


# Chelsea Guardian



**2024  
CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS  
SCHEDULE**  
INSIDE ON PAGE 6

**SOUNDS  
SIGHTS**  
ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

**2024  
AUDITIONS**

**MUSICIANS  
STREET PERFORMERS  
JUGGLERS \* MAGICIANS  
DANCE TROUPES  
and MORE**

**LIVE & ELECTRONIC**



**new moon neuro**  
**MICROCURRENT NEUROFEEDBACK**

Lasting relief from anxiety,  
depression, ADHD, OCD, TBI,  
insomnia, addiction, PTSD,  
migraines, pain issues and more.

drug free   painless   FDA approved

1307 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE B • CHELSEA, MI 48118  
LOCATED DOWNTOWN CHELSEA  
734.210.1922  
**NEWMOONNEURO.COM**

## Business Spotlight: The Glow Bar



Photos By Aimee Bingham.

By Aimee Bingham  
anbingham@gmail.com

I have sworn off tans since my skin bubbled after about 20 minutes in the tropical sun on a cruise in the Bahamas. My Irish/English ancestors made bronzing like a bottle of oil from the 80s impossible. When getting a spray tan became an option, I secretly feared turning a hideous shade of orange. I'd rather be a shocking shade of white than an ugly unnatural orange. When I spotted a small busi-

ness in Chelsea supporting other small business owners in Chelsea; I decided to face my fears and give it a try. I made an appointment with the Glow Bar for a spray tan. I received directions to the location and some instructions for prepping for the appointment to get the best outcome. I shaved and exfoliated before the appointment. I did not put anything on my skin after my shower. I searched for a bath-

**continued on page 4**

## Balanced Living by Brio Living Services Offers Holistic Approach to Health

*Chelsea Retirement Community Pilots Enhanced  
Wellness Experience for Residents*



**From: Lisa French**  
Brio Living Services announces the pilot of a new branded health and wellness program at

Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC), its flagship campus in Chelsea, Michigan. Balanced Living by

**continued on page 2**



**CURLING  
FEST**

**FEBRUARY 24TH 8:00-11:00 PM**

- LEARN TO CURL SESSIONS
- ALL YOU CAN EAT PIZZA, SALAD & POP
- OPEN SKATE

ADVANCED  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED



**CHELSEAMICH.COM**

PRESENTING SPONSOR:  
**HALEY  
MECHANICAL**

## Reading is Rewarding at CDL!



Story on page 7

GATHER • PRESERVE • EDUCATE

**Chelsea**  
AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM  
www.chelseahistory.org

**2024 Events!**  
**50/100 Centennial Series**  
Jan 8 ~ Merkel Furniture  
with Tim and George Merkel  
Mar 4 ~ Cole Funeral Chapel  
with Allen Cole  
May 6 ~ Chelsea Milling Company  
with Howdy Holmes

Aug 5 ~ Chelsea State Bank  
with John Mann  
Sep 9 ~ Chelsea Lumber Company  
with John Daniels  
Oct 7 ~ Lane Animal Hospital  
with Chan Lane  
Nov 4 ~ CAHS 50th Anniversary  
with CAHS Board

**2024 Tours & Gatherings**  
Spring & Summer ~ To be Announced!  
Fall ~ Haunted Chelsea  
December 7 ~ Holiday Home Tour  
December ~ Holiday Potluck



# Balanced Living by Brio Living Services Offers Holistic Approach to Health

## Chelsea Retirement Community Pilots Enhanced Wellness Experience for Residents

► continued from page 1  
Brio Living Services will kick off in January 2024 for older adults across CRC’s continuum of care, including Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care, and short- and long-term skilled care.

Balanced Living is designed with The Seven Dimensions of Wellness as its guide, according to Tylene Costello, Director of Lifestyle and Health at CRC. “Balanced Living is a holistic approach that will integrate each of these seven facets, including Environmental, Intellectual, Vocational, Emotional, Spiritual, Physical, and Social wellness. Studies show that if one dimension is neglected for too long, it can adversely affect a person’s health. Through Balanced Living, we aim to provide opportunities for our residents to explore all dimensions of wellness to contribute to their own quality of life.”

The program’s mission statement is: Balanced Living bridges connections for a service model that elevates and creates holistic resident experiences. We foster a collaborative approach to plan our lifestyle offerings with our expert team invested in resident well-being. By breaking down the silos, Balanced Living cultivates life enriching programs and experiences!

Brio Living Services partners with National Institute for Fitness and Sport (NIFS) and employs NIFS fitness experts, including Costello, in many of Brio’s residential senior living communities. “As our fitness management partner, we will uti-

lize NIFS’ resources and expertise to bring this framework to CRC,” said Costello. “Assuming we see positive results from this pilot at CRC, we will expand Balanced Living to our other Brio communities as well.”

“At Brio we believe the field of aging services must grow beyond the traditional ‘activities calendar’ and embrace the desire of residents to experience meaningful engagement, holistic wellness, and lifelong learning,” said Brio’s Chief of Residential Services, Nicole Maag. “Our vision at Brio is a world in which all are empowered to age well. Balanced Living furthers this vision by creating environments and fostering opportunities for residents to grow, experience, and engage!”

“Through the Balanced Living program, NIFS team members will collaborate with our Life Enrichment and Spiritual Life team members, as well as Dining,” said Kathy Russell, Executive Director for CRC, The Pines, and The Cedars of Dexter communities. “Together, we will engage our residents with a variety of activities across the seven dimensions and create a cohesive wellness experience for our residents.”

Russell added, “The social and spiritual part of wellness is also a key component of Balanced Living and will set CRC apart from wellness programs at many other communities.”

Cristina Manly, CRC’s Director of Sales, agreed. “The program not only enriches the overall wellness of our residents, but it also provides the ability to be

engaged through social connections. You feel part of a community, a family, which encompasses who we are as an organization and a community.”

CRC’s state-of-the-art McMullen Wellness Center, completed in 2019, is a showcase for a variety of physical health activities for CRC residents, including swimming and water aerobics, fitness classes, a walking track, and NuStep machines. The McMullen Wellness Center receives an average of between 1,400 and 1,600 resident visits per month.

Balanced Living will kick off in January 2024 at CRC. Each month will have its own theme that team members across the campus can plug into as they plan their activities. “January’s theme is Fresh Start in Balanced Living,” said Costello. “Each area of campus will have a kick-off party. Some of the activities will include an emotional wellness presentation, blood pressure checks, and a spa day with massages.”

Said Russell, “We are excited about ways that Balanced Living will enhance overall wellness for residents across our campus. Residents can expect to see a similar wellness experience across our continuum of care. This is important, especially as our residents require more care and move to different care areas of our campus, that they see familiar faces and can continue to enjoy wellness activities that enrich their quality of life.”

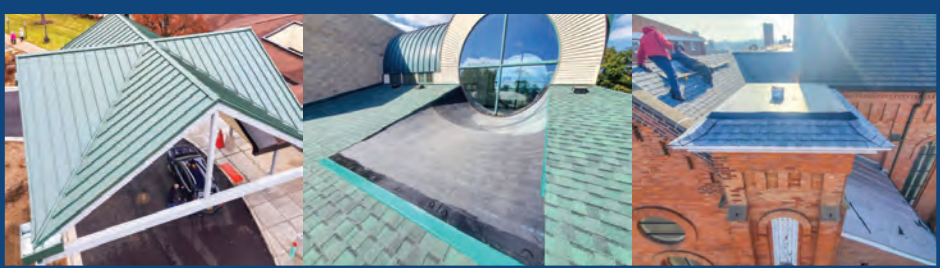
For more information on Balanced Living by Brio Living Services, visit [www.chelsearetirement-community.org](http://www.chelsearetirement-community.org).



**Residential  
& Commercial  
Licensed & Insured  
28 Years  
in Business**



— Ann Arbor and Jackson Showrooms —  
**LET US HELP!**  
*Call or visit today*  
**JACKSON**      **ANN ARBOR**  
**517.784.0463**      **734.882.2137**  
**1710 E. High St.**      **6055 Jackson Rd.**  
[billywhiteroofing.com](http://billywhiteroofing.com) | Commercial & Residential  
Licensed & Insured





**Individual and  
Couples counseling**  
“Specializing in the concerns  
of Adolescence”

- Depression
- Anxiety
- ADHD
- High functioning Autism

**Namaste Family Services, LLC**  
**Michael Patterson, LMSW**  
**734-231-0659**  
**[mpatterson.msw@gmail.com](mailto:mpatterson.msw@gmail.com)**  
**[namastefamilyservices.org](http://namastefamilyservices.org)**

**Serving Western Washtenaw and Jackson counties**





“Every day, I am thankful  
for people like you who  
support the Benevolent  
Care Fund.”



Your gift to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation  
**Benevolent Care Fund** means the world to our qualified  
residents who have outlived their resources.  
**Even better, your gift will be matched, dollar for dollar!**

Make your secure online donation **TODAY** at  
**[Foundation.UMRCPH.org](http://Foundation.UMRCPH.org)**  
Or, to learn more, call **734.433.1000 ext. 7397**



# Aladdin Jr Audition Information



### From Chelsea Area Players

Auditions for CAP Jr.'s winter musical Aladdin, Jr. are coming! Mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm. In addition, please keep Thursday, Jan. 18 from 5:30-7 pm open in case we need to call back anyone to hear sing for a second time, or to read a scene with someone new.

A sign-up genius is available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B-4BADAE2CA3FC1-46810651-capaladdin#/>

For more information visit Chelsea Area Players website here: <https://chelseaareaplayers.org/2023/12/aladdin-jr-audition-information/>

Here is what you need to know:

Show dates are March 15, 16, and 17, 2024.

Rehearsals will start January 22 and will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. The size of the child's part will determine how often he/she needs to attend; most students will not have to attend every rehearsal. All rehearsals will be held at St. Paul United Church of Christ at 14600 E. Old US Highway 12.

Performances will be in the evenings of March 15 and 16, and a matinee on March 17. Students are expected not to miss ANY rehearsals during the week of March 11 unless due to illness. Other absences, as long as they are noted in advance,

are acceptable.

There will be two parts to the audition: an acting part and a singing part.

For the acting part: Audition scenes are posted below. Students 5th grade and up will be asked to read from at least one of them, and likely read for more than one character. Actors are not expected to memorize any parts; however, it is recommended that actors spend some time becoming familiar with the lines and the characters before the audition. The director is looking for strong acting choices, which can mean a character voice, a way of moving, and lots of facial expressions. The director also wants to hear that students can project (be loud) and speak clearly. Copies of

the scenes will be available at the auditions, or students can bring their own copy.

Younger students (3rd and 4th grade) can concentrate on Audition Scene 1 only.

Audition Scene 1: Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim

Audition Scene 2: Aladdin, Jasmine

Audition Scene 3: Genie, Aladdin

Audition Scene 4: Jafar, Iago, Spooky Voice

For the singing part:

Students will be auditioning alone. All students, but especially older ones who are hoping to get leads, are encouraged to sing excerpts from one of the songs from Aladdin that are linked below: "Friend Like Me," "Arabian Nights," "Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim," or "A Whole New World." We are looking for the ability to sing in tune, on tempo, and to act while singing. If the song seems to suggest movements of some kind, students are encouraged to do some of their own. Remember, this is a musical, so we want to see kids who

can "sell" the song.

Girls can sing any of the songs. Boys are encouraged to do any except for "A Whole New World" (the part that is excerpted for auditions is Jasmine's part so is likely not in range for most boys).

We will have the music at the audition. The youtube playlist has audition songs both with and without vocals. Most of the students will be more comfortable auditioning to the track that has the vocals, and that is perfectly fine. Some students will prefer a karaoke version that has just the music (labeled "instrumental") so we have that available as well.

Parents, we now have the audition form ready for you to print out and fill out before auditions! The auditions will be able to move along faster if you have this already filled out before you arrive at the audition. Aladdin Audition Form at <https://chelseaareaplayers.org/>

We also have the Take-Home form. This is just informational with costs, rehearsal days and times, etc. You do not need to print this out or bring it with you. AUDITION TAKE HOME FORM - Aladdin Jr

Please direct any questions to Alex at [mooreaec@gmail.com](mailto:mooreaec@gmail.com).



**Cole Funeral Chapel**

214 E. Middle St. • Chelsea • (734) 475-1551

Cole Funeral Chapel is a family-owned funeral home committed to caring for your family. Our mission is to meet your needs whatever they may be. We provide a wide range of services, including cremation, green burial, and traditional funerals.

[www.colefuneralchapel.com](http://www.colefuneralchapel.com)



Allan C. Cole, Funeral Director  
& Wendy Cole, Office Manager



**Laura Perkins  
Animal Behavior**

CPDT-KA, M.S. Applied Behavior Analysis

[www.lauraperkinsanimalbehavior.com](http://www.lauraperkinsanimalbehavior.com)  
[lauraperkinsanimalbehavior@gmail.com](mailto:lauraperkinsanimalbehavior@gmail.com)  
309-370-8233



**Chelsea Consignment**  
QUALITY APPAREL & HOME DECOR

**CURRENTLY ACCEPTING:**  
We are currently accepting Fall/Winter clothing and accessories. Anything that can be worn over the next 60 days.

Designer and Name Brand Labels Available

New Hours  
Mon-Wed 10-5  
Thur-Sat 10-6  
Sun 12-5

104 E Middle Street Suite 1A  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
734-433-9730  
[www.chelseaconsignment.com](http://www.chelseaconsignment.com)



Serving The Chelsea Area Since 1951  
(734) 433-1831  
PROMPT SERVICE!

**- RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL -**

*No Job Too Small or Too Big*

**COMPLETE EXCAVATING SERVICES**

General Excavating - Earth Moving - Trucking  
Screened Top Soil - Sand - Gravel Driveway  
Landscape Materials - Basements - Site Development

**SEPTIC SYSTEM SERVICE**

Septic Tanks Cleaned - Installed - Repaired  
Drainfield Installed - Repaired  
Other Excavating

<http://www.bollinger-septic.com/>

**Chelsea Guardian**

For Classified,  
Church Directory  
or General Advertising  
Call: 734-636-3779 or email  
[tomchelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:tomchelseaeguardian@gmail.com)  
or [charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com)



Please like and share our  
Facebook Page: Chelsea Guardian

**Mission Statement:**  
Hard work, good work and creating  
and fostering great relationships are  
the keys to community success.



**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-3779 or email  
[charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com)

**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-3779 or email  
[charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com)

**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-3779 or email  
[charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com)

**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-3779 or email  
[charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlachelseaeguardian@gmail.com)



**Royek Family  
Chiropractic**

**Matthew Royek, DC**  
1307 S. Main St. Ste C  
Chelsea MI 48118

Open 5 days a week plus 2 Saturdays each month!  
Celebrating 5 years of providing chiropractic  
care to families in the Chelsea area!

Call us at 734-433-1376  
Visit us at [royekfamilychiropractic.com](http://royekfamilychiropractic.com)





## CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNINGS

From: Tracie Stoffer

# Seth Anstead

## Ohio University Football

Parents:  
Fred and Sarah Anstead



# Business Spotlight: The Glow Bar



► continued from page 1  
ing suit to wear. I no longer wear bikinis so I didn't have an appropriate suit. But, the instructions explained that Ashley, the per-

son giving the tan is a professional and has seen plenty of naked bodies. This was a first and likely a last. I'd be going topless to get a story. When

I arrived at Glow Bar which happens to be in the amazing finished basement of Ashley's house, I was met at the door By Ashley, she immediately made

me feel comfortable and warm, and friendly. I followed her to the basement. She asked me if I wanted light, medium, or dark. Considering my natural state of glow-in-the-dark, white I opted for light, to be safe. I went to a changing area and took my clothes off as she prepped. I tried to put it out of my head, the lack of clothes and how little I know Ashley. It was like being a doctors appointment.

She had me step my bare feet on what looked like the soles of flip-flops. They had adhesive and stuck to my feet. I stepped into the spray tan area. Ashley turned on a light that felt warm and a fan. She started spraying, which caused me to jump, like catching droplets from a sprinkler. Ashley explained that I should rinse the tanner off in 4-8 hours. But I knew I wouldn't be home in that window. I should have researched more before my appointment. Ashley explained that if I didn't rinse after 8 hours the tanner would not continue to darken my skin. I fear that I would turn into a Oompa Loompa if I waited too long to rinse. She assured me that I wouldn't. After we were done, I put on loose clothes and left.

Once I had time



to rinse I did and was sure to follow Ashley's instructions. Without exposing my fragile skin to rays that wanted to melt and burn it, I had achieved a sunkissed glow. Ashley performed some sort of magic on my skin. I wasn't orange or streaked or strange looking and to get this shade did not require I crisp my body in lights or the sun. This was a painless, easy experience. Aside from the chill of the spray and the slightly awkward feeling of being topless in front of a stranger, it was the easiest, most perfect tan I've ever had. It is not a sunscreen but if you are going on a vacation and don't want to see the light of day,

I encourage you to set an appointment with Ashley. It was like the magic of an Instagram filter all over my body. I did not look like a Umpaloompa. I looked like I'd just arrived back from a lovely tropical vacation without sunpoisoning! I highly recommend the Glow Bar for a lovely year-round sun-kissed look. I will be back. If you're interested in an appointment, you can book through the link on the Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/theglowbar\\_chelsea\\_mi/](https://www.instagram.com/theglowbar_chelsea_mi/) or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheGlowBarChelseaMI> or call (734) 719-0155 or email [Theglowbar10@gmail.com](mailto:Theglowbar10@gmail.com).







# 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Announced

**From: Terris Ahrens**  
Congratulations to the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Anne Mann! The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to people that demonstrate, over many years, a commitment and involvement in our community with the selfless intent to improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of Chelsea. On behalf of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Chelsea, we congratulate Anne, and thank her for her dedication and service to our wonderful community of Chelsea, Michigan!



## Yoga for Parkinson’s Disease [PD]\* (CHE) Tuesdays, January 4–25 • 2:00pm–3:00pm

People with PD have been shown to respond favorably to the practice of Yoga. This class is suitable for people with PD as well as their caregivers. Yoga can ease symptoms by improving core strength, flexibility, and balance. Yoga may also decrease stress and bring calm to a busy mind, allowing for deeper relaxation. In addition to postures, breathing techniques will be shared to apply anytime during your day that may help with one’s symptoms. All levels are welcome, modifications will be given.

## Strengthening Your Posture (CHE) January 9–February 13 • 12:00pm–1:00pm

These 6-week sessions will focus on strengthening your back, shoulders, and core muscles, which are all essential to standing with proper posture and preventing lower back pain.

## Strengthen Your Core Class (CHE) January 9–February 13 • 1:00pm–2:00pm

Participants will learn how to break down their movement to engage their muscles and then advance their core as they progress.

## All About Balance (DEX) Thursdays, January 11–February 15 • 12:00pm–1:00pm

This class is designed to teach you to maintain balance by strengthening key muscles responsible for keeping you upright, particularly focusing on your legs and core. The emphasis lies in enhancing stability to prevent falls.

## Training Your Pelvic Floor (DEX) Thursdays, January 11–February 15 • 5:00pm–6:00pm

This class improves the strength and mobility of the pelvic floor, effectively enhancing the function of multiple systems. Members learn to contract and relax pelvic floor muscles in relation to other muscles.

## Healthy Eating in the New Year (CHE) January 31 • 6:00pm

Learn and discuss ways to change your eating habits in the New Year.

\*Community welcome!

COMING SOON

CPR Class (CHE)  
February 26

St. Patrick’s Day  
Indoor Triathlon (DEX)  
March 17





# United Way for Southeastern Michigan Announces Two New Grant Opportunities for Washtenaw County Nonprofits

*Grants to support families in need, access to resources and equity*

United Way for Southeastern Michigan has announced the opening of two significant grant opportunities for nonprofit organizations based in Washtenaw County: the 2024 Responsive Basic Needs Grant and the 2024 Racial Equity Fund Grant. These grants aim to support and empower community-focused initiatives addressing vital needs and foster racial equity in the region.

“At United Way for Southeastern Michigan, we believe in the power of unity to create lasting change. Following our merger in October of 2023, we are proud to continue our commitment to Washtenaw County families and organizations. With the launch of these grants, we are not just funding projects; we are investing in the heartbeat of our communities,” says Tonya Adair, Chief Development, Diversity & Engagement Officer at United Way for Southeastern Michigan. “We aim to support the in-

credible efforts of nonprofits that align with our vision of a more equitable, inclusive, and thriving Washtenaw County. Together, we can address immediate needs and lay the groundwork for systemic change, ensuring every individual can become stable and have opportunities to thrive.”

2024 Washtenaw County Responsive Basic Needs Grant - This competitive grant program targets 501(c)(3) nonprofits based in Washtenaw County with proven programs in emergency food, services for individuals who are unhoused, and benefit navigation support, including Medicaid enrollment. Funding amounts range from \$15,000 to \$40,000 for a six-month period. Eligible organizations, including current and prospective United Way partners, are encouraged to apply. The application period opens on January 3; the deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on January 18.

2024 Washtenaw County Racial Equity Fund Grant - Dedicated to supporting BIPOC-led organizations, the Racial Equity Fund offers unrestricted operational grants and technical assistance. This initiative aims to eliminate racial disparities and promote equitable communities in Southeastern Michigan. By prioritizing the experiences of those affected by systemic oppression, the fund seeks to foster authentic inclusion and equitable access to resources. This year, \$200,000 is available for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Organizations serving and based in Washtenaw County with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) executive leadership are eligible. The application period is identical to the Basic Needs Grant, with applications due by 5 p.m. on January 18.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan has served the region for more than 100

years. Their mission is to mobilize the caring power of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan to improve communities and individual lives in measurable and lasting ways. They

work with hundreds of partners and thousands of donors, advocates, and volunteers to advance equitable communities where households are stable, and children thrive.

They also actively work to ensure equity in communities. Eligible organizations in Washtenaw County are encouraged to apply and join

**continued on page 9**

2024  
CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

Business Breakfasts

Jan 11th | 7-9am  
April 11th | 7-9am  
July 11th | 7-9am  
Oct 10th | 7-9am

Wellness After Hours

Jan 17th | 5-6:30pm

Chocolate Extravaganza

Feb 10th

Curling Fest

Feb 24th | 8-11pm

Annual Meeting

March 6th | 6-8pm

Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights

June 6th-July 25th  
& Oct 24th  
6:30-8:30pm

Sounds & Sights Festival

July 26th-27th

Community Picnic

Aug 10 | Noon to 2pm

Golf Outing

Sept 4th | 7:30am-3pm

Backyard Beer Garden

Oct 12th | 3-10pm

Hometown Halloween

October | All Month

Wine, Women, & Shopping

Nov 8th & 9th

Hometown Holiday

December | All Month

Sculpture Walk

All Year

Chelsea Trail Challenge

Feb 1st-Nov 30th

Scan the QR Code or visit  
chelseamich.com/calendar/  
to view a full calendar of events.

Boldly Generous Rates  
Uncomplicated, Convenient Service

BEST-IN-STATE  
CREDIT UNIONS

Forbes  
2023  
POWERED BY STATISTA

Amer1can  
CREDIT UNION

US-12 Chelsea Branch **Now Open!**  
12855 Old US-12 E - Suite 7  
american1cu.org | (888) 213-2848

Boldly Generous. Convenient. Uncomplicated.

Chelsea Branch *Inside Polly's Country Market*  
1255 South Main St. | (734) 475-3416

\*Visit american1cu.org for full details!  
Federally Insured by NCUA | Equal Housing Opportunity

Chelsea Guardian

January 12, 2024

Page 6



# The Girl Gang of America Holds Meet & Greet in Chelsea



Photo Courtesy of Cat Fosgate

**From: Cat Fosgate**

The Girl Gang of America is a non-profit social club, founded in 2019. Cat Fosgate is the president and they have a team of Admins who help with their day-to-day tasks to keep things running smoothly.

States Cat: “We are an organization specifically designed to help women within the community find other women to form friendships! We welcome women from all

walks of life, as long as they come with an open heart and the intent to participate in events. We are really sisterhood of ladies looking for our tribe. We have Facebook groups online, where members can host and attend a plethora of events. Events range from crafting to concerts, coffee to book clubs, pole dancing to exercise classes. We also do girl gang travel trips! It’s amazing.”

“We have multiple

chapters across Michigan, and on Friday January 5 the Washtenaw Michigan chapter had a meet and greet at the Valiant in Chelsea. 20+ women from Washtenaw’s chapter came together to share dinner and get to know each other. It was so much fun!” For more information about The Girl Gang visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/girlgangofamerica/washtenaw>.

# Culture Creations Host Bazaar



Photos By Aimee Bingham

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

January 3rd through January 7th Culture Creations hosted the fourth Annual Bazaar. I’d never attended one but I saw the event listed on Facebook and it looked like fun. According to the event page:

“It’s a time to save a little money and to get something new and interesting. You

can choose your own price.”

The page offers a bit of advice if you’re not a skilled haggler. “To properly prepare for a GOOD haggle, please search Monty Python Life of Brian- Haggle.” This is what got me. I enjoy Monty Python so I followed instructions and watched a YouTube video, which, Monty Python style, made me laugh. I felt prepared to make a deal, but unsure about what was being sold and headed to the Bazaar, arriving just as it opened.

I’d been into Culture Creations during events downtown like, “Women, Wine, and Shopping,” but could not slowly browse due

to a child unwilling to take time and shop. I tried to prepare my daughter for haggling before we went in but the idea made her uncomfortable. She’s shy so the least amount of conversation is best for her. I promised I would help her.

Upon entering the store we were greeted warmly by who I assume is Laura. She gave us a rundown of the event and explained that she uses the Bazaar to clear out space and prepare for her new product restock. The items offered had been around a while and she was ready for a change. The items in the store are interesting and cultivated from around

the world. I found a ton of things I’d love to buy but after all the Christmas spending, was trying to be responsible and not get wrapped up in the idea of sale. I selected a lotus flower incense burner priced at \$15. I also grabbed a pack of Lily of the Valley incense handmade in India marked \$5. My daughter found soapstone-carved animals made in Africa for her brother who lived in Africa while in the Peace Corps. The entire time we shopped Laura was giving us extra details about the items we were examining. It was like a free social studies lesson while we shopped. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

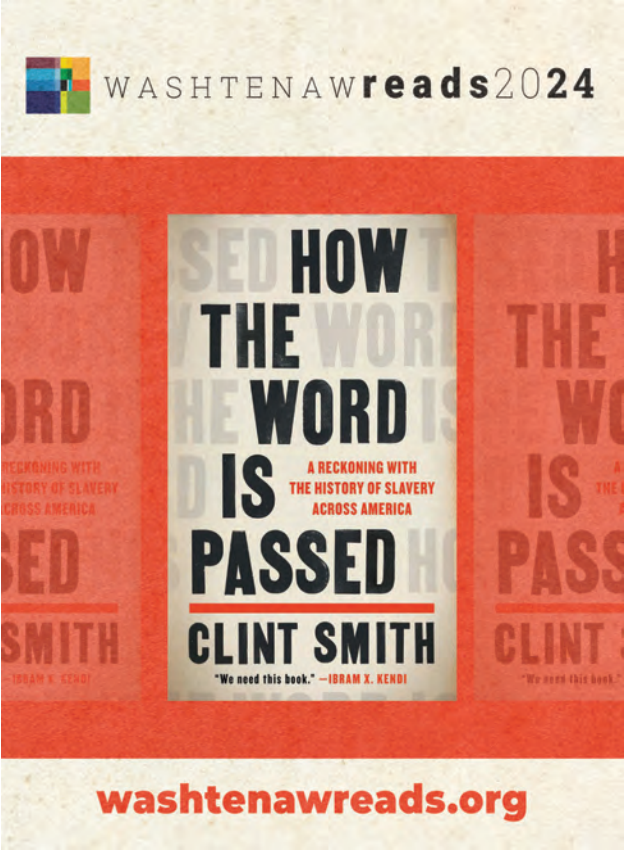
My daughter’s hand carved figurines had a repair as the legs of the giraffe had been glued after breaking. My husband asked what soapstone is and Lara gladly provided a demonstration. She pulled out a bit of soapstone and allowed my daughter to carve into it. It is very soft, which is why the legs broke.

We both haggled and I started way too high in price, which Laura kindly told me, throwing me way off my haggle game. I expect people haggling to be working to rip me off. She was trying to have fun. After we were done and my inexperience shined, I

ended up paying \$13 total for both the incense and the burner. Laura even paid the sales tax for us! I encourage you to take some time and head into Culture Creations, and explore the treasures curated from around the world while getting to know Laura, a local treasure! Culture Creations is located at 118 Main St. Chelsea.



# Reading is Rewarding at CDL!



► continued from page 1  
**From: Shannon Powers, Head of Information Services**

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is encouraging people of all ages to grab a good book this winter through its Hot Reads for Cold Nights (HRCN) winter reading program! From increasing vocabulary, to exercising empathy, to pure entertainment, research has long supported the importance of reading for children, teens, and adults. Reading is even touted as an activity to help keep dementia at bay, according to the Fisher Center for

Alzheimer’s Research Foundation! There is no better time to dive into a good book than winter, and CDL has the perfect incentive to send you reaching for a book instead of a phone!

From December 18 through February 29, read, log, and review books to earn hot prizes like cocoa or tea and superhero themed mugs! HRCN uses the same reading program app as the popular summer reading program, Beanstack. If you participate in the summer program, simply open up your app and login to sign up for the HRCN

winter challenge. If you’ve never participated, visit [chelseadistrictlibrary.org/hrcn](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org/hrcn) to learn how. Not a fan of reading apps? Stop by the library to participate on paper instead.

Need a book recommendation to get you started? Why not try the countywide read? Stop by CDL and grab a copy of Clint Smith’s *How the Word Is Passed*, the Washtenaw Reads book choice for 2024. When discussions of removing confederate monuments in his hometown of New Orleans began in 2017, Smith was inspired to

write this book, touted as a “brilliant, vital work” by Kirkus Reviews. Smith’s book takes us around the country, highlighting historic sites and monuments such as Monticello, Galveston Island, Texas (the birthplace of Juneteenth), Confederate cemeteries, and the Whitney Plantation. Along the way, he highlights how nostalgia and miseducation have shaped our country’s collective memory and understanding of race and history. Copies of *How the Word Is Passed* will be available starting January 3.



# Detroit Manufacturing Systems Strikes Partnership with InductEV to Accelerate Adoption of High-Power Wireless Charging for Commercial Vehicles

*DMS to Help InductEV Meet the Growing Demand for Wireless Charging from Fleet Owners & Operators and Port and Freight Terminals*



Municipal bus approaching a wireless inductive charging pad.

Wireless commercial vehicle charging took a big step forward today with an agreement between Detroit Manufacturing Systems and InductEV. In the landmark agreement, DMS, a large-scale, U.S.-based assembly provider, will bring its operations, manufacturing, quality by design, and supply chain expertise to InductEV allowing the latter to more quickly scale to meet customer demand.

InductEV is re-inventing how electric commercial fleet

vehicles charge their batteries by charging on route, using clean renewable electricity. With its wireless induction solution now deployed worldwide and with 18 patents granted and 23 in process, the King of Prussia, PA-based company is the global leader in high-power, high-speed wireless EV charging and AI-software powered energy management.

Under the terms of this agreement, DMS will:

- Manufacture InductEV’s hardware,

including in-ground and under-vehicle inductive pads.

- Manage InductEV’s supply chain and procurement.
- Utilize engineering expertise to facilitate high quality, design for manufacturing and assembly.
- Co-develop design optimizations to prepare for a 100-fold increase in production volume.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to have a manufacturing partner, known for its high standards and operating rigor, combine forces with our proprietary engineering,” said Barry Libert, Chairman and CEO, InductEV. “Our complementary areas of expertise will enable us to meet the growing demand from commercial fleet owners and operators, as well as Intermodal facilities and Ports, for our advanced, AI-managed wireless charging solution.”

Among its product offerings, Detroit Manufacturing Systems currently handles manufacturing

for the Ford EV F-150 Lightning signaling its expertise in advanced electric vehicle components and systems production. InductEV’s patented technology is currently being used in locations throughout North America and Europe, including in Washington State, Indianapolis, Martha’s Vineyard, and in Gothenburg, Sweden, Volvo’s hometown. (Volvo Ventures is an InductEV investor.) The company is poised to announce the largest commitment by a U.S. port facility to its wireless charging technology.

“We recognize and applaud InductEV’s efforts to wirelessly electrify commercial fleets, the biggest contributor in transportation to greenhouse gas emissions worldwide,” added Bruce Smith, Chairman and CEO, Detroit Manufacturing Systems. “We look forward to bringing our manufacturing, quality and supply chain expertise to this partnership and creating a successful venture that will help reduce this

sector’s carbon footprint at a considerable cost savings for all involved.”

InductEV’s proprietary, on-route wireless charging solution shifts EV charging to daytime use of renewables. It reduces the need for large EV batteries, lowering vehicle costs, and eliminates the need for recycling by extending battery life by a factor of 4-8X. Wireless charging also enables the broad deployment of autonomous vehicles.

#### ABOUT InductEV

InductEV (formerly Momentum Dynamics) is revolutionizing how electric commercial fleet vehicles charge their batteries. With its proprietary on-route wireless solution now deployed throughout North America and Europe and with 18 U.S. patents and 23 pending, the King of Prussia, PA-based company is the global leader in high-power, high-speed wireless EV charging and AI-software powered energy management. The company just opened one of world’s first

R&D centers for wireless vehicle charging. (<https://www.inductev.com/>)

#### About Detroit Manufacturing Systems (DMS)

Detroit Manufacturing Systems (DMS) is a contract manufacturing and assembly company that is committed to and is constantly striving for manufacturing excellence and perfect quality. This is achieved through meticulous mistake proofing and a culture of continuous improvement. DMS’ GIFTED & RICH fundamental beliefs, management principles, and core values guide the staff in proactively and transparently engaging with customers and suppliers. DMS is also committed to protecting the local and global environment and minimizing the environmental impacts concerning their activities, products and services. For more information on Detroit Manufacturing Systems visit <https://www.dmsna.com/>.

PLEASANT TREES

CAN YOU GUESS THE

MYSTERY STRAINS?

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>

4 MYSTERY STRAINS  
ONE GRAND PRIZE

GUESS THE CORRECT NAMES OF ALL 4 MYSTERY STRAINS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

A TRIP FOR TWO  
TO MIAMI, FLORIDA.

PARTICIPANTS WHO GUESS THREE OF FOUR STRAINS CORRECTLY  
WILL BE GIFTED A PRIZE FROM PLEASANT TREES.

GRAND PRIZE INCLUDES AIRFARE AND HOTEL FOR TWO PEOPLE. SELECT TRAVEL DATES EXCLUDED.  
MUST BE 21+ TO PARTICIPATE AND WIN. MICHIGAN RESIDENTS ONLY.

VISIT US AT ANY OF OUR FIVE LOCATIONS TO PARTICIPATE  
MOUNT CLEMENS • HAMTRAMCK • LINCOLN PARK • HOUGHTON LAKE • EAST LANSING



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
ENJOYPLEASANTTREES.COM



IT IS ILLEGAL TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA. FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR REGISTERED QUALIFYING PATIENTS ONLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. WARNING: USE BY PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING WOMEN, OR BY WOMEN PLANNING TO BECOME PREGNANT, MAY RESULT IN FETAL INJURY, PRETERM BIRTH, LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, OR DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS FOR THE CHILD.



# The Purple Rose Theatre Company Extends “Diva Royale” Through March 2, 2024!

Smash Hit “Diva Royale” by Jeff Daniels continues in the New Year.



From: Katie Hubbard

The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) announces the extension of their hit comedy, “Diva Royale” by Jeff Daniels. Also, Friday matinees have been added to the weekly run. Extension tickets are on sale now. Also worth noting, there are two casts for “Diva Royale”. If you have seen one cast, come back and see the other!

First staged at The Purple Rose in 2018, “Diva Royale” is an evening of side-splitting hilarity that follows three midwestern stay-at-home moms whose love for Céline Dion makes them plan a last minute trip to New York City. With the return of the original cast, this crowd pleasing comedy is guaranteed to make you laugh ’til you cry.

This production of “Diva Royale” contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13.

Extension performances of “Diva

Royale” run from Wednesday, January 3 through Saturday, March 2, 2024. Performances Days/Times: Wednesdays 3pm, Thursdays 3pm, Fridays 3pm & 8pm, Saturdays 3pm & 8pm, and Sundays 2pm.

Directed by Jeff Daniels, Assistant Directed by Lucas Daniels, with Intimacy Director, Alexis Black, the cast features Connor Allston (Clinton Township), Caitlin Burt (Farmington), Caitlin Cavannaugh (Manchester), Rusty Mewha (Plymouth), Rhiannon Ragland (Flint), Kristin Shields (Ann Arbor), Kate Thomsen (Portage), and Meghan VanArsdalen (Ann Arbor). Set design by Brian D. Dambacher, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Shelby Newport, lighting by Stephen Sakowski and Dana L. White, and sound by Robert W. Hubbard. Karen Anne George is the stage manager.

“Diva Royale” playwright and director, Jeff Daniels’ career

as an actor, playwright, musician, and director, spans nearly 50 years in the industry. For his acting, Jeff has been nominated for five Golden Globes, five Emmys (winning for “Newsroom” and “Godless”) and three Tonys. He has written twenty full length plays that have world premiered at The Purple Rose. His “Onstage & Unplugged” performances have wowed audiences on The Purple Rose stage with the fundraising proceeds going directly to the PRTC. Jeff’s directing credits include the PRTC production of Lanford Wilson’s “The Hot L Baltimore” (1997) and two of his own plays, “Boom Town” (1998) and now “Diva Royale”. On film, Jeff wrote, directed, and starred in two independent features: “Escanaba in da Moonlight” (2001) and “Super Sucker” (2002), both shot in Michigan.

The production sponsors for “Diva Royale” are Chelsea State Bank, CMRG and Secret Crisis Comics. Underwriting support for the season comes from Michigan Arts and Culture Council,



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 24-32

Date: January 2, 2024

Location: 700 block of S. Main St.

Time: 9:25 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol officers responded to the 700 block of S. Main Street for the report of an assault and battery complaint. Upon arrival the officers met with the complainant who stated that the

suspect, identified as an 80-year-old man, had become upset and during an altercation the suspect punched the complainant on the side of her face with a closed fist. At the time of the report contact was not able to be

made with the suspect. The case remains open pending further investigation and review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s Office to determine what, if any charges may be authorized.

National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include JTV and Michigan Radio.

**Ticket Information**

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Mich-

igan 48118. The performance calendar can be found at <https://www.purplerosetheatre.org/calendar/>.

Ticket prices start at \$30 with special discounts for seniors, patrons 30 years or younger, members of the military, teachers, and groups (12+). For more information or to make reservations

call (734) 433-7673 or go to <http://www.purplerosetheatre.org>.

New to the 2023/2024 season, all PRTC productions will be staged in the round; with seating on 4 sides of the stage. This new configuration will add 40 seats to the theater space.

## United Way for Southeastern Michigan Announces Two New Grant Opportunities for Washtenaw County Nonprofits

Grants to support families in need, access to resources and equity

► continued from page 6  
United Way in its mission to create lasting, positive change.

For further details, including eligibility criteria, funding priorities, and application instructions, please visit United Way’s grant information page here.

For inquiries regarding the Basic Needs Grant, contact Emily Mueller, Basic Needs Director, at [SafetyNet@UnitedWaySEM.org](mailto:SafetyNet@UnitedWaySEM.org). For assistance with SurveyMonkey Apply, email

[SMA@UnitedWaySEM.org](mailto:SMA@UnitedWaySEM.org).

About United Way for Southeastern Michigan

United Way for Southeastern Michigan, a member of the United Way Worldwide network and an independently governed 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works to help households become stable and ensure children have the support they need to thrive. For more than 100 years, United Way has been a leader in creating pos-

itive, measurable, and sustainable change in communities throughout southeast Michigan. United Way works in partnership with donors, agencies, corporate and municipal partners to help families meet their basic needs of housing, food, health care and family finances, and ensure children start school ready to learn and graduate ready for life. To give, advocate, volunteer or learn more, visit [UnitedWaySEM.org](http://UnitedWaySEM.org).

# DIVA Royale

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY JEFF DANIELS

the PurpleRose theatre company

Extended thru March 2, 2024!  
[PurpleRoseTheatre.org](http://PurpleRoseTheatre.org)  
734.433.7673