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Chelsea High School Class of 2024: Who Do You Want to Be?



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Each time I walk into the stadium for graduation, I'm overwhelmed. I can feel the giddy excitement

for the future, the anticipation. Beyond the exciting future, there is an unsure sorrow. You're about to be thrust into the world. Your friends from

what feels like forever will go down a different path and you will miss the casual hellos and confessionals and gossip. Your graduating class feels like

family, some you'd pick and love forever, some you'd trade. But at the end of the day, these people feel like family. It's scary to leave what **continued on page 2**

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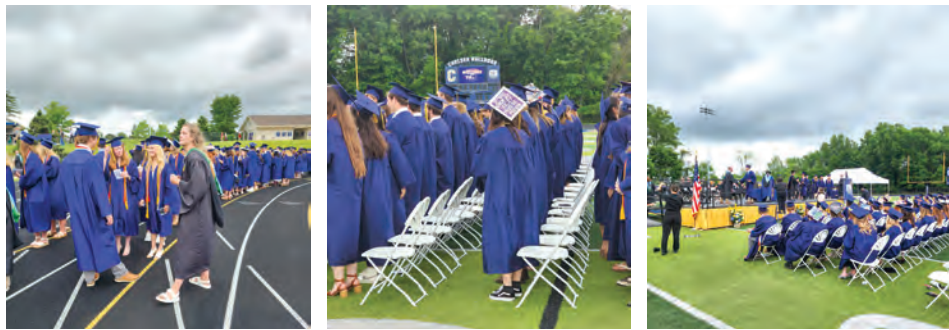


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Chelsea High School Class of 2024: Who Do You Want to Be?



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you know but you're excited about; the freedom and opportunity that awaits. June 2, 2024 Chelsea graduates, will be a day you will remember for the rest of your life.

Each graduation I've attended has unrelenting heat and burning sun. But the class of 2024 received a more gentle goodbye. The skies were a little gray and cooler weather made it bearable. The rain that seemed to threaten held off. A young woman walked to her seat with the words, "If you knew my story, you'd be proud." I am. Your whole community is. Your statement made me think. I did wonder about what you went through. But I also know, through age, that everyone has a story. Some are painful and at the surface and some are hidden behind accolades and success but each person who crossed the stage with you also has a story and each of you made it despite what life threw at you. If life throws you terrible things, know you are ready to handle the bumps and bruises. You will look back and envy those girls who seemed to have it easy, but all of us struggle and they will envy the strength you learned so early

The ceremony began with HS Principal Nick Angel giving a speech comparing the class of 2024 to a tree through its many ver-

sions, from seedling to fully grown and strong with deep roots that, no matter where life takes you, come right back to Chelsea where you began. Even if you believe you'll never want to return, these memories will bring you home occasionally. He noted the dominating success of the class: the 7-peat state champs of state finance, the Boys basketball team playing at the Breslin Center in the state semi-finals, the best showing in Chelsea's history. The Girls Waterpolo team took 5th in the state, another best in school history. Chelsea Robotics won its first Impact Award. An Impact Award recognizes the team for transforming the culture and inspiring greater respect for science and technology. He noted the Theater Guild and the student newspaper. He also acknowledged the yearbook program took home the Gold Award. Dr. Angel commented on the many graduates in 24 who will receive academic and sports scholarships.

We all sat impressed, there was no doubt that the class had amassed many accomplishments. 80% of the class participated in clubs, sports, or music. The class of 2024 was also civic-minded, raising five thousand for Mott's Children's Hospital via the Dance Marathon. Dr. Angel proudly stated that the US News and World Report ranks Chelsea

Schools 32nd in the state, within the top 3% of school districts. It was Superintendent Michael Kapolka's turn to confer the graduates. He did and encouraged students to start their futures with a vision of the impact they'd like to leave on the world. Two students were asked to speak to the class and on behalf of the class. Mitchell Brown encouraged students to rephrase What do you want to be to who do you want to be? I found his speech incredibly wise for such a young man. Life isn't just about accomplishments, it's also about character and our impact on others. Thomas Ovaleson spoke next and gave his classmates and their families memories that made everyone laugh. He noted the impact of the pandemic and his personal feelings about the moment we all removed our masks, which happened to be my feelings too; naked and vulnerable.

Each class member took the stage, one to an explosion of fireworks and the audience was very proud of you, no matter your story. You've already accomplished so much and we can't wait to see what's next! Congratulations Class of 2024, and congratulations to your parents, and school district who undoubtedly worked hard to watch you mark this accomplishment.



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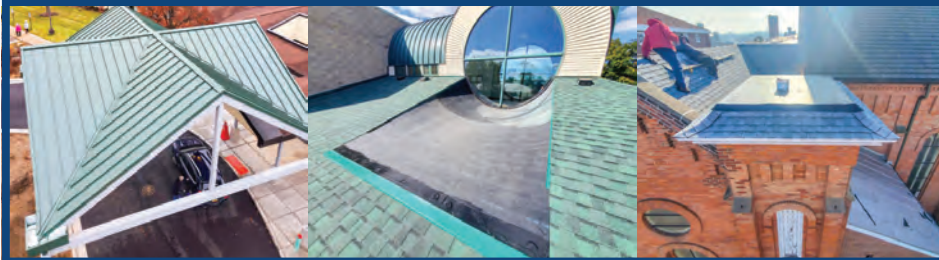
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Jan 17th | 5-6:30pm

Chocolate Extravaganza

Feb 10th

Curling Fest

Feb 24th | 8-11pm

Annual Meeting

March 6th | 6-8pm

Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights

June 6th-July 25th
& Oct 24th
6:30-8:30pm

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July 26th-27th

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Sept 4th | 7:30am-3pm

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Top row left to right: Owen Jones, Giorgi Nozadze, Gavin Heinze, Cyrus Sparks-Jackson, Ben Radomski, Henry Glendening, Victor Gutierrez De Pineres, Tyler Ward, Tristan Murrillo, Jonas Reginaldo, Will Hepler, Owen Dresselhouse, Phoenix Kurylo. Bottom Row left to right: Hamza Hamame, Maddox Straub, Christian Banos-Weatherholt, Jake Hillis, Zach Levine - Photo courtesy Chelsea Soccer Club .

From: D&B Strategic Marketing
Chelsea Soccer Club's U16 boys team played with heart and took home the coveted Cherry Capital Cup at last weekend's tournament in Traverse City, Michigan. One of eight Chelsea Soccer Club teams competing in the tournament, the U16 team outscored Gaylord 3-2 in the final game.

"At the beginning of the tournament, we started off a bit rocky, but Jake Hillis and Maddox Straub came in clutch to keep us in the running," said goalkeeper Tyler Ward, who serves as team captain alongside Henry Glendening and Christian Banos-Weatherholt. "We were tied in our bracket on Saturday, so we started Sunday knowing we had to play

better as a team". It was a true team effort that secured the win in the final game. Henry Glendening's three assists and Christian Banos-Weatherholt's hat trick were instrumental. The defenders, Victor Gutierrez De Pineres, Zach Levine, and Phoenix Kurylo, stepped up with game-changing challenges, and goalkeeper Tyler Ward made some

crucial saves, holding Gaylord to just two points. Coach Giorgi Nozadze led the team to the tournament win and is the head coach of Chelsea High School's powerhouse varsity girls' soccer team. "I witnessed so many fantastic moments at the tournament... a brilliant blend of fun and competitive play from all our

teams, the camaraderie over team meals and activities, and an impressive display of skill and teamwork by our U16s," said Matthew Clarke, Director of Coaching at Chelsea Soccer Club. "Our club truly has a place for everyone, and the sense of community and to-

getherness shown by all our teams throughout the tournament was remarkable." With over 200 teams participating, including our Chelsea Soccer Club teams from late elementary age to high school, the tournament was a testament to the club's inclusivity and community spirit. All K-12 boys and girls interested in soccer are invited to take part in placement day on Saturday, June 8. This is when teams are formed for the 2024/25 season. There's no cost or commitment required to participate. Register now at ChelseaSoccerClub.org. The Chelsea Soccer Club is a nonprofit organization allowing boys and girls from Chelsea and surrounding communities to benefit from a comprehensive, competitive, affordable travel soccer program. Developing healthy attitudes toward participating in team sports and understanding the importance of good sportsmanship and respect for others. www.chelsea-soccer-club.org.

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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

2024 GIRLS T&F LARRY STEEB MEET OF CHAMPIONS SUMMARY

On Tuesday (5/28), a select group of the Chelsea Girls Track & Field team competed at the Larry Steeb Meet of Champions at Dexter High School's track & field complex. The Larry Steeb Meet of Champions is selective in those athletes participating and reminiscent of the old county honor roll meets. Athletes had to meet a certain high standard in an event in order to participate. There were 42 teams total with 26 Division I schools, 10 Division II schools, and 6 Division III & IV Schools represented. There were a number of top level track & field athletes in the greater Ann Arbor area who competed at this meet. To compete at the meet was an honor and to place in the top six places was ex-

tra special.

Even with the hour weather delay at the beginning of the meet, we still came away with eight medals and we had five season bests or personal records set by individuals and a relay. We continued to make the most out of the situation and compete hard. This meet was a good preparation for the MHSAA D2 State Meet on Saturday, June 1st, held at Hamilton High School.

Highlights

- Anna Brant placed 5th in the shot put throw with a distance of 35' 7".

We are proud of the fact that she kept competing well in the darkness as the throws were the last to wrap up due to the weather delay.

Anna will be heading to compete in

the State Meet in this event on Saturday.

- Kennedy Anderson placed 6th in the high jump at a height of 4' 10", which she did on her first attempt. Kennedy continues to flirt with clearing the 5' 0" barrier, which she missed barely a couple of times. Kennedy will be an important leader in this event for the team next season.

- Senior Madeline Collins competed in the long jump for the last time for Chelsea. Although she was not top six, she did jump her season best with a distance of 15' 0.75". We are proud of Madeline's contributions to the team in this event and as a captain on the team. She will head to Michigan State to study medicine and compete in competitive cheer.

- The 4x800m relay team composed of Ceci Bayer, Madison Morgan, Sofia DeMea, and Natalia DeMea continued to improve on their time. Each member of the team ran solid splits to place 3rd overall with a season best time of 10:00.24.

- Leila Wells placed 1st in the 100m hurdles with a season best time of 14.98, which is very close to her PR and her school record (i.e., two hundredths of a second). She will be competing at the State Meet in this event and she is looking forward to repeating her recent efforts there.

- Aleeah Wells placed 6th overall in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.53 (a PR). Aleeah was very close to qualifying for the State Meet. She was in 2nd for most of

the race but stumbled at the end. Her time at the Larry Steeb Meet is near the top 20 times of those who qualified for the State Meet.

- The 4x100m relay composed of Leila Wells, Aleeah Wells, Teagan Hill, and Carley Grabarczyk placed 4th overall with a time of 50.60. This team is close to the school record based on their best time of the season and are looking good going into the State to place in the top 8 as well.

- Carley Grabarczyk (12.65) and Teagan Hill (13.10) placed 4th and 6th, respectively, in the 100m dash. Both athletes continued their high placing in big meets with fast times. Carley will be competing at the State Meet individually in the 100m and

200m dashes. Carley will also anchor the 4x100m relay, while Teagan will be competing in three relays, specifically, the 4x100m, 4x200m, and 4x400m relays.

- Ceci Bayer ran a fast 800m split in the 4x800m relay (2:25) and repeated a similar performance in the open 800m run with a time of 2:25.55 (a PR). With her performance, she is within a half of second of the top 10 all-time record in this event.

- Other Larry Steeb Meet of Champion qualifiers were the following: Claire Ash in the discus throw, Karlie VanRemortel in pole vault, India Barney and Caitlyn Jbara both in the 100m hurdles, and Addie Howard and Brinna Wenzel both in the 4x400m relay.

2024 GIRLS T&F MHSAA STATE MEET SUMMARY

On Saturday (6/1), the Girls Track & Field Team, 14 athletes strong, traveled to Hamilton High School for the MHSAA DII State Championship Meet. This is the largest group we have brought to the State Meet. There were 139 teams who participated in the State Meet with weather conditions in the low 70s with a southeast wind and rain in the afternoon (heavy at times). Chelsea placed 12th overall (actually a two-way tie) out of 67 scoring teams. We were All-State in two events, specifically Leila Wells was the State Champion in the 100m hurdles and the 4x100m relay placed 3rd overall. This team handled the intensity and pressure of the State Meet with maturity and grace, resulting in personal records, season bests, school records, top placing, and memorable experiences.

Highlights

- Junior Anna Brant returned to the State Meet ranked #19 out of 24 shot put throwers. She was able to throw 36' 6.5" on

her last throw, which was a 5" improvement from her Regional throw of 36' 1.5". Anna placed 13th out of 23 throwers in the State Meet. Anna has continued to improve this season on her shot put throwing and the coaches are sure she is ready to take it to the next level in the 2025 season. Anna is number two all time in the shot put for Chelsea with her throw of 38' 10.5" this season.

- Sophomore Karlie VanRemortel qualified for the first time for the State Meet this season. She vaulted 9' 3" and placed 19th out of 26 jumpers. Karlie is 10th all time in the pole vault for Chelsea with her height of 9' 9". Karlie is a hard worker and coaches are excited to see her back next season and try for a top eight placing.

- Sophomore Lissa Krueger qualified for the first time for the State Meet this season as well. Lissa kicked off the meet for Chelsea with a PR at a height of 8' 9". Lissa finished 24th (a four-way tie) out of 26 athletes in a highly competitive

field. Lissa has improved tremendously from the start of the season. I am sure she will have an itch to return to the State Meet with her teammates next season.

- The 4x800m relay team composed of Ceci Bayer (sophomore), Madison Morgan (senior), Sofia DeMea (junior), and Natalia DeMea (junior) ran their third fastest time of the season 10:05.97 and placed 18th out of 25 teams. They beat their seed by four places. Coaches are proud of this group continuing to improve throughout the season and be flexible with the lineup. We wish our senior Madison Morgan all the best with continuing to compete at the next level at Lake Superior State University in running. She will be missed by the team due to the depth she provides for our distance lineups and her leadership.

- Senior Leila Wells was crowned State Champion in the 100m hurdles with a convincing win in the finals. Leila also

broke her school record in the event with a time of 14.92 FAT into a headwind. (Her previous record was 14.96 FAT.). Leila was ranked 5th heading into the meet. Leila led off the 4x100m and 4x400m relays, which also performed very well. She is going to play basketball at Virginia Tech University next year. Her impact and leadership on the team will be missed.

- Senior Carley Grabarczyk placed 9th out of 30 sprinters. Carley was ranked #13 going into the State Meet in the 100m dash and ran well going into a headwind in her semi-final race. She had a dramatic photo finish with Meghan Koss of Dearborn Divine Child who just barely out leaned her. She missed the finals (All-State honors) by a thousandths of a second. Also, Carley competed in the 200m dash and placed 12th out of 31 sprinters with a time of 25.78 seconds. (She was ranked 23rd out of 33 heading into the meet.) This was her second fastest time of the sea-

son, which is an outstanding performance due to the headwind that sprinters had on Saturday. Carley also anchored the 4x100m relay, which placed 3rd overall. Carley is a tough competitor and one of most valuable athletes on our team. We will miss her role on the team and leadership. She will be competing at the next level at Purdue University Northwest in Hammond, Indiana.

- The 4x200m relay team composed of Leila Wells (senior), Aleeah Wells (a freshman), Addie Howard (a sophomore), and Teagan Hill (a freshman) were ranked 18th out of 33 teams entering the State Meet. With a strong lead off by Leila, they placed 13th out of 33 teams who competed with a time of 1:42.46 (a PR). The relay seemed to level up in their competitiveness and determination in the race. It will be fun to watch these talented younger sprinters, specifically Addie, Aleeah, and Teagan in these next two to three years. I am sure they will be

hungry to return to the State Meet individually and on sprint relays.

- The 4x400m relay team composed of Addie Howard, Brinna Wenzel, Ceci Bayer, and Teagan Hill placed 23rd out of 30 teams with a time of 4:15.72 (the team's 3rd fastest time of the season). This relay team did well as a group with a long wait time to race and adjusted well with two other runners filling in. Specifically, Addie and Brinna, both sophomores have been the backbone of the relay team and continued to run fast splits, while Ceci (a sophomore) and Teagan (a freshman) were put in the lineup to fill in for Sam Bieber and Caitlyn

Ash who had conflicts on the day of the State Meet. Both girls ran well with Ceci having one of her fastest splits of the season. We look forward to these young ladies making it back to the State Meet to place in the top eight.

- The 4x100m relay composed of Leila

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2024 GIRLS T&F MHSAA STATE MEET SUMMARY

► continued from page 4 Wells, Aleeah Wells, Teagan Hill, and Carley Grabarczyk placed 3rd overall (All-State Honors) with a time of 49.82 FAT (a new school record)! This relay was ranked 8th out of 31 schools. The two seniors, Leila and Carley, who led off and anchored, respectively, for this team and were critical in taking the relay to the next level. Aleeah and Teagan continued their role in running fast legs on the relay and helping to set up a memorable

finish for this team. It is worth noting that senior Eva Dewaele was a member of this relay team earlier in the season and was unable to finish in the lineup due to a significant injury. Eva continued to cheer and support her teammates during the runup to and at the State

Meet. Her positive, supportive presence at the State Meet meant a lot to her teammates and her coaches. Her sense of sportsmanship sets her apart from others.

We ended the season in a memorable way at the State Meet given the weather, technical issues, and absent teammates for various reasons. We could not have made the achievements we did unless we had a talented and caring group of coaches and supporters in the Chelsea Track & Field program. Specifically, I would like to give a big thank to David Slusser (boys head coach), Bert Kruse (girls sprint and hurdles coach) Ryan Houle

(girls sprint and boys/girls long jump coach) James Mida (boys/girls throws coach), Shane Rodriguez (boys/girls pole vault coach), Jessical Rickli (boys/girls distance coach), Ryan Anderson (boys/girls high jump coach), Tyler Santoro (boys sprints), and Eric Beda (boys sprints). Each of these coaches cares about improving their athletes and helping the program grow and succeed. Also, a big thank you goes to Brian Boos and Alex Stacy who time and score

home meets as well as other local meets we compete at. I appreciate their attention to detail and their high quality product each and every time. Also, a big thank you to Tara Thorburn and Aubree Shemwell as booster representatives for the program. Their help in so many ways continued the program success this season and helped the head coaches maneuver through some significant fundraising tasks.

Finally, a very big thank you to all the

parents, administrators (i.e., Tracie Stoffer, Jason Morris, Dr. Nick Angel, and Matt Cunningham), Chelsea Boosters, and many local businesses who supported our program in various ways. Specifically, we appreciate notes, donations of time and money, writeups, photos, technical help, and general caring of our athletes. It has been a pleasure and honor to be the head coach of the Chelsea Girls Track & Field team.

CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOYS TRACK & FIELD

2024 BOYS T&F MHSAA STATE MEET SUMMARY

The Chelsea High School boys track team brought 8 individuals to the MHSAA Division 2 LP Final meet at Hamilton High School on Saturday, June 1st. The weather started off cool and windy, but at around 2:30 the rain came in and never left. The dogs scored 8 points in the meet and tied for 27th place overall. Below are the results from yesterday:

- JJ Turnbow jumped 18' 10.25 in the long jump and

Nolan Flezsar did not clear the opening height in the pole vault. These 2 seniors wrapped up their successful careers at CHS.

- The 4x800 team of Beckett Boos, Jackie Dell, Miles Dell, and Eric Cameron ran 8:28.30, a season best for this group. They placed 24th overall.

- Jacob Nelson finished his track and field career at CHS with 3 more D2 state titles in the adaptive 100, 200, and 400.

Jacob's 400 performance is a new D2 state meet record in the event. Jacob concludes his track and field career as a 7 time state champion and has spearheaded the movement in Michigan for the inclusion of adaptive and ambulatory athletes at the state level of track and field.

- Connell Alford ended his storied career at CHS by competing in the 1600 and 3200. In the 1600, Connell was clipped by another athlete

and fell during the race. After assessing his injuries, Connell continued to run the race and finished 20th with a time of 4:31. After shaking off that adversity, Connell focused on placing in the 3200. In a stunning race that went right down to the wire, Connell took 2nd in the 3200 with a time of 9:07.62. It was a photo finish that was just 0.07 seconds behind the champion, Paul Moore from Pinckney. This was a personal record for

Connell and places him 2nd all time in Chelsea history in the event. Coach Slusser's Comments: The state meet is always a bittersweet event. While it is a day that we celebrate the successes of our student athletes, it is also a day when athletes move on from their CHS athletics career. It is a day where crazy things happen every year and this year was no different. We definitely encountered a fair bit of adversity that day. We left it

all out on the track, and that's all we can ask for. For Connell, Jacob, Nolan, JJ, and Jackie, I am proud to have coached them and wish them the best in their future endeavors. They have given so much to this program and I could not be more grateful. Now the work begins for the 2025 season.

Thank you to everyone who followed the team this season and supported us.

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ON THE SIDELINE: WALNUT TREE, MOUNTAIN DEW, LOVE BOAT AND MY "MAN CARD"



By Don Richter
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Well, it finally happened. I finally did it. No, I didn't finally

give up drinking pop. I'm not crazy. I need my Mountain Dew. What are you thinking?

No, I didn't give up watching reruns of the "Love Boat." I know, here's my "man card." Take it, just take it.

No, I didn't stop yelling at people while driving. "Stay in your lane." "Your car has a blinker, use it." "Slow down." Here, I need my "man card" back, thank you.

No, what happened and what I finally did was have my HUGE walnut tree cut down, along with removing the stump.

I'm elated. I'm ecstatic. I'm burning up.

I knew my giant walnut tree, which dominated my front yard, shaded and cooled my house in the warm spring and summer months, but this is ridiculous. It's not even

summer yet (I'm too lazy to look at my calendar), but already my house is a sauna.

I can't imagine what it's going to be like in July and August. And, no, I don't have air conditioning. What do you think I am, made of money? Jeesh.

No, it's a fan in every room type of life for me now. I never realized how much that old walnut tree of mine cooled my house. I'm a

little sad now that my "air conditioning" is gone.

But on the bright side, the tree is no longer hovering menacingly over my house and my neighbor's. It was one strong thunderstorm and high wind from toppling over.

Plus, after almost 20 years, I no longer have to pick up thousands of baseball-sized walnuts that dropped

from the tree and onto my lawn, my neighbor's lawn, the sidewalk and the street. That yearly chore was truly the bane of my existence.

I'd also like to publicly apologize to all the squirrels and chipmunks that made a living off of all the walnuts each year and used the tree as a gathering place and elevated highway. It had to be done, fellas — I'm sorry dudes.

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Brio Living Services Team Members Honored at 2024 LeadingAge Michigan Awards Gala

Accolades include Leadership in Action, Caring Spirit, and Volunteer of the Year Awards



From: Lisa French

Brio Living Services is proud to announce that two of its team members and one of its volunteers were recently honored at the LeadingAge Michigan Member Awards Gala on April 30, 2024, held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Each award winner was nominated by their peers and selected by an esteemed group of committee members from among many nominations across the state. Over 170 people gathered to celebrate the elite group of 21 award winners and recognize their collec-

tive achievements.

With more than 25 years of human resources leadership in healthcare and senior living organizations, Brio Living Services' Chief Human Resources Officer Michelle Baldwin Henderson received the LeadingAge Leadership in Action award. This honor recognizes an individual whose actions and leadership greatly enhance the work environment in their organization and the quality of life for residents in the entire community.

Under Henderson's direction, Brio Living Services has earned certification as an Age-Friendly Employer and a Best and Brightest Company

to Work For® in West Michigan and in the Nation. "Michelle is a firm believer and practitioner of a coaching culture, with a focus on valuing the whole person and developing and supporting each team member to be their best possible self," said Brio's President and CEO, Steve Fetyko. "Michelle is a true servant leader who ensures we keep our team members and the older adults we serve at the heart of all we do."

A certified nursing aide, who chooses to remain anonymous, was honored with the LeadingAge Caring Spirit Award, which recognizes the achievements of frontline and direct care team members who have demonstrated exemplary service, personal commitment, and genuine care for older adults.

"With their long tenure as a team member at Brio Living Services, they do not seek accolades, but humbly serve as a role model for the rest of our skilled nursing team," said Trisha Watkins, Porter Hills Village's Nursing Home Administrator. "They always do their best to make our residents happy and give great care. Caring for our residents is not just a job, but a calling. We are so grateful for their caring spirit."

Sherri Rizzo, independent living resident at Brio's Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC), was named Volunteer of the Year for significantly enhancing and enriching the lives of older adults and for making a positive impact on the organization.

CRC's Executive Director Kathy Russell said, "Sherri is a trusted volunteer at CRC, across our entire campus and, in doing so, has brought joy and purpose to so many of our residents. From helping with life enrichment events and making visits with her therapy dog, to restoring a teak wood bench in CRC's Chapel Meditation Garden, and creating monthly themed cabinet displays across our campus including our residents' treasured collectibles, Sherri sees what matters to individuals and what is important to them. She means so much to our life enrichment team, our community, and our residents and is so deserving of this award!"

Said Fetyko, "All of us at Brio Living Services congratulate these three individuals honored for all they do to bring vitality and joy to those we serve across our organization."

LeadingAge Michigan extends heartfelt congratulations to Brio



Living Services and its awardees for their continued excellence and mission-based care, as well as the quality of older adults in the state of Michigan! To learn more about the 2024 Awards Gala and other award honorees, visit the 2024 Awards Gala Program or visit LeadingAge MI's YouTube Channel to view the awards video.

Learn more about Brio Living Services, join our team for a career you'll love, or learn about volunteer opportunities at MyBrio.org.

Building on a foundation of serving older adults since 1906, Brio Living Services, formerly UMRC & Porter Hills, is a faith-based,

nonprofit organization whose mission is: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives. Its vision is: A world in which all are empowered to age well. Brio Living Services represents the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan and serves the most economically diverse population of older adults. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, Brio Living Services and its affiliates serve approximately 8,000 older adults each year, from 23 locations and service lines, across 22 counties in Michigan's lower peninsula. 734.433.1000 | 616.949.4975 | MyBrio.org

Business Spotlight: Revel Run



Zara, Darlyn, and Jim Daratony

Photos By Aimee Bingham.

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I'd heard about Revel Run earlier in May but had not had the opportunity to visit and learn more about the facility. I was browsing social media this weekend when someone asked about events around town for those of us in town on Memorial Day weekend. A person commented that Revel Run was hosting a Family Fun Day. It was the perfect way for me to check out the new business while providing entertainment for my family. My favorite way to review any sort of facility is to do it anonymously. Having previously worked in the restaurant industry, I am aware that a person will experience different things depending on staff and whether or not the owner knows someone will be there. I want to experience what a random average customer will experience so I can provide an honest review.

My experience and my family's, as a whole, was magical. I walked in with zero expectations, not knowing much about Revel Run. As we pulled up to the Foxhole building, we were taken aback by its beauty. I knew that it served as a wedding venue and had a Biergarten, but that was all I knew. In the parking lot there was a BBQ food truck playing old music with Elvis sprinkled throughout the playlist. We walked

outside the building on the path and the back opened up to what reminded me of a golf course. My husband smiled and noted that one of our first dates had been on this very course. He is an actual golfer, I am a sunshine and friends type. We took our daughter to the bounce houses first, a big part of the draw of family fun day. The sun was shining, and families with young children dotted the patio area. In my estimation, it was the perfect way to be an adult, young children had entertainment, adults were meeting with friends, BBQ was being served out of a food truck and the bartenders were ready with a soda or an adult beverage. The beautiful backdrop of a still well-manicured former golf course was dotted with riding toys for toddlers, yard games like cornhole and safe (plastic?) ax throwing, and several bounce houses. After enjoying several trips through the bounce houses my daughter was ready for a glass of pop and on the way, I met a woman with a large dog. If kids like bounce houses I like large dogs so I walked over and asked to pet her. I met Zara, which is another name for princess. She was gray, tall and thin like a Greyhound, and had a gentle spirit. Her owner allowed me to pet and get to know her so I was delighted. We walked into the

Biergarten through an open garage door and I noticed a man with the confidence of an owner or manager, based on my experience in the restaurant industry I sneakily took a photo, attempting to be anonymous. After we ordered, my husband requested the owner's business card so I could ask follow-up questions for the article. As we walked past the guy I thought was in charge, he interrupted his meal and introduced himself to us. That is rare, owners are often peppered with salespeople and will not take the time to interrupt a meal to potentially listen to another pitch. I was caught off guard by how warm and friendly he was. I asked for a non-candid photo and he told me he needed to get his wife, who had been chasing a loose donkey, again, delightful to me. Before our arrival someone had let a donkey loose and family fun day was bolstered by cheering for either the wife or the runaway donkey. He noted that the trash needed to be changed and stated that he'd ask his grandson to do it. He elaborated that Revel Run was a family business. His daughters all helped and the grandchildren were also helping. We walked over to the woman, Darlyn, with the dog Zara and I was officially introduced to Jim's wife. She provided me with a tour of the event space up-

stairs and it was stunning, huge windows overlooking the beauty of the grounds exposed beams. The event space took my breath away. If I were planning a wedding, I'd want it there. I immediately thought of champagne coops, Gatsby-style, and tried to think of an event I could have there. I learned that the property was purchased in 2019 as a burned-down hole in the ground after the former golf course clubhouse caught fire and burned. The gamble on a 120-acre equestrian event space became a real gamble when Covid hit, stalled building plans, and increased prices for building supplies astronomically. I automatically sucked my breath at getting that side of the story. It's truly amazing that the Daratony family pulled it off and amazing that they did it so beautifully. If we, as a community, supported each other and businesses during the pandemic, we should come together and support this



The Foxhole, Biergarten, event space above the Biergarten

phoenix that rose literally from the ashes. Based on the warmth and friendliness of the owners, I don't think you'll regret it. Jim and Daralyn were wonderful hosts and have created a wonderful space within the community. To learn more about Revel Run, there is information on the website <https://www.revelrun.com/>. To see if space is available for your event fill out this form <https://www.revelrun.com/event-contact>.

Hours and events at the Biergarten are listed on the website here: <https://www.revelrun.com/events>. They also have a Facebook page you can follow to learn about upcoming events <https://www.facebook.com/revelrun.events>. Revel Run is located at 555 Dancer Road in Chelsea.



JUNE EVENTS

Free Summer Outdoor Yoga*
Yoga in the Park - Dexter
 Mill Creek Park • Sat 6/1-8/17 • 8-9am
Yoga on the Lawn - Chelsea
 Chelsea Library • Sat 6/1-8/17 • 10-11am
Yoga at the Lake - Grass Lake
 Grass Lake County Park • Sat 6/1-8/17 • 10-11am
 Please bring your own yoga mat or towel. Weather/Instructor permitting. Visit the Wellness Centers social media pages for up-to-date information.

High Voltage
 June 1-30 (CHE/DEX)
 This four-week virtual experience provides motivation and accountability to reach your fitness goals. To learn more visit the Fitness Desk.

Apportunity!
 June 1-August 31 (CHE/DEX/STK)
 Switch to our center mobile app for faster and easier access to the center. June 1 to August 31 turn in your membership card to earn entries into our prize drawings.

Youth Monthly Pass
 June 1-September 1 (CHE/DEX/STK)
 The Wellness Centers are offering monthly youth passes for member's children. Keep your kids active at the Wellness Center by enjoying the strength training and cardio equipment. Ages 12-17. For more information, visit the Member Service Desk.

Men's Health & Fitness Week*
 June 10-16 (CHE/DEX/STK)
 Men workout for FREE all week!

Yoga Week
 June 17-23 (CHE/DEX)
 Get ready to celebrate the joy of yoga with a week full of exciting events at your Wellness Center! In honor of International Yoga Day, we're rolling out a special schedule designed to inspire, rejuvenate, and connect you to your practice. Check out the full schedule at the Member Service Desk.

- **Yoga 1.0**
 June 19 at 6:45pm with Dianna CHE
 For anyone curious about taking a yoga class. Learn several basic poses, modifications, and yoga lingo. Gain the knowledge and confidence to begin a yoga practice. Dress for movement, bring a mat or use ours. Option to observe only.
- **Yoga 2.0**
 June 23 at 9:15am with Dianna CHE
 For those who have been practicing Yoga, but would like to gain insight on fundamental poses, ask questions and expand their understanding of their yoga practice. Dress for movement, bring a mat or use one of ours. Stay after for the weekly yoga class at 10:15am-11:15am.

Longest Day
 June 21 (CHE/DEX/STK)
 Join us in honoring the longest day and supporting Alzheimer's disease. The Longest Day is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 21, we will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through our own fundraising efforts. We will be offering guest passes for 1/2 off. Purchase your guest passes for just \$10 (maximum of 5 per person). All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Wearing purple on June 21 is also a great way to show support!

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Chelsea Education Foundation Needs Your Financial Support to Shape Tomorrow's Leaders



Photo Courtesy CEF - from left Claire Popovich - Visual Arts Instructor and Carrie Hillis, Art Teacher



Photo courtesy Chelsea Education Foundation - Grant submission by Jennifer Peterson for preschool math supplies



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unable to afford educational opportunities.

Enhanced Experiences: Contributions help to upgrade school facilities, creating a conducive learning environment that meets modern educational standards (examples: Art display panels for Art Shows at the High School, South Meadows Media Center flexible seating, tables and checkout station, and playground equipment for the planned re-

posing of Pierce Lake Elementary).

Expanding Programs: Funds raised allow CEF to respond to the growing number of Educator requests. This recent grant season, CEF funded \$50,000 in grants, leaving a shortfall of \$120,000 in grant fund requests.

Reflecting on the 2022-2023 school year and the direct impact of our community's generosity:

\$47,100 was awarded to Chelsea Students through scholarships, relieving financial burdens and fostering academic excellence. CEF is a conduit bringing together

community members, organizations, and businesses to sponsor these scholarships.

\$47,884 funded grants that helped support the creative endeavors of the Chelsea School District Educators.

How You Can Make a Difference

Donate Now: <https://chelseaeducationfoundation.networkforgood.com/> to make your contribution today. Every amount, no matter the size, makes a significant impact.

Share the Message: Help CEF reach more potential supporters by sharing

their campaign on social media, via email, and through word of mouth.

"We are grateful for all who work so hard to continue the Chelsea Way of excellence in education with commitment and heart. Bravo! Susie W.

"Your contribution is more than just a donation. It's a testament to your belief in the power of education and commitment to our community. By supporting us in reaching our urgent fundraising goal of \$ 8,000, you are directly contributing to the enrichment of our community's educational landscape and the continuation of the quality education that has placed Chelsea High School among Michigan's top 3% of

high schools," shared Amy Forehand, CEF Board President.

For more information about the 2024 Building a Bulldog Future Fundraiser or to donate, please visit <https://chelseaeducationfoundation.networkforgood.com/projects/224526-2024-grad-year-fundraiser> or contact (Katie Or Amy) by email.



As a 501(c)3 organization, Chelsea Education Foundation embodies a profound sense of dedication to supporting and caring for students and teach-

ers alike. Their commitment to fostering excellence in education extends beyond the confines of the classroom, making them a vital conduit for all community members. They serve as a valuable resource, enriching the educational experience and empowering individuals to reach their full potential. With a deep-rooted ethos of compassion and collaboration, CEF stands as a pillar of strength, driving positive change and innovation in education for the betterment of their community. Since its inception in 1990, CEF has invested \$1.265 million in support of scholarships and grants that have impacted over 55,000 students.

Chelsea Senior Center Seeks New Assistant Director



Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) is hiring a new Assistant Director due to the recent promotion of Jennifer Smith to Executive Director upon Bill O'Reilly's retirement at the end of June.

The Assistant Director position is a full-time, salaried position. As part of CSC's leadership team, the Assistant Director will work alongside the Director in support of CSC's mission. The ideal candidate will be patient, caring, and will relate to seniors with understanding and compassion. The

new Assistant Director will communicate effectively and respectfully and possess excellent reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving skills.

The Assistant Director will have non-profit work experience, knowledge of human resource best practices, program implementation and staff supervision experience. Grant writing, fundraising, and development experience are a bonus.

The Chelsea Senior Center is recognized as the leading senior center in the region, providing

a wide range of activities and services to seniors and their families throughout the region. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to jsmith@chelseaseniors.org by May 31. In the subject line, please add Assistant Director position. For a full job description, visit www.chelseaseniors.org. No phone calls please.

Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization in Chelsea, Michigan. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life and well-being for area seniors and their families. Chelsea Senior Center is located at 512 Washington Street. Contact CSC at connected@chelseaseniors.org or (734) 475-9242.

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Register Summer Dance Programs!



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From: D&B Strategic Marketing

Summer's calling! Registration for Ballet Chelsea's unique and exciting **Summer Dance Programs** is now open.

Celebrate summer with Ballet Chelsea and experience their fresh new camps and programs that are designed to bring out the best in every dancer! Their programs are led by highly qualified and experienced instructors, ensuring every student receives the best possible dance education.

Summer Camps & Classes Schedule

Summer Registration <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/balletchelsea>

Summer Dance Intensive (SDI) July 29 - August 16

For those unfamiliar with SDI, it is an intensive training program that focuses on technical and artistic development through personalized attention and high training standards. The curriculum encompasses daily ballet technique, pointe, repertory, partnering, modern, contemporary ballet, and conditioning, complemented by educational dance seminars. Each week culminates in a showcase where dancers present their learned skills to peers.

Cinderella Performance

Ballet Chelsea has

had a bustling spring, thanks to the incredible support from our community. They performed two stunning productions of Cinderella, hosted at the Chelsea High School Auditorium, and a Cinderella Tea and Open House at the Studio. Business Manager Jean Delwiche expressed her gratitude, "Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Cinderella performance. The support from the community was truly overwhelming. We reached record attendance for a spring performance, 60%+ attendees came from outside the Chelsea area. Our commitment to providing cultural experiences continues to



Photos courtesy Bessom Photography

bring people together and enrich our community."

Michelle Quenon, Artistic Director, added "Putting on Ballet Chelsea's premiere production of Cinderella with all of the dancers, instructors, volunteers, administrative team, and technical crew involved was such a wonderful experience! I am very grateful to everyone who volunteered their time to help bring this production to life. I am also extremely proud of the dancers, who all worked so hard to bring the magic of Cinderella to the stage. Thank you to everyone who came to see the shows—I hope you had an enchanting time!" - Michelle Quenon, Artistic Director.

Ballet Chelsea Survey

Community outreach is an essential part of Ballet Chelsea. Their company members participate in numerous events hosted by local communities, bringing the joy of dance to classes, senior centers, after-school programs, and underserved communities. Learn more about this program by clicking on this link <https://balletchelsea.org/company/community-outreach/>

Community Outreach



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CLASS MOTTO:
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Ryan Fredericksen

Parents: Rich and Cindi Fredericksen

Ryan has been an academic letter recipient for three years and also a member of the National Honor Society and AP Economics competition team. He also has been active in the Symphony Orchestra for three years. Ryan will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status and is a SEC All-Academic Award recipient as well. Ryan also participated on the Varsity Tennis team for 3 years where he was a State Semifinalist for two years; also played JV tennis for one year. For 3 years, he received the MHSAA SEC academic award. Ryan was active in club soccer for 10 years and played JV soccer for one year. He was President of the Ping Pong Club as well.

Ryan's favorite memory from high school was hanging out with the tennis team at states his sophomore year.

He will be attending the University of Michigan in the Fall.



Cyprus Gabriel-Menegay

Parents: Maegen Gabriel and Dean Menegay

Cyprus is a member of the National Honor Society and is a SEC All-Academic Award recipient. She will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status as well. Cyprus participated in many activities in high school including running cross country, section leader in band and was also the Queen of Ping Pong Club. She loves to play tennis as well.

Cyprus' favorite memory from high school was doing Just Dance the Friday after a test with her BC Calculus class!

She plans to attend the University of Michigan to study neuroscience.



Caroline Knight

Parents: Corey and Catherine Knight

Caroline has been a part of the Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer teams during all 4 years at CHS. She was a captain and 2x All Conference Middle Blocker in volleyball. A 3x SEC champion, 2x District champion, and recipient of the BCAM team first award in basketball and an All District and SEC sportsmanship award winner in soccer. She was Vice President of both the Student Council and National Honor Society and member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and SRSly club at CHS. Caroline also participated in the swine club and showed pigs at the Chelsea fair. She has also been a member of the Silver Maples Culinary team throughout her time in high school. Recently, Caroline competed at the Michigan Personal Finance Challenge with the CHS team and they won 1st place! She will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status as well.

Her favorite memories of high school were all of the smiles she shared with teammates, classmates, friends, and teachers. She is very thankful to live in such a supportive community.

Caroline plans on attending the University of Notre Dame and majoring in Neuroscience and Behavior on the Pre-med track.



Katherine Krugh

Parents: Joe and Rachel Krugh

Katherine has been in the Community Coordinator leadership role for Key Club at CHS where she has been a member since sophomore year, member of the Econ Challenge team and member of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team. She participated in Chelsea Chamber Choir through Junior year, while earning highest recognition (1) at Solo & Ensemble Festival for a solo. Katherine was also a member of the National Honor Society. She was the Topical Winner of LPSNG and Just Poetry annual poetry competition and published in their "American High School Poets - Fall 2023 anthology". Katherine received the College Board's National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program award. She will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status as well. Athletically, Katherine was a 4-year CHS Women's Varsity Soccer player, team captain junior and senior year, and All-SEC player. She also participated in Varsity track Sophomore year, earning two varsity letters (in both track and soccer) in one season. Katherine was a Coaching Intern for the Chelsea Soccer Club as well.

Her favorite memory from high school was making life-long connections with the international exchange students that her family has hosted.

Katherine plans to attend Carleton College and study both psychology and philosophy.



Thomas Olaveson

Parents: Daryl and Tracy Olaveson

Thomas received the Rural Small Town award. He is the National Honor Society President, where he was very active in tutoring and he will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status. Thomas also participated on the golf team and played AAA hockey throughout high school.

His favorite memory from high school was winning the State Personal Finance Challenge.

Thomas will be attending the University of Wisconsin to study Engineering.



Jenna Ouellette

Parents: Laura Ouellette, Patrick Ouellette

Jenna is a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status. Jenna was also a member of Student Council and SRSly while at Chelsea High School. In addition, she has been a recipient of the Portrait of a Graduate award at CHS. Athletically, Jenna has been a 4-year Varsity starter with the Softball team. She has received All-State/Region/District/Conference 1st Team honors for multiple years and was selected for the Ann Arbor Dream Team. In Volleyball, she has been a 3 year starter, team Captain and selected for All-Region/Conference recognition for multiple years as well.

Her favorite memory from high school was making it to the state semi-finals her freshman year for Softball.

Jenna plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Nursing and play softball.



Lillian Snyder

Parents: Deborah Snyder and Jeffrey Snyder

Lillian is a writer for the CHS BleuPrint school newspaper and has been the print editor for three years. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has earned her academic letter and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status. Lillian has received many honors: National Merit Scholar Finalist, AP Scholar and the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program award from College Board. She was also nominated for the annual WXYZ Brightest and Best and nominated as the Presidential Scholar Candidate. Lillian has been a four year member of the CHS symphony orchestra and earned her music varsity letter; she also has been part of the chamber orchestra for two years. She has also competed at numerous festivals and competitions, including state solo and ensemble and MASTA Chamber Music festival. Athletically, Lillian has been a four year member of the CHS swim and dive team, earned her varsity letter, was the 2023-2024 team captain and earned All-America academic status. She also was a four year member of the tennis team. Her favorite memory from high school was teaming up with Sam Bleber and Sonja Schemahorn in orchestra to play an unconventional Fiddle Trio and receiving a shout-out from the composer who heard from our competition judges how well we played the song.

Lillian will be attending Brigham Young University and majoring in Biophysics with a minor in Music.



Sophia Stone

Parent: Tara Stone and David Stone

Sophia's awards/accomplishments include receiving College Board's National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, as well as the AP Scholar Award from College Board. In addition, she was nominated for the Chelsea High School Excellence Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Also, she received her academic letter every year and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status. Sophia played soccer for both Chelsea Soccer Club and Chelsea High School for three years and worked with the CHS BleuPrint for two years and volunteered for the Key Club. She also volunteered in University of Michigan's Pletcher Laboratory where they research fly aging.

Her favorite memory from high school was winning the powderpuff football game with all her friends her senior year.

Sophia will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall.



Gavin Taylor

Parents: Rob Taylor and Angela Menegay

Gavin received the National Merit Letter of Commendation and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status. He was a member of the Ping Pong club and plays the cello.

Gavin plans to attend Washtenaw Community College to study computer science.



Wynne Van Hoek

Parents: Elizabeth and Jonathan Van Hoek

Wynne has been a dedicated participant, leader, and mentor within Chelsea Robotics for five years; Academic honors include AP Scholar Award and the Commended Student Award from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Wynne was also a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate with Summa Cum Laude status.

Wynne's favorite memory from high school was building competitive marshmallow launchers in a Tech & Design class to test against classmates!

Wynne plans to attend the University of Michigan to study engineering.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company to open Wild Wilderness Comedy "What Springs Forth" A World Premiere by Carey Crim



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The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC) announces the final production of their 33rd season, "What Springs Forth" a World Premiere comedy by playwright, Carey Crim. Tickets are on sale now.

Three middle-aged women, friends since college, embark on what was billed as a high end wellness spa retreat only to discover one of them, with the help of her new recently released from prison business partner, has changed the itinerary to a wilderness survival camp. Can their friendship survive bears, forest toilets and one another?

This production of "What Springs Forth" contains adult content and may not be suitable for children under the age of 13.

"What Springs Forth" playwright and PRTC Resident Artist, Carey Crim, has premiered the following productions at The Purple Rose: "Growing Pretty", "Wake", "Some Couples May...", "Morning After Grace", and "Never Not Once". Carey is a celebrated Eastcoast playwright and has written both short and full length

plays. She also adapted her play "Wake" into a screenplay. The feature film "Wake" has won several festival awards and is now available on Amazon Prime. For more information about Carey, visit CareyCrim.com.

Performances of "What Springs Forth" at The Purple Rose run from Friday, June 21 through Saturday, August 31, 2024. Previews, with reduced-price tickets, are available through Thursday, June 20. The press opening is Friday, June 28 at 8:00pm. Also, Thursday evening 8pm performances are back for the summer!

Directed by Kate Thomsen and Assistant Directed by K. Edmonds, the cast features Sarab Kamoo* (Lathrup Village), Sonja Marquis (Brighton), Dwandra Nickole* (Kalamazoo), and Suzi Regan* (Birmingham). Set Design by Sarah Pearline, Properties Design by Danna Segrest, Costume Design by Suzanne Young, Lighting Design by Nole Stollmack, Sound Design by Victoria Deiorio. Stefanie Din* is the Stage Manager.

*The asterisk denotes members of the

actor and stage manager union, Actors' Equity Association.

Production Sponsors for "What Springs Forth" are Giraffe Design Build, The Hamp Family, and Drs. Ying Li and Oliver Varban. Underwriting support for the season comes from Michigan Arts and Culture Council, National Endowment for the Arts, The Shubert Foundation, and The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. Media sponsors include 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 at <https://www.purplerosetheatre.org/calendar/>.

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.

New to the 2023/2024 season, all PRTC productions will be staged in the round; with seating on 4 sides of the stage. This new configuration will add 40 seats to the theater space.

WHAT SPRINGS FORTH
A World Premiere by Carey Crim
directed by Kate Thomsen

June 21 - August 31, 2024
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ON THE SIDELINE: WALNUT TREE, MOUNTAIN DEW, LOVE BOAT AND MY "MAN CARD"

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Sadly, I still have one more HUGE walnut tree left in my front yard. But this one is closer to the street, farther from my house

and I'm told on city property. So, I guess it's the city's problem? Though I'm still going to have to pick up bags full of walnuts this fall, it might be a cou-

ple hundred instead of thousands. Traditionally, the walnut tree that remains normally, for some reason, doesn't drop as many walnuts as the tree I had cut



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 24-1706

Date: May 30, 2024

Location: 1100 block of S. Main St.

Time: 11:18 hours

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers responded to the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of an Aggravated Assault and Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. Upon arrival the officer located a witness who stated that the incident was believed to have started over a road rage incident. A short time after the officer arrived the complainant returned back to the scene. The complainant stated that he had been

cut off while driving through a parking lot and the complainant turned his vehicle around and exited his vehicle to confront the suspect about what had taken place. The complainant stated that the suspect, later identified as a 64-year-old Grass Lake man then exited his vehicle and grabbed a baseball bat out of the back seat, at that point the complainant retreated back to his vehicle and closed his door. The complainant stat-

ed that the suspect walked toward the vehicle and swung the baseball bat, smashing the window of the complainant's vehicle. The suspect then reportedly got back into his vehicle and after another short altercation the suspect fled the area. The incident remains open pending further investigation and review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's to determine what charges may be authorized.

Chelsea History Museum Walks Back to Era of Taverns, Pubs, and Prohibition

By: Jan Bernath

Chelsea may be famous for Jiffy Mix, the Purple Rose Theatre, and its thriving art and restaurant scene, but there's more to the city's story.

The Chelsea Area Historical Society's wildly popular walking tour -- "Boozy History of Chelsea: Saloons, Pubs & Bars," -- returns this year on Saturdays, June 15 and 22.

Tour leader and organizer, Jasen King, is excited about the museum's new "pub crawl." Working with the former board member Cary Church's research and museum volunteer Mary Keaton, he found a deep well of stories dating from the 1850s through the 1990s, highlighting a wild and free-flowing past filled with political intrigue, gambling, murder, and hours-long fist fights.

"Chelsea has a fascinating history," said King. "Much of the past has been forgotten, but this tour will tell the sto-

ries of legal and illegal drinking, tavern escapades, the temperance movement and prohibition, and how the landscape and demand for alcohol morphed into today's sensibility."

King said that, at times, the rules and regulations were less stringent, but sometimes state politicians, like Frank Glazier, took a local and strong hand in solving the drinking and gambling problems of their era.

CAHS board president and Chelsea native, Jan Bernath, recalls the "bar scene" growing up in the 1940s and '50s.

"I always thought Seitz's on West Middle Street was the only bar ever in town," said Bernath. "When the idea came up to develop a historic pub crawl, I was all in. I'm thrilled with the new tour and the stories and secrets behind Chelsea's familiar storefronts that are still standing."

Because much of the walking event takes

place in the city's social district, the tour includes stops for beverages. Walkers will be able to stroll with their beverage of choice.

Tickets and more info about "Boozy Chelsea: Saloons, Pubs & Bars" are available via Eventbrite.

Admission is \$20 for the 90-minute tour, with discounts for museum members.

The mission of the Chelsea Area Historical Society is to gather and preserve Chelsea area history, educate the public, and promote the restoration and preservation of historic buildings and sites for future generations. The museum is located in the 1853 Boyd House, at 128 Jackson St., across from the Chelsea Depot. 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 or call (734) 800-1850.

down. I don't know the reason, but I do know that I'm okay with that fact.

I recently put down some grass seed to fill in the dirt space that now exists where the stump and tree used to be. I jumped for joy when after about a week I noticed little blades of

green grass popping up through the soil.

So, I finally did it.

It finally happened. After years of waiting, planning and saving money, I finally got it done.

I had my HUGE walnut tree cut down.

I'm patting myself on the head. I deserve

it.

I'm also sweltering in my house, while guzzling a 2-liter of Mountain Dew and watching reruns of the "Love Boat."

Yes, I know, I'm giving my "man card" back.

Can I borrow a fan...?