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Morning Star Child Care Celebrates 20 Years in Business



Photos By Colin Burton and Morning Star

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The pandemic has presented us with so much bad news, writing an article about a celebration is always a good way to smile.

Since March, we've heard about businesses struggling to survive and sick friends, and neighbors. But hearing about success and overcoming is rare and wonderful. So it was my pleasure to interview Carrie

Anderson, the owner of Morning Star about her milestone of 20 years in business.

Upon starting the interview, I mentioned that 20 years in childcare means the community is confident in and has trust in you. Carrie acknowledged that "we've been really lucky to always have the great support of families and teachers." Carrie, throughout the interview, would

continue to not take credit for the program she developed and continues to run. She is humble and constantly has gratitude for everyone that is a part of the program.

I asked her how Covid had impacted her business. So many business owners are struggling, I wondered how she was handling everything. Carrie stated that she did shut down for a

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Dexter Board of Education Meeting: October 12, 2020

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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A week ago on Monday, The Dexter Board of Education held a board meeting. Most of the meeting revolved around a presentation about diversity, equity, and inclusion by Dr. Dorinda Carter Andrews. The meeting was hybrid. The audience was on Zoom but board members were masked and in person. It's reflective of the fluid rules in the current pandemic. Everyone is adjusting daily to new rules and new

decisions.

The meeting opened with roll call, a quick vote to approve meeting minutes followed by a vote to approve the agenda. The meeting then moved to the presentation part.

Dr. Timmis introduced the presentation part of the meeting. He announced that Dexter will be studying the experiences of students of color in the Dexter School District. Working with Columbia teachers college, Dexter will examine the experience of

minority students in the district in the students' own words. He discussed the fact that staff has attended justice leader training and that this presentation will be a part of board training based on the resolution the board passed this summer on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Dr. Dorinda Carter Andrews was introduced.

She is from Georgia but has been at Michigan State for 15 years.

She is in teacher education and is a

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race researcher. She works in professional development around Michigan, and is going to work with the board to teach culturally responsive leadership and considerations for anti-racist principles, practices, and justice-focused agendas. She explained she will be centering anti-racism and seeking to abolish other isms.

She detailed her goals and objectives. She wants to work with the board to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for cultivating and maintaining anti-racist and anti-oppressive policies, programs, and practices. She stated the big picture is not just outcomes for kids.

Dr. Carter Andrews discussed the things we see are but the tip of the iceberg. The things we see are language, behaviors, race, style, gender, and actions. The things we don't see play into the equation as well including, physical abilities, age, and more. She pointed out that very little research has been done on a culturally responsive school board. But, it sounds like we can expect more research on the topic in the future.

Dr. Carter Andrews went on to define what a cultural-

ly responsive school board must do. It must critically self reflect on leadership behaviors. "How are you accountable to one another?" It must promote a culturally responsive inclusive school environment. It must develop culturally responsive teachers. And engage students, parents, and indigenous (community members) in conversation.

She then asked everyone to think about a few questions. "When was the first time you realized you were a part of a race? When was the first time you felt pride in your race. And there was one other question. I personally, found them hard to answer. I encourage you to think about the questions and try to answer. We were able to listen to other answers and I feel like I learned something from hearing the different responses.

Dr. Carter Andrews asked the board to think about what culture Dexter Community Schools has, and further what culture each building has.

She elaborated on the idea of culture. Culture is, "created and recreated in everyday lives. It's dynamic, not static." She added that it's created, shared and

transformed by people bound together by common history, geographic location, language, social class, religion, and other shared things. It's context-specific. There are subcultures. Women are one group, black women are a subculture of that group and Southern black women are another subculture.

Dr. Carter Andrews warns that race is not a cultural difference and not to water it down with broad labels. If addressing a specific subculture, Latinx, for example, labeling with a broad label, children of color, really does not help.

The session was a lesson on definitions and just the start of training. Dr. Carter Andrews did an excellent job of breaking down the goal and defining what popular phrases mean, specifically to the board and its policies. She defined diversity as similarities and differences and she defined inclusion as embracing an individual's differences. She really dug into equity and equality. She showed a picture of three different plants. One was a cactus, one a seed, and one a seedling that looked like a young tomato plant. If we give each plant the

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same things, several will not thrive. But if we adjust what we give each plant, they may all thrive. The goal of creating a great district for every student is helping them all thrive as the individuals that students are.

The training wrapped with a request to be aware of the lens in which each of us has and be focused on cultural humility. Cultural humility means having a humble attitude characterized by the reflection of our own biases, sources of individual privilege, an openness to the reality of others, and the willingness to continually learn.

After Dr. Carter Andrews wrapped her presentation, Dr.

Timmis told the board how the start of in-person school was going. Aside from health challenges, Dexter is facing serious staffing challenges. Para pros are needed. It's going well so far and the numbers are being evaluated each week to determine the safety and when older kids can ease back into class. Parents should look for communications regarding mental health screenings.

There was no consent agenda and next on the agenda was a single action item. The action item was to schedule an additional meeting to meet a requirement and report data publicly. The meeting was scheduled for Monday Oct. 26th.

Finally, there was a discussion on Covid19. The current numbers were discussed, and though no date is set, it appears that the beginning of November will likely be when all

grades are able to return to the classroom some of the time. After comments from the board, the meeting wrapped.

Morning Star Child Care Celebrates 20 Years in Business

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few weeks. She stated that they opened at the beginning of April

for essential worker families. Carrie explained that they stayed limited but as

more and more workers returned to work, they continued to add more slots for families. Carrie explained that it was tricky. New safety protocols were put in place and staff training on how to handle issues happened to ensure the safety of the children and the staff. Again, Carrie expressed her gratitude for her teachers, who she stated were willing to work through the pandemic to help their families.

I mentioned that Covid19 has really taught us how important childcare is. Carrie agreed and stated, "You can't have an economy that goes back to work without childcare." She went on to express her gratitude for the support she and her

families received at the state and federal level. "We would not be open now if it weren't for the grants available through the state."

I wondered if her business has changed with the way education has changed. If she's offering services to older children "We've done a few things, much smaller group size, limiting children in classrooms. We've always serviced school-aged children in an after-school program. But now, Carrie added, she's added full day, virtual learning options for school-aged children." I could hear the genuine compassion and love of what she does in her voice when she told me that she was able to offer an outdoor summer camp for kids. She said the kids had lost the ability to socialize with friends in March and that she was able to give them a chance to safely see their friends in June. As a mom of three, I judge childcare providers by a lot of things. One is how much they enjoy doing well for the



children they serve. Her voice and real happiness that she could provide relief and joy to the kids with a summer camp during a pandemic convinced me. I understood clearly why she's been in business for twenty years. She loves the kids and loves providing care for them.

I asked her what she thinks the future holds for Morning Star. Carrie stat-



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From Laura Blodgett

Mercy Health and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, which together comprise the Michigan region of Trinity Health, will raise its minimum wage to \$15 per hour effective immediately.

This increase will benefit more than 2,100 full and part-time employees across Trinity Health Michigan hospitals and its medical groups including IHA, St. Joe's Medical Group and Mercy Health Physician Partners. Positions that will receive this new pay rate include non-union environmental services, medical assistants, patient companions, food and retail services, transporters, and other positions.

In addition, an additional 6,000 employees in the \$15-\$19 an hour pay range will have their wage adjusted in order to maintain meaningful distinctions in pay. These additional wage increases improve the compensation levels for a significant number of employees, and

help retain and attract talented individuals in critical roles throughout the health system.

Other enhanced benefits include no increases in medical health plan premium contributions for employees across Trinity Health for 2021.

For Trinity Health retirement programs, the 3% core contribution and employer match will continue throughout the 2020 and 2021 benefit years. Trinity Health is increasing the base minimum of its core contributions from \$1,200 to \$1,400 for calendar year 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge the health care industry. Like many organizations, Trinity Health Michigan is focused on ways to meet its financial stewardship goals while investing in the most important resource—its employees.

"Our dedicated and compassionate employees are at the heart of what makes our health ministry remarkable," said Rob Casalou, president and

CEO, Trinity Health Michigan. "As we continue to face the COVID pandemic and work together to address economic challenges, we want to recognize our employees whose commitment and talent have enabled us to care for our

communities during this challenging time. These investments in our people are part of an overall philosophy to offer equitable and market-competitive pay and benefits for our staff, as together we build a strong future."

Annual wage increases are still planned for 2020-2021 for all eligible employees, as a reflection of the health system's commitment to maintaining competitive wages.

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Express Employment Professionals Hosts Trunk or Treat Event



From Jenny VanDaele

Express Employment Professionals of Ann Arbor is host-

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Letter to the Editor:

Community response to letter published Oct. 2, 2020 in the Dexter Guardian titled: "Election Statement"

School Boards Should Stick to School Issues, Not Slander

Are citizens of Dexter concerned that the Dexter Board of Education has publicly urged us whom to vote for on November 3rd?

We community members wholeheartedly disagree with the opinion – and it is opinion – in the Dexter Board of Education's October 2nd, 2020 letter to the editor that Barbara Read "poses one of the greatest threats to the continued success of our schools."

By interacting with parents and community members via social media, email or other means, Barbara is doing the job her constituents not only expect her to, but the job they voted her in to do.

What does it mean when the Dexter Board of Education states that a board member "refuses to accept advice and recommendation?" Is a person with diversity of thought deemed a disruptor? Does having a counter opinion to the majority opinion mean a person

is an agitator or distrustful?

Or—when a thought leader does not conform his/her thinking to the district agenda—perhaps it is easier to publicly ostracize a public servant through newspaper editorials and label him/her as "disruptive" than it is to continue a public discourse where agreements can be reached between multiple viewpoints?

Barbara Read has persevered as a dedicated public servant through an unjustified smear campaign of which this latest Dexter Board of Education letter to the editor is shamefully a part. As her opponents have tried to silence her, she has tried to communicate transparency to all families by making issues public and she has welcomed any constructive feedback. We have all benefited from Barbara's openness over her eight years as a trustee. Most community members and taxpayers appreciate

learning the whole story behind school board decisions and budgeting.

To the Dexter Board of Education: are libel/slander and bullying what we want our school leaders partaking in instead of focusing on how to best run our schools? Why does the school board not fully support transparency?

We elected Barbara Read to be our voice. And she represents a collective voice in the Dexter Community. As educators and parents, we should never forget school is about teaching our children how to think—not what to think. Furthermore, current and past members of the Dexter Board of Education should listen to how the community thinks, not tell them what to think—or for whom we should vote.

Sincerely,

Concerned Parents, Business Owners & Community Members of Dexter

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Children read to homeless animals, helping both

From Wendy Welch

What would dogs like to read? Fortunately for our community's kids, everything!

"Rescue Reading," a new program at the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), gives children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in front of a nonjudgmental audience: homeless animals. In turn, the animals receive extra attention and a calming experience with local little people.

"It's so heartwarming and a real win-win," says Karen Patterson, a former elementary school teacher and VP of Humane Education and Volunteering at HSHV. "Research

shows that children can improve their reading speed and accuracy by reading aloud repeatedly. And while it's sometimes tough for them to do this in front of their peers or parents, the animals provide an attentive audience who not only dote on their every word, but don't flinch when they stumble. So the children's confidence in reading improves, too."

And the animals love the attention; HSHV staff say the dogs and cats come right to the front of their kennels when the kids arrive and start reading.

"We originally saw the program being

just one day a week," says Patterson. "But it's been so popular with both families and our animals, that we are already expanding."

Rescue Reading is currently offered Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Each program includes a humane education lesson, time for a group read-aloud, and a dog meet-and-greet for a \$10 program fee which goes to help care for the animals as they await adoption.

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Boys Varsity Cross Country

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Girls Varsity Field Hockey

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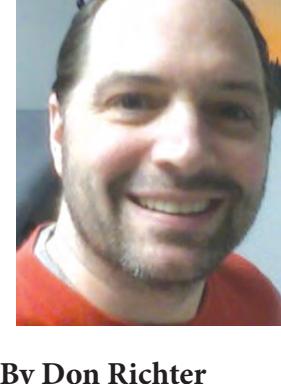


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ON THE SIDELINE: GIBSON GUITARS, NUT-GATHERERS, HEIGHTS AND TODAY YEARS OLD



By Don Richter
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It seems I learn something new every week.

Every time I think I know it all, life laughs at me and throws a curve ball my way or provides a new nugget of knowledge to humble and unbalance me, which in essence, actually centers me.

Strange how that works.

As the kids say, I was "today years old" when I found out recently, much to my amazement, that the legendary Gibson Guitar Company was founded in Kalamazoo in 1902. For the next 80 years, the guitar company (and maker of the Les Paul guitar) made guitars for musicians such as Slash (Guns N' Roses), Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin), Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top), Ace Frehley (KISS), Angus Young (AC/DC) and a list of other rock n roll legends too long to mention, right there in good, ole Kalamazoo. The original Gibson Guitar Company factory building still stands in Kalamazoo, as does the iconic smokestack with the Gibson name running up and down its length. I know where I'm visiting next summer...

Legend has it, the real Les Paul's original guitar design was initially rejected by the Gibson Guitar Company. Luckily, for musicians and music lovers everywhere,

Paul and Gibson eventually teamed up to produce one of the most legendary and respected musical instruments ever made. And it happened right there in Kalamazoo.

Weird.

Why have I not known about this interesting, little fact my whole life?

Also earlier this week, I learned a problem that has been causing me significant grief for many years, now has a solution. A few weeks ago I wrote a column waxing poetically about the bane of my existence which are my two giant walnut trees in my home's front yard.

The walnut trees, though beautiful to look at and protective and cooling of my house during the hot spring and summer months, carpet bomb my house and front and side yards each and every year with thousands of baseball-sized walnuts.

I have struggled to maintain and control the walnut onslaught for years. Until, that is, I received an e-mail from the Chelsea Farmer's Supply informing me of a simple solution to my walnut problem -- a nut gatherer. It's a funny name, but apparently a very effective and practical solution to my long-term yard work issue.

I'm looking forward to obtaining a nut gatherer and finally being able to clear my lawn of the bane of my existence -- walnuts.

Who'd a thunk a solution was so simple.

I was "today years old" when I found out.



Slash of Guns N' Roses fame plays a Gibson guitar. Gibson Guitar Company was founded in Kalamazoo.

leaves that dominate my lawn this time of year almost as much as the walnuts. Since owning my home, one of the first things I learned was I would have to get up on my roof each fall and sweep piles of leaves which settle and gather in the valley of the gable area. I've never enjoyed this "tradition" I have to endure each year. Supposedly, if not removed, rain and other moisture can collect on the leaves and sit and soak my shingles weakening their strength and durability. I have no idea if this is correct, but it's the one and only thing I remember the home inspector warning me about when I bought the house. This year, however, I noticed I was more uncomfortable than usual up on my roof. Maybe I'm getting smarter in my old age? Or more understanding and aware of the dangers? I don't know. All I know, is I ended up finishing the job standing on the top rung of the ladder and stretching with my rake to clear the last remaining leaves in the dreaded "valleys." I guess, maybe, I'm a little frightened by the height now? Or maybe I just value my life more? Either way, I was "today years old" when I figured out I might not like heights anymore.

Interesting what you find out about yourself in one simple week. And what you, also, find out about a city not far from home and a contraption already available that can solve the bane of your existence.

I learn something new every week.

Crazy.

I was "today years old..."



DEXTER ATHLETICS



DEXTER FOOTBALL

DEXTER RUNS OVER JACKSON

By Dave Merchant

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Dexter hung a big score and even bigger win 70-38 over Jackson High last Friday.

Dreads Coach Phil Jacobs was impressed with how his team has been playing. Key stats included:

Passing:

Colin Parachek 23-34 501 yards, 7 TD, 0 INT *(Both school records).

Rushing:

Colin Parachek 36 yards on 6 attempts.

Cole Cabana 26 yards on 7 attempts, 1

TD.

Evan Krolewski 8 yards on 3 attempts, 1 TD.

Receiving:

Braden Fuson 5 rec for 215 yards, 2 TD *(school record for receiving yards).

Cal Bavineau 4 rec for 79 yards, 2 TD.

Brennan Parachek 3 rec for 41 yards, 1 TD.

Ty Rychener 2 rec for 103 yards.

Lukas Koone 3 rec for 25 yards.

Evan Krolewski 2 rec for 14 yards, 1 TD.

Cole Cabana 2 rec

for 0 yards.

On special teams:

Avery Berkebile returned an INT for a TD.

"We are getting healthy at the right time," Jacobs said.

"Finish up the regular season home against AA Pioneer next week.

Colin Parachek has had back to back career games, as he's

thrown for nearly 900 yards and 12 TD's

combined in those two games, while spreading it around to a lot of receivers."

DEXTER GIRLS SWIMMING

DEXTER SWIM IS STRONG

By Dave Merchant

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Dexter swim re-

cently defeated Pinckney. Charlotte Schulz got a new state cut

in the 200 free. They are now 7-0 (5-0 SEC white).

DEXTER BOYS SOCCER

DEXTER FALLS

By Dave Merchant

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The Dreads soccer team fell 2-0 to Ann Arbor Skyline on Tuesday. The team trailed

2-0 at the half.

They battled back but could not score in the second half. Dexter bows out of the state tournament with a 12-

1-1 record and SEC White title.



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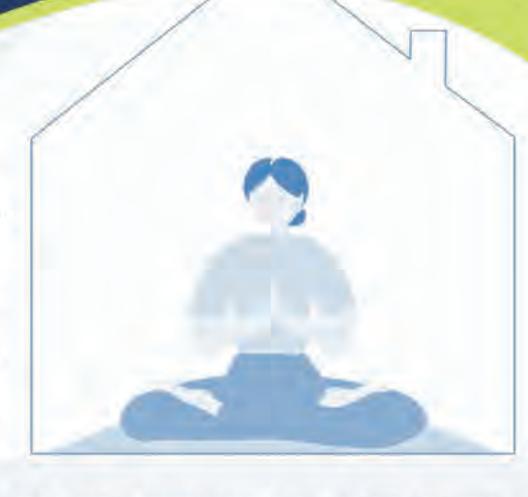
The Middle School Competitive Cheer season officially starts on November 30, but anyone interested is in-

vited to join the team for open tumbling practices 6-8:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays in November at Bates School. For more info, please email Amy Philage at dextercompcheer@gmail.com



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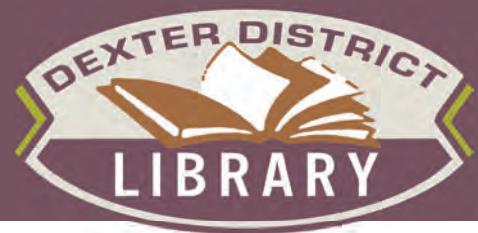
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Dexter District Library 2020 Fall Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Fall Events at Dexter District Library



Tuesdays at 10:30 am, September 15 to November 17

Virtual Fall Story Times

Fall Story Times for ages five and under will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on our DDL facebook page from September 15 to November 17. 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.

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, September 24 to November 19

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms Krista this fall 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. Future dates: October 8, October 22, November 5 and November 19.

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, September 30 to November 11

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning September 30. 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. Future dates: October 14, October 28 and November 11.

October 16 through 24

Halloween Craft Competition

Teens and tweens in grades 5 through 12 are invited to make a stuffed monster using the materials provided by the Library. Add your own optional embellishments to make it unique then email a picture of your final product to dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us for a chance to win a gift card. Please note: you will need your own needle and thread for this project. Registration is required and runs from October 1 through 15. Pick up materials from October 16 to October 24. Last day to submit a picture is October 29. Full contest details and materials pick-up information will be sent to registered participants.

Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 am

Halloween Story Time

Join Ms Krista on our facebook page for a fun morning of picture books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays and other activities celebrating Halloween. Geared for ages five and under but everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, October 27 from 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Tween Book Club

Join us for our fall book club for grades 5 and 6. We'll discuss the book The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes by Wade Albert White, pick book titles for future meetings, and do an optional craft. Books and craft materials will be available for pickup through our curbside service. Full details will be emailed to registered participants. Registration is required and begins October 1. Zoom details will be sent one day prior to the Club.

Wednesday, October 28 at 2:00 pm

The Spooktacular Halloween Comedy Show

Watch Silly Scientist Joel juggle eyeballs, get mixed up with multiplying bottles and be shocked by an animated Frankenstein drawing in this head spinning display of Halloween hootenanny. You'll even be illuminated by Joel's far-out flashlight where he encourages Halloween safety. A Zoom Magical Halloween adventure awaits in this exciting-not-scary show for all ages. Registration is required at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/the-spooktacular-halloween-comedy-show/>

November 1 to November 30

Children's Virtual Art Gallery

The Dexter District Library is happy to present our first ever Children's Virtual Art Exhibit. Young artists ages 12 and under are invited to create their masterpieces using art supplies available at home. The artwork can be any variety of subjects, from fall themes and landscapes, favorite books and characters, current events or pure abstraction. The exhibit will be featured on our website during the months of November and December. Submit your electronic masterpieces – along with your name, age and address – to cjurich@dexter.lib.mi.us. Any child who submits a work of art by November 30 will receive a \$5 gift card to A & W.

Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm

A Night of Family Baking with Zee the Cook

Get the entire family together in the kitchen for a tasty fun night hosted by Chef Zee Shami from Zee the Cook Culinary Studio in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Zee will be making Oreo Cake Pops live via Zoom. The entire family is encouraged to try their hand at preparing the cake pops along with Ms. Shami during the program – questions and comments will be welcome. The list of ingredients for Zee's Oreo Cake Pops will be available on the Library website when you register at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/a-night-of-family-baking-with-zee-the-cook/>. A Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you prior to the program.

November 5 to November 11

Puzzles and Games Craft Kits

Puzzle and Game craft kits for grades K through 5 will be available for curbside pick-up from November 5 to November 11. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them to our outside table. Registration is required on our website beginning Monday, October 19.

Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 pm

What We're Reading

Kids in grades 3 through 6 are invited to join us on our facebook page where we will share what we have been reading and highlight new books in our collection that they may want to check out. This month's theme is: Graphic Novels.

Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Story Time

Join Ms Krista on our facebook page for a fun morning of picture books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays and other activities celebrating Thanksgiving. Geared for ages five and under but everyone is welcome.

Anxious about the Election? Need Help?

From Marijo Grogan

(Marijo Grogan is a clinical social worker with a private practice. She has been a resident of the Chelsea community for over 25 years.)

Friends were not surprised that election anxiety had overtaken pandemic panic on my rating scale. When I confessed this, the look on their faces (without masks over zoom) said it all. They, too, were frightened. I decided to conduct some research and googled "election anxiety." My screen filled up with articles from major newspapers and on-line health research. Someone out there was recognizing our plight as a nation.

Many articles indicated this phenomenon was shared equally across party-lines. Helpful suggestions were offered: limit your media consumption, avoid conversations that can escalate into conflict (remember family Thanksgiving dinners), practice relaxing techniques such as walking in nature, pursuing a hobby, identifying moments of gratitude. Above all, and this was one of my favorites, "avoid catastrophizing."

It's not that I didn't appreciate these suggestions, I just didn't think they went far enough. Continuing to scan multiple pages I happened to catch the date on many of these articles. There it was: October, 2016. I couldn't believe it. This jaw dropping evidence mocked my efforts - evidence of déjà vu, all over again. We had come a long way but apparently not far enough, or in the wrong direction. Two days later I checked once more. Now, I found more current information including this statistic: A survey conducted by the American Psychological Association found that 56% of U.S. adults identify the 2020 presidential election as a significant stressor. That's up from the 52% who reported the same in the weeks preceding the 2016 election. Another article raised this number to 60%.

While I took some comfort in knowing that I was not alone, this news was not reassuring. In searching for ways to break out of this groundhog day, I came across the following tips from the APA (American

Psychological Association).

- Channel your concerns to make a positive difference on issues you care about.

- Consider volunteering in your community, advocating for an issue you support, or joining a local group.

- Know that in addition to the presidential election, state and local elections may provide more opportunities for civic involvement.

Finally, I was home. I could look to friends and neighbors for support during these challenging times. I started by checking out our local non-profit, One World One Family, which promotes a community that includes and welcomes people from a variety of backgrounds: ethnic, cultural, economic and religious.

The Restorative Justice committee of OWOF responded to

my request for more information. This committee wants to introduce the people of Chelsea to restorative practices, which heal people involved in conflict and restore harmony. They created a list of helpful resources which I have listed below.

I am reassured by that once popular bumper sticker encouraging us all to Practice Random Acts of Kindness. Connecting with caring people has lessened my anxiety. Our community is blessed with many good people and organizations. I feel confident that we can look toward them for support and leadership in the days and months ahead.

Mental Health

- United Way 211 <https://www.unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-program/2-1-1> 211 is a free, confidential referral and infor-

mation helpline and website that connects people of all ages and from all communities to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Washtenaw County Community Mental Health <https://www.washtenaw.org/839/Community-Mental-Health> 24/7 phone services and mobile crisis services are available to any Washtenaw County Resident TEL: 734-544-3050 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for Washtenaw County <https://namiwc.org> TEL: 734-994-6611 EMAIL: office@namiwc.org

Community Conflicts

- Dispute Resolution Center <https://www.washtenaw.org/1139/Dispute-Resolution-Center> Anyone living, working or attending school

in Washtenaw County can ask the center to schedule mediation by calling 734-794-2125.

- MI-Resolve <http://www.mi-mediation.com/> A New Way to Resolve Disputes Online sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office

- Michigan Courts - Office of Dispute Resolution <https://courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/odr/pages/community-dispute-resolution-program.aspx>

In many jurisdictions throughout Michigan, courts are making citizens aware of the availability of community mediation as an alternative to litigating many types of disputes. TEL: Phone: (517) 373-4839

Election Protection

- Election Protection resource re: militia activity prepared

by Georgetown Law <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/icap/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2020/09/Michigan.pdf?> TEL: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Assistance in also available in:

- Spanish at 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)

- Arabic at 844-YALLA-US (844-915-5187)

- Asian languages at 888-API-VOTE (1-888-174-8683)

- A video call number for American Sign Language is available at 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683).

- Help for people with problems voting League of Women Voters <https://www.lwwmi.org/>

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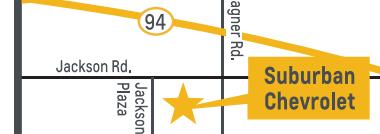
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