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It Feels Like Covid Spring in Dexter



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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Saturday morning, I attended the Dexter Forum over Zoom.

For the first time in months, there were upcoming events advertised. The Methodist Church, after their

successful living nativity, will host a living Easter event on March 27. It sounds like animals will be used to

tell the Easter story. I know this is an event my six-year-old will love. As long as cautions will be used to **continued on page 2**

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Dexter City Council Meeting & The Struggle to Plan for Dexter Daze

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The meeting opened with the approval of minutes with corrections. Then the Dexter fire-fighter association regarding the social tent regarding Dexter Daze was discussed. Tim Andrews spoke on behalf of the fire-fighters association. Tim did some research and found that the health depart-

ment and Michigan Liquor Control Commission believe that it can be done and that it can be done safely.

The mayor had a question for Tim, He wanted to know who's job will it be to keep people in their seats. Tim stated everything within the tent is their responsibility. We are currently unsure what the rules will be in August, as of today, people will not be

able to walk around the social tent.

Paul wanted to know how to control people getting up and walking to tables and visiting others. Paul is concerned about monitoring.

Zach brought up the issue of wooden tables and sanitizing.

The motion to approve the agenda passed. There was no public participation. **continued on page 3**

LAUREN WITTE IS GOING FOR IT



Photos Courtesy of Lauren Witte

By Dave Merchant
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This awesome Dexter swimmer is making things happen.

The 100 back-stroke and 200 Medley relay are my favorite events," Witte said." I plan to attend the University of Maine and study nursing, while swimming for the Black Bears. My long term goal is to attend grad school and become a nurse anesthetist."

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option, it looked like a choice to take in some sunshine. Some restrictions have been lifted and options for things to do are becoming greater. But, we still need to remain vigilant and safe. It's Michigan and Covid Spring, you still need a mask and to keep your winter boots ready. Restaurants are extending hours and Verapose Yoga is hosting in-person classes, but there are still virtual classes online if you're not ready for that step.

I stopped by the future home of the Bee Joyful shop. The shop is set to open in the former Artistica space next to the Dexter Creamery. Michigan Spring is a time for rebirth. 4H calves are finding new homes and The Bee joyful shop is preparing to open. I saw a little bee welcome mat and heard people talking inside, so I surprised everyone and opened the door, and introduced myself. It's the first time I've dropped in and met in person since before covid. I did it with a mask on and we spoke outside rather than inside, but it was a good feeling. I've missed interacting with the community beyond Zoom. If everything goes as planned the Bee Joyful shop will open on April 2nd. It is a zero-waste shop and will feature sustainable options for single-use plastic. To learn more about wares offered and the shop, visit the website, <https://www.beejoyfulshop.com/>. This is the second location, the original is located in Kalamazoo. A big welcome to Jessica, the owner, and the family to Dexter. We can't wait to meet you and are so happy you're here.

If you are the praying type, continue to pray for Paul Cousin's wife, who suffered a stroke and is fighting to recover.

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tations are in place and everyone is practicing safety measures, this sounds like an event we can attend and one that we will enjoy. I am looking forward to reporting on all the events as they happen.

If you are a senior and struggling to navigate the vaccine system, the senior center is answering the phone and happy to help, whether you are a member or not, give them a call during 9 am-3 pm at (734) 426-7737. They will help you get your appointment scheduled. A big thank you to the senior center for providing this service. I've been trying to help my mom navigate the system. She's not great with the internet and the system feels a bit like the most aggressive and assertive will get vaccinated while others may fall through the cracks. If you're a senior and struggling with the process, there is help in the community.

I drove into town to check out a new store coming to the

former Artistica space. The sun was shining, the snow was melted and I felt what I do every year after winter on sunny days, slight joy. I'm a born and raised Michigan girl, so I know how this works. This is Michigan Spring, and this is Michigan Covid Spring. It's tap your maple tree's Spring but do not pack away your winter gear. Stretch and take in the sunshine, but be ready for more snow. Stay distant, stay safe, and look forward to the world opening but don't put your mask away just yet. The end is in sight but, it's not over yet. Upon entering Dexter, I felt the Spring energy. I saw masked teens or preteens playing some sort of ball in Monument Park. People were out walking, masks on, taking in the sunshine. The Dexter Dairy Queen was open and there was a line outside. There were people enjoying a beer on the patio of the Beer Grotto. It did not look like an uncomfortable



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

Ask Tracy

YOUR REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS



I have to finance my next home. How do I make my offer stand out against cash offers?

Dear Tracy,
I have been looking for a new home for a couple of months. There are very few homes on the market and each time I make an offer, I lose out to a higher offer and often a cash offer. I will be financing the home and have 50% of the sale price for a down payment. Is there anyway to make my offer compete?
Michelle L.

Dear Michelle,
Right now buyers are experiencing a very competitive environment when it comes to purchasing a home. This is especially true for those buyers who must finance the home and are losing out to cash buyers who do not have the financing contingency in their offers.

In January, I wrote a column that outlined some strategies such as escalation clauses, free occupancy for the seller, and appraisal guarantees. All those options should be considered when writing an offer.

In this competitive market, offers for homes are coming in at or above the asking price, often within days of a home hitting the market! If you are a seller this is an excellent position to be in. However, a savvy seller will recognize that a sky-high offer is not worth much if the buyer is relying on financing. Lenders usually require an appraisal to confirm that loan will be in line with the actual value of the property. If your offer is accepted and the home does not appraise for the offer amount, your loan may not be approved and you may not be able to complete the sale. Cash offers, in most cases,

eliminate the need for an appraisal. For this reason, cash buyers are very attractive to sellers.

Because you have a significant down payment, you may be able to get additionally creative with your offer. When your down payment is significant, ask your lender if they will waive the appraisal requirement. If you have carefully reviewed the market prices and are comfortable moving forward without having the property appraised, a seller might find an appraisal waiver favorable.

If your lender will not waive the appraisal or you are uncomfortable purchasing without an appraisal, there is another strategy that may make your offer more attractive. Rather than putting a 50% down payment, you may be able to reduce that amount to free up some capital. Use that additional capital to cover an "Appraisal Guarantee" clause added to the Sales Contract.

Your offer could contain the following clause:

A P P R A I S A L SHORTFALL: We will bring up to \$5,000 in additional down payment funds to make up an appraisal shortfall, up

to a maximum purchase price of \$XXX,XXX related to this purchase.

With the competitive market today, make sure you always submit your highest and best offer when you are in a multiple offer situation. There is no room for negotiation if you are going against other offers. If you ask for seller concessions, you will likely be up against other offers that do not ask for concessions. Don't make this unforced error and likely take yourself out of the running.

Don't get discouraged if you miss out on one, two, or more homes after making an offer. Many buyers are experiencing the same situation. Keep trying and good luck with finding your dream home.

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Dan Schlaff discussed alley cleaning and lack of a place to dump the chips. Normally chips are dumped in the city garden. He is working on finding a solution. Found two problem areas with the sewer main. It's not an emergency but will need to be repaired in the next few weeks. Julie wanted to know how any dead deer were removed; about 2 each year near Busch's.

A Community Development report was given on Michelle's behalf. The planning commission had a discussion about accessory dwellings. The environmental discussion was held. An application for a fireworks tent was submitted by Phantom Fireworks at the Cider Mill. Julie requested an update on the stairs behind the Pub. There is no update at this point. 150 Jeffords is requesting rezoning to residential. There are no updates on that.

The City Manager report came next. The Farmer's Market manager is resigning and moving to Saline. There will be a closed session regarding the Chelsea Wellness Case. Jim Carson will be appearing before the council requesting support for the Senior Center. DPW summer help openings will be advertised soon. And openings for council student reps will be advertised soon.

The mayor jumped in and covered the ruling regarding the Chelsea Wellness Case, which was his report anyway. March 5th was another tour of the Broad Street Property. The architects toured as well, learned about use and function, and will follow up within about a month with proposals. Justin is in the process of scheduling appraisals and inspections. Donna

says hello and is recovering from her fall.

Next up was the consent of the agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved.

K1: consideration of the Dexter Daze road closure permit request. Zach motioned to approve the minimal more restrictive plan with the option to adjust if experts support and the metrics support that it is safe enough. Tracy spoke. She stated that she did not agree with the minimal plan. She thought using both parks would provide more space and potentially be safer. Zach spoke about more vendors, more sanitation, the potential for more contact, and the need for more policing. Wa thinks that this discussion should be revisited as things change. Jamie acknowledged the amount of time that was put into creating these plans. Jamie is interested in finding a way to approve some version going forward. Jamie wanted to know; why is this different than the Ice Fest and why is it different than parks on a nice day? Logistically, the booths help with the budget. If the booths are limited it changes the budget. Julie pointed out that there are five months until Dexter Daze. All they are asking is for permit approval and they are completely willing to collaborate with the council so Dexter Daze can get started and can move forward. The details do not need to be hammered out at this point.

The Mayor stated that he would like to ensure that the event can move forward. He had some questions regarding barricades and would like to see a diagram of where the booths will be. He acknowledged learning from the Ice fest. Paul wanted to postpone and Wa seconded the motion. Paul suggested the need

for more details, such as a map. Paul wanted to give them two more weeks to put together plans that answer more questions. He is concerned about the lack of details. Julie suggested the people attempting to have Dexter Daze are working very hard and are very dedicated to the community of Dexter. Jamie spoke next. She is concerned they are setting up Dexter Daze up for failure. Jamie suggested that the council come up with some things the council is okay with. Jamie wants them to be able to move forward with something. She does not want to postpone but does not want to give open approval.

The Mayor would like to see how space is utilized.

Zach suggested that the layout must be approved by city staff and that as the event gets closer and restrictions are more defined the council can approve and decide details of the event.

The Mayor asked Tracy if she could provide more clarity. Tracy is struggling because she does not understand what the council wants. She has been spinning her wheels and wants to know what exactly the council wants. The frustration of trying to plan an event in uncertain times is wearing on everyone. Julie asked that the event be approved and in three months they would come back again. Julie noted that the council did not provide questions for them to answer. Justin provided notes from the meeting and those questions were answered. Julie would like approval for some sort of event and they will continue to work with the council in three months to hammer out the details with the council. The motion to postpone failed.

The motion to approve the minimal plan is on the table. If the motion fails, Dexter Daze can bring back a different proposal. The motion failed. The mayor requested volunteers from the council to work with the committee to help with the planning. Wa and Julie will be helping.

K2: Motion to approve the Watermoo park and road closure request. Nicholas Stanko represented the applicant. Rolling starts for riders. Julie has difficulty approving one activity and not approving others. Paul noted the two events are completely different. Jamie pointed out that the request is below current outdoor event guidelines. The motion carried.

L-1: Consideration of garden club plant sale road use/closure. Deb Fredericks spoke on behalf of the garden club. The mayor asked how Deb would be keeping the flow in the proper direction. She offered to use a snow fence or even a critter fence to keep the flow of traffic correct. Deb noted that many members are older and very concerned about their own health and safety so they have thought a great deal

about the safety of the event. Wa pointed out that there was different information on different parts of the application. Deb stated that they will take as much space to distance the tables as available. Julie stated that she can't vote to approve this event because they did not approve Dexter Daze. Julie is a member of the garden club and not happy about having to vote this way. Deb promised that many volunteers will monitor and enforce health and safety rules. Motion passed.

L2: Revised version of text amendments to zoning. The Planning commission voted to recommend approval. Motion carried.

L3: Discussion of declaration of state of an emergency process. virtual meetings through March 31. But if the city declares a state of emergency it can continue to meet virtually through the end of the year. The county and state could allow virtual meetings to continue. Jamie is concerned that declaring a state of emergency may trigger other things to happen. Is there anything that automatically happens or triggered during a state of emergency? There is another

community that has a resolution. In the resolution, the community declared that it was specific for continuing virtual meetings. A board and commission member just tested positive for covid and without the virtual options, there is a concern for everyone's safety. Without proper space going in-person really limits the ability of the public to attend. There will likely be a draft at the next meeting.

Council comments: Zach stated that has heard that the Medhub building should be really inspected around the foundation.

Ms. Knight is stepping away from her council position as of March 31 so she can spend her summers at her second home.

Julie would like to get council meetings up on the website over Zoom and wants to see that move forward.

Carol asked everyone to think of her Dad as he turns 100 on Tuesday. His name is Robert Mast.

The meeting went into a closed session following, which the meeting officially adjourned.

The Michigan Court of Appeals Weighs in on Three More Dexter versus 5 Healthy Towns Foundation Tax Cases



From: Matt Pegouskie
The Michigan Court of Appeals made decisions in three additional cases in the long-standing City of Dexter v 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) tax dispute. All three decisions were in favor of 5HF. Of the approximately 22 actions filed in this dispute, determinations have been made in favor of the foundation

20 times. Two cases remain open.

Of the three appeals, all filed by the City of Dexter, two were technical questions, questioning lower court decisions (Washtenaw County Circuit Court – WCCC) on the State Tax Commission’s (STC) authority to determine what property is taxable. The cases involved tax year 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Washtenaw County

Circuit Court determined, in these cases, the STC had no authority. On March 4th, in a written opinion, the Court of Appeals agreed with WCCC, upholding the WCCC decision that the STC had no authority.

The third was an appeal on the actual merits of the tax case. Dexter appealed the decision by the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) for the 2018 tax year. This case involved

the City of Dexter’s ongoing claim the company who manages 5HF’s wellness centers should pay a ‘user’ tax equal to the property tax. The MTT determined 5HF uses the property for their mission. The management company is simply 5HF’s agent to accomplish the Foundation’s mission and therefore should not pay a user tax. The Court of Appeals ruling confirms the MTT decision.

March Events

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Lauren Yoder, Fitness Supervisor and NETA Certified Personal Trainer
Monday, March 29 | 11:00am
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DEXTER HOCKEY

FRACASSIS HAS BIG GAME

By Dave Merchant
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The Dreads snapped a three game

losing streak with a 4-1 win over Lenawee United. Joey Fracassis

scored a hat trick. Gabe and Fracassis had assists.

LAUREN WITTE IS GOING FOR IT



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Her favorite event is swimming relays with her teammates. "It's fun and exciting to all come together and see how fast we can swim for the team."

Favorite coaches: Coach Dave Gendernalik of DCAC, Coach Cory Bergen and Coach Murphy Hanson of Dexter High School.

"I have been fortunate to have many great teachers throughout the years," she said. "I have to mention Mrs. Ruth Hamilton who I have been lucky enough to have a class with almost every year (Biology, IB Bio, Advanced Biochemistry/Forensic

Science). She makes science exciting and fun! And I can't forget my favorite third grade teacher Ms. Suomala. She taught me many life lessons, and made learning so fun that I could not wait to go to school every day. She also had cool classroom pets."

Favorite class: "I really enjoyed Psychology and Anatomy," she said.

Parents/sibling: "Wade Witte and Trudy Zedaker-Witte are my parents. I have an older sister Kaylee (who also swam for DHS) and a younger sister Lily who swims and dives for DHS (10th grade)."

Age started swimming: "Four years old

(almost 5) at DCAC. My first DCAC swim and dive meet was on my fifth birthday."

Why did you chose Maine for college: "Maine has a



DEXTER BOYS BASKETBALL

DEXTER DROPS JACKSON

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter wins at home 62-36 over Jackson. Their defense was solid all night and their offense really came alive to start the 3rd quarter. "We weren't very happy heading into

the locker room at halftime after giving up 3 straight layups, so we're pleased with the response. Sophomore Evan Haroldson led us with 19 pts on 5/10 shooting from three. Colin Parachek had 13 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals.

Aidan Dexter was 4/5 from three and finished with 12 points. Cal Baveineau had 8 points and 8 assists, and Sam Sterlitz was great defensively with 8 rebounds and 3 blocks," stated coach Jason Rushton.

INTERESTED IN GIRLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM?



From Dexter Community Education

Dexter Community Education is trying to gauge interest in a Girls Softball program for 7th-8th graders that would be operated through Community Ed. Anyone interested, please email Mike Baveineau at baveineum@dexterschools.org.

wide variety of programs and opportunities. They have a great and very successful nursing program with a very high first time pass rate for the Nursing exam," she said. I was also able to gain admittance to their Direct Admit Nursing Program, which means I don't have to worry about competing for a spot in their nursing school (not all nursing schools have a direct admit program). Some other schools that I was looking at

to swim did not support swimming for the team and majoring in nursing--I was told I would have had to change my major, which I wasn't interested in doing. However, Maine has several nursing students on the swim and dive team and the coaches are very supportive. I also get the opportunity to swim D1 at a larger university with a beautiful campus. I can't wait to explore what Maine has to offer!"

"Lauren found

Maine all by herself. She spent a lot of time last Spring searching for schools that she was fast enough to swim at and had a good nursing program and hit upon Maine. She is happy and excited and we are happy for her. I just wish it was a little closer to home," stated Lauren's mom, Trudy Zedaker-Witte.

Advice for young swimmers is strong. "Always try your hardest and do your best you never know where it will get you."

Washtenaw United scores late to tie Grand Rapids



Picture of Raegan Kopitsch, the goal scorer.

The Washtenaw United Girls HS Ice Hockey team travelled to Grand Rapids Sunday for a rematch against the Grand Rapids Griffins 19U team. It was a sunny day for travel, but the team struggled for several periods trying to ensure a happy drive home.

Grand Rapids recognized their seniors before the game Sunday afternoon. And then the work of trying to score started for both teams. Washtenaw, missing Riley Malloy (Saline '24), juggled their lines and saw excellent defensive play from forwards Linzy Costella (Manchester '21), defenseman Rylee Kennedy (Milan '24) and Cecilia Henrickson (Chelsea '24). Midway through the period GRAHA took advantage of a gap in coverage and got a breakaway shot on goal but Washtenaw's goaltender, Julia Scarcello (Saline '22) deftly smothered the shot. The teams continued their hard work with GRAHA creating a wall in front of their goaltender and Washtenaw struggling to get free from heavy, physical play. The shots on goal at the end of the first were GRAHA 8, Washtenaw 3.

The second period continued the struggle, though offensive work by Raegan Kopitsch (Dexter '24), Costella, Makenna Lupi (Saline '22) and Jillian Eggleston (Dexter '22) gave Washtenaw some hope. Saline's Sydney Clark (Saline '24) had several shifts where her forechecking on GRAHA, followed by her tenacious back-checking successfully disrupted any of their

offensive chances. Midway through the period, despite heavy back and forth play, Washtenaw received the game's first penalty. Despite a nice shorthanded breakaway rush by Henrickson, GRAHA gathered the puck and scored the game's first goal - burying the puck behind Scarcello at 6:55 of the period. A possible tying goal on a breakaway by Washtenaw was thwarted when GRAHA tripped Costella as she drove to the net. No penalty for the play was assessed, much to the frustration of Washtenaw's coaches and fans. The period ended with GRAHA achieving 8 shots on goal to Washtenaw's 6.

The third period started with several offensive chances for Washtenaw's Henrickson, Clark and Saline's Reese Caryl (Saline '22) and Kathryn Winters (Saline '23). GRAHA took a penalty for hooking at 10:15 of the period but Washtenaw was unable to take advantage of the extra player. With 1:38 remaining, a faceoff in GRAHA's zone gave Washtenaw's coach Adam Winters the opportunity to pull Scarcello from goal and add an extra Washtenaw player for a last offensive push. The team responded with Kopitsch scoring the goal for Washtenaw that tied the game. GRAHA kept the pressure on getting a shot on goal with less than :14 seconds remaining but Scarcello stayed strong. Scarcello made 19 saves in the tie; GRAHA had 20.

Next up for Washtenaw is a game Wednesday against

Pioneer's JV team at Veteran's Memorial Park. Unfortunately, spectators are not permitted but the game will be carried on Pioneer's Facebook page (PWICE). Thursday, March 11th, Washtenaw will host the rematch of their series against Skyline/Huron at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube at 8:30 pm. Washtenaw will host Livonia

The price of players

By Dave Merchant
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The price of certain items can fluctuate on the high and the low side. Whether it is the price of 2x4s or 80 pound bags of cement.

I am not talking about the price of milk or bread. Instead I want to take you back to 1983 and Mike Schmidt.

He was one of my favorite players and he had a one year contract for 2.2 million. Schmidt was one

of the greatest home run hitters of all time. I loved to watch him hit and field.

Who remembers what Kirk Gibson, Alan Trammel and Lou Whitaker made. How about Jack Morris. He was the pitching machine in the 80s.

Al Kaline felt bad taking 100,000 a year. He was one of the greatest Tigers of all time.

What does that make Babe Ruth or the Iron Horse him-

self worth?

Think of what Mickey Mantle would be worth over Mike Trout or Bryce Harper.

It might not be milk or cereal but it is millions. The Tigers have players who make millions. The average player in the MLB makes around 400,000 a year.

If I could still play right field like Roberto Clemente I wouldn't need to mess with 2x4s.

United at the Cube on Saturday, March 13th, at 5:30 pm and will recognize Senior Captain Linzy Costella at that game. The Ann Arbor Ice Cube does permit limited spectator attendance.

INFORMATION-AL ADDENDUM: Washtenaw United is a High School Girls' Hockey Team skating out of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The team serves High Schools within Washtenaw

County that do not have a dedicated team to play for. Currently, Pioneer and the combined Skyline-Huron have dedicated teams. Washtenaw United is made up of players from Saline, Dexter, Chelsea, Manchester, and Milan. The team is in its first year of play, and is an affiliate member of the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League (MGHSHL) with plans of full

membership into the league for the 2021-22 season.

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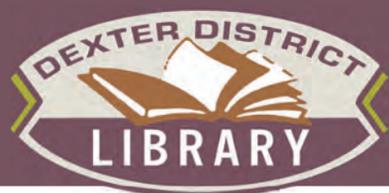
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Dexter District Library 2021 Winter & Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Winter & Spring Events at Dexter District Library

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, March 3 to May 12

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on our DDL Facebook page, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning March 3. 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: March 3, March 17, April 14, April 28, May 12.

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, March 11 to May 20

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms. Krista on our DDL Facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. Ms. Krista will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 6, May 20

Thursday, March 18 at 4:30 pm

All Star Readers

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

Tuesdays, March 23 to May 18 at 10:30 am

Virtual Spring Story Times

Spring Story Times for ages five and under will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on our DDL Facebook page from March 23 to May 18. Everyone is welcome to join Ms. Krista for a fun morning of picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading to your child. Registration is not required.

Wednesday, March 24 at 11:00 am

Turtle Dance Music – Music, Bubble And Comedy Show: Swing Into Spring!

Turtle Dance Music engages children of all ages with comedy, “March”-ing songs, poems, bubbles, and children’s stories. Join us on Zoom as we Swing Into Spring. Registration is required on our website. A Zoom link will be sent to you prior to March 24.

Friday, March 26 to Saturday, April 3

Boredom Buster: Catapults for Teens & Tweens

Make three types of catapults and test them against each other to see which one can launch different objects the farthest. Supplies (except glue/glue gun) will be provided along with instructions on how to make your catapults, links to videos, and a list of books to check out to make more cool stuff. Teens and tweens in grades 5 through 8 may register on our website beginning February 22. Full details will be emailed to registered participants.

MDARD, MI Agricultural Preservation Fund Board Award \$1.8 million to Local Farmland Preservation Programs

From: Barry Lonik
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Gary McDowell, along with the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board (APFB), has awarded \$1.8 million in agricultural preservation fund grants to seven local farmland preservation programs to close on permanent agricultural conservation easements.

The state's Farmland Preservation Local Grants Program provides funding to local farmland preservation programs that are qualified to close on permanent agricultural conservation easements. Twenty-four local programs were eligible to submit grants for funding. Farm preservation ensures locally sourced fresh food and agricultural jobs.

"Ensuring the long-term sustainability of Michigan's nearly 10 million acres of farmland is the foundation for preserving our food production and supply," said McDowell. "These grants assist local preservation programs in purchasing development rights to preserve important farmland in their communities thereby protecting farmland for future generations."

The following local farmland pres-

ervation programs received grants preserving 730 acres:

- Scio Township (Washtenaw County) - \$825,000
- Ottawa County - \$157,500
- Kent County - \$201,294
- Webster Township (Washtenaw County) - \$200,000
- Washtenaw County - \$244,800
- Eaton County - \$46,725
- Barry County - \$130,000

The fund will distribute \$1.8 million in grants covering up to 75 percent of the costs for purchasing the development rights on agricultural land. It also helps pay for some of the closing costs associated with the conservation easements.

The APFB consists of seven members including the MDARD Director (or his/her designee) and the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (or his/her designee). It was established through legislation in 2000 to award grants to local agricultural conservation easement programs.

To qualify, a county or township must have zoning authority, covered under a master plan that includes farmland preservation, passed a Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance, and created a plan for monitoring conservation easements. Local

programs are selected based on the scoring system adopted by the board, that focuses on quality agricultural parcels and program achievements.

To learn more about the board and fund visit www.michigan.gov/farmland.

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Group A students may register for the Thursday classes and Group B students may register for the Friday classes. Students will meet school staff at a location TBA and will be escorted to Room 315 at Bates. At the end of the class, the instructor will escort the students to the Bates lobby where they will be released individually, safely to a parent. Students will be allowed to eat a snack and drink from their water bottle in the class.

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Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Investigating Home Invasions

From Washtenaw County Sheriff

Deputies are investigating a string of Home Invasions in Scio Township. The suspect(s) forced entry into the residences and stole high value jewelry. In both instances, the sus-

pect(s) fled once the alarm was triggered. Witnesses described a cream colored sedan leaving the area. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office at (734) 994-2911.

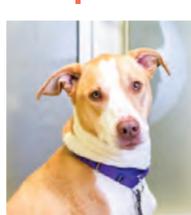




Humane Society of Huron Valley

Humane Society of Huron Valley Pets of the Week!

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

 <p>The Ann Arbor's 107one Pet-of-the-Week is Ripley</p> <p>Ripley is cute as a button, and needs a patient adopter who can help him to be brave. He's been through a lot of changes and will do well with some consistency and a quiet home. He has lived with a doggy friend in the past, but going forward he may prefer to be your only pup. If you have a home without small children or cats, and room in your heart for a sweet boy who may take some time before his personality blossoms, come meet Ripley today!</p>	 <p>The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Flick</p> <p>Flick is a shy, yet charming boy hoping for a patient adopter with relaxed lifestyle. Although he tends to take awhile to come out of his shell, he'll do well with gentle guidance and kindness. Flick would prefer to be in a home with older children who can understand his needs. Come on in and meet him today!</p>
 <p>The W4 Country Pet-of-the-Week is Stranger</p> <p>Looking for a young, sweet and active dog? Stranger might be the girl for you! She needs to go to a home without children under 5 years old, just to make sure no one gets knocked down when she happily romps through the house! Stranger is a very affectionate dog, but needs some training to help boost her confidence and to learn proper manners. Once Stranger is fully comfortable with her new family and home, she will make a wonderful companion. If you're looking forward to helping Stranger become more of a superstar every day, come in and meet her!</p>	 <p>The Lucy Ann Lance Show Pet-of-the-Week is Estelle</p> <p>Estelle is ready to be the queen bee of your home! At 11 years old, she knows what she wants and likes to do her own thing; but she'll seek you out for attention when she wants it! Due to her confidence and independent attitude, she would do better with older children. Estelle can be very playful when she wants to be, but she also enjoys just lounging around and being with her family. If you are looking for a sweet, yet sassy kitty, Estelle just might be what you are looking for!</p>

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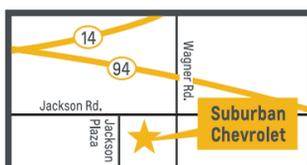
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