

# Chelsea Guardian

Phone: 734-636-6577  
Fax: 888-355-0629

guardiannewspapersmi.com



facebook.com/ChelseaGuardian

Hamilton  
Publishing

**INTERIOR DESIGN**  
*Kitty & Co.*  
WWW.KITTYANDCOMPANY.NET

Detroit Home design awards  
WINNER

734-562-2459 | 114 N. Main Street, Suite 5 Chelsea, MI 48118

## CHELSEA'S MADDIE CONRAD MAKING AN IMPACT ON WASHTENAW UNITED



Photo Courtesy of Washtenaw United

By Charla Hamilton  
charlachelseaguardian@gmail.com

The Washtenaw United High School Girls' Hockey Team has many standout players. One of which is Chelsea High School's own Maddie Conrad. Read on to find out more about Maddie!

Age: 14

Position/Positions Played: Defenseman

How long have you been playing and how did you first get involved with the sport? I've been playing for around 5 years and how I first got involved with hockey is when I went skating with my grand-

continued on page 7

Chelsea Guardian  
**YOUR AD HERE**  
for only \$100 per week

Contact: Tom Hamilton 734-757-7882  
or tomchelseaguardian@gmail.com

SPONSORED BY:  
**Culver's**  
OPEN DEC 13TH

FOR MORE INFO VISIT  
CHELSEAONLINE.COM  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE:

WINTER EDITION!  
**SWEET SAVER SATURDAYS**

**10% OFF**

MENTION SWEET SAVER SATURDAYS AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS AND RECEIVE A 10% OFF DISCOUNT.

10% Off discount varies by location and is at business owner's discretion

ENTER TO WIN THE MONTHLY GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

DEC 31  
\$100  
Culver's

COORDINATED BY:  
Chelsea

## Chelsea Board of Education Elects New Board Member

By: Aimee Bingham  
Osinski anbingham@gmail.com

On Monday January 31, 2022 the Chelsea Board of Education held a special meeting to address the vacancy on the school board, created when trustee Poulter announced her resignation. Five

members were present. Trustee Lehman was not feeling well and was at the doctor.

The entire agenda was dedicated to the candidates presentation:

- Clay Eckhert was an active flight instructor for many years. His experience is knowing

that each student has different needs. His job as an air traffic controller noted his attention to detail and his ability to work with people from all walks of life. He has six children, five of which are in the school district.

- Wendy Furst; Wendy applied because she

believes in volunteerism and she believes the district is going through a difficult time and wants to be a part of the solution. Wendy is a researcher at U of M with family medicine. She's been an educator. She volunteered as a PTO president

continued on page 5

**COMIC BOOKS**  
**POKÉMON**  
**SPORTS CARDS**  
BUY • SELL • TRADE  
**MAGIC**  
THE GATHERING

**CLOCKTOWER COMIX & COLLECTIBLES**

**LIVE CARD BREAKS!**

**DETROIT BREAKERS**

SCAN TO FIND US ONLINE AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

## St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea launches new Urgent Care inside hospital Emergency Department



Story on page 10.

#shopchelseamich

13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**Chocolate Extravaganza**  
#SHOPCHELSEAMICH  
Starting at 10am  
SATURDAY, FEB 12TH

**SATURDAY, FEB 12TH**  
**#SHOPCHELSEAMICH**

# Free Ice Skating Party Offered to area teens by Chelsea Kiwanis, Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness Coalition, and 5 Healthy Teens



## Find Your Glide Teen Skate Party!

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 13, 2-4pm  
**WHERE:** Arctic Coliseum  
**ALL FREE:** Skate Rental, IceTime & Pizza  
**WHO:** High school students age 14-18\*  
**REGISTER:** [www.5healthytowns.org/2022-5-healthy-teens-ice-skating-party](http://www.5healthytowns.org/2022-5-healthy-teens-ice-skating-party)

\*Bring a parent waiver if under 18.




Sponsored by @5HealthyTeens and funded by Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness Coalition and Chelsea Kiwanis



**From: Matt Pegouskie**  
 Calling All Teens! It's going to be a long winter, so what better way is there than to get out and find some fun and physical activity by joining local teens

at the Arctic Coliseum (501 Coliseum Drive, Chelsea) for free skating? Whether it's winter or summer, ice skating can be a fun year-round activity to keep you active and fit. Find Your Glide, an initiative created by @5HealthyTeens at Chelsea High School, is generously supported by the Chelsea Kiwanis and the Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness

Coalition. The event takes place on Sunday, February 13, from 2—4pm. Pre-registration is required at this link: <https://www.5healthytowns.org/2022-5-healthy-teens-ice-skating-party/> 5 Healthy Teens is a small committee of high school students who have worked on a variety of projects during COVID. Last year, they creat-

ed @5HealthyTeens on Instagram to post some nutrition messages, and they worked with other local high schools to create 60 second physical activity videos that could be done by any teen from their home – no equipment needed. “This event is for all teens in our 5 Healthy Towns,” says Sarah Tillman, Chelsea junior and member of 5HealthyTeens.

” It’s an opportunity to get out and get moving. Ice skating can decrease your stress and improve your cardio and endurance. And it’s FUN!” “We were happy to collaborate on this event with a sponsorship grant,” said Ruth Habrecht, chairperson of the Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness Coalition. “It’s consistent with the priority areas we established

this year to promote moving more and helping teens connect in healthy ways.” “We are very excited that our idea has become a reality, thanks in full to Chelsea Kiwanis and the Chelsea Wellness Coalition,” says Tillman. For more information, contact Matt Pegouskie or Lori Kintz, at 734-433-4599.

# Tax Case between 5 Healthy Towns Foundation and City of Dexter Concludes



**From: Matt Pegouskie**  
 After nine years and more than 20 judicial actions, the courts have finally brought a conclusion to property tax disagreements between 5 Healthy Towns Foundation and the City of Dexter.

property tax exemption, Dexter interceded in the Township’s 2013 decision, forcing the 5HF to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) and request a ruling on 5HF’s entitlement to a property taxation exemption. Though the MTT initially ruled 5HF was not exempt under its construction of the law then in effect, 5HF appealed that decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA), which reversed the MTT and ruled in 5HF’s favor. Dexter appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC), which affirmed the COA’s decision and again ruled in 5HF’s favor. During these proceedings, 5HF attempted to settle with Scio Township and Dexter. Scio Township agreed to the settlement offer, but the mayor of Dexter refused the offer. Though the Michigan Supreme Court affirmed that 5 Healthy Towns Foundation was exempt from property taxes, the

mayor of the newly incorporated City of Dexter and the City Council attempted to end-run the Supreme Court and sought to exact taxes from 5HF from another angle: levy lessee-user tax on 5HF’s wellness center management company instead. 5 Healthy Towns Foundation contracts with a wellness center management company with expertise in medical integration. After losing the property tax exemption fight in the Michigan courts, starting in 2018, Dexter’s leadership changed gears and began pursuing the management company for lessee-user tax. This decision set off a cascade of court actions in multiple judicial venues, including the State Tax Commission, Michigan Tax Tribunal, Washtenaw County Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, and eventually, back to the Michigan Supreme Court. Over the next 3 years, at every level, judicial decisions were made in favor of

5HF. In late 2021 the MSC refused to hear the final appeal filed by the City of Dexter. Marking what appears to be the final challenge to the Wellness Center’s taxable status, Dexter has agreed to the entry of a consent judgment regarding the remaining lessee-user tax assessments for tax years 2019, 2020 and 2021. That consent judgment

resolves all the remaining cases in the Michigan courts. Between the City of Dexter and 5HF, millions of dollars have been spent on attorneys. In spite of the tax battle, 5HF continued to invest in Dexter’s health and wellness efforts, providing funding for the Farm to School program, trails, school gardens, mindfulness classes,

yoga in the park, and many other programs. Steve Petty, current 5HF CEO said “5 Healthy Towns Foundation has invested over \$1.6M to support wellness in Dexter since 2013, when the tax litigation began.” He added “The health of the general public has been and continues to be our focus. We are glad to have this significant challenge behind us.”




**Your gift to the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation’s Benevolent Care Fund ensures that qualified residents always have a loving place to call home!**

To learn how you can help, visit [Foundation.UMRCPH.com](http://Foundation.UMRCPH.com) or contact the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation at **734.433.1000 ext. 7502**

# What is behavior for?

**From: Laura Perkins, Laura Perkins Animal Behavior, Chelsea**

One of my mentors, Dr. Susan Friedman, has an exercise she does with her (human) students who are learning to be animal trainers. She asks, "Why do we have eyes?" Of course the answer is "to see." Then she says, "Why do we have ears?" "To hear."

Then she says, "Why do we behave?"

That one always results in a pause. The answer is "To control outcomes." Her point is that behavior is useful to us in the same way that our eyes, ears, and other physiology is useful to us. We are

built to behave and to use our behavior to get the things we need and want and to avoid the things that are scary, painful, or otherwise unpleasant.

This, of course, extends to our dogs, cats, horses, cows, goats, chickens - every animal you can think of. There is a behavior lab at Southern Illinois University that has been replicating studies that have been done with rat and pigeon behavior using Madagascar hissing cockroaches! And they are getting replicating results! This is just one example of how universal the laws of behavior are.

But back to the purpose of behavior. Why is this im-

portant? Well, in order to change behavior, we have to know why it happens and how it works. In fact, we can't really change behavior.

Yup, you read that right. We can't change behavior. Not directly.

Behavior is a dependent variable. All behavior happens because something in the environment tells the learner "when you do X, there's an opportunity to get/avoid Z". An example - when you pick up your dog's leash, what do they do? Many dogs will run to you, bark, jump, run to the door - all types of behaviors that help them to get to that walk (from their perspec-

tive)! So, in the situation where a leash is picked up, your dog has learned that running to the door (doing X), will get a walk!

Your dog, in this example, is using her behavior to get to an outcome. That's what behavior is for!

Knowing this can help us to zoom in on the events that happen before and after a behavior so that we can start to take educated guesses (hypotheses) about \*why\* our pets are doing something. What are they getting? What are they avoiding?

From there, we can start to make a plan to change those events in order to shift the behavior gently. In doing so, we want to

ensure our pets still get the opportunity to obtain the same outcomes. If we simply stop taking our dogs on a walk because they are jumping up at the leash, you won't see helpful changes. Instead, we need to decide on another, easy to do behavior that will result in the walk. For example, you could ask your dog to stand with four feet on the floor as you put the leash on and then go on the walk. (Often we need to use treats to bridge that gap while our dogs learn that standing still leads to the walk - a walk isn't immediate enough for our dogs to make that connection right away. Likewise, we

often need to teach this in smaller steps so that our pets don't have to learn the new routine all at once.)

So, the next time you notice your dog doing something that bugs you or that you find yourself wanting to change, start by asking two questions. "What is my dog getting (or avoiding) by doing this behavior?" "What is happening right before the behavior that tells my dog this behavior will lead to that outcome?" From there, you can start to consider how your dog can do a different behavior to get the same (or similar) outcome.

## February Events

### Fit-A-Palooza Pass (CHE/DEX)

February 1-28 (2/14 free pass) • \$30

Get ready for a month dedicated to finding or rekindling your LOVE of fitness! During the month of February, we will be offering several demo classes for non-members to sample. Attend up to 5 of the selected demo classes. This is the perfect opportunity to check out a class you have been wanting to take!

### Valentine Gift Card Bag (CHE/DEX)

February 1-14

Purchase a gift card for your valentine to enjoy services at the Wellness Centers or put towards a membership at the Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers. You will receive a complimentary gift bag with chocolates.

### Valentine Event with Two Board Girls (CHE)

February 10 • 6:00pm • FREE

Join us as we bring back Two Board Girls for a fun night of art and light refreshments. String together your very own heart. Bring a loved one or special friend and enjoy a night together! Registration required. Contact the Member Service Desk at 734-214-0220 (CHE).

### Exercise & Your Positive Self (DEX)

February 16 • 6:00pm • In Person and Virtual Option Available

Led by Amy Carruthers, Fitness Specialist/ACSM Certified Personal Trainer. Members can register via self-service portal, at the Member Service Desk or by calling 734-580-2500. Non-Members must register by calling 734-580-2500 (DEX).

### American Red Cross Blood Drive (CHE)

Friday, February 25 • 9:00am-3:00pm

All donors are welcome! If you would like to schedule a donation appointment, stop by the Chelsea Wellness Center Member Service Desk, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 734-214-0220 (CHE).

### Fit-A-Palooza Event (DEX)

Friday, February 25 • 5:30-6:30pm • FREE

Back by popular demand, our fabulous fundraising event for the American Heart Association that will make you want to kick up your heels and dance! Contact the center for more details. \$10 donation receives a t-shirt with proceeds to the AHA.



CHE-1836464\_0122

# St. Mary Pinckney Celebrates 2nd Year of Record Enrollment, Above Average Test Scores During Catholic Schools Week

## Open Enrollment Begins February 14



St. Mary 4th grader Aiden Rolling from Dexter gets ready for a Catholic Schools Week dress up day at St. Mary Pinckney, founded in 1956. The 1950s dress up day will honor the schools 65th anniversary.

With steady, above-average results in all grades on this year's NWEA RIT tests, St. Mary Pinckney reports scores above the national average in all areas including math, reading, language and science.

Along with adding over 40 new students last fall, a third of the school's total enrollment, these test scores give the 65-year old school a lot to celebrate during National Catholic Schools Week which is extended due to last week's snowstorm.

"Students have a lot to smile about this year as we grow and expand our reach into the community," said Veronica Kinsey, principal and former teacher at St.

Mary in Pinckney.

"We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week with many fun activities, but this year we are also showing appreciation for being so blessed as a Catholic school to have in-person schooling, five days a week, with optional masking," she added. "We were in-person all five days in 2020-21, so this year the optional masking is keeping us moving in the right direction, back to normal."

New students joined St. Mary from area communities including Dexter, Chelsea, Pinckney and Howell. St. Mary welcomes families of all faiths with the goal of excellence in education and offers rich extra

curricular activities including cross country, volleyball, basketball, band, and more.

Marking their 65th year in Pinckney, St. Mary will be open for enrollment on Feb. 14th for preschool and grades K-8. Contact Veronica Kinsey at mr-

skinsey@stmarypinckney.org with questions or to schedule a tour at any time.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/stmary-schoolpinckney](http://www.facebook.com/stmary-schoolpinckney) or [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org).

**Cole Funeral Chapel**

214 E. Middle St. • Chelsea • (734) 475-1551

Cole Funeral Chapel is a family-owned funeral home committed to caring for your family. Our mission is to meet your needs whatever they may be. We provide a wide range of services, including cremation, green burial, and traditional funerals.

[www.colefuneralchapel.com](http://www.colefuneralchapel.com)

Allen C. Cole, Funeral Director & Wendy Cole Office Manager

**Laura Perkins Animal Behavior**

CPDT-KA, M.S. Applied Behavior Analysis

[www.lauraperkinsanimalbehavior.com](http://www.lauraperkinsanimalbehavior.com)  
[lauraperkinsanimalbehavior@gmail.com](mailto:lauraperkinsanimalbehavior@gmail.com)  
 309-370-8233

# Savings in Chelsea

**MORAN'S CONSIGNMENT**  
 QUALITY APPAREL & HOME DECOR

**CURRENTLY ACCEPTING:**  
 We are currently accepting Winter clothing and accessories. Anything that can be worn over the next 60 days.

Designer and Name Brand Labels Available

New Hours (as of October 1st):  
 Mon-Wed 10-5  
 Thur-Sat 10-6  
 Sun 12-5

104 E Middle Street Suite 1A  
 Chelsea, MI 48118  
 734-433-9730  
[www.moransconsignment.com](http://www.moransconsignment.com)

**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
 2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-6577 or email  
[charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com)

**Chelsea Guardian**

6543 Allen Road  
 Allen Park, MI 48101

For Classified, Church Directory or General Advertising  
 Call: 734-636-6577 or email  
[tomchelseaguardian@gmail.com](mailto:tomchelseaguardian@gmail.com)  
[charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com)

Please like and share our Facebook Page: Chelsea Guardian

**Mission Statement:**  
 Hard work, good work and creating and fostering great relationships are the keys to community success.

MPA  
 MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

**BOLLINGER**  
 SANITATION & EXCAVATING

Serving The Chelsea Area Since 1951  
 (734) 433-1831  
 PROMPT SERVICE!

- RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL -

**No Job Too Small or Too Big**

**IS IT TIME FOR YOUR SEPTIC TANK CHECK UP?**

[www.Bollingerse.com](http://www.Bollingerse.com)

**Things to do in Chelsea**

**Shopping:**  
 Breathe Yoga • Bumble's Dry Goods  
 Chelsea Antique Mall  
 Chelsea Hometown Pharmacy  
 Heydlauff's Inc. • Jewelry Set in Stone  
 La Jolla Fine Jewelry • La Maison  
 Moran's Consignment  
 Chelsea Farmers Supply • The Garden Mill  
 Vintage Barn Boutique  
 Vogel's & Foster's  
 The Potting Shed • Violet & Moss  
 Chelsea Antiques • Country Cabin  
 Culture Creations • The Cottage Rabbit  
 ClockTower Comix & Collectables  
 Serendipity Books • The Find

**Dining:**  
 Chelsea Alehouse Brewery  
 Chelsea Big Boy • China Garden  
 Cleary's Pub • Common Grill  
 Cottage Inn • Jet's Pizza  
 Los Tres Amigos • Mike's Deli  
 Seitz's Tavern • Smokehouse 52  
 Thompson's Pizza • Zou Zou's  
 Arctic Breakaway • Valiant Bar & Grill  
 Ugly Dog Distillery  
 The Grateful Crow • Chelsea Burger

**ARCTIC BREAKAWAY IN CHELSEA**

**NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS**

**734-475-9999**

**STOP IN OR CALL US TODAY!**

**SAVINGS IN CHELSEA**

**YOUR AD HERE**

2x3 for \$50 per week, 4 week run = \$200 total  
 2x2 for \$25 per week, 4 week run = \$100 total

Call: 734-636-6577 or email  
[charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com](mailto:charlatchelseaguardian@gmail.com)

# Chelsea Board of Education Elects New Board Member

► continued from page 1  
dent. Her mother was a school principal so she's been involved in education her entire life. She was a sub for Chelsea and Dexter for a year.

• Erin Hunt-Carter; She is a clinical psychologist and the mother of a senior and a sophomore in high school. She has been impressed by the dedication and care from the teachers and administrators. She believes Chelsea is great but does feel there is room for improvement. She would like to be a part of making Chelsea more welcoming and inclusive. She is a good listener and difficult to offend. She's also a trained re-

searcher.

• Sara James was not able to attend.

• Juli Mallie; Juli has two children ages five and seven. She speaks often as an invested parent. Even when she disagrees with the board she has the same goal for improvement to the district. Her children no longer attend Chelsea, but she'd like to return them and continue to work to try to improve the district. Juli encouraged the board to be open to diversity of thought and experience.

• Gaye Morgenthaler moved to Chelsea five months ago. She has experience with Wall Street, the Silicon Valley and Biotech and

the Ivy League, which she claims is overrated. She has a third grader in the district, and is delighted to have her daughter in public schools here.

• John Piatt; Grew up in Chelsea and has two children in school and is a local business owner. He's concerned with maintaining a safe environment for the kids and helping to continue Chelsea's great education and tradition.

• Rob Turner; Rob previously served on the board and was elected as county commissioner. Both his daughters are teachers now. He has experience in superintendent selection, and served as finance chair. He has

vast experience with all the difficult issues.

• Mark Van De Wege; He has two children at Northcreek. He was a substitute teacher in Grand Rapids. He has a degree in psychology and volunteers for SRSLY. He's applying to serve, not to push any agenda. He believes every bulldog matters no matter what they look like, who they love, or how they pray.

• Wayne Welton; 1972 graduate of Chelsea and came back to teach for 10 years and became the Director of Athletics. Was the director of baseball for U of M and retired in July. He has time to give back to the district that's enriched his life.

He wants to serve. He believes every student teacher, support staff and administrator is important.

The public was encouraged to participate and give public comments. Bill Ruddock spoke first. He is the City Council Liaison to the Board. He noted that rank choice voting worked well for the City Council.

Another parent spoke and encouraged diversity of thought. She would like to see someone who has been an active participant in board meetings.

Voting was done in the process recommended by the state Board of Education; 2 points for first place and 1 point for 2nd.

The person with the most points will have motion made to fill the vacant seat. Wayne Welton received the most points.

A motion was made to appoint Wayne Welton. The motion passed five to zero. Wayne was given the oath of office. Welcome to the Board Trustee Welton! I'm very impressed by the caliber of candidates. The votes were read out loud. Erin Hunt Carter took a solid second. Regardless, Chelsea is a lucky community to have that many qualified people who are willing to step forward and lead during a challenging time for any district.

## Families Against Narcotics' Ann Arbor Movie Event Hopes to Knock Out Addiction Stigma

The stigma that still surrounds substance use disorder (SUD) is a major reason why many people who need and want treatment for their addiction don't seek it. The shame and embarrassment that much of society inflicts on those with SUD is actually preventing lives from being saved. To combat this problem, the Washtenaw County chapter of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is hosting a unique movie screening event at the

Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, February 22nd, beginning at 5:30 pm. Their goal? To deliver a knock-out punch to addiction stigma.

This very special evening features a screening of *We Can Be Heroes*, a documentary directed by Mike Ramsdell. The film follows boxer Taylor "Machine Gun" Duerr as he fights his way to a national title inside the ring, while simultaneously fighting the demons of his addiction and working on

his recovery outside the ring. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion on addiction stigma moderated by Dr. Frederic Blow, Director of the University of Michigan Addiction Center. In addition to Taylor Duerr and Mike Ramsdell, panelists will include treatment professionals and community and national leaders.

Prior to the film screening, there will be an art exhibition showcasing the works of area artists who

have been affected by substance use disorder. The pieces on display will not only reflect the experiences their creators have had with the disease of addiction, but also their hope.

"This event is a unique opportunity to bring visibility to the issue of addiction stigma by using the visual arts to inspire hope within individuals, families, and communities," Dr. Blow says. "It will also encourage treatment, promote recovery, and save

lives."

All attendees of this event—which is free and open to the public—will receive a free print copy of *I'm Still a Person: The Stigma of Substance Use & Power of Respect*, a workbook designed to help people take thoughtful action to address the stigma of addiction within themselves, their families, and their communities.

Sadly, until substance use disorder is viewed with the same compassion as other

diseases, many people who are hesitant to access treatment will lose their lives unnecessarily. Washtenaw County's FAN chapter hopes this noteworthy event will educate the community about addiction and spark conversations and actions that will help chip away at the disease's stigma.

For more information about this event, or to reserve your free tickets, go to [www.uthproductions.com/wecanbeheroes](http://www.uthproductions.com/wecanbeheroes).



**WE CAN BE HEROES**  
FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION  
**2-22-2022**  
FREE EVENT  
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)  
THE MICHIGAN THEATER  
603 E LIBERTY ST.  
ANN ARBOR, MI 48104

- Recovery-related art show
- Documentary Film Screening
- Panel discussion on addiction stigma
- Free copy of a new workbook: *I'm Still A Person: The Stigma of Substance Use & Power of Respect*

For more information or to reserve your tickets, visit:  
[UTHPRODUCTIONS.COM/WECANBEHEROES](http://UTHPRODUCTIONS.COM/WECANBEHEROES)

Vital Strategies | UNDER THE HOOD PRODUCTIONS | FAN Families Against Narcotics | ADDICTION CENTER | MICHIGAN MEDICINE | FIGHT STIGMA

# Under Ceege at The Purple Rose, A Triumph



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
anbingham@gmail.com

Friday February 4th saw the first staging at the Purple Rose Theatre in 679 days. Covid shut down the Purple Rose, along with everything else.

The delay was prolonged by an extra week, again, due to Covid. Under Ceege was set to open the week prior, on January 28th, but the cast suffered a Covid outbreak. As the doors

closed and a representative of the Purple Rose spoke, the audience cheered, universally thrilled to have survived and that the Purple Rose survived as well. After two years of tragedy and sorrow the Purple Rose survival felt celebratory.

“Under Ceege” a World Premiere, by Inkster, MI native Jeffrey Chastang. Set in an aging housing project in Detroit, there was a collective recognition in the audience when the TV clicked on to the midday lottery on Local 4, our Local 4.

Directed by Lynch Travis, the play is a beautiful story featuring an aging mother, played by Sandra Love Aldrige (Detroit). Her part was played by an understudy, probably due to the same Covid outbreak which caused the delay, initially. The understudy did not disappoint. She did an amazing job! It was a poignant story about the relationship between a mother and son. The role of her son, Ceege was played to perfection by Jon-

athan West of Allen Park. The anger, frustration and love seen in everyday family dynamics came through in a way that touched my heart. Mother and son connected over the lottery and the frustration Ceege has with his inability to reconnect with his son. “Under Ceege” is a touching look at family, love and hurt. It was beautifully written and acted.

The set takes place inside a Detroit apartment and was designed by Sarah Pearline. The costumes were by Suzanne Young, lighting was by Noele Stollmack, and sound by Tom Whalen. Danna Segerest was the rehearsal stage manager. Everything came together to create a magnificent performance and a beautiful evening. It was the perfect way to reopen.

“Under Ceege” will run through March 12th. Tickets can be purchased online here at <https://www.purplerosetheatre.org/box-office/>. Masks and vaccine cards are required for



entry. Those of you who have chosen to vaccinate and who will wear masks, I encourage you to attend and enjoy a beautiful evening in Chelsea. I felt particularly grateful to have the Purple

Rose so close to home and especially grateful that it survived Covid. This production is not suitable for children under age 13 due to some graphic language and subject matters.



**SHOWS START AT 8PM | \$10**

---

**FEBRUARY**

---

5

Distant Stars

---

12

Grateful Dead Night With Deadicated

---

19

Comedy Night  
Feat. Chris Young, Tim Steele, Judy Lyons

---

26

Djangophonique

---

Scan for our website and to find us on Facebook & Instagram



**EVERY WEDNESDAY 7-9 P M**



**THUNDERWUDE**

**THE AFTER HOUR**

**WEDNESDAY 9-10 P M**

2/9 WHISKEY CHARMERS

2/16 JAY BEE

2/23 JAY FRYDENLUND

3/2 JUDY BANKER

3/9 ANDREW BROWN DUO



Scan for our website and to find us on Facebook & Instagram





# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE:

### TOBY KEITH, DEFENSIVE BACKS, SUPER BOWL AND RECLINERS



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

Country singer Toby Keith had a hit song called "Should've Been a Cowboy" in the early '90s. The tune was one of my favorite songs from that music era.

The song "Should've Been a Cowboy" resonated with me because from an early age I always wanted to be a cowboy. When I was six- or seven-years-old, I received a pair of cowboy boots as a birthday present. From that point on, I was obsessed with everything "cowboy." From movies to TV shows to magazines to books to Halloween costumes to Johnny West action figures to toys and to rodeos, I was obsessed with cowboys. I even went so far when I was young to scrawl with a random sharp object the phrase "I want to be a cowboy" on top of my dresser in my bedroom. As you can guess, Mom wasn't too pleased with that little affirmation of mine. But Mom's ire was worth it — the cowboy life and everything associated with it was my dream job/occupation when

I "got older."

So Toby Keith's song "Should've Been a Cowboy" was the story of my life growing up as a kid.

After watching the past two weeks of the NFL playoffs, I have a new "song" that should've been my life's mantra.

I "Should've Been an NFL Defensive Back."

Oh. My. Goodness.

Has there ever been a job where a person could fail so epically and so consistently and still be employed? I watch a lot of football during the season — I mean A LOT of football. It's been a pet peeve of mine for a long time how poorly NFL defensive backs play the game of football.

I "Should've Been an NFL Defensive Back."

While watching the past two weeks' worth of NFL playoff games, I've marveled at the pure ineptitude of NFL defensive backs. Granted, the playoff games were exciting and enjoyable to watch with incredible comebacks and last second victories, but after each contest I felt a sense of disgust with the overall play of the defensive backs.

Not that I was ever good enough to actually be an NFL defensive back — I had the speed of a sloth crossing the street — but what I lacked in pure speed I more than made up in ba-

sic fundamentals. I might not have been unbelievably fast, but my instincts and anticipation as a defensive back (a position I played as a youth) were excellent, if I do say so myself.

I was always taught as a defensive back that I was the last line of defense. I was always taught to never let a receiver get behind me. To be as deep as the deepest. I was always taught to keep everything and everyone in front of me. I was always taught to never turn my back on the quarterback. I was always taught to catch the ball or intercept the ball at its highest point. I was always taught to take the proper angle to tackle a player in the open field and/or to defend against the pass. Footwork, body control and eye discipline were important aspects and constant practice points during my playing days as a defensive back. And, of course, it goes without saying (or at least it should) as a defensive back, I needed to understand, be cognizant of and communicate with my fellow secondary mates what coverage or scheme we would be in each and every play.

Over and over and over again the past two weeks, I watched NFL defensive backs break all of the "rules" and fundamentals I was taught nonstop during my

playing days all those years ago. And the fact those NFL defensive backs more than likely are making six figures or more to play football amazes me. On the one hand it irks the heck out of me, but on the other hand I have to give them the polite golf clap for having a job that pays them millions of dollars to fail over and over consistently. I guess, good for them. If you can get and keep a job like that, more power to you.

If I failed as miserably and as often as those NFL defensive backs I watched the past two weeks at any job I've ever had, I wouldn't have lasted very long. I would've been shown the door quite quickly, that's for sure. But what makes me shake my head in astonishment is I see the same players out on the field every week, every game and every series. It's

like these players just shrug their shoulders and say "Oh well" when they mess up. I don't know who I blame more, the NFL defensive back coaches for not coaching/teaching proper fundamentals and making sure players understand their individual responsibilities or the players for not listening to their coaches and/or not caring that deeply one way or another. As long as the check is deposited in the bank, right?

During this year's Super Bowl between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Los Angeles Rams February 13 at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, take the time to check out the defensive back play. Have a chicken wing every time you see a defensive back with his back to the quarterback with no idea if/when the ball is thrown. Take a swig of your "ginger ale"

every time you witness a defensive back let a receiver behind him with no deep help. And finally, take a bite of your pizza every time you see a defensive back out of position with no idea of the scheme or coverage he should be in.

I "Should've Been an NFL Defensive Back."

I should've been a better football player — or at least faster. Instead I'm a "Monday Morning Defensive Back (instead of quarterback)." It's easy to be critical from my recliner. The only thing I'm covering nowadays is my chest with a large pizza box and crumbs.

I'm a football legend in my own mind.

I "Should've Been a Cowboy."

Nah.

I "Should've Been an NFL Defensive Back."

If only I could get out of my recliner...

## CHELSEA'S MADDIE CONRAD MAKING AN IMPACT ON WASHTENAW UNITED

► continued from page 1  
ma and really wanted to learn how to skate. So my parents had me to learn to play and I ended up loving it and wanted to play hockey from that point on.

**Favorite memories from playing?** When I was on 12u Cougars and

we won state championships.

**Favorite teachers and coaches?** Some of my favorite teachers at school would be Mrs. Yee, Mrs. Hillis and Mr. Pollard, while my favorite coaches so far would be coach Ray and coach Steve.

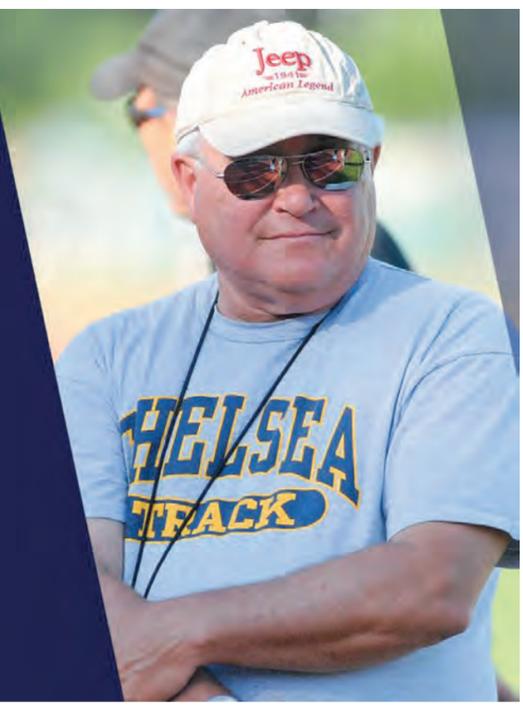
**Siblings/Parents Names:** My parents are Christopher Conrad & Kimberly Conrad and I have a younger sibling, Mason Conrad.

**Hobbies:** Art/Drawing, singing, & tubing.

**Future plans, College plans...do you plan on playing in college, etc?** I hope to go to Michigan State University to study and become a veterinarian. I would like to play hockey in college if my college schedule will allow it.

**Awards won?** 12u Cougars 1st place State Championship.

For more information on the Washtenaw United High School Girls' Hockey Team visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WUHSGirlsHockey/> or their website at <https://www.migirlshshockey.org/page/show/6748460-washtenaw>.



### CONGRATS ON RETIREMENT TO PAT CLARKE!

Pat Clarke has retired as the head girls cross country coach. He has meant more than you will ever know to our students, school, and community. He has had an incredible 51 year run as the head of our girls cross country program. Coach Clarke started the cross country programs for girls at Chelsea High School one year before the passage of Title IX into law. He has been an incredible advocate for female sports over the past five decades. He created a program that was a model for others to follow. In addition to winning a state championship and numerous regional and league titles, he mentored hundreds of Chelsea athletes. Coach Clarke also taught in the Chelsea School District for over 30 years in addition to his coaching career.

**PAT CLARKE**  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

BoxOutSports.com

# Students named to Trine University Dean's List

Trine University students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 term. To earn Dean's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

Abigail Bost of Chelsea (48118).

Connor McKenzie of Chelsea (48118).

Join the conversation, #TrineU.

Trine University, an internationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees

in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of Business, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, College of Health Professions, Franks School of Education, Jannen School of Arts & Sciences and Rinker-Ross School

of Health Sciences. Trine is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and offers 36 intercollegiate sports, 27 of which compete in NCAA Division III. Its golf program includes the university-owned 18-hole champion-

ship Zollner Golf Course. Founded in 1884 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahigher-learningcommission.org), Trine operates a 450-acre main cam-

pus in Angola, Indiana, and the College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with education centers in Detroit, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona, and programs available worldwide through TrineOnline.

# Agricole Farm Stop Reaches 2 Million Dollars in Payouts



By Agricole Farm Stop January 20, 2022

Since opening in late June of 2019, Agricole Farm Stop has actualized its mission to grow the local food economy and cultivate community by paying out \$2,085,007+ directly to the farmers and artisans that make up the Agricole family of local food and craft producers.

We feel honored to be able to provide a year round outlet for

our Michigan producers and so blessed that our community has been so receptive and supportive of our mission. The model for Agricole Farm Stop is based on Argus Farm Stop in Ann Arbor and is designed to offer producers a robust outlet for their goods and better profit margins than traditional markets. The producers set their own prices and receive 75% of the price they set. We believe robust agricultural strength and sustainability are central to the health of our entire community.

**The Agricole Farm Stop business model has a three-fold purpose:**

- To provide local farmers, artisans, and food producers an outlet at margins that encourage them to increase production, ultimately growing the local food economy in the area.

- To provide the community a year round channel where they can buy locally grown, naturally grown produce from farms that they recognize.

- To cultivate community and education surrounding the

benefits of consuming and purchasing food and goods that are produced locally. This includes providing employment opportunities that fosters a sense of purpose, belonging, and empowerment to the youth of our community.

The abandoned, historic Mack building located downtown Chelsea, was redeveloped in 2018 into the future home for Agricole Farm Stop's market and cafe. In summer 2020, Agricole Farm Stop expanded its mission by adding a community

kitchen for food producer clients to grow their businesses. The Agricole Kitchen is currently the home of five licensed food producers that share the space regularly. Agricole Farm Stop itself, now represents over 150 producers seasonally, including vegetable farmers, meat and dairy farmers, cheese makers, wild mushroom foragers, and a vast variety of other locally produced goods such as prepared foods, baked goods, canned goods, coffee, tea, honey and maple syrup.

The cafe features locally produced coffee, milk, sweeteners, and pastries and Agricole is committed to providing a community centered space where people gather, work, relax, and shop. As a mission-driven business, we value social good over profit and the success that this model has achieved in just two short years, has exceeded our expectations. Thank you to our amazing community for your continued support!

# American 1 Credit Union announces 2022 Scholarship availability for high School seniors

## Deadline: April 8

From: Janelle Merritt

American 1 Credit Union pledged \$16,000 to the Community Involvement Scholarship Program to 16 high school students in 2022.

Funded by American 1's Skip-a-Pay program, the schol-

arship program has been going strong since 2004. Skip-a-Pay allows credit union members to skip one month's loan payment for a fee of \$25, and a portion of the fee funds the scholarship program.

Last year, American 1 exceeded \$200K

in scholarships to 208 students.

"It's exhilarating that we crossed that \$200,000 milestone with our scholarship program last year," said Janelle Merritt, Vice President of Community Partnerships at American 1. "I'm looking forward

to another year and seeing another group of hard-working recipients this year! We truly value giving back at American 1, and education and helping the youth in our community are especially exciting opportunities for us."

Scholarship appli-

cations are due April 8, 2022. For more information and an application, visit [www.american1cu.org/scholarships](http://www.american1cu.org/scholarships)

Established in 1950, American 1 Credit Union today serves over 60,000 members with branches in Jackson,

Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Calhoun, Lenawee, and Wayne counties. American 1 is proud to serve the members of their communities by creating financial wellness through personal everyday banking.

# Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!

## Chocolate Extravaganza

### February 12, 2022



#### From: D&B Marketing

#shopchelseamich merchants are hosting a truly Extravagant Chocolate Extravaganza on Saturday, February 12th - just in time for Valentine's Day.

This year, you will experience the extra love the #shopchelseamich merchants put into planning this event! Your shopping options range from flowers to diamond rings, and dining options range from tasty charcuterie board ingredients to fine dining.

Here is a sample of what to expect on Saturday - Chocolate Creme Brulee with raspberries at Chelsea Alehouse; book signing by local Chelsea Author Nicolee House at Kitty Face; new Hometown scented candles at Merckels; 20% discount on Cindy Bella Designs and enter to win a \$50 Rabbit Gift Certificate at The Cottage Rabbit; fabulous selection of books and Taza chocolate at Serendipity's new location; special soap and skin treats made special for your Valentine at FarmSudz; truffles, free jewelry cleaning, 10% discount on custom jewelry design and repairs, plus a \$100 gift

certificate drawing at La Jolla; a twist on the chocolate martini, the "Double Decadence", and a special Valentine's edition of Uncle Johns Brownie at the Grateful Crow; Chocolate Cheese Fudge with Walnuts and Sanders Chocolates at True North Jerky Pop-Up at the Methodist Church; an assortment of craft chocolates from around the world paired with featured wines and beers plus non-alcoholic healthy drinks made with cocoa at Chelsea's newest business - Withington's; free chocolate fudge cookies at the Common Grill's Back Door; a drawing for a gift box of Cherry Republic Chocolates at La Maison; delicious Chocolate Martinis at the Ugly Dog; in-store specials, 15% off all bird feeders, and enter to win a Garden Mill Gift Certificate at the Garden Mill; a vast menu including chocolate hazelnut tarts, flourless chocolate cake, chocolate bundt cake, chocolate cupcakes with peanut butter frosting, chocolate cupcakes with swiss butter cream & sprinkles, and much more at Zou Zou's.

Remember it's almost valentine's day --

you just might find the perfect gift.

In addition to all the great stuff going on at local businesses, there will be featured events to get everyone into a frosty winter chocolate groove. Go to the website for a detailed schedule - shopchelseamich.com:

**Chocolate Maker Demonstrations** - informative and fun with samples to taste and goods to purchase - yum!

- Mindo Chocolate Makers owner Barbara Wilson at Agricole, 118 N. Main Street, at 10 am and 2 pm.

- AG Chocolates owner Chris Kitley, at Agricole at 12:30 pm

- Lakehouse Bakery owner Keegan Rogers at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street, at 11:15am and 3:15 pm

Information about these talented chocolate makers and baker will be available at their respective demonstrations.

**Hot Chocolate Samples** - provided by Mindo Chocolate Makers at Agricole from 10 am till 3 pm (while supply lasts)

**Penguin Egg Hunt** - beginning at 11 am till penguin egg supply lasts. Located through-



out downtown - look for the penguin fliers in windows or on door fronts to find participating businesses. (Note this event is for children ages 2-7)

**Home Dome Rentals at Agricole** - hosted by Mykala Mortgage Planning. Reservations can be made at [www.mykalamortgage.com/home-dome](http://www.mykalamortgage.com/home-dome). Thompson's Pizza - will be donating Pizza and a S'More dessert Pizza for each reservation.

**Chelsea Chamber Vendor Market** from 11 am to 3 pm at The First United Methodist Church on Park Street. Vendors include Chelsea Girl Scouts, Culver's, Rick Taylor Real Estate, Tyler Samardick, Kiwanis, Laverne Junes, and True North Jerky & Foods.

**2 Drawings** for Jiffy Mixes 24 box assortment plus a cookbook, and a One Night Stay at Chelsea Comfort Inn, including a bottle of wine and box of chocolate. Enter to win at Withington's and at the First United Methodist Church.

A special thank you to the following partners for their support - First United Methodist Church, Agricole, Chelsea Update, Sun Times News, Guardian, City of Chelsea, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea Comfort Inn, Thompson's Pizza and Mykala Mortgage Planning.

Chelsea is a small community with a big heart and a lot to offer!! If you share a passion for chocolate, please join this decadent

Chocolate Extravaganza. Take advantage of the perfect opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day and purchase gifts for your loved ones. A gift card from your favorite Chelsea business is always in style!

"Sharing the love" is a popular Valentine's Day theme. As you plan your Valentine's gift shopping, please note that during this very challenging season, hours vary by business; be patient, kind, and check their hours.



Thank you Mykala Mortgage Planning for being a local lender who supports local businesses!

**Chelsea Guardian**  
**CLASSIFIED**  
**HELP WANTED!!**  
 Hiring a compassionate Licensed Cosmetologist to work at our Chelsea senior community salon.  
 3 days a week, no nights, no weekends. Commission, W2, built in clientele. Please email your resume to [jparsons@ressalon.com](mailto:jparsons@ressalon.com) or call (810)-280-0840.

# St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea launches new Urgent Care inside hospital Emergency Department

▶ continued from page 1



From: Bobby Maldonado

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea announced the launch of a new Urgent Care, conveniently located inside the hospital's Emergency Department. Upon arrival to the Emergency Department and Urgent Care entrance, patients will be evaluated by St. Joe's Chelsea medical personnel to determine whether they require an emergency room or an urgent care visit, and based upon that evaluation they will be directed to the appropriate level of care.

"Our newly combined Emergency Department and Urgent Care center improves care for local residents by taking the guesswork out of choosing where to seek treatment," said Nancy Graebner-Sundling, president of St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea.

"Now, both levels of care are available in one convenient location, close to home, and patients can rest assured knowing they are in the right place and will receive the right care."

Should the patient's medical condition change and they require a higher level of care, the patient can quickly be seen as an emergency room patient, with access to additional radiology and lab services – without having to go to another location.

Like the Emergency Department, the Urgent Care is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No appointments are needed or accepted for Urgent Care visits.

Conditions that will be treated in the Urgent Care include:

- Animal or insect bites
- Cold and flu
- Cuts that need stitches
- Sprains and strains
- Asthma
- Urinary tract infection
- School or sports

physicals  
• Occupational health needs

At this time, the St. Joe's Chelsea Emergency Department and Urgent Care does not offer COVID-19 testing unless a patient is symptomatic and it is deemed necessary as part of an overall Urgent Care or Emergency Department visit. The public can find a conveniently located testing location near them by visiting [www.solvhhealth.com](http://www.solvhhealth.com).

"We are excited to be able to offer our community another resource for care, while providing them with the same care team and group of experienced physicians," said Kent Collin, the Emergency Department medical director at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea. "We believe our combined Emergency Department and Urgent Care center will improve patient flow, reduce wait times, and ultimately deliver better care to our community."



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 22-479

Date: February 5, 2022

Location: 1100 block of S. Main Street

Time: 1:05 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer responded to the Chelsea Police Department to take a report of a larceny that had taken place on February 4th at approximately 6:20 pm. The complainant stated that when he arrived at work, he noticed that a framed piece of artwork was missing from the wall. In an effort to determine how and when it had

went missing the complainant reviewed the surveillance footage. The complainant found video of a male subject taking the framed art work off of the wall and leaving the premises. A search of the night's receipts located the suspects identity as he had paid with a credit card. Telephone contact was made with the suspect, a 41-year-old Manchester man. The officer spoke with the suspect

and he admitted to taking the item off the wall and admitted that he felt very bad about what he had done. The suspect agreed to bring the item to the Chelsea Police Department immediately so that it could be returned to the owner. The owner declined to prosecute criminal charges since he was able to get the property back.

Incident #: 22-431

Date: February 1, 2022

Location: 500 block of Wilkinson Street

Time: 12:24 pm

**INFORMATION:** While at the station an officer took a telephone complaint for a fraud that had just occurred involving a gift card scam. The complainant stated that while at work she had received an email from what appeared to be from her boss requesting that she go purchase three Goo-

gle Play Gift Cards. The complainant complied and made the purchase and then sent photos of the front and back of each of the gift cards and the security code. The complainant stated that almost immediately after sending the photos she received another email requesting her to go buy additional gift

cards. At that time, she became suspicious and upon closer inspection she determined that the email was not being sent from her boss but from a fictitious email made to resemble her boss. The case was closed pending any further investigative leads on a potential suspect.

Incident #: 22-428

Date: February 1, 2022

Location: 1500 block of S. Main Street

Time: 7:57 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol the officer stopped a vehicle with no license plate. The officer made contact with the driver who provided the officer with a Michigan ID card and a Salvage Title for the vehicle but

was unable to provide any registration or insurance paperwork. It was determined that the driver a 27-year-old Brooklyn woman did not have a valid drivers license and only had a Michigan ID card. The driver was allowed to

park her vehicle in a private parking lot and was given a ride to her place of employment. The case will be submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office for driving on a suspended license.

**ST. JOSEPH MERCY  
CHELSEA**

**Get the care you need  
when you need it**

St. Joe's Chelsea now has an urgent care available with flexible hours to meet your needs. See the same great physicians and care team in a location that is convenient and close to home.

**Open 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week**

*Located inside the St. Joe's Chelsea Emergency Department*

[StjoesChelsea.org](http://StjoesChelsea.org)

**namaste  
family services**

**Individual and  
Couples counseling**  
"Specializing in the concerns  
of Adolescence"

- Depression
- Anxiety
- ADHD
- High functioning Autism

**Namaste Family Services, LLC**  
**Michael Patterson, LMSW**  
**734-231-0659**  
**mpatterson.msw@gmail.com**  
**namastefamilyservices.org**

Serving Western Washtenaw and Jackson counties