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The Great British Baking Tour Presented by the Chelsea Library

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The Chelsea Library hosts a variety of opportunities to learn about anything from foraging mushrooms to baked goods and tea from the UK. That's just some of the recent programming offered through the library. Last week I attended a Zoom featuring Claire Evens, an American that married a Brit and spent four years living in the UK with him. The talk felt more like catching up with an old friend who'd moved and was sharing what she learned from her

move. Claire explained that she loved watching TV while he was away and one of the shows she watched was The Great British Baking Show, which uses a different name in the UK.

We started by learning what the UK is exactly: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We learned that English, Welsh, Scottish, and Gaelic are spoken in the UK. We also learned about British tea, which goes hand in hand with baked goods. British tea is black, strong, and with milk. Not lemon, not ice, and not honey.

Claire told us about a brand we could find that makes good English tea; Twinings, (pronounced, "twine ings,") black tea.

We covered different judges and hosts on the show and what they're known for. Nigella Lawson's website has the ability to toggle between standard measurement and American, which makes it much easier for us to use. Pru Leith was born in South Africa and wrote the *Cookery Bible*, an authoritative and comprehensive cookbook. The *Hairy Bikers* are not your former

boyfriend and his no-good best friend, they worked on the BBC and became friends through a shared love of bikes and food. They have written several cookbooks and appeared on many shows. We learned what different names for ingredients mean. Demerara is like sugar in the raw here. And Suet can be Crisco or butter. A pint in a cookbook from the UK is not 16oz. It's 19.2oz. Claire suggested we use a kitchen scale when trying to measure.

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The Purple Rose Theatre Company to open "Human Error"

A Michigan Premiere comedy by Eric Pfeffinger



From: Katie Hubbard

The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) announces the second production of their 32nd season, "Human Error" a Michigan Premiere comedy by Eric Pfeffinger. Tickets are on sale now.

Madelyn and Keenan are NPR-listening, latte-sipping blue-staters who are planning a family. Or they were, anyway, until the fertility clinic screwed up and accidentally implanted their fertilized embryo in another uterus — a uterus belonging to a small-government churchgoing NRA cardholder. Can these ideologically hostile couples make it together through nine months of gestation without killing each other?

"Human Error" contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13.

Eric Pfeffinger is an accomplished playwright having written both full-length and short plays. Originally, "Human Error" was developed with the support of PlayPenn in Philadelphia and the Lark Playwrights Week, New York City. It was further developed at the Colorado New Play Summit and produced at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts Theatre Company. Eric's plays have been published by Dramatic Publishing and Dramatics magazine. He also co-wrote a novel, is a co-creator for a web series, and he dabbles in comic strips and screenwriting. For more

information go to www.ericpfeffinger.com.

Performances run from Friday, February 3 through Saturday, March 18, 2023. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, February 9. The press opening is Friday, February 10 at 8:00pm.

Directed by Lynch R. Travis (Southfield), the cast features artists Henri Franklin (Redford), Alex Leydenfrost (Ann Arbor), Kristin Shields (Ann Arbor), Kevin Theis (Chicago, IL), and Meghan VanArsdalen (Ann Arbor). Set design is by Bartley H. Bauer, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Suzanne Young, lighting by Matt Taylor, and sound by Robert W. Hubbard. Patrick Ian McCall is the stage manager.

The production sponsors for "Human Error" are Michigan Arts and Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Underwriting support for the season comes from the Chelsea Community Foundation, Community Foundation For Southeast Michigan, The Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include HOME.fm, JTV, and Michigan Radio.

Ticket Information

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118. The perfor-

mance calendar can be found at www.purplerosetheatre.org/calendar/

Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$52 with special discounts for students, seniors, teachers, members of the military, and groups (12+). For more information or to make reservations call (734) 433-7673 or go to www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Wearing a mask is recommended while at The Purple Rose Theatre. More COVID safety can be found at www.purplerosetheatre.org/covid-19/

Any changes to this policy during the run of "Human Error" will be posted on The Purple Rose website and social media pages.

About The Purple Rose Theatre Company

Founded in 1991 by actor, playwright, musician and Chelsea native Jeff Daniels, the Purple Rose Theatre Company is a creative home for original American plays. In the 168-seat theatre, patrons experience an intimate encounter with live theatre.

The PRTC also provides classes, readings, lectures and tours. It commissions new work from established and early-career playwrights. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit professional theatre, the PRTC operates under a Small Professional Theatre agreement with the Actors' Equity Association.

For more information contact PRTC Managing Director, Katie Hubbard at (734) 433-7782 x16, khubbard@purplerosetheatre.org



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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



From: Barry Lonik

The Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation easement purchase from Stillwood Farm LLC.

The property is just shy of 119 acres in size with frontage on the south side of Gregory Rd. It features over 90 acres of prime and locally important agricultural soils with 20 acres of woods and six acres of wetlands. Combined with other protected land, the property is part of a

block totaling over 700 acres just north of the City of Dexter. The conservation easement ensures that the land will never be developed but it remains in private ownership and is not open to the public.

The Amsdill family bought their farm in 1950. It was a very basic farm with grade b milk can operation. They started upgrades with the barn first and redid the milking floor with glass pipeline, bulk tank and gutter cleaner. They had a silo unloader, kicker baler

and other labor-saving systems. Through artificial breeding they developed one of the top Holstein herds in the State of Michigan. The family has a love of the farm and the land and want to keep it a farm. Conservancy was the path for that, and what their parents would have chosen.

Conservation easements are permanent deed restrictions on the use of a property. Purchasing easements costs less than buying the property, and keeps the property on the tax rolls and contributing

to the local economy.

In addition to Webster Township's dedicated land preservation millage, funding support was supplied by the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program, the State of Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Webster's share was 10% of the appraised value purchase price.

Webster Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage

which voters passed initially in 2005 and renewed twice, all by large margins. The Township has attracted over \$13 million of matching funds from other sources, a rate of over \$5 to \$1 of its

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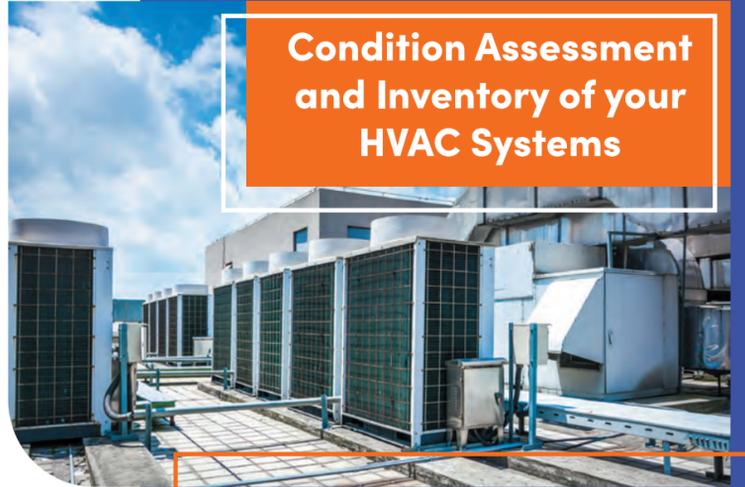
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Business Spotlight: Highbrow and Rouge



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I had the opportunity to interview Katelyn Mayers of Highbrow and Rouge this week and learn more about the business. Highbrow and Rouge is located at 515 S. Main Street Suite 3 in Chelsea. She's in the same building as DR. Curtis.

Highbrow and Rouge is a salon, but it's not the highlight blow-out, trim type of salon. Katelyn is a mom with two children in Chelsea schools. As we spoke, I explained how lazy I am with hair and makeup. She immediately understood and explained, that's why she does what she does. She's in the business to help busy moms feel good. She does permanent makeup and microblading. Wait, what? Permanent makeup? Like tattooing makeup on a face? Katelyn said yes, but when I dug deeper she explained what she will and will not do. Permanent makeup is not done to replace natural makeup.

So she won't tattoo on a cat eye style eyeliner. It's meant to enhance natural features. So if you are, like my mom was, the type of woman who does not feel comfortable leaving the house without makeup, you will wake up with an enhanced lash line and maybe a blush to the lips. It won't be full glam but you won't look like you were out drinking all night when you walk out the door bare-faced. If you, like me, watched Friends, not the reruns, you may have overplucked your eyebrows in the 1990s. You could be walking around with, "fight me," eyebrows. You know, the thin eyebrows that remind you of a bad talk show where the guests fight each other. Katelyn can fix that for you. But she'll do it with the understanding that styles change. So if the trend is super bushy brows, she's going to utilize math, your bone structure, and natural shape to fill in that which no longer grows. Katelyn provides every eyebrow service available except for thread-

ing. She can also help with lashes. I'd love lash extensions, which she can do. But, if you forget to do your roots and don't get your hair done often enough, she has other services that don't require the upkeep of lash extensions. She discussed a Keratin lash lift and explained that it is healthier and doesn't cause the damage of traditional lash lifting but has the same results. Katelyn can also remove permanent makeup if you went to someone not as skilled as she. She does brow and lashes from basic brow design, tweezing and tint, lash extension, lifts, and permanent makeup. As a mom,

she gets that you're too busy and you may barely have time and energy for a shower, much less makeup! She can help you feel put together, even if your colicky baby hasn't let you sleep for a week straight.

As we spoke and I imagined never putting on mascara again, Katelyn explained why she moved her business from Ann Arbor to Chelsea. She is from Ann Arbor but lives

in Chelsea now. She has two children in the Chelsea School District and has a great love for the community. Ann Arbor no longer feels like home, Chelsea does. She is a part of the community and wants to provide her services locally. She makes an effort to shop and volunteer locally as well. So the money spent in Katelyn's salon will stay mostly in Chelsea. That is the nice

thing about patronizing your neighborhood businesses. To book an appointment with Highbrow and Rouge email Henna at henna@highbrowandrouge.com. To see examples of Katelyn's work check out her social media accounts: <https://www.facebook.com/KatelynMarieMayers> and <https://www.instagram.com/highbrowandrouge/>.

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS SOFTBALL

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Chelsea High School Softball is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction to support the Chelsea softball team. Friday, Feb 24th, 2023, from 4:30-8:30pm in the Chelsea High School

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The Triple Crane Retreat Celebrated the Lunar New Year



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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Sometime during December, my daughter and I were browsing through the library when we happened upon a book on display, "Chinese New Year: A Celebration For Everyone,"

by Jen Sookfong Lee. Together we read and learned about the Chinese New Year. We had fun studying the origins of tradition and learning that the holiday has evolved to be a family holiday, like Thanksgiving and Christmas in the US. It's a weeklong celebration so that people can travel back home and spend time with family. Since attending the 10-year anniversary of the Triple Crane retreat, I've attended several events there

and I wondered if there would be a Lunar New Year celebration. I was able to find out through their social media accounts there was, in fact, a celebration.

Saturday, January 29th, Triple Crane Retreat Center in Chelsea, hosted a Lunar New Year celebration, which was open to the public. The event started at 10:30am with a Candle Lighting and Blessing Ceremony. Master Hai, or Winnie, the head nun at Triple Crane led the ceremony. Typically it would be done in Chinese and Sanskrit, but seeing the number of Westerners attending Winnie tried to make the event inclusive and lead and taught in English. She apologized for not being better at

English. I was grateful that she put effort into trying to teach and explain things to us in a language that is not her Native tongue. That fact was very kind in my opinion. Winnie shared the symbolism of lighting candles, incense, and the other offerings. Water, she explained, symbolizes neutrality, flowers symbolize a soft, tender heart, candlelight symbolizes wisdom and Winnie encouraged us to be like incense. Incense makes the area smell nice, so the words and thoughts we put out into the world should make the area around us nice. Winnie led the group in the great compassion Mantra. She even had the phonetic version in copies available for those

of us unfamiliar with the mantra. I'm not one hundred percent certain what it meant, but we were supposed to think and send out good vibes to people. It seemed to me a prayer for the universe. We were each sending out good vibes. Winnie suggested friends and family or the entire universe. I have family members who are unwell, so to me, it felt like a church group praying for them. It felt nice. After the service ended we moved to the eating area. A Chinese banquet was prepared for all of us. It was vegetarian and gluten-free so nobody had to worry. The food was traditionally Chinese and delicious. My daughter and husband joined for the banquet and we en-

joyed food none of us had ever tried before. The Chinese food at Chinese restaurants is not what the Chinese woman who cooked it all for us prepared. We all enjoyed our first Dragon fruit ever. We sat at a table with several other people who felt like friends at the end of the meal. When the meal was over a man generously offered everyone interested in Calligraphy. My daughter loved it and we came home with several characters she made. Winnie explained that in Asian culture after an event people would often learn or practice calligraphy and enjoy tea together. As my daughter enjoyed Calligraphy with new friends, a few of us were provided with a tea ceremony.

Winnie even explained to my daughter that she was old enough to learn the tea ceremony. Young children learn it and are later able to perform it. She invited my daughter back and promised to teach her. She is excited and proud to be given such a responsibility. I was very grateful for the cultural lesson. We were grateful for Winnie and her willingness to teach and the wonderful people who cooked and taught for us at The Triple Crane Retreat Center. To learn more about the Triple Crane Retreat Center visit <https://www.facebook.com/triplecraneretreat>, <https://www.instagram.com/triplecraneretreat/>, <https://www.triplecraneretreat.org/>.

American 1 Credit Union Announces Second Location in Chelsea, MI

American 1 Credit Union is pleased to announce that they will open a second branch in Chelsea, MI.

The new branch, located at 12855 Old US 12 E, Suite 8 in Chelsea, is scheduled to open in the summer of 2023.

The new Chelsea branch is easily accessible from I-94 at exit 162 and will feature teller stations, member service areas, a drive-thru lane, and a convenient drive-up ATM. The new branch is American

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"Convenience is one of our three key priorities," said Kristi Edgar, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for American 1. "Boldly Generous, Convenient, Uncomplicated is not only our tagline but also how we make decisions for the credit union. Easy access from the highway and the addition

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The Great British Baking Tour Presented by the Chelsea Library

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district, where Beatrix Potter made her home and the setting of some of her stories. It is known for its sticky toffee pudding. Sticky toffee pudding is on every pub menu. We learned that spotted dick is a sponge cake with tiny currents and not nearly as funny as the name sounds. We learned about York, known for Yorkshire pudding, not a dessert but dutch baby-like, and like the dinner roll with your meal. It is also known for a Yorkie bar, which Claire states is delicious. We learned that the Rhubarb triangle is in West Yorkshire and that it grows so fast you can actually hear it. Google the sound

of rhubarb growing and it will come up on Facebook and youtube. Sounds like cracking.

We headed to London and located all the castles. We learned the history of Richmond Maid of honor tarts, originating in the Hampton Court Palace kitchen for Henry the 8th. We learned that Mr. Kipling is Little Debbie's English cousin and his Blackwell tarts are the thing to try. I checked, and they are on Amazon if you're interested. Finally, we learned that most English tea rooms will have victoria sponge cake and, if they don't, find a different tea room. We learned that Christmas pudding is reconstituted dried

fruit. It is reconstituted overnight in teas, Guinness, or other liquids and it is often started in Oct so the flavors have time to marry. We learned that clotted cream is really good and not nearly as gross and unappetizing as it sounds. It's a sweet whipped cream. Claire has figured out how to make it in her instant pot. If you'd like to learn more about Claire, including about the release of her upcoming book, take a look at her website <https://teawithclaire.com/> If you want to learn more about upcoming events at the Chelsea Library, <https://chelseadistrictlibrary.libnet.info/events?r=thisweek>.

2022 Business Leadership Awards



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the activities of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 2022 Business Leadership Award recipients are:
Chelsea State Bank | Large Business Leadership Award
Rick Taylor Real Estate - Reinhart Realtors | Small Business Leadership Award
5 Healthy Towns Foundation | Non-Profit Business Leadership Award.

2022 Lifetime Achievement & Citizen of the Year Awards

Chelsea is blessed with a wealth of residents who are dedicated to serving the community. In many cases, these individuals go

about performing their deeds without any fanfare. It is not only fun to honor these individuals, but it is the right thing to do. The Lifetime Achievement and Citizen of the Year Award are presented to people that demonstrate a commitment and involvement in our community with the selfless intent to improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of Chelsea.

A committee of community leaders, representatives from our service clubs, government officials, members of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and most importantly, past winners of this award, have

met, deliberated, and proudly selected Chelsea's 2022 recipients. The 2022 award recipients are:

- Gary Zenz | Lifetime Achievement
- Susan Jacobs | Citizen of the Year

2023 Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

The awards will be given at the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Robin Hills Farm on March 8th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP here -

<https://chelseamich.com/events/cacc-annual-meeting/>.



Dogs Being Dogs

By: Laura Perkins, Laura Perkins Animal Behavior, Chelsea

Many of the behaviors that we consider to be problems in our dogs (and cats!) are actually natural behaviors for their species. Instead of having a goal to stop these behaviors, it can be better for our pets and for us to change *when and where* they occur. That way, your dog can still do doggy things and we won't meet as much resistance as we move through the training steps.

Let's take a look at mouthing and chewing as an example. This is a behavior that is not only a natural doggy behavior, but one that we've selected and encouraged for retrieving breeds! Dogs use their mouths the way we use our hands.

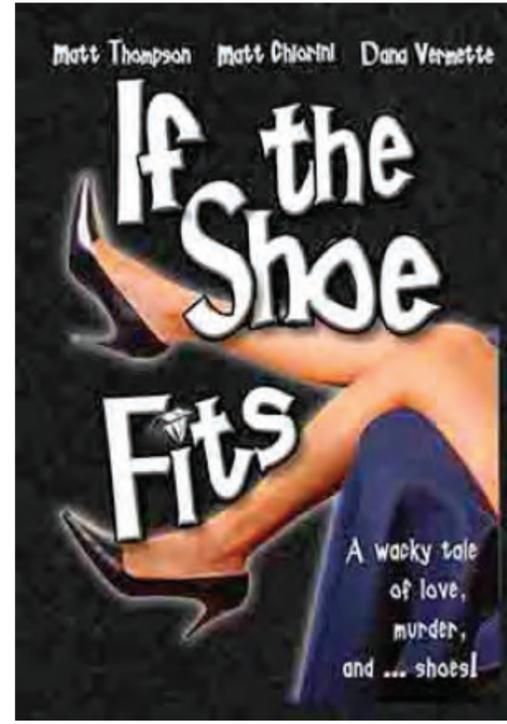
And it is a need to chew and shred and bite things for them. Sometimes though (and pretty much always for puppies), dogs don't realize that we don't want them to bite our hands, chew our things or shred our socks. To them these are just opportunities to engage in natural behavior. Instead of trying to get your dog to stop completely, consider offering opportunities to use their mouths in ways that are ok with you. Providing empty cereal or cracker boxes to shred (with supervision), offering a variety of textures in their toys so they can find one they like to tug and bite at, and giving plenty of safe chews are all ways to shift this natural behavior without suppressing it.

Some other examples:

- Teaching your dog to use a dig pit or sandbox to replace digging in your garden.
- Playing hide and seek or searching games to give an outlet for sniffing and searching, instead of rifling through the trash or counter surfing.
- Playing with a flirt pole instead of chasing wildlife.
- Retrieving toys (or playing keep away with them) instead of your socks and dish towels.

Of course, you still have to teach your dog to do "this instead of that" for each instance, but giving an outlet for these unwanted but very natural and normal behaviors will lead to easier learning for your pup and more fun for the two of you.

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From: Dania Dunlap-Hurden

The Chelsea Area Players (CAP) presents a night of sweet treats and comedy with a Dessert Theatre performance of If the Shoe Fits at St. Mary Catho-

lic Church in Chelsea, February 17-18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday February 19 at 2 p.m.

It all starts when Delores, an unhappy housewife, and George, a shoe salesman, meet at Shoe Fantasy. It was love at first shoe-fitting! The only thing standing in the way was Delores' doting but half-witted

husband, Marvin, who would never agree to a divorce.

The lovers come up with a crazy plan to poison Marvin, but things don't quite go according to plan. What was supposed to be a simple foolproof murder turns into a hilarious fiasco when Marvin refuses to drink the poison and then an eccentric Spanish-speaking, lovesick maid (Esperanza) enters the picture.

Their attempts get funnier and funnier as the lovers try again and again to finish the job only to have Esperanza and Marvin unknowingly foil their plans each time—resulting in this wacky tale of love, murder, and...shoes!

Tickets are available for \$20 at Chelsea Hometown Pharmacy, 1125 South Main St. or online via Seat Yourself (accessible via the Chelsea Area Players website).



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February Events

Relax and Roll Workshop* DEX

Sunday, February 12, 10:00am–12:00pm
In this 2-hour workshop we will release stress and tension from your hands to your feet and everywhere in between. We'll use simple self-massage techniques targeting trigger points and high-tension areas to help reduce aches and pains and improve mobility. Must be able to get on the floor. Registration required. Contact the Member Service Desk at 734-580-2500.

Partner Pilates* DEX

February 12, 12:30pm
Partner Pilates is a fun, unique way to connect with one of the people who add joy into your life! Whether that is your spouse, your child, best friend or gym partner. Bonding over laughter and lunges? Sign us up! This Pilates sequence focused on core work, breathing and stability will have you working hard while having fun. Use the power of two to hold each other up and provide resistance. Registration required. Contact the Member Service Desk at 734-580-2500.

I ♥ Fitness* CHE/DEX

February 1–28
Members FREE, Non-members \$30
We are offering several demo classes to sample. The I ♥ Fitness Guest Punch Card allows you to attend up to five of the select demo classes. The pass also includes a full day guest pass on Valentine's Day to see what the center has to offer.

I ♥ Cardio Fitness* DEX

Friday, February 24
5:00pm–6:30pm, FREE
Back by popular demand, our fabulous fundraising event for the American Heart Association® (AHA) that will make you want to kick up your heels and dance! Donate \$10.00 and receive a t-shirt. All proceeds will go to the AHA. Registration required, Contact the Member Service Desk at 734-580-2500.

Valentine's Gift Card Special

CHE/DEX February 1–14
Purchase a gift card for your valentine to enjoy services at the Wellness Centers or put towards membership at the Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers. You will receive a complimentary gift bag with chocolates. For every \$50 you spend on gift cards, you will be entered in a drawing for a 1-hour massage. For more information, visit the Member Service Desk or call 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).

*Community welcome!



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Chelsea Community Foundation Awards Grant to The Purple Rose Theatre to Fund Script Readings

Audiences can engage with The Purple Rose's script development process with free concert readings through the Chelsea District Library.



From: Katie Hubbard

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) awarded The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC), a grant in the amount of \$13,672 to fund the theatre's script development and concert readings for the coming year.

Since 2010, The Purple Rose and the Chelsea District Library have presented concert readings on select Saturday mornings throughout the year. This programming allows community residents to engage with playwrights, directors, and actors and learn more about the theatre's behind-the-scenes process.

"The audience response during the reading and the feedback afterwards are critical for the playwright and director," said Katie Hubbard, Managing Director for

The Purple Rose. "It lets us see what catches people's attention, where a joke gets a laugh, or when a story gets confusing. This feedback is vital, particularly if a script is for a new play."

Since the pandemic, script readings have moved from the McKune Room at the library to Zoom, showcasing Chelsea's support for arts and culture to a worldwide audience.

"We are lucky to have the support of Chelsea Community Foundation for projects like these," said Robert Caplis, Director of Donor Engagement at The Purple Rose. "When people give to CCF, they support countless projects behind the scenes. And, it's not just us. It's local trail networks as part of the DTE Foundation trail, a great library, our schools, the senior center, and

so much more. The Chelsea Community Foundation enriches the quality of life and makes Chelsea a great place to live," said Caplis.

"This project includes a collaboration between two significant community partners. When we award grants, we place emphasis on collaboration and the lasting impact the Grantees work will have in our Chelsea community," said Anne Merkel, CCF Chair. "This project fits our mission of supporting all things Chelsea!"

The next script reading, "Fourteen Funerals" by Eric Pffefinger, is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 at 10:30AM. In this wry comedy about delivering eulogies for relatives never met, an unexpected small town romance blossoms. To register to attend, visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-377

Date: January 31, 2022

Location: 500 block of Wellington St.

Time: 4:11 pm

INFORMATION: While at the police station an officer took a fraud complaint over the phone. The complainant stated that they had been going through their mail and had discovered that they had never received a stimulus check from July of 2021. The complainant stated that

they had made contact with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and they had traced down the check being cashed at a bank primarily located online. The money had been determined to have been transferred to several other banks over a period of time and then withdrawn. The com-

plainant made contact with the IRS again and they advised the complainant to make a police report with their local law enforcement agency and then the IRS would look into the matter further. At the time of the report there was no information available on the identity of the suspect.

Incident #: 23-418

Date: February 4, 2022

Location: 900 block of S. Main St.

Time: 12:19 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 900 block of S. Main Street for the report of a fight taking place inside the establishment. Upon arrival the officers were met by one of the parties involved who appeared to have been in a fight recent-

ly due to the left side of his face beginning to bruise. The subject stated that he and his brother had gone out for some drinks with some friends. While on their way home for the evening an argument developed and a physical altercation ensued inside the vehicle. The present party grabbed

the keys to the vehicle and ran into the business. Upon the officer's arrival everyone else including the witnesses and the brother had all left the area. At the time of the report no one wished to press criminal charges so the matter was closed.

Incident #: 23-437

Date: February 5, 2023

Location: 5000 block of Sibley Rd.

Time: 12:32 pm

INFORMATION: While at the Chelsea Police Department a complainant came in and stated that they had their vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Sibley Rd. while they were at work and an unknown

suspect had stolen the front grill emblem off of their vehicle. The complainant stated that they had parked their vehicle in the parking lot and believed the theft occurred sometime on February 3,

2023 between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. At the time of the report there was no information on the identity of the suspect, the case was closed pending further investigative leads.

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