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MAGGIE HAS GAME

By Dave Merchant

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Chelsea senior-to-be softball player Maggie Olaveson has had some good times on the softball field.

Last year the team went deep into the playoffs. “My most memorable moments are winning the regional championship,” Maggie said. “Andi Evers hitting a

walk off single to win the state quarterfinals, and the team huddle with all of my teammates right before we stepped onto the field in the state semifinals.”

Her extracurricular activities are Link Crew, the National Honor Society, and softball.

“My favorite class is math,” she said. “My favorite teacher is Heath-

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Chelsea Resident's Effort to Recall Kristin van Reesema Moves Forward

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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After numerous failed attempts, Michele Balaka, Chelsea resident, managed to get her petition language to recall Kristin van Reesema from The Chelsea Board of Education, approved by the Washtenaw Election Commis-

sion. Michele's first attempt was submitted June 2, 2021. She withdrew her submission on June 3rd. On June 3rd, she submitted once again. On June 15th the commission rejected her request because it was not clear enough for electors to identify the course of conduct

which is the basis for a recall. On June 16th she submitted for the third time. On June 29th The Washtenaw Election Commission approved the language.

The petition language, “Kristin van Reesema an elected Chelsea School Board trustee and current

CSB President declined to hold a special meeting at the request of two or more board members along with parents in the CSD; as a result no public discussion took place regarding the decision to increase in person learning to 20 hours by Mar. 22,

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Obituaries

Gerald F. "Jerry" Bradley



Gerald F. "Jerry" Bradley, age 87, of Chelsea, MI, passed away at his home on July 4, 2021. He was born in Detroit, MI on October 17, 1933, the son of Joseph and Frances (Rakowsky) Bradley. Jerry attended high school at St. Philip Neri and Cass Tech in Detroit. He became a Benedictine Monk, and later an ordained Catholic Priest. In 1969, he received dispensation from the priesthood, and in 1970, he married Rose Anne (Heck) in Detroit, MI. He earned his Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Mich-

igan, and he worked as a librarian for the Detroit Public Library. He then worked for over 40 years for Northwestern Mutual Life as an insurance sales agent, working in Detroit and later in Ann Arbor.

Jerry had a love of reading and sharing of books. He delighted in long discussions on any topic. He also enjoyed doing needlepoint. Most of all he was devoted to his family, and he enjoyed spending time with his seven grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Rose Bradley, as well as their children, Charles

(Claire) Bradley, Daniel (Erin) Bradley, Brendan Bradley, and Mary Bradley; seven grandchildren: Tigerlily, Kas-mira, Aruna, Conor, Corbin, Elias, and Bo; and three brothers, Frank (Ann) Bradley of Grosse Pointe Shores, Jim (Diane) Bradley of Shelby Twp., and Tom (Glenda) Bradley of Baxter, TN. He was preceded in death by his youngest son, Joseph G. Bradley, and his youngest brother, Joseph W. Bradley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Chelsea, with V. Rev. Dr. William J. Canon Turner presiding. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., also at church on Monday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation, the St. Louis Center, or the Children of Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota (make checks payable to Rose Bradley).

Richard M. Davis



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Richard M. Davis of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Sun City Center, FL, Bradenton, FL, and Belleville, MI

Age 78, died on June 23, 2021 in Chelsea. He was born September 26, 1942 in Franklin, PA, the son of Clair & Jessie (Hefernan) Davis. Dick worked at Chicago Pneumatic Tool (CPT), Franklin, PA, Luxaire in Elyria, OH as a Supervisor of Industrial Engineering for several years then in 1975 worked for Ford Motor

Company at the Cleveland Stamping Plant and transferred in 1980 to Ford Rouge Plant and later to EEE building in Dearborn, MI as an Industrial Engineer and retired after 26-1/2 years of service.

Dick is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ileen (Schultz) Davis, married on October 26, 1990. Other survivors include Beth (Daniel) Schrock of Birmingham, MI, Gregg (Krista) Davis of Whitehouse, OH, Kathleen (Brian) Pierce of Dover, NH, Michael (Danielle) McLennan and Gregory (Courtney) McLennan of Manchester, sisters,

Janice (Truman) Switzer, Cranberry, PA, Kay (Jay) Huff, Strasburg, OH; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Eugene (Linda) Davis, Thomas (Barb) Davis, and a sister, Shirley (Ray) McLaughlin.

A memorial service with military honors will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, 10:00 am visitation, 11:00 am service at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea, MI with Rev. Eric Stricklin officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Dick's name may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, American Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Offcentre, Suite 111, Southfield, MI 48034, American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, or Alzheimer's Association, 564 South Main Street, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. A private burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea at a later date.

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21 deadline. Therefore, CSD lost approx \$800,000 in funding from HB4048/Public Act #3 of 2021."

Reviewing Michele Balaka's previous language, her anger for Kristin van Reesema is more apparent, but possibly not factually correct enough or clear enough for approval by the election commission. Michele Balaka believes, according to her failed petition language, that the, "Chelsea School District lost \$800,000 because School Board president, van Reesema made an **independent** decision NOT

to return to school." If Bakala believes that Van Reesema made this decision completely on her own, which she does according to her previous language, she is sadly mistaken. I researched the School Board's Powers and decision making ability, and as I suspected after listening to numerous Board meetings in Chelsea and Dexter, reopening decisions were the responsibility of the administration and Superintendent. This language was taken directly from Chelsea School District Board Policies." <https://go.boarddocs.com/mi/chel/Board.nsf/>

Public?open&id=policies#

The Board shall delegate to the Superintendent the function of specifying required actions and designing the detailed arrangements under which the District will be operated. These detailed arrangements shall constitute the administrative guidelines governing the schools which are not inconsistent with statutes or regulations of the State Board or the policies of this Board.

Such administrative guidelines shall be binding on the employees and the students of this District when issued.

The Superintendent shall be delegated the authority to take necessary action in circumstances not provided for in Board policy, provided that such action shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting following such action.

The Superintendent shall:

In case of emergency not covered by Board policy, may exercise the full power of his/her office and

report his/her actions to the Board not later than the next regular meeting.

The President shall:

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D. perform other duties appropriate to the duties of the Office of President in the management of the District;

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No other Board member is authorized to utilize legal counsel on behalf of the Board without authorization from the Board. The President shall notify other Board members if legal counsel has

been sought on their behalf.

The Superintendent shall:

In case of emergency not covered by Board policy, may exercise the full power of his/her office and report his/her actions to the Board not later than the next regular meeting.

The current petition language implies that because two board members and several parents requested a special meeting to discuss reopening, and van Reesema opted not to, she failed to perform her duties as Board President. I wanted to research whether or not the President is obligated by Board policy to call a special meeting when two board members request one. According to the Chelsea school Board policy on special meetings:

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at the request of two (2) Board members provided there is compliance with the notice provision of these Bylaws.

There is a big difference in the words shall and may. Shall means will or must. May means can. According to Board policy van Reesema did adhere to her responsibilities as Board President. Be certain you understand what you are signing if you sign the petition. As a parent, I understand the frustration the pandemic has caused. I understand wanting everything to return to normal. I never want to educate children over zoom again. I do understand the importance of state funds on public education. I do understand community anger regarding not being able to open enough hours to receive the funding in time. But, the decision was made by the administration based on the desire to keep students safe and adhere to teacher contracts. Covid has presented new challenges in education on top of innumerable frustrations for us all. The petition can begin circulating, however, van Reesema can appeal the decision in the circuit court. The petition must be received by Wshtenaw County Clerk by July 30th. Bakala needs 2,451 valid signatures to cause a recall election.

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Holleran, the nation's leading research firm specializing in engagement and satisfaction studies for residents and employees, has announced the recipients of the Choice Community Award Winners for 2020.

Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Neighborhood, is excited to share they were recently among just 49 communities honored nationally for their exemplary efforts in creating a culture of engagement and satisfaction for their residents, despite the COVID pandemic. Holleran's Choice Community Award recognizes organizations with strong cultures of engagement.

These providers have cultivated an environment where resident voices are heard, connections are rich, well-being is enhanced and personal fulfillment can be realized.

These award-winning campuses are in the top 15th percentile of more than 1,000 surveyed communities nationwide.

"This year has been exceptionally challenging within the senior living industry - which makes the recipients of Choice Community Award all that much more extraordinary," says Michele Holleran, Founder and CEO of Holleran. "The Choice Community recipients have emerged from the pandemic in spite of the odds, finding creative ways to engage both residents and employees."

"Engaging senior living communities are fundamentally stronger in collaboration and connection to other residents, employees, the community, and life goals," remarks Katelyn McCauley, Senior Research Analyst. "During the coronavirus pandemic, these

areas all took a backseat to the general health and well-being of the residents and employees. To be a Choice Community this year, these campuses exceeded all expectations and continued to provide a unique and valuable environment focused on the successful aging of older adults, and paying attention to the well-being of their employees."

Holleran has the largest benchmark of its kind, measuring both resident and employee engagement/satisfaction in the senior living space. Currently, the benchmark comprises more than 160,000 resident and employee surveys, all completed within the last two years. This enables organizations to compare their performance to their peers, whether they are across the road or across the country. Utilizing this extensive

body of research, Holleran recognizes the most engaging senior living organizations in the nation.

Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Neighborhood is a vibrant community that excels at creating and supporting a positive aging experience. "Our residents scored in the 93rd percentile in the area of Voice. They feel that Silver Maples creates an environment in which the management is transparent about decision making and offer many ways for the residents to provide input and feedback to the community. This score truly represents our focus of allowing residents to continue to live the life they want, find ways to meaningfully contribute, and maintain continuity with the life they had prior to living at Silver Maples," states Julie Deppner, CEO/Exec-

utive Director. Both seasoned residents and those who joined the community recently certainly agree.

"We have an amazing staff! During COVID they kept us safe, kept our spirits up and planned safe programs to allow us to stay connected," states Phyllis a resident since 2016. Gladys moved to

Silver Maples just before the COVID Pandemic hit and shares, "It has been uplifting to have people to associate with, I'm so grateful that I'm not sitting in a house all by myself. I'm confident that every need that I have will be met; I feel you can't ask for anything much better than that!"



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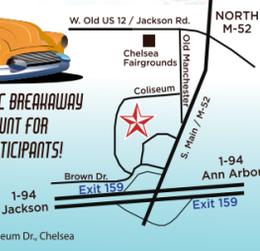
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Staying healthy takes more than medicine. Staying connected with others and staying physically and mentally active contributes to health as well.

Silver Solutions Network (SsN), founded by Chelsea residents five years ago, focuses on individuals who are interested in volunteering to share their knowledge and skills with organizations in need of staff assistance or part-time employees. SsN works with individuals, groups and cultural and inter-generational organizations in this community. The purpose of SsN is to "Make the connections, primarily for seniors, to find the positions they will enjoy while contributing their life-long talents and experience to this community – a great place to live and work."

Volunteering has been endorsed by the medical research news organization "Science Daily". "Volunteering is associated with some health improvements such as a reduction in symptoms of depression, better overall health, and fewer functional limitations. This suggests that older adults who stay active by volunteering are "receiving a health boost!"

Among the organizations that collaborate with Silver Solutions Network is the Chelsea Senior Center. This expands the breadth of both organizations by providing more opportunities for seniors to

interact—both inside and outside the Center—and expand opportunities for those seeking to 'pay it forward' as volunteers to the community as a whole, perhaps giving their health a "boost" in the process.

Recent Silver Solutions Network Projects and Activities

School Activities
- Chelsea North Creek Elementary School Reading program

- North Creek and South Meadows: Wednesday Walk to School program

Intercultural Events
- Creating a Cultural Connection in 2019 between Chelsea School Districts' Chelsea House Orchestra (CHO) and the UM Joint Institute with Shanghai Jiao Tong University prior to CHO's tour of nine Chinese cities.

Five Healthy Towns Foundation

- Assisting in putting on a conference for faith leaders from 5 Healthy Towns

- Helping to create a newsletter as well as ongoing work with faith leaders in 5 Healthy Towns to promote positive health practices – and helping individuals connect to address isolation and other causes of poor mental health.

- Initiating the program of safe routes to school with school escorts for Chelsea Walk to School Wednesdays.

Circles Washtenaw County (Friends in Deed)

- Non-profit pro-

gram provides a few individuals opportunities to contribute their professional expertise and life experience by being a mentor to a high school or beginning college student.

COAST-IT

- The University of Colorado's Anschutz Multidisciplinary Center on Aging collaborates with the CU Anschutz School of Pharmacy, College of Nursing and School of Dental Medicine to offer a program opportunity for health profession students and older adults. The program, COAST-IT (Connecting Older Adults and Students through inter-Professional Tele-care) pairs students and older adults to become phone partners. This program promotes a dialogue between older adults and students to improve their communication skills and learn how to work with their future patient population which will include a large percentage of older adult patients.

These represent some of the projects, programs, and connections SsN has established in the area. Let us know the skills you are interested in sharing – and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

(For more information, contact Dick Dice and Maurine Nelson: dickdice@aol.com / maurinea4161@sbc-global.net)

Chelsea Area Garden Club hosting Arts in the Garden Benefit Walk July 25



From: Mary Jo Frank

Enjoy a relaxing Sunday stroll through three distinctive Chelsea-area gardens at the Arts in the Garden Benefit Walk 10 a.m.-4

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The family-friendly entertainment features **Eric the Juggler** alongside the free “**How to Chalk**” seminar at Palmer Commons. All ages are invited to create colorful works of art. This week the theme is “Beaches and Oceans,” led by professional artist **Chris Monaghan**.

The stellar mu-

sic line-up includes the Americana roots band **Bowdish Brothers** at Katie’s Korner on the library lawn, and a-rockin’ ska-reggae-afro Caribbean band, **Hullabaloo**, at South Street.

The East Middle Street stage features **The Shelter Dogs** with a mix of roots, swing, blues, country, and

rock ‘n’ roll. And just down the road, the Motown band **Salmagundi** performs at the Glazier Building.

Around the corner, **The North Creek Fiddlers** perform bluegrass and country fiddle at the Clocktower Gazebo. Outside of The Grateful Crow restaurant, **David Wee** performs acoustic pop and

rock.

While strolling downtown, visitors can explore the new installation of **SculptureWalk Chelsea**, a self-guided walking tour of 16 juried sculptures.

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events is a not-for-profit organization that enriches Chelsea, and the sur-

rounding communities, by promoting the presentation of and participation in quality performing and visual arts throughout the year.

For an updated list of performers and stage locations, please visit www.chelseafestivals.com and follow @chelseafestivals on Facebook and Instagram.



Chelsea Community Forum Summary for June 12, 2021

From: Vincent Elie

The Chelsea Community Forum met, via Zoom, on the 12th of June. Approximately 18 people participated. The Forum opened with a review of our discussion guidelines and then launched into the topic, and it was led by Ms. Judy Karanandjeff from the League of Women Voters (LWV). She discussed the 39 bills in the Michigan Senate that attempt to address how elections are conducted in the State of Michigan.

Ms. Joan Sampieri, also of the LWV, noted there are required Public Accuracy Tests that must be completed prior to any election. These tests verify the accuracy of the voting equipment. The tests are open to the public and the LWV is present at these tests. She reported that the County Board of Canvassers meetings are also open to the public.

Ms. Karanandjeff opened with a brief history of the League of Women Voters and noted that the League was monitoring voting

bills being advanced in the Michigan House. She went on to say that the League does support the following Senate Bills: 274, 300, 301, 306, 308, and 311, but overall is opposed to many of the proposed bills that are being advanced in the Michigan Senate. The League believes that the Senate voting bills will make voting more difficult and harder to administer. She provided examples: Senate Bill (SB) 285 initially required a copy of one's driver's license, social security card number or one's state ID card to obtain an absentee ballot but has been amended to allow a voter to enter/write the last 4 digits of their Social Security number, or their driver's license number or their state ID number on the absentee ballot request form. If ID wasn't available, then the voter would have to file a provisional ballot. If the voter's identity is not confirmed within 6 days of the election their vote would be discarded. Currently a voter may sign an affidavit swearing to

their voting eligibility and their vote could be counted.

SB 310 prohibits the Secretary of State from sending absentee ballots, unless requested by the absentee ballot voter, and prohibits the SOS from providing a link to an application on the SOS website.

She noted concerns with several other bills, 273, 278, 283, 286, 287, and 297 which are also directed at absentee ballots and absentee voting. These bills attempt to regulate the location and number of absentee ballot drop boxes by requiring the approval of both the County Board of Canvassers and the Secretary of State. The drop boxes could not be used after 5 PM on the day prior to the election. All absentee ballot voters' secrecy envelopes must be examined and approved by the County Board of Canvassers prior to any August and November election. The County Board of Canvassers will have the ability to impact local clerks' hiring of assistants. These bills will

also require that drop boxes be under continuous video surveillance.

SB 296 will maintain the 4-member Board for counties of 200,000 or fewer people but eliminate the 4-member County Board of Canvassers for counties with a population greater than 200,000 beginning in January 2022. For counties between 200,000 and 750,000 people the Board will number 6 and for counties greater than 750,000 people the Board will number 8. Quorums would be a simple majority, but no Board actions could be implemented unless 2 members from each political party agreed on the proposed action.

The League expects that these bills will be vetoed by Governor Whitmer, but the Republican Party and other supporters of these bills are expected to launch a citizen's petition

campaign, if they are unsuccessful in overriding the veto, by collecting 340,047 valid and certified signatures supporting the new voting bills. This petition will then be submitted to both the House and Senate where a simple majority, in each legislative branch, will enable the petition language to become law, bypassing the governor. It is unclear if this action would require an individual petition for each individual bill submitted or if the petition would encompass all 39 bills as one single petition. Some participants expressed their concern that this discussion was not non-partisan as the words "voter suppression" were included in Ms. Karanandjeff's PowerPoint presentation and that there was, in their opinion, nothing that was presented that appeared to suppress the vote. An audience member stated that "IDs are required for many things." One member noted that the perception of election integrity is the crux of the distrust, but that the lack of in-

tegrity "has not been an issue." It was also noted that the elections should be "fully trackable and transparent." Another noted that the signature verification process is subjective and that more training in this matter would be helpful. Some of the Senate bills do address more training and standards regarding signature verification.

Despite a very contentious subject, there was a polite and respectful exchange of views and ideas.

Websites for further information:

lwvmi.org
senate.michigan.gov
votingrightslab.org

The next Chelsea Community Forum is scheduled for July 10 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>.



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Remember to Breathe!
Tuesday, July 13 at 11:00 am (CHE)
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July 12-31 (CHE/DEX)
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*Open to the community.

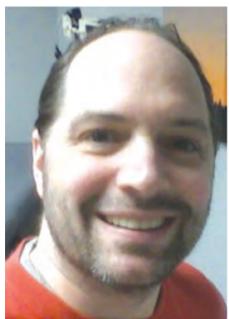
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ON THE SIDELINE: EARWIGS, SPIDERS, DIRTY WINDOWS AND COUCH-SITTIN'



By Don Richter
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Sights and sounds from my couch — Week 6.

Welp, it's now been six weeks since I jumped off the roof of my shed fracturing my tibia just below the knee, partially tearing my calf muscle, bruising my ankle and heel and somehow cracking a rib.

Under doc's orders I have been relegated to using crutches to get around and assigned a permanent seat on my couch to recuperate and heal my injured leg. I was off work for four weeks. Last week, I went back to the J.O.B. in a limited capacity. "Limited capacity" being 20 hours out of a normal 40-hour plus work week.

I was recently advised by the medical powers-that-be to continue to remain on my couch and not return to work for the next four weeks, but I just can't do that. I simply couldn't



This columnist has spent the past six weeks on a couch recuperating from an injury and watching the world go by.

imagine another four weeks of sitting on my couch and watching the world go by out my picture window. Especially when said picture window is a filthy mess.

I've lived in my house for 14 years and I'm actually a bit embarrassed to say I've never once cleaned my picture window. That's 14 years of Michigan winters, dust, dirt and explosive bird droppings all splattered, coated and spread out in a hideous mess across my front window. Imagine never cleaning your vehicle's windshield for 14 years and you're beginning to understand the level of dirt and grime caked all over my home's picture window.

My jumping off my shed's roof doesn't seem too surprising now does it?

Anyhow, another four weeks of staring out that nuclear-waste-of-a-front-window was more than enough motivation for me to get off the couch and back to work. To heck with my injured leg.

Once I'm healed and back to my usual strong, capable self, I'm going to make it a point to clean my picture window inside and outside.

Probably. I don't know, I'm sure I will. We'll see. It has to be done, right? Seems like a lot of hard work though. I need to take things slow, right? I shouldn't bite off more than I can chew, right? I'm coming off a serious injury. I don't want to re-injure myself by overdoing things, right? So, yeah, I'm sure I'll get it done.

We'll see... Probably.

Anyhow, another aspect of being a professional couch-sitter is my ability to survey everything going on in front of, next to, above, below and behind me. My bored, tired eyes catch every little movement, every nuance and every carpet fiber out of place. When you've spent six weeks in the same spot, looking at the same view, you tend to notice EVERYTHING.

Because of my recent sedentary lifestyle, I have a new appreciation for the random insects I observe going about their daily business in my living room.

Ummm, first off, where did all these living organisms come from? How did they get into my house? Is there some gaudy, glittery Vegas-style strip I'm unaware of with some giant lit-

up arrow leading all these bugs into my house?

I've come to admire the tenacity of my home's resident earwig. His epic journey across my carpeted living room floor is actually quite inspiring. The obstacles I've watched this little dude overcome on his quest to reach the other side of my living room is quite dramatic.

Then there's the spider in the corner of my living room. He resides to the left of where I sit on my couch in a strategic spot near the floor. He's building a bigger "house," er, web, every day. Like the earwig, I admire his hard-working, can-do attitude. Sadly, he's picked a bit of a barren location in my living room. There's not a lot of action go-

ing on in that corner. I tried telling him to relocate to my kitchen, I could use some help with the ant problem in there. But he doesn't listen. He seems very committed to his corner of preference.

Sights and sounds from my couch — Week 6.

I'm losing my mind.

I'm talking to a spider and learning life lessons from a random earwig.

My view of life is changing as I sit idle on my couch.

Or is that because of my dirty picture window?

I don't know. But can somebody come clean it for me?

Pretty please. Anybody?

My earwig and spider friend would really appreciate it...

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MAGGIE HAS GAME



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er Hugg. My favorite coaches are Jeff Connelly, John Daniels, Carley Wooster, and Angie Root."

Softball is very important to her. Both in high school and hopefully beyond.

"I would like to play softball in college and am currently looking at different schools," she said.

Her hobbies include reading, working out, walking her dog, and spending time with friends and family.

"My parents' names are Tracy Olaveson

and Daryl Olaveson, my siblings' names are Avery (12) Olaveson, and Thomas Olaveson (14)," she said. Life and sports are very important to her. Her advice is very wise for one so young.

"Someone who I love once told me that he will always believe in me no matter what but in order to succeed I needed to believe in myself too," she said. "So some advice I would give to younger athletes and scholars is to believe in yourself because in the end there could be a million other

people who believe in you too, but that means nothing unless you believe in yourself first."



Great Food with Golf & Glory Support St. Louis Center in June



NFL great Tom Nowatzke, Honoree Ron Hingst, and Piston's play-by-play man George Blaha.

Photos by Kelly Flaherty: Paesano's Tribute Dinner



Ron (seated) with his family. Rick and Celeste Hingst, David Barberi and sister Nancy Hingst, and daughter Katie Moreland.



Team Merkel was Runner-Up with a score of 10 under, and included Frank Luscri, Paul Rutter, and Joe and Tina Chavez Merkel.



The Lindemann Family was at the 1st Hole to thank everyone for their support, and included Kyle, Todd and Christine Lindemann. Todd is a resident of SLC.



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

During the month of June, two outstanding events took place in Ann Arbor to support the residents of St. Louis Center with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The first was the annual Paesano's Tribute Dinner on June 13th honoring Ron Hingst of Howell, MI, Co-Chairman of the Golf and Glory Outing, and the second was the 27th Annual Golf and Glory Outing at UM Golf Course on Monday June 21st.

Fifty people were on hand to enjoy the annual Paesano's Tribute Dinner and to thank Ron Hingst for his many years of volunteer service for the

financial support of St. Louis Center. Hingst has been critical to the operation of this outing from the beginning, and became a Co-Chair of the event seventeen years ago. One of Ron's lifelong passions is ice hockey, and hockey was the theme for the evening as several of his longtime teammates came out to pay him homage. Piston's play-by-play announcer George Blaha was also on hand to pay tribute, and owners Mike and Bridget Roddy of Paesano's hosted the event.

The 27th Annual Golf and Glory Outing at UM Golf Course then followed on June 21st, and 132 golfers registered to participate. A major thunderstorm occurred the night before and kept motorized carts off the course until 11:30 a.m., however participants still enjoyed walking their 18 holes of golf until the carts came out. Golfers

also received gifts from SLC and food provided by UM Catering. The winning team was the Brian Wirtz foursome who won for the second consecutive year with a score of 10 under par. Major sponsors included A.Z. Shmina, Inc., Google, Allied Inc., Bank of Ann Arbor, Chelsea Milling, Edward Jones Investments, Ron and Rosie Emrick, MI Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Mercy-Chelsea, Golling CDJR-Chelsea, J.E. Shirling Co., Midwestern Consulting, J. F. Dunn Enterprises, Alhambra Manresa Caravan, and Nancy Graebner & Mark Sundling.

St. Louis Center is located in Chelsea, MI, and has been caring for people with I/DD for the past 61 years. For more information, please visit www.st-louiscenter.org, or call 734-475-8430.

Outdoorsy Ideas for Summer Fun in Washtenaw County

From: Natalie Davies

Pickerel Lake
Pickerel Lake is a great place for kayaking, paddleboarding, and swimming. It is a carry-down boat launch sight with a small sandy area. The beach is not the biggest, but once you get in the water, you have all the room you could need without a lot of water traffic to worry about. Its connections to the Waterloo-Pinkney and Potawatomi trail systems also make it a great place for hikes, runs, and even mountain biking.

Dexter Blueberry Farm
11024 Beach Rd., Dexter, MI. 48130

Berry picking is a great way to get outside and eat local. Filling up a bucket of berries with family or friends is a fun way to connect and get outside. Picking season starts July 17th with a price of just \$2.50 a

pound.
County Farm Park
2230 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

This park is a fun place to visit for all ages. There is a big playground, a community garden, miles of trails with beautiful plants, and much more. If you want a good place to host a small birthday party for a kiddo or a peaceful place to walk your dog downtown, County Farm Park is the place for you.

Silver Lake
If you are looking for a lake day with a picnic on the beach, Silver Lake might be your go-to. There is a good size beach and area with picnic tables, restrooms and a concession stand. There are also multiple loops of hiking, running and biking trails to be explored along with campsites nearby at Bruin Lake that are also associated with Pinck-

ney Recreation Area for those looking to get away for longer than a day.

Domino Farms
24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Domino farms is home to many businesses, a petting farm and even a herd of bison. It has indoor and outdoor options and is an interesting and pretty place to have a good time. The petting farm has a \$6 general admission and a discount for seniors, military personnel, first responders and veterans.

Hudson Mills Metropark
If you are into running, canoeing, biking, disk golf or all of the above, Hudson Mills might be for you. It is a fun place to float along the Huron River, gather with family and friends outdoors, or go for a scenic run or walk. Hudson

Mills also hosts a variety of events such as high school cross country meets and drive-in movies, the next one being A Bug's Life on August 13th. Not only does buying a Metropark daily pass for \$10 a vehicle or an annual \$40 pass get you into the park in Dexter, but also any of the 12 other Metroparks across the state.

Dexter Boardwalk and Border to Border Trail

If you are looking for a chill place to walk or ride with friends, I highly recommend the Dexter portion of the Border to Border trail that starts downtown Dexter and runs into Hudson Mills. It has pretty views and consists of a flat paved trail that stretches for miles. Plus, being downtown gives you lots of options for snacks when you finish, like the Dexter Creamery, Dexter Bakery and

Aubree's Pizzeria.

Green Lake

If you are looking for a place to stay away from home but not too far, renting the yurt or camping at Green Lake Campground might be the move for you. There are additional miles of trails to explore by foot and bike nearby, with both paved and gravel woody options on the Border to Border and Waterloo-Pinkney trails respectively. It is also just minutes away from the DTE Energy Foundation Trail.

Downtown Ann Arbor

From the art fair that will take place from July 15 - 17 to walking around the Arb with a bubble tea in hand and a belly filled with Joe's Pizza, there is a lot to do in downtown Ann Arbor. Pick a unique restaurant or cafe and make a day of checking out U of M campus or catching up

with a friend in one of the many outdoor seating spaces.

Robin Hills Farm
20390 M-52, Chelsea, MI 48118

Though Robin Hills has a few short miles of walking trails, it is more well known for hosting live music performances and food trucks every weekend. It is a large chill space to mingle with friends new and old and can also be rented out for private events.

Rolling Hills Water Park

7660 Stony Creek Road Ypsilanti, MI 48197

When it comes to swimming and water sliding fun, Rolling Hills makes a great day trip. There are many pools, slides. For Washtenaw county residents, the entry fee is \$6 a vehicle and \$10 for nonresidents. It makes a great place to make a splash!

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events Launches SculptureWalk 2021!



SculptureWalk CHELSEA

From: D&B Strategic Marketing

If you haven't yet seen this year's Sculptures, you are going to be astounded! Chelsea Areas Festivals & Events (CAFE) proudly brings you SculptureWalk 2021. Sixteen original sculptures grace the courtyards and streets of Chelsea. The majority of the Artists hail from Michigan, seven of the Artists are returning from the previous year, plus nine artists new to SculptureWalk. The diversity and quality of this contemporary exhibit created by regional Artists enhance Chelsea's cultural community.

CAFE received a minigrant from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs,

administered by Creative Washtenaw, to help with the expanded program. The rotating exhibition provides access to art and is free and accessible to everyone. This new exhibition of sculptures is the largest show in the 12-year history of SculptureWalk Chelsea.

"Good art causes us to reflect and to engage in a dialogue about how it makes us feel, shared Crystal Scott, Visual Arts Coordinator.

"SculptureWalk Chelsea aims to inspire, delight, and encourage viewers to generously look, wonder, and contemplate," said Craig Common, CAFE board president. "We are also fortunate to have the support of generous sponsors and the City of Chelsea to create outdoor art of

ambitious scale."

2021 SculptureWalk Sponsors are - Secret Crisis Comics, Surelutions, Edward Jones - Michael O'Quinn and Diane Kieliszewski, Chelsea State Bank, Jeff Klink and Associates Reinhardt Realtors, Chelsea District Library, Ugly Dog Distillery, Silver Maples of Chelsea, D&B Strategic Marketing, Stieper and Brust Orthodontics, Susan Jacobs, CPA, Rick Eder Agency Farm Bureau Insurance, The Common Grill, Hardwood Solutions, and The Grateful Crow.

This year's exhibit features an exciting variety of mediums used in innovative ways. The exhibition introduces several new processes like woodworking, local fabrication, blacksmithing, functional art, and light produc-



1. "Tilted Victory Column" Barry Parker



2. "Sentinel" Lonnie Tremain & Walz Fabrication



3. "Chunky Monkey" Biz Drouillard



4. "Wedges" Rusty Wolfe



5. "Live Broadcast" Robert Garcia



6. "Bench for Malevich" Ray Katz



7. "Nephathia" Sean Hages



8. "Olivia Can Walk" Douglas Gruizenga



9. "Broken Dreams" Dave Tonegatto



10. "Summerscape" Robert Georgic



11. "Snakes and Ladders #2" David Petrakovitz



12. "Jack" Jeffery Bohl



13. "Harp #1" R. Mike Sohlikian



14. "March to the Sea" James Havens



15. "Trio" Brian Ferriby



16. "Contagious" Todd Kime

tion. All of the sculptures are available for purchase; please contact Crystal Scott at visualarts@chelseafestivals.com.

Gary Munce, CAFE Board member, and musician shared, "We wanted a show that is vibrant, inter-

active and easily accessible. We have an exciting exhibition to kick off summer with Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights".

Photos courtesy of Crystal Scott, Visual Arts Coordinator.

A display of incredible art that will

ignite the imagination! SculptureWalk is a welcoming space for families and friends to enjoy art together. Additional Information about the artists and their sculptures can be found at the SculptureWalk website.

Chelsea Area Garden Club hosting Arts in the Garden Benefit Walk July 25



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sea Senior Center, the Intergenerational Garden teaches children the joys and benefits of gardening, gives senior citizens an opportunity to garden, and bridges the gap between the two groups, explains garden manager Laura Noble.

The Intergenerational Garden has a hoop house, several raised beds, and garden space for a variety of vegetables. Volunteers help plant, weed and harvest the produce, and assist with summer camp garden-related programs.

The garden's farm stand sells produce on a donation basis, with proceeds supporting the garden.

The walk itinerary includes a 2-acre botanical oasis on Joslin Lake in Gregory, where Chelsea high school musicians will entertain and Chelsea Artists Guild members will paint plein air. Nancy Cooper and her husband, the late Doug Cooper, retired special education teachers, started the garden from scratch 20 years ago. Today, it features 800 daylilies, 300 hostas, 90 ornamental

grasses, and hundreds of other perennials and annuals. Scattered among the plants are purple martin and other birdhouses, scores of garden art pieces, and a towering bottle tree.

The third garden,

Along the Fence Daylilies, a family-owned farm in Dansville, has more than 2,400 cultivars, including some 300 mid- to late-blooming lilies. It sells varieties popular with local gardeners as well as new and harder-to-find plants. A free daylily will be given to the first 50 visitors to the farm.

Along the Fence, begun in 2008 by owners Sandra Dunn and Mary Ann Cleary, is home to a complete, chronologically organized collection of Stout Medal winners, the American Daylily Society's highest award for cultivars.

Arts in the Gar-

den Benefit Walk tickets (\$20) are available through July 24 at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St.; the Garden Mill, 110 South Main, Chelsea; and the Grass Lake Senior Center, 373 Lakeside Dr., Grass Lake. To purchase tickets by credit card or PayPal, go to the Chelsea Senior Center website, chelseaseniors.org. Tickets also will be available July 25 (\$25) at the three gardens. For more information about the walk, which will be held rain or shine, visit chelseagardenclub.com or call 734-475-9748.

Additionally, on July 25, the Chelsea Se-

nior Center is hosting the Festival of Trellises, a fundraiser, at the Intergenerational Garden. Creatively decorated trellises will be displayed; attendees can purchase voting tokens and vote for their favorite. A silent auction of trellises begins at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. No need to purchase a garden walk ticket to view, vote or bid at the Festival of Trellises.

Seniors who would like to arrange transportation for the walk or learn more about the Festival of Trellises can call the Chelsea Senior Center, 734-475-9242.

Now Open!

In-person outdoor markets are now available on both **Wednesdays and Saturdays, as of May 1**. The **Wednesday Market** is open each Wednesday from 1-5pm, and the **Saturday Market** every Saturday from 8am-1pm through the end of October.

The **Open Food Network online store** is also open for online ordering **Monday - Thursday, from 7am to 7pm**. Click on the yellow button below to place an order!

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