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## Congratulations Chelsea Class of 2021



Pictured are Caden Faupel on left and Jack Smith with Shaun Happy's sister, Mandy Happy after they accepted Shaun's diploma on behalf of his family. Photo courtesy of Tracie Faupel.



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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On Sunday June 6, 2021 the Chelsea football stadium filled as the sunshine made Michigan feel tropical. The class of 2021 arrived with caps, gowns and eager anticipation. Commencement day finally arrived after having so much stolen. This moment would not be lost. After living with so much uncertainty, having the future within grasp was

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From: Joseph Yekulis,  
Public Relations  
Director, St. Louis  
Center

Effective June 21, 2021, St. Louis Center (SLC) is embarking on a new strategic direction aligned with

Pope St. John Paul II's "After Us" program; caring for people with intellectual and development disabilities (I/DD) who have aging parents. This idea came to fruition when the St. Louis Guanella Village development came about, and the concept consists of small group homes and single-family homes that create an integrated community

closely with the State to ensure a smooth and safe transition of care for the children still residing at the Center.

St. Louis Center has been serving children and adults with I/DD for 61 years since it was established by the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1960. What began as St. Louis School for Exceptional Boys blossomed into a facil-

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## ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY – Chelsea Anti-Discrimination Group Begins 20th Year



From: Joanne Ladio,  
President, Chelsea  
One World One  
Family

This past school year the Chelsea Schools Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee approved a list of books they hoped to share with their students---books which would underscore the themes of equity/inclusion and the community value of celebrating human difference. Chelsea Area One World One Family (OWOF) was happy to donate books to the schools based on their selections. In the words of one Chelsea Schools administrator:

"I wanted to share that the preschool received, "I Am Enough" from the OWOF donations, and they already read it to their classes! One of the teachers sent me a picture of two students who were swinging and saying, "Like the bird, I'm here to fly and soar over everything." She heard them say, "Let's fly like the girl in the book," and "flew" on their swings. Here's to many more mirror/window books that help our students see the world and fly!"

With the start of its 20th program year, Chelsea Area OWOF is very much looking forward to supporting Chelsea in many more new "flights" like this one.

• Plans for the coming year include:

Continuing to sponsor Community Dialogue on Police Reform and to help offer resources to better understand the complexity of this important issue

• Sponsor Indigenous People's Land Acknowledgement Day on October 11

Sponsor community activities aimed at understanding racism and actively working to make Chelsea a welcoming community

• Support the schools Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts

• Continue activities to share the prin-

ples of Restorative Justice

- Promote the United Way 21-Day Equity challenge and provide a Chelsea discussion opportunity

- Continue our ML King Jr. Day tradition – OWOF has organized the Chelsea celebration of Dr. King every year since 2002.
- Update our website ([www.owof.org](http://www.owof.org)) as a resource for anti-racism and social justice articles, books and activities

This past August OWOF adopted a new Mission/Vision Statement:

**One World One Family is committed to justice and equity for all\*. We work to be anti-racist and to oppose discrimination in any form. We engage and empower people to have an impact and change systems to ensure everyone can participate fully in a diverse society.**

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OWOF's 9-member board is very proud of the group's recent work. Actions and activities this past year include:

- Sponsored the June 4, 2020 Rally in support of #Black Lives Matter

- Encouraged citizen engagement in City Council Listening Sessions and Council meetings discussing police reform

- Sponsored a GoFundMe campaign to help defray the costs of the citations issued for marchers/protestors who were ticketed and had paid their tickets prior to the court's dismissal of tickets.

- Organized the

2020 MLK Jr. Day of Service and Social Action

- Created the 2020 Peace Dove Tree for the Chelsea Festival of Lights

- Housing Action Group worked to include greater diversity and accessibility for all into the new City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance

- StoryBank Action Group organized to collect community testimonials

- Sponsored presentations on Restorative Justice

- Offered the Calling In/Calling Out event to learn how to have Courageous Conversations

- Community book discussion of "Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow – An Organizing Guide" and learning together how to build campaigns to make change

- Offered Stand Together Against Hate yard signs

OWOF invites everyone to learn more by joining their email/newsletter list and/or follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/OneWorldOneFamily](https://facebook.com/OneWorldOneFamily) to stay informed with OWOF activities. To join, email [owofchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:owofchelsea@gmail.com)

OWOF's newly elected board of directors is always happy to receive ideas from the community, as they did from the Chelsea schools request earlier this year. Board members can be reached at the above email.

2021 Board of Directors:

Joanne Ladio--President, Jane Pacheco--Vice-President, Carolyn Stilwell--Secretary, Sandra Vadlamudi--Treasurer, Diana Kause, Jason Eyster, LeAnn Seto, Mark VanDeWege, Susanne Vanden Bosch.

Chelsea OWOF is a non-profit 401c3 organization which was organized in 2002 and incorporated in 2005. PO Box 31, Chelsea MI 48118.

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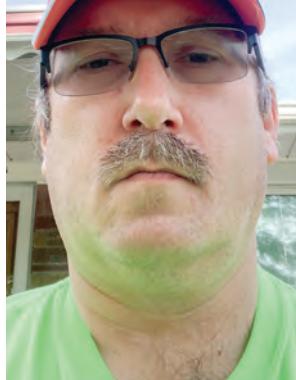
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By Dave Merchant  
dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

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Take for example about six weeks ago what very unexpectedly happened to me.

I ended up in the hospital for a week with serious kidney issues.

It seems something from Covid-19 mixed with my conditions and caused all kinds of problems. Let me tell you it was pretty scary especially the stuff I remember.

I did find out later some things I did not know or even remember. I will spare you the details. I am on

restrictions for work and would say maybe 85 percent back to normal. I am getting a little better every day.

Some would argue if I was ever normal. I am not sure and to each is their own. I want to thank my family and friends for help and support.

Especially my beautiful wife of over 25 years. Thank you and I love you Debbie.

My Home Depot work family and management team were awesome and very supportive and helpful.

Some of the people to thank are my managers Will, Wes and Dan. As well as my supervisor Crystal.

So now, I sit on my porch and look out at my beautiful yard and the weather and wish I could be a little more active. Not to worry it will all come back in time.

I hope it comes back better than it was. Now, I have a whole healthier new diet that seems to work for me. There are still some kinks to work

out and kinks in the old armor but we can definitely work with it.

Ok, Chelsea residents, coaches, players and people who love the Chelsea Guardian. I know you are eager and ready to reach out and jump in the paper with sporting events, athlete and coach features as well as human interest stories.

We come out every Friday so if you have an event coming up give us a shout. If you already had the event give us a shout.

We love pictures so email them and we will make you famous. Ok, maybe you are already famous. We can make you even more famous.

Congratulations to all the Chelsea Bulldog High School graduates. Remember once a Bulldog always a Bulldog.

Good luck in whatever your dreams and expectations you have. Whether they are to go to college, trade school or work and start your life good luck and best wishes. Remember staying at home is not always a bad thing.

Be careful out there. Drop me an email if you think you have something interesting to report about you or just about anything related to the amazing and magnificent City of Chelsea.

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The recent establishment of St. Louis Guanella Village with small group homes, as well as single family homes and duplexes, offers adult residents with I/DD and their family members options, while choosing to live on campus near their loved ones. St. Louis Guanella Village provides SLC the opportunity to create an integrated community of people without disabilities who choose to live together in the same neighborhood with people with I/DD. SLC is well-positioned for a shift to serving only adult residents, and is now taking applications for community rentals. If you are interested in living in this integrated community, please contact Rick Taylor at Reinhart Realty, at 734-223-5656.



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cre not much that gets turned in doesn't get printed. I'll make you famous! Just kidding but it sounds good. In closing I want to congratulate the Chel- sea spring athletics on a good season. Also a class act and always great teams. I would also like to thank the coaches, teachers, administrators and of course students and student athletes. Don't forget the parents and grandparents who have helped so much in the development of the young people in the area.

# Congratulations Chelsea Class of 2021



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cause for celebration.

The ceremony included a pop quiz early on. Everyone was asked the significance of the date Tuesday Jan 28, 2020. A blank stare passed over all of us. I'm still in disbelief. Thought I wrote down the wrong date, but I double checked and it was a Tuesday. It just doesn't seem right. But Tuesday Jan 28, 2020, according to the speaker, was the last time the entire class was together. Nobody wanted to dwell on the bad times. But in order to recognize the strength and ability to overcome that these young adults have, you have to stop and acknowledge what

they've endured. And we need to acknowledge how young they are and how difficult it was for many of us with much more experience under our belts, to do the same. Not only did the class of 2021 persevere, it excelled.

A list of accomplishments celebrating the class of 2021's academic, athletic and artistic successes was read. The Chelsea class of 2021 is impressive to say the least. 75% of seniors were in some kind of club or sport. It sounds like with the support of an incredible faculty and staff, parents, family and community, most seniors found their niche and excelled.

The mood changed from celebratory to somber when the memory of Shaun Happy was honored. I thought it was very nice to recognize him in the ceremony, he was a part of the class, a friend, a son, and a brother. If he couldn't be there in person, he should be remembered. Shaun's memory was recognized with a moment of silence in the ceremony.

When the students giving the speeches came up to talk, it was clear the class of 2021 is adept at using humor as a coping skill. The big traumatic event of last year was the A-Rod, J.Lo split. We recognized the missed cookies at

lunch. Don't worry, you can always find yourself a high school cookie mule when you're home from college on break. Judging from the speakers, and the class accomplishments, you are resilient, funny, strong beyond your years and ready to take on whatever obstacles life hands you. You have, afterall, survived the A-Rod and J.Lo split while maintaining your academic pursuits, athletic and artistic goals. In your short time on this earth, you did a lot better than many of us during a challenging time.

Prior to having the students come up and receive diplomas, Caden Faupel and



Jack Smith came up and accepted Shaun Happy's diploma on behalf of his family. I'm glad they gave him a diploma and recognized him, glad for him and everyone that loved him.

As the students moved from one phase of life to the next before our eyes, all I could think about was

the strength and resilience of the class of 2021. If any group of young adults are able to change the world, it is the class of 2021. You have after all, survived a pandemic and thrived throughout.

Congratulations and I'll be watching as you move mountains and make the world a better place.

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From: Virginia Krueger

In the final weekend of the 2020-21 season, the Chelsea Soccer Club sent four teams to Petoskey, MI to compete in the Fresh Coast Classic Tournament. All teams competed well through heat, lightning delays, and injuries during a full weekend of soccer. The 05 Boys stand out with a four game sweep to

win their division. The team started off strong with a 3-0 victory over the White Lake Breakers then tied 0-0 against a tough Alma team. With zero goals against them on the first day, they entered Sunday as the top seed from their side of the bracket. Sunday's games were even hotter, but not as hot as the 05 boys. They battled against Marquette United and came away with a 1-0 win to head into the final game against Godrich SC. After surrendering their first goal of the tournament, Chelsea battled back to a 1-1 tie and took the game to overtime. On

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# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE: LADDERS, ROOFTOPS, FRACTURES AND CRUTCHES



By Don Richter  
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I'm not 25-years-old, anymore.

Sadly, I found that out this past Memorial Day.

Note to those who grew up watching Gilligan's Island, The Flintstones and Happy Days -- do not, I repeat, do not go up on your home's roof. I'll say it one more time -- do not go up on your home's roof, for any reason.

I wish someone would've told me that before I ventured up onto my home's roof to do some work Memorial Day. The crazy thing is, ever since I've owned my home, which is going on 14 years now, I have climbed up onto my house's roof every year to inspect it and to brush away wet, muddy leaves and assorted branches and twigs. I know, I'm an idiot.



**Crutches like these are what this columnist needs after jumping off a roof this past Memorial Day weekend.**

Anyhow, I've been up on my roof multiple times over the years and nothing has ever happened. Well, I guess, as the saying goes, there's a first time for everything.

It had actually been a really nice Memorial Day Weekend for me leading up to the "roof incident." I had five days off (I took two personal days off work to give me a nice five-day break -- yeah, I'm cool like that) and during that time, I was an "outdoor-landscaping-lava-rock-dumping-grass-cutting-house-washing" machine. I was on fire.

I was young (or so I thought), strong and energetic. Bring it on, house. Whatcha' got for me next. Whatever it is, I'm all over it.

As I was rounding the corner of my house, ladder propped over my shoulder in a manly, take-charge-type-of-way, ball cap low on my sweaty forehead, I was feeling quite proud of myself. I had finally been able to reach the pointed top of my house near the roof line. I had debris in that area which had been there for a year or two and which I had never been able to find the time to remove. So

with my aluminum extension ladder in hand, I cranked and clanked that puppy up as high as it would go and was able to climb up and finally wipe away the dirt marks which had been annoying me for the past year.

I made it down to the ground safely, propped the ladder over my shoulder in that manly way of mine, rounded the corner of my house and saw my neighbor. After talking for a bit, he pointed up and said he noticed some shingles on my roof looked a bit frayed and protrud-

ing upward. I glanced over and what do you know, they were looking a bit odd. Soooooo, with my ladder already handy, I bolted into action. "You want a piece of me, house? Huh? Do I amuse you? Have I not entertained you all day?"

I know, those are a million different quotes from different movies, but I was on a roll.

So, I promptly went up the ladder, hopped onto my roof and proceeded to check out the damage. Yeah, a few areas were starting to show some definite wear and tear, which is concerning, but after scooting around the entire roof, the rest of the shingles still looked pretty good. "Ha, take that, house. Boom, goes the dynamite. You can't defeat me."

In the 14 years I've owned my house, every year/time I go up on the roof, I always get down the same, unorthodox way. I don't like climbing down the ladder from my sloped rooftop -- I just never have. So, in response to that feeling, I have always walked or scooted or crawled or crouched all the way over to the edge



**A ladder and rooftop similar to this photo is what this columnist climbed up and was walking on when an unfortunate incident occurred.**

of my roof, near my shed, which is directly next to the side of my home, maybe a foot or two away. I hop onto the top of my shed's roof (which is also sloped and shingled) and then slide down the short, manageable slope and hop to the ground, no worse for the wear. I've done that same, exact thing for 14 years. Well, this past Memorial Day will certainly be the last time I go up on my home's roof or, for that matter, my shed's roof.

The next day, since the pain didn't subside (I had to use a broom as a crutch just to get around) I took myself to urgent care. A fractured tibia just below the kneecap and a partially torn calf muscle was the prognosis from the doctor, along with **continued on page 10**

## CHELSEA BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

### SOFTBALL TEAM WINS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

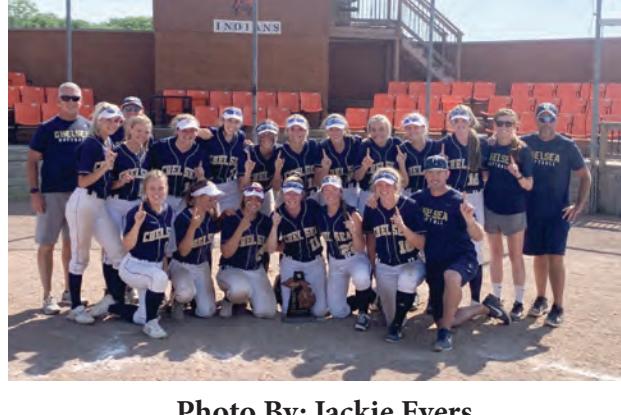


Photo By: Jackie Evers

By: Natalie Davies

The Bulldogs defeated Tecumseh 13-0 and Milan 11-5 to bring home the District Title last weekend and added to their excellent season as SEC White Champions with a record of 33-4.

"We were very pleased with our district win," head coach Jeffrey Connnelly said. "Every member of the team has excelled in the role they've been given.

This year has been a total team effort."

Senior right fielder Nicole Roeser explained that the Bulldogs felt confident going into the single-elimination first round of Districts; the team had beat Tecumseh earlier in the season, and going into the game against Milan, Sophomore Emilee Underwood "was having a great day pitching."

Along with strong pitching and holding

both teams to a total of 5 runs, the team also excelled in hitting over the weekend.

"One highlight from the weekend was everyone absolutely dominating on offense," Roeser said.

"Both games together we had nearly 30 runs scored, which is insane."

Working at the plate has been a strength of the team all season, as the girls have achieved a team batting average of .400 and shattered the single-season record for home runs from 2019.

The old record was 41 home runs in 38 games, and so far this year the team has hit 51 home runs in 37 games.

Head Coach Jeff Connnelly explained

that "12 different players hit home runs this season, which speaks highly of their abilities."

From smashing records to bringing home hardware, all season long the team has seen many successes, which

Roeser attributes to the work ethic and bond of the team.

"We practice as a team every day," she said. "We don't skip a single day, even if it's raining. We have good focused practices and have fun while doing it so that we can grow as a team."

The desire to have fun while improving has brought the team all season. Though the girls missed out on their annual trip to South Carolina due to COVID-19, they still

manage to win big and make many lasting connections and memories.

"One of the main goals we had as a team going into the season was to have fun," Roeser said.

"We have had to improvise team bonding, but over the season we've all connected. My favorite part of being

on the team is the relationship I have with the girls. Even though we've only played together for a few months, we are all so close I could talk to any of them at any time."

Coach Connnelly agreed that "the game is great, but the people are what make it special."

"My favorite part of the season has been the players and everything they've accomplished,"

Connnelly said. "Watching the girls work together to achieve and grow as in-

dividuals is something I truly revel in."

On Wednesday, June 9, the team plays

its next game, a single against Allen Park that will serve as a "late scheduled game that both teams are using

to prepare for regional play." Over the weekend, the Bulldogs are looking to come out on top and will play Flat Rock in the Regional Quarter Final at noon with hopes to advance to the Regional Final at 2 PM.

"Our players worked very hard this year, and the District win was truly the result of their efforts,"

Connnelly said. "Of course anytime we play, we play to win, so this weekend it is our goal to win the Regional Title and move on to the state quarterfinals, our ultimate goal being a state championship."

# **CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD**

# 2021 GIRLS STATE MEET RESULTS

## The Chelsea girls

track and field team traveled to Zeeland Stadium for the 2021 State Meet held on Saturday, June 5th. The girls team qualified ten girls in eight events for the meet. They included the following: Morgan Majeske in the shot put and discuss throw, Trilian Krug in the 1600m and 3200m runs, Molly Man nor in the 1 00m hurdles, the 4x1 00m relay (composed of Molly Manner, Makayla Kegerreis, Laney Smith, and Carly Grabarczyk), and the 4x400m relay (composed of Makayla Kegerreis, Audra Guthrie, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn). With the temperature in the upper 80s and windy conditions, the girls continued to perform well with a number of girls earning All-State Honors, beating their seed rank, and continuing to reach personal records (PRs).

We had two individuals with All-State honors, which included Breanne Black in the

ed: Breanne Black in the pole vault placing 3rd overall with a height of

overall with a height of 1' 0" 9" (tieing her PR) and Molly Man nor placing 8th overall in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.40 (a PR). Both girls beat their seed rankings. Specifically, Breanne was ranked fourth, while Molly was ranked 15th in the entry listing. The individual performances by these two under stressful conditions was fun to watch and be a part of. Their hard work paid off with excellent performances.

In the relays, the 4x400m relay (composed of Makayla Kegerreis, Audra Guthrie, Kasey Matusik, and Riley Thorburn) earned All-State honors by placing 8th overall with a time of 4: 13.51. This was the team's fastest time of the year, which was propelled by Kasey Matusik running a near 60 second leg. These girls as well Kendra Patterson, alternate for the relay team, worked very hard all year to improve in this event. These girls 67 scoring teams at the State Meet. We finished the year Chelsea Relay winners, Mason Invitational winners, 6-0 in dual meets, SEC White Divisional Champions, Regional Champions, and MITCA DII Team State Runner-Up. This has been one of our most successful team performances in our history. Very memorable!

I want to acknowledge the 2021 seasons contributions of the following coaches, admin-

continued the tradition of qualifying for States in this event and placing at the State meet.

In other events, Trilian Krug ran a PR in the 1600m run with a time of 5:26.28 and placed 13th out of 20 runners. Trilian was ranked 16th

istrators, individuals, and groups: the coaches: Shane Rodriguez (pole vault), Ty Santos (pole vault), Bert Kruse (hurdles), David Slusser (high jump), Ryan Houle (long jump), Kari Goorhouse (throws), Jen McPherson (distance), and Eric Swanson (javelin).

# **CHELSEA BULLDOGS**

# **BOYS TRACK AND**

# **FIELD**

# **BULLDOGS TAKE 9TH AT MHSAA STATE TRACK FINALS**

**From: Eric Swager**  
Head Coach

Head Coach Eric Swager's comments on the day: "What an outstanding performance by the guys. I was hoping to maybe reach 10 points today, but we more than doubled that and ended up with another top 10 finish!"

history.  
Freshman Connie  
Alford was incredibl

results! I am proud of the whole pack!

and Parker OIK also represented the Bulldogs well, and while not scoring, obtained valuable experience leading into next year. (They will be BACK)

guys bring home a total of 7 medals is outstanding, and another top ten finish is yet another highlight this year.

The entire distance squad has embraced the challenge.

mileage/strength plan  
we have promulgated

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**Yen** we  
cover

time best heave of 48'6" on his final throw to earn All-State honors finishing 8th.

His speed in both hurdle races and earning TWC all-state medals. The 110 performance was his lifetime best, and moved him into the top



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# Advocates for the arts, to strengthen our community socially, economically and aesthetically



From: D&B Strategic Marketing

The Chelsea Arts Initiative (CAI) grew in response to voices in the Chelsea Community that expressed a longing for the cultural arts that once inhabited the community in the mid-late 1990s.

For more than a decade, Chelsea was a vibrant, energetic visual and performing arts community. The history of Arts during this time included art businesses both profit and nonprofit - Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA), Chelsea Gallery, Gallery 100 (Silver Maples), River Gallery, SculptureWalk Chelsea, Chelsea Art Market, Chelsea School District Arts Programs, Chelsea Painters, Chelsea Artist Guild, and several pop-ups throughout Chelsea.

During this period, the diversity and quality of art gave Chelsea the distinction of being an extraordinary cultural community to live and visit! Circa 2010, Chelsea was visited by the National Endowment for the Arts and showcased as a model community that displayed the benefits of "Creative Placemaking."

Creative Placemaking is a community that intentionally leverages the power of the arts, culture, and creativity to serve their economic interest; a community simultaneously driving a broader plan for change, growth, and transformation in a way that builds character and quality of place.

As a result of the financial crisis in 2008, most of the brick-and-mortar art businesses closed. While there are fewer places and overt reasons to gather around the arts, the artists and boundless soul of creativity remain. That is the backdrop to how CAI emerged and took shape.

Patti Schwarz, Co-Owner of the River Gallery, said she felt a need to seek out and identify what remained of the visual arts. So, in 2019, Schwarz took the initiative to meet numerous artists, arts organizations, community members, business owners, and community leaders. Organizations she met with include Silver Maples (Gallery 100), Chelsea Artists Guild, Chelsea Community Center. And had conversations with Mayor Melissa Johnson, Marsi Darwin, and Breathe Yoga owner Susan Whitmarsh. "The arts community was still there; it was simply decentralized and needed a way to reconnect," commented Schwarz.

As a result of the insights, learnings, history sharing, and with a lot of encouragement from the Chelsea community, CAI is taking shape. A cultural heart transplant is about to happen!

CAI has created a public group Facebook Page for community creatives to share their stories, events, artistic ideas. Embedded in the Facebook Page is a Google Questionnaire to collect information about the creative community. The data will become part of a centralized "ART HUB" directory for all things cultural art—a first step toward advocating, unifying, and strengthening Chelsea's cultural

arts community. The vision includes engaging with the larger regional creative community, including Creative Washtenaw, to support Chelsea's Arts Community.

Early on in the process, Susan Badger Booth was an instrument architect and mentor. Booth is a Professor and Program Director of Arts and Entertainment Management/Arts Administration at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). Booth also teaches cultural planning courses and has chosen CAI as an "applied project" for her Fall course 2021.

Booth advised Schwarz to revisit the 2010 Cultural Arts Working Plan for the City of Chelsea. At that time, the Arts Alliance of Washtenaw County partnered with Chelsea Community Leaders and conducted a "Cultural Art Census." As a result, a "Chelsea Working Plan" was developed and presented but was not implemented.

In early 2020, Booth offered to come back for a 10-year check-in, facilitate another community forum and provide an updated Cultural Plan. Schwarz is working through the details and timing for when this effort may be reengaged.

The core CAI group contributors are involved and committed to revitalizing the arts. CAI contributors include Sandra Xenakis, Director, Art Meets Business and artist coach for the (EIR) Entrepreneur in Residence program at Washtenaw Community College, Bridget Favre and Doris Galvin of D&B Strategic Marketing. John Papas of 12 Acres Studio and community volunteer Jacquie Bullerman

helped shape the initiative and translated it into peoples' minds. Susan Pickering Rothamel, artist and founder of Alternative Arts and Business Learning Environment (AABLE), collaborates with Independence Hall at Chelsea High School. AABLE's mission is to provide opportunities for young people who have special needs and are employable. Crystal Scott, M.F.A., Visual Arts Coordinator, Chelsea Area Festivals & Events, was also part of the brainstorming with Schwarz from the very beginning. Additional guidance will be provided by Trevor Stone, NEW Center, Aubrey Martinson, previous director of the Chelsea Center for the Arts, and Purple Rose Theatre.

That brings us to where we are today. Katy Tinsley, a Chelsea resident, recently jumped into the fray in a big way, helping with social media and outreach to other community members and leaders.

Tinsley is making things happen! She launched a pilot program, "Doodle Days." It's a community meet-up for folks who want a safe, free, and fun activity—hosted by the Chelsea District Library at the reading garden, north side of the lawn. Doodle Days is open to all ages and will be held on Saturday, June 19, and June 26, from 11 am- 2 pm. To learn more, go to CAI's Facebook Page and the Chelsea Library's Events Page.

The organization will seek funding to support the permanent work to ensure the "heart transplant patient" stays healthy and vibrant. There is a strong thread in com-

munity building and mental health, and intergenerational opportunities. Continuing the relationship with the City of Chelsea and crucial regional support from Creative Washtenaw are essential collabo-

rative partnerships.

To learn more, contact either Patti Schwarz chelseaartsinitiative@gmail.com (734)395-1540, or Katy Tinsley kgtinsley@gmail.com (734) 709-2594.

## City of Chelsea to Redeploy Chelsea POP Initiative this Fall



From: Emily Lake, Associate Transportation Planner, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

A demonstration project to test out low-cost street improvements will return to the City of Chelsea this fall with treatments along East and West Middle Street, East Street, Washington Street, and Madison Street.

(WATS) will host a series of public input events this summer to collect feedback about what improvements residents would like to see along these streets. Any improvements made will be community-led, rooted in City goals, and in accordance with local, state, and national street design guidelines.

"Having a safe, walkable and bikeable city is very important to Chelsea residents. I am excited about implementing the pilot improvements to our streets and neighborhoods and am very interested in hearing the observations and opinions of our residents on which of the pilot interventions were effective, which needed to be improved and which should be implemented permanently. We invite everyone to participate by interacting with the pilot project and providing feedback", said Mayor Melissa Johnson.

"Chelsea POP" first launched in September 2020 with enhanced crosswalks, bike lanes, shared road markings, painted curb extensions, striped parking, and wayfinding signs. The City of Chelsea aims to identify areas where those improvements could be made permanent, while also demonstrating additional improvements along more neighborhood streets.

In partnership with the City of Chelsea, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Project partners include the City of Chelsea, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. More information can be found at miwats.org/chelseapop.

## ON THE SIDELINE: LADDERS, ROOFTOPS, FRACTURES AND CRUTCHES

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a stern, "And no more going up on your roof" point of his finger. "Are we clear?"

"Not even for wet leaves that need brushing off?"

"Mr. Richter..." The doctor gave me the "are-you-kidding-me?" look.

Then he added, "You need to be off your feet for at least two to three weeks."

I just completed

Week 1 of my

"couch-ridden, prison sentence."

I am NOT

a "sittin' around" type

of person. Sure, I like

my alone time and my

down time, everyone

needs that on occasion,

but after a week of doing

nothing but hobbling

around on crutches and

watching endless TV

(TMZ is becoming a favorite -- I feel dumber for typing that), I'm so ready to get back to work.

To add insult to injury, a day prior to fracturing my tibia and tearing my calf muscle, I bought \$40 worth of flowers. I kid you not, one day later, they were all gone. All that was left

of the bright, cheerful

red, pink, white and yellow

flowers were shredded

green stems. I give up.

My neighborhood's

"deer mafia" have struck

once again. I swear, they

watch my every move. I

think when I get flowers

or anything nice, plant-wise, a "bat-signal" but for deer, goes off up in

the sky and they converge on my yard for

their annual "Richter's

Flower Buffet."

Do I amuse you,

deer?

I mean funny, like I'm a clown? I amuse you? I make you laugh?

Yes, I recently watched the movie "Goodfellas."

It's a long summer.

And I'm two to three weeks away from being back to normal. This isn't over. It's only just beginning. Vengeance

will be mine.

My personal "War

of the Roses" is just be-

ginning.

But first, I have to

hobble to the kitchen to

refill my water bottle.

And, now that I'm up, I wonder how those shingles are looking.

Hmm...I should go check it out.

Someone please call an ambulance.

I'm not 25-years-old, anymore.

I never learn...

## June Events 2021

### Virtual Workshop June\* (DEX) Proper Technique for the Rowing Machine

June 9 at 9:00am and 6:30pm

Join Sharon Bouchard virtually, to learn proper technique of rowing on the Concept2 rowing machine. Members can register via member self-service portal or at the Member Service Desk. Non-members must register at the hosting center (DEX) 734-580-2500.

### Men's Health & Fitness Week (CHE/DEX/STK)

June 14-20

Men workout for FREE on Wednesday, June 16!

### Flexibility/Stretching (DEX)

Tuesday, June 15 at 9:00am with Stephanie

Wednesday, June 16 at 5:00pm with Amy

Learn the importance of stretching and why it should be incorporated into your exercise routine.

### Blood Pressure Measurements (CHE/DEX)

Monday, June 14

1:00-2:00pm

Wednesday, June 16

10:00-11:00am

Thursday, June 17

4:00-5:00pm

### Lift and Row (DEX)

June 14-19 with Brian and Evan

How many times can you lift your body weight? How fast can you row a mile? Find out and compete for prizes. There will be one female and one male winner. Sign up and schedule your session at the Fitness Desk.

### Mileage Competition

June 15-July 15

Join us in a mileage competition between the Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Center members and between the Manchester and Stockbridge Wellness Center members. The Wellness Center that completes the most miles by walking, running/jogging, swimming and/or using the elliptical or NaStep wins! Every member that completes 25 miles will be entered into a drawing.

### Longest Day

Join us in honoring the longest day and supporting Alzheimer's disease.

Wear purple on June 21 and be entered in a drawing.

### Youth Pass (CHE/DEX/STK)

June 1-September 1

Chelsea, Dexter, and Stockbridge Wellness Centers are offering monthly youth passes for member's children. Keep your kids active at the Wellness Center by enjoying the strength training and cardio equipment. Parents or guardians of youth ages 12-17 can purchase a pass monthly. Youth policies will still apply. Must adhere to all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

\*Programs are open to the community.

For more information visit the Member Service Desk or call 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).

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