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## The Pamela Byrnes Foundation Provides Financial Support for Cultural Immersion Experiences for Chelsea High School Students



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The Pamela Byrnes Foundation was funded by a number of contributors to support the interests of community youth.

The Pamela Byrnes Foundation is giving Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) \$9,000 to start a program that will provide international immersion participation for high school students.

The program is envisioned to be a collaborative endeavor with Chelsea School District. Together, they will explore program options that support continued on page 2

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# The Pamela Byrnes Foundation Provides Financial Support for Cultural Immersion Experiences for Chelsea High School Students

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immersive experiences for students spending time abroad. The first trip is targeted to occur in the summer of 2024. The current vision will provide an opportunity for students to experience cultures in Europe, Asia, South America or Africa.

Details regarding the use of funds will be developed as the program definition is refined. "We are thinking about how to create a pathway for student international experiences that will provide cultural diversity. We will rely on the Chelsea School District to find the appropriate service provider to fulfill the international experience. CEF is happy to connect The Pamela Byrnes Foundation's generous donation and

intention for international travel with the School District's desire to expand cultural experiences for students. This is an opportunity to build a new sustainable program that CEF can support over time." shared Amy Forehand, CEF President.

Byrnes shared her commitment to learning and experiencing other cultures, "Much of my career has been focused in the public service sector - as an attorney in Washtenaw County, Road Commissioner, State Representative, and Lyndon Township Supervisor. Byrnes also served as the Executive Director of the University of Michigan-Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute (JSTU), a program that provides University of

Michigan and JSTU students and faculty a platform to engage in engineering education and research in an international setting. My own international experience changed my focus in college and my subsequent career. It is my desire to give Chelsea Students a similar experience."

"We are looking forward to the next steps in the process to create a sustainable and meaningful international experience for our Chelsea School District students," said Mike Kapolka, Chelsea High School Superintendent.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to support this endeavor, contact Amy Forehand, president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org.



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**From: Katy Clark**

The Washtenaw United Girls' High School Hockey team recognized two seniors Saturday before hosting the Mercy Marlins.

Seniors Marina Rodriguez and Kathryn Winters were honored for their contributions to the team. Rodriguez, an international student from Spain, attends Dexter High School. She started playing ice hockey just this year and has enjoyed

the sport and her teammates. She will pursue medical-related studies in college.

Winters, United's captain and a three year varsity letter winner, attends Saline High School and is off to Michigan State next fall. She thanked her mom and dad, United's Head Coach Adam Winters, for their support during her hockey career.

Then the United took to the ice against Mercy and dominated with offensive

pressure in the first period. Despite outshooting the Marlins by a wide margin, though, they were held scoreless. With 9 seconds remaining in the first period, the Marlins took advantage of a two-on-one to score first.

The score remained 0-1 in favor of the Marlins throughout the second and into the third period until Winters beat the Marlins' goaltender high to get United on the board at 11:09.

Washtenaw's defense—Julia Berkholtz (Dexter '23), Maddie Conrad (Chelsea '25), Abby Schroeder (Saline '26) and Lilly Schlack (Saline '26)—stepped up their game in the 3rd period to shut down the Marlins' attack.

With time winding down, Raegan Kopitsch (Dexter '24) hustled around the defense to bury the go-ahead goal after getting her own rebound. Winters assisted. Kopitsch's goal

turned out to be the game winner as the United defeated Mercy 2-1.

Next weekend the United take on Pioneer on Friday and Skyron on Sunday

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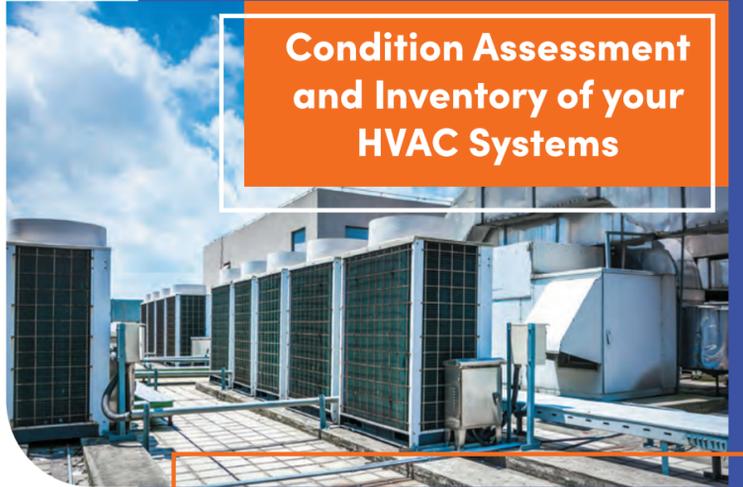
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So Hale, and his buddy Dan Ewald, enlisted in the Marines.

On Monday, March 13, 7 p.m., at the Chelsea Depot, the Chelsea Area Historical Society presents a

reading of the Chelsea native and WWII veteran's mini-memoir that captured that snapshot of local and world history. CAHS program chair, Dave Strauss, is excited to bring Hale's stories back to Chelsea.

"One of the most brutal battles and iconic photographs from WWII occurred on Iwo Jima," he said, "and we have the backstory of that photo."

As a marine, Hale was part of the amphibious assault in

February 1945, which lasted six weeks.

"Joe was one of the many young men willing to sacrifice their lives for America and its democracy," Strauss added. "There is a reason why this is the greatest generation."

Hale's work - which he wrote for the CAHS when he was visiting Chelsea in 2012 - is remarkable in its detail, said Janet Ogle-Mater, CAHS secretary.

"When he writes that, 'Eight battle-

ships were firing broadsides; dozens of cruisers, destroyers, and LCT's, converted into rocket firing boats, were firing thousands of shells at the island and the landing beaches; you feel like you are there,'" Ogle-Mater said. "It's both thrilling and scary, especially when he notes that the whole operation was expected to be short and swift. They had no idea it would become so bloody, so intense, so famous."

The readings will be paired with photos from Hale's personal collection, the Museum's collection, and the National archives. A summer exhibit will feature Hale's career work from his years as an animator artist at Walt Disney. Registration is requested for this event either by email or phone: [president@chelseahistory.org](mailto:president@chelseahistory.org) or 734.476.2010. The event is free for CAHS members or with a \$10 donation for non-members.

The mission of the

Chelsea Area Historical Society is to gather and preserve Chelsea area history, educate the public, and promote the restoration and preservation of historic buildings and sites for future generations. The museum is located in the 1853 Boyd House, at 128 Jackson St., across from the Chelsea Depot. For more information, visit [www.chelseahistory.org](http://www.chelseahistory.org) or call 734.476.2010.

## Chelsea Area Historical Society & Museum

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### FIRST PERSON - JOE HALE

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Joe Hale was a young man in Chelsea in 1942. Pearl Harbor was bombed, Main Street hitching posts were sent to the scrap drive, and the town practiced Black Out drills...just in case.

So Joe Hale, and his buddy Dan Ewald, enlisted in the Marines. Joe captured this story — and how he fought and survived on Iwo Jima — in his 2012 writings for the

CAHS. We will share readings from that work, paired with photos from the era.



*Our summer exhibit will feature Joe Hale's career work as an artist for Walt Disney.*

**Registration Requested by email: [president@chelseahistory.org](mailto:president@chelseahistory.org)  
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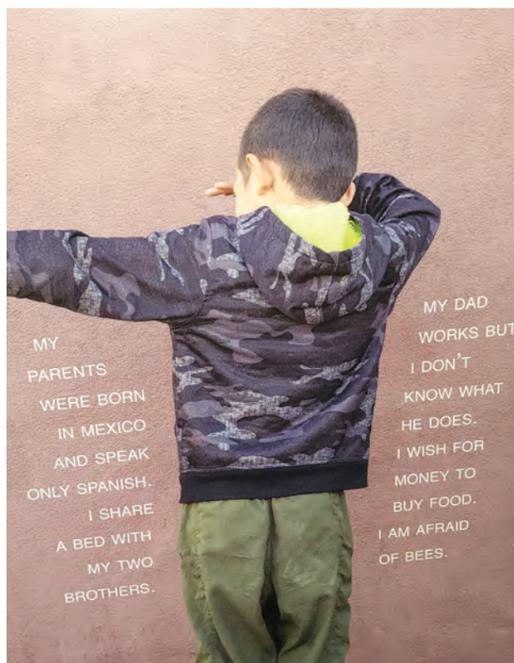
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*Monday, March 13, 7 pm  
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# Chelsea Library Hosts the 4th Grade Project



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
anbingham@gmail.com

The McKune Room in the Chelsea District Library is currently hosting an art exhibition, The Fourth Grade Project. It opened on February 1st and will stay through March 16th. Artist Judy Gelles interviewed and photographed 300 fourth-grade students all over the world. Students from Dubai, China,

several parts of the United States, Israel, Italy, South Korea, and more were interviewed. Children of every socio-economic background and many cultures were chosen. The children were asked three questions; who do you live with, what do you wish for, and what do you worry about? From the photos and their answers, the view can extrapolate a lot about the state of the world.

The exhibit included the TEDx talk she gave at Penn.

Chelsea students took photos and answered the same questions and those photos appear alongside the exhibit. Compared to other American students, Chelsea seems to provide a safe nurturing environment for fourth graders. There was a boy in Pittsburg who feared being shot and had lost a cousin to gun violence. The Chelsea students often wished for world peace, which seems to be a sign of a nice safe childhood. Admittedly, when the boy from Dubai explained that he has heard about all the shootings in the United States and that he was afraid to visit here due to the violence, it felt like a punch in the gut. As a child I was afraid of the bombs I saw on the news by the Irish Republican Army, I was afraid to visit because I was afraid of being caught in guerrilla warfare. When I

read what the boy in Dubai expressed, I got defensive and thought, "it's not everywhere." Then I had to stop my defensive thoughts because it just happened down the road and my friend's daughter survived one in Oxford. I was standing in Chelsea Michigan, a location of a past school tragedy. The fourth grader in Dubai opened my eyes a bit. I was grateful that this generation of fourth graders in Chelsea doesn't know that sort of violence and I hope they never do.

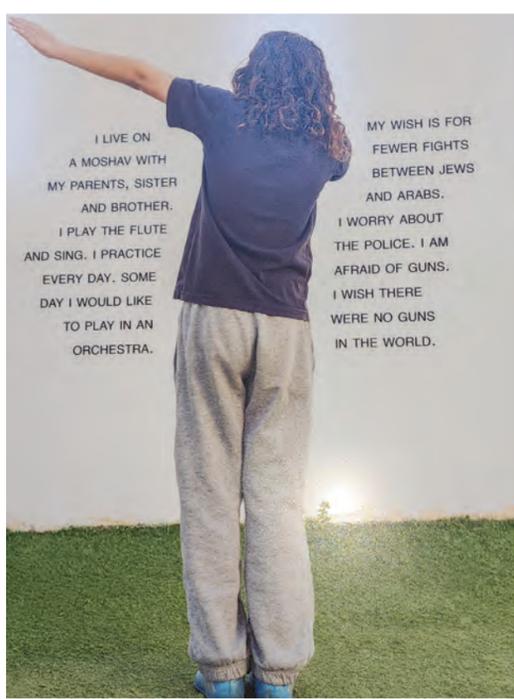
I encourage you to stop by the McKune Room and check out the exhibit. See what you take from the different answers and be certain to watch the Tedx talk to give some cultural context and a bit more understanding. See what stands out to you. According to the Chelsea District Library Website:

Chelsea District Library is committed to celebrating the arts. With local artists fea-

tured on the quarterly newsletter, sculptures on the library lawn, live music events, paintings and historic photos within the library, and nationally touring exhibitions, the library strives to make the arts accessible to our community.

The library is providing a great resource to the community, be sure to enjoy it, I know I am very grateful for the art and learning programs offered. I

don't have to drive all the way to Detroit or try to fight for parking in Ann Arbor to enjoy culture and education. The library is open M-Th 9 am-8 pm Fri 10 am-6 pm Sat. 10 am-3 pm, and Sun 1 pm-5 pm. The McKune Room closes a half hour prior to the library so be sure to arrive well before close to check out the exhibit.



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# Chelsea Area Historical Museum To Display Holmes' Family 1890s Cutter Sleigh



**From: Shawn Personke**

The Chelsea Area Historical Museum's new permanent exhibit, "The Holmes' Cutter," opened on Feb. 11. A small sleigh, the cutter was originally owned by Harmon and Edith Holmes, the founders of what today is known as the Chelsea Milling Company – producer of Jiffy Mix. Bill O'Reilly, CAHS volunteer, was instrumental in bringing the cutter to the museum. It was discovered in the carriage house behind what was once the Holmes family home on East Middle Street.

Matt and Jennifer Baghdoian, current owners of the home, donated the cutter when they found the deteriorating late 1880s carriage house was beyond repair and could no longer store it, said O'Reilly.

The cutter and the carriage house's large central barn doors were donated to the museum in 2019.

"The 1890s era cutter was built in Kalamazoo by the American Carriage Company," said O'Reilly, "most likely commissioned

by Mr. Holmes." The Kalamazoo company produced carriages, sleighs, and cutters from 1890-1920.

O'Reilly added that throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, sleighs and cutters were the mode of horse-drawn transportation during the winter months, and though similar, the two designs served distinct purposes.

Sleighs were large and accommodated entire families. Cutters were smaller and were more often used by individuals. Because occupants had to sit close and cozy, cutters were the preferred choice among courting couples, too. The horse would have been kept in the same carriage house.

CAHS has been waiting for an opportunity to properly display it but had to find the place and the funds to obtain a structure to house it.

"When I reached out to Howdy Holmes, great-grandson of Harmon & Edith, and current CEO of Chelsea Milling," said O'Reilly, "he did not hesitate to provide the funds

necessary to make this project happen. It's fitting, too, that the cutter will be displayed just a couple of hundred yards from the site of the carriage house that was its home for well more than a century.

"Though a nod to the significant impact the Holmes family has had on the Chelsea community, the cutter also allows us to capture a piece of Chelsea's transportation history and keep those memories alive."

The mission of the Chelsea Area Historical Society is to gather and pre-serve Chelsea area history, educate the public, and promote the restoration and preservation of historic buildings and sites for future generations. The museum is located in the 1853 Boyd House, at 128 Jackson St., across from the Chelsea Depot. The museum is open Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. and on Thursdays evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., during Sound & Sights. For more information, visit [www.chelseahistory.org](http://www.chelseahistory.org) or call 734.476.2010.



# Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-565

Date: February 15, 2023

Location: 200 block of E. Middle St.

Time: 9:40 am

**INFORMATION:** Officers responded to the area of the 200 block of E. Middle Street for the report of a man and woman outside arguing. Upon arrival the officer checked the front of the property and moved along to the back of the property where a male and female subject were located engaged in a

verbal argument. The parties were separated and the male subject had visible red marks and abrasions to both sides of his neck. The subject stated that he had attempted to leave and the suspect, a 23 year old Chelsea woman had grabbed his collar of his shirt and pulled him in an attempt to stop him from

leaving. The officers interviewed the suspect separately and after speaking with both parties involved the suspect was placed under arrest for Domestic Assault. The case remains open pending review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's office to determine what charges to authorize.

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