in 2006, and has since volunteered and written.

Before joining the FBI, Stejskal earned business and law degrees – in 1971 and 1974, respectively – from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Stejskal was born in Omaha. He originally attended the University

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# The Purple Rose Theatre Company begins their 32nd Season with “Pickleball” A World Premiere play by Jeff Daniels

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ten by PRTC Founder and Artistic Director, Jeff Daniels. The twenty plays written by Mr. Daniels have been a thrilling mix of comedy and drama and all opened as world premiere productions at The Purple Rose.

Performances run from Friday, September 30 through Saturday, December 17, 2022. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, October 6. The press opening is Friday, October 7 at

8:00pm.

Directed by Rhianon Ragland, the cast features artists Ryan Carlson (Clinton Township), Caitlin Cavanaugh (Chelsea), Kate Thomsen (Portage), Lynch R. Travis (Southfield), and Jonathan West (Allen Park). Set design is by Sarah Pearline, properties by Dana Segrest, costumes by Shelby Newport, lighting by Noele Stollmack, and sound by Robert Hubbard. Patrick Ian McCall is the rehearsal stage manager. Dana Gamarra is the produc-

tion stage manager.

The production sponsor for “Pickleball” is Secret Crisis Comics. Underwriting support for the season comes from the Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, The Shubert Foundation, Matilda R. Wilson Fund, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, and National Endowment for the Arts. Media sponsors include Michigan Radio, JTV, and HOME.fm.

## 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 [HERE](#).

Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$52 with special discounts for students, seniors, teachers, members of the military, and groups (12+). For more information or to make reservations call (734) 433-7673 or go to [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

Wearing a mask is highly recommended while at The Purple Rose Theatre. More COVID

safety can be found [HERE](#). Any changes to this policy during the run of “Pickleball” will be posted on The Purple Rose website and social media pages.

## About The Purple Rose Theatre Company

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

The PRTC also provides classes, readings, lectures and tours. It commissions new work from established and early-career playwrights. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit professional theatre, the PRTC operates under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors' Equity Association.

For more information contact PRTC Managing Director, Katie Hubbard at (734) 433-7782 x16, [khubbard@purplerosetheatre.org](mailto:khubbard@purplerosetheatre.org).

# Retired FBI Agent and Author Greg Stejskal to Speak at The Washtenaw 100's Annual Dinner on October 20

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of Nebraska on a football scholarship.

Stejskal and his wife, Pat, a retired kindergarten teacher, have two adult children. His son Andy is a paramedic/firefighter for the Taylor Fire Department.

## About the Annual Dinner

The Washtenaw 100's annual dinner will be held in Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building at 4800 E. Huron River Drive on the evening of Thursday,

October 20. The event will begin at 6 pm with a cocktail reception and silent auction. Dinner will begin serving at 7 pm.

Ticket prices are \$100, \$175 or \$450 per person, ranging up to \$1,400 for a corporate sponsorship. Proceeds will help fund The Washtenaw 100's awards, scholarships, grants, and operations.

Keep watching this page on The Washtenaw 100's website for updated details on the annual dinner as they become

available.

## About The Washtenaw 100

In September 1971, a small group of Ann Arbor-area community leaders formed The Washtenaw 100, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Over the years, The Washtenaw 100 has expanded its mission to also include: college scholarships for chil-

dren of police and firefighting professionals; grants to police and fire departments for needed safety equipment and training; and annual awards to the county's most distinguished law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Originally, The Washtenaw 100 operated anonymously. Membership was by private invitation only, and was limited to approximately 100 members (hence the name). For many years, the organization sought no public recog-

nition for its efforts.

Today, The Washtenaw 100 invites all in the community to join. Members' annual fees and individual donations enable the organization to continue supporting our area's sworn uniformed officers and their families, who give bravely and selflessly for the safety and security of the community.

In the past five decades, The Washtenaw 100 has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in needed assis-

tance to the area's public safety officers and their departments.

The Washtenaw 100 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization exempt from federal tax. Members' annual fees and donations may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

More information is available from The Washtenaw 100 at P.O. Box 1204, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Email: [info@washtenaw100.org](mailto:info@washtenaw100.org). Web: [www.washtenaw.org](http://www.washtenaw.org).

# Walking Across the Mighty Mackinac: A Labor Day Tradition



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In June of 1958, close to seventy people walked across the Mackinac Bridge to celebrate its opening. The bridge walk has continued every year for 65 years. According to [mightymac.org](http://mightymac.org), in 1959, the bridge walk was held on Labor Day and has been held on Labor Day every year since except 2020 for obvious reasons. It is usually led by the governor of the State. In 1992 it was led by George H. W. Bush. This year it was led by Lt Governor Gilchrist. The annual Labor day walk is a celebration of the labor that built the bridge and is so much a part of Michigan's history.

I don't know if it's due to an existential/

midlife crisis or what, but as of late, my mind is starting to think and consider the things I want to make sure I do in life. After learning that a very good friend has terminal cancer and hearing about the Bridge walk Friday of Labor Day weekend, I scrambled to make sure I could go. I arranged animal sitters, cleaned out the pop-up camper and took off to Northern Michigan. Prior to this year, I always heard about the Bridge walk after the fact. I think, “Oh, I should try to do that sometime,” and never do. This year I heard about it 3 days before it happened. I scrambled and went on an adventure celebrating the state and the blood sweat and tears that built it. Saturday

we scored the last spot at a campground in Cheboygan State Park. We also arranged for a house and dog sitter. We left Sunday and arrived at the campground in time for enjoying the tourist attractions in Mackinac City, smores and to settle in for the night. We were sure to buy fudge, thinking it would be the perfect fuel for my seven year old to complete the walk. Also, does anyone in their right mind hit Northern Michigan and not get some fudge?

The walk began at 7 am. We woke up early but opted to relax with coffee rather than rush to the bridge. This was not to be a stressful event. We were lucky enough to pull off a last minute trip and we wanted to enjoy our ad-

venture, not be rushed, stressed or worried. We arrived in town around 9 am and chose to park in a Lions lot. I have seen the work of the Lions in Dexter and my son saw some of their work as well and we agreed that we'd like our parking money to go to that charity. We walked to the start on Mackinac City side, which is a new option since 2018. It was in the 50s. I dressed in layers and smiled with the cool air and the sun reflecting off the lake. The weather was perfection as we started to make our way across the bridge toward St. Ignace and the UP.

The start of the walk was very crowded. I was reminded to have gratitude for my legs which function well

and my body's ability to move without much issue. I was impressed by the determination and motivation of some of the walkers. I did witness a man fall to the ground in cramps. I was glad I finally got to the bridge and did it before I could no longer make the walk. We marveled at the engineering and questioned why it seemed more scary to drive over it than it did to walk it. Helicopters flew above, police, and rescue monitors were available to assist anyone in trouble. A police boat circled below in case anyone fell or jumped. But the mood on the bridge for myself and my family was pure joy. I am walking across the longest suspension

bridge in the Western Hemisphere. Golden Gate what? The Mackinac Bridge is Michigan, I am Michigan and I am proud of my state and its splendor. We all felt great hitting the halfway point so rather than turn around, we kept going. We made it the entire way but were forced to turn back midway on the way to our start point. We walked an additional two miles into St. Ignace and caught a beautiful ferry ride back to the lower peninsula. I give the Bridge walk 10 out of 10 stars and would recommend it to anyone. My family and I had a great time and were very glad we made the trek up North to do it.

# Congrats to Chelsea Fair Livestock Auction Grand and Reserve Champions 2022

Photos By Sarah Norris



**Grand Champion Barrow**  
**Grand Champion Overall**  
 Brody Powers  
 Buyer: Lehman, Scheffler Real Estate Service  
 \$12.00 per pound



**Reserve Champion Barrow**  
 Shelby Wilson  
 Buyer: Valiant Bar & Grill  
 \$4.50 per pound



**Grand Champion Gilt**  
**Reserve Champion Overall**  
 Heidi Fuchs  
 Buyer: Boullion Sales  
 \$4.75 per pound



**Reserve Champion Gilt**  
 Brody Powers  
 Buyer: Eder & Diver Insurance Agency  
 \$6.25 per pound



**Grand Champion Steer**  
 Logan Powers  
 Buyer: Dexter Trucking LLC  
 \$4.75 per pound



**Reserve Champion Steer**  
 Heidi Fuchs  
 Buyer: Marrs & Terry PLLC  
 \$4.25 per pound



**Grand Champion Feeder Calf**  
 Reagan Vargo  
 Buyer: Dexter Trucking LLC  
 \$3.50 per pound



**Reserve Champion Feeder Calf**  
 Caleb Benedict  
 Buyer: Napoleon Feed Mill  
 \$2.75 per pound



**Grand Champion Pair of Lambs**  
 Bohdan Heller  
 Buyer: Staffan Mitchell Funeral Home  
 Price: \$18.00 per pound



**Reserve Champion Pair of Lambs**  
 Annika Heller  
 Buyer: Polly's Country Market  
 \$17.00 per pound



**Grand Champion Lamb**  
 Adalyn Gilbert  
 Buyer: Richard Taylor, Reinhardt Company  
 \$22.00 per pound



**Reserve Champion Lamb**  
 Brayden Gilbert  
 Buyer: Stieper & Brust Orthodontics  
 \$18.00 per pound

## 5HF Back to School Wellness Day

Free Bicycle Helmets and Bike Safety Inspections at the Chelsea Wellness Center



As local youth go back to school, 5 Healthy Towns Foundations (5HF) invites

you to join us for a family wellness event, focusing on whole family health and safety. Aberdeen Bike will offer free bike maintenance safety checks for youth in grades K-12, a bicycle safety certification for kids aged 4-8, and a free bicycle helmet to the first 50 partici-

pants. Chelsea Wellness Center will be on hand to provide free orientations to our Outdoor Community Gym for anyone 13 and older, or over the age of 9 if accompanied by a parent. Aberdeen will also have a bike safety course set up that youngsters can tackle. The safe-

ty course promotes bike safety and moving more for all kids in the 5 Healthy Towns region, including Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge. The event takes place on Saturday, September 10, 2022, 11am-1pm (rain date Sep-

tember 17) in the small Chelsea Wellness Center parking lot (adjacent to the outdoor gym). Back to School Wellness Day features the following activities:

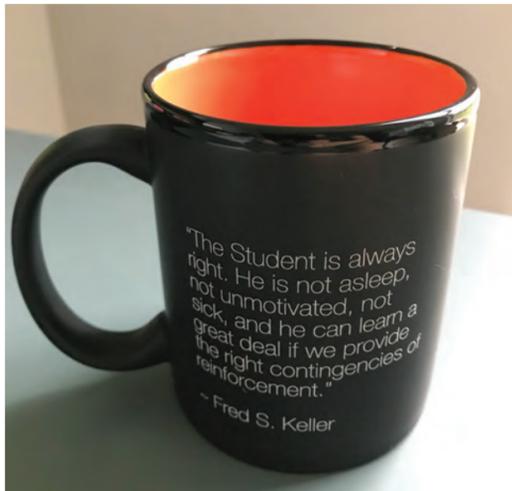
- A free bike safety inspection – (brakes, tires, and chains) Bring your Bike!
- A Safety Course

for kids aged 4-8, with a certificate of completion (bikes available for loan)

- Free helmet fitting
- Free snack pack with a healthy snack
- Orientation to Chelsea's Free Outdoor Community Gym, and a parent/child challenge

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# "The Behav-er is always Right"



well-known behavior scientists. One of my favorites is: "The Student is always right. He is not asleep, not unmotivated, not sick, and he can learn a great deal if we provide the right contingencies of reinforcement." — Fred S. Keller.

This quote goes well with another famous quote by B. F. Skinner, which has likely been paraphrased over time as, "The rat is always right".

I'd like to unpack this a bit today. But before we can talk about the meaning of these

quotes, I need to share a definition. A contingency of reinforcement is a key concept in behavior science. This means that when something happens, the learner gets the information that they can do a certain behavior to accomplish a certain outcome. These kinds of signals occur in a fluid stream throughout our days and this is why our behavior flows too. For example, when you approach a door that says "push", you have learned that pushing it opens the door. Many dogs have learned that if their human is holding a treat, they can sit and they will get the treat.

Let's get back to Keller and Skinner. Both of these scientists were talking about the same idea. This idea is that we are all behaving the way our environment tells us to behave to get the things we need. Our behaviors are serving a purpose, always.

Understanding that is helpful for understanding why a behavior is happening, but like Keller suggests, it also tells us how to change behavior. We have to change the environment. We have to change the signals that are happening and/or the outcomes.

Let's take a common example that many dog owners struggle with, especially around those teenage phases. Counter surfing.

Dogs who frequently counter surfing have learned that if they smell or see food on the counter (especially when there are no humans around), they can put their paws up to get that food. This isn't wrong. The dog is only doing what she has learned to do due to the setup of the environment. The dog is behaving just as she should in that situation.

The signal is the food on the counter, the behavior is paws up, and eating the food is the outcome or purpose of that paws up behavior.

There's several effective and humane strategies for changing this behavior via changing the environment (signal and outcome).

1. We could keep food off the counter. Then the signal never exists so the dog doesn't do the behavior. This is usually the easiest to implement, especially when no one is around to monitor the situation.

2. We could teach the dog that doing a different behavior in the presence of this signal gets the same outcome. Then they are still get-

ting what they want, but we are happier with how they are getting it. When your dog is standing in the kitchen with four feet on the floor and there is food on the counters, drop a bit of food on the floor regularly. Now your dog will be getting the same outcome for a different behavior.

3. We could change the signal. The food could be in a doggy-proof container. Now the food is there but there's an added layer to the signal that your dog will learn. They may still put their paws up at first, but once they experience that the behavior no longer gets the outcome of food, they will eventually stop. The risk here is that a determined doggy will learn to open that container and now you've taught your dog to persist in the face of barriers to access food. So the success of this one really depends on the individual.

Any behavior your dog (or cat or hamster) does that is undesirable can be considered using this lense. We can change the environment to help them do a different behavior and still get what they are after. But they are using their behavior effectively either way; they are already right.

**By: Laura Perkins, Laura Perkins Animal Behavior, Chelsea**  
This month's article extends beyond dog training to the science

of behavior overall. It applies to anyone who is behaving - dog, cat, horse, or human. I have a set of coffee mugs with quotes from



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"The start of a new school year is a great opportunity for families to establish healthy habits that promote physical activity, healthy eating, and connectedness all year-round. Whether taking a family bike ride on any of the wonderful

trails that connect our communities, or simply setting aside time to go out for a walk, parents can be great role models in helping their children maintain good health. Physical activity and eating well also support better mental health outcomes for students – all things we believe are top of mind for parents

at this time of year," says Steve Petty, 5HF CEO. "We hope this event encourages parents and children to be physically active together, while ensuring kids have tools to be ready for success in the new school year."

For more information, contact 5HF at 734-433-4599.

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# Chelsea Fair: Nearly 150 Years of Spotlighting Agriculture



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ing more than a sheep shearing contest.” It was so successful that Watson expanded upon the idea and began creating events and entertainment for the whole family. But the center of the local fair remains farming and farming practices.

This year’s fair was a success. I got to witness part of my first livestock auction ever. I was able to tour the barns with different contests from photography, to quilting, to canning and vegetable growing. Many of the contests reflect the skills and talents need-

ed, beyond livestock to keep a farm running. They are skills that are still useful today, especially in a challenging economy. Being able to grow and store food is a valuable skill to have. Being able to knit, sew or quilt would, I imagine, be very handy as well. That, I don’t know

because these are things I cannot do.

We enjoyed; the goats, donkeys, Alpacas, chickens and other animals. Due to the livestock auction we did not get to tour all the barns but we fell in love with a tiny donkey and my daughter enthusiastically “watered,” or

milking the demonstration cow. We enjoyed a bucket of fair fries with vinegar and rode as many rides as we could before we were overstimulated by all the music, flashing lights and people.

The Chelsea Fair was fun for the whole family with agriculture

at the center. I saw a man wearing a shirt that said, “I’m a farmer, what’s your superpower?” I nodded in agreement. I’m grateful to the agricultural community for keeping us all so well fed and for working hard to pass down the knowledge and traditions so it isn’t lost.



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS 2022

<p><b>Center vs Member: Mileage Competition (CHE)</b> September 1-30 Compete against the Chelsea/Stockbridge Wellness Center staff to see who can earn more mileage for the month of September. Visit Fitness Desk for more information.</p> <p><b>Fall Football Challenge (DEX)</b> September 4-October 15 Participants can earn points by scoring a “Field Goal” or “Touchdown”. Members with 48 or more points will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$75 Gift Card. Visit the Fitness Desk for more information.</p> <p><b>How Strength Training Can Help Build a Healthier Body as We Age (CHE)</b> Monday, September 12 • 1:00-1:45pm • FREE Lecture with Brianna Shepherd As we age, we should not settle for “I can’t do this anymore”. Learn how to use functional everyday activities in your strength training routine to help maintain as we age.</p> <p><b>Functional Movement and Balance (CHE)</b> September 6-27 This class is designed to support participants that struggle with movement and balance issues that hinder everyday activities.</p>	<p><b>Relax and Roll (DEX)</b> September 21 • 4:30pm 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.</p> <p><b>Women’s Health and Wellness Day (CHE/DEX)</b> September 28 • Women work out FREE all day! Appetizer’s and Art (CHE) See Member Service Desk for details and registration.</p> <p><b>Self Defense Class for Women (CHE)</b> October 5 • 5:30pm This ninety-minute session introduces women to basic strategies for personal self-defense. The course is conducted by longtime Wellness Center member Len Niehoff, who holds a third-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, has studied other martial arts, and has trained hundreds of women in these techniques. He is joined by co-instructor Alison Mondul who holds a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.</p> <p><b>Children Swim Class now available (CHE)</b> See the member service desk for details!</p>
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# ON THE SIDELINE: OLD WEST WAGONS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE TONIGHT SHOW AND JACKSON, MICHIGAN

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and a metropolitan population of just over 100,000, Jackson is one of the largest cities in central southern lower Michigan. Located between Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, Jackson is the seat of Jackson County.

The past few weekends I've traveled to Jackson to visit some sites and try to experience history firsthand.

I was pleasantly surprised that the 34-foot high stone walls of the state of Michigan's first prison were still standing and, I might add, looking as imposing and sturdy as ever. Opened in 1839, the Jackson State Prison would soon become the largest walled prison in the world, with over 6,000 inmates. What I found unique and interesting about the prison was that the inmates built wooden wagons that were of such quality and so highly thought of they were used in great numbers by those seeking fortune during the California Gold Rush of

1849 and by those Old West pioneers hoping for a better life during Manifest Destiny and westward migration.

Who would've thought Jackson, Michigan and the Old West were related? Not me.

I visited one of the state of Michigan's finest high school football complexes in Dungy Field at Withington Stadium in Jackson. Dungy Field is named for Jackson native and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dungy. As a player, Dungy won a Super Bowl with the Pittsburgh Steelers, while with the Indianapolis Colts, he became the first African-American head coach to win a Super Bowl.

Jackson native, Dave Hill was a member of the 1969 U.S. Ryder Cup golf team. Hill also won 13 PGA tour titles during his illustrious career, including a fifth-place finish at the 1970 Masters Tournament. Hill's brother Mike, also a Jackson native, had three PGA tour wins. The Hill brothers are

arguably the greatest golfing brother duo in state of Michigan history and one of the best in national golf history.

Another Jackson native, Jack Paar was the second-ever host of the Tonight Show. Paar followed original host Steve Allen and preceded Johnny Carson on the Tonight Show. One of the most popular entertainers in the nation during his prime (1950s through 1960s), Paar was later honored with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Just a few minutes outside of Jackson, the three-day Goose Lake International Music Festival has been hailed as "Michigan's Woodstock." In the counter-culture days of 1970, during August 7 through 9, over 200,000 music fans from all over Michigan and the country attended the Goose Lake festival. Those attendance numbers reportedly are second only to Woodstock. Performers included Jethro Tull, Joe Cocker, Bob Seger, The Stooges, Brownsville Station, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, Chicago and the MC5 to name but a few of the festival's headliners.

Hughie Cannon, piano player and songwriter at Jackson's Conrad Deidrich's Saloon, penned a No. 1 hit song in 1902 called "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey." Cannon and Bailey were friends and Cannon drew inspiration for the song by conversations he'd have at the saloon with Bailey about his marital troubles with his wife Sarah. Since then, the song has been covered by multiple singers including Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Armstrong and Patsy Cline.

Last weekend, I visited the first-ever coney dog restaurant in the state of Michigan.



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 22-2697

Date: September 1, 2022

Location: 300 block of Garfield St.

Time: 11:54 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the Chelsea Police Department for a walk-in fraud complaint. The complainant said that he had recently discovered he was the victim of identity theft. The complainant stated that he had recently checked the balance of his bank account online and discovered a

significant shortage in the amount reflected in his account. The complainant stated that he contacted his bank and after a lengthy phone conversation it was determined that an unknown suspect(s) had created two new accounts with the complainant's information but slightly altered the spelling of his last name and made the cell phone

number different from the correct number. The complainant stated that since the fraud was discovered before the money was withdrawn from the bank, the complainant believed the money was going to be returned to him. The case was closed pending further investigative leads that may arise from the financial institution's investigation.



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