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From: Lori Coryell
Chelsea District Library (CDL) is excited to announce our planned reopening on Monday, June 21. Throughout the pandemic, the library board and management team have been and remain committed to protecting the health of our community and staff. All decisions have been made following the health and safety guidelines from the CDC, State of Michigan, and Washtenaw County health departments. We continue to adhere to

their guidance. And, if there is one thing that we have learned through the last year, it is that viruses can be unpredictable. We remain prepared to change plans as health and safety guidelines evolve. Given the current levels of viral spread and community vaccination rates, we are optimistic and are busily preparing to open the doors of the library and welcome

you back for browsing on June 21. Stay tuned for more details as we gradually reintroduce library services.

What can you expect when you visit CDL?

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Chelsea Friends and Family Wellness Coalition Invites your Input



By Ruth Habrecht

The Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness Coalition is now in its 11th year of operation, and our 10th year of developing and funding wellness programs for the benefit of all our community. In the past, we have funded SRSLY Chelsea, Heart and Sole, Walk to School Wednesday, the Intergenerational Garden, Camp GABIKA, Chelsea Farmers Market, and Mental

Health First Aid, to name a few.

Many individual volunteers and service organizations assist with this planning, and we meet monthly (currently by Zoom) to initiate new projects and track progress on ongoing programs.

The 5HF Board has approved our budget for 2021 and has also initiated some changes in our process. On behalf of the coalition, I am reaching out to

the community to ask for your recommendations on healthy programs and/or wellness events and activities which will assist with our efforts in 2021 planning. If you have an idea which meets one or more of the four focus areas of Move More, Eat Better, Connect with Others in Healthy Ways, and Avoid Unhealthy Substances, we'd like to hear from you.

You can e-mail ideas to Ruth Habrecht, coalition chairperson (habrechtruth@gmail.com). And you are also welcome to join our next Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 3 at 8:30am at this link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459951365?pwd=SGFRSDdC-TEtqd2ptRFdpQkd-2VHhNZz09>

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The Purple Rose Theatre Company will

only be accepting digital submissions as general auditions for the 2021/2022 Season. Actors are asked to submit a video audition with two contrasting contemporary monologues that are each one minute in length along with headshot and resume to Sanville@purplerosetheatre.org. Submissions will be received by Guy Sanville, Artistic Director, until

June 29, 2021. Callbacks for specific roles will be held at a later date and those candidates will be notified by phone and or email.

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Chelsea Community Forum Summary for May 8, 2021

From: Vincent Elie

The Chelsea Community Forum met, via Zoom, on the 8th of May. Approximately 10 people participated. The Forum opened with a housekeeping task and the attendees agreed to delete previous CCF recordings rather than pay for an increase in storage capacity.

The group reviewed our discussion guidelines and chose two topics to discuss:

1) Why is the city having another audit done of the police department?

The Bruce Judge Report concluded that there were no laws bro-

ken, but CPD did act in a manner that was perceived to be intimidating, as evidenced by the use of photographing protesters. Other members opined that the report was mildly critical, but that the department is well run. There were concerns voiced about "stakeholders" being a euphemism for outsiders and leading to another "long hot summer," because the audit may go beyond its scope and try to find things that are "not there." Others voiced the concern that the police, in view of the Court's ruling that the issued citations were unconstitutional

and the city's decision not to appeal the ruling, would not be able to enforce certain ordinances and/or would have to issue felony warrants if the ordinances were ignored. Others believe that Chelsea Police Department is good but is tasked with situations in which they are not trained, i.e., mental health crisis events. This raised the question of the mental health millage that was passed a couple of years ago. Another felt the expenditure of \$30,000 was not warranted and the city council had abrogated their responsibility of city departmental over-

sight. It was also noted that city council members are not experts in policing, that the audit was a responsible use of our tax dollars and was in response to the city's listening sessions regarding the events of the political and pandemic summer of 2020.

2) The "Wrong Crowd" and its future?

Attendees voiced a common concern regarding our nation's discourse and the fear that we continue to move into "two different planets" and deep within our own tribes. "We have lost the ability to listen," said one participant. Another stated,

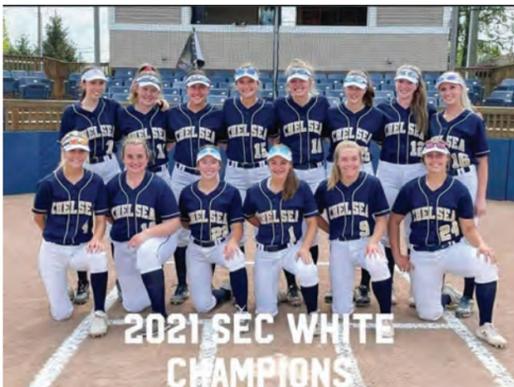
"we need to have discussions about painful things." Another asked, "can we function as a democracy, based upon where we are, as a nation, in our discourse?" Others noted that they were optimistic, as we "share more things in common and our differences are at the margins, but our discourse has become coarsened because social media enables the expression of anger and ridicule without consequences." Many expressed the desire for our country to have open, non-judgmental, and honest discussions similar to what was experienced Sat-

urday morning during our Chelsea Community Forum Coffee Klatch or as sometimes called: "The Hour of Power!"

The next Chelsea Community Forum is scheduled for June 12 at 9 AM. The Chelsea Community Forum is open to all with an interest in the affairs of the Chelsea School District area and meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM, currently on Zoom. The meeting link can be found on the Forum's website: <https://sites.google.com/site/chelseamiforum/home>

CHELSEA BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

SEC WHITE CHAMPIONS!



2021 SEC WHITE CHAMPIONS

Photos By Kimberly Monica and Jackie Ebers
By Dave Merchant
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The words and song 'We are the Champions' by Fred-

die Mercury and Queen could be heard this week at Chelsea High School in the hallways.

Well maybe not but they should have been. The varsity softball team defeated the Tecumseh Indians twice that day and clinched the SEC White Division. The team's overall record is 30-3 with the only league loss being one game to the dreaded Dexter Dreadnaughts.

The last time they won a league title was 2019. That season they lost in the Regional Finals to Eaton Rapids. There was no season in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Head Coach Jeff Connelly is extremely proud of this team.

"They are a solid team with good young players," Connelly said. "And they are super-hard working."

Junior outfielder Maggie Olavenson currently has 11 homers. Sophomore shortstop Mya Purdy has nine homers in the leadoff spot. Sophomore pitcher Emilee Underwood has over 200 strike outs already and has hit six homers already this season.

Connelly said that out of 14 kids on the team this year they have 11 have homers.

"We also hit a lot



Chelsea Varsity Softball Seniors.

of doubles (hitting the fence)," he said.

This year with an entirely new squad and including Co-Head Coach John Daniels they managed to break the school record of homeruns with 44 and still counting.

They had a game

earlier this week against Saline and on Wednesday next week they play at Howell. The State Tournament begins for them on Saturday, June 5th in the first game against no other than the Tecumseh Indians.

INTERIOR DESIGN MATTERS

The Inside Story



Anne and I during Construction of her home. Photos by Angela Brown Photography.

By: Kitty Golding

Partnering with clients to make their dreams come to life inspires us in our work as interior designers. Client, turned friend, Anne Pitzer and her husband Jan built their forever home in Brighton and we were honored to be a part of it. Anne, a newly retired nurse and Jan, a small business owner, had been planning and imagining their lake home for several years. They purchased beau-

tiful agrarian lake front land with the plans to build a home large enough to have their children and then future grandchildren, all who live out of town, come home and spend time vacationing at the lake. Considering this, the architect drafted two full guest suites, a children's loft plus a large bonus suite that would house an entire visiting family. Designing a lodge-like, farmhouse style that didn't scream, "look at me!"

and blended into the lake and treed setting, was the client's preference for their 6500 plus square foot home.

Shortly after being retained as the designers, we walked the property together as she shared her visions of their soon to be lake home. She talked about family, how much she loved the setting and the natural elements she wanted to bring into the design to create a cohesive balance between the nature outside and the design inside – or what we call timeless design.

Based on inspirations that Anne had collected to show us, we produced many customized plans and elevations for the interior. She stated that one of her favorite parts of the process was to review and talk about the plans and think about how it would look when finished. Every detail was carefully planned out in those drawings over the period of a year and was a collabora-

tive effort. She stated it was so well planned, that even after being in the home for three and a half years now, they wouldn't change a thing.

One of the couple's favorite architectural details is the stone structure through the middle of the home, showcasing four of the home's five fireplaces. A see-through fireplace dividing the great room and dining room provides ambience and extra seating on the raised hearths. A fair amount of design work went into creating the balance of stone, hearths and mantels, each having its own custom design, but all relating. Several field trips together to search for the perfect rock and locally sourced barnwood timber materials produced the anticipated outcome.

The breakfast/sunroom was a main focus of design for Anne since it is the space they planned to spend



The tall two sided fireplace in the Great Room. Notice the commissioned painting of Birch Trees by our local artist, Lindsey Dahl!

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June is one of our favorite times of the year at the Chelsea District Library (CDL), as we kick off the Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is Reading Colors Your World, where people of all ages are encouraged to read widely and diversely, to get outside and explore our colorful, natural world, and to engage in safe activities that celebrate the art and culture you can find all around our town.

The Summer Reading Program officially starts on the last day of school for the Chelsea School District, June 10, 2021, and wraps up on July 31, but the fun starts now! Readers who sign up early will get a chance to win extra prizes. Visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp to sign up today.

Participants of all ages, from babies to senior citizens, can complete the program entirely online using Beanstack, CDL's summer reading software. (Not computer savvy? A paper reading log can be found in the CDL summer newsletter and also at the library. Call a librarian for assistance at 734-475-8732 x219.)

Beginning June 10, readers can begin logging hours and earning valuable drawing tickets for prizes including books and prize packs designed to support our local economy. Looking for more ways to win? Complete the activity badges in Beanstack. Not only will you improve your odds of winning, you will have fun doing it!

CDL is proud to offer grand prizes designed to entice even the most reluctant of readers, and many

which support local businesses. Youth grand prizes include a \$300 gift card to Aberdeen Bike Shop, a family membership to Greenfield Village, a rock tumbling kit, a reading fort with a Squishmallow from Kitty Face, and more. Teen grand prizes include a music pack, a Dungeons & Dragons pack supplied by Secret Crisis Comics, a Target gift card, a calligraphy kit, and others. Adult grand prizes include \$50 gift cards to Common Grill, Serendipity Books, Garden Mill, Smokehouse 52, Bumble's Dry Goods, the Lakehouse Bakery, and Agricole, and a \$55 gift card to Breathe Yoga. These gifts are made possible in part through the generosity and support of the Friends of the Chelsea District Library, Spad's Twisters, Zou Zou's Cafe, and Kitty Face.

In the spirit of this year's summer reading theme, Reading Colors Your World, and as part of this year's Rec It Tuesday series, CDL will also be offering several take-home kits. Explorer Kits for kids and teens will be available at the library on June 15 from 10am-6pm while supplies last.

These kits are chock full of crafts, activities, and a scavenger hunt to encourage kids, teens, and families to hit the trails. Share photos of your Explorer Kit experiences on CDL's social media pages using #CDLExplorerkits. And Chalk Art Kits will be available for pickup on Tuesday, July 13 from 10am-6pm while supplies last. They include sidewalk chalk, stencils, and even a recipe for homemade

chalk paint: everything you need to color your world this summer! Snap a pic of your creation to share on CDL's social media using #CDLchalkart. These Rec It Tuesday kits are offered in partnership with the Chelsea Area Friends for Recreation.

As we explore the colors of our world, we cannot forget the stunning display as sunset fades into night. But nighttime does not mean an end to your CDL summer of exploration.

Celebrate the darkness—and twinkling lights—of the night sky with Dark Sky Education Kits, available when you sign up for any of our Summer Sky Watch programs. Tales from a Closet Astronomer on June 21 at 7pm features past president of the American Astronomical Society Megan Donahue sharing hot tips on enjoying the night sky. Zoom in to Dark Sky Watch with Michigan Dark Skies on July 12 and learn about how adjusting outdoor lighting can make a huge impact on nature. Enjoy Summer Sky watch on your own or with friends and be sure to share your photos of the night sky with #CDLdarksky.

Whether you'd like to learn more about the Summer Reading Program, the Explorer Kits, or any of the many other library events and activities this summer, you can contact a librarian at ref@chelseadistrictlibrary.org or 734-475-8732 x219, and check out our event calendar by visiting chelseadistrictlibrary.org and selecting Events, Event Calendar and Registration.

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 • Summer programming has already been planned and will largely remain virtual. Follow the weekly eNewsletters and social media for information about pop-up events, or changes to the program plans.

As the state moves toward implementing reopening changes, Chelsea District Li-

brary anticipates making additional adjustments and continuing our work to increase library access and services. Mask and social distancing requirements will continue to adapt in response to CDC, State, and local health department guidelines. State officials are working on updated industry-specific guidance for busi-

nesses and organizations and CDL staff are closely monitoring this guidance. We appreciate your patience as our staff and visitors adjust to this new service model—we are excited to welcome you back! Please feel free to call the library with any questions during our business hours at 734-475-8732 x219.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS SOCCER

CHELSEA SOCCER WINS



Pictured is junior Erin Dusenbury on a breakaway versus the goalkeeper. Photo By Rachel Krugh.

By Rachel Krugh
 Chelsea won against Tecumseh 3-0, on 2 goals scored by Andrea Kowalski (both on corner kicks taken by Jessica Emmert), and a goal by freshman, Kate Krugh.
 Chelsea now advances to the District Quarterfinal against Pinckney on Friday, May 28th at Tecumseh.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BASEBALL

CHELSEA VARSITY BASEBALL SENIOR NIGHT



Chelsea Varsity Baseball Seniors. Photos By Pam Kemp.

From Pam Kemp
 The Bulldogs swept Jackson Northwest over the weekend 8-5 and 10-6
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

CHELSEA GIRLS TRACK ARE REGIONAL CHAMPS

By Loren Thorburn

The Chelsea Girls Track & Field Team were crowned 2021 Regional Champions! The girls had another wonderful team performance at Milan High School on Friday, May 21st. We had 23 All-Regional performances with eight of our events qualifying for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) D2 State Meet, which will be held in Zeeland on Saturday, June 5th. We will bring a total of ten athletes to the MHSAA State Meet. Individuals qualifying for the State Meet are as follows: Morgan Majeske in the shot put and discus, Breanne Black in the pole vault, Molly Man nor in the 100m hurdles, and Trilian Krug in the 1600m and 3200m runs. Two of our relays qualified for the State Meet as well. They include: the 4x100m (composed of Molly Manner, Carly Grabarczyk, Laney Smith, and Makayla Kegerreis) and the 4x400m relay (comprised of Makayla Kegerreis, Audre Guthre, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn).

In order to get to the State Meet and win regionals, we had a number of gutsy individual performances on Friday. Specifically, Morgan Majeske, who was seeded third in

the shot and fourth in discus, had two stand-out performances in the throws. Morgan won both the shot put (34' 3.75") and the discus (113' 1 0") with her throws in the final rounds. Also, Trilian Krug ran well in the 1600m run (5:28.00) to place second by outleaning a competitor (a 0.02 of a difference in time). Trilian came back in the 3200m run on a hot day and placed first with a time of 12:11.28. In the 100m hurdles, Molly Manner was placed low in the seedings for the final round of the event yet took the event title with a time of 16.73 seconds. Breanne Black continued her strong performances and placed second to an up-and-coming talented Tecumseh vaulter with a height of 10' 6". Makayla Kegerreis continued to show her impact on the team in the sprints by leading the 4x100m relays and 4x400m relays to the State Meet, while individually placing 3rd in the 400m dash (62.04 s) and 3rd in the long jump (15' 4.5").

Other notable individual All-Region performances included the following: Ava Woodward placing 7th in the shot put with a throw of 30' 7.0" (a PR) and placing 5th in the discus with a throw of 93' 0.0" (a PR); Anna King placing in a 3-way tie

for 6th in the high jump (4' 7"); Audre Guthre placing 3rd in the pole vault (8' 6" - a PR); Eva Dewaele placing 6th in the long jump (14' 11.75" - a PR) and 8th in the 200m dash (29.18 s); Julia Kause placing 8th in the 1600m run (6:03.95); Kendra Patterson placing 3rd in the 300m hurdles (51.78 - a season best); and Kate Gaiser placing 3rd in the 3200m run (12:12.01).

The Chelsea Track & Field Coaches are very proud of the efforts of our athletes in these big meet performances and look forward to seeing how we finish in the last three championship meets. The last two weeks will be attending two State meets and the Larry Steeb Meet of Champions (a county-type individual and relay championship). In qualifying for the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) D2 Team State Meet, we will be competing against ten other schools for a title with three individuals per event as well our typical relays, while MHSAA D2 State Meet will be against 50+ schools with only those individual athletes and relays who qualified at their regional meets. We hope to finish as strong as we showed throughout the season.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

CHELSEA BOYS' TRACK REGIONAL CHAMPS EIGHT YEARS IN A ROW

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By Dave Merchant

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Chelsea boys had a great meet on Friday.

Head coach Eric Swager was very pleased with the results.

"A great day across the board for Chelsea Track," Swager said. "We took on 15 other squads down at Milan High School on a hot day. This was a true TEAM victory. Although we won only 3 of the 7 events, we scored points in 14 of those 17."

State Qualifiers:
Pole Vault - Dominic Guthre and Parker Olk
Shot Put - Ryan Scott
Discus - Aiden McGuire
3200 Run - Connell Alford and Erik Reiber

1600 Run - Connell Alford
110 and 300 Hurdles - Will Barhite.

"Congrats to these athletes on a magical accomplishment," he said. "The meat" of our scoring came from those who placed 3rd - 8th in each event, and also earned All-Region honors. This included all four relays, and many individuals who ran lifetime bests."

The Bulldogs have two weeks until the state meet.

Swager really liked his total team effort.

"My first 18 years of Coaching, the Regional Title was very elusive - but we have managed to win every year since 2013," he said. "I believe that this is due to the quality coaching in events

across the board, and the great participation and support that Chelsea provides year after year. I am truly blessed."

One event stood out for him. "The event highlight of the meet was the 3200 run," he said. "After a snappy first mile in 4:56, Chelsea's pack took off like men possessed. They put the hammer down and decimated the field. We took places 1,2,3,5.....and scored 28 points in that event alone - which sealed the victory for our squad."

Coaching is a love for him and his staff. "I am quite proud of the entire team and staff," he said. "Another wonderful year to be a Bulldog."

CHELSEA BULLDOGS LACROSSE

WALGREN GETS WINNING GOAL

By Dave Merchant

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Bulldog lacrosse had an exciting regional win. Now time to advance.

The locals beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 8-7 in overtime in the first round of regional action.

Chelsea lacrosse coach Matt Greca was

pleased with his team.

"Really proud of this team, the game went back and forth against a good AAFGR team, but the guys played with tenacity and grit to get the OT win."

Tyler Wallgren had 4 goals on the night along with the OT goal.

Their overall record is 5-7, next game is a Regional Semi-Final against Forest Hills Central.

Goals in the win by Mitch Sumner (3), Wallgren (4) and Allan Continue (1).

Harrison Lantis had 11 saves in the win.

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Chelsea Chamber Annual Meeting



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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My role as a reporter for the Chelsea Guardian has been pretty specific. I attend Board of Education meetings and City Council meetings. I also report for the Dexter Guardian in the same capacity. But in Dexter, I've had more interaction with the community because I have a larger role in Dexter. This week, I was asked if I could report on something different for Chelsea. On May 19th, I was able to attend the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Robin Hills Farm. I jumped at the chance. The meetings I normally attend, give only a narrow view of the community. I only see and hear the current issues. And like every community, Chelsea has some. But I miss what makes Chelsea a community. I miss the people, the friendships, the stories, and the kindness. I witnessed it in such a way on May 19th, that the memory still makes me smile. It was a wonderful evening that I'm grateful I was able to participate.

Upon entering the pasture barn, I viewed an array of appetizers from local businesses. There were salads, pizza, wings, cookies, carrot cake, and handmade potato chips. I made a valiant effort to try it all but failed. Everything I did try was amazing. I've repeatedly heard how good the food was and I agree. Everything came from a local restaurant, so if you missed the event, you

can enjoy the food selection. Just eat your way through town!

The meeting opened and the awards ceremony began. Nancy Graebner was awarded citizen of the year for 2020. Her role in making St. Joseph Hospital in Chelsea award winning was noted. It was also noted how much hard work went into everything in the medical field for 2020. I don't think we have the proper words for the gratitude community members have for Doctors Nurses and staff this year. Thank you all for working so hard to keep us alive.

Randy Lee introduced the 2020 Lifetime Achievement award to Dick Dice. Randy was hilarious. The warm spirit of community members shown through. Dick Dice came up and accepted his award, in what it sounds like, typical Dick Dice fashion, with a lot of humility.

Denise Cugliari came up to introduce the Large Business Leadership award recipient. She discussed the massive shift in gears Ugly Dog Distillery did when the pandemic hit. I wrote an article for the Dexter Guardian titled, "Look for the helpers," in Dexter when schools shut down last year. Ugly Dog most certainly became a huge helper by shifting their business to providing sanitizer to first responders and the community. They also did not let a single employee go during the pandemic. And in spite of it all, managed to grow. Denise stated that her sister, in Ohio, had heard about Ugly Dog Distillery on the

news, for providing first responders in Northern Ohio with sanitizer. Rob Mida came up and accepted the award. I apologize in advance to Rob, who may not appreciate how I describe the speech but I will because it highlights how wonderful it is to be from a small town. Rob asked a woman in the audience to stand up. She did, with a huge smile and he introduced her as his first math teacher in high school. She raised her arms and shouted, "we're so proud of you." She was. She was like a mom cheering for her own child at graduation. And, that is what it means to be a part of a small town. Maybe you hit a rough patch during those teenage years (I'm not saying you did Rob) but your high school math teacher will beam with pride when you succeed. When you grow up in a small town, the town celebrates your success with you in a wonderful supportive way. Rob passed the Mic over to his new, as of August, master distiller for Ugly Dog to announce an exciting achievement. Rick Wyble announced to a thrilled audience that Ugly Dog's Smores Bourbon won the 2021 San Francisco World Spirits Competition Best of Class award. Thanks to Ugly Dog for stepping up to be a helper when we needed you most and thanks for creating a world recognized quality product right here. Harry Zoccoli introduced the 2020 Small Business leadership award. Sue Whitmarsh accepted

INTERIOR DESIGN MATTERS

The Inside Story



10' island in the kitchen

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the most time in. It was based on a room in Jan's grandparent's home. A place where family gathered and shared coffee and meals. The result was a light filled area with lake views, housing a large banquette on one side and a cozy sitting area on the other side. Barnwood ceiling beams on top of painted beadboard was the genesis to creating warmth in this room. Antiquing being a favorite hobby, found Anne a beautiful warm wood turned leg dining table and we paired that with the upholstered bench seating boasting lots of pillows in teals, yellows, greens, oranges and aqua colors. We

created a color palette throughout the home of variations of blues, oranges, grays and warm natural wood tones.

True to the old saying, the kitchen is the heart of the home, Anne agrees that it is where everyone wants to be! The lake views from there are stunning, especially the sunsets. This year she taught her adult children to make "lefse", a Norwegian traditional potato flatbread that their Grandma always makes during the holidays. They gathered around the ten-foot granite topped island in a "bread-making" production line, creating the types of memory making gatherings

she had envisioned.

This was the first time the couple had worked with an interior designer and when asking them to evaluate that decision, they stated that the value is easily seen in the finished project. They stated, "There are so many details to designing a house and having it all flow from room to room. We achieved that and we love our new home! Having an interior designer helped to relieve some of the stress and provided us with our desired outcome."

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Cozy and colorful banquette with the antique table

the award on behalf of Breathe Yoga LLC. Sue shared stories that felt like a warm hug and reminded me why people love small towns. She spoke of visiting home, which I assume, based on her accent, is somewhere in the UK. She sent a text to her cousin Harry to ask him what he wanted from the store. She accidentally sent the text to Harry Zoccoli. And now he's forever cousin Harry. Even though she's so far from the place she was raised she has a family of sorts here in Chelsea. She's

been embraced and loved. She spoke of encouragement she's received from her new home. "Keep smiling. Your world loves you." Even with issues that need resolving, that type of support and encouragement is what we all want from our home. We should all be so lucky to be supported and surrounded by a community of neighbors and friends turned family. I felt lucky just to be able to hear about it. It's been a long rough year full of discouraging news. I am grateful to share something that made

me smile. Shasta Grifka introduced the 2020 nonprofit Business leadership award to Craig Common of Chelsea Area Festivals and Events. If 2020 taught us anything, it's how much we love and enjoy seeing our neighbors at community events. I was happy to be out, enjoying the company of other people. I cannot wait to enjoy the return of events in town. I had no idea how much I would miss them until I lost them.

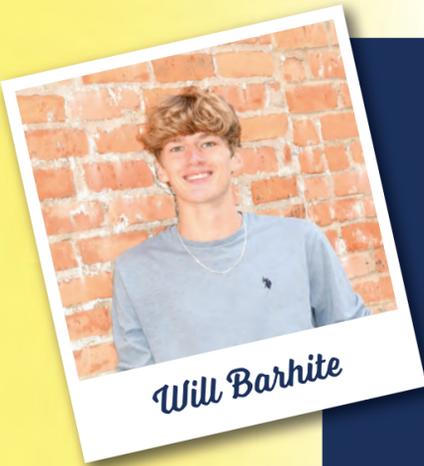


CONGRATULATIONS CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

TOP 10 ★ CLASS OF ★ 2021



Class Flower: Sunflower
Class Song: Mr. Brightside
Class Motto: "You are given one life. Don't waste it. Embrace it. Love it. Live it." - Trisha Paytas



Will Barhite

Parents: Robert & Joanne Barhite

Will was a member of the National Honor Society, received Summa Cum Laude status and was a Personal Finance Challenge State Champion team member. He was a State Qualifier on the Track team and received All-State Honorable Mention on the Varsity soccer team.

Will's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was winning Districts in soccer for the first time in 15 years!

Next year, Will plans to study Economics or Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan.



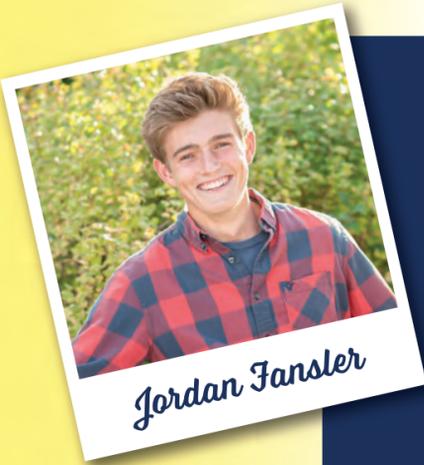
Evan Eidt

Parents: John & Kristi Eidt

Evan was selected as a National Merit Scholar Finalist, received the SEC All-Academic Award and was nominated as "WXYZ Brightest & Best" from Chelsea High School. Evan also was a member of the National Honor Society and received Summa Cum Laude status. In addition, Evan was head of Controls/Drive Coach for the Chelsea Robotics team, on the Varsity Quiz Bowl team and on the State Champion Personal Finance Challenge team. He was also a member of the Marching Band, served 4 years as a Class Representative on Student Council, LINK Crew and was highly involved with the St. Mary Youth community.

Evan's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was spending many long, challenging nights working on the robot during build season, yet having lots of fun doing it!

Next year, Evan plans to study Computer Engineering at the University of Michigan, College of Engineering.



Jordan Fansler

Parents: Krisha Fansler, David Fansler

Jordan is a member of National Honor Society and will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. He was a member of Student Council and LINK crew. Jordan was awarded the WGA's Evans Scholarship, which is a prestigious college grant awarded to golf caddies. He participated in Soccer and basketball, as well.

Jordan's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was playing against Lincoln in basketball his Junior year!

In the Fall, he plans to attend the University of Michigan to study Engineering.

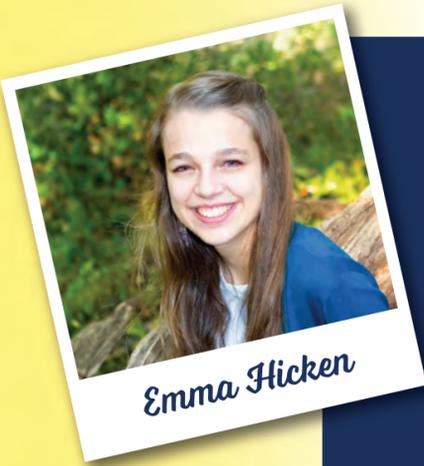


Nate Henry

Parents: Nate Henry & Nicole Pangas

Nate has earned 3 Academic letters and will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. He played cello in the Orchestra, performed with the Chamber Orchestra and competed in Solo & Ensemble. Nate also plays the electric guitar and has played in a band throughout high school. He is an aspiring powerlifter, holds a red senior belt in karate and is an energy drink connoisseur!

Nate will be attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan; he will be in the General Sciences and Arts program.



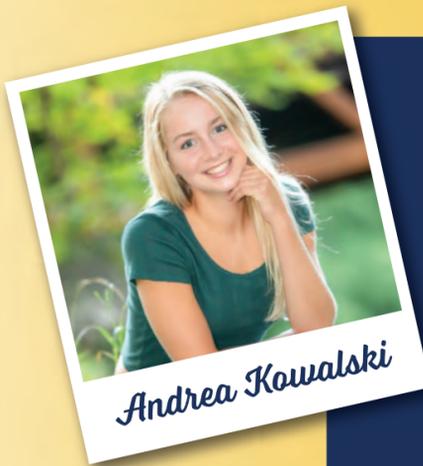
Emma Hicken

Parents: Allen & Alisa Hicken

Emma was a member of the National Honor Society and received the SEC All-Academic Award. She was a member of the Marching Band as a Percussion Section Leader and Key Club. Emma was a 3-time recipient of her Academic letter and Band letter.

Emma's favorite memory of Chelsea High School was participating in Marching Band and "playing on Ford Field was pretty cool!"

In the Fall, Emma will be attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.



Andrea Kowalski

Parents: Kurt & Kim Kowalski

Andrea is a member of National Honor Society and will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. She is also the recipient of the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award and AP Scholar with Honor. Andrea's activities include: CHS Student Council Cabinet Operations Chair, Marching Band section leader and LINK Crew leader. In addition, Andrea was a 4-year starter and Senior Captain for Varsity Girls Soccer and Varsity Girls Basketball Senior Captain.

Andrea's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was her senior season of basketball and winning Districts as a team!

In the Fall, Andrea plans to attend the University of Michigan to study engineering.



Sierra Martinez-Kratz

Parents: Kent & Marina Martinez-Kratz

Sierra was a member of the National Honor Society, received Summa Cum Laude status, was an AP Scholar with Honor and Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar. She was also the recipient of the College Board National Hispanic and National Small Town Recognition winner. In addition, Sierra was Class President, a LINK Crew Leader, the Bleu Print Editor and a MyLead representative. She also participated in Varsity Golf and Varsity Tennis; and was a Varsity Tennis Captain and Regional Champion.

Sierra's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was going to the State meet tournament with Varsity Tennis her sophomore year!

Next year, Sierra plans to attend Columbia University in New York City, New York to study Applied Mathematics.



Katie Moore

Parents: Matthew & Alexandra Moore

Katie is a member of National Honor Society and will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. She is also a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Katie was the Theatre Guild President, a LINK crew leader and yearbook editor. In addition, she was a playwright, assistant director, stage manager, and costume director for the Theatre Guild. Katie also was a junior volunteer at the Humane Society.

Her favorite memory at Chelsea High School was when her cast surprised her with a cat poster at the end of Mamma Mia as thanks for being their Assistant Director!

Katie plans to attend the University of Michigan studying International Studies and English.



Robert Moore

Parents: Matthew & Alexandra Moore

Robert is a member of National Honor Society and will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. He has been awarded the Congressional App Challenge 2nd place District winner, Outstanding Freshman in Mathematics and Computers and the AP Scholar Award. Robert is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, as well. He has participated in Cross Country, Tennis, Robotics throughout High School. Robert also has experience in operating the theater sound system and had a job building a website in 11th and 12th grade.

His favorite memory from Chelsea High School is Physics class, where he was asked to "moo" at certain times; for example, when an object on a spring was at its minimum acceleration!

Robert plans to attend the University of Michigan in the Fall to study computer science.



Riley Scritchfield

Parents: Ken & Kristen Scritchfield

At CHS, Riley has been a member of the National Honors Society and Interact Club. She will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude status. Riley received the Medal Scholarship from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Outside of school, she is a dancer, pianist and a member of the St. Mary youth group.

Riley's favorite memory from Chelsea High School was performing in Collage Concert as a member of choir and jazz band!

In the Fall, Riley plans to study Chemical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.