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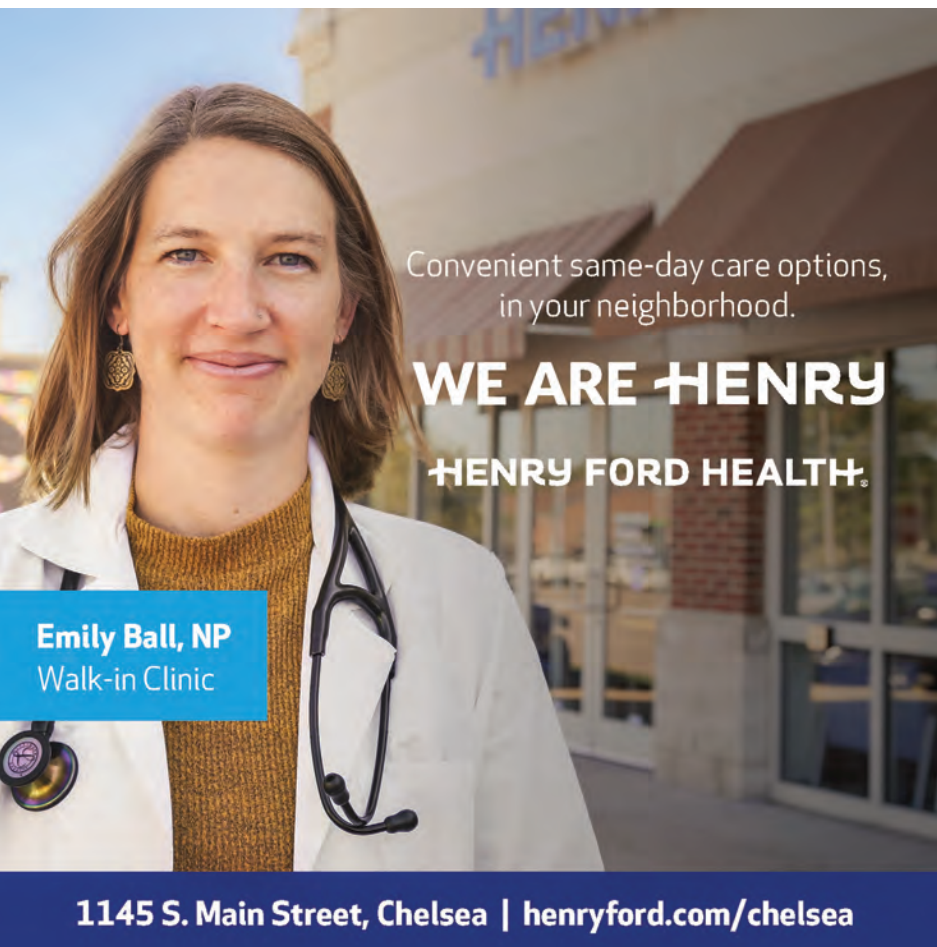
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## The Purple Rose Theatre Company to open "In Common" A World Premiere by Quinn D. Eli



**From: Katie Hubbard**

The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) announces the third production of their 32nd season, "In Common" a World Premiere play by

Quinn D. Eli. Tickets are on sale now.

Melanie is haunted by a voice that won't leave her head. Call it a ghost, a hallucination, or clear evidence of a mental collapse. Either way, it's a lingering re-

minder of a friend who was killed years ago; the friend was black, Melanie is white, and questions about why it happened – and who was to blame – come newly into focus when Melanie is drawn into a relationship that offers her a brighter future, but no clear escape

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# WWRA Welcomes New Outreach Staff



**From: Shawn Personke**

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority is pleased to announce that Karissa O'Quinn will be joining the team as the Education Specialist.

"Karissa helped us with our EGLA and The

Recycling Partnership grant-funded survey project last year," said Marc Williams, recycling manager for the WWRA. O'Quinn will take over from Shawn Personke, who has been handling the outreach role, including the WWRA Facebook page

and foam collection initiative, since 2017.

A lifelong Chelsea resident, O'Quinn graduated Suma Cum Laude from Chelsea High School.

Currently, she is studying Environmental Science with a minor in Economics at Siena Heights University. She serves as the university's Recycling Coordinator for the Sustainability Club, helping plan recycling events on campus. Her focus and passion lies in the intersection between economics, communication, human rights, and environmental science.

"I'm looking forward to working with the WWRA again, to help our recycling community understand our mission and the ways in which they can support a greener environment."

## The Nest Cocktail Bar and Kitchen Opens at Robin Hills Farm



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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April 13th, 2023, The Nest celebrated its grand opening. To be clear, the space at Robin Hills has been open and serving delicious cocktails for some time, but the kitchen started serving food with a fully booked opening night. My group was lucky enough to score a reservation and enjoy a lovely evening together. According to the website: The Nest is a distinctively local cocktail bar and kitchen located on Robin Hills Farm just outside of Chelsea, MI. We use fresh and made-from-scratch ingredients in both our gourmet comfort food and premier craft cocktails. The Nest is a distinctively local cocktail bar and kitchen located on Robin Hills Farm just outside of Chelsea, MI. We use fresh and made-from-scratch ingredients in both our gourmet comfort food and premier craft cocktails.

Our server was very attentive and polite, overall my group felt we had wonder-

ful, kind service. As I browsed the menu, the sudden weather warm-up made the salads look very appealing. I happen to love a Michigan salad and there was one on the menu. My group opted to try appetizers and split and share. We tried the Beer cheese dip, made with Bell's Two-hearted, fried pimento cheese perogies, and skin-on salt and pepper fries with malt vinegar aioli. The beer cheese was lick the cheese out of the bowl good. The perogies were different. I've never had a deep fried pierogi and the filling was nothing I'd tried before but it was really good. The fries were seasoned well and crunchy and the aioli was so good I had to be careful no to have only a little fry with my aioli.

The server, in spite of being very busy, was super attentive and kind. With the warm weather, I enjoyed a short Oberon on tap and one of my friends tried a craft cocktail she really liked. Three of us ordered the Michigan Salad with moody

blue cheese and one of us got an amazing looking original smash burger. The burger looked so good it made me reconsider being a vegetarian. The Michigan salad was perfect with tart cherries, red onion, and blue cheese. Oberon and tart cherries felt like summer in the mitten and made me happy as dinner with friends should be. The overall experience and food was top notch. The price was very reasonable; the appetizer, drink, and salad for under \$30 dollars seemed like a win to me. My only warning is Robins Hills water is hard, and has a metallic taste, which felt like growing up on a well in the country in Michigan to me. But if you don't like hard well water, order bottled. It just reminded me of my childhood. The Nest is open Thursday 4-11, kitchen 5-9, Friday and Sat 4-11, kitchen 5-10p. Sunday 10-3, kitchen 10-3. To look at the menu or make reservations or check out upcoming events: <https://www.robinhillsfarm.com/thenest>.



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# Celebrate National Bookmobile Day at CDL!



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**From: Virginia Krueger**

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is thrilled to announce the delivery of its library outreach vehicle, Mobile CDL. The vehicle was delivered

on Friday, Apr. 14 and staff will spend the next several weeks in training and finalizing the collection. The mission of Mobile CDL is to provide quality library service to residents in the

CDL service area by reducing barriers due to geography and/or circumstance. CDL is committed to Mobile CDL serving as an effective extension of the library by providing library materials, resources, programs, and personal services to communities, neighborhoods, and individuals.

The first public event will be at the

library to celebrate National Bookmobile Day on April 26. Mobile CDL (a.k.a. Mobe) will be parked during library hours on Orchard Street and CDL will host "Meet Mobe: Tours & Treats" from 3-5pm. Stop by to pick up the summer schedule and celebrate with cupcakes, a catchy playlist, and fun giveaways. Vehicle tours will be available every fifteen minutes at this open house-style event.

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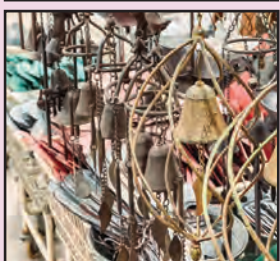
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# The Purple Rose Theatre Company to open “In Common” A World Premiere by Quinn D. Eli

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“The story is going to have real resonance for people,” playwright Quinn D. Eli says. “At a moment when we seem to be so separated by so many things, I’m still enough of an optimist to say that, in the end, we share far more in common.”

“In Common” contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13.

Quinn D. Eli grew up in the Bronx, NY. His short plays have appeared in Best American Ten-Minute Plays and been produced throughout the country. Longer works can be found on NPX, including Hot Black/Asian Action, a satire about sexual and racial stereotypes, and Play On, a futuristic comedy about race and AI. He is a cofounder of Jouska PlayWorks, a Philadelphia-based initiative for playwrights of the African Diaspora. A proud member of the Black Theatre Network, and a two-time recipient

of Fellowships in Literature from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Eli heads the Theatre program at the Community College of Philadelphia.

Performances run from Friday, April 21 through Saturday, June 3, 2023. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, April 27. The press opening is Friday, April 28 at 8:00pm.

Directed by Rhannon Ragland (Flint), assistant directed by K. Edmonds (Taylor), intimacy direction by Alexis Black (Lansing), the cast features Caitlin Cavanaugh (Chelsea), Rachel Keown (Ann Arbor), Rusty Mewha (Plymouth), Olivia Miller (New York, NY), and Dez Walker (Center Line). Set design by Sarah Pearline, properties by Danna Segrest, costumes by Shelby Newport, lighting by Stephen Sakowski and Dana L. White, and sound by Matthew Tibbs. Karen Anne George is the stage manager.

The production sponsor for “In Com-

mon” is the Community Foundation For Southeast Michigan. Underwriting support for the season comes from the Chelsea Community Foundation, The Ford Motor Company Fund, The Hamp Family Fund, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include HOME.fm, JTV, and Michigan Radio.

## Ticket Information

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118. The performance calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Ticket prices start at \$30 with special discounts for seniors, patrons 30 years or younger, members of the military, teachers, and groups (12+). For more information or to make reservations call (734) 433-7673 or go to [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

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### From: Kitty Golding

Last month, we introduced the new collaboration between four local businesses, this month, I am sharing a bit more about the four of us and what is on the near horizon.

Jake Osburn, is an epicurean entrepreneur. He owns Kitchen Little, crafting delicious original recipes for custom events, local stores and individuals. He is also the host of a new TV show on mymitv.com, named, “Mi Kitchen with Jake”. He has most recently taught the greater Detroit Girl Scouts how to bake a cake, provided decadent vegan and gluten free chocolate ganache cakes (HO-

NOS) for our April event, and provided an amazing dessert spread at my son’s wedding.

Jay Friendly is the owner of Withington Wines. I have only recently come to know Jay, but his vast expertise on wine history and oenology comes from his early days in the industry and his travels. Jay has such a fitting last name as well, just stop in his “new-er” store on Main Street, and you will see why. He will also be able to suggest the exact item for which you are looking to pair with your meal. For a small wine/beer/liquor store, Withington’s inventory is quite amazing. Jay

has partnered with us in our last two monthly events, sharing his knowledge of organic and dessert wines, while we enjoy the tasting. Michigan Wine month is coming in May!

Jamie Osburn owns Maple Ridge Floral farms, but is also a nurse, owns an assisted living home, and runs her large farm. She has deeply rooted experience in growing – just about everything – and has shared with us over the last two months about growing vegetables from start to finish, sharing her learned love of gardening. We are looking forward to having a farm to table event when the produce

comes in. She is passionate about bringing community and farming/growing together.

Kitty Golding, owner of Kitty & Company interior design/ Chelsea Home boutique has been a presence on Main Street for 5 ½ years now and continues in her quest to provide personal design services to Southeastern Michigan clients and beyond. Kitty holds a four-year degree in interior design and her career is 33 years young. She started commercial work and then made the switch after 8 years to residential design, (although still completes a professional office project each year). Kitty & Company specializes in designing an entirely new environment, whether it is one room, or an entire new or existing home for clients. The new Chelsea Home Boutique located within her studio spaces provides accessories (lighting, furniture pieces, pillows throws, dishes and unique/ found items plus more) for clients and shoppers alike.

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### CABANA NAMED DIVISION 2 BOYS BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

From: Chelsea Bulldogs

Congratulations to Andrea Cabana who has been named the Associated Press Division 2 Boys Basketball Coach of the Year!



## CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

### 2023 GIRLS T&F PINCKNEY DUAL MEET SUMMARY

From: Loren Thorburn

The girls opened league competition by hosting Pinckney High School in a dual meet on Tuesday, April 11th. We had almost ideal weather (sunny, mid 60s with a light wind) to compete in. Chelsea came away with the win (80 to 57). We were missing a few key athletes from competition.

However, our young team was able to handle the last minute changes in the lineup and compete well.

Leading the way in rising to the occasion was the field event group. Claire Ashe threw a personal record (PR) of 84' 4" in discus to win the event. Audre Guthre improved in season jumps with a 1st place finish (8'7").

Madeline Collins won the high jump with a height of 4' 8" (a PR). Also, in the high jump, Kennedy Anderson and Karlie VanRemortel both jumped a PR in the event with heights of 4' 6" (which took 3rd) and 4' 4", respectively.

In the running events, Natalia DeMea set the competitive tone with a strong anchor

leg of the 4x800m relay. Natalia overtook the Pinckney runner with 200m to go to help the team earn a first place finish. Natalia also won the 3200m run with a time of 12:03.65. Carly Garbarczyk had a very good day with a fast 100m dash time (13.02) and anchoring the 4x100m relay with first place finish in a time of 52.15. Sofia De-

Mea and Cece Bayer both stepped up in the 1600m run by placing 1st and 2nd, respectively, and breaking the 6 minute threshold and setting PRs (5:52.99 and 5:58.49, respectively). Cece went on to place 1st in the 800m run with a time of 2:39.22. Also, Brooke Matusik, one of our two senior captains, had a strong race in the 300m hur-

dles and placed 1st with a time of 52.93.

We hope to continue to step up individually and as a team when it is needed. It was a joy to watch our athletes cheer each other on as the night went on and to celebrate a victory together at the end of the meet. Our next competition is on Friday, April 14th, as we host the Chelsea Relays.

### 2023 GIRL'S T&F CHELSEA RELAYS SUMMARY

From: Loren Thorburn

We had a beautiful sunny, warm (mid-80s) day on Friday (4/14), to host the Chelsea Relays. We had seven other competitive schools (Adrian, East Lansing, Highland-Milford, Jackson, Linden, New Boston Huron, and Trenton) in attendance at this unique meet.

The atmosphere was electric due to the positive competitive-

ness shown by teams and fans. I believe our athletes absorbed that energy, which helped Chelsea come away with the win. Interestingly, we scored in all 15 scoring events contested. Specifically, we took four 1st place finishes, two 2nd place finishes, four 3rd place finishes, and four 4th through 6th place finishes. With the awesome track energy and our depth and consis-

tency in our performances, we are able to take it to the next level as a team. Hopefully, we will continue to learn more from our performances as we head into the middle of our season.

**Meet History.** In 1976, Bert Kruse, the boy's head coach at the time, set up the first Chelsea Relays, a girl only meet. Diane LaRoy, the musical director at Chelsea

and girls head coach, helped run the meet for several years with Coach Kruse. It was continued under Bill Bainton in the late 1979 to 2006. The meet was restarted and re-formatted to the variety of events you see today under Coach Rodriguez in 2013. We hope to continue this event well into the future.

**Thank You.** I wanted to say thank you to our administrators,

specifically Wayne Welton, Tracie Stoffer, and Jason Morris for their continued support of this event prior, during and after. Tom Lafleur, our trainer, who attends all injured athletes at these events, which can be intense. Rob McDowell, part of the Chelsea School District maintenance crew, who fixed our long jump take off boards. Aubree Shemwell and Chris Tarasow

in taking the lead in concessions and assisting with pre and post meet medal sorting. Also, I special thanks goes out to Dan Zatkovich for announcing the event, in a special, unique way. And, finally, a big THANK YOU to all the parent volunteers who pitched in at various events to help run them well. We cannot do this event without you

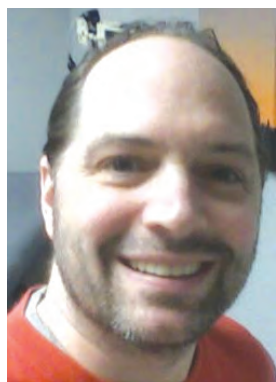




# CHELSEA ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE: EASTER, TIGER BASEBALL, BOAT RIDES AND PURPLE PEEPS



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

Happy Easter. I hope everyone had a nice Easter weekend.

How 'bout this weather, huh? It seems like I blinked and we went from 20 degree nighttime weather a week or so ago to high 70s this week.

I have a friend who lives Up North. To show how crazy Michigan weather can be, she told me it snowed at her house this past weekend,

while later this week it's supposed to reach 80 degrees. I know, tell me something I don't know. It's Michigan, am I right? No surprise at all.

This past week I witnessed an event that has always signaled the beginning of warm temperatures and sunnier skies. While driving on Old US-12 just west of Freer Road, I saw hundreds of youngsters practicing softball and soccer on the athletic fields nearby.

I can't tell you how happy that made me. Seeing the kids running around playing sports out in the bright sunshine was a breath of fresh air for me. Every year when it's dark, cold and snowy outside, I drive past those same athletic fields, empty

of activity, yearning for the days when it's warm and clear-skied. Now it appears those summer days are drawing nearer and nearer.

That makes me smile.

What also brings a big, ole grin to my face is the start of the Detroit Tigers baseball season. It's so nice just sitting back, relaxing and watching a Tiger ballgame. Even though so far this year Detroit hasn't had a very good beginning to its season, my spirit and mood always seem to improve once the umpire yells "Play ball!" The onset of a new Major League Baseball campaign always imbues me with a sense of hopefulness and a surge of positive energy. Now if the Tigers could

just start consistently winning, everything in my world would be pretty darn good.

Another hint the weather is turning here in Michigan is the moment earlier this week when my sister and brother-in-law took their boat out for its first "spin" or "lap" around the lake. My sister and brother-in-law are lucky enough to live year round on a lake. I'm so envious. The closest I come to living near a lake is after a hard rain a portion of my neighbor's backyard floods or when/if the sewer grates out front of my house clog up forming a miniature pool outside my front door. The views are amazing (not). But for my sister and brother-in-law, they wake up to

beautiful sunrises and go to bed watching jaw-dropping sunsets. Now those are truly beautiful views. Did I mention I'm jealous?

I did?

Oh well, let me say it again — I'm jealous. With spring now seemingly fully sprung, it means inside cleaning and outside work and landscaping here at the magnificent and lavish Richter Castle. My "To Do" list is long and varied. For starters, I need patchwork done on my roof, outdoor shutters installed on my windows, mounds and mounds of lava rock dumped on my multiple beds, five boxwood shrubs bought and planted, shed repaved, flower pots hung, marigolds lined

up and displayed and mower tuned up and ready to go. And that's just the chores for this upcoming weekend. I'm kidding. I'll be lucky to accomplish half of those aforementioned "To Do" list items before fall rolls in and I break out my trusty rake.

Either way, Happy Easter everyone.

Or is it, "Hoppy" Easter. Sorry, I had to say it — it simply had to be done.

Don't judge me too harshly. I just finished an entire box of purple peeps. Yes, purple. I'm currently a little loopy. And earlier today, I inhaled a "peep cupcake." I never knew that was actually a "thing."

It was delicious.

I will now be up for an entire week...

## CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

# 4/14/23 CHELSEA BOYS TRACK CHELSEA RELAYS MEET SUMMARY

**Head Coach David Slusser's comments:** we had an incredible night of track and field in weather conditions that are few and far between for April. We finished 5th in a tough field of competition. Our distance squad led the

way, again, in scoring points for us. Our sprint relay teams hung with the division one juggernauts we ran against, while our field events and hurdlers worked their tails off to develop their young talent. We will host the Jackson

Vikings on Tuesday, April 18th.

The Chelsea Track program hosted the 2023 Chelsea Relays on a beautiful Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs competed against a strong field of East Lansing, Highland-Milford, Jackson,

Adrian, Linden, New Boston Huron, and Trenton. The team finished 5th out of 8 teams. The meet consisted entirely of relays and scored the field events by combining 3 athletes in each event.

The pole vault crew of Nolan Fleszar,

Chala Campbell, and Kody Yacks took 2nd at the meet. Placing 2nd on the day as well was the 4x800 team of Connell Alford, Jackie Dell, Nick Spruce, and Beckett Boos and the distance medley relay of Alford, Dell, Bram Hartsuff, and Zebedee

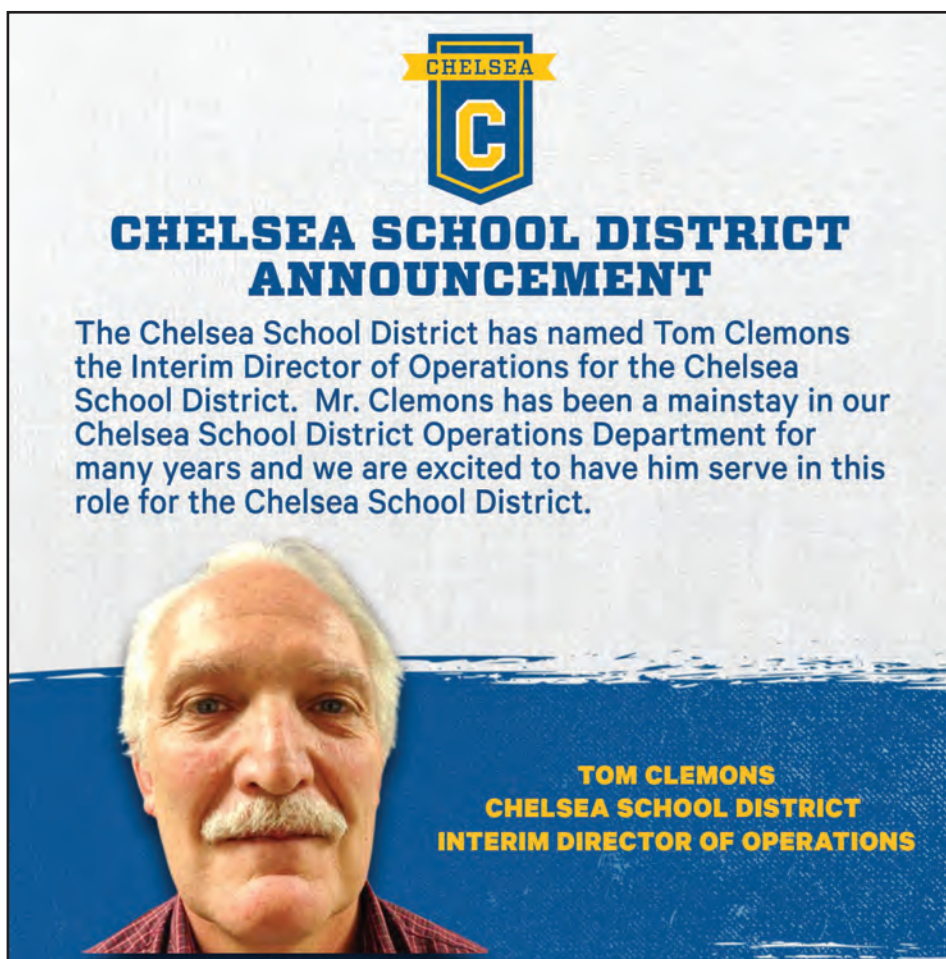
Swager. Many personal bests were recorded at the meet and the young Bulldog squad against an incredibly tough field of teams. The Bulldogs will compete next against the Jackson Viking at home on Tuesday, April 18th.



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**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.

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



# The Value of being Vulnerable

**From: Michael Patterson, Namaste Family Services, Chelsea MI**

The definition of vulnerability is being susceptible to physical or emotional risk or harm. So it stands to reason that one should avoid being vulnerable at all times. However, there are times when it is in your interest to allow yourself to be vulnerable to someone that you have trust in. When we fly we are vulnerable to the skills of the pilot, the mechanics who work on the plane, the manufacturer of the airplane, the crew, the air traffic controller, and others. If we do not allow that to happen, then we don't fly. Many people pick that option. But this article is not about trusting airplanes or cab drivers. It's about being vulnerable in intimate relationships. Something that can be extremely difficult.

When I do couples counseling the top issues are usually conflict and poor communication. There are skills and techniques that I can teach to enhance what I call compassionate and effective communication. These are skills that can be learned. But I cannot teach people to be vulnerable. And in order to have true

intimacy, both need to allow themselves to be vulnerable with each other.

How does one act when they are in an intimate relationship and not vulnerable? In a relationship, allowing yourself to express your emotional state along with talking about fears and hopes increases the connection with your partner. But that can be scary or difficult due to past memories when being open was used against you. The emotional pain can be devastating and leave a strong imprint on your mind and soul where you never allow yourself to open up again. For others, growing up in a difficult or hostile home taught you to protect your inner self so that it can't be used against you. Or it was modeled by your parents that expressing your emotional state was frowned upon or even punished. I know that in my family I have no memory of my parents hugging or kissing each other. Thus, it took me a long time to express emotions with physical touch or intimate words. Being on guard all the time can be lonely.

So, there is a lot riding on allowing yourself to open up to your partner or close friend.

I don't have the answer on when is the right time. But by not allowing yourself to be open and exposing a level of intimacy with your partner, you can slowly push them away. Especially if they have the experience of expressing themselves with candor. If you cannot express vulnerable emotions, it is more difficult if not impossible to recognize when your loved one needs comforting and empathy. Your wall becomes impregnable and can make you appear cold and distant. I have seen in couples I work with the imbalance of expression of emotions versus holding them in. The task of helping them have a balance of showing vulnerability to each other takes time and courage on the person who cannot effectively allow themselves to be open.

Allowing yourself to open up and be vulnerable to your partner is a skill that takes practice and courage. When couples come to me most, but not all, have lost the intimacy that they once had when they first met or in the first year or two of marriage or being together. Many times the business of life got in the way. Or conflict arose and they began to hold a

grudge or have lost trust in the other. To get over the hump that has created the distance requires forgiveness, time, and trust. Resentments kill relationships. Not being trustworthy is just as damaging. But also not putting in the time to recreate the once loving relationship can make it almost impossible to have intimacy. Obviously there are relationships that it is dangerous to be vulnerable. Mostly this is when one partner has been verbally or physically abusive. But these situations are the exception to not being vulnerable.

The risk involved in opening up usually is blown out of proportion to what will actually happen. But the reward of dropping your guard with your loved one allows them to see you as genuine and open. This can allow them to drop their guard. From this, intimacy within the relationship has the opportunity to grow. Acceptance of each one's strengths and flaws is critical. Being vulnerable to your partner helps them see you as your true self.

I am sure that many are reading this and saying "yes but..." And what it is presently at.



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# Geek Brush Studio Opens on Main Street



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Tuesday, April 4th at 5 pm Geek Brush studio celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Located at 105 ½ S. Main St. Geek Bush is an art studio owned and operated by Brenda Fineman. Aside from selling her own artwork, Brenda is a Bob Ross certified instructor for landscapes using wet on wet technique. Under her tutelage, Brenda

will teach anyone to paint like Bob Ross in one day. She offers classes in her studio but also offers events at Robin Hills and Cherry Creek Cellars.

The Chelsea Chamber provided cake for the event, Maxine's Table provided gorgeous charcuterie and Chelsea Village Flowers provided beautiful table arrangements. The event was a wonderful celebration and it was great to see how many members of the community came out

to welcome the new business to the neighborhood. Between the flowers, and charcuterie, it's clear there is no need to look outside Chelsea to host an elegant gathering. I was asking Brenda if the classes taught in the studio would be paint and pour. She stated that she cannot provide alcohol but encouraged people who would like to enjoy wine or drinks to stop by Withingtons on the way to the event. Community business-

es supporting the community, is exactly the benefit of shopping local.

I grew up watching Bob Ross with my Dad. Although I'm not artistically inclined, the idea of painting like him brings back a happy sense of nostalgia. I look forward to tak-



ing a class with Brenda and seeing if she can help the least artistic girl on the planet succeed in painting like Bob Ross. It will undoubtedly be a challenge. Brenda was very confident that both she and I could do it. A person can schedule one on one private les-

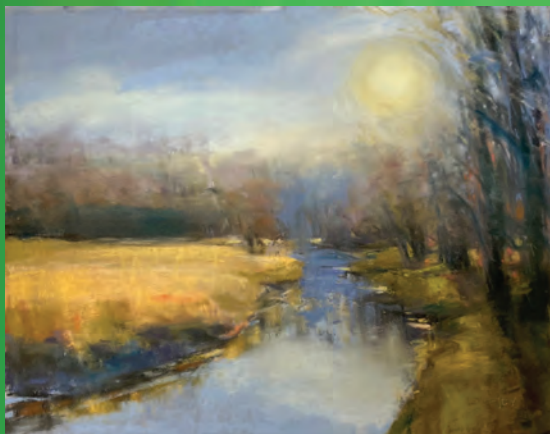

sons with Brenda or create a team-building event in an office. To learn about upcoming events go to <https://www.geekbrushstudio.com/> or to schedule an event call 734-719-0804 or email Brenda at [brenda@geekbrushstudio.com](mailto:brenda@geekbrushstudio.com).



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## Chelsea Police Department PRESS RELEASE April 18, 2023



On April 12, 2023 between the hours of 11:00pm and 11:30pm two Pride flags were stolen from the front porches of two different residences in the 400 block of Chandler St. A witness observed a smaller black sedan, possibly a Ford Fusion, occupied by 5 individuals, stop in front of the two resi-

dences. A white male, wearing long pants and a sweatshirt with the hood up, got out of the vehicle. The suspect walked up to the porch of the first home and remove the Pride flag from the flag pole to which it was attached. The suspect then walked over to a neighboring residence and stole a

second Pride flag and flag pole from their porch. The suspect ran back to the vehicle which fled east on Summit St. towards Main St.

Several Pride flags have been stolen over the last several months and the incident are believed to be related.

The Chelsea Police is asking for anyone with any information on this incident or any of the thefts to please contact Officer Tom Gilbreath at (734) 475-9122 ext. 107. If you wish to remain anonymous you can leave your tip at (734) 475-9122 and select option 7.  
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# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: Washtenaw County Road Commission

**WHAT:** Proposed Abandonment of W. Delhi Road, north of Jackson Road, Sections 22 & 23, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**WHY:** The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of

W. Delhi Road, north of Jackson Road, located in Sections 22 & 23, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

The meeting will be held at the Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 1 p.m.**

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions concerning this hearing, please contact Curtis M. Brochue, SR/ WA, (734) 327-6686.

WCRC will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as sign-

ers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes or printed material being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon a 7-business day notice to WCRC.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Tiffany Oliphant, communications manager, by phone at (734) 327-6646, by email at oliphant@wcrc.org, by fax at (734) 761-3737 or by mail at WCRC, 555 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

**Incident #: 23-1443**

**Date:** April 13, 2023

**Location:** 200 block of Jefferson St.

**Time:** 9:55 am

**INFORMATION:** A walk-in complaint came in to the police station to report that a flag had been stolen from his front porch.

The complainant stated that the theft was believed to have occurred between April 12th at 10:00 pm and the early morning hours of

April 13th. At the time of the report there was no information on the identity of a potential suspect.

**Incident #: 23-1456**

**Date:** April 13, 2023

**Location:** 400 block of Chandler St.

**Time:** 6:01 pm

**INFORMATION:** While canvassing the area in the 400 block of Chandler St. related to a previously reported theft of a flag, an officer made contact with a resident who also had a flag stolen from their house and had witnessed the theft. The complainant stated that on April 12th between 11:00p and 11:30p she had observed a black in color Ford Fusion

park in the 400 block of Chandler Street. The complainant stated that she had observed a young male subject wearing long pants and a sweatshirt with the hood up, the suspect approached the neighbor's porch and took the flag off of the porch. The complainant stated that she then observed the suspect move down toward her house and approach her porch

and proceeded to steal her flag and pole. The complainant stated she ran out of her house and yelled at the suspect as he ran off. The complainant stated that there were 5 total people in the vehicle including the suspect and the vehicle took off heading East on Chandler Street. The case is open pending further investigation.

**Incident #: 23-1494**

**Date:** April 16, 2023

**Location:** 1200 block of S. Main St.

**Time:** 10:43 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of S. Main Street for the report of a retail fraud that had just occurred. The complainant stated that a male subject had entered the establishment and placed multiple items in his shopping cart and proceeded to leave the store without paying for the items. A

staff member observed this and followed the subject and watched the suspect get into his vehicle and wrote down the license plate number of the vehicle. Prior to responding to the scene officers responded to the suspect's address. The suspect, a 53-year-old Chelsea man, was found in possession of the stolen items. When the officers asked the suspect if

he could provide proof of purchase, he stated that he couldn't and told the officers that he had not paid for them but would go back and pay. The suspect was placed under arrest and transport to the Chelsea Police Department for processing and then released. The case remains open pending review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

# Harnesses aren't magic

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

I am often asked what kind of harness/collar/leash someone should use to decrease pulling on walks with their dog. And while comfortable equipment is very important, there isn't a piece of equipment that will magically stop pulling.

Sometimes it may seem like a new harness changes your dog's pulling behavior and it might in the short term because it feels different to your dog and they notice the pressure in new places on their body. But most dogs will desensitize to that new feeling and revert back to pulling if nothing else is changed about the walk. I have seen dogs pull hard in equipment that is meant to cause discomfort - head halters or prong

collars even. This is because the rest of the walk doesn't change. The reasons for pulling still exist!

This means that the secret to nice leash walking is...lots of practice and good training!

My favorite equipment for waking is a comfortable harness and 8-10 foot leash. A harness decreases pressure on your dogs neck (and therefore minimizes physical injury). Look for a harness that your dog can move freely in so that when they are walking in the harness their gait looks the same as when they are walking without it. This will minimize long term stress on their body. The longer leash will allow your dog to easily reach trees in the greenway and sniff without pulling. This will prevent the pattern of "pull, get to shrub to sniff".

The key to changing this behavior is to find out why your dog is pulling. Do they want to get to a smell, object, person or other dog? Do they simply want to move faster? Whatever it is they are working for, you can use as part of the reinforcer for nice walking. A few steps with you can result in a treat and rushing over to the nearest shrub for a good sniff!

Starting with comfortable equipment will make the walk more enjoyable but isn't likely to fix a pulling problem. Walking can be one of the hardest behaviors to teach and often helps to work with a qualified trainer using positive reinforcement. It is a complex skill that requires lots of practice and patience, but if you work at it you'll have a lovely walking partner for years to come.

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