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Mikey and Me, Local Dog Foster Celebrates 300 Adopted Dogs



Daniel and the dog that inspired his foster, Mikey. Photos By Aimee Bingham

By Aimee Bingham
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A while back, someone shared photos of a cute dog on Facebook. I am a dog lover, so I took note. I realized the dog rescue, as I thought it was, was located in Chelsea. Through this story I learned that Mikey and Me is not a dog rescue, it's a dog foster. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to visit and meet Daniel DePew, the, "and me," part of Mikey and me. Mikey was the little furry bestie who inspired all this work to create a safe, happy in-between for dogs before getting

a forever home.

In 1994 Daniel purchased a dairy farm on Freer Rd. He had a lot of land and a vacant crumbling dairy barn. He wanted to foster dogs about to lose their chance in shelters. The seed of an idea grew like crazy from there. His friends encouraged him to set up a Facebook page. Rather than simply ask the community for funding, he funded the remodel of the lower level of the empty dairy barn through donations of goods from the local community. He picked up items people were willing to part with. He

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Now welcoming vendor sign-ups for April 13 Chelsea Expo



Chelsea Expo is a favorite, annual community tradition that is a great venue for vendors, businesses, nonprofits, crafters and artisans to share information, wares and services.

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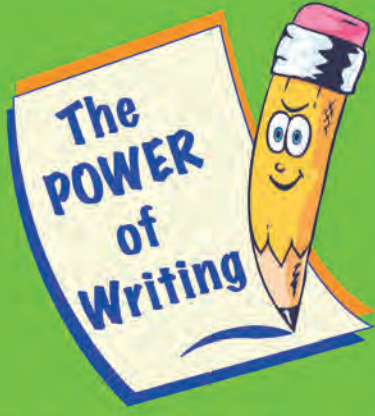
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In honor of National Reading Month, each March Chelsea District Library (CDL) presents Au-

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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

Winterfest! Fun For All at Chelsea’s Michigan Friends Center

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On Sunday, March 3, the Michigan Friends Center will be reviving its Winterfest! open house. Last held in 2019, Winterfest! is an afternoon of activities to appeal to persons of all ages

A nature scavenger hunt for kids is planned, with acoustic guitar by local musician Dale Osborn as an indoor option. The scavenger hunt will be followed by cocoa and cookies, storytelling by Ann Arbor Storyteller’s Guild member Lorelle Otis, and a didgeridoo performance by the Werderitsch’s, a local father and son team. If the weather is right, participants are en-

couraged to bring sleds to enjoy nearby sledding.

"I think we all start to get a bit of cabin fever by late February and here is a chance to wear out the kids on an outdoor scavenger hunt, enjoy music, story telling, and the pleasure of each other's company. If you are in town, there is no better place to be!" said Pat Hopkinson, program host.

The Michigan Friends Center is a non-profit community and conference center two miles northwest of Chelsea located on the grounds of Friends Lake Community. The Center has been serving the Chelsea area for the past 30 years, offering both a facility for other groups to meet and public programs on environmental sus-

tainability, peace and justice, and wholistic health (including spiritual growth).

"Groups of fewer than 100 find a renewed sense of connection with each other, the natural world, spirit or purpose, and even with themselves after time spent at the Center," said Carolyn Holland, Michigan Friends Center manager.

The event will be occurring from 2-5 Sunday March 3 at the Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea, Michigan. There is no charge; donations will be cheerfully accepted.

"Please preregister if you can by calling the Friends Center (734)475-1892 or email manager@mfcenter.org. If you can't, we will still be happy to see you," said Holland.

Albion College Announces Fall 2023 Dean's List and New Fellows

Albion College announces students who were named to the Dean's List or who were honored as new Albion College Fellows at the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

Chelsea student Griffen Murphy was named to the Dean's List. Murphy is majoring in kinesiology - exercise science with a minor in sports communication. Murphy is a resident of Chelsea.

Chelsea student Jake Singer was named to the Dean's List. Singer is majoring in kinesiology - exercise science. Singer is a resident of Chelsea and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college of approximately 1,500 students and is nationally recognized for its academic excellence in the liberal arts tradition, a learning-centered commitment, and a future-oriented perspective. The College is a leader in preparing students to anticipate, solve, and prevent problems in order to improve the human and global condition. Albion immerses students in the creation and processing of knowledge, and graduates skilled architects of societal change, active citizens, and future leaders. The College is dedicated to

the highest quality in undergraduate education and is committed to diversity as a core institutional value.

Albion, Michigan, is a culturally diverse community in the south-central part of the state. The College recognizes the value of community, both on- and off-campus, and has invested resources in supporting the revitalization of the greater Albion community. This work offers an increasingly vibrant city around the campus that provides students with a fuller experience as they prepare to become engaged citizens in their own communities.

Dexter Community Orchestra Presents: “Madcat and the DCO”

From: Andrew Thomas

If you grew up grooving to the jazzy rhythms of Dave Brubeck – or if you just enjoy catchy, tuneful music of any kind – don't miss the Dexter Community Orchestra's late-winter concert, “Madcat and the DCO,” featuring popular blues harmonicist Peter “Madcat” Ruth. The concert will take place Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. in Dexter High School's Center for the Performing Arts.

Madcat will perform “Blues Suite for Harmonica and Orchestra” by Chris Brubeck (Dave's son), as well as some other jazz favorites. Also featured will be pianist

Shuya Zheng, winner of this year's DCO's Youth Artist Competition, who will perform the opening movement of Sergei Rachmaninoff's “Piano Concerto No. 1.”

Madcat grew up in Chicago, where he took harmonica lessons from famed bluesman Big Walter Horton. There he met Chris Brubeck, and eventually joined Darius Brubeck's jazz group, playing alongside such legends as Gerry Mulligan, Paul Desmond, and Dave Brubeck himself (including at the Newport Jazz Festival). For the past 45 years, Madcat has lived in the Ann Arbor area, while performing internationally on the folk, blues,

and jazz circuits.

Music Director David Schultz has assembled what is sure to be a crowd-pleasing concert for music lovers of all ages and tastes. The program includes Leonard Bernstein's lively overture to the Broadway musical “Candide,” and “Ethiopia's Shadow in America” by African-American composer Florence Price.

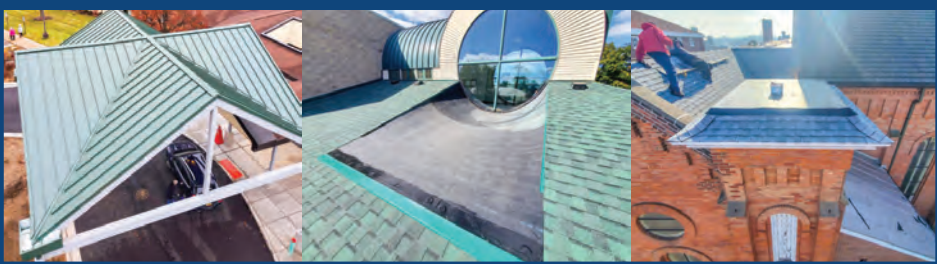
This is a family-friendly concert, so bring the kids and grandparents! Like all DCO concerts, this event is free to the public, no ticket required. Donations to help defer the orchestra's expenses are greatly appreciated.



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► continued from page 1 The center coordinators the annual family-friendly, community-wide event that often

draws more than 1,500 attendees. Business booths range from \$50 to \$125. There is a \$10 fee for nonprofits to participate with limited availability, so early sign up is

encouraged. A six-foot table, two chairs and free wi-fi access are provided as part of your 8x8 space. Setup is Friday afternoon or early on Saturday before the expo opens at 10:00 a.m. The event concludes at 2:00 p.m. Chelsea Expo, a free event for all ages, is held at the Washington Street Education Center and is a fundraiser for Chelsea Senior Center. The event offers an opportunity to engage with other community members in a friendly, accessible setting. The wildly popular bake sale is also not to be missed. Who can resist home-baked treats from amazing senior bakers? To apply for the expo or for more information, please contact Chelsea Senior Center at (734) 475-9242, connected@chelseaseniors.org, or complete the online application via the website at www.chelseaseniors.org.



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February is Heart Month

By Aimee Bingham
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February is Heart Month, it's also Black History Month, but I'm only qualified to discuss Heart Month. I am qualified because at the age of 35, I had an aortic aneurysm resulting in open heart surgery and a tissue heart valve, and a stroke in my 40s. Heart Month is a month-long event of education and awareness to help draw attention to cardiovascular disease. The

White House proclaimed on American Heart month 2024," Each year, heart disease takes the lives of nearly 700,000 Americans. It is the leading cause of death in our country."

As a woman, working with the American Heart Association on the Go Red for Women campaign each year for the past 13, I'd be slacking if I didn't hammer in the point that heart disease is the number one killer of women. According

to Go Red for Women, "Heart disease is a killer that strikes more women than men, and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined."

That's the bad news. The good news is you can change your outcome. Lifestyle plays a huge role in heart disease whether you have a family history or not. The Heart Foundation suggests 30 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise for, five days a week. Maintain a normal

body weight, and follow a nutritious meal plan like the Mediterranean Diet. Quit smoking or never start, this includes vaping nicotine. Avoid recreational drugs, indulging in no more than ½ to one alcoholic beverage per day.

One way we can make a drastic difference is by learning CPR. There is the hands-only option, which I teach and my daughter knew it by the age of two. According to the Amer-

ican Heart association," The location of Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests (OHCA) most often occurs in homes/residences (73.4%)" Which means, if you learn it and have to use it, you'll most likely be saving someone you live with. Further, "If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival from an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest." The simple act of learning can potentially save the life of

your family member. As a survivor, a speaker for the American Heart Association and someone grateful to have the opportunity to be writing today as a part of the Chelsea community, I want to offer free training on Hands-only CPR to any organization interested throughout the month. If you'd like more information on Heart disease check out <https://www.heart.org/>. If your company or organization would like free training email me at anbingham@gmail.com.

Meet Acclaimed Authors During National Reading Month



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thors in Chelsea, a two-day event featuring nationally recognized, award-winning children's authors. In partnership with the Chelsea School District, Authors in Chelsea includes assemblies and workshops for more than 1,000 Chelsea students in grades 1–6, bringing quality authors into classrooms to inspire students and encourage a love of reading and writing. To prepare for the March 19–20 event, hundreds of books by visiting authors were delivered to Chelsea School District courtesy of Chelsea Education Foundation.

This year's visiting authors include Saadia Faruqi, Beth Vra-

bel, and K.A. Holt. Saadia Faruqi is a Pakistani American author and interfaith activist who writes books for readers of all ages. Her most popular series, Yasmin, has twenty titles and follows the life of a spunky second-grade Pakistani American girl named Yasmin as she creatively works through everyday problems. A Kirkus Starred Review states, "Readers will be charmed by this one-of-a-kind character... Utterly satisfying." Ms. Faruqi will visit 1st and 2nd grade students at North Creek Elementary School. Beth Vrabel is the author of more than a dozen books for middle grade readers,



including The Newspaper Club, A Blind Guide to Stinkville, and To Tell You the Truth. Beth's realistic fiction focuses on friendships, family, and kids who learn to stand tall and solve problems in their everyday lives. Ms. Vrabel will visit South Meadows Elementary School to present to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Kari Anne (K.A.) Holt is the award-winning author of several middle grade novels-in-verse. Dedicated to showing kids that anyone can be the main character of a book, she writes a variety of books in and about poetry. Ms. Holt will visit 6th grade students at Beach Middle School.

In an interactive presentation Holt will explore where ideas come from, what makes a good story, and how to write interesting characters. Authors in Chelsea is about more than school visits! In addition to their time in the classrooms, this year's authors will be featured at An Evening with the Authors, which is open to the public and free of charge. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30pm in the Washington Street Education Center Board Room located at 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to hear each author share their journey



into the world of writing, participate in Q&A sessions, and get your books personally signed by the authors. Families, homeschoolers, lovers of youth and teen literature, and even aspiring children's authors are encouraged to attend. The first 20 families to arrive will receive a coupon for a free book! Books will also be available for purchase courtesy of local Chelsea bookstore, Serendipity Books. Authors in Chelsea is possible thanks to the Chelsea District Library, the Chelsea School District, the Chelsea Education Foundation, Serendipity Books, and the Friends of the Chelsea District Library.

Special thanks goes to South Meadows Principal Stacie Battaglia for her years of support of this event. About Us: Chelsea District Library (CDL) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. CDL currently serves 16,126 residents in the Chelsea library district—City of Chelsea, Lyndon and Sylvan Townships, and the portions of Lima and Dexter Townships within the Chelsea School District. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

Chelsea resident earns spot on SVSU's Deans' List

Over 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the fall 2023 semester Deans' List. Mya Purdy of Chelsea was among those honored for academic excellence.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better. Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more

than 90 programs of study for its nearly 7,000 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for stu-

dents. SVSU emphasizes undergraduate teaching and learning, and community-based research. SVSU has received the Community Engagement classification from the Carnegie Founda-

tion for the Advancement of Teaching, a distinction achieved by only 7 percent of U.S. colleges and universities. SVSU is establishing itself as a leader in STEM education for the Great Lakes

Bay Region, partnering with businesses, foundations and school districts to improve students' performance in math and science at the middle school, high school and university levels.

Mikey and Me, Local Dog Foster Celebrates 300 Adopted Dogs



breeds, who are two of the gentlest, nicest dogs, I've ever owned, this makes sense. Mikey and Me finds homes for 36-40 dogs per year and creates a happy place to stay for those in need of a home. If you're looking to adopt, check out Mikey and Me's Facebook page. It's a rotating slideshow of adorable sweet dogs looking to help you make your house a home.

► continued from page 1 organized and priced the items and held two enormous barn sales, each one taking about six months of work. Using that money Daniel was able to close up the lower level of the barn to keep the elements out and spray insulation to keep the dogs safe and warm. Someone donated a fairly new furnace and the barn is now as cozy as a home. Daniel's love for dogs shines through in the interview. He did not want to cram dogs in small kennels like the kind they probably endured at rescues. He brought in seven spacious kennels, each the size of a small room.

He took me back from the front room, rebuilt by a twelve-year-old working on his Eagle Scout Badge.

I was given a tour and the opportunity to meet the fosters. I warned him that my love for dogs may make me want to adopt, but that I have two at home and am not in the position. He gave me a knowing smile. He'd heard this story before from his volunteer dog walkers, of which, had adopted about 9 dogs. Daniel is currently set on volunteers and has enough so that these little fosters get about 4 walks per day and some play, and snuggle time. He even has a heated play, and snuggle area inside the barn so that when Michigan weather is too unpleasant for walks the dogs are afforded snuggles and a place to get the zoomies out. These dogs also have an outside playground and walking

paths through the vast property. Daniel has created the perfect foster spot for dogs who have been lost from their families or up until this point, have had unfortunate lives. He's giving the sweet little pure-hearted babies a wonderful bit of hope. Daniel teamed up with Happy Days Dog and Cat Rescue. The dogs come fully vetted and Daniel is careful to select dogs that are safe for his volunteers and for the public. The dogs are fixed and receive shots before adoption. Adoption fees go straight to Happy Days to cover the cost of vet care for the animals. Local pet stores donate bags of kibble which keeps costs down for Daniel. If you can't adopt at the moment, Daniel welcomes do-

nations of canned dog food, which can be stored. He also accepts donations of long-lasting treats, no raw-hide but other options such as No-Hide chews. Rawhide can be a choking hazard for dogs and dogs need to be watched with rawhide, at all times, which is simply not feasible. Mikey and Me has hit the 300 dogs adopted milestone, including the nine they nursed to health from heartworm. The average dog at Mikey and Me is 2-3 years old. Dan-

iel is temperament but not breed-selective. As the owner of two bully



SAVE THE DATE! BALLET CHELSEA PRESENTS CINDERELLA April 20 & 21



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In addition to the captivating performances, Ballet Chelsea is excited to offer attendees the opportunity to experience the magic of Cinderella up close with Cinderella Teas at Ballet Chelsea Studio on April 6 and 7 at 2 pm both days. Open company rehearsals will be happening concurrently with the tea party. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets go on sale on March 11, 2024.

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Ballet Chelsea's Cinderella - mark your calendars to purchase tickets on March 11 on Ballet Chelsea's Website and for the performances on April 20 and 21. Stay tuned for more information, tickets will be available on the website at www.balletchelsea.org/tickets/



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Yoga for Parkinson's Disease* (CHE)

Thursday, February 1-22 • 2:00pm-3:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

People with Parkinson's Disease have been shown to respond favorably to the practice of Yoga. This class is suitable for people with PD as well as their caregivers. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-214-0220.

National Wear Red Day (CHE/DEX/STK)

February 2

Wear red to show your support for the awareness of heart disease and be entered into a prize drawing.

Blood Drive* (CHE)

February 6 • 12:00pm-6:00pm

For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-214-0220.

Valentine's Day-Bring a Buddy (CHE/DEX/STK)

February 14

Relax and Roll Workshop (DEX)

February 17 • 11:00am-1:00pm • \$10

In this 2-hour workshop we will release stress and tension from your hands to your feet and everywhere in between. We'll use simple self-massage techniques targeting trigger points and high-tension areas to help reduce aches and pains and improve mobility. Recommended Props: Acupoint Physical Massage Therapy Ball Set. Must be able to get on the floor. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-580-2500

Adult & Pediatric CPR & First Aid (CHE)

Monday, February 26 • 4:00pm-8:00pm

Member \$35, Non-Member \$45

Participants will learn how to recognize and care for sudden illness, cardiac, and respiratory emergencies in adults, children, and infants. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-214-0220.

This is a skill set class. If you would like to receive a CPR & First Aid Certificate it is an additional \$36.

Strengthening Your Posture (CHE)

February 27-April 2 • 12:00pm-1:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

These 6-week sessions will focus on strengthening your back, shoulder, and core muscles, which are all essential to standing with proper posture and preventing lower back pain. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-214-0220.

Strengthen With Your Core (CHE)

February 27-April 2 • 12:00pm-1:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

Participants will learn how to break down their movement to engage their muscles and then advance their core as they progress. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-214-0220.

All About Balance (DEX)

February 29-April 4 • 12:00pm-1:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

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. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-580-2500.

Training Your Pelvic Floor (DEX)

February 29-April 4 • 5:00pm-6:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

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. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at call 734-580-2500.

***Community welcome!**

UPCOMING IN MARCH

Food Drive

March 1-15

St. Patrick's Day Indoor Triathlon (DEX)

March 17



Adult Learners Institute Announces its March Lineup



In addition to St. Patrick's Day and the first day of Spring, the month of March also provides the following intellectual stimulation, courtesy of ALI.

Walking in Our Grandfathers' Footsteps is the name of Wendy Zielen's class on March 4 when she shares stories of the men who served in one of history's most tragic catastrophes, World War I, the Great War. The stories of their courage, heroism and pain are revealed in historical records and artifacts, as well as in their personal memories.

Hank Muir asks that one refrain from dancing to the melodies of the first half of the twentieth century in his American Musical Theater classes on March 6 and 13. However, he does allow toe tapping to music from Tin Pan Alley through Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, Nat King Cole, Rock n' Roll, and even some singers we have never heard of.

Ann Beyer's March 8 class, What's Up? Wolf Ethology introduces ethology, the science of behavior, and she suggests that the behavior of wolves may explain some traits of human behavior. She has made several trips to the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota, where she has learned much the relationship of these animals not only to their own habitat, but also to what they can tell us about ourselves.

We have all experienced that unexpected "hunch" that alerts us that something dangerous or harmful or possibly quite wonderful is coming at us. But when the moment passes, we tend to dismiss its significance. Beverly Fish thinks we should take that "hunch" seriously, and in her classes on March 11 and 18, Developing Your Psychic Ability and Spiritual Self, she will discuss ways in which we can enhance our intuitive abilities, not just occasionally but in our everyday lives.

Susan Nenadic's classes on March 20, April 3 and 10, Aging: Three Films Finding Joy in New Relationships, upend the notion that aging is simply a matter of rocking

chairs and pills. The three films focus on an English woman who moves to a boarding house in London, a French lady who befriends a man considered "not too bright", and an 84-year old former Mau Mau warrior from Kenya who wants to learn how to read.

Unless you are unconscious, you may find it difficult to avoid becoming at least a little distraught occasionally. Reverend Dr. Price cannot promise to remove the sources of our anxiety but his March 22 class, Decision Making and Anxiety will show how to hit the reset button when "S**t happens. He advises students to bring along their questions as well as their sense of humor.

Trisha Terns' trained ear for language has allowed her to figure out how to harness thought and language to work more effectively to enhance our health, wealth and relationships. Her March 27 class, Mindfulness and the Art of Internal Language is an engaging dive into the principles of neuro-linguistics, a tool that you probably never knew existed but one that can enhance memory and provide

strategies for effective communication

Is an Electric Vehicle in Your Future? is the question explored by John Daly in this class on March 25. Most of us have to admit that we really don't know much about them. While most EV owners charge their vehicles at home, they also need public chargers. However, not all

EVs can use every public charger, and various charger types recharge EVs at different speeds. This class simplifies matters and helps you decide if, indeed, an EV is in your future.

Catalogs containing more information on these and ALI's other Winter/Spring classes, as well as the registration form are available at grocery

stores, libraries, senior centers and several churches and businesses throughout the Five Health Towns area as well as at www.alimichigan.org.

You will find that the elimination of ALI's administration fee and the renovation of the web site have made registration for ALI's classes much simpler.

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

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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 Cavanaugh (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 fund-raising 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, 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, Michigan 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.

DIVA

Royale

WRITTEN & DIRECTED
BY JEFF DANIELS

the PurpleRose

theatre company

Extended thru March 2, 2024!

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Chelsea Police
Department Weekly
Summary

Incident #: 24-508
Date: February 12, 2024
Location: 1600 block of S. Main Street
Time: 1:13 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of S. Main Street for the report of a larceny of gasoline. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the complainant who stated that silver in color sedan, possibly a Chevrolet Impala or Malibu, had drove off without paying for the gas. The complainant stated that he observed the driver get back in the vehicle and leave without paying. The suspect vehicle was last seen heading south on Main Street towards I-94. There was no further description available on the suspect driver. The case was closed pending any further investigative leads on the identity of the suspect.

Incident #: 24-522
Date: February 13, 2024
Location: 500 block of N. Main Street
Time: 9:36 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 500 block of N. Main Street for the report of a possible domestic assault complaint. Upon arrival the officers were met by the complainant and she was asked to step outside and give a statement on what had happened. The complainant stated that she had asked the suspect to give her a ride to Detroit this evening and the suspect had refused. The complainant stated that she had been “Knead in her side” by the suspect. The officer’s asked complainant if she needed any medical attention and she declined to be evaluated. The officer’s then made contact with the suspect and gathered his statement on what had taken place. The suspect denied to the officer’s that he had assaulted the complainant. At the conclusion of the interviews, it was determined that there was enough probable cause to place the suspect, identified as a 70- year-old Chelsea man under arrest for domestic assault. The case was submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutors for review and the case was denied by the prosecutors.

Incident #: 24-525
Date: February 14, 2024
Location: 1100 block of S. Main Street
Time: 11:59 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to a parking lot in the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of a hit and run crash with no reported injuries. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the complainant who stated that she had just witnessed her vehicle get by another driver as they were pulling into a parking spot. The complainant stated that the suspect apologized for striking the vehicle and proceeded to drive away. The complainant was able to take a picture of the suspect vehicle, license plate, and a description of the driver. The officer identified the suspect as a 39-year-old Chelsea woman and attempted to make contact and interview them about what had taken place. Through the suspects lawyer they declined to provide any further statements about what had taken place. The case is in the process of being submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s office for review to determine what charges may be authorized.

Incident #: 24-528
Date: February 14, 2024
Location: 300 block of Washington Street
Time: 4:53 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Washington Street for the report of an occupied home invasion complaint. Upon arrival the officers met with the complainant who stated that he had been at home working in his office when he heard a loud noise coming from the front of the house. The complainant stated he went to check the area and discovered his front door of his house was open and the door frame was visibly damaged. At the time of the report there was no description of a potential suspect available. The officers checked the residence and found no one was inside and nothing appeared to have been disturbed or taken, aside from the physical damage to the door frame. The case was turned over to the investigator for further investigation.