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CHELSEA GRABS A WIN

By Dave Merchant
dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

Stockbridge was no match on the hard court for the Chelsea Bulldogs. The locals came away with 60-45 win to open the season.

The Panthers led 17-11 after the first quarter. Chelsea went up in the second quarter. Stockbridge tied at 24 with a long three before the half.

Megan McCalla and Lelia Wells led the

locals in scoring with 12 points each. Morgan Majeske was next with nine points.

The win was rookie varsity coach Tony Scheffler's first of his career. He took over from longtime talent-

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Chelsea Board of Education Regular Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
anbingham@gmail.com

The Agenda and consent agenda were quickly passed. The meeting minutes were passed. The November 2020 and December 2020 financial reports; Jason Eyster stated that he went over the reports and

urged the acceptance of the reports. The reports passed.

There was a presentation on the NWEA by Heather Conklin and Cathy Kotlarek. Heather gave a little background on NWEA. It's a tool used in kindergarten through

8th grade to see where the student is. This outside assessment is nationally normed. It's given to students everywhere. It's computer-adaptive and moves with the student, so It's not the same test for every second grad-

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St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea to virtually host free 16-week National Diabetes Prevention Program



From Bobby Maldonado

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tended for people at risk for type 2 diabetes. Participants will learn to:

- Become more active
- Take back negative thoughts
- Lose a moderate amount of weight
- Manage stress
- Control portions
- Stay motivated
- Be part of a group

Those interested in the program are invited to participate in a free

virtual information session on February 8 from 2 to 3 p.m.

All meetings are virtual and held via Webex. Upon registration and eligibility screening, participants will be provided a meeting invitation via e-mail. This virtual program is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register for the program, please call 734-593-5276.

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By Kitty Golding

Kitty & Company has conducted a series of short interviews with Chelsea Residents for 52 weeks and we are sad to say, this is the LAST WEEK. We hope you have enjoyed meet-

ing new and different personalities and design styles represented in our community. Wrapping up our last week, we introduce you to Mrs. Donna Zak.

What is your current profession? I am a retired nurse. I spent the majority of my 30 plus years as a nurse for the University of Michigan Health System, now Michigan Medicine.

Your family members: My husband

Don and I have two sons. Both are married to two fabulous women and we have three grandchildren.

People think of me as: Well, the best way to answer this, is what you see, is what you get.

When did you move to the Chelsea area? We moved to this area 4 years ago. Previously we lived in Saline for about 30 years.

What do you love about where you cur-

rently live? We live on one of the outlying lakes and the nature that shows up around our home is enticing to watch. We are near the border of the Pinckney Waterloo Recreation area and I love the trails and all the beauty of the woods. Lastly, the town of Chelsea is charming and we enjoy what it has to offer.

If you could have a second home anywhere, where would it be? We do have a cabin in the mountains in Wyoming. We feel so fortunate to have two beautiful settings, our home on a lake which I always



Donna Zak. Photos By Donna Zak.

wanted, and the home in the mountains for Don. Both made our dreams a reality. **What three words** (continued on page 9)

Letter to the Editor SAVE OUR OAKS: A Call for Citizen Scientists of All Ages



Fellow residents, let's join together to save Chelsea's oak trees. The Chelsea area has many treasures, one of which is the presence of many giant oak trees. Other parts of the county and of the state do not host these mighty trees that grow from tiny acorns. Sadly, during the past few years our oaks have begun to die a slow death. You may have noticed that throughout the summer some of the oak trees in our neighborhood are sporting yellow leaves instead of the normal dark green. While in the first year only a few branches maybe yellow, by the third year all are yellow and a few years later the tree dies.

In one afternoon this past summer I drove around Chelsea and identified 52 oaks that are affected. I invited scientists from Michigan State University and the Department of Natural Resources to do field research in this area. They took samples of leaves, bark, and the soil surrounding the trees and concluded that the soil is very alkaline and that the trees are suffering from chlorosis, which means that the leaves lack chlorophyll, the green pigment that is essential in photosynthesis, allowing plants

to absorb energy from light. This might be due to high alkalinity, nutrient deficiencies in the plant, or some other cause.

This yellowing of the oak's leaves affects both young and mature trees, both White and Red Oaks, and both those trees next to roads and those deep in the woods. It is a new phenomenon. Why for the first time in our memory are our oaks dying? If the soil is too alkaline, how could the trees have flourished for more than one hundred years?

From my reading of Scientific journals and communicating with professors from the University of Michigan and Michigan State, I find that no one has an answer.

I therefore invite anyone who would like to be a citizen scientist to join with me to solve this mystery. If we do not, dead oaks will begin falling on houses, blocking roads, and depriving us of the natural beauty of country roads and the shade in our backyards.

I propose to form a group that will meet on Zoom each week to share information, learn about the chemistry of the trees, and discuss scientific articles. Most importantly, we will organize to test the pH of the soil

around oak trees (how acidic or basic it is) and make plans to look for yellow leafed oaks next spring, measure their diameter, write down their exact location and the amount of dead limbs. We will also devise experiments to cure the trees, even if temporarily, by spreading certain minerals on the soil around the tree. We will also invite scientists to speak at our Zoom meetings and share our findings with them. Finally, we will propose explanations (hypotheses) for why the trees and dy-

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ing and what we as a community can do to SAVE OUR OAKS.

During this time of Covid, when we cannot join freely together, this project allows us to do independent field work of great importance. I think we will all learn so much and will do so much good. You are welcome to join, regardless of your age. If you have not

completed high school biology and chemistry, I you might want to participate with someone who has. We will begin meeting on Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 pm as soon as enough people are interested. There is no cost to join in, other than your commitment to contribute to the group and to enjoy the process. Please email

me, Jason Eyster, at eyesterjp@gmail.com and tell me about yourself and what experience or skills you have that may be useful. This would include artistic and poetic skills, since we will want to share our results with the community in a way that will encourage them to save our oaks.

Jason Eyster

Award Winning Children's Authors Are Zooming Into Chelsea

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From: Shannon Powers

For over a decade, the Chelsea District Library (CDL) has worked with the Chelsea School District (CSD) to bring notable children's and teen's authors to small town Chelsea. Authors in Chelsea will take place once again, but this year, the events will be virtual.

Kirby Larson, Newbery Honor-winning author of Hattie Big Sky, and Alyssa Satin Capucilli, author of the beloved and bestselling Biscuit series for beginning readers, will present to K-6 classrooms and the Chelsea community over Zoom and

through special video recordings. Larson and Capucilli will discuss writing, how they find inspiration for their work, and chat about books they love. In support of these classroom author talks, CDL will provide each student in grades K-6 with a copy of one of Larson's or Capucilli's books to keep.

While CSD students in grades K-6 will get the chance to hear from Larson and Capucilli during their school day, families and people of all ages are also invited to attend a Zoom presentation and live Q&A featuring both acclaimed authors. Meet

the Authors Live! will take place on Tuesday, March 16, from 6:30-8pm. Register to attend at chelseadistrictlibrary.org/authors-in-chelsea/.

Copies of Larson's and Capucilli's many works may be borrowed from the Chelsea District Library in print, audio, and ebook formats. Call 734-475-8732 x219 or email ref@chelseadistrictlibrary.org for help placing requests on Authors in Chelsea books.

Book Clubs and more

The following book club discussions will also be offered over Zoom for anyone look-

ing to read the book before meeting the author. Book Club participants will receive a free copy of the book (supplies are limited):

Tuesday March 9 from 3:30-4:30pm. Kids ages 9-12 are invited to join Miss Jessica in discussing Audacity Jones to the Rescue by Kirby Larson at Tween Book Club.

Tuesday March 9 from 5-6pm. Miss Stacey and teens ages 13-17 will discuss Hattie Ever After by Kirby Larson at Pizza & Paperbacks Teen Book Club.

Wednesday, March 10 from 3:30-4:10pm. Miss Edith leads K-2 Books & Fun, a family book club for young readers. Join in to discuss Paddington and the Pigeon by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

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er. Because it adapts to each student it can give a better picture of where the student is and how the student is growing. It is one way of measuring progress. NWEA gives scores similar to the SAT.

NWEA is to monitor growth over time; student progress report. Teachers use it for instructional planning, class breakdown reports on math and reading. Gives teachers goals and groups students on how they perform. The learning continuum report allows teachers to group students based on what they need and are ready to learn. It is also used at the building and district level. Consistent strength data and where growth is needed. What should be targeted and who needs to be targeted. Spring of last year, NWEA was not given

for the first time in a long time. NWEA meets the benchmark required 3 times per year. Chelsea saw growth across all grade levels and subgroups. The growth is not what is seen in a typical year, but this is standard across the nation. Scores above national norms for each grade level. Norms were created pre-pandemic. Chelsea is above the national norm. Higher growth in math across all students. There is about a 1-day delay in results and school-wide results are returned when the school closes the test.

Next was time for board updates. Student rep Peggy Smith discussed that winter sports are happening and spirit week is currently occurring.

It was time for public comment, which there was none. Motion to accept

consent items 90, 91, and 92. Motion passed.

Action item 89 was moved from a consent item. Opening to a limited school of choice, 5% max based on fall count. There is a cap on 25 out of district students. The motion is the same as was approved in the past. The policy can be changed to address families. The family issue has not been an issue in the past. Passed 5-1, Tammy Lehman was opposed.

Asbestos abatement letter from Nova in 300 and 400 buildings. This is the recommendation.

There was a huge response with 8 bidders and it comes in under the bond budget. The Action item passed.

Bid from sore necks expert equipment for exercise equipment in the high school weight room.

Three bids were provided. The bids came in under budget. The equipment that can be reused will be and some will just need to be disposed of. The motion passed.

Next action item board of directors Region 7 MASB nominee Jason suggested Jack Temsey. MASB Region 7 Board of Directors. The motion passed.

Information and discussion was next; Superintendent Julie Helber discussed continuing to record so people can continue to access the meetings. The Zoom cloud has limited storage and the district is working on options.

The superintendent's report was next. Winter sports have started. Julie Helber stated there are streaming capabilities, but right now, only two family members can attend.

Helber would like to move to in-person learning. She would like to hear from parents about their feelings. Bringing more students back will cause a change with spacing and mitigation efforts. Are hybrids going to go virtual? And they need to collect data on numbers. There are so many pieces and parts, so collecting information from the community is most important right now. Data numbers have been unpredictable. Overall risk level in

Washtenaw County is still at the highest risk level. Staffing has been a challenge as teachers have to quarantine. As the teachers get their vaccines, this will be less of an issue for the district.

School supplemental is currently being determined in the legislature.

Jason Eyster commended Scott Wooster for responding to challenges to virtual school. Grateful for his continued commitment.

The meeting wrapped.



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Yvonne Herron



ily home and those of hundreds of others. The embedded memories of that day remained with her throughout her life. Yvonne went on to Flint Junior College before transferring to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. She not only earned her BA from Michigan, but returned to twice complete graduate degrees, including a Masters in Education and a Masters in Library Science. At Michigan, she was inducted into honor societies including Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Phi Mu. She began her professional career teaching at her alma mater, Beecher, in 1957.

After taking time off to raise her young children, Yvonne began working part-time at the Civic Park Library in Flint and later became a librarian at Northwestern High School. Over many years, Yvonne developed a diverse library that offered books reflective of the community which attended the school. Yvonne deeply believed in the importance of reading, accumulating a vast collection of books that she shared with friends and family. An avid tennis player, Yvonne also enjoyed frequent bridge games with friends and became a prolific weaver.

er. After retiring from the Flint Community School system in 1992, she and Tom moved to Chelsea. Yvonne volunteered for the Chelsea District Library, and was an active member of the local Mystery Book Club. When she turned 70, she gifted herself a kayak. As she wrote in a letter to Time Magazine in 2007: "I can't adequately describe the pleasure of paddling on lakes, rivers, and bays." She continued kayaking in the Chelsea area for many years.

Surviving are her four children: daughter, Kristin Stacy Herron (Scott Gurney); sons, Erik Sean (LeaMarie), Jordan Thomas (Theresa), Brett Patrick (Nina Durniat); seven grandchildren, Ivy Meredith, Amelia Grace, Elijah Neil, Carter Thomas, and Ian Waldemar Herron and George Edward and Jane Neeve Gurney.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, MI or to the Yvonne Herron Tribute Fund, which will offer scholarship support to students transferring from community college to the University of Michigan. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Yvonne Herron, 85, of Chelsea, MI, died February 1, 2021 at home of cancer. A private burial service will be held with the Reverend Alan Gibson, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Due to the pandemic, public visitation will not be held. A service in honor of Yvonne's memory will be held once all may safely gather.

Yvonne, born May 28, 1935 in Flint, MI, was the daughter of the late Alfred Eric Jacobson and the late Ivy Millicent Jacobson. United in marriage to Thomas James Herron on June 11, 1960, at All Saints Catholic Church in Flint, they were lovingly married for 57 years until his death in 2017.

Yvonne graduated from Beecher High School a week before one of the deadliest tornadoes in US history destroyed her fam-

Obituaries

Wendy J. Wallace



(Erik) Smith of Brighton; her uncle, Russell Dodge of Ann Arbor, MI; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her family believes she was an extraordinary gift from God, and celebrates the life which God gave Wendy on this earth, as well as her certainty of life everlasting in Jesus' arms, and that she would see her loved ones again with Him. Her burial was held at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A service to celebrate her life will be held at a future date. Please consider sharing a memory or sharing words of condolence at www.ColeFuneralChapel.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, Hope Clinic, Habitat for Humanity or the Spring Arbor University Richard & Wendy Wallace Scholarship Fund, to benefit international and diverse students. Arrangements were entrusted to Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

Wendy J. Wallace of Chelsea, MI.

Age 75, died peacefully on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at the University of Michigan Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born February 13, 1945 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Richard & Jean (Dodge) Drew.

Wendy and Rick moved to Chelsea in 1988. She was formerly a member of New Haven Friends Meeting, Immanuel Bible Church in Chelsea, and Knox Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. Wendy held a B.A. from the University of Michigan, and master's degrees from both Temple University in Philadelphia and the University of Connecticut. She was a social worker and teacher at

several public and private high schools, as well as Hillsdale College, Berry College, and Spring Arbor University. In 2010, she published a book about her experiences with chronic illness, "Doing Well At Being Sick." Her professional and academic accomplishments were overshadowed by her compelling care for others, and she touched many lives in profound ways.

On September 30, 1966, she married Richard Wallace in Dearborn, Michigan, and he survives. Other survivors include her daughter, Carey, of Brooklyn, New York; her son, Mark, of Detroit; a brother, Richard (Michele) Drew, of Oxford Hills; a sister, Sharon

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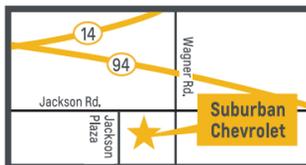
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ON THE SIDELINE: SUPER BOWL, BRADY, PIZZA AND COMFY PANTS



By Don Richter
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Everything was perfect.

I had my large pepperoni and sausage pizza ready.

I had an ice cold glass of pop nearby.

I had my recliner inches from the TV.

The blinds were closed.

The doors were locked.

I was in my comfy, stretchy pants.

Work was done.

Phone was in another room, out of ear-shot.

It was go time.

It was Super Bowl LV -- and I was all set to be entertained.

Did I mention it was Super Bowl LV? And that I was in my comfy, stretchy pants? Anybody? Sadly, my preparation for the big game was the highlight of my night.

Much to my disappointment, last week's Super Bowl between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs was a great, big dud. The entire production from game, to halftime show, to the commercials was flatter than my hair after wearing my winter wool hat and shoveling for an hour.

I thought the Super Bowl commercials were supposed to be clever and funny. Maybe it's because I'm getting older and I'm at the "Get off my lawn"-stage of life, that I didn't find a single Super Bowl commercial funny or even memorable.

And I had heard

of the Weeknd (yes, that's how he spells his name), but didn't really know much about him. The Weeknd was the halftime performer for Super Bowl LV last Sunday. He was solid, but did he realize he was performing at the Super Bowl? He looked as excited to be there as he might performing a set on the "Ellen" show. Was that maybe a taped replay of his performance at the Grammy's or something? Where was the "wow factor?" I am far from an entertainment-type of guy, but I was blown away by last year's Jennifer Lopez and Shakira Super Bowl halftime show. And I couldn't name three songs from either singer if my life depended on it. But the energy and effort both Lopez and Shakira brought to their Super Bowl halftime performance

last year was palpable even for my tired, old self.

I actually did enjoy the game. It's football, what's there not to like? Plus, I enjoyed watching all the players competing in the contest who grew up in the state of Michigan. There were actually quite a few on both teams. It's kinda' a thing for me. I enjoy following the careers of former Great Lakes State high school football standouts who go on to play college football and later sign NFL contracts. Plus, it's always enjoyable watching Tom Brady play the game of football. I'm not a huge fan of his, but with last Sunday's 31-9 win by the Buccaneers over the Chiefs, Brady now has won seven Super Bowls and overall appeared in 10 title games -- both NFL records. Those



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady barks out signals during last Sunday's Super Bowl LV versus the Kansas City Chiefs. The Buccaneers defeated the Chiefs, 31-9. For Brady, the Super Bowl win was his seventh overall, which is an NFL record.

accomplishments deserve respect.

Anyhow, no matter what, last Sunday I was just glad to be eating pizza and watching football. I miss the sport already. Only two more months until the NFL draft. I can't wait. Yeah, that's how I roll. Super Bowl LV.

Everything was perfect -- except it wasn't.

I was lounging in

my recliner.

I was devouring a pizza (it didn't stand a chance).

Why was everything so...blah. The Super Bowl, the halftime show, the commercials -- I needed a nap afterward.

Good thing I was wearing my comfy, stretchy pants.

Did I mention that...?

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS SWIM & DIVE

CHS BOYS SWIM & DIVE BEGINS SEASON

By Dave Merchant
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The Chelsea swim & dive team started the dual meet season on the road at Adrian and Dundee. After being out of the pool since they last practiced on March 12, 2020 the team was excited to finally start their season. "Normally, the boys season in the lower peninsula starts the week of Thanksgiving, right after the girls state meet finishes," stated Bulldog head coach Andrew Thomson. "Because the girls season was paused in their final week, they did not finish until mid-January, which held up our start date as well."

The Bulldogs first traveled to SEC White Division foe Adrian to open the season. Said Thomson, "We walked into Adrian after only 8 days of practice and with 12 guys active to compete that night. Everything the guys accomplished that night was a positive." The

Bulldogs earned first place in diving, 100 butterfly, and the 200 free relay. Freshman diver Mitch Brown started his high school career posting a 255.40 score at the meet. In the 100 fly, Parker Olk took the top spot in a time of 1:00.51. Teammate Brennan Bagbey finished second with a final time of 1:28.79. In the 200 free relay, it was again junior Parker Olk on the final leg of the relay, reeling in and out-racing the Adrian anchor to take the first place points. The relay finished with a time of 1:40.02. The final score of the meet was Chelsea 73, Adrian 102.

On February 2 the Bulldogs again traveled, this time to Dundee for a double dual meet with Trenton. The Bulldogs came ready to go, after only an additional two days of practice under their belt and a short roster. "Trenton would have been a top 10

state team last year at the meet, and Dundee has been a very strong team the past couple years," remarked Thomson.

Some of the key performances came in the 50 freestyle, diving, 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle, and the 200 free relay. In the 50 free, Olk and Landen Collins finished first and second overall, with a 23.59 and 23.68 respectively. Owen Critchfield rounded out the event, posting a final time of 26.75. Mitch Brown once again led the field in diving, posting a final score of 272.25 to secure the top spot. Parker Olk swam a great race in the 100 fly, touching in 58.38 to earn second place overall. Collins finished second in the 100 free, posting a final time of 54.15 and missing the top spot by a little over a half of a second. Stephen Levine finished third, with a time of 1:01.16. The 200 free relay team of Michael

Hanna, Brown, Olk and Collins finished second overall, again missing the top spot by a little more than half of a second. The final scores were Chelsea 74, Dundee 111 and Chelsea 72, Trenton 112.

After the meet in Dundee, head coach Thomson reflected,

"There were some great races tonight, and considering we have only had 10 days of practice with two meets in that span, and we are an extremely young team with two seniors and 40% of our team freshman, I couldn't be more excited about what these guys will

do in the next 6 weeks as we prepare for the conference meet." The Bulldogs will next compete at Charles S. Cameron Pool on Thursday, February 11 when they welcome SEC White Division foe Pinckney and non-conference opponent Erie-Ida for a double-dual meet.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL

BULLDOGS COME OUT ON TOP

By Dave Merchant
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Chelsea basketball finally got started. The boys' hoop team defeated Stockbridge 46-27 on Monday night.

Bulldogs Coach Josh Tropeka was excited for the start.

"So happy for these kids and their families," Tropeka said. "It had been 11 months since our last game and the rust showed but everyone is so grateful for the opportunity to spend time together and see the kids com-

pete." Chelsea led 27-11 at the half. After a consistent second half they came away with the W. Jordan Fansler led the locals with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

52 weeks of design

Kitty Ego Company



continued from page 2 describe your style? Relaxed, Earthy, Tranquil.

Who most influenced your design styles? Mother Nature, as well William Morris.

What are you most inspired by in your design/decor? Nature for sure.

As you think about the home in which you grew up, what elements did you like and do you think you have incorporated some of them in your own home?

I grew up in a very funky very old house and I loved it. I did incorporate elements that I loved from that house in two of our previous homes but not so much in this home.

When entering your home, how do you want it to feel? Calm.

What is one element or trend in de-



sign you do not like? I am not too fond of minimalism.

What is the biggest design issue you struggle with? Color. I struggle with trying to pick shades that are the right warmth or coolness to work with my existing pieces.

Have you ever built a new home or remodeled an existing one? Yes. Our previous home in Saline was an 1894 Queen Anne Victorian. We did considerable restoration- a true labor of love.

Have you stayed true to a style through the years, or have you fluctuated in your tastes? My style has evolved over the years. As I have gotten older I think I appreciate and prefer a more simple and quiet decor. Calm, soft wall colors and fabrics appeal to me.

Have you ever sought professional help with the interior design of your home - if so, what did you find most helpful?

Kitty helped us tremendously with the design of our recent bathrooms project. We never would have been able to source the materials or trades people to do the work during this pandemic if it wasn't for her. She honed-in on our style

and suggested design elements that fit perfectly with our vibe and budget.

If you were moving and could only select one item from your home to keep, what would it be? I have one old rocker that has been with me since childhood and I think I would like to keep that. I am very sentimental.

Which room in your home gets the most use? Actually, it is an exterior room - our multi-level deck. We love being outside with the views of the lake.

No room is complete without: A throw or maybe two or three!

If you are a pet owner, how has that influenced your choices in design, if it has? We have a large very messy dog. His hair is everywhere so I do thing about rugs that will hide a bit if his messiness.

Has any local venue particularly caught your eye - if so why? I really enjoy all the shops in Chelsea and Dexter.

What have you been doing to pass the time during the COVID-19 State shutdown? I'm helping my grandson manage virtual kindergarten.

A few of your favorite things!

Movie - I haven't seen any for so long but I did really enjoy A Star is Born.

Favorite Historical Place You have visited - Machu Picchu, in Peru

Scent -Pine needles

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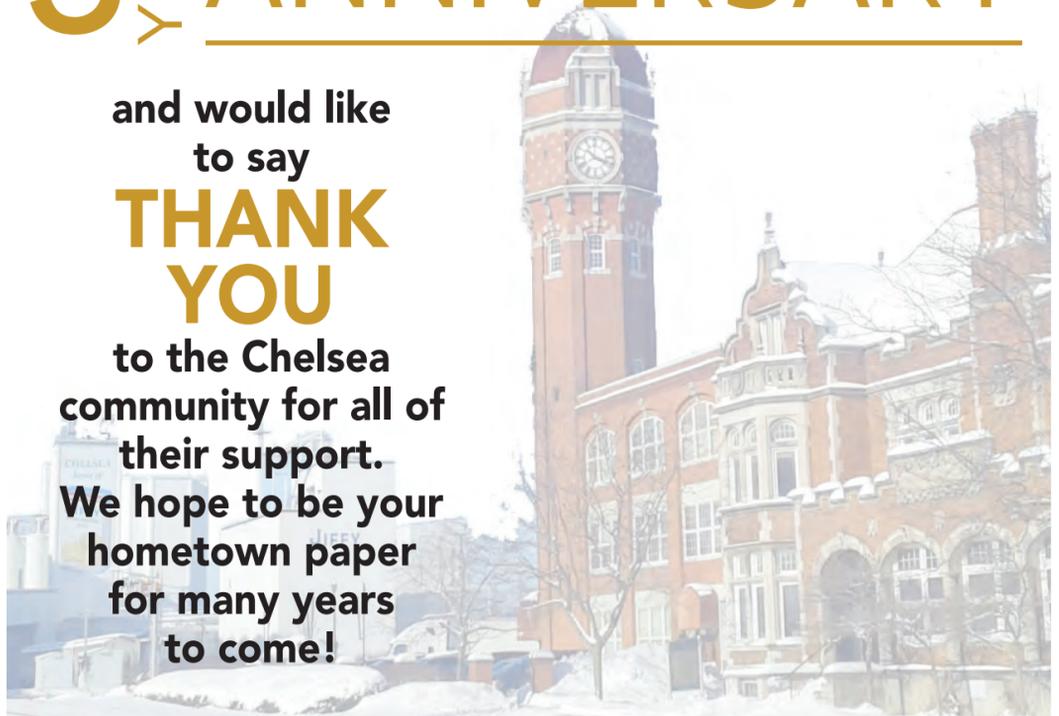
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Letter to the Editor: Issues in Chelsea/ Drop the Charges

Last summer, there were several #BLM protests in my community, Chelsea, MI. I am deeply concerned about the overly aggressive and unfair treatment of protesters' right to free speech.

The youth-led protests, in sync with the nationwide George Floyd protests, resulted in tickets being issued to youth, parents and other supporters, for walking in the street (and even when walking on the sidewalk) during the protests. Chelsea is the only city in Washtenaw County to have issued tickets related to these protests. Some people with tickets are being represented by lawyers from organizations such as the ACLU. Even if the court decides in favor of Chelsea, these charges are and will continue to be contested in an increasingly public way as a First Amendment issue.

Many of us are asking that tickets issued to protesters be dropped before February 22nd. The City will lose in reputation and potential financial costs, whether the Court decides in favor of the City or not.

We continue to question several aspects of what occurred at the protests last year. No citations were issued to people in a different group who were blasting air horns (violating local noise ordinances), making lingering obscene gestures out of their truck windows, and shouting obscenities at the peaceful marchers. We continue to question what happened on June 25th, when a local teenager (of color) was punched by a (white) adult who decided to disrupt the peaceful gathering, and who was given the go-ahead by the police to drive away without conse-

quence after assaulting a local youth.

The current issues in Chelsea are worthy of note, as many other areas suffer from equally discriminate law enforcement. Due to the work of committed local social justice activists, a spotlight is currently shining on our community. Free speech, racial equity, equal rights for all, and basic social justice are all issues to be worked through between the City Council, the Chelsea Police Department, and the public.

We hope to create a more harmonious and reasonable relationship between law enforcement and the local residents, and be a positive example for populations who are contending with similar disparities in their locale.

Sheila Graziano /
Sylvan Township, MI



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