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Al Ruhlig turned 100 last Friday and still lives on the farm he purchased 73 years ago in Dexter Township, continued on page 5

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(Special Thank You to Kathy Grau for providing information) The Chelsea Community Fair Livestock Auction was held virtually on Thursday August 27. Pictured are the Champion Buyer continued on page 2

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Chelsea Community Fair Livestock Auction: Champion Buyers Photos

continued from page 1
 ers from the auction. Emily Trinkle assisted with the photos. Emily shows beef and hogs; she was a member of the 2019 Queens Court. The Chelsea Community Fair Live-

stock Auction would like to say Thank You to these businesses and individuals who helped to make the auction possible this year: Chelsea Community Fair Board, Chelsea State Bank, Sarah

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Obituaries Shirley Ann Schultz



Shirley Ann Schultz of Gregory, MI, age 80, died due to pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at her home with her family at her side. She was born April 25, 1940 in Garden City, Michigan, the daughter of Norbert & Eveline Gladys (Kline) Schultz. Shirley was proud

that she went back to Stockbridge High School and graduated in 1987. She worked at Chelsea Retirement Community for over 30 years as a receptionist. When she wasn't at CRC, she was at home enjoying her pond. Survivors include her three children, Michael (Lisa) Taylor

of Flat Rock, Sherry (Donald Morris) Taylor of Gregory, Troy (Lori) Taylor of TX; 11 grandchildren, Heather Reppert, Sara Denton, Collin Grissom, Codie Grissom, Tanner Taylor, Jensen Taylor, Troy "TJ" Taylor Jr, Jylian Taylor, James Taylor, Jennifer McCallum, Johnny Gearin; 3 brothers, Russel Schultz, Paul Kline, Gordon Kline; 18 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; and her Chelsea Retirement Community family.

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 12, at Veterans Park in Chelsea, 1-4 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Julie J. Kilmer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to a Go Fund Me for Pancreatic Cancer:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/4k8zy-pancreatic-cancer-awareness?fbclid=IwAR3AIJI-QCod_ZuAln2piwGg_TY-EBfO5aVPvM-2T_s-6em-DasqDPqQhN7Q. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

Ann Marie (Meek) Roush



as serving many through the English as a Second Language Program. Ann is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Howard W. (Bill) Roush. She is the dear sister of Dr. Thomas Meek and wife, Marilyn, of Odessa, TX, and dear sister-in-law of Richard Ross of Prescott, AZ; she is the loving and devoted mother to Howard William Roush III, Amy Adams (Darren), Margaret Spence (Mike), Benjamin Roush (Lisa), and Valarie Kole (Max); and she is survived by 16 grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews. Ann touched the lives of so many people with her kindness and friendship, and she will be dearly missed. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at St. Mary Catholic Church, Chelsea, MI. Visitation is the same day in the church gathering space, 10 a.m. until the time of service. All are welcome. The church is following current CDC recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic, and those in attendance will be instructed accordingly; masks must be worn and social distance maintained. Private burial will occur at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Ann's memory to Faith in Action, 603 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, MI, www.mitchellfuneral.com.

Ann Marie (Meek) Roush passed away on September 2, 2020. She was born on October 11, 1937 in East Palestine, OH, the daughter of J. Dale Meek and Florence (Quilter) Meek. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Mary Margaret Ross. Ann grew up in East Palestine, OH and graduated from East Palestine High School in 1955. She attended Kent State University, where she met her future husband; Ann married Howard W. (Bill) Roush on December 28, 1957, and they had five children as well as 16 grandchildren. She was devoted to her husband and family, and they were the focus of her every day life. She was extremely proud of the achievements of their five children—all with college degrees—and totally confident in the future success of their grandchildren who all understand the concept of maintaining a strong work ethic. Early in their

marriage, Ann taught Kindergarten in Ohio. She devoted her life to being a full-time mother of five children, and her strength as a mother represented the personification of motherhood. She returned to college at Eastern Michigan University when their youngest child, Valarie, entered the first grade. Ann graduated in 1980, earning Elementary Teacher Certification. In 1984, she began a 12-year period as a teacher at two Catholic Schools in Detroit, Presentation Our Lady of Victory and Transfiguration Academy. In 1988, she earned her Master of Arts from Oakland University. In 1994, she earned her Education Specialist degree from Wayne State University, and served as Principal at St. Cyprian Parish School in Riverview, MI, until her retirement. In retirement, she continued her commitment to education by tutoring elementary and high school students, as well



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introduce you to **Ms. Kelly Harness.**

What is your current profession? I am an employee benefits consultant working with mid to large size employee groups and I have been doing this for 12 years.

Your family members: Branden (son) and Steve- (my significant other).

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

When did you move to Chelsea and where did you live prior to coming to Chelsea? I am a Chelsea girl! We moved here when I was 10 years old from

Ann Arbor. It was always my Dad's dream to live in the country, so he bought 20 acres off of North Territorial Road, near Riker Road.

What do you love about where you currently live? Right now we live in town, in a subdivision and having neighbors close by is so wonderful.

If you could have a second home anywhere, where would it be? Harbor Springs, MI.

What three words describe your style? Traditional (with a little bit of bling), warm and comfort.

Who most influ-

enced your design styles? I cannot think of any one person, I have always felt free to choose what I like.

What are you most inspired by in your design/decor? History as I am more drawn to historical and traditional homes than other styles.

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? We had a lot of windows when growing up and it felt like we lived in a tree house. So naturally, I have to have windows and natural light with the shades up and windows open as often as I can. I cannot stand to be in a dark home. The windows **continued on page 9**



Kelly Harness

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Chelsea Senior Center helps celebrate Al Ruhlig's 100th Birthday

► continued from page 1 just across the way from the farm where he was born (then owned by his parents) and the farmhouse he was born in still stands. As always, Al drove to the Senior Center on his own Friday and is still remarkably sharp.

Bill O'Reilly, Executive Director of Chelsea Senior Center, states: "I had a nice long conversation with Al a couple of weeks ago about his service in World War II - quite remarkable. He did not join until 1944, but was in the Navy and his ship was in the Pacific and arrived in Tokyo shortly after V-J Day and the ship even went up to Nagasaki so they were

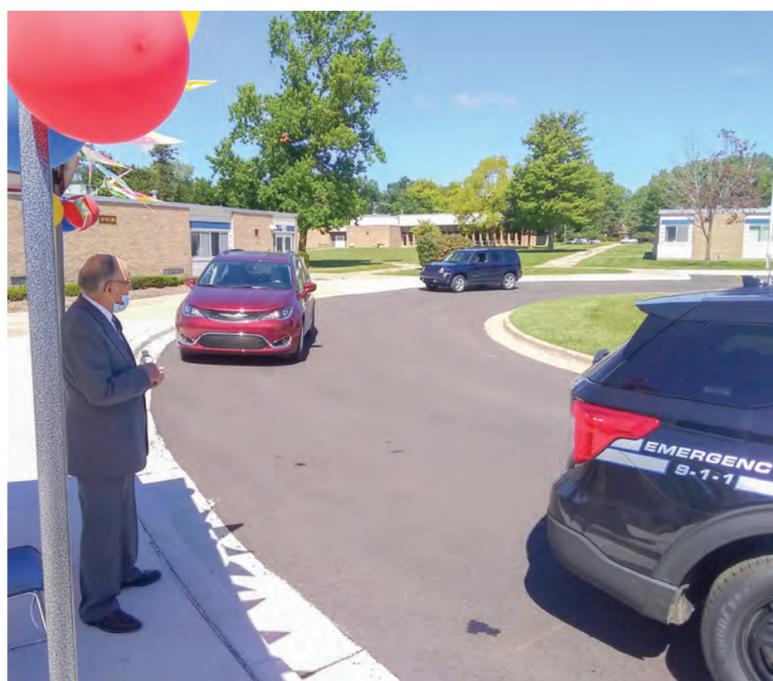
able to see that devastation not too long after the sad events there. Then slowly back to the States, through the Panama Canal and discharged in Mobile, Alabama in 1946."

His wife Madonna passed away in 2013 - they were married for 65 years - See link below for her obituary: <https://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=madonna-ruhlig&pid=164069896>

Bill stated that Al always has interesting stories to tell: "He did tell of the excitement of being old enough to go down to Western Market in Detroit with his Dad to sell their produce and chickens. I questioned when he

said Western Market - I said "do you mean Eastern Market?" and he said "No, Western". I looked it up - quite sad - it was near Corktown / Tiger Stadium in Detroit and they tore it and the neighborhood down to make way for the Fisher Freeway."

Bill also mentioned that in addition to the boxed lunch served at Chelsea Senior Center on Friday there was about 25 people masked and socially distanced who were there to help celebrate, and they also had a drive by arranged out front for folks to drive by and wish Al well from a distance (about 20 cars took advantage of that). Happy 100th Birthday Al!



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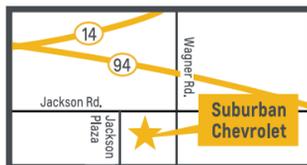


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9/29/20 4:30pm (A) vs Lincoln HS



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

9/11/20 7:00pm (H) vs Greenhills School



Girls Varsity Golf

9/16/20 3:00pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents SEC Tri @ Bedford



Boys Varsity Soccer

9/15/20 7:00pm (A) vs Pinckney Community HS
9/17/20 5:30pm (H) vs Lincoln HS



Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving

9/15/20 6:00pm (H) vs Multiple Opponents



Boys Varsity Tennis

9/15/20 4:00pm (A) vs Dexter HS



Girls Varsity Volleyball

9/15/20 7:00pm (H) vs Tecumseh HS

ON THE SIDELINE: FAN-LESS COLLEGE FOOTBALL STILL ENJOYABLE FOR THIS COLUMNIST



By Don Richter
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I watched my first college football game, Covid-style, this past Labor Day weekend.

It was weird.

It was interesting.

It was played in a cavernous, empty stadium.

But, it was football.

And that was good enough for me.

Brigham Young defeated Navy, 55-3, in a dominating performance, but that didn't really matter -- I was just happy to be watching the game I love.

Though the play on the field wasn't exactly sterling, it was still football.

Though there

were no fans in the stands, it was still football.

Though the officials and coaches on the sidelines wore masks, it was still football.

And I loved it.

Watching my first college football game of the "Covid season,"

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

CHELSEA @ PIONEER AT PIONEER HS, ANN ARBOR 5000 METERS, SEPT. 2, 2020

PARTLY CLOUDY, MUGGY, SLOWER COURSE, 72 DEGREES

Team results

Pioneer	16
Chelsea	42

JV

Chelsea	49
Pioneer	15

Varsity

5	Trilian Krug	21:16
7	Riley Thorburn	21:26
9	Audra Guthre	21:53
10	Seren Angus	22:10
11	Kate Gaiser	22:24
14	Julia Kause	23:13
15	Rachel Bullock	23:34
17	Sarah Kennings	25:35

Junior Varsity		
7	Brooke Matusik	25:19
10	Marah Putnam	25:40
11	Bekah Zachrich	25:48
18	Samantha Dark	27:37
24	Bella Hagen	32:14

Coaches Comments (Pat Clarke):

IT WAS MUGGY TODAY! The course was mildly hilly! These two factors made for slow times. Despite the trying conditions the girls performed very well. Today's meet was a great effort by the girls. Pioneer is the defending Division 1 State Champions with almost everyone back from last year. We got a chance to see what a really good team looks like! We have come a long way from last year. We have a lot of improving to do, but the girls will work at it.

"Senior Captain Riley Thorburn finished

with a 7th place performance in a season best time of 21:26. Freshman Trilian Krug placed fifth in a season best time of 21:16. Sophomore Audra Guthre ran a great first race to place ninth in a season best time of 21:53." said Coach Pat Clarke.

"We had a lot of season bests today as the girls stepped up the the competition. In total 11 of the 14 girls that ran recorded season best times. We will to continue to improve, and get our team prepared for our season. This team will get a lot better as the season progresses!", Clarke concluded.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

DUAL XC MEET WITH PIONEER @ PIONEER HS

OVERCAST 70 DEGREES SLIGHTLY MUGGY

Team Scores

Ann Arbor Pioneer- 21
Chelsea- 37

Individual Overall Places Times

2	Connell Alford	1645
6	Erik Reiber	1726
7	Bram Hartsuff	1727
10	Owen Smith	1731
12	Zeb Swager	1800
16	Caden Faupel	1828
17	Jonas Norwood	1834
18	Jackie Dell	1841
19	Jimmy Alford	1844
25	Nick Spruce	1913
31	Ethan Kapolka	1957
36	Misha McElrath	2035
45	Evan Muchler	2157
46	Colby Pfeiffer	2227
47	John Putnam	2228
49	Grayson Eckland	2306
54	Colin Kovick	2459
65	John Muckle	3043
66	Gabe Muckle	3052

Italics = Personal Best

Coach Swager's Comments: This was a great opportunity to run against one of the top Division 1 teams in the state. Pioneer runs a quality program, so we knew we would have plenty of guys to run with. We didn't worry too much about strategy- I just told the guys to compete and enjoy. Freshman Connell Alford was outstanding, running a huge PR

and finishing within seconds of Pioneer's top guy. Owen Smith had a great race, joining Bram and Erik in the top 10. This must have been the "day of the freshman", as Evan Muchler and Jackie Dell also had lifetime bests. I think our mental focus was very good overall, and I hope to retain this as we move through the season.

52 weeks of design

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Kelly and Steve

► continued from page 4 are our opening to the natural beauty of nature outside.

When entering your home, how do you want it to feel? Inviting, warm and with subtle coloring. It's encouraging that I have had visitors say that they love the colors I've used in my home, and it's inviting.

What is one element or trend in design you do not like? I am less into very contemporary styles. I respect the design but I don't love steel and cold hard straight lines.

What is the biggest design issue you struggle with? Currently, it centers around lighting. We live in a production home and aside from wishing for more natural light, I wish for more manufactured light! We have only the basics, but lighting should include warmth, with layers and accents.

Have you ever built a new home or remodeled an existing one? I remodeled our great grandparent's home, era 1950/60's. It was a lot of work and I never want to do that again, however I would like to build a new home sometime in my future.

Have you stayed true to a style through the years, or have you fluctuated in your tastes? I have stayed traditionally styled. I tend to not be influenced by other design trends.

If you were moving and could only select one item from your home to keep, what would it be? I have a cedar chest that has Branden's childhood memories in it and other mementos. I bought the cedar chest from an auction 20 years ago for a place to situate a TV, but now, it's a treasure box.

Which room in your home gets the most use? The kitchen is always my first answer, but my teenager's bedroom is now a close second, with his online schooling, gaming and sleeping!

No room is complete without: family photos.

If you are a pet

owner, how has that influenced your choices in design, if it has? We have one cat, Jayden. Luckily for us, he doesn't scratch our furniture.

Has any local venue particularly caught your eye - if so why? "Kitty Face", the children's store in town on Main Street. The owners are great visual merchandisers, and it's fun to see what is new...and or old (vintage finds).

What did you do to pass the time during the COVID-19 State shutdown? I kept working, I didn't miss a beat! I am still working from home but I will be moving my items back to the office as of this week.

A few of your favorite things!

Movie - You've Got Mail.

Favorite Historical Place You have visited - Mackinac Island!! I just got back from there recently.

Scent - wildflowers

Music - Country to Top 40.

TV Show - Friends

Meal - Stone Crab (from the Florida Keys) and a really good steak.

Travel Destination (on your bucket list) - Yellowstone National Park.

Season - Summer
Color - Turquoise or Sky Blue.

Museum - Henry Ford (so fun to be there with kids).

Hobbies - Reading (I don't get enough of this), and nature walking.

Item on a bookshelf - picture of Branden - always!

Kitty's Note: Kelly and I were connected through high school football- as our sons played together last year..and on that note, I am so thankful that their football season was reinstated and that they will be playing!! (Branden is a senior this year)

I told Kelly during this interview that she definitely comes across as an extrovert, (as she mentioned) always with a smile and positive outlook. She is easy to be around.

PUBLIC NOTICES



LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

**DUE TO COVID 19 EMERGENCY
THE MEETING MAY BE A VIRTUAL MEETING**

**PLEASE CHECK THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE
CLOSER TO THE MEETING DATE
FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

- ZTA 20-002: Revisions to zoning regulations regarding Street Access in section 3.04. The revisions would allow land divisions on parcels that meet the zoning regulations with access from a public or private street via an exclusive access easement or a shared residential driveway. This Zoning Ordinance amendment will also require amendments to the Private Road Ordinance and the Land Division and Transfer Ordinance.

The proposed zoning amendments will affect all parcels within Lyndon Township.

A copy of the proposed ordinance amendments can be obtained via email at ordinanceatlyndon@gmail.com or at the Lyndon Township Offices at 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Written comments may be submitted to the Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly via email at clerkatlyndon@gmail.com or can be sent to the Lyndon Township Offices via mail. All correspondence must be submitted by 4:00 pm the day of the public hearing or presented at the public hearing. The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401. A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

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The Real Estate Corner

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For anyone involved with school it has started, the days are shorter, and the air is crisp. These are all the indications that it's fall, but the real estate market still looks like it's spring! Low inventory and high demand are the driving forces in what remains to be a seller's market, which of course is perfect if you're a seller, but this market makes for frustrated buyers. We continue seeing multiple offers within days of a home listing, and oftentimes, sale prices exceeding list price.

As you can see,

August Summary

Here's the 2020 August Chelsea Real Estate recap;

	2020	2019
Number of new listings	34	24
Average list price	414,800	434,190
Number of sales	33	15
Average sale price	298,709	326,420

there's a net +1 between sales and new listings, and what really jumps out is the number of sales this year compared to last - more than twice as many this year. As I said last month, this is a result of the six weeks of quarantine where sales were stagnant, pushing those sales into the late summer/early fall. I foresee this same thing

happening in September.

As I write this, there are 38 homes available on the market in Chelsea. Of the 34 homes listed last month, 20 have accepted offers or sold, with the average days on market, eight. Temperatures are cooling, but the real estate market is still smoking hot!

Reinhart

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ON THE SIDELINE: FAN-LESS COLLEGE FOOTBALL STILL ENJOYABLE FOR THIS COLUMNIST



Brigham Young defeated Navy, 55-3, during a Labor Day weekend college football game. The fan-less contest was a refreshing change for this columnist.

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was an enjoyable experience for me.

I was, as usual, plopped down in my Lazy-Boy, feet up, cold beverage in my hand and snacks on the side. With pads a-popping, passes thrown, blocks made and touchdowns scored, I found it truly didn't matter the game was played in an empty, quiet stadium.

I thought watching the game with nary a fan in the stands would ruin the college football experience for me. In fact, having no fans in the stands had the opposite effect on me. I found myself enjoying the game even

more despite the lack of cheers from the grandstands.

As it is with fan-less Major League Baseball games, I found the TV production of the college football game I watched was much better and much more enjoyable for yours truly.

Why?

Because the focus of these fan-less games is more intensely on the action on the field and not filled with random, thoughtless, pointless camera shots of the crowd, coaches, the sidelines, owners in the box, etc. -- and I like that. No, check that -- I LOVE that new reality.

I seriously couldn't care less if football games are played in front of fans ever again. I thought I would bristle at fan-less football, but, on the contrary, at least after one game, I enjoyed having fewer distractions. I love the sport of football and all the little nuances that go along with the game. With fan-less stadiums, it seems like the camera's focus is centered more on the action on the field than the action off the field, on the sidelines and/or in the stands.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

I can't tell you how often, in the past, I would yell at my TV



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to get the camera, "back on the field!" and off the coach blankly staring into space on the sideline or the fan pointing into the camera with the "We're No. 1 finger." All of that off-the-field nonsense has always been annoying to me, quite frankly. It really was refreshing not having to worry about suffering through the seemingly never-ending shots of everything else but the field after each football play.

Plus, a surprising perk of the crowd-less, quiet stadiums was hearing the players on the sidelines

cheering their teammates on after each play. I always knew the players on each squad supported their teammates each game, but pre-Covid contests viewers were unable to hear such shouts due to the packed stadiums.

It'll be interesting to see, as the college football season rolls along, if I continue to enjoy the fan-less stadium experience. My guess is I will continue to like the new Covid-style of college football broadcasts.

For any football purist like myself, it's always been about the game, anyhow. The

fan experience, the crazy crowd shots, the coaches reactions, the broadcasters, the halftime show and the sideline reporter have always been irrelevant to me. I've always thought the aforementioned camera shots and off-the-field talk were more for the casual football fan, not the true football purists.

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