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Business around town



Mykala Mortgage Team From Left to Right: Emily Lindstrom (Transaction Coordinator), Spencer Mykala (Mortgage Banker), Jon Mykala (Senior Mortgage Banker), Jonathon Mykala (Marketing Coordinator), Melissa Handloser (Mortgage Banker).

By Dave Merchant
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Chelsea is the home to many suc-

cessful businesses of all types. One very important business is Mykala Mortgage

Planning at Dart Park. They handle residential mortgages in Michigan and other

states as their clients' needs demand. Jon Mykala is in charge **continued on page 5**



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that are relevant and sensitive to the current environment. Safely enjoy Chelsea's charming restaurants and shops, stroll around downtown, take in the atmosphere, and unique services and items on display. All participating mer-

chants are implementing and following CDC guidelines, namely masks and social distancing to ensure the safety of their employees and customers and ask that all visitors and customers do the same. Sidewalk Sales 2020 begins at 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 22, and continues Sunday, August 23. Participating merchants will be offering a range of discounts and will be featuring high-quality items in this fresh-air event. Enjoy the traditional sidewalk sales **continued on page 2**



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Photos By Josh Glaspie

By Charla Hamilton
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(Special Thank You to Josh Glaspie for Providing Information)

On Sunday August 9, the 4th annual Cancer benefit car cruise-in where Arctic Breakaway partners with Marshall motors out of Jackson to raise money for the American Cancer Society and other local charities was held.

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The Real Estate Corner

By: Michelle Elie,
Realtor, GRI

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For anyone involved with the world of Real Estate, it comes as no surprise that the market is crazy. What we're seeing happen this summer is a wave of transactions pushing into July and August that didn't happen earlier in the year as a result of the quarantine. You'll see what I'm talking about when you look at the numbers.

Most striking here is the comparison between the number of new listings and number of sales, which is remarkable. Another notable fact is that of the 44 new listings last

July Summary

Here's the 2020 July Chelsea Real Estate recap;

	2020
Number of new listings	44
Average list price	352,423
Number of sales	30
Average sale price	312,928

	2019
Number of new listings	24
Average list price	490,415
Number of sales	18
Average sale price	351,489

month, 26 are either sold or have accepted offers. The average days on the market for those 26 homes was ten. I hear all the time from friends, neighbors and clients, that they see signs going up, and then they're sold. This is reality. The two homes I listed last month received multiple offers, will sell

well over list price, and were under contract within 24 hours of being on the market.

Looking forward, I foresee this happening at least through September as inventory remains extremely low. As I write this, there are currently 43 homes available for sale in Chelsea. Get out there and buy one of them!

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continued from page 1 set up with tents to complement in-store shopping. The restaurants in Chelsea have CDC compliant options for everyone, indoor as well as take-out. There is also a new SculptureWalk exhibit that is 100% fresh air and free.

During this two-day event, customers can enter a drawing for a basket of unique Chelsea goods. For more information vis-

it www.shopchelseamich.com. "We are mindful of the times, many events have been canceled this year. The intention of this event is to offer an opportunity to safely enjoy a day in Chelsea," shared Jennifer Fairfield, Owner of the Garden Mill.

Local economies rely on independent businesses to maintain a vibrant community. Chelsea merchants are on a mission of con-

tinuous improvement and innovation to ensure that everyone can move forward in a safe and thoughtful fashion adapting to the environment.

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It's Not Too Late to Support Faith in Action



Chelsea First United Methodist Church (CFUMC) sponsored a Facebook Live concert on July 25 to benefit Faith in Action (FIA), the local organization whose mission is to provide essential support to those in need, especially for those who reside in Chelsea, Dexter, and nearby communities. Anyone who was not able to watch the event live still has an opportunity to virtually attend the concert through a high-resolution recording on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtUzk-w3xP6c>.

Linda Meloche of "Around Town" hosted the concert that featured local virtuosi Brian Brill, Mark Loring, Max Plank, and Cynthia Standefer; Chelsea High School (CHS) alumnae Katherine (Standefer) Grant and Katie Rae Hayduk; and CHS musicians. Music styles ranged from Americana and folk to classical.

Jeanne Franks,

CFUMC's director of youth ministries, who came up with the idea for raising needed funds for FIA during the pandemic; and Emily Kuo, who planned the event, are delighted with the response to the concert. Prior to the upload to YouTube, the popular concert had more than 1,500 views on the church's Facebook page, and FIA's donations since then have significantly increased above what was raised last year at this time.

Sheri Montoye, executive director of FIA, is grateful for the much-needed assistance during the pandemic—about \$1,000 with about 60% of that coming from new donors—and thrilled that the high school musicians were given the opportunity "to do what they love in a safe environment."

"This event also helped to raise awareness for the needs of the food pantry of Faith in Action," said Montoye. "Thanks to the community, we are here to help, and are continuing our services safely in spite of COVID-19."

Montoye said it can be hard for people

with needs to ask for assistance, but it also may be the right thing to do. Individuals or families who have a need can complete an online form at www.faithinaction1.org and a social worker will contact them within a day or two during the week. Alternatively, people can phone FIA during business hours at (734)475-3305 and ask to talk to Doug or Miranda.

"We will maintain your privacy and get you the assistance you might need right now during these incredibly weird and challenging times," said Montoye.

In addition to financial donations, FIA can always use the following items: baked beans, coffee, canned tomatoes, Hamburger Helper/any noodle helpers, shampoo, conditioner, cream soups, ketchup, cereal, juice, cleaning supplies, and personal products.

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Rachel Krugh
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By Kitty Golding

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us each week – we now introduce you to Mrs. Rachel Krugh.

What is your current profession? I have been a physical therapist for 21 years, and I also own a business.

Your family members: My husband, Joe, and our children, Jack, Kate and Grace, our dog, Luke, (and 3 cats and 8 chickens). We have also been blessed to have 3 "Bonus Kids": 3 foreign exchange students we have hosted over the past few years, Beck (from Thailand), Jean (from Brazil) and Chaemin (from South Korea).

People think of me as: outgoing but really I am an introvert

When did you move to Chelsea and where did you live prior to coming to Chelsea? We moved to Chelsea from Tacoma,

WA about 10 years ago, to bring us back closer to our Midwestern roots. (And because Tim Allen spoke to us through a Pure Michigan campaign television commercial and told us we would love it here. True story!)

What do you love about where you currently live? When we lived in Washington it was very crowded and we dreamed of having "green space" of our own someday. Our home here in Chelsea is on a beautiful 6-acre lot and we love tending to it - we have room for a garden, orchard, chickens, trails through the woods and a whiffle ball field.

If you could have a second home anywhere, where would it be? On the Puget

Sound in Washington. **What three words describe your style?** Minimalist, natural and eclectic.

Who most influenced your design styles?

My Aunt Ceil. Her home always seemed magical to me - especially during the holidays.

What are you most inspired by in your design/decor? Nature.

As you think about the home in which you grew up, what elements did you like and do you think you have incorporated some of them in your own home? My childhood home was always

very busy, as my Mom ran a daycare out of our house, so the space needed to be functional and not fussy. I find myself making design decisions with the same sort of practicality in mind.

When entering your home, how do you want it to feel? Welcoming and comfortable.

What is one element or trend in design you do not like? Floral wallpaper (and couches).

What is the biggest design issue you struggle with? I am practical to a fault, so I have a hard time get-

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This year \$1000 was raised. At the event all are welcome to bring in their cars or bikes to show for free and the first 100 people that bring in a car or bike are given a free dash plaque. It is also free for all to come and see some cool cars. Josh Glaspie, General Manager at the Breakaway states: "We weren't sure what to expect this year due to the current circumstances but with some great weather and people wanting to get out and do something we had an amazing turnout. We have a giant parking lot with lots of space to spread out, we were also given permission to use some fairgrounds parking and one of Chelsea Lumbers parking lots, which we are very grateful for. We tried our best to support and promote 6 foot social distancing by having many signs placed around the property and double spacing all of the cars."

"Even with double spacing all of the cars and not running our usual radio and newspaper promo-



tions for the event to keep attendance under control, we still had about 150+ cars come in throughout the day, so we couldn't have asked for a better turnout especially considering the circumstances. We look

forward to having it again next year and every year after that and nothing will stop it. The Arctic Breakaway is open for business and we have no intention of slowing down," Josh commented.

PUBLIC NOTICES



LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

SYNOPSIS JUNE 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LYNDON TOWNSHIP – 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. **Summary of Minutes, June 9, 2020—REGULAR MEETING**—Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM via Audio/Video Conference. No Public Comment. Items Approved: Agenda; Bills A through E as presented. Zoning Administrator presented his report in writing. CAFAs representative presented his report in writing. Gary Munce updated the Board on broadband. Reilly updated the Board on Multi-Lakes. Items Approved: Remove Mary Jane Maze from credit card and as signatory on bank accounts; Add Kristen Brekke on a credit card with a limit not to exceed \$5,000 and as signatory on bank accounts and to add her Deputy Nicole M. Warriner as signatory on bank accounts; Decker Agency invoice for \$6,610, Brekke will contact the Decker Agency to get an explanation of building and contents coverage and will report back at the July Township Board meeting; Authorize acceptance of the Casualty Terrorism Coverage for a premium of \$20.00 and Property Terrorism Coverage for a premium of \$17.00; Annual MTA dues payment for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$2,968.16, contribution to the Legal Defense Fund in the amount of \$89.04 and Premium Pass for \$1,900.00; Appoint Linda Reilly as Coordinator of COVID-19 and to bring back to the Board a preparedness and response plan; Make the Chelsea Update as a newspaper of record for the Township and seek an attorney's opinion; Schedule the Budget Workshop on June 24, 2020 at 4:30 PM; Set the Budget Public Hearing on June 30, 2020 at 4:30 PM. The Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. Summary of Minutes, June 24, 2020—SPECIAL MEETING—Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM via Audio/Video Conference. No Public Comment. Items Approved: Agenda; June 9, 2020 minutes as amended; Accept the Zoning Map Amendment 20-001 but not the Planning Commission's recommendation to extend the comment period due to lack of access to the Planning Commission public hearing; Accept Zoning Map Amendment 20-002 with the staff's recommendation and the Planning Commission recommendation; Pave the parking lot at 4" and driveway to fire bay at 4" at a cost not to exceed \$26,500 and to reach out to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority to pay 75% of the cost of the driveway back to the fire bay. The Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM. Summary of Minutes, June 30, 2020—BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING—Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM. No Public Comment. Items Approved: Agenda; Open Public Hearing; Budget Amendments to the Lyndon Township 2019-2020 Budget; Salary Authorization of \$29,050.00 for the Supervisor and Clerk for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 as amended; Salary Authorization of \$29,050.00 for the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021; Salary Authorization of \$3,767.00 for each Trustee for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021; Adopt the 2020 tax levy of .7059 and the Broadband debt millage of 2.8456; General Millage Act of Lyndon Township for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021; Adopt the Lyndon Township Budget for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021 as amended; Close the public hearing; Approve the fiscal year end bills as presented; Approve the meeting agendas for the Lyndon Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021; Accused: On-Site Shredding option. The Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM. Prepared by Office Manager: Janet K. Gilkey Approved by Supervisor, Marc E. Keezer • Linda Reilly, Township Clerk

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"We specialize in purchases, refinance, construction in 2nd homes, and Bridge Loans between selling existing and buying new," Mykala said. "There are 5 employees in the office," he said.

There is plenty new about the local business. "We have expanded our staff this year, and added both of my sons to the business," he said. "Spencer is a Mortgage Banker and my oldest son Jonathon is our Marketing Coordinator. We have added an informational series to our website called BORN & RAISED which provides video content and information for people moving to the Michigan markets we serve and features small towns like Chelsea." For more information on BORN & RAISED visit: <https://www.mykalamortgage.com/born-raised-small-town-michigan>.

Their business comes from several different counties: Jackson & Washtenaw County – with additional work in Lenawee (The Irish Hills area) and Livingston County (Brighton, Howell, Pinckney & Hamburg).

His wife, Michelle, is from Chelsea and still has family here. Her family inherited Thompson's Pizza. His parents live in Jackson. Their children are Jonathon (Wife – Cara), Spencer (Fiance – Carlye), and McKenzie (Boyfriend – Morgen). They have one grandbaby, Hayden (2 more on the way later this year). Business is doing well. "Amazing," he said. "Having a record year. We love being a part of the Chelsea Community and feel very blessed to have the ability to serve our clients for the entire life of their mortgage. (We do not sell the majority of loans we originate so our clients stay with us. And during falling rate environments like we are experiencing now,



Senior Mortgage Banker at Mykala Mortgage Planning, Jon Mykala.

we contact our clients and try to have them take advantage of lower rates."

Future looks bright. "We plan on building out Born & Raised Platform to feature each of the small Michigan Towns in our market places in order to better serve our potential new clients and hi-light all of the benefits to living in our wonderful small towns of Michigan," he added. To contact Jon Mykala directly call his direct line at 734-433-0922 or email him at jmykala@dartbank.com. For more information visit their website at www.MykalaMortgage.com.



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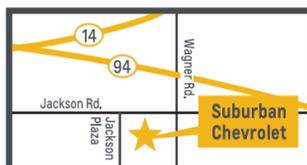
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS SPORTS SCHEDULES

Note: Dates and Times May Change



Boys Varsity Football

8/28/20 7:00pm (H) vs Skyline HS
9/3/20 7:00pm (H) vs Saline HS
9/11/20 7:00pm (A) vs Jackson HS



Girls Varsity Cross Country

8/21/20 5:00pm (A) vs Michigan Center HS
9/3/20 TBA (A) vs TBD
9/12/20 TBA (A) vs Bath HS



Boys Varsity Cross Country

8/21/20 4:00pm (A) vs Michigan Center HS
9/15/20 TBA (A) vs Adrian HS
9/29/20 4:30pm (A) vs Lincoln HS



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

8/25/20 6:00pm (A) vs East Grand Rapids HS
8/26/20 7:00pm (H) vs Brighton HS
8/31/20 5:30pm (A) vs Skyline HS



Girls Varsity Golf

8/19/20 TBA (A) vs Perry HS
8/21/20 9:00am (A) vs Lakeview HS
8/24/20 3:00pm (H) vs Multiple Opponents SEC Tri@ Chelsea



Boys Varsity Soccer

8/25/20 5:30pm (A) vs Lincoln HS
8/27/20 5:30pm (H) vs Father Gabriel Richard HS
8/29/20 11:00am (A) vs Northwest HS



Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving

8/26/20 TBA (A) vs Waverly Senior HS
9/1/20 6:00pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/8/20 6:00pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents



Boys Varsity Tennis

8/19/20 8:00am (H) vs Multiple Opponents
8/22/20 9:00am (A) vs Sturgis HS
8/24/20 8:00am (H) vs Multiple Opponents



Girls Varsity Volleyball

8/22/20 9:00am (A) vs TBD
8/25/20 6:30pm (A) vs Father Gabriel Richard HS
8/29/20 9:00am (A) vs TBD

ON THE SIDELINE: VACATIONS, RECLINERS, SKINNY-DIPPING AND SNARLING GUARD DOGS



By Don Richter
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I don't know what's faster -- a super-sonic jet or the week you're on vacation.

I recently took a week off of work, or at least I think I did, the days went by in such a blur I'm starting to doubt myself. Was I really on vacation or was I dreaming?

And when did doing basically nothing become appropriate va-



A recliner similar to this one is surprisingly an appropriate vacation destination.

cation time well spent? So many questions, so little time.

Most people when they have a week off on vacation travel someplace nice, someplace warm, someplace fun and someplace picturesque. For me, I traveled to my living room. More specifically, I traveled to my recliner -- and never left.

When did I become so lazy and boring?

I used to be fun.

In college, on a snowy, cold winter day in Michigan, my buddy and I jumped into his Ford Escort on a whim and two days later were skinny-dipping, err, I mean, respectfully swimming in the Pacific Ocean, with two, random California girls in swanky, sunny Newport Beach.

A few years later, my cousin decided to move down to Florida. She didn't want to drive down alone. I dropped everything and called "shotgun" for the first few hours. After a "ginger ale-filled" dust-up in a Knoxville bar, followed by getting lost in a tropical, swampy jun-



A trained police guard dog similar to this German Shepherd is something one doesn't want to run into unexpectedly in the dark of night.

gle in the dark of night outside of Tampa looking for "Randy's" house, my cousin and I finally reached our destination.

"Randy" was the former police officer and family friend from Michigan who had moved down to Florida for a fresh start and with whom my cousin was going to stay with until **continued on page 10**

Chelsea School District Back to School Plan

By Charla Hamilton
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On Monday August 10 the Board of Education voted 7-0 to approve the CSD Back to School Plan. The school district will be taking a Climbing out of COVID - Phased Ap-

proach. The 2020-2021 school year will begin in a virtual format with a phased in approach beginning with elementary students and then moving to secondary depending on safety and guidance from public health officials.

A full virtual option will remain throughout the entire plan. Families will have a choice of two CSD Models: CSD Phased in Model or All Virtual Model (decision will be made by student and can be for the trimester or for the year).

For more information and to see the entire Back to School presentation visit: <https://www.chelsea.k12.mi.us/return-to-school> and click on Return to School Preparedness and Response Plan Presentation.

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Phase Back-to-School Plan

COVID-19 Spread Data Indicators

- [State Trend Data](#)
- [Local Trend Data](#)
- [Local School District Data](#)
- Local College and University Data
- Stakeholder Comfort Level
- [Ability to Implement Preparedness Plan](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Information & Data](#)

Transition Goals & Information

- Each step in the phase will be re-evaluated every 2-3 weeks.
- Beginning in step 2 of the plan, special populations may be in the buildings for specific, targeted needs.
- *High school students might have opportunities for face-to-face activities prior to the end of the first trimester on November 24th.
- It is possible to move up or down more than "one step" given indicators from the State.
- Our goal is to have all students safely return to a face-to-face learning environment as soon as possible.

"CLIMBING OUT OF COVID"

The Garden Mill Bringing you Garden Inspiration!



From D&B Strategic Marketing

If you haven't had the experience of visiting The Garden Mill, you should! Owner Jennifer Fairfield has completed the coursework required to be a master gardener and speaks from the heart about all things gardening. In a recent "Let's Get Gardening" newsletter, her opening words were - "I both love being a gardener in July and hate it. I love it because so much is going on in the garden this month... I hate it because I really don't like the heat that we tend to get this month. It makes me not want to go out into my gardens except in the early morning and evening

when it's not quite so breathtakingly hot. Of course, I tend to get going on garden tasks in the morning, and get so involved that I don't realize how hot it's gotten (or how late) until I am parched and sweaty. I don't know about you, but for me, it's very easy to lose track of everything else when I'm in my garden!"

Fairfield has curated a lovely store in the eight years she has owned the business. This summer, the focus is on experiencing "Garden Serenity" by creating an oasis in your own backyard! The Garden Mill has fantastic treasures to help make that happen including outdoor furniture

- bistro tables and benches, excellent enticement for your feathered friends - birdbaths and feeders, metal sculptures, concrete garden decor embracing woodland creatures, turtles, rabbits, frogs, fairies, Buddhas and a few charming gargoyles. The Garden Mill has added on-line shopping to supplement the in-store retail experience visit the website www.thegardenmill.com.

Jennifer Fairfield grew up helping out in her grandmother's garden and developed a love for gardening. After spending most of her adult life in the Human Resources Industry, Fairfield decided to do something she was passionate about and purchased the Garden Mill in 2012. She is active in the Chelsea Community as a DDA board member and engaged with the #shopcheleamich merchants' organization.

The Garden Mill is located at 110 S. Main Street, in downtown Chelsea. Store hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 5 pm, Friday and Saturday, from 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday, 12 pm to 6 pm.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 20-1760

Location: 300 block of Wilkinson St

Date: August 7, 2020

Time: 1:30 pm

INFORMATION: While at the station an officer took a call regarding a possible identity theft involving a fraudulent tax return that was filed. The complainant stated that she had went to her bank to check on the status of her tax return. The complainant stated that she had filed her

return and it was supposedly going to be deposited into her account. The bank staff were unable to locate the return and assisted the complainant with attempting to find out what the status of the return was. The bank staff discovered that the complainants tax return had apparently

been filed by another unknown individual and the return had been sent to the suspect. An incident report was completed and the complainant was advised to contact the Internal Revenue Service Investigative Division so that they can further investigate the potential fraud.

John Mann Receives 2020 Best of Community Banking Award



From Felicia A. Mann

Chelsea State Bank has the distinct pleasure to announce that Chairman and CEO John Mann has been elected by the Community Bankers of Michigan to receive "The Best of Community Banking Award" for 2020. Mann will officially receive this prestigious award at CBM Annual Convention held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City in September.

The Best of Community Banking Award is given each

year at the Community Bankers of Michigan Annual Convention. The award recognizes the contributions and success of a Michigan community banker. Special recognition is given to community bankers who have made significant contributions to their communities and the community banking industry.

"Receiving this award is a great honor," said Chelsea State Bank Chairman and CEO John Mann. "But I didn't do it alone. Beginning with parents, teachers, coaches, classmates - I learned a lot along the way. I'll be accepting this award not for me, but for all the employees, directors, and customers of Chelsea State Bank that I've worked with the past 32 years."

Mann began his banking career with National Bank of Detroit in 1983. He joined Chelsea State Bank in 1988, became President and CEO of the Bank in 1994, elected to the Board of Directors in 1990, and was appointed Chairman of the Board in 2005. Under his leadership the bank has seen assets grow to \$364 million from \$93.5 million, and capital grow to \$40.7 million from \$11.2 million.

In June, Mann announced he would begin working part time in January 2021. At that time, Chelsea

State Bank President Joanne Rau will become President and CEO, and Mann will remain Chairman of the Board. He plans to spend more time with his wife Anne and their grandchildren.

Mann received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albion College majoring in Biology, and then worked three years for Chrysler Corporation as an emissions engineer. He went on to earn his Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

In 2017, Mann was awarded Chelsea's Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service to the citizens of Chelsea and Washtenaw County by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

An unassuming community advocate, Mann has given so much of his time to the Chelsea United Way, United Methodist Retirement Community Foundation, Chelsea Community Foundation, Chelsea Community Fair Livestock Auction and the Purple Rose Theatre Company, where he was the treasurer for 28 years. Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea Stadium Drive, Ele's Place and Huron Waterloo Pathways have all benefited from John's assistance with fundraising to make a greater impact on the community.

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Kitty & Company

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ting rid of something that is in good condition even if it is outdated (see the floral couch story below).

Have you ever

built a new home or remodeled an existing one? We are often working on renovating our current home, and we most recently updated our kitchen

and finished our garage. We have not built a new home from the ground up yet, but it is on our bucket list.

Have you ever sought professional help with the interior design of your home - if so, what did you find most helpful? Not yet, but Kitty & Co would be my first choice if I did.

Have you stayed true to a style through the years, or have you fluctuated in your tastes? I visited Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house as a child, and I have been enamored with organic architecture and design ever since. As a result, I have always tried to make interior design choices that incorporate elements of a home's natural setting. So, as we have moved to different parts of the country, each home has had a different design feel to it.

If you were moving and could only select one item from your home to keep, what would it be? My photos

Which room in your home gets the most use? Our kitchen/dining/family room is where we spend the vast majority of time year round, but in the



summer, our deck is our favorite place to linger together. We eat dinner out on our upper level deck, enjoying the views of our property, almost every night from May through September.

Name an item you purchased for your home that you regret buying? A bold, vibrant-patterned floral couch. We bought it shortly after we got married, and I loved it for a year, but then I quickly grew tired of it. But we kept it for many years, and now a good majority of the photos of my children as babies are taken on that hideous couch!

No room is complete without: Something that inspires me: family photos, artwork, books, memorabilia from our travels, etc; and something that makes me laugh.

If you are a pet owner, how has that influenced your choices in design, if it has? Flooring that is easy to clean, and washable rugs.

Has any local venue particularly caught your eye - if so why?

Our neighbors renovated an old barn on their property and turned it into their home, keeping the existing roof lines and beams, and it is gorgeous. And the walls have so many stories to tell!

What did you do to pass the time during the COVID-19 State shutdown? I spent a lot of time running, hiking and walking my dog - and I challenged myself to learn something new every day to offset the monotony of being cooped up at home.

A few of your favorite things!

Movie - The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Historical Place You have visited - Gettysburg, PA

Scent - Vanilla

Music - Alternative

TV Show - I am not a TV watcher

Meal - Copper River King Salmon

Travel Destination (on your bucket list) - New Zealand

Season - Summer

Color - Green

Favorite thing to Collect - Friends and Experiences

Design Style - American Craftsman

Museum - The National Museum of Natural History

Hobbies - Anything involving being outside - but you will most often find me running or hiking

Plant - A four way tie!: Mountain Laurel along the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania in the Spring, White Pine trees in Michigan during the summer, Aspen trees in Colorado in the fall, and the Pacific Madrone tree in Washington during the winter

Item on a bookshelf - Our family photo albums

Kitty's Note:

Rachel and I share some common bonds - owning a business, loving nature, having 3 (or more) kids and raising chickens! We first met when I worked at the Wellness Center many years ago. Rachel's magnetic energy, positivity and open mind, from my perspective, have kept her healthy and a lively influence in our community.

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ON THE SIDELINE: VACATIONS, RECLINERS, SKINNY-DIPPING AND SNARLING GUARD DOGS

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she could find a place of her own. As we walked up the stairwell leading to Randy's front door (his house was on tall, narrow stilts to ward off alligators and snakes), I could feel my heart racing -- it was pitch black, hot, humid and unnervingly quiet -- I just knew one slip on those stairs and I was gator bait. As we arrived safely to the top, I exhaled deeply, thinking we had finally made it. My cousin put the key in the front door and turned the handle to enter. "Grrrrr...snarl...deeper grrrr...another snarl..." Something sounding very big and very nasty growled at us from behind the front door.

"Oh shoot (she used another word that you can imagine), I forgot about "Schultz," my cousin silently shrieked to me underneath her breath.

"Who the heck (it was another word that you can imagine) is "Schultz," I desperate-

ly and wide-eyed asked my cousin.

"He's Randy's police guard dog he brought down with him from Michigan," my cousin said. "He's a big German Shepherd and he's mean..."

I could go on, but I won't bore you anymore than I already have with further details. I obviously lived through that night and the following day. In fact, Schultz and I ended up becoming best buds before I left the following day. After waking up late, surviving a crazy, weaving in and out of freeway traffic drive to the airport, then slamming on the brakes and jumping out of my cousin's car to the loud screams of the airport porter to "slow down!," followed by a panic-filled sprint through the Tampa airport terminal and finally stumbling onto the packed plane, I found my seat and collapsed.

By the way, Randy and my cousin have been married for over

30 years now. I still take credit for bringing them together.

I used to have fun adventures.

What happened to me?

I spent time with and visited family and friends during my week-long vacation. I also did a boatload of chores inside and outside of my house. But more than anything, I parked my rear end on my recliner, watched TV and slept off and on for the entire week.

The week went by so fast.

The week after vacation is always the toughest at work. I'm exhausted and so "out-of-work-shape." My joints ache. My neck is sore.

I need a vacation. Oh, wait... I just had one.

And how does one forget there's a trained police guard dog in the house?

I just need to know. I've never figured that one out...