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## Hometown Holiday Kicked Off Last Weekend



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Hometown Holiday in Chelsea officially kicked off last weekend. Last Friday night Chelsea opened with the tree lighting ceremony, pizza from Jets, and hot cocoa from Lakehouse Bakery. Santa arrived on a fully lit and decorated fire engine. He brought along some good news. While briefly speaking prior to lighting the tree he announced that he believed all Chelsea kids had made the nice list. But he reminded kids that Christmas is not a one day event and to keep being kind and keep the Christmas spirit year round. An elf

was handing out candy canes and Santa and the elves led the exuberant crowd in Christmas Carols. Santa pulled the lever and lit the tree around 6pm. After the horrible trauma in Michigan the week prior, seeing the innocent joy of all the children in attendance was a gift.

After the tree lighting ceremony, we headed to the live nativity in Palmer Commons. I've never attended the live nativity. It was a beautiful reminder about why we celebrate. My daughter particularly enjoyed being able to pet the donkeys, goat and sheep afterward.

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**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY**  
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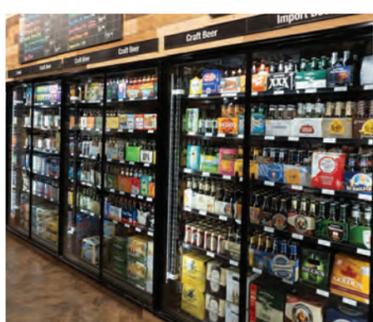
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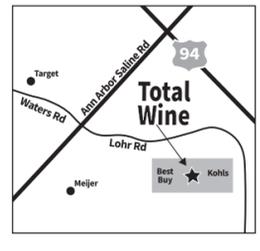
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## HOMETOWN SHOPPING AT ITS BEST!

### From: D&B Strategic Marketing

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There's nothing better than hearing, "Wow, you always put great thought, creativity, and imagination into all your gifts!" So this holiday season, unleash your creative side by thinking outside of the box and make sure those gifts under the tree are special and unique, and reflect how much you care and appreciate the important people in your life. To make this happen, you need to look no further than Chelsea.

If there's a special little one on your holiday shopping list, think Kitty Face, Culture Creations, or Serendipity Books - they

all have something that is guaranteed to put a smile of delight on your little's faces!

Sometimes you want to think cool. Chelsea Village Flowers offers a selection of incredible floral arrangements. They have lovely fresh flowers, pots to house them, beautiful house plants, and gorgeous holiday arrangements. Bumble's Dry Goods has a ton of mainly Michigan-made gifts of the highest craftsmanship - plus, there are a lot of clever & witty gifts for all ages.

If you are into vintage, here you go - the Potting Shed, Moran's Consignments, The Cottage Rabbit, and The Find. While you are out and about, you might find something for yourself.

If clothing is on your list, there are several options. You can still find the perfect gifts at great prices at Vogel's & Foster's during their business

closing sale. In addition, you will find chic styles and accessories at incredible prices at the Attic Boutique, Moran's Consignments, and The Find.

Unleash your beautiful with custom-made jewelry at La Jolla Fine Jewelry - you will find the finest gems crafted into beautiful artistic jewelry. Christmas Decor and gifts, curated by Dana McGrath, owner and Designer of La Maison are particularly pleasing to the eye. If you have a DIY project on your list - this is the place for Annie Sloan Chalk Paint.

Another local shop with a lot of Merry Christmas is The Garden Mill -- both for inside and outside holiday decor. You will find items ranging from lighted Christmas Music boxes that evoke your strongest childhood memories to birdseed to keep your outdoor feathered friends hap-

py! And, Culture Creations has gifts from local and exotic places that are one-of-a-kind perfect gifts for people of all ages.

Don't forget to think delicious when you think of gift-buying. A gift card to any of Chelsea's restaurants could be perfect. You have several to choose from - The award-winning Common Grill offers great American cuisine, and you could pick up a Common Grill cookbook for your special chef; Cleary's Pub, where you will find authentic food & spirits; Chelsea Alehouse Brewery brings you Michigan beer, cocktails, and wine, along with food from their scratch kitchen; Smokehouse 52 BBQ - Real.Pit.BBQ. smoked to perfection - pick up a couple of their sauces for stocking stuffers everyone will love. Finally, at Zou Zou's Cafe, you will find breakfast quick-

es, cinnamon rolls, sandwiches made on homemade focaccia, and coffee drinks filled with holiday spices --- oh so tasty good!

A few more pretty cool places to visit - True North Jerky may be your place if you are looking for a traditional or creative way to celebrate over a meal - and they have great stocking stuffers boasting some of the best jerky in the region. The Ugly Dog Distillery has Michigan-raised, pure-bred handcrafted spirits in many flavors to please everyone's palate. Next, go to Agricole, where you can make a 'farm stop' at your community grocery

store. Get a gift card, or peruse their many locally grown and hand-made gifts for your special someone.

Sometimes, the things on a Christmas wish list include finely-crafted furniture like beds, mattresses, and pillows. Your home is your canvas, a reflection of you and your lifestyle. Merkel Furniture and Carpet One have been celebrating Christmas for 92 years!

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The Potting Shed • Violet & Moss  
Chelsea Antiques • Country Cabin  
Culture Creations • The Cottage Rabbit  
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Serendipity Books • The Find

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Chelsea Alehouse Brewery  
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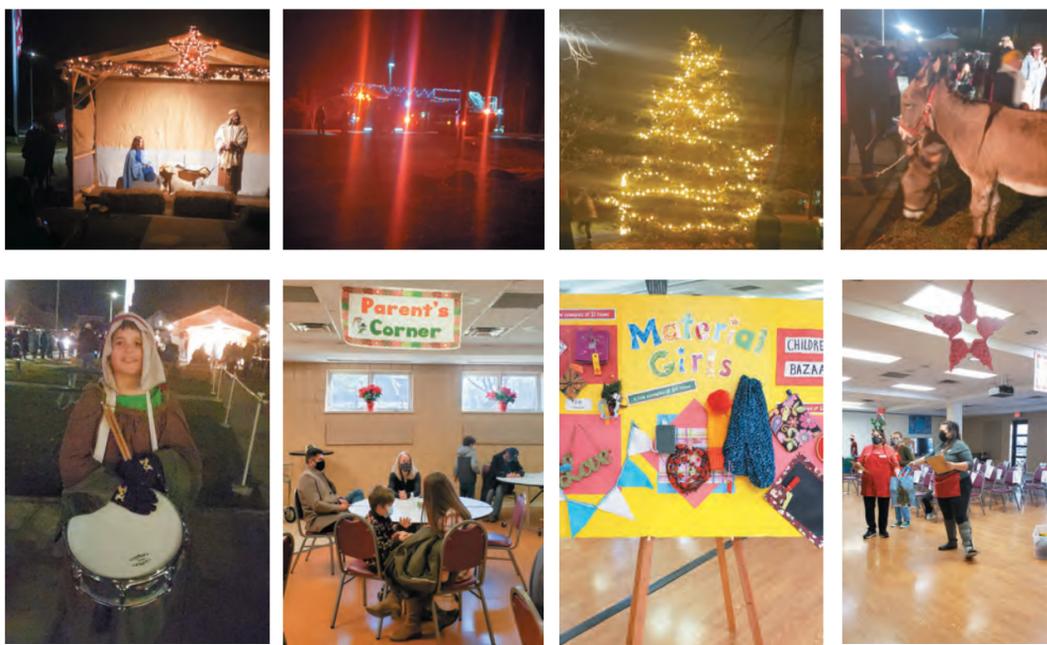
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# Hometown Holiday Kicked Off Last Weekend



▶ continued from page 1 Festivities continued on Saturday and Sunday. One of our favorite traditions each year is taking my daughter to shop at the children's bazaar by Material Girls. This year proceeds benefited Faith in Action. Chelsea mayor Jane Pacheco, helped match my daughter to her helper. We were grateful to be able to enjoy the traditions of the season.

Another one of our Christmas traditions has been the Nutcracker at Chelsea High School. This year, my daughter was old enough to be on stage and we had to hurry to practice. Though the Chelsea Ballet will not host the nutcracker at Chelsea High School due to complications from Covid, it will be presented at the Potter Center in Jackson. She spent both Saturday and Sunday rehearsing for the performances on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://balletchelsea.org/events/upcoming/>.

Many of the events took place last weekend for Hometown Holiday, however, there will be events throughout December. To find out the schedule of upcoming events, take a look at the website with event information for the public at <https://chelseamich.com/hometown-holiday/>.

## #SHOPCHELSEAMICH HOMETOWN SHOPPING AT ITS BEST!

▶ continued from page 4 -- What about a new pair of stylish spectacles from Cherry Optometry! Sometimes, you just need an extra pair with added flair! FarmSudz is highly addicting but also good for you and the environment. Start with their customer favorites - goat milk soap, boobooz mag-

ic balm, and flavored lip balm. And, you might want to add one of their new products like olive & shea essential lotion bars or zero-waste shower kits!

#shopchelseamich's holiday gift guide will help you successfully navigate the upcoming holiday season. To learn more about the #shopchelseamich merchants, go to the website at [www.shopchelseamich.com](http://www.shopchelseamich.com).

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**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY**

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Full list of Hometown Holiday events at [ChelseaMich.com](http://ChelseaMich.com)

# Mill Creek Students Spread Kindness Across the Nation



Students in Ms. Kalli Nowitzke's class at Mill Creek Middle School recently read a News@You article detailing a project to make a world-record kindness paper chain out of used paper products. Inspired by the prospect of participating in a nation-wide kindness activity, students wrote notes of love and support on links

and sent them in to the Great Kindness Challenge, a program to promote kindness in schools in California and around the country. Nowitzke's students presented in multiple classrooms about kindness and inclusion and the paperchain project, prompting many other Mill Creek students to contribute messages of love and hope.

Mill Creek was one of 702 schools across the nation who contributed to an 18-mile-long kindness chain: "The Kindness Unites Paperchain Campaign originated nearly two years ago in the midst of the global pandemic and gave thousands of isolated students and families a way to feel connected, engaged and hopeful. Harnessing the healing power of kindness, we created an impressive 18-mile-long recycled paperchain with an estimated 360,000 Love Links - each decorated with an uplifting message. Although we did not set an official Guinness World Record (they required a minimum of 100 miles to be considered), we are proud to claim our own Kindness

World Record! We have done something that has NEVER been done before! What a glorious accomplishment!"

Great Kindness Challenge Way to go, Mill Creek - keep up the great work spreading kindness and empathy to those around you!

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SYNOPSIS OF OCTOBER, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

LYNDON TOWNSHIP - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. **Summary of Minutes, October 12, 2021**—Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. No Public Comment. Items Approved: Agenda; Consent Agenda; Payment of Bills. Reports were given by Zoning Administrator, CAFA Representative; Deputy Supervisor on Broadband and IT; no report since meeting date was changed to 3rd Thursday of each month; and Representative to Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority. Items Approved: McLaughlin and Rutzky reappointed as Regular Representatives to Planning Commission for the term 11/1/2021-10/31/2024; Gary Munce as Regular Representative to Chelsea District Library for the term 1/1/2022/12/31/25; Robert Mester as Regular Representative to Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority for the term 1/1/22-12/31/22; Pam Byrnes and Marc Keezer to the Broadband Oversight Committee for the term 1/1/21-10/31/22; Table Flag Quotes until November 2021 Township Regular Board meeting; Authorize the Supervisor to sign letter of support for the Huron Watershed Council EGLE Grant; Accept the Quote from Christoff for flooring. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Prepared by Office Manager: Janet K. Gilkey  
Approved by Supervisor, Pam Byrnes  
Linda Reilly, Township Clerk

## Two Chelsea Businesses to Swap Locations

▶ continued from page 1 There are exciting changes afoot for two of our downtown women-owned small businesses. Serendipity Books, currently located at 113 West Middle Street, and Copper Crate Mercantile and Unique Rentals, to be found at 108 East Middle Street, are packing everything up and swapping locations.

"A swap that works to the benefit of two vastly different businesses is a pretty unusual thing," said Michelle Tuplin, owner of Serendipity Books, "but this move is a positive and exciting step for both of us and we are just thrilled."

KaTina Blanchard, owner of Copper Crate Mercantile and

Unique Rentals added, "we are so fortunate to be a part of a supportive and cooperative business community where individuals really do work together."

The big move will happen at the end of the year. Copper Crate Mercantile and Unique Rentals will close on December 26th and reopen at 113 West Middle

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## Washtenaw Superintendents' Association Issues Statement of Care and Concern for Our Collective School Community

After the tragedy at Oxford High School this week, the Washtenaw Superintendents' Association (WSA) is issuing a statement out of care and concern for our collective school community. The WSA represents the superintendents of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and the nine public school districts in Washtenaw County: Ann Arbor Public Schools, Chelsea School District, Dexter Community Schools, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, Manchester Community Schools, Milan Area Schools, Saline Area Schools, Whitmore Lake Public Schools and Ypsilanti Community Schools. Their statement reads:

As education leaders of the nine public school districts in Washtenaw County, our hearts continue to ache for the Oxford community as they grieve at this time. Our schools are special communities that should spark inspiration and cultivate the

joy of learning, and this tragic act of violence shakes our foundation, especially given its close proximity to home.

Over the last 48 hours, schools across Southeast Michigan have seen a drastic increase in the number of potential threats of violence reported to them and to law enforcement authorities. Just this morning, the WSA collectively met with the police chiefs of Washtenaw County and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

Every threat, no matter how big or small, is illegal and investigated by schools and law enforcement. Threats against the safety of our schools are never a joke, and law enforcement and school leaders will take action to protect our community, including and up to prosecution. We ask all families to speak with their students about the seriousness of making or sharing threats, and report any threats seen on social media,

through text messages or other platforms to authorities through the statewide confidential reporting tool OK2SAY:

- Submit a tip online
- Call 855-565-2729
- Text 652729
- Email OK2SAY@mi.gov
- Download the app for iPhone or Android

In addition to educating students, ensuring our schools are safe is our number one priority. Washtenaw County schools have close relationships with all of our law enforcement agencies and have worked together for many years behind the scenes to keep our schools safe. This includes consultation on Emergency Operations Plans and safety infrastructure and technology, partnering on grants from the Michigan State Police to secure additional safety-related resources and technology, annual county-wide coordination meetings, and reg-

ular safety planning for individual school districts. The Washtenaw Intermediate School District and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office provides ALICE training for all school employees in our county throughout every school year, and while we hope this training never needs to be used, it is a protocol we must always be prepared for.

We also understand that reactions to this tragedy look and feel different for every student and adult, and you may notice changes in the behaviors of those around you as we collectively grieve, reflect and react. Help and support is available to you and your family:

- Here are tips and an infographic for parents, guardians and caregivers on talking with your student about violence from the National Association of School Psychologists.
- For younger children, Sesame Street provides these resources on vio-

lence and trauma.

• Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health 24/7 Crisis Line:

• Call (734) 544-3050

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Additional resources are available to your school district, including expanded crisis and clinical mental health support thanks to our community's Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage.

We are deeply saddened that these events continue to touch our schools, and we will do everything in our power to prioritize the safety of our students, staff and families. We

continue to lean on the close relationships and clear channels of communication we have among our school districts and law enforcement authorities to keep our schools safe together. Our schools will continue to keep you informed through individual district communications, and as always, thank you for your understanding and support of our school community.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Christopher Timmis, Dexter Community Schools**  
**Dr. Steve Laatsch, Saline**  
**Dr. Julie Helber, Chelsea School District**  
**Robert Jansen, Lincoln Consolidated Schools**  
**Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross, Ypsilanti Community Schools**  
**Dr. Jeanice K. Swift, Ann Arbor Public Schools**  
**Tom DeKeyser, Whitmore Lake Public Schools**  
**Bryan Girbach, Milan Area Schools**

## Christmas at the Mansion



Photos By: Aimee Bingham Osinski.



By Aimee Bingham Osinski [anbingham@gmail.com](mailto:anbingham@gmail.com)

Christmas at Gordon Hall holds special memories for me. I'd lost my brother and suffered a stroke. I was unable to drive. My mother had to drive me to report on Christmas at the Mansion. Neither of us were feeling particularly festive. I was unsure of how to survive the first Christmas without my brother. Everything felt like a reminder of what I was missing. The decorations were gorgeous. My mother and I walked into the room with the Christmas village collection. It was beautiful and magical, and just for a moment, I felt the excitement and joy of a child at Christmas. I looked at my mom and saw a smile spread across her face in spite of her deep grief and sorrow. Christmas at Gordon Hall is always a reminder that during the worst, there is still joy and hope in the world.

I saw that Gordon Hall was hosting a Christmas at the Mansion event, but

that it would be different and precautions would be taken to keep everyone safe and healthy. We arrived to find cookies and Santa in his slay. The front of the mansion was decorated picture perfect. My molasses cookie was soft and fresh. We walked around back to find the rest of the event. There was a bar, I'm not sure what was available. My attention was captured by the hot chocolate bar and delightful spread. Games were set up throughout the backyard for lots of fun. Huge connect four and Jenga plus other games. There were also beautiful backdrops for Christmas photos. The kids in attendance were all having lots of fun and the adults seemed to be having a wonderful time too.

Being safe with Covid caused changes at the Mansion. But I was grateful that there was an event to enjoy and I will forever be grateful for a prior Christmas that helped me remember how to smile again.

# Tiani Body Care Moves to Dexter



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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I had the privilege of stopping by Dexter's newest shop today. Tiani Body Care had its grand opening a little over a week ago. It sits next to the post office where Dexter Print and Embroidery was located prior to outgrowing the space.

Tiani is a brand I recognize. I've used products from the brand before. Violet greeted me at the door of the sun-drenched, wonderful smelling shop. I told Violet that I'd previously used this brand. She stated that she got her start five years ago and had been selling at local farmer's markets and was now in stores across Michigan.

Violet explained that she drove by and saw the vacant property and thought it would make a wonderful soap shop. She was ready to move to a retail space. The proximity to the post office is perfect for her because she sells online through Etsy and her own website. Violet is a fifth generation Dexter girl. Violet grew up on the Whitney Farmstead.

Due to the location of the driveway, she attended Ann Arbor schools. Now she lives in town. Her child and the one she's expecting will attend Dexter schools. Having a shop right in town is perfect for her family.

Violet explains that her products are kid friendly and sensitive skin friendly. She began her career as a biochemist and prior to creating Tiani as a full time career, she worked in a plant research lab for Michigan State. Violet has the science and experience to create soaps, lotions, shampoo and skin care that will nourish and pamper your skin. Tiani boasts eco-friendly packaging. She is teaming up with Bee Joyful and you will soon be able to obtain Tiani liquid soap as a refill at Bee Joyful.

While getting to know Violet, I was taking advantage of looking at the products without other customers. As we head into December, my eyes are peeled for presents. Tiani offers gift boxes for the holidays. Some are premade and she also offers the option to create your own. I



will be back this week to create boxes for friends and family. Everything smells delightful and not in that fake chemical way, in that, real botanical way. Saturday morn-

ings, the shop will have Raterman Bread in the store. While the idea of obtaining fresh bread in a soap store may seem odd, Violet's husband Nick is the baker. Violet makes products that soothe the skin and Nick naturally ferments the bread which soothes the intestinal tract. The products go

together perfectly.

Tiani Body Care's main goal, according to the website, is to create safe and quality products made with local ingredients. Shopping at Tiani not only supports a local Dexter family, it also supports local Michigan farmers. Shop local from a company that shops local! Store

hours are Wed-Sunday 10am-6pm. You can also browse products online from home at <https://www.tianibodycare.com/shop> This holiday season, stop by and grab some natural balm for your poor dry hands, and be sure to welcome Violet and her family to downtown.



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## Holiday Light Parade in Dexter



Holiday light parade is coming up December 11! Remember to come downtown around 5:45, parade will start at 6pm. If you want to be in the parade make sure to go to [www.dexterdaze.org](http://www.dexterdaze.org) for details and to register!

# HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

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# Hometown Holiday Events

**HOMETOWN HOLIDAY**  
CHELSEA MICHIGAN

**Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
Friday, December 3 | 4-6:30pm

Free Pizza from Jet's (while supplies last), Hot Cocoa & Sweet Treats by Lakehouse Bakery (for purchase) available in the parking lot by Chelsea Custom Shirts before the Tree Lighting Ceremony which start at 6pm.

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**LIVE NATIVITY**  
December 3, 2021 | 6:30pm & 7pm

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**LIGHT PARADE**  
Saturday, December 4, 2021 | 6pm

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**DIY Holiday Pet Photo Booth**  
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**Christmas on the Farm**

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**Donuts & Selfies with Santa**  
December 5 | 10am-Noon

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## The Full List of Events

12/02	Special Needs Shopping Bazaar (R)
12/03	Chelsea Tree Lighting Ceremony (P)
12/03	Live Nativity (P)
12/04	Material Girls Shopping Bazaar (R)
12/04	CDL Homemade Tween & Teen Gifts for the Holidays (R)
12/04	Light Parade (P)
12/4	DIY Holiday Pet Photo Booth (P)
12/04 & 5	Christmas on the Farm (P)
12/5	Donuts & Selfies with Santa (P)
12/9	CDL A Jan Brett Holiday (R)
12/9	The Arbor Consort Carolers (R)
12/10	Cookies, Cocoa & Cash (P)
12/11	Kiwanis Drive-Thru Nut Sale
12/11-12	Ballet Chelsea The Nutcracker 2021 (T)
12/15	CDL Gifts Galore! (R)
12/17	Cheers To This Claus For A Cause
12/19	Gingerbread Cookie Kit Distributed (P)
12/22	CDL Holiday Spirit
12/24	Santa Virtual Storytime (v)
12/31	SRSLY Virtual New Year's Eve Party (v) (R)

(P) In Person Event  
(v) denotes a Virtual Event  
(R) denotes Registration Required  
(T) denotes that tickets are required

# Managing the stress of the holidays

ity of people who live in Michigan have low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is important for many reasons, but for mood stabilization it is critical. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is an indicator of Low Vitamin D. Again walking is a way to get the sunlight, even on a cloudy day. So bundle up, grab the leash, and go walk your dog (or cat).

The holiday season brings the hope for being with family and friends. Being able to relax and let go of work commitments for a bit. To embrace the love and joy that is meant to happen during the holidays. It is the desire of rebooting with the New Year and making changes that empower and give us hope for better times ahead. However, this time of year can also have expectations that may not get met. The holidays are a transition period. With transition and expectations comes stress. For many this time of year has dread rather than joy. Or it is a mixed bag.

Not managing stress can affect your mood and patience. Irritability, sadness, decreased patience over small things are all signs that your system is overloaded. Maintaining a balance when the demands are high is tricky, but not impossible. Returning to the basics of self-care along with setting realistic boundaries and expectations is the key.

The first step is to remember what your mom told you, eat healthy, get plenty of sleep, and hydrate. In the rush of the holidays it is not unusual to forget self-care. We may want to give too much of our time and talents to others. We may want to meet expectations of our self that are not realistic. Thus, we put our needs second. A wise person once told me that if I don't take care of myself, then I deplete my energy, and I am not able to be fully present for those whom I care about.

If you are not doing this now, this may be a good time to learn grounding and breathing techniques. When I was ten years of age I started guitar lessons. I had severe performance anxiety and was quite shy. My teacher was a young woman from Japan. She was gentle with me and coached me on breathing to ease my stress. This was my first introduction on how the breath is critical in times of stress. Be proactive and take a

few minutes every day to do deep breathing. Five to ten minutes can make a difference. Some do guided meditation, or simply sit with themselves in a quiet space. There are several downloadable apps that can guide us on how to breathe in a manner that decreases internal anxiety and helps us to focus.

Just say no. Yes Nancy Reagan had the right idea, just the wrong context when she said this. It is ok to say no to others when you have limited time. I am quite sure they will survive when you set a realistic expectation on your time or energy. They might gripe and whine. And that is their right. You just do not have to buy into it.

Manage your time more effectively. In Lee Iacocca's biography he wrote that he would take Saturday and Sunday off to be with family and decompress. However, on Sunday night he spent a few minutes mapping out his agenda for the next week. Weather you look at your week and

set priorities on Sunday Night or Monday morning, good time management requires that you spend time in organization and prioritization of your physical and emotional resources. It also helps in decreasing stress.

Exercise. I bet your doctor has recommended this to you. It is great for physical health and will help to manage stress better than a glass of wine or beer. I have found that long walks or hikes in the woods energize me and give me better focus. Start slow, maybe walking for a half an hour or a mile. Slowly build on this until you are up to an hour or 2-3 miles.

Eat and drink wisely. It is easy to overindulge. While fun at the time, we pay for it later. Guilt, hangovers, and feeling like a sloth are the price we pay for overindulgence. It also

adds to our stress because we lose energy. Pace yourself. Drinking more water during dinner will help to keep you from overeating. It also helps in slowing down your drinking.

Avoid toxic people. This may be tricky for many toxic people dwell in families. Wanting to meet family demands and expectations due to guilt is a sign that we do not value our emotional well-being. If you can't avoid functions where there are others that cause you grief, then at least limit the time you are exposed to them.

Trust your intuition. If that still small voice is saying you are overdoing it, then you are overdoing it.

Fresh air and sunlight are scarce during wintertime in Michigan. However, they are still available if we seek them out. It has been reported that a major-

Plan down time where nothing is expected of you. Let others pamper you for a bit. Or spend time with others who uplift your spirit and sense of self-worth.

This article is not rocket science. It is a simple outline on how to survive and thrive the holiday season. Yes it does take planning and discipline. But the outcome is worth it as are you. Also, your family may like you better if you are not grumpy and overtired. So enjoy this time of year with thoughtful preparation and self-care.

Happy holidays to all,  
**Mike Patterson,**  
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	7 pm	Contemporary
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	7 pm	Traditional - livestream available
	9 pm	Contemporary

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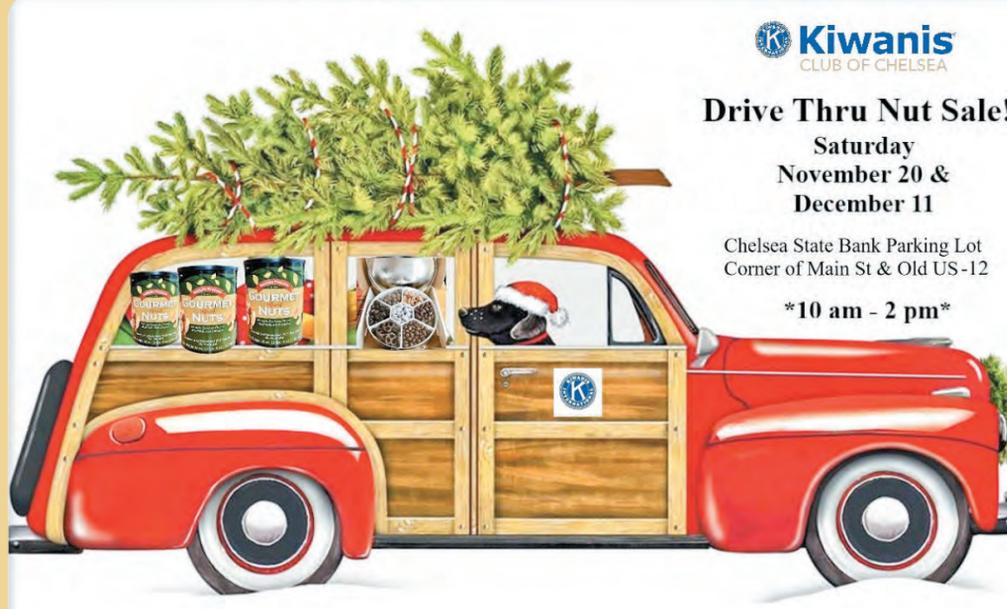


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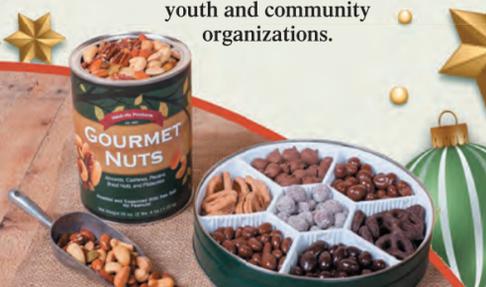


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**Saturday November 20 & December 11**

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# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## BULLDOGS WIN FIRST STATE TITLE!



continued from page 1  
By Tom Hamilton  
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Friday November 26 the undefeated Chelsea Bulldogs claimed their first State Championship by defeating Unity Christian in historic fashion. The Bulldogs trailed by 14 entering the 4th quarter and gave up a 35 yard touchdown run by Cameron Chandler giving Unity Christian what seemed to be an insurmountable lead.

But as Lee Corso would say "Not so fast my friend". Chelsea came storming back with 3 straight touchdown passes from Lucas Dunn to Lucas Hanifan. The last one tied the game with 1:20 left on the clock. Chelsea's defense would then force a fumble which would lead to the climax of the dramatic come back as Hunter Shaw kicked a 33 yard field goal to win the Division 4 State Title 55-52. Lucas Dunn

passed for 308 yards and 6 touchdowns. Lucas Hanifan had 9 catches for 139 yards and 5 touchdowns. Trenton Hill rushed for 150 yards on 33 carries and a touchdown. Overall this was a great offensive performance with a defense that stood up and created multiple turnovers in the 4th quarter to get the ball back for the offense. Congratulations Bulldogs! State Champs has a nice ring to it.

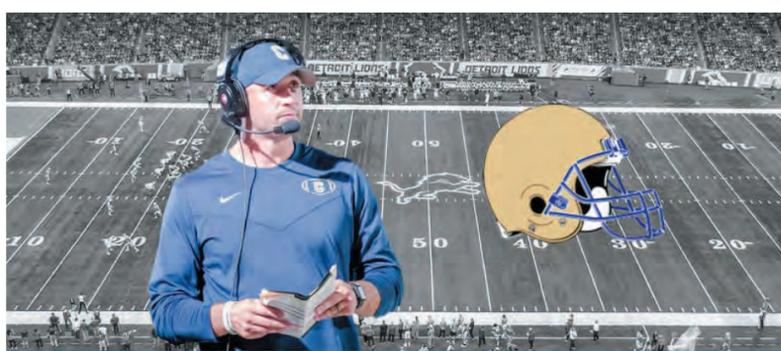


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# When a Wag isn't Happy



Jet, anticipating a ball throw.

By: Laura Perkins,  
Laura Perkins  
Animal Behavior,  
Chelsea

Today I want to spend some time talking about one of my favorite canine features - tails! Watching your dog's tail can give you so much information about how they might be feeling.

The first step in understanding your dog's tail movements is to know what your dog's tail looks like when they are relaxed and chill. My two dogs naturally carry their tails differently when they are just hanging in the house. Dan typically carries his tail up a bit with a slight

curve. Doug carries his tail straight down and loose. Over the next day or so, notice your dog's tail shape and how she carries it when she is just calmly moving around the room.

One of the most well-known canine body language movements is the tucked tail. If your dog's tail is tucked up tight so that it is almost touching their belly, this is an indicator that they are very worried. Some dogs will tuck their tail more tightly than others. Dan doesn't really tuck his tail, but he does drop it much lower than normal. Along with the tucked tail, you

will usually observe stiffness in your dog's tail. In these situations, the best way to help your dog is to make the scary thing stop for them. If you can't do that, reassure them, let them have a cozy place to hide, and offer yummy goodies.

Another time to really work at observing your dog's tail is when they are playing or patrolling their yard. Each morning, Doug and Dan go out and survey the perimeter of our yard. During this time, they carry their tails high. Doug's tail curls more than normal. They might swish their tails a bit as they sniff things. When we are getting ready to play they also have their tails up above their backs. They swish them in anticipation of a ball or stick being thrown. Some dogs may stiffen their tails just before you throw the item. In this case, they are getting ready to chase! All of these tail movements suggest that your pup is happy and alert. The swishy-er their tail is, the more playful they are feeling.

Now let's talk about wagging tails. Wagging tails can sometimes mean that your dog is happy. But there are times where a wagging tail may suggest that your dog is a bit nervous or feeling defensive. There are a couple of key things to look for in determining which of these is in play:

Stiff, rigid wagging or slow wagging indicates nervousness. Swishy, loose wagging, fast wagging and wiggly wagging

indicate playfulness or happiness. Your dog's tail may be up high in either situation - if it's high and wagging fast and loose they are likely feeling good. If it's high and wagging slowly with smaller movements they may be more apprehensive. If your dog's tail is high as they are approaching something/someone, observe carefully. If you aren't sure whether they are comfortable or not, the best thing you can do is to guide them in another direction and

give plenty of space from the thing/person.

Over the next few days or weeks, I encourage you to observe your dog's tail. I bet you'll learn something new about your dog's preferences! And if you'd like to learn more about canine body language a great resource is the book *Doggy Language* by Lili Chin. It's full of excellent illustrations and covers dog body language from head to toe.



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# INTERIOR DESIGN MATTERS

## The Inside Story



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The secret panel door

By: **Kitty Golding**  
Have you ever visited the Earhart Mansion now part of Concordia College's campus in Ann Arbor?

Once an historic 400-acre dairy farm on Geddes Road along the Huron River, the property, known as "the Meadows," was purchased by oil tycoon Harry Boyd (H.B.) Earhart and his wife Carrie in 1916. They moved to their family of four children to Ann Arbor to enjoy the "small town living" that the community offered at the time. They lived in the original home on the property until they decided to build a new home on the land, completed in 1936. Much of it remains intact today,

including decorative plaster, hardware, crystal chandeliers, Pewabic tiles and more. We had the privilege of decorating Mr. Earhart's mahogany paneled study for "A Manor Christmas" in 2018.

You could almost smell the George Washington Tobacco that H.B. Earhart used to smoke after we transformed the now ordinary meeting room, back to a very masculine environment rich with a palate of green and chocolate-burgundy grounded with plaid and leather. The antique brass sconces, original to the room were ornamented with pheasant feathers, pinecones and greenery. Merkel's was invited to help us



and furnished a few outstanding pieces as well as the gentleman's mirror. To create the cozy window seat, we designed custom trimmed pillows and a long plaid cushion. The inspiration for the design of this

room started with the fact that it still proudly displayed a whole lot of handsomely aged wood. We built up from there, adding layers with furniture, accessories and fabrics. Our trees were adorned with coppery ribbon, feathers, seed pods, small birch bundles, and various ornaments in coppers, blues, golds, silvers and currant. One of my favorite details of this space is the secret panel door that covers a set of hidden steps leading to the basement billiards



room. Mr. Earhart would have approved of our choices and enjoyed entertaining his guests in this timeless room.

More can be found about the manor in this online article <https://aadl.org/aobserver/18380>. hope that Mr. Earhart



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