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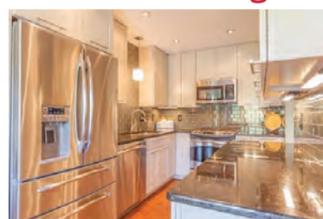
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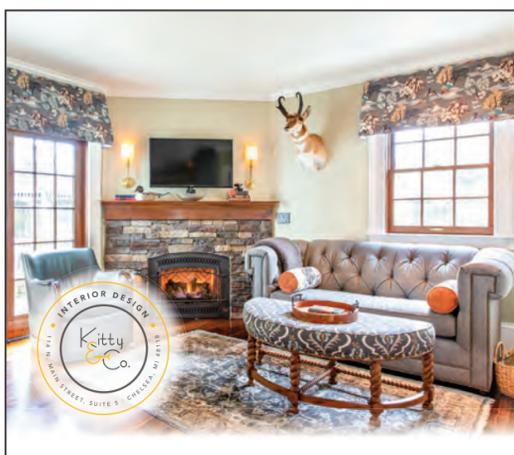
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STATE OF CITY OF CHELSEA
FROM MAYOR JANE PACHECO



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 threading. 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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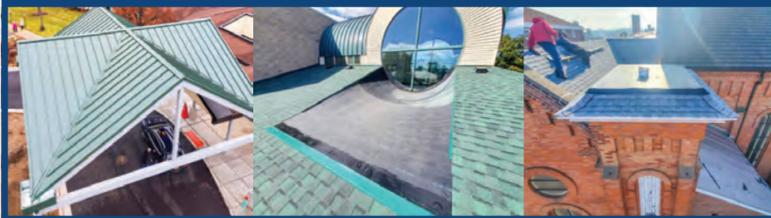
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Purple Rose Premiere's "Human Error," by Eric Pfeffinger



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When I received a message on Friday asking if I could attend the Purple Rose that evening, I said yes immediately. One of the best parts of working for the Chelsea Guardian is, "having to attend," the Purple Rose Theater Company's productions. I feel lucky to have a theater company

so close to home. But I feel incredibly lucky that I get to attend the theater for my job. The show started at 8 pm on Friday, Feb 10.

I had no idea what to expect when I arrived, I wasn't even certain of the title of the play I was going to see. I did not expect to laugh at myself as I scratched my head questioning my own behavior. I was surprised at how

well the author was able to handle really touchy, difficult subjects like abortion and racism, all while keeping the audience roaring with laughter. That's talent! This play is not another lecture on what to think, but an honest look at our culture and how we think and feel about each other. The playwright was able to simplify very complex issues by showing the cultural divide in a simplistic way: UofM fans vs. OSU fans. It was the gun-toting, Religious Right OSU

fans vs the NPR-listening, latte-sipping, U of M-employed Buddhist Liberals. Truth be told, when I saw a character walk out in an OSU polo, I felt my stomach clench and had to fight the urge to heckle and yell things at him. I was sucked in, immediately.

The comedic timing of the actors made the show. The combination of great writing, acting and directing made this play one of my favorites to watch. If you want to be entertained, be prepared to laugh a little at yourself or your friends that may not agree with you ideologically. The world has been so ugly and divided over ideologies that hearing a man describe Cabelas as looking like a log cabin on steroids from the outside and Ted Nugent's brain on steroids on the inside is pretty funny and accurate. But, spoiler alert, he had a great time there. It's the salve needed after an insurrection. It's that we can disagree but



like each other. There's more of the possibility of friendship when ideologies don't harm others. I can understand drawing lines in those situations.

Performances run from Friday Feb 3 through March 18th. Regular performances of Human Error are Thursdays-Saturdays at

8pm with Wed, Thursday and Saturday matinees at 3pm and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.purplerosetheatre.org/box-office/> I enjoyed it so much and spoke so highly of my night, my Dad got tickets and will attend The Purple Rose Theater for the first time to see Human Error.

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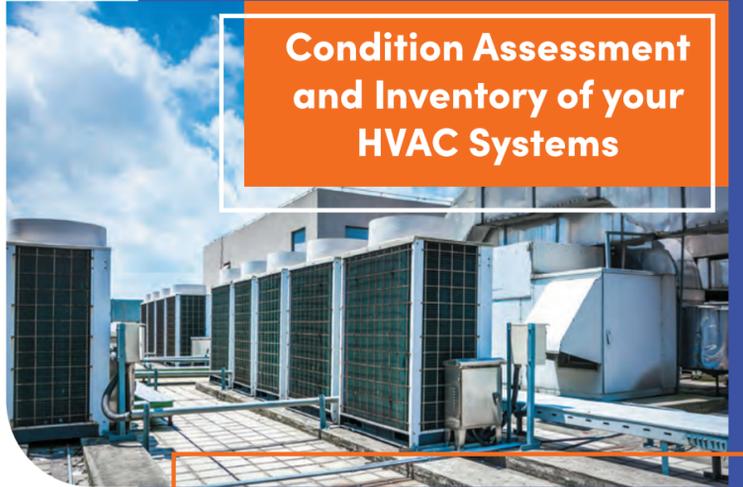
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ON THE SIDELINE:

SUPER BOWL, ALICIA SILVERSTONE, OFFENSIVE GUARDS AND MOM



By Don Richter
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Super Bowl LVII was played last Sunday at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. The game was exciting and well-played as the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 35-31. Trailing 27-21 entering the fourth quarter, the Chiefs outscored the Eagles 17-8 in the final stanza to win their second Super Bowl in the last four years.

Over 112 million viewers tuned in to watch the NFL's championship game. In contrast, just over 14 million viewers watched Game 6 of this past season's

World Series in which the Houston Astros won 4 games to 2 over the Philadelphia Phillies. This year's World Series had the second-lowest overall viewership in the fall classic's history. I think it's safe to say football has replaced baseball as "America's pastime."

On a world scale, however, soccer is king, if one believes TV "numbers." The 2022 World Cup final between Argentina and France drew an estimated 1.5 billion viewers worldwide. That number is staggering. The World Cup final outdrew Super Bowl LVII by over a billion viewers. That's crazy.

Though surpassed by the World Cup final, the Super Bowl is still one of the most-watched events on the planet. All one has to do to realize how important the Super Bowl is to advertisers is to look at the cost of

a 30-second commercial. For this year's Super Bowl, the price tag for a 30-second commercial was \$7 million dollars. Yes, \$7 million dollars. I must say, I was underwhelmed by this season's Super Bowl commercials. Though I must admit, as I've gotten older I'm less and less impressed with the Super Bowl commercials each and every year. The only commercial which piqued my interest this Super Bowl year was the "Clueless" parody. Maybe it's because I've had a crush on "Clueless" star Alicia Silverstone my entire life, but I loved seeing her recreate her iconic character of "Cher" for a Super Bowl commercial this year. I was amazed at how similar Silverstone looked compared to her original character despite the fact "Clueless" came out 28 years ago in 1995. Silverstone

was 18 years old when she originally played "Cher" in "Clueless." Today, she's just as gorgeous at 46 years old. What's her secret? She never seems to age.

I traveled back to my hometown to watch the Super Bowl with Mom this year. Though 88-years old, Mom is still sharp as a tack. Always a big sports fan, Mom has been to at least one game of Detroit's four professional sports teams. The Tigers are her favorite Detroit team, however. I always like telling friends Mom once watched the Tigers play the St. Louis Browns (who?) at Briggs Stadium (what?) in Detroit when she was a little girl. Briggs Stadium would later be renamed Tiger Stadium, while the St. Louis Browns would eventually fold and become the Baltimore Orioles. Mom went

to the game with her dad (my grandfather). She said she fondly remembers that game because she got to spend time alone with her dad (Mom was the youngest and had two sisters and two brothers) and because her dad cheered loudly for the Browns all game long just to make my Mom giggle, roll her eyes and feign embarrassment.

Even today, Mom keeps up on local and national athletes and teams and oftentimes knows more about the state's pro and college squads than her longtime sports editor son. How many 88-year-old Moms out there commented on the offensive guard play of the Philadelphia Eagles during last Sunday's Super Bowl? My Mom did. "He looks like an offensive guard, doesn't he?" That was Mom's question to me after watching the Eagles run an offensive

play followed by the camera focusing on a Philadelphia lineman walking back to the huddle. We both laughed at her comment. What other 88-year-old grandmother would even know the term "offensive guard" and then to properly use it in football conversation? My Mom, that's who.

And I must say we were both unimpressed with Rihanna's Super Bowl halftime show. Mom felt she "mailed it in" and was "lip synching" too much. During the halftime show, my sister texted Mom asking if Rihanna was pregnant. Apparently she is. I guess that's why she seemed to be going through the motions during her halftime performance.

It was fun watching the Super Bowl with Mom.

I even learned a little bit about offensive guard line play...

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State of the City – February 11, 2023

By Jane Pacheco, Chelsea Mayor

Chelsea City Council will gather this coming Thursday, February 16, 2023 with city department heads, committee leadership, and community members for our annual Visioning Work Session. This meeting is designed to provide a bit of a status update on city business, but more importantly, it is a look ahead. Collectively, staff and council will be tasked with taking what we know about the state of our city, and the needs of our community, and trying to predictively determine what is most important to prioritize in the year(s) ahead.

It is always an exciting prospect to dream about all that we could be. Looking into the future and "visioning" ideal systems, collaborations, and projects is a pleasant exercise and allows us to provide another opportunity to hear what our community would like to see. Additionally, taking time to regularly build in planning for next generations is as vital as providing services in present day. Please join us in person or online for this session. There will be opportunity for community input and a recording will be available on the city website afterward.

All that said about the future, I'd like to reflect on a few accomplishments from the last year.

Calling 2022 a year of transitions is no understatement. Beginning with the adjustment to a post covid world, many changes were spurred by our pandemic time. Reacting to record engagement numbers, council and many committee meetings are now conducted in a hybrid manner, allowing folks to participate online and view recordings. Council approved temporary, then permanent audio-visual equipment, internet, tech resources, social media/website upgrades, and hardware (through ARPA funding) to bring systems up to date and provide staff and community members with better experiences.

Projects that had been delayed or stalled due to the covid challenges were jumpstarted and folks were hungry to make up time as quickly as possible. Conversations were restarted or introduced with regional partners and infrastructure improvement plans came to the top of the pile. Below are just a few summary details. Please feel free to reach out to myself, staff, or councilmembers for more information.

Main Street Park - Council approved bringing on experts, and directing staff, to help understand opportunities with the Main Street Park proposal (former Federal Screw Work site). Environmental and legal consultants have helped

move this complicated project forward in the spirit of collaboration and possibility. We look forward to working with the development group as they continue their next steps.

Community Center - A long-time desire for a community center made great progress by reconvening a city task force and delivering a final report to council recommending further investigation of viable options. A potential partner group has been formed and is diving deeper into what a more comprehensive umbrella of parks, recreation, and community services could look like in our area.

Trail News - Late year grant awards and collaborative talks allowed us to further ideas of connecting the border-to-border trail to neighbors to the west/east and from the north, as well as make progress with park plans to not only help create a trailhead at Timbertown park, but hopefully become a Pure Michigan designated Trail Town.

Public Safety - Based on recommendations from an operational audit completed in 2021, council approved and appointed a short term 14-member Community Public Safety Task Force. Upon the recommendations of that task force, a smaller working group was appointed to hire, and work in conjunction with, a professional facilitator to help create a strategic plan for Chelsea Police Department. Additionally, our police chief of 15 years, Ed Toth, retired mid-year and Council engaged in a professional search for his replacement. We welcomed new Chief Kevin Kazzyk in November.

City Administration - Roy Atkinson joined the City team in July as our new City Manager after a 5 month interim process and professional search. Excited to hit the ground running, he was able to immediately plug into the process already in place for additional staff hires, including the police chief and Community Development Director. Other transitions this year included the retirement of the City Attorney, Peter Flintoft. Council approved a search and appointment of a recommended replacement with Mariah Fink, in addition to agreements with a few other law firms to assist with specialized services like bonds, contract law, environmental, etc. With much enthusiasm the new team members are settling in and bringing fresh eyes and exciting ideas to the table. A first (maybe annual) employee and volunteer appreciation party was held at the Train Depot in November to introduce new staff and the community as well as thank volunteers for their invaluable service on the committees that make the City work.

Infrastructure - Through all the transition our Public Works, Utilities, Streets and Solid Waste departments were steady with their day-to-day operations.

Continued encouragement to look ahead in capital improvement planning allowed for supervisors to better manage future budget year projects now, considering challenges with unpredictable supply chain, labor timing and equipment costs. Additionally, intentional regional conversations have been reopened/initiated, including staff, to investigate cost-sharing upcoming utility load studies, interconnections, and a regional traffic impact audit.

Housing - Council made steps last year to join the Washtenaw Urban County to have further access to federally funded programs. We officially become a member in June 2023 and are excited for another tie to a more regional conversation about this complicated community challenge. Several housing developments, that have been in the pipeline, are working through the planning system, including a diversity of housing types: single dwelling houses, apartments, and condominiums, as well as work with recent city ordinance updates to include accessory dwelling units. Continued talks with Chelsea School District, employers and community members all reveal the desire for more attainable housing options. Council also approved hiring legal help to advise regarding any potential 425 agreements with neighboring communities.

Economic Development - Connections with Ann Arbor SPARK, Southeast Council of Michigan Governments (SEMCOG), the Michigan Municipal League, local businesses, and neighboring municipalities all include discussions regarding the economic vitality of our region. We were able to add two Chelsea voices to the Destination Ann Arbor board this past year, as well as work with Washtenaw County and the Board of Commissioners to resolve to keep our Court House open, with improved security, as well as secure assurances that a Western Washtenaw Service Center would be considered in the county wide space plan process. Larger conversations started and will continue regarding connecting our Gateway district with the rest of our main street and downtown districts.

It was a busy, full year. Council and staff worked together in ways none of us had experienced before and it was not only well done, but we got a lot done. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work. It was a pleasure to be a part of so many solution-driven teams and I am looking forward to what will be accomplished in 2023.

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 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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The Triple Crane Retreat Celebrated the Lunar New Year



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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 taught 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

's 18th branch in southern Michigan and perfectly complements the current Chelsea location inside Polly's Country Market.

"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

of a drive-thru lane made the new branch location perfect to better serve the Chelsea community."

Established in 1950, American 1 Credit Union today serves over 62,000 members with branches in Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Wayne counties. American 1 is proud to serve the members of their communities by creating financial wellness through personal everyday banking.

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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/>.



Material Girls Create for Children and Charity



From: John L. Daly

Like many places, Chelsea Schools once held an annual "Santa's Workshop" where elementary school students could purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts for their families. When Chelsea Schools stopped their Santa's Workshop program, Allison Vanderspool, Jane Pacheco, and Kelly Stoker thought they could create better quality gifts in the same \$1-\$5 price range. They started a small group to make and source products to sell. This eventually became the Material Girls, a group dedicated to making affordable gifts for children to give their fam-

ilies, seeking to make the experience meaningful and fun. In their first year, 2010, they had 72 shoppers.

Since then, Material Girls has expanded to more than 120 members who do eight to ten craft projects a month, nine months a year and run a Children's Christmas Bazaar in December. Their 2022 Bazaars involved 96 adults, 74 youth helpers and 282 shoppers.

The Chelsea Children's Christmas Bazaar is a low-cost shopping experience for children aged 4 through sixth grade. Teenage shopping buddies shepherd younger children through shop-

ping rooms and help them select, pay for and wrap gifts for their families. The gift selections are divided into women's, men's, pets, girls, boys' and \$1/\$2 rooms. All gifts are between \$1 and \$5. The Children's Bazaar occurs on the first Saturday of December with a quieter bazaar for Special Needs shoppers of all ages the previous Thursday.

Material Girls create many projects from donated materials such as fabric, yarn, beads, buttons, and faux fur. The group stores thousands of items organized floor to ceiling in boxes, tubs, and containers in a 6' x 15' room provided by the Chelsea First United Methodist Church where the group meets. Arlene Wiltse, the group's Resource Room director, makes sure even the smallest button is labeled, alphabetized and findable.

Material Girls' leadership team is made up of women who have

proven to be organized, driven, and dependable. The leadership team sometimes engages in brain-storming sessions to figure out what to make of the donations they receive. The team is still trying to figure out what to do with some of the hundreds of mop heads anonymously dropped off at Faith in Action who in turn passed them on to Material Girls.

Each month a team from the general membership prepares 8-10 projects and organizes the required supplies. Members and their guests choose which project they'd like to work on. Each project has a team leader who shows everyone how to make the project from the supplies provided. The women get ideas from each other, never failing to come up with new, innovative ideas from each other to make the project better.

Different projects require different skills. Whether it is painting,

gluing, beading, hand sewing or machine sewing, each person will always find something fun to do. There is always an assortment of different types of crafts at each monthly meeting and many different skill levels.

According to leadership team member Nancy Daly, "At my first meeting, I immediately knew I wanted to be involved. I found myself surrounded by friendly, creative, inspiring women. Monthly meetings are full of laughter and energy. There's always a buzz in the room, even during Covid when we had to wear masks and keep our distance."

In November, Material Girls have a luncheon for membership and helpers, which features a silent auction of higher value donated items such as gift baskets from local merchants, hand-painted clocks, wreaths, afghans, quilts, and jewelry.

Last year, Material

Girls donated \$14,000 in profits to Faith in Action, the food and clothing bank serving the Dexter-Chelsea area. According to co-founder Kelly Stoker, "We never meant to make money. Our goal had always been to break even."

Material Girls helps Faith in Action in other ways by participating in the Feminine Hygiene Product drive and the FIA Sponsor a Family event. Material girls also participated in One World, One Family's Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day producing 38 fleece blankets for refugees and 220 Valentine's for seniors. They also made and donated centerpieces for the City of Chelsea Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast.

Material Girls meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, February through October at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church from Noon to 3pm. Women don't have to be Methodist or from Chelsea to join. For information about Material Girl meetings, email Chris Frayer at cfumc.material.girls@gmail.com.



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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
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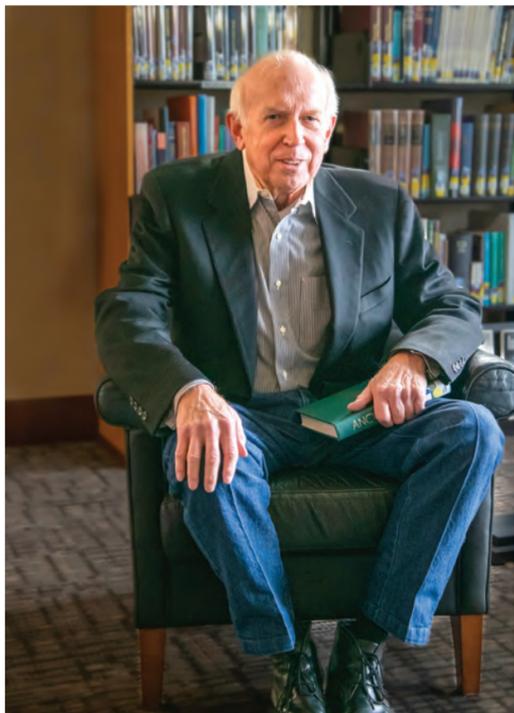
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CDL Welcomes Two New Trustees to the Board!



I've discovered Eloise Greenfield, Jabari Asim, Kate DiCamillo, and Matt de la Peña...to name a few!"

A 41-year resident of Dexter Township, Bob is a global financial strategist with experience in corporate finance, public and privately traded entities, board positions, treasury and commercial banking relationships, and audits. He currently serves as the managing director of Global Business Financial Advisors. He has served as an endowment trustee for Rotary International, Ann Arbor chapter; on the investment committee of the Legacy Land Conservancy; and as co-president of the Rotary Club of Chelsea. Bob has demonstrated a commitment to the role of the public library as a community builder through resources, programs, and services that educate, enrich, and entertain. He is a fierce advocate for expanding library services to all corners of the library district through such efforts as Mobile CDL.

CDL Director Lori Coryell remarks, "We are so grateful for the service of all of our trustees. Wendy brings enthusiasm and an educational background that are invaluable in the library's commitment to literacy efforts and Bob's strong financial background will be put to good use to ensure a fiscally sound library that serves the community long into the future. I look forward to working with them to continue the CDL mission to engage, inspire, and equip our community with evolving programs and resources."



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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From: Virginia Krueger born, with daughter Sarah arriving two years later. Both girls had an excellent Chelsea District Schools education and have maintained very special friendships here, as well." Formerly an Ann Arbor Public School teacher, Wendy volunteered to fill in for an early vacancy and will serve as an at-large member for a one-year term. Bob will represent Dexter Township through December of 2026.

Wendy and her husband Dave moved to Sylvan Township from Ann Arbor in 1986. Wendy shares, "We moved just a few months before our daughter Kelly was



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-453

Date: February 7, 2023

Location: 800 block of W. Middle St.

Time: 3:58 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 800 block of W. Middle St. for the report of a fraud by telephone. The complainant stated that they had received a telephone call at approximately 10:00 pm on February 6th from an individual who reported that they were collecting donations for "the Chelsea Police Department" and asked the complainant to contribute \$25-35, the complainant agreed

and provided his credit card number over the phone to the caller. Once the caller received the card number and other necessary information to process the payment the caller promptly hung-up. After some time reviewing what had just taken place the complainant contacted the Chelsea Police Department to report what had taken place earlier in the evening. The officer assisted the complainant with cancelling their

credit card that was given out. At the time of the report, it was unable to be established if there had been any fraudulent transactions that had been made on the account.

NOTE: The Chelsea Police Department does not solicit charitable contributions and does not authorize third party charities to solicit on behalf of the Chelsea Police Department.

Incident #: 23-537

Date: February 12, 2023

Location: 1600 block of S. Main St.

Time: 19:43 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 1600 block of S. Main St. for the report of a counterfeiting complaint. Upon arrival the officer was met by the complainant who stated that at approximately 3:17 pm the suspect came into the business and requested to purchase

four (4) instant lottery tickets valued at \$50 each and paid with two (2) \$100 bills. At the time when the payment was received the complainant did not have the counterfeit detection pen available and stated that the suspect had also distracted them by having a conversation with them.

Later in the evening the employee was able to get the counterfeit detection pen and check the two \$100 bills that were received earlier in the day. When the bills were checked, they were determined to be counterfeit. At the time of the report there was no information on the identity of the suspect.

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