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Chelsea Board of Education Elects Officers

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The meeting began with: 1. Call to order/roll call/adoption of agenda/consent agenda. Trustee Poulter submitted her letter of resignation effective January 17.

Approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2021 was next; Regular Board Meeting. Minutes were approved 4-0. The consent agenda was approved.

Election of Board of Education Officers:

3a). President; It was moved that Jason Eyster be President of the school board. The motion passed 4-0.

3b). Vice President; Erik Wilkenson was nominated for V. P. He was elected 4-0.

3c). Election of Secretary; Laura Bush was nominated as secretary. The motion passed 4-0.

3d). Election of Treasurer; Shawn Quilter was nominated and elected as Treasurer.

4. Special Presentations:

a. Board Appreciation - Dr. Helber. Dr. Helber noted how difficult it has been for board members everywhere. She thanked the Board for their service to the district during a very difficult time for schools.

5. Staff Reports are

on the agenda for the public to read.

6. Communications. 7. Board Member and Student Liaison Reports; ISD ribbon cutting ceremony at high point school. The 24th is legislative breakfast. Requirements for a board vacancy. It needs to be filled within 30 days after it officially occurs. February 14th a new board member needs to be appointed. Submit interest in writing to the election officer. If the board wants to conduct interviews it needs to be a special meeting and conducted in public. Full vote by the board and selection based on majority vote

likely on February 14.

8. Public Input; A parent spoke about his children suffering under virtual school. He spoke to encourage the board to stay open. He believes everyone is acting in good faith, but he asked the superintendent to discuss the decisions with the board.

10. Consent Action Items passed 4-0.

10a). Action Item 38-21-22. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the High School Course Offerings Handbook.

10b). Action Item 39-21-22. Superintendent Helber recom-

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Finding hope

The end of the holiday season brings on different emotions and expectations. In our state it means a long cloudy winter with the promise of an early spring. However, for those who have depression or have gone through trying times, it is difficult to experience hope.

In a fulfilling life two things are critical. Purpose, and hope. In Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, food, shelter and clothing are the

foundation. In order to meet these basic needs one must have the drive to survive and move up to the next level of needs in life. Purpose in this instance is obvious. But if you don't have hope, your purpose may not be fulfilled. In my professional and personal opinion, most suicides are committed by people who have lost hope for a better life. Without hope in our lives, we will stagnate, or

even die.

There is a strong spiritual component to the meaning of hope. Its roots are based on faith. Faith of things seen and unseen. Hope is intrinsic. It has value on its own. It cannot be seen or touched. It cannot be scientifically proven to be present. But we all know it when we have it. Hope is based on the value of life in and of itself. But hope can also be based on a be-

lief of a higher power or belief in something greater than ourselves. However, to possess hope does not necessarily have to rely on a spiritual plane. It can be internal and also based on concrete evidence. But one must seek it and experience it for it to be of value.

Early in my career, I worked with an 11 year old who was from the eastern block of Europe. She had come from an orphanage; abandoned at birth.

She had a lot of emotional baggage, based mostly from early trauma. She had been adopted and then abandoned by the adoptive parents in this country. She was a stranger in a strange land. Despite my best efforts, I could not instill real hope for her.

As far as I know she survived, but is living a life of dismal outcomes. She had little hope for a better life; internally as well as circumstantially. This

was a lesson for me on the importance of instilling hope in others who feel hopeless.

So where do we find hope when our life seems void of hope? The first thing that comes to my mind is a saying in Alcoholics Anonymous. "Fake it until you make it." Believe it or not, this can work for some, and for others it can be a starting point. I have lived a good life. Fortune has dealt me a

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January 10 – March 21

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Stress Management (CHE)

Monday, January 10 • 6:00pm

Join Dr. Tom Bishop for an active engagement and discussion. Discover how to break the hold stress has on your life, so that you may find more joy, health and productivity. Learn to build resilience under pressure and meet challenges head on.

New Year, New You (CHE)

Wednesday, January 26 • 6:00–7:00pm

Thursday, January 2 • 9:00–10:00am and 7:00–8:00pm

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Relax and Roll Workshop (DEX)

Sunday, January 30 • 11am

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FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING PRESCHOOL IN CHELSEA OPEN AND GROWING



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Currently, there are openings for ages 4, 5, and 6. School hours are Monday through Friday from 9am-1pm with possible before and after care. My preschool is open the same days that Chelsea District Schools are open. On days which Chelsea schools are closed, I may be open as "drop-in" days for the public. Preregistration is required.

You are invited to contact me, Sharon Broyles, the instructor holding a Masters in Education, at my Chelsea preschool location to talk through questions you may have. Please call 765-720-7373 for more information or visit FINEARTSFUNLEARNING.COM and facebook: Fine Arts Fun Learning preschool.

We have "Front Yard Field Trips!" Rather than traveling to an offsite location, I've had community workers come to our front yard to have a hands-on experiences. Brushing and riding a pony, sitting in Chelsea's fire engine, being introduced to a woodworker are only a few of our front yard experiences that have been scheduled or have already taken place. A sincere thank yours offered to several community workers who have visited us and offered hands-on connections to the community.

I am aware that many other preschools have closed, are filled to capacity with a waiting list or the staff is short handed and as a result have had to decrease their student enrollment until more staff is available. I'm also aware that many parents are not wanting enrollment for all-day

kindergarten as they prefer part-time. This has created a tremendous need for more preschool openings. I'm delighted to offer parents enrollment opportunities here at FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING preschool and summer camps.

A bit about myself and the preschool: I have specialized in teaching ages 3-7 during my career in regular and special needs classes. In the past, I have had many years of teaching in school settings such as public, private, home schooling and tutoring. My passion in teaching is to create an amazing learning atmosphere, have hands on experiences in music, art, and academics and for each child to grow in confidence and self awareness as they enjoy interacting with others. In our classroom, you will find a variety of art, science and academic tools and learning stations.

PARENT TESTIMONIES:

Mother of Enrolled Child

"When we bought a house this spring, there were couple of options out of town, but we decided to find one in Chelsea due to this Fine Arts Fun Learning Preschool and it was a one of the best decisions I made! or I would say God made with me!

My son literally loves every moment in the school!

There are always great activities to continue to inspire children. The thing I love the most about is the teacher truly cares about and loves children. As an educator and parent, I am very pleased with this school and I could think of no better place

to give my kids a head start in life!

Misuzu

Mother of Enrolled Child

"My 4yr old daughter is showing such amazing progress in many skills and abilities, but most of all she loves it! Sharon Broyles is an incredible teacher/owner and I love the schedule. My daughter attends the full day which is M-F 9am to 1pm (at an incredibly economic price!) This schedule gives her consistent learning and gives me time for my day. Today, the preschool had a "Front Yard

Field Trip" where a tiny pony was brought! How fun is that?! Above all, I love that my daughter has her faith in God supported as apart of the curriculum. Fine Arts Fun Learning Preschool is perfect for us!"

Rachel

Summer camps will have the topics of music with hands on experiences of real instruments (dulcimer, uke, marimbula and more), art (wire art, clay, drawing and painting) and tutoring (through play). Camps will be 1 or 2 weeks in length. Camp information and dates will be coming soon on my website fineartsfunlearning.com.

I encourage you to spread the word about the wonderful preschool to others who may be in need of enrolling their child. Feel free to call 765-720-7373 or email sharonbroyles@gmail.com to schedule a tour!

Looking forward to meeting you!

Sharon Broyles

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mends the Board approve the hire of Austin Elam as a middle school guidance counselor and be placed on MA Step 1 of the CEA Master Agreement.

11. Individual Action Items.

11a). Action Item 40-21-22. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the 2021-2022 Amended Budget as presented. Board member Eyster spoke regarding the budget. He noted the budget was created attempting to conserve finances. He believes that fund balance is set and does meet guidelines. The goal of this budget is to tighten it up from the start when financing was still in question. There was a question about the Esser Funds. There will be discussion about the uses that are allowable. Most people do not have plans ready yet. Solid survey on how people want the fund

spent. It's all coming in in different ways. Some is state aid but some is reimbursement. The modified budget passed 5-0.

12. Information and Discussion:

12a). The Superintendent advises the Board that the Superintendent's Evaluation is due by March 1.

12b). Committee and Liaison Assignments were made.

12c). The first reading of the bid tab for summer Bond projects. Not as many bids as usual. Two categories had no bids. Six categories were covered. This will be seen in another meeting as an action item.

12d). Esser Funds; 892 students, over 600 parents and a good deal of staff responded. There was a great response. Mental health services were ranked very high from each group. The summer program was discussed. Trying to determine if

it helped avoid a typical summer loss. The programming is being evaluated currently. Next steps for the funds is the administrative team will dig into this a little more. The next step will be to develop a plan. It will be brought in front of the board to view.

13. Public Input; A parent requested information on quarantine guidelines. She requested that if students are threatened with suspension it should be done in an equitable way. She is grateful that staying open has been made a priority.

14. Superintendent Report; The superintendent discussed the changes in Covid 19 protocol. School is considered low risk. The notification process is more like pertussis. Quarantine period for those who have Covid has been reduced to 5 days, which is helping with staffing issues. If you are exposed without symptoms and

you're wearing a mask you can come to school. The district will have released the full details by the time this goes to print. If you have symptoms you will need to be tested. She is doing everything she can to keep the kids in school. The issue in the county districts is schools being short staffed. 75% attendance requirement for funding. Last week was the highest week of Covid cases, still 85% attendance. Chelsea is hanging on with transportation. A lot of days the mechanic and director are on buses. Chelsea is trying to get more tests. An order for 600 more tests has been placed. Career technical expansion. Most programs are in Saline and Chelsea would like to add some, maybe as a satellite. Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor are not in the consortium. Looking at creating programs around the county that are accessible, Looking at ways to get teachers

certified, similar to the para to teacher program.

15. Commendations/Thank-you. Mr. Lucas was commended for football. The fifth and sixth grade robotics leader was also commended.

16. Upcoming Events

Monday, January 17 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 24 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - WSEC

Monday, February 13 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - South Mead-

ows
February 18-21 - No School - Presidents' Weekend

Monday, February 28 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - Work Session

March 28 - April 1 - No School - Spring Break

Monday, March 14 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - High School

Monday, April 11 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - WSEC

18. Adjournment, the meeting adjourned.

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The Real Estate Corner

By: Michelle Elie, Realtor, GRI

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Hello Chelsea, and happy 2022 to you all. I'm hoping your hol-

2021 Sales Recap

iday season was filled with lasting memories of time spent with family and friends, and that you're ready to tackle 2022 head on!

I've compiled the sales statistics for the

entire year in the Chelsea School District. The sales represent all properties sold within the school district, with some mailing addresses possibly being in Grass Lake, or Dexter.

	2021	2020
Total number of homes sold	309	277
Average List Price	375,495	330,200
Average Sale Price	377,350	321,361
Average days on Market	28	48
Median days on Market	8	18

I believe this is the first time in my 22 year career, the average sale price exceeds the average list price. That is absolutely remarkable! This is a perfect representation of what I've been documenting in my quarterly articles; extreme buyer demand driving sale prices well beyond list price creating the ultimate sellers market. Something else striking here is the marked reduction in

days the homes spent on the market before accepting offers. Savvy sellers spent time preparing their homes for showings making them shine to catch the buyers eye.

What can we expect moving forward in 2022? The Ann Arbor Board of Realtors recently released an article indicating the sellers market will continue at least through the year, as well as the supply/

demand discrepancy in the market. We can expect a bump in interest rates, but hopefully nothing that will significantly affect the monthly house payments on new purchases.

Thinking about entering into the buyer or sellers market this year? Please feel free to contact me and I'd be happy to help you navigate the market.

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Finding hope

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fair hand. Better than most, not as good as others. I have learned from those who have weathered very difficult times is to take inventory of your blessings. For example, do you have food in the refrigerator? A roof over your head? Gas in your car? If you have these then you are indeed fortunate. Don't take the little things for granted. Hope dwells in the small blessings of life.

My daughter contracted Covid last week. Despite doing all the right things she became sick. Fortunately it is like a real bad case of the flu. It could have been much worse. As I was leaving for work today a woman in an N-95 mask was walking up my driveway with a paper bag. I did not recognize her so I asked her if I could be of help. She said she had soup and other goodies for Hannah. When I asked her name I instantly recognized

her from Facebook. I only knew her from there but she knew my daughter. This was an act of kindness rarely seen these days. I wondered who benefited more; my daughter or this kind woman? I have learned that the simple act of helping others benefits us greatly. Not only is she instilling hope through kindness for my daughter (and me) but also in her. If you are feeling drained of hope, reach out to others less fortunate to find hope within.

Hope can be found in many ways. When I am down a nice long and hard hike can bring me back to reality of how good I have it. When the sun is not shining and the wind is blowing while it is 15 degrees out, it is hard to muster up the energy and enthusiasm to go out and find hope on the trails of the woods that surround my home. But if I "Just do it" I will come out of the woods feeling better and my

bleak attitude will have diminished. This is one thing that works for me. Ask yourself what will brighten your day? What can you do to bring your mind out of the darkness that you have gone into? It may take some work, It may take some energy, It may take being uncomfortable. But if it has worked in the past then it should work again.

There is no one right answer in finding hope and meaning in your life. But do know, that your life has value for yourself and for others. Never take for granted the things that you have and the things that you may obtain in your journey. As Winston Churchill said during the Battle of Britain, "Never, Never, Never give up." You never know what you might miss if you stop moving forward.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, BAD DRIVERS, CHOCOLATE DONUTS AND BRUSHING TEETH WITH PEPSI



By Don Richter
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Happy New Year everyone.

We're already two weeks into 2022. The beginning of the new year is always a time of hope, a time of optimism and a time for resolutions.

Well, for me, at least, two weeks into 2022 and, um, I've already broken every single one of my New Year's resolutions.

I know, I'm weak.

I seriously don't know why I make New Year's resolutions. But there I am, every New Year's Eve, watching the ball drop in Times Square in New York City and making my resolutions. Every year I sit on my couch and write down my New

Year's resolutions as the announcer on TV counts down the final few seconds of the old year.

And every year I break my resolutions.

I think my personal record for keeping my New Year's resolutions was making it to mid-February before breaking down. If I'm remembering correctly, I believe that personal record was in the early 2000s.

This year, I lasted a whole two weeks before obliterating my New Year's resolutions for 2022. That's pretty average for me actually.

My 2022 New Year's resolutions were as follows —

1. Lose weight.
2. Stop drinking pop and instead drink more water.
3. Clean out my spare bedroom and finally turn it into the Man Cave of my Dreams.
4. Be a kinder, gentler driver behind the wheel this year.
5. Read more and

watch TV less.

Those resolutions are all pretty simple and seemingly easy, right? I'm not resolving to climb Mount Everest or compete in my first triathlon. Every one of my resolutions are completely and wholly doable — for a strong-willed, disciplined Navy Seal, err, I mean normal person.

I'm certainly not a Navy Seal and apparently I'm not normal.

I kid you not, as I sit writing this column I'm eating an entire bag of chocolate donuts. Also today I had two Snickers bars, a bag of Ruffles potato chips and a vanilla shake. I truly have to think hard to remember the last time I ate a vegetable. I did have a banana yesterday so that's good, right. See? I'm eating healthy. I know, I know, Resolution No. 1 destroyed.

Resolution No. 2? Don't make me laugh. I had a two-liter of Pepsi on New Year's Day watching football in my recliner. I real-

ly don't know why I made that resolution. Knowing me, I was probably drinking a can of pop as I sat writing my resolutions. I know, it's messed up. So, yeah, Resolution No. 2 is obliterated — like really obliterated. I brushed my teeth with Pepsi yesterday. I'm kidding. Or am I?

Resolution No. 3? This one actually could happen. Though sadly I've already added to the mountain of "stuff" in my spare bedroom/dream man cave room. A bag full of "work gifts" from the company Christmas party and a few random shirts my brother-in-law didn't want that my sister thought would "look cute on you" (they didn't) are now at the top of the pile in my spare bedroom. Resolution No. 3 isn't officially destroyed yet, but it's heading down that proverbial slippery slope.

Resolution No. 4? For my real job, I spend a lot of time driving the freeways, main

streets and back roads of Washtenaw County each and every night. I always joke during the time I'm driving on area roadways (which is late night/early morning) the only people out at that time are truckers, criminals, drunks, druggies, law enforcement officers and me. Every night I have to deal with nonsense on area roads — it's the worst part of my job. The stories I could tell. Hmmm, now that I think of it, that might make a good column someday. Anyhow, yeah, this resolution has already been completely destroyed. I think it happened in the first week of 2022. Let's see, if I'm remembering correctly, I believe it was the wonderful driver going 35 miles per hour on I-94 with no lights on at two in the morning or maybe it was the responsible, sober driver going the wrong way directly toward me on one-way Jackson Road just outside of Ann Arbor. And that's

just been in the first two weeks of 2022. So yeah, Resolution No. 4 is officially obliterated.

Resolution No. 5? I'm giving myself a chance with this one. Though last weekend I actually spent 12 hours sitting in my recliner in a zombie-like stupor watching TV on both Saturday and Sunday. Not a very good start to 2022. I have a stack of books and magazines on my coffee table just waiting to be read. Two weeks into 2022 and I haven't touched either of them. I can write my name in the dust collecting on top of each stack. I don't consider Resolution No. 5 destroyed or obliterated, but it's foundation is crumbling fast.

Happy New Year everyone.

I resolve to never make another New Year's resolution ever again.

Ever.

Never, ever, ever.

I'm done.

Until next year...

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS BASKETBALL

CHELSEA POWERS OVER STOCKBRIDGE



Photos By Chrissy Fitch



From: Josh Tropea

Final Score: Chelsea 82, Stockbridge 40

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 21 to 10 lead after the first quarter and that lead grew to 54-21 by halftime. The Bulldogs continued stretching the lead out in the second half and beat Stockbridge 82-40.

Chelsea was led by Senior Lucas Hanifan with 23 points, Sophomore Jake Stephens with 15 points and 8 rebounds, Senior Jayden Woody with 6 points and 5 rebounds. Junior Matt Blanton had 7 points and 3 steals and Junior Carter Alexander had 8 points and 3 assists. Sophomore Joey Cabana, Senior Ben Strzyzewski, and Freshman Luke Tropea all had 6 points.



CHELSEA ATHLETICS



SPIRITS WERE HIGH AT CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL'S CHAMPIONS NIGHT

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On Friday January 7, Chelsea celebrated their teams outstanding accomplishments

with Champions Night. The state champion football team was celebrated along with boys golf, boys ice hockey, girls track and field, and boys and girls basketball. The celebration also highlighted stand-out individuals from these teams.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS WRESTLING

CHELSEA WRESTLERS DO WELL AT KARGEL CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP

From: Steve Chapman
The Chelsea wrestling team is currently 17-5 on the season with a Kargel Classic Championship this last week-

end. Finished 4-1 with Wins over Michigan Center 69-4, Fowlerville 51-18, Flat Rock 52-19, and Riverview 57-15. We had several unde-

feated wrestlers this weekend, Evan Muchler, Carter Trinkle, Elijah Ratliff, Cole Munson, and Nolan Sinkiwitts.

Foam Recycle Weekend

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will host a winter Foam Recycle Weekend on January 14 to 16, 2022, continuing last year's successful foam events that brought in over 2000 pounds of #6 foam.

Bill Christen, WWRA volunteer and a long-time foam recycler, has a keen idea on what is and is not considered #6 foam.

"For most of us, it is food containers; egg cartons; cups; packaging that comes with furniture, appliances, computers; and coolers for medicine and Omaha Steaks," said Christen.

"It is not packing peanuts, the thin, flexible foam sheeting that is used for packaging, foam wrapped in plastic or tape used in packaging, the light blue construction foam that carries the brand name 'Styrofoam,' nor the foam that has a layered appearance and does not break or crumble."

On collection weekends, foam can be transported to the collection site in any container.

Volunteers will assist in identifying the foam that can be recycled.

Acceptable foam can only be brought to these collection events and should not be left at the bin sites at any other time. WWRA Facility Manager Marc Williams said that this is becoming a problem.

Recycle Ann Arbor on Ellsworth Road is another resource for many types of foam, especially packing pe-



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FOAM RECYCLE EVENTS!

Chelsea

January 14-16, 2022

Friday, Noon to 4pm
Saturday, 11 to 4pm
Sunday, Noon to 4pm

Please note the shortened winter hours!

Location: WWRA Bin Site on Chelsea/Manchester Rd. (near fairgrounds)

Do not leave foam unless it is a collection weekend!

- #6 symbol only
- Rinse or wipe foodservice containers
- No foam packaging peanuts or construction foam board.
- Bring your foam in any container. Volunteers will help sort/accept your foam.
- If you want a large bag to collect/store your foam, contact us.

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nuts and items label "Styrofoam."

Hours for the winter event are Friday, Jan. 14, Noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 16, Noon to 4 p.m.

The foam that

DART Container, a manufacturer of food and beverage packaging items, collects through these drives throughout Michigan is sold it to other companies that make picture frames, interior mold-

ing, pens, rulers and foam packaging out of recycled foam.

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) is a not-for-profit partnership of and subsidized by five municipalities

(Townships of Dexter, Lyndon, Manchester and Lima, and the City of Chelsea) working together to find alternative ways to handle waste and promote reducing, reusing, and recycling. The townships

are served by convenient drop-off centers while the City of Chelsea has weekly curbside recycling pick up. For more information, visit www.WWRArecycles.org.

The Real Estate Corner

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Hello Dexter, and Happy 2022 to you all. I'm hoping your hol-

2021 Sales Recap

iday season was filled with lasting memories of time spent with family and friends, and that you're ready to tackle 2022 head on! I've compiled the sales statistics for the entire year in the Dexter School District. The sales represent all properties sold within the school district, with some mailing addresses possibly being in Pinckney or Ann Arbor.

	2021	2020
Total number of homes sold	371	361
Average List Price	470,559	419,205
Average Sale Price	473,548	412,586
Average days on Market	33	48
Median days on Market	9	18

I believe this is the first time in my 22 year career, the average sale price exceeds the average list price. That is absolutely remarkable! This is a perfect representation of what I've been documenting in my quarterly articles; extreme buyer demand driving sale prices well beyond list price creating the ultimate sellers market. Something else striking here is the marked reduction in

days the homes spent on the market before accepting offers. Savvy sellers spent time preparing their homes for showings making them shine to catch the buyers eye.

What can we expect moving forward in 2022? The Ann Arbor Board of Realtors recently released an article indicating the sellers market will continue at least through the year, as well as the supply/

demand discrepancy in the market. We can expect a bump in interest rates, but hopefully nothing that will significantly affect the monthly house payments on new purchases.

Thinking about entering into the buyer or sellers market this year? Please feel free to contact me and I'd be happy to help you navigate the market.

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Save The Date



Winter Little Cheer Clinic



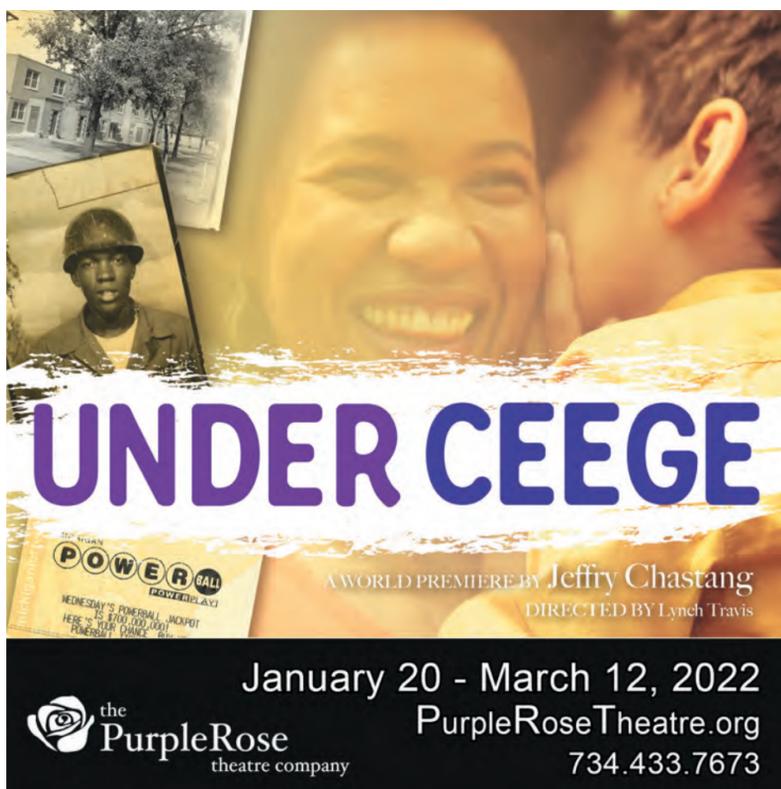
The Chelsea High School Competitive Cheerleaders will be hosting a Little Cheer Clinic.

Clinic Includes
Perform an Exhibition Round at the 5th Annual Bulldog Bash on Wednesday, January 26th
Uniform (T-Shirt, Leggings and Bow)
2 Saturday Practices

Details
Participant must be kindergarten age or older
There will be 2 Practices held at Pierce Lake Elementary Gym
(Little Cheerleaders are not required to attend both practices but it is recommended)
Practice dates are January 8th and January 22nd
Little Cheerleaders will be learning a combination tumbling and stunting round

Competition Day
Competition is Wednesday, January 26th

More Information to Come SOON!!!



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Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 22-66

Date: January 8, 2022

Location: 100 block of N. Main Street

Time: 1:15 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers responded to the 100 block of N. Main Street for the report of a threat complaint. The complainant stated that a female subject had walked into the business and began yelling that she was going to blow stuff up. Upon arrival the suspect had reportedly left the area. The complaint remains open pending further investigation and interviews with the witnesses and the suspect.

Incident #: 22-40

Date: January 5, 2022

Location: 1100 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:11 pm

INFORMATION: While at the station the officer took a complaint regarding several large fraudulent transactions that had occurred taken place. The complainant stated that he had been reviewing his recent bank transactions and noticed that over a three-day time frame four separate fraudulent check withdrawals had been made on the account. The case is open pending further follow-up by the investigator.



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