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Chelsea Board of Education Elects New Board Member

By: Aimee Bingham
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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 Eckhart 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**

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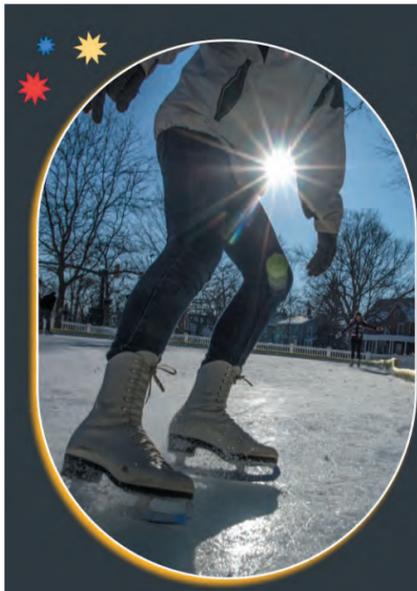
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Free Ice Skating Party Offered to area teens by Chelsea Kiwanis, Chelsea Friends & Family Wellness Coalition, and 5 Healthy Teens



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

*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://](https://www.5healthytowns.org/2022-5-healthy-teens-ice-skating-party/)

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5 Healthy Teens is a small committee of high school students who have worked on a variety of projects during COVID. Last year, they created @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

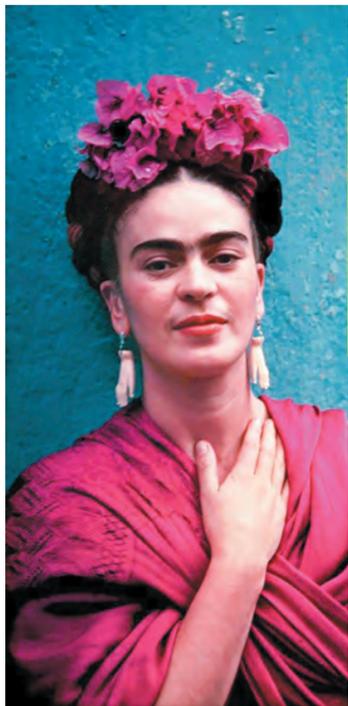
junior and member of 5HealthyTeens.” It's an opportunity to get out and get moving. Ice skating can decrease your stress and improve your cardio and endurance. And it's FUN!”

“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.

Explore Frida Kahlo's Garden Exhibition at Chelsea District Library!



FRIDA KAHLO'S Garden



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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From: Virginia Krueger

Frida Kahlo (1907–1954) is considered one of the most significant artists of the twentieth century. Her body of work, consisting of some 250 paintings and drawings, is at once intensely personal and universal in scope, and relies heavily on the natural world. The exhibition *Frida Kahlo's Garden* transports visitors to Kahlo's garden with a glimpse into her life in Mexico to experience her world as she did. *Frida Kahlo's Garden* opens February 1, 2022,

at the Chelsea District Library.

The garden at Casa Azul (or Blue House), Kahlo's lifelong home in Coyoacán, Mexico City, was a creative refuge and a source of inspiration for the artist and her husband, Diego Rivera (1886–1957). The garden, which was filled with native plants, housed Kahlo and Rivera's collection of pre-Hispanic artifacts and folk art displayed on a four-tiered pyramid inspired by the Mesoamerican city of Teotihuacan. This exhibition offers insights

into the ways in which the garden at Casa Azul, the diversity of plant life in Mexico, and the rich cultural history of the country nourished the creativity of the world's great artists.

Often overshadowed by her husband's career and the traumatic events in her life, this exhibition approaches Kahlo from a different angle, to broaden the discussion of the artist by focusing on the influence of her surrounding environment, both natural and nationalistic. This approach examines her garden, her home,

and the revolutionary influences that impacted her life.

Kahlo's works are filled with colorful and compelling depictions of flowers, foliage, and fruits, many native to Mexico. Her choice of botanical imagery reflects the embrace of archetypal Mexican indigenous and natural elements that defined art in the decades following the Mexican Revolution (1910–20). Through her profoundly personal paintings, which convey cultural, spiritual, and intimate messages, her reverence for nature,

and her nationalistic fashion sense, Kahlo has become an icon within the artistic world.

The artwork of *Frida Kahlo's Garden* will be located not only in the McKune Room, but also throughout the library.

Visitors will enjoy an immersive experience with live plants, iconic photographs of the artist and her home and garden, reproductions of several of her paintings, a dress from the Mexican state of Oaxaca where Kahlo sourced much of her attire, and examples of folk art collected by Kahlo and Rivera. Additionally,

visitors will learn about Mexican culture, including traditional festivities, and agricultural practices. Throughout February and March, CDL will offer programs inspired by Frida Kahlo including learn to paint classes, an informative class regarding the hidden meanings of plants in famous works of art from the Detroit Institute of Arts, and more. Please visit art.chelseadistrictlibrary.org/frida-kahlos-garden for more details and to register.

Exhibition: *Frida Kahlo's Garden*

Host Organization:

Chelsea District Library

Runs: February 1,

2022–March 16, 2022

Gallery Hours:

• Mondays–Thursday

9am–7:30pm

• Fridays: 10am–

5:30pm

• Saturdays: 10am–

2:30pm

• Sundays 1–4:430pm

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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 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.



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Agricole Farm Stop Reaches 2 Million Dollars in Payouts



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By Agricole Farm Stop January 20, 2022

Chelsea, MI: 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!

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Chelsea Board of Education Elects New Board Member

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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.



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Dexter IceFest A Success



Photos By: Aimee Bingham Osinski

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
 anbingham@gmail.com
 Saturday Jan 22, the Dexter Chamber hosted its Annual Ice Fest in Monument Park. The Ice Fest featured 70 carvings, live demonstrations and a Kid's Zone. According to the Chamber website, the chamber partnered with Ice Dream Sculptures, the artists behind the carvings. Businesses requested their own sculptures, typically a design that represents their brand. A large cupcake was the design for the Dexter Bakery, and a bathtub was featured for Proven Kitchen and Bath Studios. Head-

line sponsors for the event were Aubrees and Thetford. The Dexter Rotary Club partnered with the chamber to make the event happen. My daughter and I decided to attend and make it a fun day. As we searched for a parking spot, my daughter caught a glimpse of Rapunzel and grew very excited to check out the Kid's Zone. We walked around and enjoyed the sculptures first. We got to watch an artist demonstrate carving a block of ice. It's a pretty incredible talent. My daughter was thrilled to see a sculpture of baby

Yoda. I don't know what to call it, but my daughter calls it Baby Yoda. I enjoyed the moose drinking a beer sculpture. There were so many amazing sculptures it's hard to choose. The shark with the big smile was a delight as well. Basically, there was something for everyone. You could not attend the Ice Fest this year and not find a sculpture that made you smile. We headed toward the kid's zone. Lydia met Spider Man, Captain America, Rapunzel and other characters I can't name because I'm so pathetically out of the loop. The characters

were from Michigan's League of Enchantment and made Lydia's day. There was a small skating rink for the kids. I allowed Lydia to get on the ice for a minute even though we did not have skates or a helmet. There was hot chocolate in the Gazebo. The weather was so cold, great for the ice but a challenge for my daughter and I, so we ended our day with a lunch date at the Beer Grotto. Patronizing a local business after the Ice Fest is exactly the point of events like this hosted by the Chamber. I'm sure these events are particularly important to local business after the challenging last few years. The Ice Fest was a wonderful time for all ages and provided a nice boost



to local businesses in the area. I certainly enjoyed a nice day with my daughter. As my daughter grows older, these days are going to be parts of her fond memories of childhood. I feel very grateful to be a part of a community that offers these great moments for families.



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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 de-

fensive 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 basic 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 under-

stand, 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

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNING

Bella Turner
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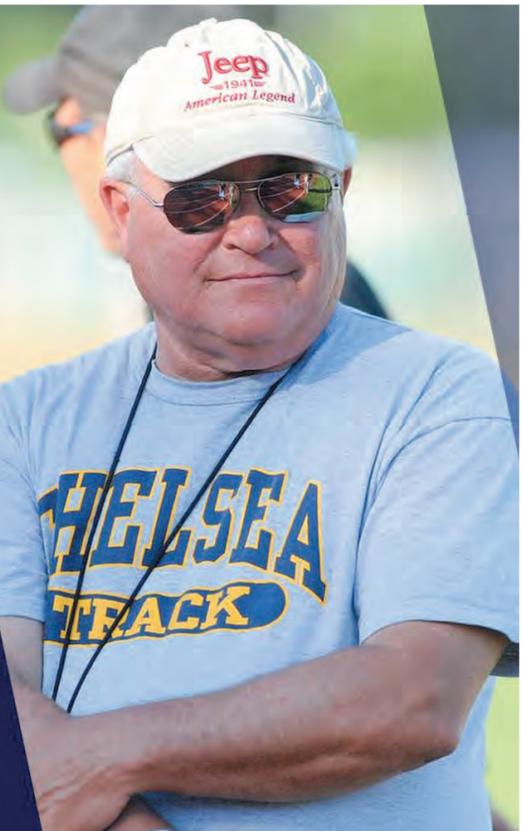


CONGRATS ON RETIREMENT TO PAT CLARKE!

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
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Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!

Chocolate Extravaganza February 12, 2022



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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 throughout 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. 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 Sarmardick, Kiwanis, Lavender 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!

ON THE SIDELINE: TOBY KEITH, DEFENSIVE BACKS, SUPER BOWL AND RECLINERS

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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...

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Frida with Picasso Earrings, 1939
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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 scholarship 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

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.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 22-347

Date: January 27, 2022

Location: 200 block of E. Middle Street

Time: 3:21 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol the officers responded to the area of the 200 block of E. Middle Street for the report of two dogs that were loose in the area and were acting aggressive towards people walking in the area. Upon arriv-

al the officers located the two dogs in the alley way and not under any control by an owner. The officers approached the dogs and they acted aggressive towards the officers. At that time the owner emerged from her house and began calling the dogs

in an attempt to get the dogs back into her house. Once the dogs were contained in the house the officers made contact with the owner and issued her a citation for not having her dogs under reasonable control.



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