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The Future of Dexter Wellness Center



From: Matt Pe-gouskie

On February 16, 2023, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation's (5HF) Board of Directors made a decision to place the Dexter Wellness Center (DWC), located at 2810 Bak-

er Road in Dexter, for sale. This decision comes after many months of analyzing how the economic downturn across the region is affecting operations financially.

Many issues were considered in this decision, including the drop in membership during and since the pandemic, numerous discussions on other purposes the building could offer the community through

shared use agreements with other non-profits and organizations, and a complete financial evaluation of the anticipated impact on the future of the Foundation's assets.

"This difficult decision was made to protect the long-term viability of 5 Healthy Towns Foundation today and in the future, to assure that the Foundation would continue with its founding mission... continued on page 2

THE POWER OF WRITING AUTHORS IN CHELSEA An Evening with the Authors!

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The Future of Dexter Wellness Center

➤ continued from page 1 to support and foster a culture of wellness across the region,” says board chairperson Patrick Conlin.

According to Steve Petty, 5HF CEO, “this decision is the culmination of months of review by our board and ultimately led to the difficult decision to sell the center. When Dexter Wellness Center was opened in 2013, it served as a very visible example of 5HF’s commitment to supporting physical activity and wellness. As the board completed its strategic review, it was determined that the center was not immune to the economic conditions being experienced by so many

businesses across our region. Unfortunately, the decision to list the property for sale was necessary in preserving the assets of the Foundation and continue to support health and wellness initiatives across the 5 Healthy Towns region for generations to come.”

“We continue to explore all opportunities locally and are hopeful that we can work with a buyer who shares our vision for strengthening personal and community wellness for Dexter residents. We anticipate that the sale process could take many months,” says Petty. “The Center will remain open with full

services for both existing and new members. The building can also be used by local non-profits for programming after hours, at no cost, pending availability. Members and staff have been informed of this decision as well, and we will continue our commitment to work transparently with staff, and community members to evaluate future options for the building. There are no changes to our operations in Chelsea or Stockbridge, and Dexter members already enjoy full access to those wellness center locations.”

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Entitled youth; how this dynamic can hinder their functioning in the real world

From: Michael Patterson, Namaste Family Services, LLC, Chelsea

Everyone wants to feel special and unique. This feeling can enhance self-esteem, give meaning to ordinary things that confront us, and minimize negative self-talk that belittles us. However, carried to the extreme it becomes a feeling of entitlement. "Having a sense of entitlement is having a belief that one is inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment." (Oxford Dictionary).

In this country, most are entitled to various freedoms that others may not have. But there are some that do not have the same advantages as others. Mostly this is a result of our social economic status (SES). (This is usually measured as level of education, income, and occupation) (American Psychological Association). When we come from a lower SES, we have less opportunity to enjoy all of the aspects of freedom from worry.

If a child is born into a family that is economically better off than

most in their community, they may develop a sense of entitlement. While this of course is not true for all families, sadly it is true in many. Especially if the culture of the community encourages "specialness." This is most apparent in middle school and high school. Sports, high grades, the ability to buy fashionable clothes, having the latest technology or other gadgets. If a child is grounded in the values of equity, charity, good works, and humility, then feeling entitled even when they are raised in a family that is economically well off is minimized. But, if a child is raised in a family or community that encourages, even rewards excessively specialness, then that child will envelop in their psyche that they are more deserving than others and unless their peers can compete (either in sports grades, or material things), they are not worthy.

Some who read this may say to themselves that this is just the way it is. Or competition is good, or my child is better than most. Or fi-

nally, what does it matter? You may justify that your son or daughter deserves/needs the best/latest/most fashionable things. There are many reasons that parents will lavish gifts on their children. For many it is feeling guilty for various things or wanting to make up for what you did not have. Or the child earned it. I see this many times in divorced families. One parent who is usually not available to the child on a regular basis will become what some have termed the "Disneyland parent." They are the fun parent who is always giving of things or doing fun activities in order to compete with the other parent, or overcome their sense of guilt. Or, to increase their sense of entitlement. The sad part is they usually lack the ability or avoid doing the difficult tasks of parenting. There is a difference from being a buddy to your child and being their parent.

It is the premise of this article that encouraging or fostering entitlement in your child can have significant effects on their cognitive

and emotional development.

Any child who feels they are overly special and deserve preferential treatment has the ability to be self-sufficient diminished.

There is an old adage that states, "If you earn something with your own hard work it will have more meaning to you." When I was growing up, my parents had little expendable income. All of my basic needs were met, however the extras were limited. At the age of ten I started my first business. My dad owned a doughnut shop. It never really took off but during the time it was open I would by doughnuts from him and sell them to families in my neighborhood. On Wednesday I would go house to house and get orders. On Thursday I would deliver them. Now I will admit my mother helped me out with this quite a bit as I was a shy child. I ran the business for about 8-9 months then lost interest. But, I did earn the money to buy a tape recorder. High tech in the sixties to be sure. That piece of technology

brought me much joy and started my desire to have the best in technology. Did it feel better because I worked and paid for it? I'm not sure if it did, but it did teach me the basic skills of an entrepreneur.

Erick Erickson (1902-1994) postulates that from the ages of 12-19 years youth are in the developmental stage of "Identity vs. Confusion." In this stage of development, the adolescent starts to separate from the parents, move closer to peers, and begins to identify mentors or others that they wish to learn from or mimic. If worked through in a healthy fashion, and no major trauma or divergence, the adolescent begin the tasks of young adulthood with a sense of "fidelity", "A psychological virtue characterized by the ability to relate to others and form

genuine relationships. (1). However, The teen can be diverted from completion of this stage due to many factors. Substance use, physical or sexual trauma, affiliation with peers who prescribe to negative behaviors etc. If an overblown sense of entitlement is encouraged or pushed upon by either the parents, the community, or other sources, then the adolescent will have a distorted sense of identity and belief system that may hinder the ability to form genuine relationships and strong core values.

(1) Arnold, M. E. Supporting adolescent exploration and commitment: Identity formation, thriving, and positive youth development. Journal of Youth Development, 12(4), 1-15. doi:10.5195/jyd.2017.522

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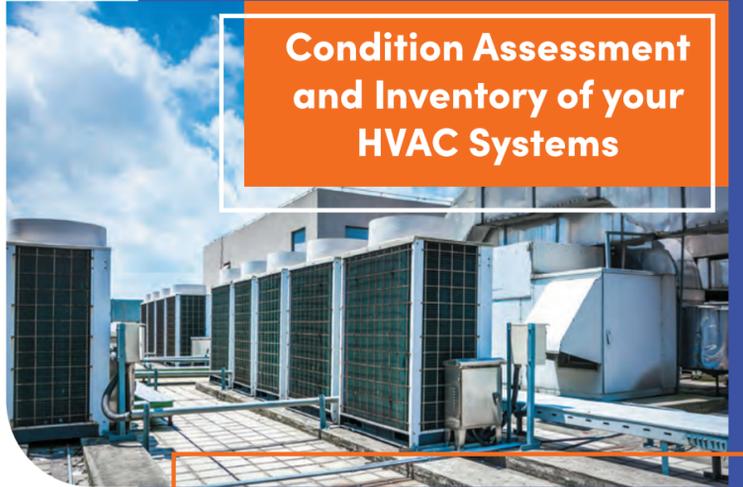
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CHELSEA ATHLETICS



CHELSEA BULLDOGS BOWLING

CHELSEA BOWLING RESULTS



From: Heather Turnbow

On Thursday February 16th 12 bowlers (6 boys and 6 girls) from CHS Bowling Team attended the 2023 Southeastern Conference Individual Bowling Championships. Participating teams included: Adrian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Skyline, Bedford, Chelsea, Jackson, Lincoln, Monroe, Tecumseh and Saline.

55 boys and 55 girls competed from the various schools.

Chelsea Girls:

Sophia Saffian
Quinn Johnson
Jenna Velky
Avery Piatt
Phoebe Ledbetter
Lily Paddock

Chelsea Boys:

Kyle Otrompke
JJ Turnbow
Nathan Doyle
Edwin GreenLeaf
Josh Doyle
Dylan Payeur

Each bowler

bowled 4 games to qualify for the top 8 boys and top 8 girls.

Standings before advancing were:

Girls:

Ledbetter 8th
Velky 19th
Paddock 22nd
Johnson 29th
Piatt 44th
Saffian 46th

Boys:

Doyle, J 3rd
Turnbow 5th
Payeur 23rd
Doyle, N 25th
GreenLeaf 29th

Otrompke 33rd

With the top 8 moving on Josh Doyle and JJ Turnbow represented the boys and Phoebe Ledbetter represented the girls.

Ledbetter averaged 176 for the day after 6 games but was knocked out in the first round facing Maddie Morget and lost by a margin of only 20 pins with a final place of 6th

Turnbow faced Owen Williams (Te-

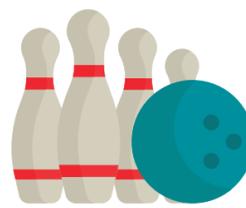
cumseh) and Doyle faced Palmer Ziemer (Tecumseh) in the first round and both won their match to advance

Turnbow faced Xander Finkbeiner (Adrian) and Doyle faced Evan Eagle (Monroe) in the second round and both won their match to lead to the final showdown where they faced each other.

In the final JJ Turnbow took 1st

and Josh Doyle took 2nd both very happy to face each other and represent Chelsea as the top 2.

Turnbow averaged 235 for the day and Josh Doyle averaged 219 (both over 10 games.)



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Tickets on sale now for CAP Jr.'s production of The Little Mermaid JR

CAP Jr., the youth theater company of the Chelsea Area Players will present The Little Mermaid JR at the George Prinzing Auditorium, Washington Street Education Center, March 10-11 at 7 p.m. and on March 12 at 2 p.m.

Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR, adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture.

In a magical underwater kingdom "fathoms below", a curious young mermaid longs to leave her ocean home - and her fins behind - to explore the world above. But first she'll have to defy her father, brave an evil sea witch, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

Director Alex Moore notes, "About 10 years ago, CAP produced a minimalist version of The Little Mermaid with limited special effects. This time around, we are doing exactly the opposite! Thanks to an incredible team led by our tech director and producers, we've worked to make the show as magical as possible. The audience can expect big sets and specialty effects like bubbles, smoke, dry ice, and many other creative visuals. We've amped everything up to create a more immersive experience."

She continues, "As always, we have a talented group of students who have worked incredibly hard to create this show. I've been so impressed with their dedication, enthusiasm, and commit-

ment." With some of the most beloved Disney characters and songs like "Part of Your World" and "Poor Unfortunate Souls," this show is sure to make a splash!

General admission tickets are available for \$10 at Chelsea Hometown Pharmacy, 1125 South Main St. or at the door.

About Chelsea Area Players:

Formed in 1972, the purpose of the Chelsea Area Players is to enrich the educational and cultural life of the community, promote understanding and appreciation of an important art, provide worthwhile entertainment, encourage interest and active participation by the community in all phases of the theatre through dramatic productions and other related activi-

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Chelsea Area Historical Society & Museum

presents

Monday
MARCH 13
7 pm
At the Depot

FIRST PERSON - JOE HALE

Chelsea in World War II and Iwo Jima

Joe Hale was a young man in Chelsea in 1942. Pearl Harbor was bombed, Main Street hitching posts were sent to the scrap drive, and the town practiced Black Out drills...just in case.

So Joe Hale, and his buddy Dan Ewald, enlisted in the Marines. Joe captured this story — and how he fought and survived on Iwo Jima — in his 2012 writings for the CAHS. We will share readings from that work, paired with photos from the era.



Our summer exhibit will feature Joe Hale's career work as an artist for Walt Disney.

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Chelsea Area Historical Museum to Present First Person Memoir: Chelsea Native Remembers 1940s Chelsea, WWII, and the Battle on Iwo Jima

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sea Depot, the Chelsea Area Historical Society presents a reading of the Chelsea native and WWII veteran's mini-memoir that captured that snapshot of local and world history. CAHS program chair, Dave Strauss, is excited to bring Hale's stories back to Chelsea.

"One of the most brutal battles and iconic photographs from WWII occurred on Iwo Jima," he said, "and we have the back-story of that photo."

As a marine, Hale was part of the amphibious assault in February 1945, which lasted six weeks.

"Joe was one of the many young men willing to sacrifice their lives for America and its democracy," Strauss added. "There is a reason why this is the greatest generation."

Hale's work - which he wrote for the CAHS when he was visiting Chelsea in 2012 - is remarkable in its detail, said Janet Ogle-Mater, CAHS secretary.

"When he writes that, 'Eight battleships were firing broadsides; dozens of cruisers, destroyers, and LCT's, converted into rocket firing boats, were firing thousands of shells at the island and the landing beaches,' you feel like you are there," Ogle-Mater said. "It's both thrilling and scary, especially when he notes that the whole operation was expected to be short and swift. They had no idea it would become so bloody, so intense, so famous."

The readings will be paired with photos from Hale's personal collection, the Museum's collection, and the National archives.

A summer exhibit will feature Hale's career work from his years as an animator artist at Walt Disney. Registration is requested for this event either by email or phone: president@chelseahistory.org or 734.476.2010. The event is free for CAHS members or with a \$10 donation for non-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. For more information, visit www.chelseahistory.org or call 734.476.2010.



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Valiant Bar and Grill Review



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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One of the best parts of being a reporter during the pandemic was the ability to support local businesses. I ate my way through Dexter. Who needs a pandemic to spotlight local businesses? I love food and I have yet to visit and write about the restaurants in Chelsea, so I decided to get out and eat. I had a rare babysitter Friday night so my husband and I headed to the Valiant to catch a musical act that was set to perform, Six Strings and a Mike. Mike Lee, and his guitar has been playing shows all over the area. Mike and I attended high school together back in the stone age at Saline High School. I've been trying to catch him play for a while, but he's usually playing past my bedtime. But since he was at the Valiant and I had a sitter, I could get there and stay for the whole show.

Since I ate my way through Dexter, I've attempted to eat healthier. My cardiologist urges me to be plant-based but I draw the line at cheese. So I've be-

come vegetarian which makes eating out more challenging. The first thing I noticed was the Valiant was slammed on Friday. I don't know if it was because so many were without power or just simply Friday night. But the restaurant was busy. We were able to get seated near where Mike would be playing. I immediately found a vegetarian dish that looked good and fell in line with the Mediterranean theme of the restaurant. I got a sample appetizer with pita, tzatziki and spicy feta. I also got a draft beer for a very reasonable price. My husband ordered the Ruben. Our server, Amie, was very nice, even while she was super busy. The service we had was great. Just so the reader knows, I never let the restaurant know, I'm doing a review. I want to see what treatment anyone might get.

Mike started performing and played everything from Poison, to REM, to Elvis. Back in High school, he was a drummer so I was impressed by his playlist. He played for 2 hours straight and debuted a new song for us, Con-

crete Blonde Joey.

My food did not disappoint. My husband really enjoyed his too. The music, combined with the great food and service made for a spectacular Friday night. We apologize to anyone who saw us dancing to Mike's last song of the night with zero rhythm! Mike was the drummer, not me! In my defense, though, can anyone not get up and dance to Van Morrison's Brown Eyed Girl? It is such a rare event that we go out on a Friday night, and my husband's card sent him a fraud alert after it was swiped.

If you're, like me, looking for a casual, non fussy night out, with good food and a friendly staff, check out the Valiant. If you're looking for a musician to play toe-tapping, sing-along music, check out Six Strings and a Mike. <https://www.facebook.com/SixStringsAndAMike/> I'll be staying up past my bedtime to catch him again soon. I had a great time. It's very nice to get out so rarely and have a great time doing it. Thanks to Mike and the Valiant for making my one Friday night a year, a great one!



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Chelsea Guardian



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Location: 200 block of E. Middle St.

Time: 5:30 am

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Middle Street for an unknown problem resulting from a 911 call that was received. Upon arrival the officers were met by the caller who

stated that they had been in a physical altercation with their estranged boyfriend. The complainant stated that they had gotten into a physical altercation and the suspect fled the scene. Upon the officers arrival on scene the

suspect a 43-year-old Grass Lake man was no longer in the area. Witness statements were gathered and the case was submitted to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office for warrant review.

Incident #: 23-749

Date: February 24, 2023

Location: 100 block of S. Main St.

Time: 11:50 am

INFORMATION: While at the station a walk-in complaint came in regarding an attempted forged check. The complainant stated they had been notified by their bank that someone had at-

tempted to pass a counterfeit check. The complainant's bank had stopped the check from being cashed as they had determined the check to be fraudulent. The check however was created and forged by

the suspect with accurate account information. The case remains open pending further investigation on the suspect identified to be the account holder of the suspect account.

Incident #: 23-757

Date: February 24, 2023

Location: 400 block of N. Main St.

Time: 8:14 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 400 block of N. Main Street for the report of a disorderly subject complaint. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the complainant who pointed out the disorderly person walking away from the establishment. The complainant stated that the subject had been "cussing at the waitstaff" and had been asked several times to leave but refused to leave until the police were called. The

complainant said that once the subject saw that the police had been called, he left the property. The complainant stated that they wished for the subject to be issued Trespass notice, preventing him from returning to the establishment. The officer then found the subject in question, a 38-year-old Grass Lake man, sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle in a nearby parking lot. As the officer approached the vehicle the subject got out of the vehicle and began "screaming

and cussing" at the officer. The officer advised the subject several times to stop screaming and that he only wanted to get his side of the story of what had taken place. The subject was eventually able to be calmed down and talked to about the events that had taken place. The case remains open pending further investigation and review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office for potential criminal charges.

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