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## New Club to Empower Youth in Chelsea



Pictured are Shasta and Kira Grifka

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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 address 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 de-  
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## Eddy Discovery Center Hosts Night of Amphibians



Photos by Aimee Bingham Osinski

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Saturday April 1st at 8pm The Waterloo Natural History Association hosted Night of Amphibians at the Eddy Discovery Center. Carol Strahler, a naturalist, led an informative discussion about local amphibians. After the presentation wrapped she led

the group on a night hike to search for and spot amphibian eggs. She also taught attendees how to recognize frogs by their calls. Upon arrival, I was pleasantly surprised to see 50 plus people attending this sort of lecture on a Saturday night. I was unaware there was such  
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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  
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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).



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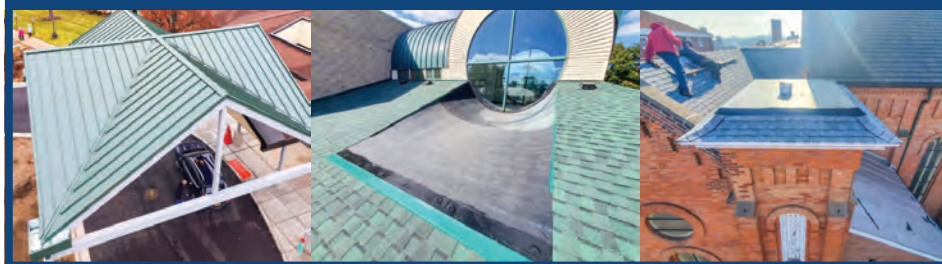
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## New Club to Empower Youth in Chelsea

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fined 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 about 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/).

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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 Hersh continues the Walk at 2:30pm at Chelsea First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., Chelsea. Nationally recognized, Hersh has had a storied career as a solo artist and a member of bands Throwing Muses and 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, Hersh 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 Hersh released Seeing Sideways, a memoir focusing on her family. Hersh 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 Jamie 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 steampunk 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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# Spaghetti Dinner Helps Chelsea Museum and Honors Lynda Collins



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Chelsea Area Historical Museum, as well as a founding member of the Chelsea Depot association.

“Chelsea history and the Chelsea community were so important to Lynda,” said her son Matthew Collins, one of her many children who are actively involved in running the restaurant after their mother passed away in 2015. Thompson’s Pizza is donating the spaghetti, salad, and breadsticks for the fundraiser.

“As you can imagine, the loss of our mother was devastating, a loss that is still felt very much today,” said Collins. “We feel like it’s important to carry on where she left off - caring for the community she loved in “small ways” as she would say.”

“The Chelsea Area Historical Society was one of those things she cared deeply about,” he said. “Our mom was notorious for donating spaghetti dinners for benefits and fundrais-

ers, which is why we thought it would be the perfect way to honor her memory and carry on her legacy.”

Collins also remembers his mom — who received the Chelsea Lifetime

Achievement Award, among many other honors — as determined. When some people doubted that enough money could be raised to purchase a permanent home for the museum, Lynda Collins thought otherwise.

“There wasn’t much that could deter our mom from achieving what needed to be done. When others saw obstacles, she saw opportunity,” said Collins.

“She understood the importance of educating the youth, especially on our history. She knew that and a permanent home would provide that.”

The Lynda Collins Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the CAHS will be held at the Chelsea Depot

on Monday, April 17, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Diners can also bid on a simple but super Silent Auction. Adults tickets are \$10; youth under 13 - \$5. Spaghetti, bread sticks, and salad provided by Thompson’s

Pizza, with a variety of desserts prepared by CAHS volunteers. Take-out will be available.

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

**From: Shawn Personke**

The Chelsea Area Historical Museum will hold its annual Lynda Collins Spaghetti Dinner Fund-

raiser on Monday, April 17, at the Chelsea Depot.

The event helps raise funds to support the Museum’s mission of preserving and edu-

cating the community about Chelsea’s almost 200-year history. Perhaps more importantly, it honors the spirit of Lynda Collins, a past president of the



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# Eddy Discovery Center Hosts Night of Amphibians



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a thriving community of people interested in learning about local amphibians. Ages ranged from young children and teens to retirees. Carol provided a wealth of information regarding amphibians in the area. I found myself writing down little facts I found interesting, Woodfrogs, for example freeze but their cells don't explode due to glycerine. So, a person may come across a frog cycle in the winter. Turtles, breathe through their armpits and necks is another fact I found intriguing.

According to the website, "The Waterloo Natural History Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide both educational and recreational opportunities to people visiting the Waterloo Recreation Area. The Association is composed of concerned citizens who want to support environmental education and help promote the area as a valuable community resource."

Aside from host-

ing a variety of educational opportunities for the community, the Waterloo Natural History Association created the nature play area, which is a magical playground on the trail made of natural elements sparking young imaginations. The WNHA also built the observation deck to take in the stunning views of Waterloo and hosts the maple sugar festival annually.

The next educational opportunity hosted by the WNHA is Strange Creatures

of the Spring Pond on April 16th from 2pm-3pm. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Please register in advance by calling 734-475-3170.

Ways you can support the WNHA are; joining which includes free programming and a 10% discount at the Discovery Center gift shop, purchasing items in the gift shop, and simply donating. More information can be found online <https://www.wnha.org/>.



# 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 walking 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 chang-

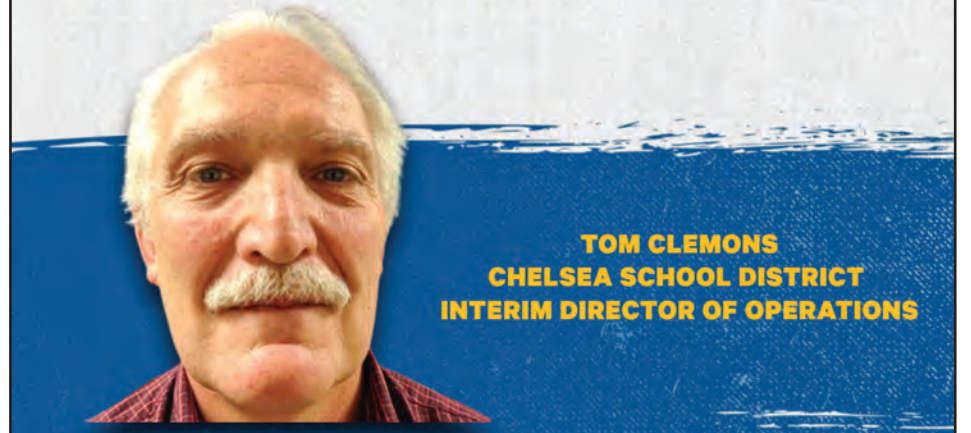
ing this behavior is to find out why your dog is pulling. Do they want to get to a smell, object, person or other dog? Do they simply want to move faster? Whatever it is they are working for, you can use as part of the reinforcer for nice walking. A few steps with you can result in a treat and rushing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



## 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.



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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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# 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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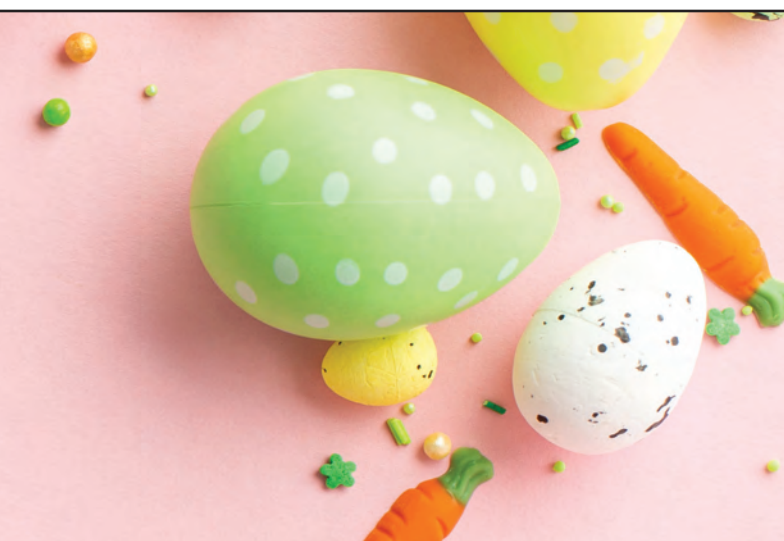
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# April Events



## 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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# Wide-Ranging Collage Concert on April 15th

Surround yourself with music at the annual Chelsea Music Department Collage Concert. Performed by student musicians, the concert delivers a collage of musical styles, with a variety of pieces flowing one after another with no breaks for applause or intermission. It features instrumental and vocal performances, including full sections of music classes and extracurricular music groups as well as smaller ensembles and soloists, all highlighting the talent nurtured through the Chelsea School District's music program.

Quick shifts between genres and moods create an enchanting collage effect as the students perform from every corner of the Chelsea High School auditorium.

Chelsea's first Collage Concert took place in 2014, immediately becoming one of the most well-attended musical events in the school district. The event is hosted by the Chelsea Music Boosters as a fundraiser for the music education

programs in the Chelsea School District.

**What:** Chelsea Music Department Collage Concert

**When:** 7 p.m. on April 15, 2023

**Where:** Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 North Freer Rd.

**Tickets:** \$15/adults; \$8/students and seniors. Seating is reserved, with tickets available in advance online at <https://chelseamusicboosters.org/>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Follow Chelsea Music Boosters on social media: Facebook - @ChelseaMusicBoosters; Instagram - chelseamusicboosters; and Twitter - CSDMusicBooster.

About Chelsea Music Boosters: The Chelsea Music Boosters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates and raises funds to support and enhance music education programs in the Chelsea School District from Young 5s through 12th grade. Monetary support provides program essentials and enhancements such as music literature, instrument repairs, solo and ensemble coaching, and music clinicians.

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## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

**Incident #:** 23-1178

**Date:** April 2, 2023

**Location:** 20000 block of W. Old US 12

**Time:** 2:01 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer received a report to be on the lookout for a vehicle that had been reportedly driving in a hazardous manner. The caller reported that the vehicle had been traveling on I-94 and exited at Fletcher Road. The officer responded to the area and observed a vehicle matching the description entering the City on E. Old US 12 and traveling westbound. The officer pulled in behind the vehicle and noted that the driv-

er was driving on the shoulder and was traveling at speeds much lower than the posted speed of 45 miles per hour. The officer was able to stop the vehicle and made contact with the driver. Upon making contact with the driver the officer noted that he had visible signs of intoxication and a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his person. The driver denied consuming any alcohol to the officer. The officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and perform some

standard field sobriety tests. At the conclusion of the tests, it was determined that there was enough probable cause to place the driver under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence. The suspect a 59-year-old Van Buren Twp. man was placed under arrest. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office for warrant authorization.

**Incident #:** 23-1262

**Date:** March 29, 2023

**Location:** 1600 block of S. Main St.

**Time:** 5:03 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine an officer was dispatched to the 1600 block of S. Main St. for the report of a larceny of car parts complaint. Upon arrival the officer was met by the complainant who stated that a vehicle he owned had been brought on to the prop-

erty back in August for some repair work that was needed. The complainant stated that he was ready to pick the vehicle up now and when he arrived and started the vehicle up, he noted that the vehicle was louder than normal. Upon closer inspection of the ve-

hicle the complainant found that the catalytic converter had been cut out of the exhaust system. At the time of the report there was no information available on a suspect or when exactly the theft may have taken place.

**Incident #:** 23-1260

**Date:** March 29, 2023

**Location:** Old Manchester X W. Old US 12

**Time:** 3:55 pm

**INFORMATION:** While at the station a walk-in complaint came in regarding a road rage incident that turned into an assault and battery. The complainant stated that he had been traveling on Old Manchester Road when he noticed a white GMC Safari van behind him. He noted that the vehicle appeared to be "tailgat-

ing" him and following at an unsafe distance. The complainant stated that he motioned for the driver of the white van to go around him. When the driver did not go around, the complainant stated that he stopped his vehicle, pulled to the side of the road and got out and motioned for the vehicle to go around. The complainant stat-

ed that at this point the driver of the white van got out of his vehicle and a physical altercation took place. The suspect is described as a white male approximately 5' 8" tall, stocky build, 45-50 years old and having short dark hair. The case remains open pending further investigation into the possible identity of the suspect.

**Incident #:** 23-1228

**Date:** March 26, 2023

**Location:** 1600 block of Commerce Park Dr.

**Time:** 1:09 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon making contact with the driver the officer noted that the driver had "glassy bloodshot eyes" and had odor of alcohol emanating from his person and from the vehicle. The officer also noted

that there were several empty cans of beer within plain view inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle and perform some standard field sobriety tests. Upon the conclusion of the tests, it was determined that there was enough probable

cause to place the driver under arrest for suspicion of driving under the influence. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and warrant review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.