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## Timber Creek Counseling Grows Team



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**From Melissa Cuthbert**  
Timber Creek Counseling added two new mental health therapists to their team. Miles Keller, LLC and Keylea D'Arcy, LLC recently started with the practice. "We are very excited to add two high quality clinicians to our staff" stated Executive Director, Melissa Cuthbert. Miles

and Keylea will provide counseling services to adolescents, children, adults, and families. They join Dr. Andrew Cuthbert, Lynne Spencer, LLP, and Angela Begres, LMSW at Timber Creek. Miles Keller, LLC received his Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Oakland University. Miles has experience providing counseling to children, couples, and adults. He has previously worked at Albion and Adrian Colleges, gaining experience working with the student population. His clin-

ical interests include, but are not limited to, anxiety, depression, addictions, interpersonal relationship styles, and adjustment to new life circumstances. Miles enjoys helping people create new ways in which they react to themselves and the world around them. Keylea D'Arcy, LLC is an experienced educator, coach, and child advocate. Keylea has received her Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Child Development along with a concentration in Montessori Education from Siena Heights

University in 2008. She also received her Master of Science in Professional Counseling from Grand Canyon University in March 2020. Keylea enjoys working with children, adolescents, young adults, and families. Keylea is especially dedicated and compassionate about working with children, teens, and young adults suffering from trauma and trauma-related difficulties. To learn more about Miles, Keylea, or Timber Creek Counseling, please visit [www.timbercreekcounseling.com](http://www.timbercreekcounseling.com).



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## UMRC & Porter Hills Announce New Mission, Vision and Guiding Beliefs Statements

*Affiliated Organization Aligns As One, Serving Older Adults Across Michigan*



**From Lisa French**  
United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) and Porter Hills, which affiliated under shared governance and leadership in March 2019, has announced new mission, vision, and guiding beliefs state-

ments as the organization works to more closely align as one in providing exceptional care and services to older adults across Michigan. UMRC & Porter Hills leadership and corporate board members have been working on ways to align the organization since its affiliation eighteen months ago and, more

recently, have sought ways to coordinate efforts and identify efficiencies, a goal that has been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to President and CEO of UMRC & Porter Hills, Steve Fetyko. "The trust and comfort level of our teams and board members has grown im-

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mensely through this time of COVID-19,” said Fetyko. “We have learned how much we rely on each other to fulfill our mission and how much stronger we are when we work as one. Committees comprised of members from each board have come together to guide and streamline our policies and practices into one cohesive playbook.”

New mission, vision, and guiding beliefs statements were a focus of these efforts.

“I am delighted that our work has included the thoughtful development of these new statements that reflect and encompass the innovation, inclusiveness, and compassion of our combined organization as we empower all people to age well – at any and every age,” said Fetyko. “This includes the older adults we serve through our traditional continuum of care, Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), home healthcare, affordable senior living,

and more; as well as their families. It also includes our dedicated team members, board members, and volunteers, at every level within our organization, who make UMRC & Porter Hills such a warm and welcoming place to live and work.”

**Mission Statement:** Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives.

**Vision Statement:** A world in which all are empowered to age well.

**Our Guiding Be-**

**liefs:** Based on our founding principles, and guided by the teachings of our faith-based heritage, we believe in...

**Integrity:** We perform our responsibilities ethically, honestly, and with deep compassion, authenticity, and upright character.

**Wellness:** In partnership with our team members, we attend to mind, body, and spiritual wellness, as well as the independence, engagement, and joy for all we serve.

**Inclusiveness:** We

welcome all, regardless of faith, national origin, or any aspect of human diversity, and want all who live, work, and receive services with us to feel welcomed, embraced, and invited to participate.

**Stewardship:** We are accountable for responsibly managing the resources entrusted to us.

**Excellence:** We seek to excel in all we do through a passionate commitment to continually improve every element of what

we do, as individuals and as an organization.

**Community:** We recognize it takes compassionate, skilled team members, and engaged residents, participants, families, vendors, and volunteers to deliver on the promise of our Mission every day. We value their contributions and fully support their growth and continued partnership.

For more information, visit [umrc.com](http://umrc.com) or [porterhills.org](http://porterhills.org).

## Letters to Santa in Chelsea

From Chelsea

Festivals and Events

Santa loves mail!! His bright red mailbox is centrally located in Palmer Commons on Main Street. Children of all ages are welcome to mail their Christmas wish list directly to Santa.

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dressed envelope & return postage.

All letters must be received by the end of the day on December 17, 2020.

Keep sharing your photos as you drop off your letters, and please tag us @chelseafestivals and @chelseamich!!

This event is made possible by the Hometown Holiday Spon-

sors, the Chelsea Senior Center and the City of Chelsea.

Special thanks to: Schissler Certified Payments Consultants, Inc. and Chelsea Area Festivals & Events (CAFE) for procuring the Santa mailbox from the North Pole!

Details at: <https://chelseamich.com/events/santa-mail/>.

## Fine Arts Fun Learning Center



Photos By Sharon Broyles

From Sharon Broyles

What motivated you to create this? Children have always been precious to me, so much that I earned a Master's in Education as an avenue to help them discover their world in fun and creative ways.

Since experience has lead me to teach preschool, kindergarten and first grade for many years, I decided to create a classroom

in my home to continue this career. Having a limit of 4 students, ages 4, 5, and 6, this would allow much more opportunity to follow the children's interest and still stay on track with common core academic steps. Because of wonderful learning materials I've gathered through the years and more that I've recently purchased to complete a prepared classroom, I am ready to welcome

the children into this journey. This will also be a way to share my current profession of music instruction/performance and experience of teaching art and sign language. My experience has been in public and private schools as well as and homeschool groups and tutoring. Designing curriculums throughout the years has allowed me to tailor each step to each child's interest, ability and needs. Children need in-person communication and learning. This will be a way to share my gifts and help parents with the education of their children during and beyond this tricky Covid time.

A bit of background: While teaching academics in a public school, a side career snuck up on me after attending a dulcimer festival in Evart, MI. I followed the encouragement of others to begin public performances and leading workshops at several music festivals in several states for many years. Following this ambition, FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING CENTER was developed as a

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**Friday, December 25**

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# 12th Annual SculptureWalk Chelsea 2021-2022 CALL FOR ART

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**Project Description**

SculptureWalk Chelsea is a rotating, outdoor sculptural exhibition showcased in historic Chelsea, Michigan. The chosen artists will receive an award, a year-long highly visible platform throughout Chelsea, as well as the opportunity to sell accepted work by means of marketing efforts provided through the Chelsea Area Festivals and Events organization in collaboration with community partners. Fourteen works of original art will be accepted, via a juried process, into 2021-2022's rotation, marking the twelfth year that the sculptures will be adorning the cityscape.

**Benefits**

Each selected artist receives an \$850.00 award

- 70% of the sale price goes to the artist
- Placement in highly visible sites
- A year-long marketing campaign promoting the exhibition and artists
- Online and walking map brochures produced and available free to the public
- Guided docent tours throughout the year

**Requirements**

- Completed Application and \$15 Application fee
- Open to regional artists 18 years of age and older
- Only original and completed works of art will be accepted, no proposals for work
- Entries must meet standards of public safety and durability of design and materials for outdoor placement
- Hardware must be provided by the artist (tools and equipment needed for unloading and placing artwork will be provided)
- Selected works must be installed on the appointed installation date, late May 2021, and remain in place for the full year of the exhibition. Unsold work must be removed on the appointed removal day/time, May 2022.

- Sculptures must be available for purchase while on display. Upon sale, the Artist will receive 70% of the agreed price and CAFE will receive 30% for the ongoing management of the exhibition
- Artist must be present during the installation and removal of the sculpture

**Timeline**

- Application deadline: February 19th\*
- Selections made and artists notified: March 26th \*
- Installation of accepted work mid-late May 2021, specific dates/times will be arranged
- Subject to COVID-19 Guidelines - Kick-off and Open House: (June 3/10) to coincide with the kick-off for Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights\*
- Removal of exhibition May 2022

\*Specific dates subject to change - CAFE will endeavor to provide any changes in a timely manner.

**Questions?** Contact [VisualArts@ChelseaFestivals.com](mailto:VisualArts@ChelseaFestivals.com)

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# 52 weeks of design

Kitty & Company



By Kitty Golding

Kitty & Company will be conducting a series of short interviews with Chelsea Residents for 52 weeks, bringing to light differing personalities and design styles in our community. Perhaps you will meet someone new through these weekly interviews or perhaps it will be YOU! Stay tuned and follow us each week – we now introduce you to **Mr. Terris Ahrens**.

**What is your current profession?** I am the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director as of 9 months ago. I couldn't be happier to be in a position to help and work with so many great people, who all do so much to

make Chelsea a great place to live, work and visit.

**Your family members:** My girlfriend, Monica Juleff and my brother, Traver Lucas, who as of July is the new owner of Brahma Haus.

**People may think of me as:** Who knows? **But Really I am:** Just doing what one can.

**When did you move to Chelsea?** I was working in Chelsea as early as 1999, but grew up in Manchester and moved to Chelsea in January of this year.

**What do you love about where you currently live?** Proximity to things we do and love and we love our backyard! We also live in a piece of history – a fully renovated 1890's Schoolhouse, including a finished basement. Fascinatingly, the original chalkboard and the bell/bell tower are still in place.

**If you could have a second home anywhere, where would**

**it be?** On a Great Lake, no doubt!

**What three words describe your style?** Rustic, Practical, Classic.

**Who most influenced your design styles?** Music and the American Filmmaker, Wes Anderson (Some of his films include: Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Grand Budapest Hotel, Isle of Dogs, and Rushmore).

**What are you most inspired by in your design/decor?** Traveling is very inspiring to me.

**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?** The outdoor environments everywhere I've lived, have by far been the most impressive spaces in my life. Whether it be the expansive gardens my mom cultivated, or the areas always available

for games and sport, genuine memories have stemmed from my yards. My current home offers these same aspects.

**When entering your home, how do you want it to feel?** CALMING!

**What is one element of design that you do not like?** Excess! I don't like it when a room is too cluttered.

**What is the biggest design issue you struggle with?** Flooring is a challenge – as the only floors I really love are hardwood or beautiful tile. Both of these tend to be higher in price, and not always budget friendly. We currently have a mix of flooring including, original hardwood, some laminate and some carpet.

**If you were moving and could only select one item from your home to keep, what would it be?** The globe...but this would be a very hard choice



**Terris Ahrens**  
Photos by Terris Ahrens

over the giant print I own from the World's Fair in Chicago, circa 1893. (Side note: I love maps and this amber toned globe is quite large with a nice stand).

**Which room in your home gets the most use?** The basement for sure! I use our bar top as my standing desk whenever working from home. The loudest stereo in the house is located in the basement and doubles as our jam space and workout area. As

far as design in the basement, we keep it fun -on the wall we have speakers, puzzles of Michigan, and art from our friends.

**Is there any item in your home, you regret buying?** Yes, I should have bought the nicer brand of toaster oven because everything burns!

**No room is complete without:** Music.

**How does having a pet influence your decisions?** Our puppy Pearl for sure has

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# Fine Arts Fun Learning Center



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personal business and now has a new branch of service for teaching academics in a private setting. Currently, I continue teaching students local and in several states. Most students are learning the hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer and others have taken beginning classes in ukulele, guitar and piano.

In the past we've had enjoyed jams, workshops and group performances for the public. Celtic, waltzes, fiddle tunes, and hymns are just a few of the many types of music covered. The students have ranged in age from 3 to... well... actually over 100 (during interaction performances with those in health care facilities)! As much as I enjoy all ages, I am eager to begin academic classes for the very young back into my career.

How do you describe this new learning option? This option will be a homeschool-style setting open to the public for ages 4, 5, and 6. It is designed to help children gain skills to enter first grade with confidence and ability. Reading, math, handwriting, and language subjects will be the focus with art, music sign language scheduled in and I'm sure smiles and laughter will be a part of each lesson.

Happiness helps learning! Science and community subjects will be covered intermittently. With my style of teaching, though the children may be different ages and working with different learning styles, they will always have what they need when they need it to take their personal next step in the learning process of exploration. This allows for constant personalized attention and encouragement to their needed growth areas and discovering strengths and abilities as well.

Gaining personal and group communication skills, learning how to manage disappointments and share kindness as they interact often with others is a highlight of the course. Here, answers to their questions are explored through con-

versation, drawing, painting, building, drama, and writing with flexibility in the curriculum in order to nurture their curiosities. Along with this approach, the Michigan kindergarten common core will be followed. At Before classes begin, a professional evaluation will be set up at no cost. Throughout the year, an ongoing evaluation will be maintained and at an end of the year evaluation will also be conducted. Parent conferences will be set as needed and a private FaceBook page will be available for communication about highlights of the day. Because I can now follow my own time frame of teaching, I will enjoy enriching the lessons in creative ways to advance the child's learning in good timing. Class time is from 9 am - 1 pm throughout the school days which follow the Chelsea School District calendar. In the summer weeks, watch for children's summer day camps of music, mountain dulcimer (instruments provided), drawing and other art forms.

What is your experience? I have gained a Master's in Education and have taught mainly preschool through 1st grade most of my career. Sign language, private art classes and tutoring for upper elementary and Junior High are subjects I've taught as well. Public schools in the Indianapolis area has been my main experience. A favorite position was a Reading Specialist for lower elementary.

Music instrument instruction has been the main areas of instruction in the last several years.

What can parents expect to see in the end? A comparison of the pre and post evaluations will be discussed as well as suggestions for moving forward. Students will

show significant advancement in reading, language, math, communication, self-management skills according to each child's ability and according to their full or part-time enrollment.

What steps are taken to enroll?

1) You are invited to request an in-depth detailed information Parent Handbook that would answer many questions is available by email. Feel free to contact me for a conversation. 2) After reading the Parent's Handbook, parents can request an appointment for an Open House to meet each other, answer questions, and have a tour of the classroom. 3) Once parents decide this is what they want for their child/children, they are welcomed submit the forms included in the Parent's Handbook. 4) Once accepted into the program, a date is set so I can give a professional evaluation before the student begins at no cost. 5) A waiting will be established if needed.

What is the tuition? Tuition is very competitive with the private preschools in Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. I would be happy to talk with anyone about details. I currently have openings for new students young and not so young for hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, ukulele, mandolin, guitar and beginning piano. Class is limited to 4 children at any one time.

Both full and part time slots are available.

Fine Arts Fun Learning Center is located at 525 McKinley Street in Chelsea. For more information please visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Fine-Arts-Fun-Learning-Center-academic-fine-arts-classes-for-children](https://www.facebook.com/Fine-Arts-Fun-Learning-Center-academic-fine-arts-classes-for-children).



# The Real Estate Corner

By: Michelle Elie,  
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As we've seen over most of the summer and fall, November sales figures continue to be substantially greater than those last year. Normally this time of year is very slow in real estate, but currently, the demand continues to be great, and the supply is low.

Currently there are only 35 homes on the market in Chelsea which is the lowest number of the year. The low inventory

## November Summary

Here's the 2020 November Chelsea Real Estate recap;

	2020
Number of new listings	16
Average list price	462,102
Number of sales	19
Average sale price	346,442

	2019
Number of new listings	11
Average list price	332,136
Number of sales	15
Average sale price	270,377

makes buying a new home a challenge as there are still plenty of other buyers out there, creating competition. It's still a good time to list even though the holidays are just around the corner. I invite you to reach

out to me if I can be of any assistance to you if you're considering entering the market.

Wishing you and yours a healthy, happy, holiday season. Stay safe out there.

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## Journey Through a Living Nativity

**Fri. & Sat.  
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### Christmas Worship Services Schedule

Wed., December 23 – 7:00 pm: Worship Band, candlelight

Thurs., December 24 – 5:00 pm: Family Worship

– 6:00 pm: Christmas Hymn Sing Outdoors

– 7:00 pm: Traditional with Choir, candlelight

– 9:00 pm: Worship Band, candlelight



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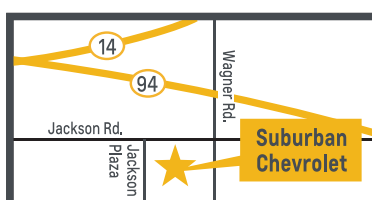


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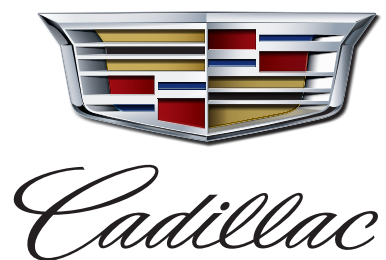
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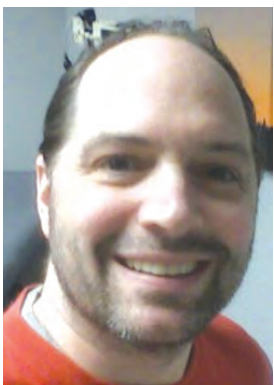
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# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE: BOB TALBERT, THE PARANORMAL, NEWSPAPER COLUMNS AND ALIENS



By Don Richter  
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"Readers always write."

That's not my quote, but a line from one of my favorite columnists when I was growing up. During those early years of my love affair with newspapers, getting up in the morning and reading the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News was as much a routine for me as pouring the milk into my cereal bowl.

As I've grown older, looking back, I'm thankful my parents subscribed to both newspapers, along with our local hometown newspaper and multiple other magazines and tabloids. There was always reading material scattered throughout every room in the house, it seemed.

Bob Talbert was my favorite columnist during my growing up years and even into my college years. Talbert worked at the Free Press from the late 1960s into the 1990s. One of the highlights of his columns for me was when he would devote an entire page to comments he'd received from readers throughout the week. There would be "Tra-

cy from South Haven" sharing her thoughts or musings, along with "Tom from Royal Oak" and "Linda from Lapeer" and so on and so forth for the entire column. To begin that type of column, Talbert's first line would always be -- "Readers always write."

While I enjoyed Talbert's column, my middle sister (I have three older sisters) was obsessed with him. She would read his column religiously, quote his one-liners and even bought his book. So one can imagine the hysteria that occurred in our home the day the "Readers always write" column appeared and "Jan from Westland" was one of the readers sharing her thoughts and concerns on Talbert's page. "Jan" is my middle sister, in case you missed it.

I don't think I've ever heard such a high-pitched squeal in my life the morning my sister saw her name and comments in Talbert's column. I'm still a little hard of hearing in my left ear from the scream. That morning was the first of many times my sister would write to Talbert and each time he would put her comments in his column. To this day, my sister is still proud of that fact.

Anyhow, now that I'm older, I have a column of my own. I'm kinda like Bob Talbert in a way, right? I know, not so much. In my dreams, right? But I

recently had a "Reader who wrote" moment. Notice it was only one "reader." They dropped me a message asking if I was ever going to write again about all the paranormal, ghost-ish, spooky-type things that have happened to me while living in Dexter and Chelsea these past 20 years. Last year, I wrote a series of columns on my experiences with the paranormal and odd-type moments I've had in the area over the years. I actually did receive quite a few messages and comments (at least for me) from readers after writing those columns.

To answer the reader's question, I'm sure I'll once again write a column or two regarding my paranormal experiences -- I just don't know when. Since those columns have run, however, I've had many other ghost-ish and weird moments locally and throughout the state in the past year or so. Heck, one of those scary and strange occurrences happened at Cleary's Pub in Chelsea last year before 2020 happened.

To make a long story short, in the summer last year, I was dating a woman who was into the paranormal and all things extraterrestrial -- I mean, like, really into it. Like, alien-abducted, visits from "lizard people" and encounters with "the Greys" her entire life -- into

it. But, hey, what can I say, I'm into chicks like that (err, I mean, women like that, sorry). Anyhow, it was a few dates into our relationship and I decided to take her to Cleary's for my favorite fish and chips and a beer. A few beers into the date and we're deep into her alien abduction stories -- and yes, I believed them -- who am I to judge? -- plus, the stories were fascinating -- and by this time, Cleary's was emptying out a bit and slowing down. There were only a few people left in the place. It was dark. It was nighttime. The bar seemed eerily quiet. She was in the process of telling me how the "Greys" (the typical grey smallish, thin alien-looking creatures with the big heads and even bigger, darker eyes) terrified her. How they've been visiting her since she was a young girl. She said they seemed to follow her wherever she went. She felt she couldn't get away from them. I could sense the concern in her voice and the fear as she told me story after story of her encounters with the "Greys." At the table we were sitting at, my back was to the bar, while she was facing it. In the middle of one of her "Grey" stories she suddenly stopped. Her eyes got bigger and wider. She suddenly looked drained and confused. "Oh my God," she whispered to me. "I can't believe it. Look behind you."



An alien (the Greys) similar to this one was part of a recent paranormal-type experience for this columnist.

I turned around and sitting at the bar on a stool right next to our table (despite there being a complete row of empty stools at the now basically empty pub) was a random guy with a ball cap on backwards, similar to how a baseball catcher would wear their hat. That's not unusual, of course. But what was strange and what frightened the woman I was with to her core -- and gave me the chills because she was so scared -- was that on his backward-turned ball cap was a giant "Grey" alien head with big, black bulging eyes staring right back at our table. What are the odds of that happening? Of all the caps to wear. I laugh about it now, but at the time, it was a bit startling, I must admit. To have been talking about the "Greys" all night and then to see a random dude sitting next to us in a ball cap with an alien face on it, it's dark black, bulging eyes looking right at us, was kinda freaky to say the least. We exited the pub pretty quickly after that incident.

Anyhow, dear "reader" who wrote, that's one somewhat weird, odd moment that's happened to me recently. I'll have to tell you about the playground "merry-go-round-thing" that was spinning by itself in an empty park on a calm, no-wind-type-of-day for multiple minutes as I stood and watched from afar earlier this summer. Or the strange white feathers I find everywhere in random, unusual places inside all different kinds of buildings, or the hair pins I've been seeing for years (I'm a guy, I don't use hair pins) that pop up out of the blue in the strangest of places or the fact that I'm constantly seeing the numbers 444 everywhere...I could go on and on.

Until next time.

Thank you, Mr. Talbert for all the years of enjoyment your columns brought me -- and my sister.

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Back yard of schoolhouse

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had an impact on our design – we don't buy dainty things. She is a three-year-old Miniature Australian Labradoodle, also the runt of the litter.

**What did you do to pass the time during the COVID-19 State shutdown?** We biked, hiked, and worked on the yard. We may have also picked up the hobby of Axe Throwing...

**If you had \$1000 to buy a piece of art, what would it be?** – A pencil or ink sketch.

**I tend to be:** A Collector of “stuff”

**A few of your favorite things!**

Movie – Gattaca

**Favorite Historical Place You have visited** – The Smokies

**Scent** – Timber

**Music**– Everything, except Pop Country

**TV Show**- Peaky Blinders

**Meal** – “Bento Box”

**Travel Destination (on your bucket list)**– Scandinavia

**Season** –Spring

**Color**- Purple, or whatever the name of the color is when setting on the lake!

**Favorite thing to Collect** – Movies, but I had to stop, now I collect records.

**Museum** –Natural History Museum at the U of M. I have so many great childhood memories from visiting there.

**Hobbies**- Music, Golf and Travel.

**Item on a bookshelf** – The One Who Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

**Favorite Design Style** - Utilitarian, it's useful and always looks good.

**Favorite Tree or Plant**- White Pine

**Kitty's Note:** Terris and I met at Rob-

in Hills Farms, I believe one night this summer during their outdoor music opening. I know Covid has thrown a wrench into many people's businesses and work this year, and yet Terris has preserved and marched forward with the Chamber business reimagining set in place events that could no longer be held. For example, the business after hours event was eliminated during the pandemic, so he created the Business Spotlight Series which is a weekly live interview with a local business owner. I know Terris finds satisfaction in being able to help a community grow and prosper, especially when it is most needed. For more chamber events and updates, go to [chelseamich.com](http://chelseamich.com)

## Winter Games for Your Furry Friend



Photos By Laura Perkins

By Laura Perkins

Now that our days are shorter and colder, most of us find ourselves spending less time outdoors. And that, in turn, means our dogs are more housebound as well. With less time outside to exercise, critter watch, and socialize with friends, it is common to see an increase in destructive behavior indoors or to see dogs seeking attention from us in ways we may not enjoy.

I wanted to share some of my favorite indoor games that I play with my dogs. May-

be you and your dog can find a new favorite during these dark evenings too!

1. Hide and Seek - This is a game that requires at least two human players. One person can hide with a treat somewhere in the house while the other person distracts or plays with the dog. When the hider is ready the helper can say “okay go find ‘person's name’” and the hider can call the dog. Let your dog explore and look for his human friend. When the hider is found, they can give the dog a treat, play, and pet. This can start out as an easy game and you can make the hiding more and more difficult with practice. This can also turn into teaching your dog to find human family members by name!

2. “Find it” Games - This is a twist on the above game that

only requires one human player. Give your dog a few treats in her crate or in a closed bedroom while you hide some more treats or even some kibbles from a meal portion. When you first start this place the treats in really obvious places so that your pup doesn't get frustrated. You can increase the difficulty by placing the treats in less conspicuous places. Only place the hidden treats in places that your dog is allowed to access and can physically get to easily. (For example, don't place the treats on your kitchen counter!). When you release your dog from the crate or room say “find it” and help her to find the first treat. Soon she will be able to independently look for the treat. This is great mental and physical exercise!

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## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 20-2592

Location: 1600 block of Commerce Park Dr.

Date: December 5, 2020

Time: 11:09 am

**I N F O R M A - TION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of Commerce Park Drive for the report of a larceny. Upon

arrival the officer made contact with the complainant who stated that sometime in the evening to early morning hours an unknown suspect(s) had cut the catalytic

converter off of his vehicle. The case is closed pending any investigative leads on a potential suspect.

Incident #: 20-2591

Location: 700 block of South Main Street

Date: December 5, 2020

Time: 11:07 am

**I N F O R M A - TION:** While on routine patrol an officer was requested to come to the station to take a report over the phone regarding a theft of

a yard sign in the 700 block of South Main Street. The complainant stated that the yard sign was last seen in the yard at around 5:00 pm on December

4th and was discovered missing around approximately 8:00 am on December 5th. At the time of the report there was no suspect information available.

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Hair salons, barber shops, other personal services

Gyms, ice rinks, and pools (for individual exercise)

Restaurants and bars (outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery)

Professional sports\*\* (without spectators)

Parks and outdoor recreation

Funerals (25 people)

Health care

Not open

High schools (in-person learning)

Colleges and universities (in-person learning)

Workplaces, when work can be done from home

Restaurants and bars (indoor dining)

Organized sports, except professional sports

Theaters, movie theaters, stadiums, arenas

Bowling centers, trampoline parks, indoor water parks

Bingo halls, casinos, arcades

Group fitness classes

For more information about the order, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus). Questions or concerns can be emailed to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov).

In order to curb cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services extended the statewide pause to December 20th. The science is settled — the best way to slow the spread is to double down on wearing masks, social distancing, and

limiting indoor gatherings where people are most at risk to contract COVID-19. Hope is on the horizon, but right now we have to stay focused on protecting our families and our frontline workers so we can eradicate this virus once and for all. You can read some of the research and data connecting COVID-19 and indoor dining be-

low. CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6936a5.htm...> Researchers from Northwestern and Stanford: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2923-3> Jeonbuk National University Medical School: <https://zeynep.substack.com/p/small-data-big-implications>.

## Special Time of Year

**By Dave Merchant**  
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This is not the year where people should ask for material gifts. Health and welfare are the two things people should be the most happy for.

The COVID-19 virus has changed everything for the worst. We have to wear masks now. That has been going on for the past eight months and it looks like it may go on for at least another year or two. In 2019 if people were to tell us about all this who would have believed them? My mother went to the hospital and they found three blood clots behind her knee and took them out. She was released from the hospital and fell a couple days later. She then discovered she is positive with Covid. Now she is back in a different hospital.

Getting her healthy and strong is the best thing I could get for Christmas. Sure this has affected all of us in different ways. School is remote and athletics are postponed for another three weeks. The fall sports season at Chelsea is still going on for the football team and the girls' swim team. Hopefully it will get completed but who knows. Earlier this year the winter athletics were stopped during the playoffs and never finished. It has all been screwed up and backwards. The important part above all is to stay safe and remain healthy. Listen to what the CDC says and hope and pray for an end to this terrible virus. Hopefully you and your family stay safe.

Christmas is a time for joy, happiness and being healthy. Pray for a safe end to all this. Life is short. Sports and school along with many other aspects of everyday life have and will continue to suffer but in the long run it will all be for the best. Winter sports should begin practice and games soon. There is no guarantee on wrapping up the fall sports but hopefully that will happen. People of Chelsea should be glad for what they have and hopefully stay virus free. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now I will try and call my mother in the hospital and hope she answers. All I want for Christmas is her to get better and come home.

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## Winter Games for Your Furry Friend

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Meals - There are so many different options for puzzle toys now. Some of them are meant to hold your dog's entire breakfast or dinner and will dispense the kibble a little at a time as your dog pushes the puzzle around. Some are meant to be interactive with you. These puzzles usually have compartments where you can put treats and then cover them with a flap or lid of some sort. It's a good idea to sit with your dog while he does these puzzles so you can help if he gets frustrated and also so you can prevent him from eating the pieces. Some of my favorite puzzle toys are made by Kong, West Paw, and Orbee.

4. Tugger Games - Playing tug is excellent exercise and is a really great game as long as there is clear structure to the game. The important skills your dog needs to play tug safely are a "drop" cue, a "get it" cue, and the skill of grabbing the toy with his mouth (rather than your hand or clothing). When playing tug with your dog, keep the rounds off tug short - 30-45 seconds at most. You can alternate the way you pause between rounds of tug by asking for a "drop" and following that up with a treat or by letting your dog have full possession of the toy for a moment. Be gentle with your tugging pressure. It's a good idea to let your dog be the

one to decide how hard to pull. Another good rule of thumb, to protect your dog's body, is to let your dog keep his feet on the floor during tug sessions. These games should be fun for both you and your dog. If either of you are not having fun, try a different game! As your dog learns that these new games are available, you may even see him start to use his body language to ask you for game time.

## Message from the Editor: A Response to the Chelsea BOE Work Session Article

**By Charla Hamilton**  
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In the December 4, 2020 edition of Chelsea Guardian there was some confusion in information in the Chelsea BOE Work Session article. In the article, it was stated that Chelsea

Board of Education member Tammy Lehman, posted a post on social media in reference to Joe Biden. After speaking with Tammy, and hearing her side, she stated that she never posted anything in that regard and wanted

that to be known. Chelsea Guardian always strives to publish the facts and always want to be fair in our reporting. Chelsea Guardian has no opinion or position, we simply report on what was stated in the public meeting.

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