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LILY HAS TALENT



Photos By Trudy Zedaker-Witte and Melanie Reyes

By Dave Merchant

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Dexter sophomore Lily Witte has quite the diving resume. She also loves swimming.

Her highlights include: Five time USA Diving Jr. National Champion, Five time silver medalist, two time bronze medalist; Team USA Junior National Squad member since 2017, competed for the USA on three continents in two Jr Pan American Games as well as the Dresden Youth Games. Two time high school state champion, two time Michigan Dream Team member, D2 State and DHS record holder.

Her favorite class

is Math (Advanced Algebra 2). Her favorite coach is hard to narrow down. "I have had so many great coaches over the years, it is difficult to pick," she said. "I would like to thank each and every one of them for helping make me the athlete I am today. My Legacy Diving coaches work with me daily, and continue to develop me for the future: Coach Buck Smith, Coach Ed Goodman, and Coach Dan Gironza. Coach Shawn Bergman of DHS has helped me with my high school diving, and Coach Cory Bergen of DHS recognizes that I still love swimming and **continued on page 6**

Restaurant Review: Hotel Hickman Chuckwagon BBQ



Story and more photos on page 2. Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski.

ELYSA LOVES TO DIVE



Photos By Gregory Haines and Melanie Reyes

By Dave Merchant

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Elysa Grossman is a talented junior diver at Dexter High School.

So far she has many favorite moments in diving. "Being on the state team with Lily and Vivian, who I have been diving with for a long time, and competing at nationals," Elysa said.

Her coaches are important to her.

"All of my coaches have taught me im- **continued on page 6**



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Restaurant Review: Hotel Hickman Chuckwagon BBQ



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I'm continuing to eat my way through Dexter. This weekend we stopped at Hotel Hickman Chuckwagon BBQ for lunch. We've never tried it and the honest reason why is I'm not a huge fan of BBQ. I know, I know, who doesn't love BBQ? That's how everyone responds when I confess my dirty little secret. I also don't like Oreos if you aren't scandalized enough. Unlike Oreos, I do like BBQ, it's just not my favorite. So, Hotel Hickman, had its work cut out with me.

We were enticed by the lunch special which included; a sandwich, a side dish, a drink, and a dessert. I opted for the pulled BBQ chicken sandwich, macaroni and cheese, bourbon peach cobbler, and a root beer. We also ordered a Texas style beef brisket sandwich with the same sides. We called in our order as we were driving by Bates and we had basically no waiting for our food, which is great for anyone looking for a fast lunch break but not wanting traditional fast food.

I was pleased to see my root beer came out in a can of Faygo. I'm a Michigan girl so my best childhood memories usually include Faygo. My daughter happily clutched her orange pop.

On the ride home the car was filled with the intoxicating scent of the food. Suddenly, I was starving and could not wait to get home and eat.

The first thing I

tried was a bit of the Texas style beef brisket. It was smoky, tender and delicious. The macaroni and cheese was thick and gooey and the definition of comfort food. I was very happy that I chose it as my side. It is excellent. My husband, who really likes BBQ, chose the hot sauce. He thought it had great flavor and the right amount of kick. Though I'm not a huge fan of BBQ sauce, I really liked the flavor of the sauce on my chicken sandwich. It was not the overly sweet, store bottled kind. It did have a really nice flavor. I enjoyed it so much, I ate the entire sandwich and I could have been full off of the macaroni side alone. I'm hard to win over on BBQ and Hotel Hickman did. That's saying something!

It was time to try the dessert. I'd seen the reviews and the cobbler is something universally raved about. There's a reason. It was absolutely delicious. I was full, full, full, but could not stop eating

it. My husband really enjoyed his too. By the time I finished my lunch I was full, like after Thanksgiving dinner full, and sleepy. I ended up enjoying an afternoon nap and felt satisfied and happy.

Hotel Hickman Chuckwagon BBQ, provides quality, hearty meals fast and did not disappoint. Anyone looking for something better than a gross patty and soggy fries on a short schedule, should pay a visit to Hotel Hickman for a fast, delicious lunch that will leave you feeling full and happy. The food won me over. The bourbon peach cobbler is going to be something I crave for a long time. The food was wonderful, and extremely satisfying, especially for something so fast! Check out the website for the menu: <https://www.hotelhickman.com/>. If I have not visited your restaurant for a review, email me so I can be sure to pay you a visit: anbingham@gmail.com.



Science of Sledding

February 13 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Recurring Events (See all)

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Time: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Noon.

Cost: \$6 per packet

Location: Hudson Mills Metropark, Activity Center

Pre-registration is required by February 11 at 4 p.m.

Pre-register by calling 734-426-8211.

If you have any Community Events you would like listed here please email charlachelseaguardian@gmail.com

Humane Society of Huron Valley **Humane Society of Huron Valley Pets of the Week!**

Adopt a Pet-of-the-Week this week, and get 10% off your adoption fee!

The Ann Arbor's 107one Pet-of-the-Week is Theodosia
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The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Kitty
Ever met a dog named Kitty? Now's your chance! Kitty is a big boy (an Akita/Alaskan Malamute mix) looking for a patient and dog-savvy home. He has taken awhile to trust us here, and due to nervousness he will need a home without children under 17 or other dogs. However, if you have a female dog, he may get along with her; they will have to meet before Kitty goes home with you. Due to Kitty's size, he cannot live in an apartment or condo setting and would LOVE a back yard where he can run and play! He is a really good boy who just needs a chance. If you are willing to give him the time he needs to feel full confident, come meet him today!

The W4 Country Pet-of-the-Week is Daisy
Meet Daisy! This kitty is currently recovering from hip surgery in her foster home, and will need an adopter who can go very slow with her. She is super ready to be your new best friend! Daisy will seek you out for attention, and will want to hang out with you wherever you go. At 3 years old, she's still full of energy and fun. Daisy will prefer a home where she does not have to share the spotlight with any other cats. If you are interested in this golden girl, please fill out an application online or in the shelter.

The Lucy Ann Lance Show Pet-of-the-Week is Rocky
Rocky has really grown up since he came to us as a wiggly puppy! And he has been through a lot since then. Rocky arrived at HSHV in October with a loud heart murmur. We sent him to a cardiologist and he was diagnosed with severe pulmonic stenosis, a heart defect which limited the amount of blood flow to his heart. However, hope was not lost. In January we sent Rocky to Michigan State for heart surgery, which has greatly improved his condition and his chance for a normal life. Although the possibility of his disease progressing is now slim, Rocky's adopter must be prepared to monitor him for signs that his condition is resurfacing. We will give interested adopters all the information they need to make an informed choice and know what to look for in order to protect Rocky! This 5 month old pup is also looking for a family without young children, as he is an energetic boy who needs some basic training in order to perfect his manners. If you're ready to help Rocky live his best life, come meet him today!

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- Become more active

- Take back negative thoughts
- Lose a moderate amount of weight
- Manage stress
- Control portions
- Stay motivated
- Be part of a group

Those interested in the program are invited to participate in a free virtual information session on February 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. All meetings are

virtual and held via Webex. Upon registration and eligibility screening, participants will be provided a meeting invitation via e-mail. This virtual program is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register for the program, please call 734-593-5276.



Virtual Breakdance Class

Weekly, virtual, class for grades K-5
Wednesdays, 3:00 – 3:45,
February 3 – March 10
Maurice Archer, Instructor



Breaking News! The International Olympic Committee has officially announced it will add breakdancing to the 2024 Games under the name "Breaking". Breakdance is a style of hip-hop dance that includes footwork and athletic moves like back or head spins. Maurice Archer has been teaching afterschool breakdance classes in Dexter for the past two years. His students learn to express themselves and build self-confidence through movement in a safe, fun, disciplined and friendly environment.

Beginning February 3, we're offering a 45-minute virtual class for boys and girls in grades K-5 on Wednesdays, 3-3:45p. Parents who register their student will receive a Zoom link prior to the first class.

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Tracy Rose is an Associate Broker with over 30 years of residential and commercial Real Estate experience. Do you have a question about Real Estate? Send it to Tracy at ask@tracyrose.net.

Defective home - who is responsible for repairs?

Dear Tracy,
I am currently in the process of buying a home that was built in 1958. I had the home inspected and there were several items found that need immediate repair. The front porch is starting to crumble and is a safety issue. The plumbing has very low pressure. An electrical line to the garage was severed during the installation of the new driveway. I have requested that the seller either repairs these items or gives me a credit at close so I can do the repairs. The seller is refusing. My agent says the seller does not have to do anything. Isn't the seller obligated to fix these problems now that he knows about them?

Dalton B.

Dear Dalton,

Having a home inspected is a very important step in the process of purchasing a new home. Your situation is a perfect example of why this step should not be skipped.

When you submit an offer to a seller to buy their home, they are agreeing to sell it to you based on the terms of the contract. Often there is an inspection clause in the contract that states that you are able to have the home inspected within a set period of time.

In general, following the inspection you have a few options:

1) If you accept the results of the inspection, good or bad, you can proceed with the sale. The seller is under contract to sell the home to you as long as the original contract is in place.

2) If you are not pleased with the results you generally have a couple of op-

tions as long as the inspection period is still active and has not expired:

a) You may submit a request for a mutual release of the sales contract to the seller. Once both parties sign, this will release you from the sales contract and you receive a refund of your deposit as long as you have not breached any terms.

b) You can notify the seller of your objections to the condition of the property. The seller may agree to remedy some, or all, of your objections, issue a credit, or a combination of both. This process is a negotiation to modify the original sales contract and must be mutually agreed upon by both parties to be valid.

It is possible that the seller will refuse to re-negotiate the contract. If this happens, you will need to decide if you are willing

to take the home as is or if you want to move on.

If you do sign a

mutual release, and the seller is now aware of safety issues or defects in the property, the seller may need to modify their Seller's Disclosure.

If this property does not work out, don't give up! This is a step in your

February Events 2021

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Valentine's Gift Card Special* (CHE/DEX)
February 1-14
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Virtual LIVE February Workshops*
Creating An Exercise Workout (CHE)
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Ryan Watkins, Fitness Specialist, ACTION Certified Personal Trainer

The Importance of Stretching (DEX)
Tuesday, February 23 | 5:00pm
Nicole Swisher, Fitness Specialist, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer

Expanding Your Exercise Library (CHE)
Friday, February 26 | 1:15pm
Evan Fletcher, Fitness Specialist, ACTION Certified Personal Trainer

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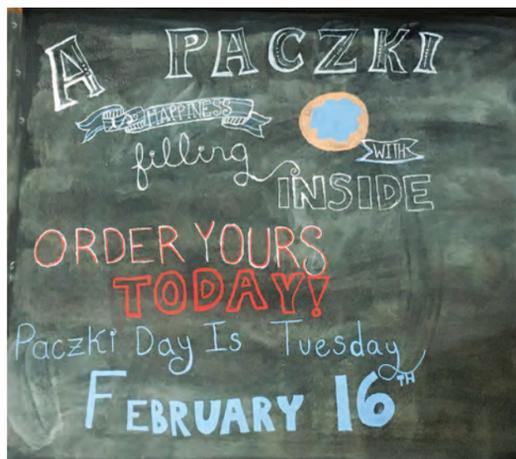
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Updates to Gordon Hall



From Dexter Area Historical Society

Gordon Hall Volunteers have been busy removing the carpeting and plywood in the North Parlor and hallways of Gordon Hall revealing the original floor boards from the 1840s. These pictures show some of the volunteers who have been working with crowbars to remove the many nails that were used to hold down the plywood! The stairway was added in 1951 by the U of M to access the two upper apartments, so we just removed the carpet from them. Our plans are to continue restoring the floor which we hope to show off on September 11th and 12th during our special 2021 Gordon Hall Days.

For more information on Gordon Hall and this project, please visit our website: DexterHistory.org.



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DEXTER ATHLETICS



LILY HAS TALENT



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I am grateful he gives me the opportunity to compete.”

“Coach Chris Whitaker from the Iron Dread Program was willing to take a chance and allow me to try the program when I was a just a seventh grader, and helps make me strong. I also need

to mention Coach Dave Gendernalik and Coach Kate Riedel of DCAC who took me on as a 5 year old and instilled in me the love of swimming and diving.”

She has big things planned. “I plan on continuing to attend Dexter High School (many of my team-

mates on Team USA are homeschooled) and balance my studies and diving,” she added. “I will then look for a university that is a good fit for my educational interests (Pre-Med) and where I can continue to grow in the sport of diving. It is my goal to continue to represent Team USA in the fu-

ture.”

She likes diving. “I have been diving (and swimming) since I was 5 years old. I absolutely love the sport of diving,” she said. “I love the challenge of perfecting dives and the feeling of accomplishment when you finally nail it.”

Her parents are Trudy Zedaker-Witte

and Wade Witte. She has two sisters, Kaylee who is 22 and Lauren who is 17 and a senior this year at DHS.

Hobbies include running, completing jigsaw puzzles, and skiing.

Advice for younger athletes is strong. “Always try and find the joy in your sport

and hold tightly on to that,” she said. “As you advance in your sport, workouts become more grueling, practices are longer, and competitions can become more stressful, but if you can find a way to hang on to the fun, you will enjoy the journey.”

ELYSA LOVES TO DIVE



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portant lessons and helped me grow,” she said.

She hopes to continue diving in college. “Eight years ago I joined the dive team at the country club near me and one of the coaches there told me about

Legacy, a year round club team,” she said. “I started diving with Legacy and have been hooked ever since. I have been able to meet some of my best friends through diving and it has always been a good experience for me.”

Her parents are

Karla and Brian Grossman and she has an older sister Katie.

Her advice to younger divers is positive.

“My advice is just work hard,” she said. “Put in all the time and effort you can and it will pay off.”



DEXTER SWIMMERS BEGIN SEASON

By Dave Merchant
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The Dread swimmers are a small team this year with only 15 swimmers and 1 diver. While their

numbers are low, they have a lot of talent on the team to compete and accomplish their goals. The seniors will lead the locals as all 3 members in

the class have qualified for state before and look to make amends for a missed opportunity last year.

Life in the New Year

By Dave Merchant
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Looking at life is very complex. Everyone has an idea or a perception of how things should be. I understand this and have my own perception of how things should be.

This life is a very personal and precious thing for each individual.

Who would have thought it would be a year later and we would still be dealing with this horrific Covid-19 huge health problem.

People have died or become terribly ill due to this virus. My mother hasn't been out of the

hospital and nursing home since November. I have not been able to visit her or see her besides through a window.

Now restaurants have opened at 25 percent capacity. It may help and it may make local restaurants survive and I hope that is the case.

Schools have changed forever. Children may not do in person learning for some time.

Athletics for Winter sports are set to take place. The start of these sports means a lot to the parents, athletes and coaches.

Let's get ready to

rumble. Time to start hockey, girls and boys basketball as well as other sports in the future.

As long as it is deemed safe I am excited for the future. Sports are as necessary to students as academics. Working in the gym is similar to doing an algebraic equation. So whether it is boys' swimming, cheerleading, or hoops let's get our game on.

Colleges are not the same. Students have started school and never been in class. When it is deemed safe they need to go back.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Superintendent Chris Timmis began the January 25, 2021 Board of Education meeting by sharing that Mill Creek Middle School students returned to the building that day, beginning their A/B hybrid schedule. DHS Students will also be returning this week, with a different start date due to the PSAT. District administration continues to explore how to bring in a higher percentage of students more often while adhering to COVID-19 protocols and managing logistical concerns, as well as busing.

Dr. Timmis updated the Board on the District's Strategic Plan, provided an overview of work thus far, and outlined next steps moving forward. The current plan was adopted in 2015 as a 5-year plan, with the intention to have a new plan prepared and adopted before the end of 2020, for which the District was on pace until the pandemic. This update shared the progress of the work on the new plan which would go through 2025. Throughout 2019, KnowledgeWorks (an outside educational consultant) surveyed families, staff, students and several other constituent groups, ran focus groups and toured DCS buildings and classrooms, giving the District a thorough external assessment of our operations. The District then created several constituent working groups (community members, staff, Board members, students, etc.) to review the information collected.

Based on these findings, five areas of strategic focus were distilled: Vision, Culture, Learning Continuum, Extended Learning Opportunities and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

The District's current Vision statement is, "Champion Learning: Develop, Educate and Inspire," but the assessment process revealed that the meaning behind these words wasn't universal. The goal then became to unpack the meaning and make it tangible in order to develop unified, collaborative, and supportive teams working together to achieve that vision.

In terms of the overall strategic plan, the two remaining areas to address are Extended Learning Opportunities and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI). Extended Learning Opportunities include learning experiences outside school walls and working closely with the Dexter community. A District-wide DEI committee has been created and meetings are scheduled in February and March to create a long-range plan for DEI, which will then be included in the overall District strategic plan. To ensure student experiences are accurately recorded, DCS recently commissioned a study of the experiences of our minority students at DCS. The results of this study, including action steps, should be available in early March and will help guide the DEI committee in their work.

Dr. Timmis concluded his remarks by informing Trustees that the District will be focusing on the Strategic Plan over the next several months, and more information will be shared for their feedback and approval as it develops.

Board President Dr. Julie Schumaker had no update this evening. Student representatives Annalisa Shehab and Aiden Naughton reported that freshman orientation was held at DHS last week, serving as those students' first official visit to the building and making them the first students to see in person the many COVID-19 protocol changes made at

the high school.

High school students recently had the opportunity to give live feedback on the year thus far to DHS administration via a Zoom call. Naughton reported that students like the asynchronous Wednesday, but IB and AP students seem to be struggling with the lack of in-person instruction. Dr. Timmis stated that a similar meeting between high school parents and DHS administration is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m., also via Zoom.

No community members raised their "virtual hand" during the first opportunity for public participation, and Trustees moved on to unanimously approve two consent items: the recommendation to hire Lindsay Babicki as a Mill Creek special education teacher and to receive the December budget report.

Dexter Community Schools has an opportunity to refund its School Loan Revolving Fund (SLRF) balance with taxable bonds and take advantage of currently low interest rates on short-term maturities. This was previously discussed by the Finance Committee at its September 15, 2020 meeting. CFO Dr. Sharon Raschke explained that this is a great opportunity for the community to save over a million dollars by taking advantage of current low interest rates. The term 'refunding' is similar to homeowner refinancing; the District will pay off the old bonds, then buy new bonds at a lower interest rate, thus saving taxpayers significant money in the long run. Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the resolution authorizing

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ing the issuance of 2021 refunding bonds.

In recognition of the significant time spent by salaried employees beyond their normal contractual hours working to prepare and provide high-quality learning for our students throughout this pandemic school year, the Board unanimously approved one-time, off-schedule payments to all DEA & DAA members. This off-schedule payment (3.09% of base salary) equates to just over one week of time spent this summer by our salaried employees outside of their contract requirements.



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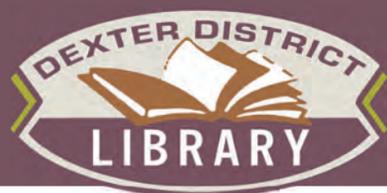
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Upcoming Winter Events at Dexter District Library

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, January 14 to February 25

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms Krista this winter on our DDL facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. We will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 14, January 28, February 11 and February 25

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, January 20 to March 3

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning January 20. Ms. Krista will share fun challenges, activities and craft ideas that you can try at home. She will also highlight a few new chapter books and readers. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 20, February 3, February 17 and March 3

Thursday, February 4 to Wednesday, February 10

February Craft Kits

February Craft Kits for grades K through 5 will be available from February 4 to February 10. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them to our outside table or pick them up inside. Registration is required on our website beginning January 18.

Thursday, February 18

All Star Readers

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, February 18 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, January 21. The book we will be discussing will be announced. Books will be available for pick up when you register. Join us for a fun, lively afternoon with Ms. Krista leading our discussion, everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room and a password will be sent to you prior to February 18.

Saturday, February 20 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

DIY Weaving Craft

Children in grades 4 through 8 will work along with Youth Librarians on Zoom to learn basic weaving techniques. Make a small wall hanging and learn how to make and attach pompons. Registration is required, can be found at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/diy-weaving-craft/> and runs from February 1 through February 17. Supplies will be available for pickup prior to class. Registered participants will receive an email with pickup details. A Zoom link will be emailed one day prior to the program. Contact Diane Alson at dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us for more information.

Getting Started With Clicker Training



By Laura Perkins

For animal trainers, spring is conference season. This year our conferences are once again virtual, but you can still feel the excitement of other like-minded professionals “gathering” from around the country and even the world. This past weekend was one of my very favorite conferences - Clicker Expo! So, I thought I would use this month’s article to share a little bit about clicker training.

First things first. A clicker is a small plastic box with a button that makes a sharp click noise when you press it. Sort of like a very loud pen clicking noise. Sometimes there is a misunderstanding that the click is an instruction for your dog to do something. This isn’t quite right. The clicker is simply a communication tool to let your learner know that they did something right and will be getting a reinforcer for that. It always comes after the behavior you like. It is useful because the noise is short, unique, and easy to replicate consistently.

When you first click your clicker, it will be meaningless to your pet. You have to give the clicker meaning by introducing it. To introduce the clicker, you can simply click and then give your pet a treat. Repeat that order several times. The clicker should come to mean “a treat is coming!”. It is really important that you are still and wait to reach for the treat until

after you click the clicker. If you start to reach for the treat first, the click sound will become background noise to your pet and you’ll lose the critical meaning of that sound.

This is a useful meaning because it can help us to communicate the exact moment when our pets are doing something we want them to do again! It is quick and clear if you develop it and use it correctly. The click should always follow the behavior you like. Some people are tempted to use the click noise to call their dog or get their attention - this will work but it isn’t a good idea because it will change the meaning of the click! Instead, wait for that moment that your dog looks at you and click and treat for that check-in behavior.

Once you have introduced the clicker to your pet, you are ready to use it to teach them something new.

A fun activity to try is to keep your clicker and a few treats handy as you go about your daily routine. Try to observe your pet. When they do a behavior that you like or think is cute, click and treat! For example, when your dog gets up from a nap and does a big stretch, click and treat. If you are consistent with this, you might notice that your dog will stretch more often! Then you can give the behavior a name by saying a word right before your dog does the stretch. And don’t forget to click and treat! Soon, you’ll be able to say your word

for stretching and your dog will stretch for the click and treat - a fun trick!

Clicker training isn’t just for tricks though. You can use it to capture behavior that you like around the house like resting while you cook or eat dinner. You can build cooperative care behaviors such as standing still while being brushed or having feet dried off. You can also teach basic obedience like walking nicely on leash, coming when called, and staying while you open a door.

Perhaps the coolest thing about clicker training is that it works with all animals. Just this weekend I’ve seen videos of clicker training being used with dogs, cats, donkeys, goats, horses, and even reptiles and fish. So no matter what kind of animal you share your home with, give it a try! Grab a clicker from your local pet store, find some delicious (but small) treats for your pet, introduce the clicker and try capturing some behaviors you like!

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son.)

Last year we had 34 sponsors and this year we were able to achieve 54! This is a great testament to the Chamber’s on-going events and a wonderful way to put the City of Dexter on the map to visit for many years to come. Thank you to our amaz-

ing Sponsors, everyone who has enjoyed them for the past few weeks, and a huge thank you to the Chambers Committee who organized the event.

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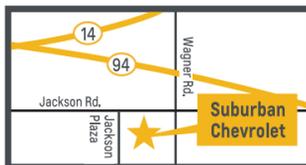
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