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Verapose Yoga Opens for In-Person Classes



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Photos Courtney Fitzpatrick of Verapose Yoga.

Michigan's 1st Zero Waste & Refill Station Opening Second Location On The East Side Of Michigan

Mother of five offering plastic-free alternatives to the community in a unique plastic free shop

By: Jessica Thompson

Downtown Dexter is welcoming a new, unique, environmentally-friendly zero waste shop on April 2, 2021. Bee Joyful Shop is a 100% plastic-free shop, offering products like package free lotion bars, reusable market bags, bamboo toothbrushes, toothpaste tablets, straws, reusable food wraps, an extensive refill station

and so much more. This plastic-free shop is not only unique to Downtown Dexter and the Ann Arbor area - it is also Michigan's 1st Zero

Waste & Refill Shop, and one of a few in the United States.

"We have become a society based on convenience. From the '50s to now, our plastic usage has created a global epidemic—one

that we can not recycle ourselves out of," says Jessica Thompson, owner of Bee Joyful Shop. "The Bee Joyful Shop is a proud family-owned business, helping people make environmental-ly-friendly, sustainable choices, founded on the principle of being joyful in any circumstance."

In efforts to eliminate plastic

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DREADS WIN A DISTRICT TITLE



Story on page 6. Photo By: Christine Rushton.



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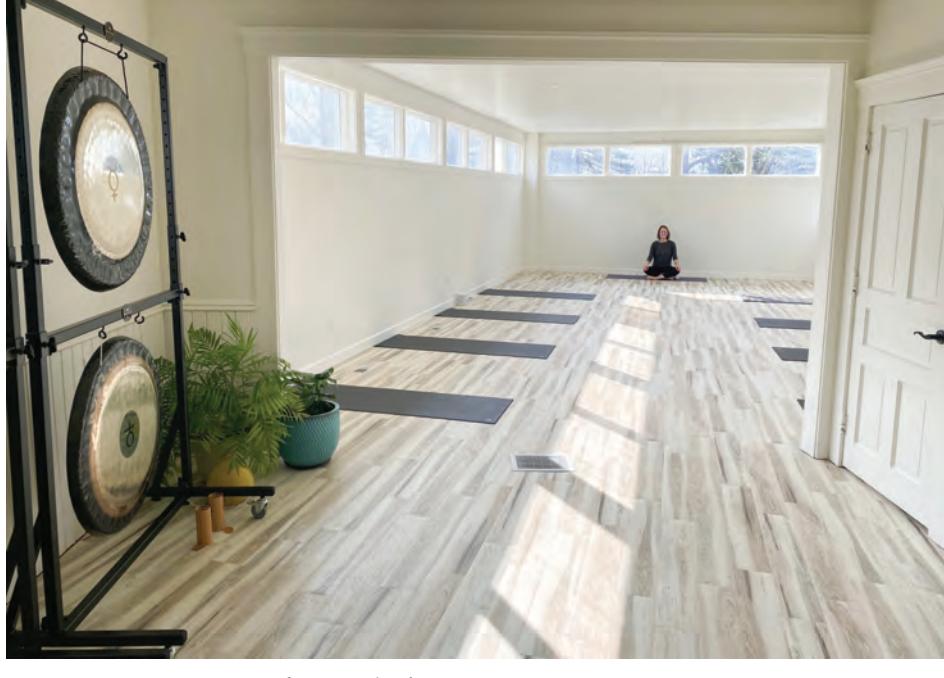
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Verapose Yoga Opens for In-Person Classes



The studio's mitigation spacing.

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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This is my first and hopefully last experience with a pandemic. But, seeing Verapose Yoga reopen for in-person classes, feels like a light at the end of a long dark tunnel. We aren't safe yet and we know that, but we are inching closer and closer to it. Having a yoga studio reopen made me smile at the thought. I had the opportunity to speak with Courtney Fitzpatrick of Verapose Yoga and Meditation House to discuss the reopening.

We are all excited for the end of the pandemic. But, we are aware that we still need to be careful. The first question I asked Courtney was about the mitigation techniques the studio is employing to prevent the spread. Courtney explained that, although they are able to open, Verapose Yoga is still taking the pandemic very seriously. They are doing everything possible to keep people safe and prevent the spread. Normally when a person comes to a yoga class, they are able to borrow props such as mats and blocks. However, there is no sharing of props at Verapose. You must bring your own mat and supplies you like to use in yoga. The props were cleaned and stored last year when the world shut down. You must register online to prevent close contact at the studio. Though Courtney is not requiring people to be vaccinated to join in person, she is asking that they not attend in person if they've had Covid in the last 21 days.

She is also asking that people respect fellow classmates and teachers by not attending with a fever or if feeling fatigued. Courtney is following CDC guidelines by limiting class size. She's measured six feet between mats and is requiring people wear masks at all times. The big studio space in the back has room for about ten in person, but Courtney is limiting the class size to eight, to be extra safe. Per the CDC and local health department, there is no congregating and the teachers are cleaning and disinfecting surfaces between classes. Verapose is doing everything possible to keep you safe while in-person. Courtney stated that when the weather is nice, some classes will be held outside. In exchange for helping care for the vacant lot next door, the owners allow her to bring students out to practice yoga on it. Fresh air and proper spacing are things that would ease my mind, even though I'm not fully vaccinated and have underlying health issues.

The rest of the time we chatted. I explained that after my stroke my cardiologist encouraged me to learn to meditate. I'm a high-strung, anxious type-A sort of person. I told her I tried meditation and that I'm not good at it. My mind races. Courtney was kind enough to take the time during our interview and tried to explain it. She gave me the scientific explanation of the two hemispheres working together and how to quiet the wordy side.



Kids' Salamander Search

April 10 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am

During this outdoor program, we will venture into the woods to view a vernal pool. Salamanders journey overland to get to vernal pools to lay their eggs. We'll search through samples of water to see what other critters use this unique habitat as well. We will be walking up and down small hills on a gravel and dirt path, then going off trail, carefully walking through leaves and around logs to see this wonderful wetland. Please dress for the weather as this program is held outdoors. Waterproof boots are highly recommended as our feet may get a little wet. Social distancing and face coverings are required.

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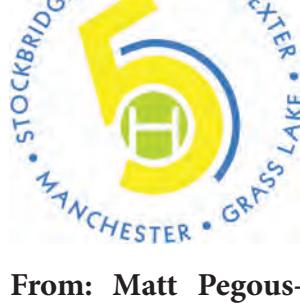
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In 2017 with her five children and Bee Joyful was born. Soon after, she sold the products online.

"I may just be one person, but I hope that my small contribution will make a substantial impact," Thompson says. Today, Bee Joyful reusable food wraps are sold in shops around the United States and shipped globally.

Recently expanded Bee Joyful Zero Waste & Refill Shop Shop, in Kalamazoo, MI, has been a huge success with people driving hours to visit. Keeping carbon emissions and convenience in mind it has sparked the desire within Thompson to branch out and open a second location

Community Wellness Foundation, 5 Healthy Towns, Launches National Search for New Leadership

This innovative foundation is seeking a Chief Executive Officer to continue its goal of creating the healthiest region in the Midwest



From: Matt Pegouskie

5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) announced a national search for its next Chief Executive Officer to succeed retiring CEO, Amy Heydlauff.

"If you believe in the idea of prevention this is a perfect position," said Ruth VanBogelen, Chair of the search committee.

5HF is a community-wellness foundation that serves the Michigan school districts of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge with a mission to cultivate personal and community wellness. They envision a region where residents eat better, move more, connect with others in healthy ways, and avoid unhealthy substances.

5HF currently oversees three wellness centers, supports five wellness coalitions with 90+ members, and collaborates closely with One Big Thing partners. One Big Thing is an effort to strengthen connection, engagement, optimism, and resilience in the region.

The foundation has \$42,000,000 in charitable and non-charitable

itable assets and an annual funding expectation of approximately \$1,000,000.

5HF is seeking a leader with energy, imagination, and operational experience. The new CEO will oversee the implementation of the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors, the ongoing operation of 5HF's wellness centers and foundation, and the continued development of relationships with partners and the community.

"Because the organization is relatively young, just 12 years old, the future is full of opportunity for the right person," said VanBogelen. "We're looking for a visionary with a track record of bringing together partners to create innovative initiatives that drive lasting community change."

Pat Conlin, 2021 Board Chair added "We want someone who is excited about doing this work. Someone who isn't afraid to think creatively."

The Board of Directors will oversee the process of choosing Amy's successor and has partnered with Michigan-based firm, HR Collaborative, to conduct a national search for 5HF's next chief executive.

"Amy announced her decision to retire to the Board of Directors some time

ago, giving us plenty of time to prepare the organization for her departure," said Nicole O'Brien, 5HF Board Representative for St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea.

"With assistance from HR Collaborative, our dedicated search committee is interviewing community members and organizations for input into this important decision."

The seven-member selection committee is composed of board members, 5HF staff, and community representatives. Candidates interested in learning more about the position can view the full job description and apply at <https://j.brt.mv/ATS/jb.do?reqGK=27491401&re-fresh=true>

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Dexter City Council Work Session

By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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This particular City Council meeting was an all-committee meeting so all committees can be on the same page and understand what the boards and committees are doing and potentially solicit feedback.

Arts Cultural and Heritage Committee; Sanam Arab introduced the members of the committee on the Zoom. The goals for the year have been to continue some of the activities and bring a bit of positivity to the town. Paint Dexter continued for 2020 and was one of the only festivals that did not cancel. For some of the artists, it was their only source of revenue. 2020 the art sale went online and is planning to use the online format.

2022 will be the tenth anniversary and will hopefully come back really big. In the next few years, they are working on the bicentennial celebration in 2024. The temporary art selection recommendations for the city have been made. There will be a new spot by the clock tower. Wa stated that the committee did a really good job trying to be a bright spot during such a difficult year.

Downtown Development Authority; Doug Finn recognized the members on the Zoom. Doug noted that Covid derailed their focus which was to redo their strategic plan. The committee does not feel it works well over Zoom so it's been put aside. The goal for the year turned to get the fi-

nancials in order. They also tried to find ways to support local businesses. The hope for next year to start the strategic plan and continue to support the local businesses. Phil wanted to know what the hit on the DDA was with the 5 Healthy Towns. Doug stated it's significant. A little over 100k per year. It was about 20% of the yearly revenue. Chet Hill wanted to know the status of the 3048 Broad Street Project. It is currently stalled and is creatively trying to be resolved. The city has not been approached with a formal site plan yet.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Antoinette Henkemeyer is the vice chair and discussed projects. Mill Creek Slope Improvement: Trying to figure out

what to do with the Beavers that have arrived in Mill Creek. They found a creative way to hold an Easter event for the children. It is a find the Easter sign in the parks. The budget for next year is a new playground for Mill Creek and slope improvement and the B2B Trail. Interest in park maintenance: 2021-2026 masterplan Mill Creek trails, maintenance, play structure, maintain and improve Huron River access and vibrancy. Ron Miller explained the point of the newer version of the easter egg hunt was to help familiarize the public with the other parks outside of Mill Creek and Monument. Joanne Wagner noted that last year we could not have a community clean up and it is something that can hopefully return next fall. Wa stated that Joanne has been pretty vocal on social media to keep people on the river safe. Wa thanked her and noted that she's had to rescue people out of the river in the past.

Matt Kowalski, City Planner spoke next. He stated the planning commission has adapted to the virtual meetings pretty well. The masterplan update has been finished and the zoning ordinance is going to be addressed. Matt spoke of the larger site-plans: Bed and breakfast, and short-term rental. He spoke of the accessory dwelling unit ordinance. Adapted some

of the outdoor servicing ordinances to help businesses during Covid. Capital improvements plan, like larger items, street reconstruction, lighting, and things like that. They should be looking at those things next month. Karen Roberts noted the responsiveness and noted Michelle's work to respond to the needs of the city and community. Chet and Wa agreed that Michelle and the staff have been really helpful. Joe noted that affordable housing is often a struggle because of zoning ordinances and wanted to know if that was being explained and addressed. ADU ordinance was the direct result of understanding how zoning ordinances help or prohibit affordable housing. There was a discussion of a form-based code. Matt noted that we are at the beginning of the discussion. Mike Auerbach noted that information will be posted on the webpage for the public to read and to help bring a better understanding of what form-based zoning is.

Zoning Board of appeals; Philip Mekas spoke. He stated it's been a slow year on the ZBA. Was able to approve a change to attempt to save a big tree in their backyard. When someone requests a variance it has to meet six criteria to get a variance. It is now a little more difficult to get a

variance than it used to be.

Zoning ordinance update subcommittee; Mike Auerbach spoke. The schedule will be on the city website as well as educational materials. Mike stated the more input from the public, the better.

Joe Semifero Board of review one business and a few homeowners came in. Marie has been doing a great job. Everything went well, no surprises and doing well.

Joanne noted the tree board merged with Parks and Recs and there will be an Arbor Day in May where they'll be handing out seedlings.

Economic development corporation; Meets to help industrial and nonprofit haven't had a request in a long time.

Cole Miller brought up the decision about different committees Zoom meetings recorded; city council, planning commission, and ZBA will be posted on the website. Mayor Keough noted that participant numbers have risen during Covid thanks to Zoom and increased accessibility.

The search for a new Council member will start soon. Julie Knight is stepping down. Watch the City website for updates and how to apply. The meeting concluded with the hope that this type of meeting will be annual and hopefully in-person again next year.

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Cut Up Dog Found in Ypsilanti – Tips Wanted

From: Wendy Welch

An Ypsilanti family is desperate for answers on what happened to their dog.

Their 12-year-old terrier was found dead on the side of Ecorse Road, just off Michigan Avenue on Monday, March 22. The owners said he'd been missing for four days, last seen at 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 18 at their residence about 2 ½ miles away, in the Ypsilanti area of Chevrolet Street and Zephyr Av-

ene. He was reportedly in their backyard on a tie-out, and when the family came home from the hospital at 3 p.m. on March 18, the dog was gone; his collar was unbuckled, yet still attached to the tie-out.

According to the family, after searching for him and posting online, someone on Facebook mentioned they'd seen a deceased pitbull on the overpass near the guardrails. Originally suspecting

their dog Tyson, whom they describe as friendly, had been hit by a car, the owners were even more upset to see that the dog may have been apparently intentionally harmed, and called the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) Animal Cruelty Investigators.

HSHV Investigators found no blood on the road or other typical signs that the dog may have been hit by a car. A postmortem veterinary examination

revealed three large, deep lacerations in different areas of his body, a skull fracture, and a small, round puncture hole in the skin directly in the center on top of the head—suspicious for a bullet entry

wound, but unconfirmed.

HSHV is looking for any leads.

"These weren't stabs," says Melinda Szabelski, HSHV's Animal Cruelty and Rescue Supervisor. "One

of the gashes is bigger than my two hands put together, and another reveals his skull."

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April Events

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April Virtual Workshops†

New Outdoor Workout Equipment (CHE)

Thursday, April 15 | IN PERSON TIMES: 12:00pm, 4:00pm (mask required),

VIRTUAL TIME: 12:00pm, 6:00pm

Learn how to use the new outdoor workout equipment located just outside the Chelsea Wellness Center (CHE) with Tyler Steenrod, Fitness Supervisor, ACSM Certified - Personal Trainer, Physical Activity in Public Health Specialist, and Exercise is Medicine

Next Steps: A Medically Integrated Approach (DEX)

Monday, April 26 at 12:00pm

What makes us different from other fitness centers? Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Centers use a medically integrated approach to fitness. Learn about this 8-week program and the 10 specialized pathways we provide with Kamil Lawrence, Fitness Specialist, Personal Trainer ACSM Certified.

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Members can register via member self-service portal or at the Member Service Desk. Non-members must register at the hosting center by calling 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).





DEXTER ATHLETICS



DREADS WIN A DISTRICT TITLE

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By Dave Merchant
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Dexter won a district title last week beating Ann Arbor

Skyline 56-37. Colin Parachek had 15 points, Adam

Dexter had 10 and Cal Bavmeau had nine points.

Dexter led 14-11 after one quarter and 26-20 at the half.

Dexter head coach Jason Rushton was pleased with the game and continuation of the season.

It was a fun night,

he said. Skyline is a tough team. They came in off of two hard

fought wins coming off a long quarantine, so we knew we were in for a battle."

"We played tough, and that's all you can ask of your team in moments like this," Rushton said.

The season has been good for the team.

"These young men have worked hard for this moment," he said. "We're thankful to be

able to have an opportunity to be together again tomorrow and work to get better."

DEXTER BOYS BASKETBALL

DEXTER BOWS OUT

By Jason Rushton

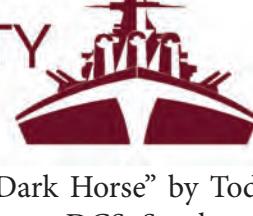
In the end, when it's all said and done, only 4 teams will be crowned State Champions. Our season comes to completion against a very good Ann Arbor Huron 56-33 (perhaps the top team in the state with the way they played last night, we will see in the next couple of weeks) in the round of 32. When it was announced we were going to have a season earlier this year, we had one goal...to get the absolute most out of each day we had together not knowing

what tomorrow would bring. We did that. And, we were able to get a full 20 games in for this team (16-4 finish). This says a lot about this group. The sacrifices they made to stay together throughout this wild season, resulted in a conference and a district championship. It has been a long time coming for Dexter High School and the community itself. Our seniors were a part of building the foundation when our staff came in a year ago. With their hard work and commitment to

our values, we have set a standard for Dexter Basketball. A standard that student-athletes will have to work to live up to for years to come. "2021" will forever be posted on our banners in the gym and we hope that the way these young men carried themselves in perhaps the most difficult and uncontrollable of seasons, has made this community proud. The future of Dexter Basketball is bright! Thank you for all of your support and helping us make this a great season for these young men!

BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



The Monday, March 8, 2021 Board of Education meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

DCS Spark Innovative Learning Environment

Superintendent Chris Timmis presented a video describing a new pilot program potentially to be launched this fall. DCS Spark is an innovative learning environment intended to provide students K-12 with another option for personalized learning. Using the metaphor of Dexter's arched bridge, Dr. Timmis explained that the District has a set number of hours with students and sometimes, like truck drivers who misjudge the tunnel's size, try to squeeze too much into those hours and some students struggle. To address this, the DCS Research and Development team, composed of teachers and administrators from all buildings, took advantage of the pause created by COVID to step back and reassess instruction methods.

Using principles defined in the book

"Dark Horse" by Todd Rose, DCS Spark will focus on the learning journey while supporting the competencies of the DCS Learner Profile and the District's strategic vision. The program will feature:

- Mixed age learning bands
- Interdisciplinary projects with community connections (e.g., CommuniTree & Frederick Pelham bridge projects)
- Narrative feedback focused on competencies and skills
- Topics & content are dynamic with student interests
- Teachers are guides and mentors

A pilot program will run March 15-26 for randomly selected students in grades 3-6, the results of which

will be analyzed for a formal presentation to the Board in April. More information about DCS Spark can be found in the presentation video.

DHS Celebration Plans

DHS Principal Kit Moran updated the Board on tentative plans to celebrate 2021 seniors, including

Commencement, Honors Night and Prom. Prefacing his remarks with, "COVID...nothing is the same," Moran shared they are planning for the worst and hoping for the best. The biggest consideration is that these three events cannot legally be held indoors with their typical capacity.

Commencement is tentatively planned for the evening of Friday, June 4 (rain date: Sunday, June 6) at Al Ritt, after taking into account state and district sports meets, previous communication with senior families regarding this particular weekend and CDC/state COVID restrictions. There will be as few ceremonies as allowed by law (last July, there were 4 sessions), and the entire event will be live-streamed and recorded.

Honors Night is tentatively planned for the evening of Tuesday, June 1 at Al Ritt, and will be live-streamed as well (rain date: Thursday, June 3). **The Senior Celebration** (in lieu of Prom) is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Saturday, May 22nd at Al Ritt, rain or shine. This event will be seniors only and, depending on capacity restrictions, seniors may be permitted to

DEXTER BOYS SWIMMING

DEXTER TAKES FIFTH

By Dave Merchant

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The Dreads took fifth at the state meet with 153 points. Birmingham Seaholm was first with 267.5 points. Clayton Kinard was named Swimmer of the Year.

Cole Warren was third in diving.

The 200 meter relay consisted of Lucas Greatorek, Adam Hauser, Stuart Bovich and Matthew Resende.

Kinnard was first in the 100 Free and third in the Breast.

Hauser was 23rd in the 200 IM and 18th in the 500 Free. Zach Norris was third in the

50 free and 8th in 100 Free. Leo Varitek was 12th at the 100 meter Free.

The 200-meter Relay team of Kinnard, Norris, Varitek and Resende finished second. The same swimmers were fifth in the 400 meter Free relay.

DEXTER WRESTLING

TWO GRAPPLERS ADVANCE

By Dave Merchant

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The Dreads had two wrestlers advance

to the upcoming State Finals.

Noah Drummond was third at 140.

Jacob Joyce was fourth at 145.

invite one guest each. This will not be a traditional prom, and Mr. Moran and a student committee are working on what the event will look like, dependent on CDC guidelines (masks, social distancing, no close dancing, etc.). After not holding a senior celebratory event last year, DHS is committed to having some kind of event for seniors with as many friends as possible.

All these dates are tentative and subject to change. Final confirmed dates will be shared with DHS students and families.

COVID Data & Reconfirmation of Learning Plan

Dr. Timmis next shared the most recent data from the DCS COVID Dashboard and Return to School

Data Review; the number of local cases and infection rates continue to decrease, but we do have a number of students (mostly athletes) quarantining. As of March 1st, DCS has had 34 students and 15 staff members test positive for Covid since the beginning of the

school year. In Washtenaw County, there are 11.5 cases per 100,000 with a 2.1% positivity rate.

Each month, the Board of Education must reconfirm the District's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. This month's reconfirmation summary outlined a dilemma created by the passing of HB 4048, which in essence states that for Dexter to receive approximately \$850,000 of state stimulus money, the District must offer inperson learning at least 20 hours per week to all students K-12 by March 22, 2021.

Further discussion was postponed until after public participation to allow for community comment.

DCS Summer Plans

Dr. Timmis shared plans for a summer learning lab entitled Dread Strong Summer, an educational adventure designed to Educate, Develop, and Inspire students through friendships and engaging experiences. This program is intended to allow students to

enjoy the summer and reconnect with peers, in order to return refreshed in the fall. Tentative plans are to allow students Y5-8th grade to attend weekly from June 21-August 6, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for no charge. More information will be announced in April.

There are also plans for a DHS Summer School Credit Recovery program, scheduled for June and July, which will allow students to catch up, receive course credit, and focus on key content needed for future classes. Run by DHS teachers, Phase 1 will run June 21-24 and Phase 2 is scheduled for July 12-30. More information is forthcoming.

Student Representative Update

Aiden Naughton reported that the DHS Student Council will be holding their Senior Survival fundraiser again this year, date TBA. Anna Shehab noted that DHS hours will shift later when the Y5-Grade 6 students return to full in-person **continued on page 7**

Dexter Girl Scouts Troop 40132 Working on Animal Habitat Badge



Photos By Michelle Matson

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Recently, Troop 40132 has been working on their Junior Girl Scout Animal Habitat badge. Commented

Troop Leader Michelle Matson: "While the girls were looking for animals native to the Dexter area along the border to border trail, they also collected litter

to help improve the animals' habitat. The girls collected several bags of litter, and acted as responsible and enthusiastic stewards of our environment."

The girls pictured in the photographs are: Vivian Briggs, Thea Jensen, Quinn Matson, and Emma Skidmore.



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to accommodate bus-ing.
Reconfirmation of Learning Plan Discus-sion

No community members chose to speak during public participation time and, after unanimously ap-proving the consent items in bulk, Trustees began an extended dis-cussion regarding the learning plan reconfi-mation.

In particular, talk focused around the aforementioned HB 4048 and whether or not the District should

expedite plans to bring Creekside, Mill Creek and DHS students back into buildings at least 20 hours per week by March 22 (Y5-4 were already scheduled to begin 5 days/week before that deadline).

Multiple school-day scenarios and logistics were considered, as well as pros and cons of not pursu-ing the stimulus mon-ey. Trustees expressed their displeasure with the state legislature for tying school stimulus dollars to public health decisions. Discussion ranged from student COVID testing, staff safety and the impact of another schedule change on DCS fami-lies to what the mon-ey could fund and the rushed timeline to im-plement the needed changes.

The Board unan-imously approved a motion that, "Begin-ning the week of March 22nd, the District will offer inperson learning a minimum of 20 hours per week for all K-12 students who choose that option, subject to administration confi-dence that it is doable." DCS families will con-tinue to have the choice to send their students to school or remain vir-

tual, but the option for more in-person learn-ing will be available.

Wrap Up

No members of the public comment-ed during the second opportunity for partic-ipation. During com-mittee updates, Dick Lundy reported that the finance com-mittee met last week and brought their two new mem-bers up to speed, walk-ing them through the budgeting process and starting plans for the upcoming school year.

During board com-ments, Mara Greatorex shared that the Edu-ca-tional Foundation of Dexter delivered Dex-ter Bakery cookies to all staff from Jenkins to DHS to show appre-ciation for their hard work this year, as well as provide information about the spring

grant cycle. Brian Arn-old noted that the MHSAA website indi-cates that most spring sports have games/competitions the week-end of graduation. He also mentioned that CFO Dr. Raschke recently refinanced the District's bonds at a favorable interest rate, saving approximately \$1.5M for taxpayers.

The full Board of Education meeting video can be found on the DCS website at <https://www.dexterschools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings/videos>.

Upcoming Board Schedule:

- Monday, April 12 – 7:00pm – Board Meet-ing
- Monday, April 26 – 7:00pm – Board Meet-ing

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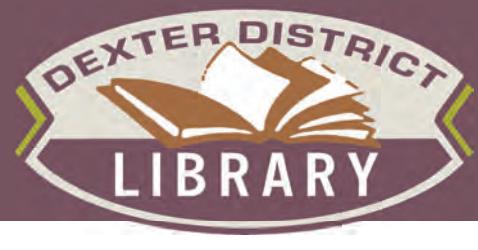
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Dexter District Library 2021 Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Spring Events at Dexter District Library

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, April 14 to May 12

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on Facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm. 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: 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

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.

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.

Thursday, April 15 at 4:30 pm

All Star Readers

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, April 15 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, March 18. The book we will be discussing is Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord. 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 April 15.