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Ballet Chelsea's Rendition of Sleeping Beauty At Robin Hills Farm

► continued from page 1 represents a culmination of a year of extraordinary performances. Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale May 14 and can be purchased at [linkhttps://balletchelsea.org/tickets/](https://balletchelsea.org/tickets/) or by calling 734-475-3070.

This production is unlike Ballet Chelsea's traditional fully staged rendition. Performed without sets, drops, or props at Robin Hills Farm's amphitheater, the ballet uses the natural beauty as the only backdrop. This abbreviated production embodies Ballet Chelsea's desire to stay relevant and adapt in how they teach and create performances.

Tchaikovsky's lengthy three-hour score has been pared down to slightly over an hour. The narrative of Ballet Chelsea's perfor-

mance differs from the traditional fairy tale as told by Charles Perrault and the Grimm Brothers.

Prince Philip is portrayed as a younger brother who matures from a carefree boy to a brave young man as he seeks to save his sister from Maleficent's angry spell. He refuses violence, choosing instead to appeal to Maleficent's better nature.

Without giving away the ending, the ballet culminates in a celebration attended by fairies, friends, and family. Ballet Chelsea's rendition of the classic fairy tale focuses on the power of community support and love. To learn more about Sleeping Beauty, contact 734-475-3070 or purchase tickets starting May 14 at <https://balletchelsea.org/tickets/>.

Wendi DuBois, Artistic Director, and her dancers have been busy this past year. DuBois summed up the year - "Since the pandemic started, we have sought to creatively bring dance education and performance to our communities, through an online learning page and virtual classes. Last year's Nutcracker was filmed and shared as a drive-in movie, and multiple collaborations, with other artists, were offered virtually through Youtube and Facebook".

Recent virtual collaborations include Play • Dance • Paint, a visually stimulating and musically brilliant performance including works like Winter from Vivaldi's Four Seasons and music by Beethoven, Grieg, Prokofiev, and more! Ballet Chelsea partnered with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and the Jackson School of the Arts to showcase the creativity of their respective communities.

Ballet Chelsea partnered with Chelsea Chamber Players to create Reflections. This production was to honor and support Ballet Chelsea alum Lauren (Mitchell) Wolffis, a nurse, wife, daughter,

and friend recently diagnosed with cancer.

Ballet Chelsea was also selected as a 2021 Michigan Youth Arts Festival participant, held virtually this year. "Light" was chosen to be performed at the Saturday, May 15 Dance Concert. As a special honor, this new work by DuBois was also selected for inclusion in Michigan Youth Arts Festival Thursday 7 pm Welcoming Celebration Concert on May 13.

Ballet Chelsea will be finishing their fiscal year with a performance of Sleeping Beauty that

celebrates resiliency. Throughout the past year, Ballet Chelsea has kept the arts viable. "Our students continue to train, learning to

immerse themselves in different experiences." shared Jean Delwiche, Studio Manager. "The past year has sustained our belief that the arts have the power to bring light and life while strengthening bonds within our communities."

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Ribbon Cutting for Kelly Goodell, LLC (Astrologer and Intuitive)

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On May 5 a ribbon cutting was held for Kelly Goodell's new business in Chelsea. Members of the community and Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce gathered to celebrate her opening. Kelly Goodell is a Somatic Experiencing practitioner, physical medium, astrologer, and energy mapping strategist. She helps people work with their bodies and their energy to resolve trauma, learn how to use their energy the way they want, and discover their own path for growth and evolution in this lifetime.

Kelly's medium-

ship connects her with places in the client's body where there is or has been serious injury, chronic pain, acute pain, or an ongoing physical condition that remains unresolved. Kelly states she "uses Somatic Experiencing techniques to work in these areas with her clients to provide some relief for their physical issues."

Kelly has been studying astrology for the past 25 years, and has been a professional astrologer for the last five years. She works with the natal charts to identify energetic patterns, and shows clients how to take advantage of favorable aspects, as well as how to work

with challenging placements.

Additionally, Kelly works "with clients to refocus and prioritize time and energy. These sessions are a structured, integrated approach to mapping the client's energy so they have a clear view of where they spend it, and how they can shift to align with their own goals and purpose."

Kelly currently offers 1:1 sessions for integrated guidance, Somatic Experiencing trauma resolution, natal chart readings, and energy mapping sessions. You can find more information about each of sessions at kellygoodell.com. Kelly can be reached at kelly@



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Two Chelsea Residents Help Spread Awareness About Breast Cancer Through Personal Journeys



Julie Martin with her family.



Rosie Brodeur's children.

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Most individuals have either experienced or had a loved one experience the difficult situation of cancer. Just hearing the word “cancer” brings on feelings of sadness, despair, loss, and even anger. However, sometimes out of this horrible disease, something good can be found. People can learn how to be stronger, how to persevere, and how to defeat this enemy. One type of cancer that seems to be becoming more prevalent in recent years is breast cancer. Two strong and determined women of Chelsea have recently had to endure breast cancer and would like to tell their stories in hopes of helping others who are dealing with this, and letting individuals know that they are not alone. Read on to hear about their personal journeys with breast cancer.

Rosie Brodeur is a mother of four: Hanna, Madison, Joseph, & Dominic. Rosie is married to Joe Brodeur (who has been an inspector with the Michigan State Police for 26 years), and her high school sweetheart. They moved to Chelsea in October 1997. Rosie enjoys her life in Chelsea which includes: walks to the library, sampling some of the goodies from the bakery, and bike rides along the trails.

“My husband Joe and my children are truly my drive to push through this journey. Their love & support turn my dark days light,” states Rosie.

Rosie explains her journey with breast cancer (and other cancers): “My mother Elizabeth was diagnosed in 1995, her cancer later returned in 2005, and she passed in 2007 from breast cancer. Her three sisters also passed from breast cancer. My grandmother Rose passed of pancreatic cancer

in 1999. My husband's father passed of cancer in 1974. And that family list can keep going.”

“And now, myself has been diagnosed in February 2021. I had my yearly routine mammogram on February 15 which led to an image of an abnormal mass which led to the beginning of chemotherapy on March 18,” she explains. “There will be 6 rounds of chemotherapy, followed by surgery, followed by radiation, followed by more chemotherapy. Having the HER2+ gene, this nasty one wants to hold on tight and not let go, even after all these procedures. Grasping this for the next year and beyond is a huge snarly, prickled rope I cannot wait to let go of. This has absolutely made me feel powerless, exhausted, and overwhelmed. I truly make it through each day with the continual support of my family at home and friends. Our family is truly grateful and appreciative of the dropped off meals, the cards, & the deliveries of goodies that make the ease of bad days better.”

Rosie provides some advice and awareness for others concerning breast cancer: “Advice is point blank. Go to mammograms every year. If you are able to get genetic testing, get it. Research as much as possible with your personal family medical history as far back as you can. I was able to begin mammograms at 35, instead of 40 due to my family history. The same for genetic testing. Having two daughters, this will help them begin any possible preventive measures beginning at age 30 instead of 40. If you find anything unusual, do not wait. I was fortunate that I had the timing I did for my mammogram and finding a mass. If my screening would have been a few months later, instead of being

at a stage 2, that time could have pushed my diagnosis to a stage 3 or 4 easily. Find a physician that will listen. This battle, which often fought alone, will come with many twists and turns. You need all of the medical support & positive care in your corner.”

“Throw aside a clean house, or laundry put away, or those projects you've been meaning to get to. Rest, rest, and then more rest. Accept help. If someone asks to drop off a meal, let them. If someone offers to help with errands, let them. Enjoy the surprise deliveries of goodies that just happen without having to ask. Which I will also stress---ask for help. Swallow that big lump in your throat & raise your hand to say, I need help. But also understand for others trying to help: it is hard to be vulnerable, even in this situation. Our family is truly grateful to open our front door & there is a mystery delivery of a pizza/goodies sitting there to ease making dinner that night. Appreciate the kindness in the world.”

Julie Martin and her husband (of nearly 30 years) have lived in Chelsea since 1996 when they built their home. They have 3 kids: Jack who is 20, Ryan who is 17 and Sara who will be 15 this summer. Julie loves Chelsea: “From plays at the Purple Rose theater to Thursday night Sounds and Sights, to enjoying our many wonderful restaurants, we love Chelsea!” My husband is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in town and I work part time at Michigan Medicine in Patient Food and Nutrition Services.”

Julie discusses her journey with breast cancer: “I have no family history of breast cancer, other than a second cousin diagnosed in 2010. I have always been good about keeping my yearly health ap-

pointments. And have been told that I have dense breast tissue. In fact, my doctor's office gave me a form stating that dense tissue can make finding cancer difficult. I had my annual mammogram in December 2019 and it was clear. In the spring of 2020 I felt a thickened spot on my right breast. I thought it was related to menopause or maybe a tight muscle. It was not painful. Covid lockdown had just started. Life changed pretty quickly with kids home doing school virtually. I was still working and I honestly forgot about the area on my breast until summer when I noticed something called nipple retraction. I called my doctor and was seen within a week.”

“My doctor felt it warranted a referral to The University of Michigan Breast Cancer clinic. I was able to get in mid-August 2020 and the testing began. They ordered a 3D mammogram, a breast ultrasound and blood work. The results of those tests led to a needle core biopsy that confirmed Invasive Ductal Carcinoma August 27, 2020. I was estrogen +, progesterone + and HER2 -. Eighty percent of breast cancers are this type. Caught early, it has a high rate of long term survival. Mine was Stage 2.”

“I was stunned, scared, shocked, numb and couldn't believe I heard those words. My risk factors for breast cancer are low - I have never smoked, I rarely drink alcohol, I exercise and try to eat healthy. I am at a normal weight. I was in total disbelief,” she explains.

“I met with a surgeon and we discussed lumpectomy with radiation vs single mastectomy. Given the diagnostic information we had at that time, I elected to have a lumpectomy followed by radiation. Surgery showed the tumor to be almost

double the size it was thought to be. I woke from surgery and was told it was Stage 3A and 2 lymph nodes had cancer cells, making chemotherapy necessary. Lots of tears were shed as I dealt with my new reality. Knowing how much time I would be spending in treatment, I switched my care to St Joe's in Chelsea, only 6 miles from my home.”

“I met with a Medical Oncologist who will oversee my care for the next 5-10 years. I had 16 chemotherapy treatments spread over 20 weeks. It was overwhelming to say the least. There were many days I longed for my old life. I was fortunate that I tolerated chemo pretty well, even working 2 days a week from home. Walking daily, drinking lots of water, laughing with friends and getting enough rest helped me so much. Chemotherapy finished in March 2021 and my second opinion breast surgeon recommended a mastectomy, which I had on April 12.”

Julie explains her journey further: “I still have 6 weeks of radiation to go to complete my treatment plan. That should begin in mid May. It will be a long 10 months from beginning to end. But I am extremely positive about a long, healthy future.”

Julie shares some wonderful advice for those dealing with breast cancer: “I have been fortunate to have a wonderful support system and many women to talk to and share my experiences with. I also have relied heavily on my faith during this time. It has been such a comfort knowing so many people have been praying for me. My prayer has been for God to use me as He sees fit. My question went from “why me?” To “why Not me?” I would also encourage newly diagnosed women to get a second opinion, to reach out to other women who have been through breast cancer and to accept any and all help offered from friends and family. People want to help and it's a way for you to keep your energy and focus on treatment and

recovery.”

“Covid has added another layer of isolation to this past year. No one could accompany me to treatments. My husband had to Zoom over the phone for a few doctor visits. I had to be very careful and keep my social “bubble” small to avoid any infections during treatment. I have learned so much through this ordeal, one thing being breast cancer doesn't always present as a lump. It has helped sharing my story with a few newly diagnosed ladies that I have met online or through Facebook. I wish I had known to ask for a plan B with the first surgeon. I tell women now to have that conversation with their surgeon. It's all very overwhelming in the beginning. You are suddenly making very important decisions in a short amount of time. All while dealing with your own mortality and trying to remain positive and upbeat for your family! I have found talking with a therapist has helped tremendously. I also write a blog about my experience. It's mostly to update friends and family, but others have found it and have been encouraged by it. It's “jujus-cancerjourney.Wordpress.com”

“I'm usually a quiet person, but am finding it much easier to tell women to do their self- breast exams, or at least know what's normal for them. Don't wait months like I did to be seen by a doctor. The earlier, the better. Going forward I am living more mindfully and looking forward to getting back to life that doesn't center around cancer and its treatment. Each day is a precious gift. Be kind, love God, love people, that's my new motto.”

According to breastcancer.org about 1 in 8 U.S. women will develop breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed. For more information on detection, awareness, yearly exams, treatment, and support visit breastcancer.org, or cancer.net.



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2021 DEXTER DUAL MEET WRITEUP

The Chelsea Girls Track & Field team won their 6th straight dual meet against our rival opponent - Dexter (76 to 61). This win puts us in first place position as we head into next week's SEC White Division Championship meet (Adrian, Chelsea, Dexter, Jackson, Lincoln,

Pinckney, and Tecumseh). Against Dexter, we had nine first place finishes, 6 second place finishes, and 8 third place finishes. We had 22 personal records and all relays had their fastest times of the season set last night as well. A great way to end the dual meet season.

Individual highlights included Makayla Kegerries who placed first in the long jump, 2nd in the 400m dash (a PR of 61.84), 2nd in the 200m dash, and led the 4x400m relay to a first place finish. Also, this 4x400m relay ran their fastest time of the year, which also included Audra

Guthre, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn. Kasey Matusik ran very well last night in two important races, the 4x200m relay as leadoff (1st place finish) and the 3rd leg in the 4x400m relay in which she held off a very fast Dexter runner through her leg of the race to help set up the 1st place finish.

In addition, many athletes showed improvements, most notably was Anna

King posting two PRs in the 100m hurdles (17.90) and 300m hurdles (56.69), Kate Gaiser running a fast 800m split (2:33) in the 4x800m relay and a 12:01 in the 3200m run. Also, Molly Mannor continued to earn top places in the 100m hurdles (1st place with a time of 16.98), 300m hurdles (1st place with a time of 50.87), and in the lead off-position in the 4x100m relay (1st place). Finally, Na-

talie Falerios PRed in the high jump with a height of 4' 4" and ran a sub 70 second split in her leg of the JV 4x400m relay.

We are heading to the Saline Track Town Show Down on Friday evening and then following up with the Chelsea Field Event Meet on Saturday morning as we wrap up the regular season of meets and move into the championship weeks.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BASEBALL

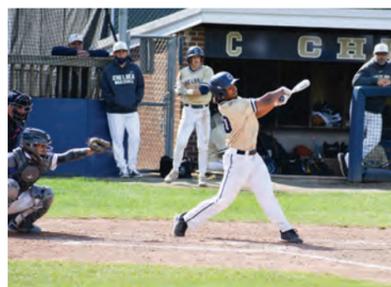
CHELSEA VARSITY BASEBALL RESULTS



Chase Kemp (17) throws the runner out at home.
Photos By Pam Kemp



Jacob Schultz (3) tags the runner trying to advance.



Trent Hill (20) rips a triple.

From: Pam Kemp

Earlier in the week the Chelsea Bulldogs beat Manchester twice and split with Lincoln. Go Bulldogs!



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Things will get better

By Dave Merchant
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It is hard to believe that last year at this time everything was up in the air and we were fighting Covid-19 with everything we had.

We made great strides and many things if not all have improved. There was nothing 100 percent for sure.

Sports and graduation were put on hold. This year has been much different. Players and students have been able to do much more. I hope things can only get better.

I know sports, athletes and the future of schools is moving forward.

Let things be much better this

spring and summer. I truly believe everything is on the mend and everything will be getting better.

I have lost a parent to this horrible virus and been in the hospital myself. Recently I just got out and I am looking to improve.

God will make things easier and sports will be stronger just like the schools.



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CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

CHS TRACK MEET ENDS IN TIE

From: Eric Swager

On Tuesday May 4 at Dexter, CHS boys track ended in a rare dual meet TIE....68.5-68.5. From head coach Eric Swager: "As George Brett said: "If a tie is like kissing your sister, a loss is like kissing your grandmother with her teeth out.....at least that didn't happen."

"It always seems that the Dexter/Chelsea rivalry comes down to the last event, and it did again on

Tuesday. Both teams had some outstanding performances. I really thought we were going to lose by 10+ points, but the sprint relays came through in a huge way. I have to give a ton of credit to Coach Slusser for bringing those guys along! Brandon Snyder once again won the Long Jump, Throwers Ryan Scott and Aiden McGuire threw well, with the 43' throw by Ryan a lifetime best. Will Barhite, Owen Smith,

and Nick Spruce had great days, and the 400 win by Dominic Guthre was giant. The distance runners went crazy, with 8 lifetime bests in the 2 mile alone!"

"We sit in sole possession of second place in the SEC heading into the league meet. I just love having a mathematical shot to win going into that weekend. As long as we keep improving, I like our trajectory," commented Swager.

CHS BOYS TRACK HAS GREAT WEEKEND

From head coach Eric Swager: "We had a couple "nice weather" meets this weekend - no team scores, no pressure, just fun. We took advantage by recording a slew of lifetime bests and earning a bevy of medals."

Just a few highlights:

- Ryan Scott threw a bomb in the shot

put on Saturday. His 47 ft + heave was a giant improvement and really opened some eyes.

- Will Barhite continues to improve, lowering his 110 and 300 hurdle time substantially - making him one of the best hurdlers in the region.

- Our distance runners get faster across the board. I am

really impressed with the JV types - focusing and improving so much. The attitude remains so positive with this squad."

Coming up next for CHS Boys Track is the SEC Championships this Friday night at Lincoln, followed the next week with the Regional Championship in Milan.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

2021 SALINE "TRACK TOWN SHOWDOWN" INVITATIONAL WRITE UP

From: Loren Thorburn

The Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team competed at the Saline "Track Town Showdown" Invitational, which included Adrian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Brighton, Chelsea, Grosse Pointe North, Monroe, Northville, and Saline. This meet was a tune-up for our running events leading into the championship weeks. We had 15 personal records (PRs) and three sprint relays that had season best times.

Molly Man nor had a very good night placing 3rd place in the 100m hurdles and 4th in the 300m hurdles. Molly also led off the 4x100m relay (composed of Makayla Kegerreis, Laney Smith, and Breanne Black), which placed 3rd with a time of 58.17 seconds. The other two relays (4x200m and 4x400 relays) earned 3rd place finishes in each of their races. The 4x200 (composed of Kasey Matusik, Laney

Smith, Audra Guthre, and Makayla Kegerreis) ran a season best time of 1:52.04, while 4x400 (composed of Makayla Kegerreis, Audra Guthre, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn) capped off the night with a season best time of 4:15.63. Makayla Kegerreis did a very good job in each of the relays to reach our season best times in each of the relays and earn top positions.

Also, a number of girls placed individually in the top eight, which included Kendra Patterson (6th in 100m hurdles and 7th in the 300m hurdles), Riley Thorburn (7th in the 800m run), Eva Dewaele (8th in the 200m dash), Brook Matusik (7th in 300m hurdles), and Kate Gaiser (8th in the 3200m run). Many of these girls earned season best times or set PRs in their respective events.

On Saturday, Chelsea hosted our Field Event Only Meet to help athletes focus on just field events.

Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Parma Western, and South Lyon East competed at the meet. Breanne Black had a big day with a double PR in the pole vault. Her best jump of the day ended at 10'3". She is tied for 5th all time in the pole vault. In the throws, Chelsea had two top place finishes in the shot put which included Morgan Majeske who placed 2nd a throw of 31'4.5" and Ava Woodard who placed 3rd with a throw of 28'7.5".

In the long jump, we had two top place finishers. Makayla Kegerreis jumped 14'9.5" to place first, while Eva Dewaele jumped 13'7" placing third. Overall, we had a good showing at this home meet in many of the events and we continue to improve heading into the championship weeks. Next Friday, we travel to Lincoln High School for the SEC White Divisional Championship meet to decide the league title.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS LACROSSE

BULLDOGS LACROSSE CLAIM VICTORY

By Dave Merchant

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Final Score Chelsea 10 Pinckney 3

Goals by:

AJ Tokarski-1
Cam Weatherwax-3
Logan Vaughn-4

Liam Conti-1

Mitch Sumner-1

Saves:
Harrison Lantis-21

CHELSEA BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

CHELSEA VARSITY SOFTBALL RESULTS



Sophomore Emilee Underwood.



Photos By Jackie Evers

CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNING



Photo Courtesy of Chelsea Bulldogs

Congratulations to Michael Hanna, who signed his letter of intent to dive at Ohio Northern University!



Junior Bekah Zachrich came in clutch in top of 7th. She went 5-5 at the plate first game.

From: Kimberly Monica

CHS Varsity Softball played Dexter on May 7 and split.

They lost the first game 6-4.

Came back and took second game with a final score of 3-2.

Underwood pitched both games.

On May 11 DH sweep.

In 1st game had an 8 run rally in top of 7th to win 11-5.

In 2nd game Chelsea won 15-6. Team collected 16 hits!

In lead for SEC white title now sitting at record 20-3.

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