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LUCAS IS A TALENTED FRESHMAN

By Dave Merchant
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Chelsea freshman Lucas Racine has got a gift for sports. He qualified for regionals as a wrestler and earned a varsity letter this past season.

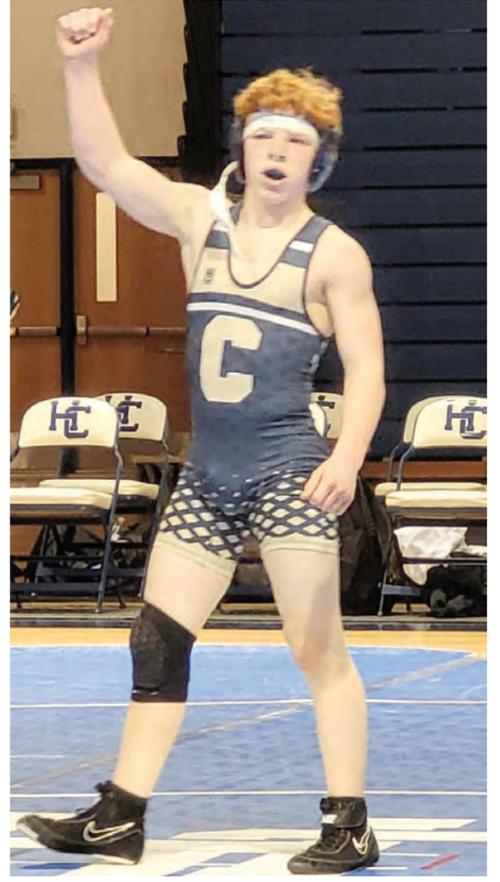
Favorite class is Advanced Fitness. His favorite teacher is Adam Taylor.

“My favorite coaches are Mike Young, Steve Chapman, Dakota Cooley,

and David Slusser and Steve Grau,” Racine said.

His parents are Dean Racine and Shannon Racine. His siblings are Jacob Hornick (who is graduating from CMU this May) and Ethan Racine (his twin brother).

A important event that stands out for him: “In my 5th grade season continued on page 8



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Intergenerational Garden and CHS Clubs Celebrate Earth Day



From: Shawn Personke

For 51 years, Earth Day has been celebrated around the world. This year a new partnership was born when the Intergenerational Garden joined the over members of Chelsea High School's Arbor Club, Interact, Key Club and the Chelsea Rotary Club to weed, mulch, and plant new trees in the Alumni Arbor as

part of an Earth Day event held on April 23, 2021.

Over 30 students, teachers, seniors, and volunteers worked in the Alumni Garden to ready the pollinator garden and the outdoor classroom for spring and to repair the compost bins.

Arbor Club advisor, Shawn Sinicola said that each year students hold a work day around Earth Day

and Arbor Day.

"This year to celebrate, we're using a grant to plant 37 trees that will enclose the outdoor classroom and create a pathway through the Arbor."

Sinicola added that students are always excited to be outdoors and to learn about the ways they can impact their world.

"Many of the students are here on

their asynchronous time, volunteering to make the Chelsea Alumni Arbor a more beautiful place," she said.

The Alumni Arbor was created in 2017 as a way to celebrate and remember each graduating class at Chelsea High. Alumni from each class, beginning with the class of 1943, donated funds to purchase a tree that was planted in the grassy field in the southwest corner of the high school grounds. This year, the class of 2021 planted a Honey Locust tree.

Laura Noble, volunteer coordinator for the Intergenerational Garden, said that it was a good opportunity to not only meet teachers Sinicola and Holly Reiser, lead staff for the day's effort, but to lend a hand and work with the students.

"We're always looking for ways to fulfill our mission of the generations learning and growing together," said Noble.

The Intergen Garden, as it's often called, is a collaboration be-

tween Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) and the Chelsea School District. Established in 2012, its mission is to: teach children -- including Chelsea School District's GABIKA campers and preschoolers -- about the joys of gardening, make gardening experiences available for seniors, and provide opportunities for multiple generations to enjoy each other's company.

The garden's produce is used for cooking classes, the CSC senior nutrition program, and a donation-based community farm stand. It is supported in part by the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, the Kiwanis Club, the Chel-

sea Garden Club, and other community organizations.

Noble says, as Covid restrictions ease, a goal is to increase participation of youth groups and families in the garden through volunteer opportunities and some special gardening programs about gardening.

"The garden is for people of all ages to come together and learn the beauty and value of growing things."

For more information or to volunteer, contact Laura Noble at IntergenGarden@ChelseaSeniors.org or visit www.facebook.com/groups/cscintergenerationalgarden.

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INTERIOR DESIGN MATTERS

The Inside Story



David and Jiali Harris with Kitty in their Dining Room – with an 8' square inlaid wood custom designed table. Photos Courtesy of Kitty Golding.

By Kitty Golding

One delightful component of interior design is that there is always a hidden story woven through the finished space. We now set out to introduce you to some of our past clients and share some tales along with showcasing a few projects we've been honored to work on. Honestly, one of our favorite aspects about this work is getting to know our clients and partaking in a portion of their story.

Introducing David and Jiali Harris, clients we worked with for over two years on their Ann Arbor dream home. When we started with the review of the plans and the exterior finishes, David was finishing up his ninth year playing linebacker for the Jets. We had whirlwind once a month meetings, when they would come into town. As the final house details were coming together and they were preparing to move back to Michigan, life was already different as they had a new baby and he just retired from the NFL, playing his last year for the Patriots. Jiali and David met at U of M and after marrying and moving to New York, knew they wanted to eventually

build a home and settle in Ann Arbor, close to family. They worked as a team on their contemporary 10,400 square foot ranch home by researching and generally knowing they wanted their home to feel inviting to others and be functional for their everyday use as a growing family. They are admitted homebodies so functionality and comfort within their style were the main driving forces behind many of their choices. The selections were not always easy, as with such a large home, there was an overwhelming amount of work and decisions to be made. This was their first time working with a designer and stated that it helped to have the expertise and wealth of knowledge of a professional. One of the best parts of the design process for them was witnessing the step-by-step implementation of the materials chosen and then seeing how it came to life and created cohesiveness in three-dimension.

With such an expansive home, big details and architectural elements make an immense difference. They loved the idea of the stepped down ceiling in the kitchen with

its subtle and unique design. Eye-catching to them both, with texture, color and contrast is their great room, stone fireplace wall with built-in black ribbon mahogany cabinets. And a haven is found inside the shagreen paneled master bedroom doors with a custom-crafted master bed boasting a seven-foot-high leather paneled headboard. The master bedroom also secures a private entrance to the pool and exterior patio. Little details matter as well, such as the double stacking laundry machines, the cuddle corner of the extra-long sectional in this room – "it's where all the kids pile up on us, when we use that room", or, the pink and purple glitter paint walls in the girl's bedrooms.

The house was architecturally designed to have lots of natural light pouring into every room, an important aspect to David and Jiali. They stated they didn't realize how many types of window treatment styles there are and how vastly they could be hung. To Jiali, the kitchen is the heart of their house and to her joy, the family spends much time around the large T-shaped island that seats eight. The kitchen layout offers a large traffic pattern, where multiple people can be cooking and not feel crowded. David, even though I know he helps in the kitchen, enjoys entertaining and kicking back in the play space downstairs, including a pool room, with all of his teammates signed jersey's, a twentyish-foot-long impressive custom bar with black leather bar stools and a lot of lounging space for watching football! It wouldn't be complete without a



The bar and lounge area in the lower level.

work-out room, steam room, poker table, and a theater room with seating for thirteen. One of the main color requests in the lower-level space was to use a burnt orange accent color which paired nicely with the neutral charcoals and

grays that the couple favored throughout their home.

After all the space planning, preliminary furniture plans and home interior finishes were finalized, we took a trip to Highpoint-Market, in North Carolina, with

the Harris's to finalize most of their furniture in a three-day marathon. Move in day wasn't until 2018, as several trucks of furniture, accessories and window treatments among other items capped off the journey and the family was able to settle in that night!

When asking David and Jiali which room they loved the most, the response was.

"Our entire house! The kitchen, great room, owner's suite, entire basement, loggia, pool deck, we love them all and couldn't be more grateful to live in such a well-designed house that's perfect for our family."



The Great Room with the Cuddle Corner sectional.

CHELSEA SOCCER CLUB SPRING SEASON KICKS OFF!

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From: Virginia Krueger

The Chelsea Soccer Club is thrilled to kick off its spring season. With youth players ages 7-17 playing; nearly every field in Chelsea affords the opportunity to catch Club action! Sunday afternoon provided clear, if not cool, skies and the '05 Boys team

entered their second weekend of State Cup play. In their first year of Premier League play and coached by Matthew Clarke, they battled against a tough Michigan Jaguars team and fell short with a 4-2 loss. Director of Coaching Mario Zuniga Gil complimented their resilience and play saying they "compet-

ed incredibly well" against a very challenging team.

Goals were scored by Beck Elandt on an aggressive follow up in the box and on a penalty kick placed perfectly by Flo Ziolkowski. The 05 boys look to rebound next Sunday in a matchup against Detroit City FC.



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Ruth Ellen Myers



Ruth Ellen Myers, 81, of Chelsea, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 with her family by her side. Ruth was born November 17, 1939 to the late Clifford and Leona (Sweet) Sanderson. On July 19, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, MI she married Ralph C. Myers and he survives. In addition to her husband, Ruth is survived

Bookkeeper at Klager Hatchery in Bridgewater, MI. She was a life member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, MI, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for over 50 years. She also held various offices in Ann Arbor West Camp of Gideons International Auxiliary for 35 years. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Drexel Morton officiating. A private burial will be held in the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to Gideons International or to St. John's Lutheran Church and envelopes will be available at the church. "God is Good - All the time". To sign Ruth's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.

by two sons, Brad (Audrey) Myers of Conifer, CO and Brian Myers of Chelsea, MI. She is also survived by her granddaughter Sarah Myers of Denver, CO and sister Shirley Piehl of Ypsilanti, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Marion Barnes and brother Charles Sanderson. Ruth graduated from Saline High School in 1957. During her lifetime, Ruth worked as a

Chelsea Community Forum Summary for April 10, 2021

From: Vincent Elie

The Chelsea Community Forum met, via Zoom, on the 10th of April. Approximately 18 people participated, including our guest, Dr. Vicki Paulissen, a Chemistry professor at EMU and a member of the League of Women Voters. She led a discussion regarding Michigan's redistricting plan. Michigan Proposal 18-2 was a ballot initiative approved by 62 percent of Michigan voters in 2018. The proposal was created in preparation of the 2020 United States Census, to move control of redistricting from the state legislature to an independent citizens' commission. The Redistricting Commission is charged with redrawing 110 Michigan House and 38 Michigan Senate districts, and Michigan's 14 congressional districts. The Redistricting Commission assumes that Michigan's congressional districts will decrease from 14 to 13 as the result of population loss. The commission will use the

data from 2020 census to determine Michigan's US Congressional districts.

The commission is composed of 4 Republicans, 5 Independents, and 4 Democrats. These commissioners were randomly chosen from 200 individuals after being winnowed down from 200,000 applications. The demographic composition is based upon age, sex, geography, and racial background.

Dr. Paulissen discussed the concept of Communities of Interest which includes important criteria that the Commission must consider in deciding how to draw the district lines. There are 7 criteria,

listed by significance, that guide the commission's direction and decision-making process.

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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



LUCAS IS A TALENTED FRESHMAN



Photos By Shannon and Dean Racine

continued from page 1 when I wrestled with the Dexter Wrestling Club, I thought about quitting wrestling and playing a different sport. I played baseball and considered basketball but after only a couple month long break from wrestling, I started to miss it. After reviewing all of my options for sports, I realized how much I enjoyed wrestling, and that of the sports I have played, I

was best at wrestling. I wanted to focus on the training, conditioning and competition of wrestling. With the help of the Chelsea coaches, I decided to pursue wrestling."

Advice for younger athletes is strong: "I think that self-discipline and integrity are both very helpful and important skills," he said. Without them, I don't think I would be where I am today. I highly en-

courage young and upcoming athletes to make sacrifices to improve themselves even when nobody is guiding your efforts."

He said athletes are usually role models, so you are given the responsibility to act your best on and off the mat, field, or court.

His hobbies include working out, fishing, hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

CHELSEA TRACK ROLLS

By Dave Merchant
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"It was Christmas in April," said head coach Eric Swager. "A beautiful snowy afternoon welcomed the thinclads as they took on both Adrian and Lincoln. A feathery panoply filled the air and turf as the children frolicked about. We were refreshed by the crisp bite in the air, and it felt like we

were reborn in many events!

On a less poetic note, we really did compete well. Attitude comes up huge when facing adverse conditions, and that fact allowed us to beat two pretty darn good teams. I am proud of the guys for hanging together and giving their best.

Brandon Snyder, Aiden McGuire, Ryan

Scott, Dominic Guthre, and Will Barhite all took home first places against both squads, and several sprinters and distance runners picked up key second and third places to bring us to victory.

An energetic throng of fans lasted till the end, and I wanted to thank all the workers as well for their efforts to make the meet a success."

CHELSEA RELAYS

By Dave Merchant
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A beautiful day greeted 8 teams from the mid-Michigan area this past Friday for the Chelsea Relays. Head Coach Eric Swager: "Thanks to all the workers, volunteers, timers, coaches, and anyone who showed up - it was super-efficient and a fun affair for all involved."

"Both guys and girls teams emerged victorious, and were rewarded with large pizzas provided by

Jets. The guys won four events, highlighted by a dominant performance in the Bert Kruse relay. Individually, Owen Smith won 3 medals, as did Ryan Scott, Aiden McGuire, Will Barhite, Andrew Hilbert, Jack Krug, and Dominic Guthre. Many others earned multiple medals, but it was a great team effort across the board," commented Swager.

Another highlight was the Open 3200 meter run. "Roughly 50 people of all

ages, shapes, sizes, and fitness levels toed the line as the race took the runners out through various obstacles, and finished in front of a screaming throng. Some highlights included Gabe Muckle's lifetime best - dominating 3 members of the Swager family (we will not name which ones), as well as Camden Faupel getting attacked by a tree mid-race. Thanks for all who participated."

CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS SOCCER

CHELSEA VARSITY SOCCER DEFEATS JACKSON

From: Rachel Krugh
(Photos By Rachel Krugh)

Chelsea soccer battled against Jackson on Thursday April 22 and won by a score of 6-3.



Andrea Kowalski (senior, #14) had an assist.



Jessica Emmert (a senior, #11), scored 3 goals.



Kate Krugh (#10), a freshman, scored 3 goals.



Breigha Vowles (#23) had an assist.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

2021 CHELSEA VS LINCOLN & ADRIAN DOUBLE DUAL MEET RESULTS

From: Loren Thorburn

The Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team competed against Lincoln and Adrian High Schools on Tuesday, 4/20, at Chelsea High School. The girls won against both schools (88 to 48 against Lincoln) and (116 to 21 against

Adrian). It was a very cold day for track and field competition with snow flurries and temperatures around 34 degrees. The coaches were appreciative of the positive attitudes and overall performances of our athletes given the conditions. We continued to see

improvements by individuals in many events given the conditions.

The highlights were Seren Angus in the 3200m run where she placed 1st overall with a time of 12:33.94 (a new personal record), a drop of 22 seconds from her previous

best time. Other top overall finishes were made by the following: Morgan Majeske in the discus throw (85' 4.0"), Breanne Black in the pole vault (7' 6"), Kendra Patterson in 100m hurdles (17.74), Makayla Kegerreis in the 400m dash (64.62), Trilian Krug in the 1600m

run (5:36.56), Riley Thorburn in the 800m run (2:38.13), the 4x800m relay team (Rachel Bullock, Seren Angus, Julia Kause, and Kate Gaiser) with a time of 11:02.17, and the 4x400m relay (Thorburn, Kasey Matusik, Audra Guthre, and Laney Smith) with a

time of 4:36.08, which made an exciting end to the meet just edging out Lincoln's team at the end.

We host the Chelsea Relays on Friday, 4/23. The meet begins at 2:30 pm over at the track and field facilities. We hope to see you there.

2021 GIRLS CHELSEA RELAYS WRITE UP

From: Loren Thorburn

A big win for the Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team at the Chelsea Relays held on Friday, April 23rd. The girls won the meet with 116 points against seven other teams, which included Holt (82 pts), DeWitt (74 pts), Linden (62 pts), South Lyon (48 pts), East Lansing (46 pts), Jackson Northwest (6 pts), and Trenton (4 pts). Our team collected a total of 13 top three finishes out of 16 events. Specifically, we collected eight first place medals, three second places medals, and two 3rd place medals.

Highlights for the meet included: a first place finish and a new school record in the Shuttle Hurdle Relay

(composed of Kendra Patterson, Anna King, Brooke Matusik, and Molly Mannor). All these girls worked hard over the winter to get into shape and their hard work paid off with this new record.

We had other first place finishes by the discus relay (consisting of Morgan Majeske, Ava Woodard, and Lily Paddock), the high jump relay (Anna King, Madeline Collins, and Natalie Falerios), the pole vault relay (Breanne Black, Audra Guthre, and Lily Paddock), the 4x3200m relay (Kate Gaiser, Seren Angus, Riley Thorburn, and Rachel Bullock), the Bert Kruse Relay which consisted of 300m

hurdles run by Molly Mannor, 200m dash leg done by Kasey Matusik, 600m run by Riley Thorburn, and a 400m dash performed by Makayla Kegerreis. Also, we had first place finishes by the Freshman/Sophomore 4x100m relay (composed of Lia Spink, Madeline Collins, Elsa Baize, and Chloe Gray) which came down to a very close race at the end, which was exciting to watch. Lastly, our 4x400m relay (Makayla Kegerreis, Laney Smith, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn) earned a top placing with their race.

Second place finishes were accomplished by the 4x800 relay (composed of

Trilian Krug, Julia Kause, Seren Angus, and Rachel Bullock), the shot put relay (consisting of Morgan Majeske, Ava Woodard, and Jasmine Gabriel-Menegay), and the Throwers 4x100m relay, a non-scoring event, which included Lily Paddock, Ava Wood-

ard, Morgan Majeske, and Brooklyn Nguyen.

Lastly, our third place finishes included the 4x200m relay (composed of Kasey Matusik, Eva Dewaele, Kendra Patterson, and Carley Grabarczyk) and the Distance Medley Relay (consisting of

Kate Gaiser, Brook Matusik, Julia Kause, and Trilian Krug).

Overall, these ladies did a wonderful job competing against competitive teams.

We host Jackson on Tuesday, April 27th, and head to Mason for an invitational on Friday, April 30th.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS LACROSSE

CHELSEA LACROSSE FALLS 8-6 TO PINCKNEY

By Dave Merchant dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

Goals:
Kellen Ahlstrom (Soph): 1
Logan Vaughn (Sen): 2
Tyler Wallgren (Sen): 1
AJ Tokarski (Sen): 1
Mitch Sumner (Sen): 1
Saves:
Harrison Lantis (Sen): 16

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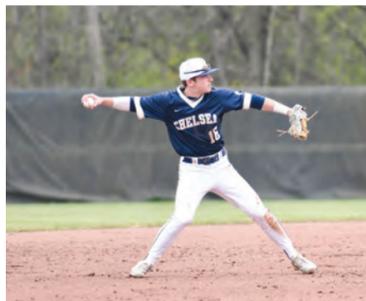
CHELSEA BULLDOGS BASEBALL

CHELSEA VARSITY BASEBALL VS. ANN ARBOR HURON

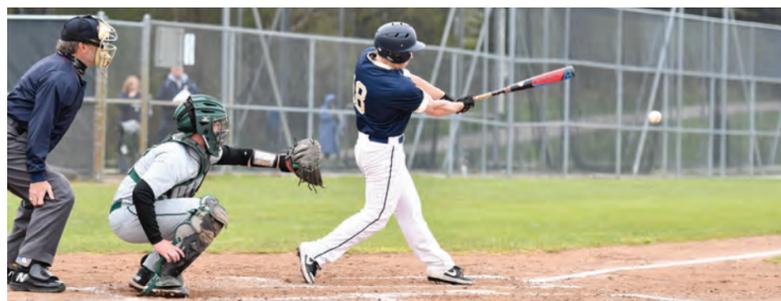
From Pam Kemp took on Ann Arbor and then mercied Huron. Chelsea lost Ann Arbor 13-3. 24 Chelsea baseball 9-8 in the first game



Trevor Vosters pitches a win for the second game. Photos By Pam Kemp.



Shortstop Jacob Schultz throws a runner out at first.



Dylan Dollinger drives in a run.

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WWRA & DART to host Foam Recycling Weekend



DART Container's Ralph Spitz, recycle lead, shows the blocks of foam that are ready to be shipped to companies who manufacture new items from recycled foam.

From: Shawn Personke

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will partner with the DART Container Corporation and community volunteers to host a #6 foam recycling weekend on June 4, 5, and 6, 2021.

DART will deliver a trailer to the WWRA Chelsea/Manchester Road bin site. Staff and volunteers will be on-site to help collect and sort items brought in by community members during collection hours. Marc Williams, WWRA facility manager, is glad to be bringing this opportunity to the community.

"Western Washtenaw residents are great recyclers. People want to recycle as much as they can, so when this opportunity came along, we decided to see how we could make it happen."

Chelsea residents Bill and Glenna Jo Christen are volunteering to help with the project. Over the past

2 years, the Christens have collected foam from friends, family and neighbors, stored it in their garage, and then delivered it to the DART facility in Mason.

"Glenna Jo and I are very happy to see the foam recycling process being shared with the Chelsea area community," said Bill Christen.

If this collection goes well, the WWRA hopes to add more collection dates.

DART Container makes food and beverage packaging items and actively collects and promotes foam recycling opportunities throughout the country. After recycling #6 foam, DART sells it to "manufacturers of picture frames, interior molding, pens, rulers and foam packaging," according to their website. Additionally, they recycle the paper scrap from their line of insulated cups, creating foodservice products made of recycled, recyclable and compostable

or renewable materials.

Community recyclers need to know that only EPS #6 foam is acceptable. Examples of acceptable #6 include egg cartons, meat trays, some food take-out containers, medical coolers, and block furniture and electronic packaging.

Items not accepted are building insulation boards and packing peanuts. Packing peanuts can be taken to Recycle Ann Arbor on Ellsworth.

The Christens and other WWRA volunteers will be onsite during collection hours to answer questions and help review foam items. Hours for the event are Friday, June 4, 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 5p.m.; Sunday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christen likes to remind people of what Annie Leonard, executive director of Greenpeace, said. "There is no such thing as 'away.' When we throw anything away it must go somewhere."

"We have seen the enthusiasm grow among the people who faithfully bring their foam to us for recycling," said Christian. "We feel that with the support of Dart and WWRA more foam products can 'go somewhere' that will do less harm to our community."

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) is a not-for-profit partnership of and subsidized by five municipalities (Townships of Dexter, Lyndon,



DART Container shows some of the items that are not accepted. The WWRA is collecting #6 foam on June 4, 5, and 6.

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority
8025 Werklner Road - 734.475.6160

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JUNE 4-6, 2021

Location: WWRA Bin Site at Chelsea/Manchester Rd. (opposite Fairgrounds)

- #6 symbol only
- Rinse or wipe foodservice bags
- No straws or lids.
- No foam packaging peanuts.
- Volunteers will help sort/accept your foam. If you want a bag to collect/store your foam, contact us.

Friday, June 4: 1pm to 7pm
Saturday, June 5: 9am to 5pm
Sunday, June 6: 10am to 2pm

Volunteers will be assisting with the collection. Please mask up.

In partnership with DART Container.

Manchester and Lima, and the City of Chelsea) working together to find alternative ways to handle waste and promote

reducing, reusing, and recycling. The townships are served by convenient drop-off centers while the City of Chelsea has weekly curbside recycling pick up. For more information, visit www.WWRARECYCLES.ORG.

Chelsea Community Forum Summary for April 10, 2021

➤ continued from page 4 impacted by legislation. The goal is to amplify the community's voice. These communities can present written and/or oral testimony during a public session (approximately 2 minutes) that defines the bonds that link them as a Community of Interest. Examples of these bonds may include; ethnic/cultural/socioeconomic ties, tribal nations, school districts, natural resources, agricultural interests, or other interests. There are also bonds that cannot be used to define a Community of Interest; including any relationship to any political party or political candidate, and race (because inclusion of this entity violates the Voter Rights Act of 1965).

4) There should be no disproportionate

advantage to any candidate or incumbent member of the Michigan State House, Michigan State Senate, or the US House.

5) The redrawn boundaries must not favor a candidate or incumbent.

6) The new boundaries should consider and reflect city, county, and township boundaries.

7) The new districts must be geographically and reasonably compact in shape and size.

The commission began its work in the Fall of 2020, via Zoom, and allows for live-streamed and in-person public meetings. There have been/will be 17 such meetings. Additionally, Proposition 2 mandated that 10 public hearings must occur prior to any map development and 5 public hearings must

happen after the maps have been drawn.

The commission has used the redistricting experiences of Arizona, California, and Ohio to guide Michigan's work. The Michigan commission has also hired attorneys to assist with the designation of Communities of Interest and other legal/technical aspects of this process.

Dr. Paulissen offered additional websites for further information:

University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP): <http://closup.umich.edu/>

Michigan Redistricting Commission: www.michigan.gov/mircr

League of Women Voters: <https://www.lwv.org>

CHS Grad completes studies at EMU

By Charla Hamilton
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Hanna Brodeur recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BA in Criminal Justice-Legal Studies, Honors, & Magna Cum Laude. Hanna was a 2017 graduate of Chelsea High School. Congrats to Hanna on her accomplishments!

(If you have a Chelsea area college graduate that you would like featured in Chelsea Guardian please email information and photos to: charlachelseaguardian@gmail.com)



Photo Courtesy of Rosie Brodeur

lwv.org

The next Chelsea Community Forum is scheduled for May 8th at 9 AM. The Chelsea Community Forum

is open to all with an interest in the affairs of the Chelsea School District area and meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM, currently on Zoom. A link can be found on the Forum's website: <https://sites.google.com/site/chelseamiforum/home>.