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While not located directly in Chelsea, I walked into the River Raisin Distillery for the first time on Saturday, January 27th. I've seen numerous friends post photos of spectacular drinks, specifically, the loaded Bloody Mary, which is seriously loaded. Located in Man-

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You can begin registering for one class or as many as your fancy

directs beginning as soon as the catalog hits your hand... or your computer. There are two ways to do that. One is by simply filling out the registration form inserted in the paper catalog and mailing it to ALI, PO Box 134, Chelsea, MI 48118. The other way is by accessing our new web site at info@ALIMichigan.org As you will see in both formats, the registration fee has been eliminated and the fee for each class has been minimally increased to make up for that cut. You will now pay

a single fee for each class, depending on the number of sessions for that class. We hope this new structure will make it easier and more transparent to sign up for ALI classes. Registrations will begin to be processed beginning in early February and classes will begin February 21. As usual, ALI classes provide the chance to meet friends you never thought you had, and the intellectual stimulation they deliver will last longer than the current frigid temperatures.

Kira Grifka Chelsea 2023 Citizen of the Year

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By Aimee Bingham
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The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced it's 2023 Citizen of The Year, Kira Grifka. "The award is presented to people that demonstrate, over the past year, a commitment and involvement in our community with the selfless intent to improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of Chelsea," according to the Chelsea Michigan Instagram page.

The page does not mention that Kira is the first teen to be awarded The Citizen of the Year at just 16! Kira is a sophomore at Chelsea High School.

I naturally wondered what Kira had done at such a young age to receive the honor. Kira works, attends school, and participates in a plethora of civic-minded groups including; the Diversity and Social Awareness Club, SAGA, Interact, and the Chelsea Youth Orchestra, which performs all over the Midwest and has traveled to Spain and will be leaving the country to play again in the next few years.

Aside from having an impressive resume of work within the community, Kira made a big impact on the community

in 2023, which is an integral part of getting the recognition. According to the Ann Arbor News, "A Chelsea High School student was arrested in connection with the alleged sexual assault of two other students, and police are working to identify additional victims or witnesses. Samuel Dodge Nov 2022" The assaults left an impact on Kira. She wanted to make a change. Certainly not an easy thing to do for a 15-year-old, or for anyone for that matter. Kira created SASH Chelsea, which she is currently turning into a local not-for-profit called SHAPE, which stands for Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Education. The organization meets in the Chelsea library. Meeting topics include; Consent, stalking, Assault dynamics, healthy versus unhealthy relationships, and domestic violence. These meetings are not just for women. If we haven't learned through watching the news, young men can be victims too. Beyond the possibility of being victims, as the mother of two young men in a changing world, I felt I needed to protect them from accidentally finding themselves in trouble. This is not the same world in which I grew up and it is

wise to educate and prepare young men to not think something is innocent and wind up permanently on a list. We, as moms, can raise boys who respect themselves and women, but we may need a little help and SASH does just that. Kira also has contact posters for an SA hotline for both men and women posted at the school.

As SASH evolves into a local not-for-profit, Kira has big plans to continue with work and move the group forward. She'd like to have activities for teenagers, and fundraising nights to educate, and provide awareness and engagement for local youth. Kira has big personal plans too. She'd like to start a dual enrollment so she can graduate with an associates degree in graphic design. She'd like to travel and then go to college with a major in teaching and a minor in graphics design. Based on her amazing accomplishments as a Freshman and Sophomore, I expect big things from Kira in the future. Congratulations on a well-earned honor! To learn more about SASH and soon SHAPE visit: https://www.instagram.com/sash_chelsea?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=ZDNlZDc0MzIxNw==.



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Effective and Objective Communication within an Intimate Relationship Part Two

Defensiveness and wanting to win the argument

By: Michael J. Patterson, Namaste Family Services, LLC

Everyone wants to be right. Even when we know we may be wrong. One of the most significant problems in an intimate conflict is on or both parties becoming defensive. IT is an easy attitude to fall into. Our ego's want to feel superior over

the other person, especially a loved one. The difficulty with this posture is we lose the ability to objectively listen to the other's point of view and instead we are strategizing how to either convince the other we are right, or to win despite the outcome. When couples become defensive, they minimize their ability

to rationally work on a problem or issue with the other. Another danger is when we become defensive we may say to do things that we regret. Tempers may increase and then we enter a state of irrational conflict. Most times a rational outcome is not had. Instead feelings are hurt, and distance grows, possibly

along with trust.

So how does one not become defensive and have the strong need to win? First, you have to recognize when you cross the line of discussion and problem solving to defending your argument. Being tense, raising of your voice, anger intrudes your feeling state, and objectivity leaves. These are all signals that you are leaning towards being defensive. Other triggers may also be present. Anxiety, sadness, rage.

Other indicators of defensiveness are when old hurts or arguments enter into the conflict versus staying on track for the initial issue that needs resolution. Bringing up the past is not productive. There may be a rational to resolve past issues but that is a separate discussion, not the one in which you are currently engaged.

When you recognize you are becoming defensive it is ok

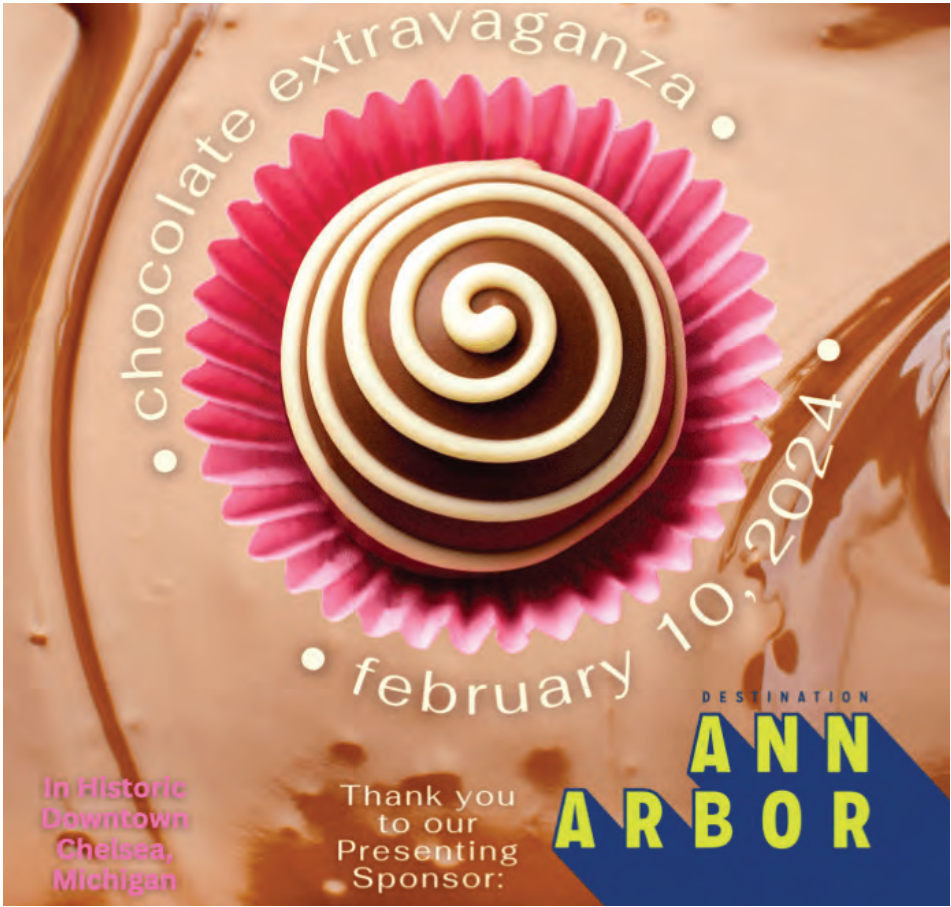
to take a time out. The time out is to be used to calm down and return to a rational state; not try to figure out a better argument to win. Going back to the skill of empathy and validation will help you to maintain a rational perspective. Remember why you are connected to the other person and how you feel deep down with them. This can become clouded in anger and is easy to forget when we are out to conquer the other person.

Many grew up with the need to defend themselves from real hurts or trauma. We

developed ways to control the situation and for the most part keep us safe. The problem with this is your strategies are developed with an immature mind and lose their effectiveness as an adult. If this is true for you, then you may want to address the past with a counselor.

Humility or being humble is a mindset that can help decrease the need to win. Keep in perspective who you are in conflict with and how much they mean to you. Everyone will argue and become defensive. It human nature. However, with mindfulness you can reduce or eliminate the desire to become defensive or win. This allows you to work on the issue with a goal of a satisfactory outcome.

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WASHTENAW UNITED TOPS DIVISION, SPLITS WEEKEND CONTESTS



Washtenaw United Girls Hockey team entered this weekend's competition atop Division 2 in the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League.

On Friday, January 19 they hosted an exhibition game against Division 1 leaders Grosse Pointe South.

A strong defensive effort sparked Washtenaw in the first period. The entire defensive unit stepped up

and goaltender Trista Tracy (Chelsea '25) blanked GPS's relentless offensive attack.

The United began the 2nd period with a rush led by Dexter senior Raegen Kopitsch and continued battling hard against GPS's offensive pressure. But GPS got on the board at 9:42, followed by another goal less than a minute later.

Washtenaw finished the 2nd period

and started the 3rd on the penalty kill. A clean win on the faceoff by Chelsea Senior Cecilia Henriksen in GPS's defensive zone led to a shorthanded goal by Daphne Grant (Dexter '25) to bring Washtenaw within 1.

However, GPS scored a power play goal at 13:05 and then put a screened shot past Tracy at 5:19 to defeat the United 4-1.

Saturday's contest

saw a league matchup against the Northville Mustangs.

Henriksen opened the scoring at 13:44 in the first, assisted by Grant and Abby Schroeder (Saline '26). Juliana Marini (Saline '25) followed up with another Washtenaw goal two minutes later, with an assist to Chloe Dillen (Saline '24).

In the second, Kendra Wagner (Saline '25) scored Washtenaw's

third goal with assists from Rylee Kennedy (Milan '24) and Lilly Schlack (Saline '26). Next Sydney Clark (Saline '25) banged in a goal, with another assist by Kennedy, followed by a goal from Schlack with assists to Henriksen and Kennedy.

In the third, Clark scored Washtenaw's sixth goal, assisted by Schlack. Then Grant knocked in a power

play goal with assists to Clark and Henriksen before Kopitsch knocked in the 8th goal, assisted by Henriksen, to end the game 8-0.

It was all Washtenaw as the United outshot the Mustangs 33-3 and Goalie Tracy picked up her fifth shut-out this year in league play.

Follow Washtenaw United on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

River Raisin Distillery: Winter Wonderland Artisan Market



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chester, just a short drive from Chelsea, I decided to attend the second annual Winter Wonderland Artisan Market.

We arrived on a soggy soupy Saturday to an overflowing parking lot. I at one point, lived in Manchester and was mildly surprised at the number of people converging on the business. When I lived there, the distillery was an old welding shop and was never busy. We passed the FFF food truck as we walked through the door. I looked around, and noted the industrial design with wood and steel touches. The bar and tables were full so we walked into the room to the left of the bar where the artist's booths were located.

A dart board hung on the wall and three silver-topped high tops stood around the room. Some vendors included; Lowry's Little Flock Farm, Mindo Chocolate Makers, Strawberry Blue Farm, Gluten Free Sweets and Treats, Sister Scents Candle Co, and more. Even though the shopping season had technically ended, many people were exploring the shops. It looked like business was great for the vendors. My nine-year-old is a big fan of Henna and immediately selected one she wanted, a unicorn. While the artist worked I selected a drink, it was billed as a sip and shop, after all.

I selected a drink called, "Blueballs," which includes River Raisin's family recipe

Cane and Grain, lemon-lime soda mixed with blueberry puree. It was delicious and strong. It is a drink meant for sipping. As I sipped my cocktail I noticed Fantasy Island drinks being served around the room. If you're too young to remember Fantasy Island, the drinks are at River Raisin are slushies and look tropical. My daughter was hungry and I thought they didn't have food due to the food truck outside. But, I was wrong. We ordered a huge pretzel with cheese and mustard. It came out hot and buttery with a crispy shell and pillowy center. All three of us were able to enjoy it and all three of us decided we would come again because the pretzel was so good!

I discussed the drink, which I shared with my husband and food and we decided that we would like to come and enjoy the distillery without our child. The event was family-friendly and there were plenty of children and babies in attendance, but we wanted to come out and enjoy ourselves as

adults. I don't know that The River Raisin Distillery is a local secret, but its quality was a secret to us. They offer a plethora of fun events to attend if you're not a sit-in-a-bar type of person including; a sushi workshop (full), a Mosaic Be My Valentine ornament workshop, and a chunky blanket workshop. Even if you

aren't a big drinker, I encourage you to try them out. One drink is enough for any lightweight, they taste good and the food was great to boot. The vibe and interiors are nice, there are darts and as I was leaving I noticed cards and games near the door. River Raisin Distillery is a local treasure, not to be missed. Even an old fuddy-duddy like me had a wonderful time. To learn more about River Raisin Distillery check out their webpage <https://www.riverraisindistillery.com/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RiverRaisinDistillery>. River Raisin Distillery is located at 480 West Main St. in Manchester.



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February 1-14

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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

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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

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Strengthen With Your Core (CHE)

February 27-April 2 • 12:00pm-1:00pm

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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

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February 29-April 4 • 5:00pm-6:00pm

Member \$84, Non-Member \$90

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Food Drive

March 1-15

St. Patrick's Day Indoor Triathlon (DEX)

March 17



Effective and Objective Communication within an Intimate Relationship Part Two

Defensiveness and wanting to win the argument

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When emotions run high in intimate conflict it is easy to fall into ways of arguing that are disrespectful, nonproductive, and cause hurt emotions. Many would not use language or tactics to argue with a friend that we would use with an intimate partner. In addition, when mean spirited conflict erupts, it becomes irrational and no solution is found to the original issue. The concept

of using fair fighting ground rules allows each individual to get their view heard and decreases tension.

The use of fair fighting is not new. In a professional environment, most will naturally word their concern or view in a manner that follows the decorum within the business. We also would not sue derogatory remarks towards close friends. Yet, in a intimate conflict it is easy to fall into the

mindset of extreme anger or attack using mean spirited words or name calling.

The first rule is easy. Be respectful of your partner. Even with anger we can remain respectful of the others emotions and dignity. Name calling goes nowhere and is a childish act. Excessive use of vulgar language is another way of showing lack of respect.

The next rule is to remain on topic. It is easy to add into the

fight other issues that really have minimal if any bearing on what the conflict main focus is. This also means that you do not bring up the past. If there are unresolved issues, then address them separately, not during the current argument.

Validate the other persons' emotions and view. Even if you do not agree, validation helps to increase understanding and helps to decrease defensiveness.


Use active listening techniques (we will touch on this later). So that there is a better understanding. Ask for clarification of the other person's statement.

Be open to compromise and have an

open mindset.

Maintain a calm and respectful tone of voice. No Yelling!

These are the basics of using fair fighting techniques when you have a disagreement with your intimate partner. The best thing to remember is how you wish to be spoken to and observe that when discussing the issue with your intimate partner.






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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

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Main Street Park Alliance, with the help of their Design Partner, VIRIDIS, carried out a multifaceted approach that engaged Chelsea residents and community stakeholders in a participatory design process for a new park in the heart of Chelsea.

A Community Open House will be at the Chelsea Depot on February 13 from 12-2 pm and 5-7 pm. VIRIDIS and Main Street Park Alliance representatives will be available for an interactive dialogue to reveal the park design concept.

Nearly 1,000 people shared their vision for the new park space through online surveys, middle and high school polling, round table discussions, and focus groups. Input from community voices contributed to a comprehensive understanding of needs and desires to incorporate

into Main Street Park's design.

Chelsea State Bank hosted four community focus group sessions, and each group developed a set of principles for the design team to reference in the design concept phase. An excerpt of the themes and priorities include connecting to the Chelsea community and downtown core, the importance of conservation and sustainable practices, year-round use, a sustainable framework for long-term maintenance, inclusive, multi-generational spaces, creating awareness of site revitalization and restoration efforts, and coordination with local and state agencies. To read more about the engagement process, click this Link on MSPA's website.

The design team shared the initial design concepts with city representatives on January 12 to convey the direction VIRIDIS is taking based on the open-house forums and on-line feedback.

The Main Street Park Project will be-

come a reality through

- The Public-Private Partnership with the City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, and the State of Michigan
- Extensive Environmental Testing, Remediation & Restoration
- Collaborative Process including extensive community and stake-

holder engagement

- Innovative Design
 - Diverse Resources, Funding, and Strategic Partnerships
- Main Street Park is aligned with the City of Chelsea's Master Plan. Strong communities are built on a foundation of well-planned public spaces. Public space offers vibrancy, roots a community on

its shared experience, and encourages healthy lifestyles.

In 2024, MPSA will explore numerous grant opportunities. Help demonstrate your support of this exciting project with a donation today at the link.

Main Street Park Alliance's mission is to create an intergenerational community park

for Chelsea. Through the power of grassroots volunteerism, they will revitalize the downtown property for a better human experience. If you have comments, questions, or concerns or want to support the project with time, expertise, or a financial contribution, please email info@mainstreet-park.org.

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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 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, 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.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 24-267
Date: January 22, 2024
Location: 400 block of S. Main St.
Time: 8:16 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of S. Main Street for the report of a credit card fraud complaint. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that she had received an e-mail from an Ann Arbor area restaurant stating that an “order was delivered”. The complainant stated that she had not placed an order online and had not received a food delivery. The complainant stated that she checked the credit card account associated with the order and found that there had been a fraudulent purchase using her credit card. The complainant locked her card so that no additional purchases could be made on the account. The officer made contact with the restaurant and inquired about the recent purchase and what address the food was delivered too. The case was closed pending any further investigative leads on the identity of the suspect who had made the purchase.

Incident #: 24-305
Date: January 26, 2024
Location: 1100 S. Main St.
Time: 10:36 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was assigned a telephone complaint regarding a bank fraud that had taken place on or around January 25, 2024. The complainant was a fraud investigator for a financial institution. The complainant stated that an unknown suspect had entered the financial institution, located in the 1100 block of S. Main Street and presented the driver’s license of a customer. The suspect proceeded to withdraw a large amount of money from the account. The complainant stated that the customer is believed to have been the victim of identity theft and there had reportedly been similar incidents at other branch locations. The case was turned over to the investigator for further follow-up and investigation.

Incident #: 24-324
Date: January 28, 2024
Location: 1100 block of S. Main St.
Time: 1:01 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of an assault complaint. Upon arrival the officers made contact with the victim, the suspect a 43-year-old Ann Arbor woman, and witnesses to the incident that remained on scene. The victim stated that the suspect had been using inappropriate language while singing karaoke and had been asked to leave the establishment. The suspect reportedly had begun to leave the establishment and then became upset over the situation and returned and shoved the victim in the chest with her open hand. After officers interviewed all of the parties involved the victim stated that she did not wish to prosecute and asked that the suspect be read trespass, preventing the suspect from returning to the property for a period of one (1) year. The case was closed at the request of the victim, with no prosecution being sought.

DIVA Royale

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY JEFF DANIELS



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