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Story and more photos on page 10.



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## Making an Impact for Teachers - Online Auction



**From: D&B  
Strategic Marketing  
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From April 17-23 Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) will be hosting an online fundraising auction

with a preview of items starting Monday April 10 through Sunday April 16.

The funds raised will support grants to teachers in the Chelsea School District. Since 1990, CEF has raised 1.2 million dollars, funding 1,016 scholarships to Chelsea High School graduates and 696 teacher grants for

programs including arts, music performances, field trips, physical and mental health initiatives, literacy development, and more.

“As we move through our 33rd year of serving the Chelsea School District, it is with great pride and humility that we carry on the vision of Joe

Piasecki, the founder of Chelsea Education Foundation. The board is involved and committed to maintaining a high standard of sustainable support. We want to help strengthen the schools by providing grants to teachers to enhance the educational experience of each child. None of **continued on page 2**



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## Chelsea District Library Hosts Three Nationally Recognized, Award- Winning Authors!



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**From: Laura Brown,  
Adult Librarian**

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is thrilled to announce the 15th Annual Midwest Literary Walk lineup featuring New York Times best-selling author Jamie Ford, Pulitzer-prize winning

poet Tyehimba Jess, and acclaimed writer and musician Kristin Hersh. Each year, Chelsea's amazing literary event showcases award-winning authors from around the country at historic venues throughout downtown. The au-

thors will read from their works, share insights into their writing process, and be available for book signings. The Walk will take place from 1-5pm on Saturday, April 22 and is open to the public without ticket costs or reservations.

At 1pm, Pulitzer prize-winning poet Tyehimba Jess opens the Walk at Main **continued on page 3**



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# PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Dexter-Chelsea Rd & Island Lake Rd Roundabout



The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) is excited to announce a roundabout project planned for the 2026 construction season at Dexter-Chelsea Rd and Island Lake Rd in Scio Township.

Why this intersection?

WCRC monitors numerous intersections across the county for congestion and safety. WCRC and the City of Dexter were awarded a federally funded competitive Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant of \$1.6 million for a roundabout at the

Dexter-Chelsea Road and Island Lake Road intersection and traffic signal equipment upgrades. The traffic signal work will include interconnecting the existing traffic signals on Island Lake Road, Main Street, Ann Arbor Street, and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road from Dexter-Pinckney Road to Dan Hoey Road. The intersection of Dexter-Chelsea Rd and Island Lake Rd is heavily congested during peak hours of travel. The roundabout will help with the flow of traffic and improve the safety of the intersection.

When will this project be completed? Construction is expected to occur in 2026.

The Dexter-Chel-

sea Road and Island Lake Road intersection will be closed to all traffic for the construction of the roundabout and a detour will be posted.

How can I get more information?

WCRC will hold a public information meeting about these projects closer to construction.

WCRC will also post project updates online at [wcroads.org](http://wcroads.org) and on its Facebook and Twitter pages. Subscribe to road work advisories by following this link: [wcroads.org/residents/subscribe-to-road-updates/](http://wcroads.org/residents/subscribe-to-road-updates/)

For specific questions on this project, contact James Hui, project manager, at (734) 327-6660 or [huij@wcroads.org](mailto:huij@wcroads.org).

# Making an Impact for Teachers - Online Auction



Photo by Crystal Hayduk. One of the many pieces of art on display during the 2023 Creative Expressions Exhibitions event at Beach Middle School.

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what we do would be possible without the generosity of our donor community for which we will be forever grateful,” said Amy Forehand, CEF President.

Each year CEF receives more grant applications than funds available to support 100% of the requests. “We thought it timely to employ items we had intended to auction at the 2020 Gala Event that was sidelined due to Covid, for monetary good. Included in the auction is a wide

variety of experiences and Chelsea goods - jewelry, retail and restaurant gift cards, ballet & theatre tickets, desserts, dinners both at restaurants and in-home catering, massages, books, Yankee Air Museum adventure, Lions & Red Wings gear, NASCAR passes, clothing, beverages, wine, distillery tour/tasting, pizza party, symphony tickets, and personal training! We have some amazing items and fun experiences for people to purchase that will help build a stronger Bull-

dog Future,” shared Katie Hepler, CEF Vice President and Marketing Chair. Detailed auction items can be found on the Chelsea Education Foundation Website starting April 10.

Chelsea Update recently featured an example of a teacher grant award the Creative Expression Exhibition at the Chelsea High School that was supported in part with proceeds from Chelsea Education Foundation. “The projects students complete in art, technology, and music help them to build the skills of the Portrait of a Graduate,” said Kim Eder, Beach Middle School Art Teacher. Through elective coursework, students develop competency in communication, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking (the primary skills students should be proficient in by graduation).

Help Chelsea Education Foundation continue the legacy of Bulldog giving and participate in the online fundraising auction. Contact Katie Hepler, [vicepresident@chelseaeducationfoundation.org](mailto:vicepresident@chelseaeducationfoundation.org), for more information.

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# Chelsea District Library Hosts Three Nationally Recognized, Award- Winning Authors!



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Street Church, 320 N. Main St., Chelsea. Jess is a Cave Canem and NYU Alumni, received a 2004 Literature Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, and was a 2004–2005 Winter Fellow at the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center. He is the author of two books of poetry, Leadbelly and Olio. Olio won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, The Midland Society Author's Award in Poetry, and received an Outstanding Contribution to Publishing Citation from the Black Caucus of the American

Library Association. Leadbelly was a winner of the 2004 National Poetry Series. The Library Journal and Black Issues Book Review both named it one of the “Best Poetry Books of 2005.”  
Kristin Hersch continues the Walk at 2:30pm at Chelsea First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., Chelsea. Nationally recognized, Hersch has had a storied career as a solo artist and a member of bands Throwing Muses and 50FOOTWAVE. Her breakthrough memoir, Rat Girl, was named number 8 in Rolling Stones’ list of 25 Greatest Rock Memoirs of

All Time. In 2015’s Don’t Suck, Don’t Die, she writes about her friendship with musician Vic Chesnutt. In Toby Snax, Hersch delves into the world of children’s books, encouraging children to explore the world around them and to not be afraid to try new things. In 2021 Hersch released Seeing Sideways, a memoir focusing on her family. Hersch has also written some of her albums in book form: Wyatt at the Coyote Palace, Paradise/Purgatory, and Crooked.  
The Walk concludes at 4pm at Chelsea First United Methodist Church,

128 Park St., Chelsea, with New York Times best-selling author Jammie Ford. Ford is the great grandson of Nevada mining pioneer Min Chung, who emigrated from Hoiping, China, to San Francisco in 1865, where he adopted the western name “Ford.” His debut novel, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, spent two and a half years on the New York Times bestseller list. Ford’s latest novel, The Many Daughters of Afong Moy, was named #1 IndieNext list pick for August 2022, as well as a Read with Jenna book club pick for the same month.

An award-winning short story writer, Ford’s work has been published in multiple anthologies, from Asian-themed steam-punk set in Seattle in the Apocalypse Triptych, to stories exploring the universe of masked marvels and caped crusaders from an Asian American perspective in Secret Identities: The first Asian American Superhero Anthology, and Shattered: The Asian American Comics Anthology. He’s also written in other genres: speculative, dystopian, crime noir, and middle-grade horror.

Books will be available for purchase at each location courtesy of independent bookstores Literati and Serendipity Books. Time will be reserved for book signings following each author session. For more information about this year’s Midwest Literary Walk visit midwestliterarywalk.org.  
This year’s event is sponsored by the Friends of Chelsea District Library and in partnership with Literati Bookstore, WDET, Astral Road Media, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, and Serendipity Books.

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**From: D&B Strategic Marketing**  
**doris@dandbmarketing.com**

On May 13th and 14th Ballet Chelsea will present Giselle & Gershwin, a stunning production directed by Assistant Artistic

Director, Natalie Krienke, supported by retiring Artistic Director, Wendi DuBois. Combining the best of classical and contemporary ballet, this program will be performed at the Dexter High School and promises to be an un-

forgettable experience for audiences of all ages.

This captivating production will feature Act II of Giselle, performed by the talented Ballet Chelsea dancers, transporting the audience into the heart-wrenching tale

of love and betrayal. Through the dancers' exquisite movements, the audience will witness the story of Giselle and her journey to forgive her lover and save him, and herself, from the wrath of the Wilis.

In addition to Act

II Giselle, the production will also celebrate George Gershwin's musical legacy with dynamic and original choreography by Wendi DuBois. Ballet Chelsea dancers will bring Gershwin's timeless music to life with their vibrant movement to create a mesmerizing visual and auditory experience.

"I am thrilled to present Giselle & Gershwin, a production that combines the best of classical and contemporary ballet," said Natalie Krienke. "Gershwin's music brings out an exuberant, fun

loving quality in our dancers that stretches their artistry in new ways, and we are excited to share this dynamic performance with you," added Wendi DuBois.

Join Ballet Chelsea for an evening of exquisite ballet, beautiful music, and unforgettable performances. Surrender your heart to the magic of Giselle & Gershwin.

Giselle & Gershwin will be performed on May 13th at 7pm and May 14th at 2pm, at Dexter High School. Tickets go on sale April 1, 2023 at [www.baletchelsea.org](http://www.baletchelsea.org).

The logo for the UMRC Porter Hills Foundation, featuring a stylized white mountain peak on a blue background with the text 'UMRC PORTER HILLS Foundation' in white.

**Your Support Enriches the Lives of Older Adults!**

A photograph of two older women in a gym setting, both wearing bright pink long-sleeved shirts and dark pants, with their arms raised in a stretching or exercise pose.

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The Chelsea School District logo, which includes a blue shield with a yellow 'C' and the word 'CHELSEA' in a yellow banner above it.

**CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chelsea School District has named Tom Clemons the Interim Director of Operations for the Chelsea School District. Mr. Clemons has been a mainstay in our Chelsea School District Operations Department for many years and we are excited to have him serve in this role for the Chelsea School District.

A headshot of Tom Clemons, an older man with white hair and a mustache, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt.

**TOM CLEMONS**  
**CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**INTERIM DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

A portrait of Aaron Suganuma, a man with dark hair wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, framed by a blue hand-drawn style outline.

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## CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

# 2023 BOY'S SEC INDOOR MEET LINEUP @ LINCOLN ATHLETIC BUILDING MARCH 23RD, 2023

Shot Put	Distance	Place	High Jump	Height	Place
Joyce	34' 8"		Turnbow	5'	
Kale Thomas	32' 8"		Wehrly	5'	
Peterson	33' 6"				

Pole Vault	Height	Place	Long Jump	Length	Place
Fleszar	NH		Steele	15' 1.25"	
M Cugliari	8'		Turnbow	18' 0"	
Yacks	9' 6"				

60 Hurd.	Time	Place	60 Dash	Time	Place
Keaton	11.79		Fisk	8.2	
Kwaske	10.98		Doyle	8.64	
Sing	10.65		Coy	8.17	

1600 Run	Time	Place	400 Dash	Time	Place
Mo	5:16.2		Spruce	53.3	6th
Zeb	4:50.96	8th	Fleszar	62.29	
			V Radu	59.81	

800m Run	Time	Place	200m Dash	Time	Place
Boos	2:14.8		Doyle	28.50	
Zeb	2:10.88		Coy	27.89	
			Fisk	28.33	

4x400 R.	Time	Place
Doyle	62.01	
Boos	55.98	
M Cugliari	62.40	
Wehrly	59.48	
	3:59.85	8th

Adrian, Bedford, Chelsea, Dexter, Jackson, Huron, Monroe, Pinckney, Medals to the Top 5 Individuals & Top Three Relays Pinckney, Pioneer, Saline, Skyline, Tecumseh, Ypsilanti, & Ypsilanti Lincoln. No Team Scores.

### Head Boys Track Coach David Slusser's comments:

For the opening meet of its season, the Chelsea Bulldogs brought a mixture of young talent and experienced runners to compete in an SEC showdown. Our veteran leaders competed hard against a competitive field, while our younger guys gained valuable experience and learned how to compete at the highest level. We entered this meet with an elite mindset and left satisfied with our performances.

The 4x800 relay team of Alford, Hartsuff, Leo Swager, and Nick Spruce started

the racing with a 3rd place finish of 8:37. The distance squad flourished throughout the meet with an 8th place finish by Zeb Swager in the 1600 and 3 top five finishes in the 3200. Connell Alford won the event handily with a blistering time of 9:29, while Bram Hartsuff place 2nd and Leo Swager placed 5th. Nick Spruce led the sprints with a 6th place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.3. A young 4x400 relay team of Josh Doyle, Beckett Boos, Gus Wehrly, and Mo Cugliari turned in an 8th place finish. JJ Turnbow jumped an impressive 18 feet in his

first ever long jump event.

The dogs are a young squad with over half of its 77 kids on the roster consisting of freshmen and sophomores. As we progress throughout the season, we will rely on our dynamic coaching staff to develop our young talent while keeping our returning athletes competitive. This was a solid start to the 2023 season.

Our next meets will be Thursday, April 6th at Parma Western for a varsity invitational and Saturday, April 8th at Grass Lake for our JV squad.

## CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

# GIRL'S TRACK & FIELD SEC INDOOR MEET SUMMARY

On March 23rd, the Lady Bulldogs competed very well at the first meet of the season at the SEC Indoor Meet, located in the Lincoln Athletic Building (LAB). The

team showed a strong competitiveness and maturity for a young team that was missing some key performers. Overall, we had 16 places in the top 8 in the 14

events contested, while earning 6 medals. Senior Brooke Matusik led the team with top finishes in the 100m hurdles (5th) and 300m hurdles (2nd). Freshman In-

dia Barney placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles and 6th in the 300m hurdles. Junior Carly Garbarczyk placed 4th overall in the 60m dash, putting her in the top

three of the fastest 60m dash times in Chelsea High School history. Also, Sophomore Natalie DeMea had a very good day placing 5th in each of her two dis-

tance events (1600m and in the 3200m). We look forward to getting more experience in meets with our young squad in the upcoming weeks. Our next meet is at Parma-Western High School on Thursday, April 6th, followed by the Grass Lake Warrior Invitational on Saturday, April 8th.

## New Club to Empower Youth in Chelsea



Pictured are Shasta and Kira Grifka

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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The Chelsea Chapter of Sash: Students Against Sexual Harassment, is now up and running and youth are attempting to bring

together and empower youth to end sexual harassment and assault. The group meets every other Wednesday at Chelsea District Library to help survivors of assault and to ad-

dress important topics. I happened upon this youth group through their Instagram page. The Instagram page features informative statistics and definitions that raise awareness about sexual assault, harassment, and violence. As much as it's a topic that we may find uncomfortable to talk about, talking about it can arm youth making them less vulnerable. This is not just a women's issue. It's an important issue for everyone. A clear definition of consent is important for every gender. Sexual violence can happen to anyone and everyone.

Meeting topics include: sexual harassment defined and its impact on students, teen dating violence, and how to advocate, influence and organize. I had the opportunity to speak with the cofounders of the group this week, Kira and Shasta Grifka. Kira was inspired to make a change after she experienced harassment on a social media platform. Her and her friends discussed different things that happen in the world today and Kira decided she wanted to impact change. Her mother, Shasta Grifka, jumped in to be the adult advisor and

co founded the Chelsea Chapter with Kira. The group is meant for children from Jr. High to High School age and is a chapter of a national organization. The group is not affiliated with Chelsea School District and is not encouraging anything but body autonomy and safety for people. Shasta assured me there is a counselor available for individual or group support. Meetings take place every other Wednesday at Chelsea Library upstairs straight back into a room from 3:30-4:30pm. The next meeting will take place Wednesday April

5th. A half hour of the meeting is focused on education, with great topics for teens and preteens to understand. Chelsea Sash is looking toward the future and thinking bout ways to create awareness within the community. But first the group needs to get established. For more information about the national organization visit <https://www.sashclub.org/>. To keep apprised of Chelsea Sash the Instagram account regularly provides meeting times, topics and information [https://www.instagram.com/sash\\_chelsea/](https://www.instagram.com/sash_chelsea/).



# APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



**From: Washtenaw Area Council for Children**  
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April is Child Abuse Prevention month, and Washtenaw Area Council for Children (WACC) invites community businesses, schools, professionals, and parents to join us in keeping kids safe throughout Washtenaw County.

Over two-thirds of adults in the US have reported experiencing one or more traumatic experiences before the age of 18, or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Within Washtenaw

County alone, 48% of children, nearly half, are impacted with 1-3 ACEs. WACC works to eliminate ACEs and mitigate their impact through education and services to youth, parents, and professionals throughout Washtenaw County.

Here are three ways to get involved:

1. Please join us for Pancakes for Prevention breakfast on April 27 from 8 am - 9 am at Ann Arbor City Club! This free in-person networking event allows community members a chance to sit down for breakfast and stand up for kids. Keynote speaker Dr. Jennifer Towns discusses the impact trauma exposure as a child has on future relationships. Donations will be welcome.

2. Support us as we take on the Big House 5K Run! Even

though the race is filled, you can still come out and cheer on our runners and support this amazing community event. You can also show support for our runners here.

3. If you can't join us in person, please learn more at [www.washtenawchildren.org](http://www.washtenawchildren.org) about how you can help us keep kids safe in Washtenaw.

The Washtenaw Area Council for Children works in partnership with Children's Trust Michigan to end victimization before it happens. The agency offers educational services and programs to children, teens, parents, community members, and professionals throughout Washtenaw County that support their safety and well-being. WACC's mission is to promote child

safety and well-being and to prevent child maltreatment, abuse, and neglect through educational service and programs for children, parents, community members, and youth-serving professionals throughout Washtenaw County. Programs

include Cyber-safety, Anti-bullying, Wellness & Resiliency, Body Safety, We Care, Safe Sleep, Shaken Baby, and educational programs for children and youth-serving professionals.

For More Information on Washtenaw Area Council for Children (WACC), please reach out to Executive Director, Tim Richey or visit us at our website or on social media.

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# Why aren't lost dogs getting back home in Washtenaw County?

*Humane Society of Huron Valley sees its lowest return-to-owner rate in years*



**From: Wendy Welch**

Dogs getting lost in Washtenaw County haven't been so lucky lately. The Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), the only


shelter in Washtenaw County and Plymouth for stray animals, has seen a significant decrease in the number of animals returned to owners this year. While HSHV has

been taking in more lost/stray animals than in past years, in 2023, the shelter has only been able to return 43% of lost dogs to owners; that's the lowest in over 20 years. An increas-

ing number of dogs are coming in without tags or microchips, or if they do, they have incorrect information. Hershey, a chocolate lab mix, was wandering around the Barton Hills area of Ann Arbor about a week ago. He came right up to a finder and sat on their porch as if to ask them to call his family, but he had neither a tag nor a microchip. Lack of identification is ongoing problem for cats as well, who are even less likely than dogs to have a tag or microchip. "This is preventable heartache. As an organization taking in lost animals, we believe our first job is to get animals back to the loving families they already have," says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's CEO. "Animals can't tell us their address or their mom's name. Their best ticket home is identification. Microchips result in hundreds of family reunions here at HSHV, are safe, inexpensive,

and usually last a lifetime." Owners can get their pets microchipped at any veterinarian's office or for only \$20 at HSHV's Low Cost Vaccine Clinics, held monthly. Microchips are not GPS-enabled and cannot do location tracking, but help identify ownership. Tags are highly encouraged, too, though sometimes they can get torn off when pets scale fences or other terrain traveling. "It's estimated that 1 in 3 pets gets lost sometime in their lifetime," says Hilgendorf, "So this happens to even the best pet owners. We can't emphasize the importance of microchips enough—along with ensuring your contact information is updated." A national study of more than 7,700 stray animals in shelters showed stray dogs with microchips were more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners; cats more

than 20 times. Some cities like Houston and states like Hawaii have mandated pet microchipping. No city in Michigan requires microchips. In addition to ensuring they have tags and microchips with current contact information, HSHV also reminds people if they find or lose an animal to immediately make a report in hopes they can make more happy family reunions happen. Pet lost and found reports can be made at [hshv.org/lostandfound](https://hshv.org/lostandfound) or by calling 734-661-3545. More information on helping find a lost pet as well as listings of pets found can be found on their website and Facebook page. "This troubling trend also adds to the overcrowding that we and other shelters are experiencing right now," says Hilgendorf. "These pups and kitties should be going back home, not sitting in our shelters waiting for new homes."



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# April Events



## Bring a Buddy Campaign

### **CHE/DEX/STK April 1-15**

Members can bring a guest for free for a 7-day pass. (18 years of age or older.)

**CHE/DEX:** If your guest joins before April 30, \$50 in FitFunds will be added to their new account. Plus, you get a free month of dues and \$50 in FitFunds.

**STK:** If your guest joins before April 30, they will receive 50% off May dues. Plus, you will get a free month of dues.

## Spring Training Fitness

### **DEX April 1-30**

For every 90 minutes you work out you earn a base. Once you reach home plate you receive a “Home Run”. You can reach home plate several times throughout the month. The most “Home Runs” wins. Bonus: Do an assessment or re-assessment and earn an automatic home run! In case of a tie, there will be a drawing. For more information or to sign up please visit the Fitness Desk.

## Fitness Easter Egg Hunt

### **CHE/STK April 1-30**

Paper Easter Eggs are hidden throughout the Center! If you find one, complete the fitness task on the back of the egg and take it to the Fitness Desk to be entered into a drawing to win one of the prize-filled eggs!

## Member Family Swim

### **CHE Sunday April 2 from 12:30-2:15pm**

Ages 6 months to 11 years. Parent Member and KIM child FREE. Additional parent \$10, Additional KIM sibling \$8, Additional child \$10. Registration required. Please bring your own towel. Space is limited to 20 participants. Open to all Wellness Center Members. See Center for complete details.

## April Showers of Savings\*

### **CHE/DEX April 16-30**

Try your luck today and your purchase may be FREE! Pick a discount ticket and save on your purchase of any massage, personal training, or logo shop product! Some restrictions may apply. See Center for details.

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Implementation of Mental Health Awareness and Training Grant





## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

**April 25<sup>th</sup> & May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**5:30 – 8:00pm**

**Location: Zoom**

*The course is open to anyone 18 and older and is free for all participants.*

**Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among youth. You'll build skills and confidence you need to support youth in your community.**

**Who should get trained?**

- School Staff
- Parents & Caregivers
- Coaches
- Camp Counselors
- First responders
- Youth Group Leaders
- Community Members
- Anyone who care about the wellbeing of youth in their community!



**Course Topics**

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges
- How to interact with a young person in crisis
- How to connect a young person to help
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use, self-care, and the impact of social media and bullying

**Learners complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course and participate in two 2.5-hour, virtual instructor-led training sessions.**

**Registration is required and closes April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM.**

**To learn more or register, email**

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# Business Spotlight: Chelsea Outfitters



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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I had the opportunity to visit one of Chelsea's newest businesses this past week. Chelsea Outfitters opened about two weeks ago at 105 S Main St. I was able to speak with Megan Trenary, one of the owners of the store.

Upon entering, I noticed several hats hanging on the wall that would protect the skin from the sun while gardening. I noticed a display of seeds with a focus on pollinator gardens. Snow shoes hung over the register and cute patches lined one wall opposite bottles and cloth diapers.

I asked Megan what the store's mission is, "less waste," she stated. "Zero waste is intimidating and not always realistic." Megan and her husband chose the location based on the location. She thought community members could take one trip, head over to Agricole for local food, stop in Chelsea Outfitters for a wide variety of en-

vironmentally friendly items and run next door to Farm Sudz for their zero waste items they are offering, thus using less gas and not having to order one thing at a time online with excessive packaging. It makes running errands very convenient having the stores so close. Megan also explained that many of her items have an outdoor twist. She notes the proximity to Waterloo as a great resource for outdoor recreation and she'd like to cater to that population.

Do not feel intimidated walking inside, not knowing a lot about the topic, Megan is not sanctimonious, she's happy to help educate and she understands not being able to do a complete overhaul. She seems happy to encourage everyone to do whatever is possible. I explained that we no longer grow our milkweed so the monarchs have food and a place to grow. While I haven't solved climate instability, it's a little something I can do to

help pollinators. She offers a free makers section where shoppers can repair items for longer use, patch jeans, sew rips and use longer rather than buy new ones. If you can't sew she offers no sew patches and will gladly help with projects if she has the time. The store has a no new bag philosophy so if you don't have a bag she has a few she's reusing and is sewing old t shirts into bags for customers. She just asks that you donate your old shirts in the future. In the next few weeks, she's adding a refill station where customers can get laundry detergent without the bulky, wasteful plastic jugs. She offers a selection of cloth diapers she finds to be affordable and quality. She also has hygiene products she believes are safe and are more eco friendly than the standard options.

Megan explained that her background is in retail and her and her husband were daily trying to live a less wasteful lifestyle but



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-1178

Date: March 21, 2023

Location: 1200 block of S. Main St.

Time: 11:26 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of S. Main Street for the report of an Embezzlement complaint. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that they had recently suspected that an employee had been com-

mitting bottle return slip fraud. A check of available video surveillance footage revealed that during a previous shift the suspect was scanning the slips and taking the money. The officer identified the suspect as being a 20-year-old Chelsea woman and determined that she was on the

premises. The officer conducted an interview of the suspect and she was placed under arrest and transported to the Chelsea Police Department for booking and processing. The suspect was then released pending warrant review and authorization by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

Incident #: 23-1777

Date: March 21, 2023

Location: 500 block of S. Main St.

Time: 10:59 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was approached by an employee of a local business in the 500 block of S. Main Street regarding a hit and run crash. The com-

plainant stated that the crash had taken place on February 12, 2023 at approximately 1:12 pm. The complainant stated that a blue Jeep had backed into one of the gas pumps and caused

damage to the pump and then fled the scene. At the time of the report there was no information on the identity of the driver.



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