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

Mikey and Me, Local Dog Foster Celebrates 300 Adopted Dogs

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 continued on page 5






Presents

**AUTHORS
IN CHELSEA**

An Evening with the Authors
Meet Saadia Faruqi, Beth Vrabel, and K.A. Holt!

Tuesday, Mar. 19 | 6:30-8:30pm | WSEC Board Room |
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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

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.

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Prepare to be swept away into a world of magic and elegance as Ballet Chelsea proudly presents its enchanting performance of Cinderella. The performances will occur on April 20 at 7 pm and April 21 at 2 pm at Chelsea High School. Tickets go on sale on March 11, 2024.

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/

Chelsea Hospital, Trinity Health Ann Arbor Among the Best Hospitals in Michigan, According to Newsweek

From: Von Lozon

Chelsea Hospital and Trinity Health Ann Arbor have both made the list for Newsweek's "America's Best In-State Hospitals" in the state of Michigan for 2024. Chelsea Hospital, a joint venture between Trinity Health Michigan and University of Michigan Health, was ranked #5, while Trinity Health Ann Arbor was ranked #7. University of Michigan Hospitals - Michigan Medicine, was ranked #1 in the state.

"Earning this recognition is not only a great honor for all of us at Chelsea Hospital, but it demonstrates our commitment to providing consistent, high-quality care to patients," said Chelsea Hospital President Ben Miles. "I would also like to congratulate Trinity Health Ann Arbor for receiving this recognition, as well as our joint venture partner University of Michigan Health."

The annual list, put together by Newsweek and Statista Inc., a statistics portal and industry ranking provider, includes 600 total hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Newsweek and Statista Inc. surveyed tens of thousands of health care professionals — including doctors, hospital managers and other health care workers — from June to July of 2023. The survey asked participants to rate their recommended hospitals on a scale of 1-10 in the following categories:

- Quality of care
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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. Applications to participate as a vendor in the April 13 event are

now being accepted by Chelsea Senior Center. 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 Cen-

ter. 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 on-

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

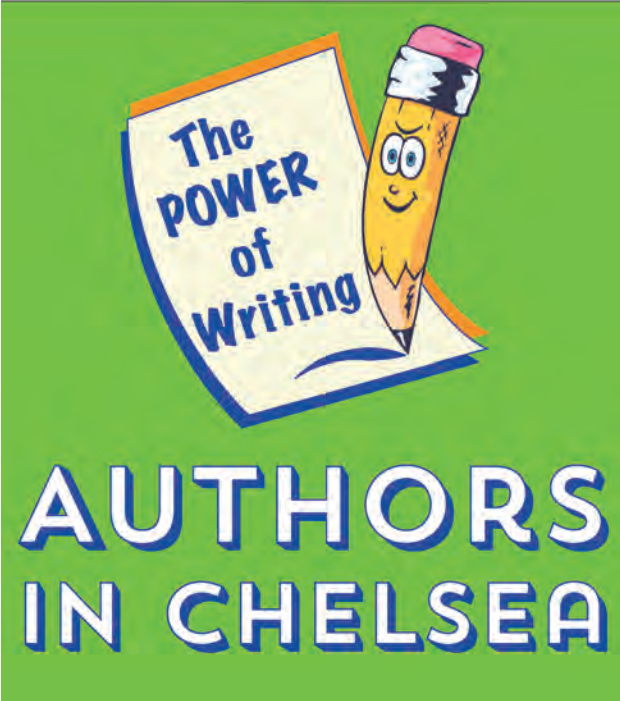
March 19–20 event, hundreds of books by visiting authors were delivered to Chelsea School District courtesy of Chelsea Education Foundation. This year's visiting authors include Saadia Faruqi, Beth Vrabel, and K.A. Holt. Saadia Faruqi is a Pakistani American author and interfaith activist who writes 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 au-

thors 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.



Harmony, balance and walking your dog

By Michael Patterson.
LMSW
I have a border collie named Lucky. He insists on getting my full attention. He will whine, push his head under my hand as I lay on the couch, smile at me or use puppy dog eyes to elicit sympathy. Oh, he gets a lot of attention. But I guess if you were to ask him he would surely say "it's not enough." To be honest he really does not ask for much. Good dog food and occasional human food. A soft bed or couch to lay on. Lots of hugs and petting. And he loves to go out on adventures. How does he pay for this? Well, He does let us know when someone is at the front door. He listens. He gives unconditional love. He models how to be calm and be in harmony with his world. It is so easy for him. As

long as a family member is with him, he is happy. A friend of mine had a health scare about a year ago. He has taken up hiking in the woods with an almost obsessive passion. He had to retire from his business due to his health condition. At first, this was very difficult for him as he felt a loss of purpose in life. Hiking the trails around his home has brought back a sense of accomplishment and vitality to his life. Not to mention it helped him to drop 70 plus pounds. About two months ago he was down in South Carolina. He just took off by himself to try a section to the Appellation Trail. He texted me a picture when he reached the top of a small mountain. I called him when I received the picture. I heard in his

voice something that I had lost. Pure joy and reverence for the beauty that surrounds us if we just go looking for it. Later on, he talked me into training to hike a five-day section of the Appellation trail in late summer or early fall. So we meet about once per week to hike together (he kicks my butt right now). On other days I go out alone on the trails that surround my home or are close by. I am blessed in living near two state recreation areas that have a good trail system. Some days, when I can have Lucky off his leash, I take him with me. As with any exercise regimen, the first fifteen to twenty minutes are the most difficult. My mind goes through this ritual of identifying every ache and pain, questioning why I am doing this at my age. And how

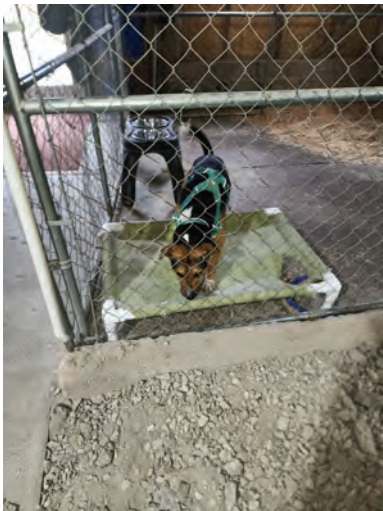
comfortable cozy my couch is. Once I finish this mind ritual I get into the rhythm of the trail and the harmony of the forest. I have noticed that Lucky does not suffer from the agonies of the mind. He goes right into harmony mode. He will smell every smell, see every tree, hear every bird or squirrel, and of course let all the other animals know he has been there by marking his passing. How does one bladder hold so much pee is beyond

me? Many years ago I saw a book titled Chop Wood, Carry Water. I never read the book but I always remember that title. For me, it tells how to find joy in simple activities. I found this to be true when I scrape paint off of wood. Most find this work tedious. I found it calming. I loved to be outside up on a ladder leaning against the side of my century-old house, scraping the multiple layers of paint off of

the old wood. With music playing or just the rustle of leaves dancing to the rhythm of the breeze, the sun peeking through the shadows onto the surface of the wood. I found peace. I found simple joy. Making an effort to do the simple things in life can bring a sense of harmony and peace when you are feeling overwhelmed or just plain stressed out. It is easy to make excuses to not go outside, meet up with close friends, scrape and paint wood, or go for a walk with your dog. But then you miss out on simple joy, harmony, and the balance of a life well lived.



Mikey and Me, Local Dog Foster Celebrates 300 Adopted Dogs



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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 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 donations 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. Raw-hide 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. Daniel is temperament but not breed-selective. As the owner of two bully 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.



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Yoga for Parkinson's Disease* (CHE)

Thursday, March 7–28 • 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 734-214-0220.

St. Patrick's Day Indoor Triathlon (DEX)

Sunday, March 17

This fun, festive event is your chance to test your mettle in a 10-minute swim, 15-minute bike, and 15-minute run, all under one roof. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at 734-580-2500.

Strengthen Your Core* (CHE)

February 27–April 2 • 1:00pm–2:00pm

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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 734-214-0220.

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 734-580-2500.

Member Family Swim & Gym* (CHE/DEX)

CHE—March 3 (Register by March 1)

DEX—March 24 (Register by March 22)

COST: Parent member and KIM child FREE. Non-KIM child \$8, Additional parent \$10.

AGES: 6 months to 11 years. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).

National Nutrition Month® Food Drive* (CHE/DEX/STK)

March 1-15

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Youth Spring Break Pass* (CHE/DEX)

March 24–31 • \$20/week

Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Centers are offering youth passes for member's children. Keep your kids active at the Wellness Center by enjoying all the amenities the Center has to offer. Ages: 12-17. For more information, visit the Member Service Desk or call 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).

Adult & Pediatric CPR & First Aid Training Course* (DEX)

March 25 • 4:00pm–8:00pm

Member \$35, Non-Member \$45

Join us in becoming a certified lifesaver! Gain the skills to respond confidently in emergencies. Participants will learn how to recognize and care for sudden illnesses, cardiac, and respiratory emergencies in adults, children, and infants. For more information or to register contact the Member Service Desk at 734-580-2500. This is a skill set class. If you would like to receive a CPR & First Aid Certificate it is an additional \$36.



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Lorcana Draft, Secret Crisis Comics



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By Aimee Bingham
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I have no idea what Lorcana is and I have no idea what a Lorcana Draft is. I do know what the draft is in football. I know that a draft involves a selection of players for a team. I walked into Secret Crisis Comics for the first time ever. I was stepping out of the world in which I walk around comfortably. Suddenly, I was in the dumb girl role in the show The Big Bang Theory. If you've watched the show, you've seen her at Penny's apartment. She may be interested in useless pop culture things and know nothing of deep thought and Dungeons and Dragons. She is ultimately boring and uniformed regarding the things that interest Leonard and Sheldon and is never seen again.

I noticed the board to my left in the vestibule. It featured tacked in requests for D and D players (Dungeons and Dragons for us simpletons who watch the Real Housewives). It was essentially a help wanted board for people wanting to commit

and play a role in someone's game. Though, I suspect I may have the story telling skills to help make a game interesting, I lack any base knowledge to fit in with a group of well versed players. Immediately, I recognized a friendly face, a fellow mom from my Momco group. I felt a little more confident because there was a welcoming smile. I also recognized a man from the Secret Crises Comics booth at several events in Chelsea. I figured he must own the store so I asked if I could take his picture, explained I was in the store to write an article for the event. He was slightly suspicious at first because he'd had people trying to create viral videos so he maintains a no photos, videos policy. I assured him, I wasn't planning on doing a hit piece on him. In Journalism a hit piece is the lowest form. A piece meant to attack integrity or uncover salacious bits about people. One of the reasons I love my job, even in the current climate of journalists being universally hated, is that I don't do hit pieces. I share

the small beauties and positive things within the community. If you want more ugly attack journalism go to CNN or Fox and watch the ugly unfold. I've had enough ugly so, I'll show Chelsea the beautiful right next door.

And, I found it in Secret Crisis Comics. After a little internet stalking, I discovered that Todd Diziobak is the owner and the man, on which, I promised a no hit piece. I asked if my nine year-old would be able to play. He explained that it's for any age gesturing to show the people gathered to play. He stated that there were families enjoying it together and stated that he loved that. The cards are Disney themed. The man running the event began explaining the rules as people took spots at the table. He moved people to different areas of the long rectangular table toward the back of the store and stated that he was, "trying to break families up," which I promised would go in my article. But rather than be destructive, he was trying to ensure fair play for everyone. He explained things

and I had the distinct feeling that everyone pretty much understood what would happen already. I understood, "don't create piles, it gets confusing," and "round 1 passes to the left, round two to the right." After he handed out the decks and round one started he apologized to me for not having his speech down and explained he usually runs Magic the Gathering events and he's a lot better at that. I explained that he's speaking foreign language and for all I knew he could have been explaining String Theory to Phd students. I thought he did great! He was friendly, and kind and also very tolerant of my ignorance.

I observed and it was exactly like a draft. The player received three or four packs, opened them one at a time, selected a card and passed the deck. I saw Dalmations, Fantasia themed cards and all the Disney anyone could want. I walked up to the woman behind the counter and inquired about how people selected cards, she explained that there are attributes

written on the bottom and people may select based on what the card can do. Or some people might make a team out of all Dalmations or she showed me various symbols at the bottom. Some were mass produced and some were super special and rare. She suggested if I want to learn to play, YouTube would be a good place to learn. She kindly wrote down the info for me so I could learn. I'm an outcast in stores like this but everyone was so nice and welcoming! The players helped my friend's son Felix learn to safely open his cards without bending the edges. And, his mom, Erin, who got roped into playing (by me pushing and encouraging) so there was a nice even number was given a mat to use and her neighbor offered to share sleeves to place her team.

The beauty of the store in Secret Crisis Underground Comics, is even if you are ignorant and out of place, the staff and community within will welcome you as if you are an important part. They will tolerate your ignorance and

encourage you to learn. I came home after the event and shared how kind and wonderful everyone was with my husband. He nodded saying he'd had a great experience Christmas shopping and the staff was great. Definitely go browse comics, and the huge variety of games and collectibles. If you're into Magic the Gathering, The new Lorcana game, or based on the website events page, Murder at Karlov Manner, check out <https://secretcrisis-comics.com/calendar/>. If you've never read a comic in your life and you select titles based on family members the staff won't thumb their nose, they'll nod, "Ohh cool." And you will try not to say, "who me?" sheepishly. Thank you Secret Crisis Comics for a wonderful introduction into card game play and comics. You've created a wonderful store and little community in Chelsea. I'm coming back to play Lorcana and fully plan on learning and getting really good some day. So what if I only like cards with puppies on them?



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 sup-

portive and empowering environment for students. SVSU emphasizes undergraduate teaching and learning, and community-based research. SVSU has received the Community Engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation 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.

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Adult Learners Institute (ALI Michigan) has an immediate opening for a contractor to serve as office manager. Duties involve coordinating with ALI's Board to track income, expenses and class attendance, working with instructors, class assistants and techs to insure a pleasant lifelong learning experience for our students. In addition, you will monitor and respond to email correspondence, prepare and distribute agendas and other information for the monthly Board meetings, and attend and take notes at those meetings. The ideal candidate will have strong database skills in order to understand and use the specialized software that ALI uses to register and track classes. Highly flexible hours, with remote access possible for much of the work.

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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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Chelsea Outfitters Has Moved



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By Aimee Bingham
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Chelsea Outfitters opened in Chelsea nearly a year ago. Situated in a small shop on Main St. just above Geek Brush studio, I stopped in last year with a freshly mended arm from a ski crash. I met Megan Trenary, who owns the shop with her husband. She was warm, outgoing and kind. She even offered advice on my arm explaining that she was educated in nursing. I loved everything about the store, the products, and especially the kind generous woman behind the name.

This week, I saw someone post on Facebook that the newly expanded shop opened

across the street in the old Kempf Commercial and Savings Bank. The person posting mentioned that much of the building's former character was intact. On track with the person I met nearly a year ago. So I made it a point to visit on Saturday. Mack, the owner's son was behind the counter as his mother scurried around the store. Saturday was the second day open, so Megan was organizing and greeting customers.

Upon entering the store, I noticed the tile floors. They are gorgeous and according to Megan were hidden beneath carpet and tile. The old beauty was revealed with a lot of hard work by both her and her husband Matt who

handles web design and operations of Chelsea Outfitters. Based on the art of the old tile, well worth it. They not only preserved a part of Chelsea's history but put it on display. Kempf merged with Farmers Merchants during the Great Depression and became what is now known as Chelsea State Bank. The old tile has some imperfections that come with age but the craftsmanship is magnificent. I also noted how nice the store smelled, and incidentally so did everyone else who walked in after I did. I turned to search for the cause of the smell and noticed a display of Castille soap and what I assume was Earth, human-friendly laundry soap. Because

I don't trust the chemicals found in soaps, I make my own body wash and laundry detergent, I assumed it was the bottles giving off the nice smell. I add fragrance through essential oils, so that's what I concluded. Megan later explained that she has a diffuser as I made my purchase.

The last time I visited with Megan, she had a small cramped sewing area with the hope that people might utilize it rather than toss clothing away. The North-East Recycling Council states: The next time you toss a shirt into the trash because it's time for a fresh one, consider this: the manufacture of clothes, shoes,

belts, and accessories – otherwise known as textiles – is the second largest polluting industry in the world after oil and gas. That's right. Pesticides used to grow cotton, toxics in dyes, and energy-intensive manufacturing create a whopping impact on the environment and public health.

The sewing area has grown, and Megan apologetically explained that it's not yet organized. No worries, most people have unorganized crafting areas too. But, if you want to patch jeans or repair garments, Chelsea Outfitters is happy to support your efforts. There are several craft projects in the corner if you're

interested in learning. She also offers healthier face paint options and Easter egg options.

On the other side of the store, I noticed a tent, which was a cool outdoorsy-themed changing room near the flannels and the Osprey backpacks. The newer shop seems to feature more options to encourage getting outside and enjoying the nature that many items in the shop are made with the hopes of preserving. As I walked around, I found a bee's wrap reusable food storage bag, which is great for anyone making their own sourdough bread as plastic encourages mold growth and is an endocrine disruptor. I did not look at price, but selected and purchased, as I like giving business to local community members. Much to my surprise, it was less expensive than Amazon! Quality products, great decor, prices and staff; Chelsea Outfitters is a wonderful newer addition to the community.

Chelsea Senior Center Giving Caregivers a Much-Needed Respite



The caregiver role is essential for the well-being and comfort of loved ones in need of extra support. Caring for loved ones requiring all-day companionship can be exhausting. The good news is that there is a program offered by Chelsea Senior Center that focuses on easing the day for caregivers. The program is now offering an additional day in the week for respite.

Launched in April 2023, Chelsea Senior Center's active Ease the Day: Caregiver Respite Support Program is a valuable community resource. Caregivers whose loved ones, called friends, meet the day-care requirements and screening process drop off their loved ones at Chelsea Senior Center. This gives caregivers time for their own self-care, appointments, or participation in an activity at the center.

Dedicated and enthusiastic employees and volunteers interact with Ease the Day friends in positive, fun, engaging ways. The structured program includes time for exercise, brain games, creative endeavors, and peer socialization. This change in environment is great for both caregiver and Ease the Day friend.

Ease the Day is expanding respite care hours to include Wednesday mornings

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is in addition to the Tuesday and Thursday hours of 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm. This new offering is for families in need of services who are not currently participating on Tuesday and Thursday.

Specifically, the new Wednesday offering is for those caregivers and loved ones who aren't quite ready to be separated for several hours, or who don't meet the requirements for an extended stay. The Wednesday hours give caregivers the opportunity to participate in one of Chelsea Senior Center's Wednesday morning activities, such as pickleball, stained glass art, or enhance fitness. In development is a new daytime Caregiver Support Group that will meet on Wednesdays during this time.

"Caregivers can tend to their personal needs, while their loved ones develop friendships, pursue interests, and learn new things. Overwhelmingly, volunteers, caregivers and our Ease the Day friends look forward to participating each week," says Katie Garvey, OTRL, CAPS, who programs the daily activities with Lisa Klinkman, RN, MSN.

Beyond caregiver respite at Chelsea Senior Center, in partnership with Catholic Social Services, volunteers are needed to provide short-term companion-

ship – two to four hours a week – in homes in Western Washtenaw County. To learn more about the joy of volunteering to provide in-home caregiver respite, please attend the March 13 Open House hosted by Catholic Social Services and Chelsea Senior Center at 525 Washington Street in Chelsea. Stop by between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., ask questions, get inspired and learn how you can volunteer.

Ease the Day: Caregiver Support Respite Program is funded by Exhale, the Family Caregiver Initiative, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and managed by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

For questions, please contact Katie Garvey or Lisa Klinkman at Chelsea Senior Center at (734) 475-9242 or caregiversupport@chelseaseniors.org.

Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization celebrating 60 years in Chelsea, Michigan. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life and well-being for area seniors and their families. Chelsea Senior Center is located at 512 Washington Street. Contact CSC at connected@chelseaseniors.org or (734) 475-9242.



New Home Community Heritage Farms Opening in Chelsea This Spring

First phase of development brings 48 new homesites to Washtenaw County

M/I Homes Detroit, one of the nation's leading homebuilders, will open the first phase of Heritage Farms, a new community located in Chelsea, just off Dexter-Chelsea Rd. this month. The new community is within walking distance of Downtown Chelsea, features wide sidewalks, tree-lined streets, and is located within the Chelsea School District.

The community offers five, 2-story single-family floor plans ranging from 1,858 to 2,733 sq. ft. The floor plans include 3 to 5 bedrooms and two and a half to three bathrooms. Structural add-ons include three car garages and morning rooms. Average homesites are 60 feet by 120 feet, and each home is supported by M/I Homes' quality promise and industry-leading 10-Year transferable structural warranty.

Homebuyers have the option of purchas-

ing an available quick move-in home or building from the ground up on a specific homesite.

"Heritage Farms offers residents an A-rated school district, accessibility to the major roadways, and provides walkability to the area's amenities," said Sascha Vallat, vice president of sales and marketing for M/I Homes Detroit. "Chelsea is a charming place with countless reasons why people would choose to live there, and we are looking forward to providing new housing for generations to come."

Heritage Farms is less than one mile outside downtown Chelsea and its thriving community-centered atmosphere. A short drive down North Main St., homebuyers will find local restaurants and shops, year-round community events, parks, and live entertainment. It's conveniently located between Ann Arbor and Jackson.

Sales begin on March 13 and the public grand opening celebration is from 1 to 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 23. Guests will enjoy tours of the brand-new Peyton model home, refreshments, and the opportunity to speak with the new home consultants to learn more about the available floor plans and homesites.

Heritage Farms will be completed in six phases. The first phase includes 48 homesites, and 231 homesites in total.

Heritage Farms is one of three new communities the division will open by May 2024. In addition to Heritage Farms, Creekside Park in Macomb County and Cobblestone Creek Woodlands in Wayne County, will add nearly 400 new homesites to southeast Michigan in four years.

To schedule an appointment, or to learn more, visit MHHomes.com/HeritageFarms.

HEYDLAUFF’S APPLIANCES HOSTING CHEF SERIES #7



Photo of Vanessa & Phil Coulson, courtesy of Vanessa Coulson

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February 27, 2024, Chelsea, MI - Chef Series #7 will take place on Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in Heydlauff’s Appliances New Living Showroom. The Chef Series features local chefs on the 3rd Saturday of each month except this event.

Chef Series #7 will spotlight Chefs Phil and Vanessa Coulson, owners of The Nest Kitchen at Robin Hills Farm. Space is limited; contact sales@heydlauffs.com or call 734-475-1221. In 2007, Phil moved from his home in Detroit to Boston, where he met Vanessa. In their ten years in Boston, Phil and Vanessa cooked a variety of cuisines from French to Italian and

learned from many well-respected chefs. They both held the title of Executive Chef in each of their respective restaurants. Phil and Vanessa relocated from Boston to the west coast of Michigan. In 2020, they moved to Grass Lake and opened their food truck, Sanich Union. They both longed for their own restaurant, and Robin Hills Farm was looking for someone to head their

kitchen, and The Nest Cocktail Bar & Kitchen became a reality! Join Chefs Vanessa & Phil on March 9, from 11 am - 1 pm; they will feature Bolognese & Fresh Tagliatelle Pasta. To learn more about Chefs Vanessa & Phil and the Nest’s menu at Robin Hills Farm, go to www.robinhillsfarm.com/the-nest-landing Mark your calendars for the third Sat-

urday of every month, 11 am - 1 pm, for future Chef Series. For more information about Heydlauff’s Appliances and the upcoming Chef Series, please contact sales@heydlauffs.com or call 734-475-1221. Heydlauff’s Appliances has provided excellent customer service, professional delivery, appliance service and repair, and installation since 1928. Their retail store is located on

Main Street in historic downtown Chelsea with a 12,000-square-foot warehouse in Chelsea’s Industrial Park, less than one mile from their downtown showroom. Heydlauff’s experienced service technicians are seasoned and well-versed in appliance repair. For more information, contact sales@heydlauffs.com and visit their website at www.heydlauffs.com.

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Gallery 100 Presents: Saline Painters Guild Exhibition



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Gallery 100, a growing hub of artistic expression located in Chelsea, is excited to announce its upcoming exhibit, the “Spring Show” by the Saline Painters Guild. This captivating showcase, scheduled to run from March 5 to April 28, will feature a stunning collection of paintings by Saline artists.

Exhibit Highlights: The Saline Painters Guild is a group of skilled artists recognized for their exceptional work with watercolor, oil, and acrylic mediums.

They have exhibited their creations in galleries, juried art shows, and art fairs, showcasing their talent to audiences.

This exhibition promises something for every art enthusiast. Visitors can immerse themselves in the tranquil landscapes of Rose Bradley's watercolors, appreciate the urban scenes depicted in Sue Craig's pastels, and marvel at the vibrant colors of Dennis Gordon's woodcut prints. The diverse range of mediums and subject matters ensures a rich and engaging experience for all who attend.

Established in



2009, Gallery 100 is a cherished part of the Silver Maples community, offering a cozy space dedicated to promoting art appreciation.

Alongside its larger event space, the Maples Room, Gallery 100 hosts events and programming to foster a deeper connection with the arts. As part of its commitment to supporting local artists, Gallery

100 provides a platform for direct artist sales without taking any commission.

Artists Reception: The Saline Painters Guild and Gallery 100 cordially invite the public to attend the opening reception of their exhibition on Sunday, March 10, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Gallery 100, located within Silver Maples of Chelsea. This event offers a

unique opportunity to meet the artists, enjoy refreshments, and experience the beauty of their artwork firsthand.

Don't miss the chance to explore the talent of the Saline Painters Guild at Gallery 100. Save the date and join us for an unforgettable celebration of artistry and creativity.

Event Details:

• **Opening Recep-**

tion: Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

• **Exhibition Dates:** March 5 - April 28, 2024

• **Location:** Gallery 100, Silver Maples of Chelsea

• **For more information,** please contact: gallery100atm@gmail.com

“Gallery 100 - Life is Art”

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Gallery 100 welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to explore and experience art. Gallery 100 offers engaging exhibitions and community programming of all varieties: artist talks, a residency program, studio classes, and more. Artists who are interested in exhibiting their work at Gallery 100, please email Winn Nichols, gallery100atm@gmail.com.



SENIOR MOMENT: Jam Session



Gary Munce, co-founder of the Jam Session at CSC, leads the group in a song at a recent Wednesday afternoon session.



It's no work and all play for the (mostly) amateur musicians who come to play twice a month at the Jam Sessions. Newcomers are welcome.

Submitted by Gretchen Zale

Following in the footsteps of its highly successful first musical undertaking, the Ukulele Group, the Chelsea Senior Center now offers a variety of musical opportunities to its members and friends.

One of them, The Jam Session, was formed by Gary Munce and Kelly Schmidt. Starting with a core group of four

or five hearty souls, they envisioned a way to bring more music into the lives of their friends at the Senior Center. Meeting at CSC on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12:30 pm, the group sees a growing number of people looking for music in their lives, either by participating or by dropping in just to listen.

The musical group now has as many as

10 people who bring their favorite instruments, including violin, guitar, flute, ukelele, harmonica, percussion, mandolin and bass. All ages and levels of musical talent are invited. Many others make up the lively and appreciative audience

Munce says, “The Jam Session is a great way to enjoy life by connecting with others around music. We have the opportunity to experience a vari-

ety of music and learn from others in a relaxed and welcoming setting.”

A number of recent surveys and studies have shown that music participation, especially in older people, is the ultimate way to connect and collaborate. Music also enlivens the day and helps trigger memory recall in those living with dementia. A recent feature article in AARP Magazine highlighted the grow-

ing body of evidence that music plays an important part in the well-being of seniors, and provides a critical therapeutic avenue for those with brain injury and dysfunction.

CSC member Jim Hughes, who plays guitar and ukelele, has played mandolin at the Chelsea Farmers’ Market and at the Chelsea Retirement Home. He believes that playing with a group like Jam Session is supportive, encour-

aging, and a life-enriching experience that can be started at any age.

CSC membership is open to all ages. So come along and bring your friends to a Jam Session and plan your time for joy!

The Senior Moment feature highlights opportunities for older adults through the Chelsea Senior Center and related organizations. Call the CSC at (734)475-9242.

April Read & Seed: A Fun Event for Seniors and Preschoolers



Soon after spring's arrival, Chelsea Senior Center's Trinh Pifer Intergenerational Garden will be buzzing with the Read and Seed activity shared by seniors and Chelsea Community Preschool students.

Read & Seed, April 2 and 3, kick-starts Chelsea Senior Center's intergenerational programming for the garden season. Seniors who love interacting with young children are invited to volunteer to read garden books to preschoolers and guide them on the sowing of seeds.

"The kids are enthusiastic and curious gardeners," says

Laura Noble, long-time volunteer for the intergenerational garden. "It's always a treat for us seniors to connect with little children. The positive interactions with seniors help boost kids' self-confidence."

Sharing a campus at the Washington Street Education Center affords the Chelsea Senior Center members and the preschoolers this unique opportunity to easily connect in the garden. Teachers bring their students back to check on their crops and taste early produce. The ultimate excitement is when food from this earliest Read and Seed planting activity is

used in Camp Gabika summer day camp cooking classes and by seniors who enjoy the senior center's nutritious daily lunches and free farm stand.

Volunteers are needed throughout the spring-to-fall growing season to aid in the sowing, harvest and upkeep of the garden and hoop house. Contact the Chelsea Senior Center to volunteer at (734) 475-9242 or at connected@chelseaseniors.org.

Questions? Contact Sharon Kegerreis, Chelsea Senior Center Outreach and Connections Coordinator, at (734) 475-9242.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 24-720
Date: March 1, 2024
Location: 300 block of S. Main Street
Time: 10:10 pm

INFORMATION: While investigating a civil matter complaint, officers had contact with a subject who was found to have a warrant out of an area police agency for a driving related offense. The wanted subject was identified as a 25-year-old Chelsea man and was taken into custody. The Chelsea Police Department contacted the area police agency and arrangements were made for the subject to be turned over to that agency.

Incident #: 24-672
Date: February 26, 2024
Location: 10 block of S. Fletcher Road
Time: 6:30 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was requested to respond to the 10 block of S. Fletcher Road for an assist to the Michigan State Police. The Michigan State Police were responding to a report of an intoxicated male subject in the establishment and he was disturbing other patrons and refusing to leave. Upon arrival the officer was met by witnesses who stated that the subject in question had left prior to their arrival and had been picked up by an unknown subject and left the area. The officer gathered statements from witnesses at the scene and identified the subject as a 47-year-old Chelsea man. While gathering witness statements the officer learned that the suspect had an open court case for a domestic violence case and was currently out on bail. Through the course of the investigation, it was suspected that the suspect was intoxicated and possibly in violation of several conditions of his bail agreement. The officer was unable to make contact with the suspect in question to gather his statement on what had taken place at the establishment. The Chelsea Police Department submitted the case to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's office for review to determine what if any charges may be authorized.

Tickets on sale now for CAP Jr.'s production of Aladdin JR



CAP Jr., the youth theater company of the Chelsea Area Players will present Aladdin at the George Prinzing Auditorium, WSEC, 500 Washington Street, March 15-16 at 7 p.m. and on March 17 at 2 p.m.

Grab your magic carpet and take a journey to the city of Agrabah in Disney's Aladdin JR, adapted from Disney's hit Broadway production and the animated film.

Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and a Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the heart of the princess Jasmine, Aladdin sets off on a thrilling adventure that tests his will and moral character.

Director Alex Moore notes, "We have an amazing cast of 63 actors in this show -- one of the biggest we've had ever for a musical, and certainly the biggest since the pandemic! The kids love performing the parts and roles that they remember seeing in the movie. The difficulty comes in trying to make our limited community theater resources match the expectations people have, especially with the iconic components of a show."

She teases, "We are very excited about what our tech team is planning. I think the audience will really enjoy the way Aladdin and Jasmine "fly" on stage."

With some of the most beloved Disney characters and songs like "Arabian Nights"

and "Friend Like Me," this show is sure to open up a "whole new world" for audiences!

General admission tickets are available for \$10 online at www.chelseaareaplayers.org, at Chelsea Pharmacy, 1125 South Main St., or at the door.

About Chelsea Area Players:

Formed in 1972, the purpose of the Chelsea Area Players is to enrich the educational and cultural life of the community, promote understanding and appreciation of an important art, provide worthwhile entertainment, encourage interest and active participation by the community in all phases of the theatre through dramatic productions and other related activities, and to foster and support the involvement of adolescents and young adults of the community in the dramatic arts. To learn more, visit our website at www.chelseaareaplayers.org or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/chelseaareaplayers