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Restaurant Review: Food Zone



Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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In an effort to spotlight local businesses and sample all the dining that Dexter has to offer, I took my daughter on a lunch date for her first day of winter break. I've been eyeing the Food Zone, and my daughter loves Chinese, so off we went.

Even though we could not dine in, I did notice the man on the phone was patient with me. I did not have the menu when I was ordering and did not remember exactly what we'd decided. He listened and helped me order. I ordered ginger garlic chicken and my daughter ordered vegetable Lo Mein. I appreciate when a Chinese meal doesn't

just come with an egg roll on the side, as I'm not a huge fan. We had the option of crab rangoon, an egg roll or soup. Crab rangoon is my favorite so I happily chose that. So did my daughter.

The wait was not too long and we collected our food from the entrance, set up to be super safe, keeping employees away from customers. My daughter was ready to eat so I handed her the crab rangoon on the drive home. She said it was really good. It must have been because she ate mine too. We got home and dug in. The first thing I noticed was the portion size. Our servings were huge. The second thing I noticed was how good mine

was and how good my daughter's must have been. She normally does not eat that much for lunch. She's six and likes to eat a little and request something else in an hour or so. She ate so much, she did not ask for something else to eat until dined. Anyone that has raised a four to six year old knows what that means. She ate a lot and she really liked it. My meal was so good, I kept eating well after I was full.

We really enjoyed our meal. It was delicious and the cost was comparable to fast food. Serving sizes are big, flavor was delicious, and service was kind and fast. The Food Zone is a great **continued on page 2**

"All Roads Lead to Bethlehem"



Story and more photos on page 3 • Photos By Carissa Poroko



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Owner of Pet City Pets sentenced, following seizure of dozens of animals and dead puppies

From Wendy Welch

Originally charged with felony level animal cruelty and pet shop violations, Ypsilanti Pet City Pets owner Stuart Collins pled guilty to and was sentenced to one count of failing to provide a valid health certificate when selling pets.

The November sentencing included \$175 of restitution to the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), who seized dozens of animals from the store on February 14, 2020, including several seriously ill animals and two deceased puppies.

The seizure was result of a search warrant based on an anonymous tip alleging sick and dying puppies deprived of veterinary care were being hidden in the back of the building. Mr. Collins later stated publically on social media and WXYZ Channel 7 news that he did not provide vet care because they “usually die no matter what” and “If I had a huge bank account I probably would have taken them to a vet.” Instead he said he treated them himself with sports drinks.

As part of his plea agreement with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s Office, Collins was also placed on probation for 9 months. Pet City Pets continued operating throughout the criminal process, selling the same kinds of animals seized including puppies, kittens, and reptiles. No additional restrictions have been placed on their operations as a result of the conviction.

HSHV Investigators uncovered sick puppies housed in a cluttered back room amid garbage, boxes, expired medication, Powerade sports drink, a bottle marked “holy water” and construction material. One of the deceased puppies was found lying in an area with urine, feces and blood next to an electrical heating pad registering 220°f. After an extended search by investigators, another recently deceased puppy was found behind a wooden board under a counter.

Although all dogs and cats are required by law to receive a health certificate from a veterinarian prior to

sale, at least 415 animals at Pet City Pets did not, according to evidence found by HSHV Cruelty Investigators. Investigators also found documentation showing Pet City Pets puppies originally came from puppy mills in Hillsdale and Branch Counties -- including operators and a transporter recently under investigation by the Michigan Attorney General and the USDA.

Some of the puppies seized from Pet City Pets were found to have had Parvovirus, a serious, painful infectious gastrointestinal disease that can be fatal without proper veterinary care. Fortunately, following supportive care provided by the Humane Society of Huron Valley’s medical team, they survived. HSHV also provided treatment to Parvovirus-positive puppies who had been recently purchased from Pet City Pets and brought to HSHV by their owners, all of whom also made a full recovery.

February’s seizure also included reptiles with no evidence of veterinary care-- dehydrated with open wounds and mouth sores-- and one had starved to death, as determined by an MSU necropsy. Rats and mice for sale in overcrowded conditions intermingled with dead animals were also taken. The store was additionally cited for other pet store violations per Michigan law such as lack of basic sanitation, insufficient number of staff to care for animals, and presence of contaminants, including the storage of rat poison on top of dog food.

“There have been numerous complaints about Pet City Pets over the years,” says Matt Schaecher, COO at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. “We know many people who are disappointed with Mr. Collins’ plea deal. Several customers have since come forward regarding sick and dying puppies acquired from this store, including a puppy who died after being donated by Collins to a local private school for a fundraising auction. These puppies are being sold for over \$1000. Providing needed vet-

erinary care to sick puppies shouldn’t be a stretch for a pet store financially or ethically. But, regardless, health exams and veterinary treatment for sick animals is required by Michigan law. It’s not optional.”

“The good news is that all of the animals taken on the search warrant received excellent care for nine months by HSHV staff and volunteers and have nearly all been adopted,” added Schaecher.

“Companion animal adoption is at a record high right now, and fortunately most people know the value of ‘adopting, not shopping,’” says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV’s CEO. “But we empathize with folks who walk into a pet store hoping to find a new family member. Their heartstrings are pulled, they see a future companion, and they’re in a position to be taken advantage of. Michigan actually has very good animal cruelty laws for companion animals.

But laws don’t enforce themselves. There is currently no regulatory body overseeing pet stores. We’re reliant on a criminal justice system that takes animal cruelty seriously. We investigate complaints, but we don’t decide charges, plea agreements or sentencing.”

“It’s also critically important to know that pet stores source their puppies from puppy mills, and it is well known that puppy mills commit routine and systemic cruelty. When you mix pure profit motive with animals, the result is almost always needless suffering. Of course, we prefer that folks adopt and help save an innocent life. But if you can’t find the companion you’re looking for at a shelter, please go to a reputable breeder, not pet stores or online dealers, and, as always, do your homework beforehand. Seeing where and how the puppies and their parents are cared for helps avoid inadvertently supporting cruelty, not to mention helps protect your family from a potentially devastating emotional and financial toll,” says Hilgendorf.



January 23, 2021 Dexter Ice Fest Ice Sculptures will be on display in Monument Park and downtown Dexter

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Restaurant Review: Food Zone



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“All Roads Lead to Bethlehem”



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From Carissa Poroko

Students at St. Mary Pinckney presented a beautiful nativity and light show in lieu of their annual Christmas concert.

On Dec. 18-19 there was a light up the “Road to Bethlehem” in a drive-thru, silent production that transformed the parking lot into the magical story of Jesus’ birth.

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MDHHS Begins Cautious Re-Opening of High Schools and Indoor Entertainment, Modifying Successful "Pause"

Gatherings remain limited, but high schools, casinos, bowling alleys, theaters can reopen

From: Lynn Sutfin

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its epidemic order today to allow indoor activities where Michiganders can remain masked, as this has been scientifically shown to slow the virus. This includes in-person learning at high schools and indoor entertainment venues. Casinos, bowling centers and movie theatres will be allowed to reopen with total capacity capped at 100; food and drink concessions closed; and social distancing requirements in place. The new order is effective Monday, Dec. 21 and will last until Friday, Jan. 15.

"These past few weeks, Michiganders across the state stepped up and did their part to slow the spread of COVID-19, and because of our collective hard work, we are now able to begin the steps to carefully lift some of the protocols we have in place," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "I am encouraged by the progress we have made since early November, and will continue to monitor the data closely during and after the holidays. One of the most important things Michiganders can do right now is make a

plan to get the safe and effective vaccine as soon as it's available to you. And as always: mask up, practice safe social distancing, and avoid indoor gatherings where COVID-19 can easily spread from person to person. We will eradicate this virus together."

"We have made some progress in our fight against this pandemic, and this was a historical week as we started to distribute life-saving vaccines," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "It is important that everyone continues to do their part. Start planning for when you will get a vaccine when it is available to you, and let's avoid a surge in cases after the holidays by avoiding gatherings, wearing our masks, and continuing to socially distance."

Previously, MDHHS had identified stabilization or declines in three metrics as critical for relaxing protocols. Michigan saw improvements across all three following the "pause" implemented in mid-November:

Hospital capacity dedicated to COVID-19 patients: 13-day decline; current capacity is at 17.3% for beds with COVID-19 pa-

COVID-19 DEC. 18 ORDER: GATHERING GUIDELINES

Open	Not open
Two-household gathering (high precautions)*	Workplaces, when work can be done from home
Small outdoor gatherings (25 people)	Restaurants and bars (indoor dining)
Retail	Night clubs
Preschool through 12th grade (local district choice)	Indoor sports & contact sports, except professional sports
Childcare	Trampoline parks, water parks
Manufacturing, construction, other work that is impossible to do remotely, including technical education	Indoor group fitness classes
Public transit	
Hair salons, barber shops, other personal services	
Gyms, pools, roller and ice rinks (for individual exercise)	
Restaurants and bars (outdoor dining, takeout, and delivery)	
Professional sports**	
Parks and outdoor recreation	
Funerals (25 people)	
Health care	
Theaters, movie theaters, stadiums, arenas	
Bowling centers	
Bingo halls, casinos, arcades	
Outdoor group fitness classes and non-contact sports	

*See Social Gathering Guidance. **Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

For more information about the order, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.

tients. Peaked at 20.1% on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Overall case rates: 27-day decline; currently at 439 cases per million. Peaked at 739 cases per million on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Positivity rate: 11-day decline; currently at 10.6% positive tests. Recently peaked at 14.3% on Friday, Dec. 4.

"Michiganders should be proud: we have made incredible progress over the last month. But we could easily lose that progress and endanger our hospitals again over the next two weeks," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon.

"At Thanksgiving, most Michiganders sacrificed and avoided family get-togethers. We need to do the same thing this holiday season. Then we can re-engage more activities sooner and more safely."

Indoor residential gatherings remain limited to 10 people and two households. MDHHS continues to urge families to avoid indoor gatherings or to pick a single other household to interact with consistent with guidance already released by the department. Families are encouraged to stay home this holiday season to maintain the

positive momentum that has developed and to protect loved ones. Families are also encouraged to Mask

Up, Mask Right, using new guidance for what masks to wear and how to wear them.

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Dexter Forum

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The last meeting of the Dexter Forum for 2020 happened over Zoom on Dec 19th.

City Councilman, Zach Michels stated that the council will be holding an early goal-setting meeting in January. Typically goal setting happens in February, but with two new members on the council, this is an effort to help them get acclimated. Zach encourages members of the public to communicate their wants and needs to members of the Council. Someone in the audience offered input with the statement of a fire department. Zach chuckled, as did I. Zach has been trying to get work accomplished on a fire department since I've been attending meetings. And a new fire station has been discussed for over twenty years.

There was a question regarding the Covid-19 vaccine. We learned that the first people who will receive it are front-line workers, naturally. After those people get it, next in line will be long-term care fa-

cilities. The idea that there is a light at the end of the tunnel felt like collective relief. But, we were warned that unlike mumps and measles, people vaccinated can still spread covid, but won't get sick. So masks and travel restrictions might be normal for the next few years. There are more FDA approvals on the horizon. So, even with restrictions, the idea that people will have access to vaccines still feels like a happy occasion.

Residential tax collections were at or above average but businesses are struggling. There is a program to waive interest and penalties on late taxes for some businesses. If you are a business owner struggling to pay back taxes, it is worth looking into to see if you qualify for some relief.

We learned that The Family Barber-shop has moved a few doors down from Cottage Inn. We also learned that Artistica Gallery is closing or has closed. I did a spotlight on the business and found it unique and full of wonderful items. So

hearing that it's no longer going to be around is really sad. I can only assume it's another victim of Covid. The original Encore theater has sold to the same owner of the 3 Bird building.

County Commissioner Jason Maciejewski, told us about a grant through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund that will bring high-speed internet to 80% of the unserved rural population. It will take time, but that's great news for rural people in the area. Access and it's need have been highlighted by the pandemic. A solution is in sight.

Thanks to some wonderful community members, stepping in helping and figuring out a way to make it happen, the luminaries will not be a tradition lost because of Covid-19. To have lost so many traditions and celebrations, this season, I'm sure the entire community is grateful to be able to hang on to some traditions.

After many warm holiday and New Year wishes, the meeting wrapped.

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Winter Wellness Photo Challenge



From Matt Pegouskie

Are you a Winter warrior? Do you enjoy skating, skiing, walking or biking all winter long? Does your running club or ice hockey team embrace the winter weather and carry on? If so, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation wants to showcase your creative talents and highlight what our community members do in the Winter to promote physical activity.

We invite all 5 Healthy Towns residents who embrace the winter elements to help us demonstrate that Michigan winters offer a great opportunity to promote wellness outdoors. Grab your phone or camera and submit your photo to the Winter Well-

ness Photo Challenge. You will be eligible to win a gift card and feature your photo in our Fall 2021 issue of Connected Magazine.

Send us a photo image between January 1-31, 2021. Submission guidelines and an image consent release form can be found at www.5healthytowns.org. Winners will be announced in February, 2021.

5HF's Community Advisory Committee will select two photo winners:

• **Best Photo** (Adult Category) – if you are age 18 and older, submit a photo that shows winter wellness.

• **Best Photo** (Youth Category) – if you are 17 and younger, submit a photo that shows winter wellness.

Our 5HF community members will select the overall winner by voting on Facebook in February:

• **People's Choice**



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Award (youth or adult) – The People's Choice award will provide an opportunity for our commu-

nities to weigh in on their favorite photos. Submitted photos will be placed on the 5 Healthy Towns

facebook page to allow our followers a chance to choose the best of the best! For more infor-

mation, contact 5 Healthy Towns Foundation staff, Matt Pegouskie, or Lori Kintz, at 734-433-4599.

Advisory/PHOTOS: Washtenaw County Health Department Starts COVID-19 Vaccination

Health Department staff get vaccinated in preparation for vaccinating others



From Susan Ringler Cerniglia, MPH

Washtenaw County Health Department has started vaccinating staff. Health Department staff who will be giving vaccinations to others and staffing upcoming vaccine clinics received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine today. They are the first to be vaccinated.

"I'm so excited to be vaccinated, and I don't have to wait because it's my job to vaccinate others," says Christina Zilke, RN, nursing supervisor with Washtenaw County Health Department (pictured right).

Initial supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine are limited. Health Department priorities include vaccinators, EMS, and frontline health care providers not already being vaccinated through a hospital or larger organization.

Staff and residents at long-term care facilities are being vaccinated though national pharmacies in coordination with the federal government. All of these are part of priority area 1a. See washtenaw.org/covid19vaccine for details, health care provider surveys, and updates.

"We're feeling both grateful and optimistic as we begin this vaccination process," says Jimena Loveluck, MSW, health officer for Washtenaw County. "This pandemic is an incredible strain on all of us and devastating to so many in our community. Adding vaccination to our prevention tools is a big step toward recovery and, eventually, normalcy."

"It will take time – likely weeks for the initial phase and months for vaccination to be more widely available.

In the meantime, please continue to use what we know works for preventing the spread of illness – wearing face masks, keeping social distance, frequent hand cleaning, and following isolation and quarantine guidelines," continues Loveluck.

Washtenaw County Health Department The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. The Health Department has the authority and responsibility to protect public health, including responding to disease outbreaks.

Merry Christmas is different

By Dave Merchant dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

Everyone goes through a lot of different things in their life. People see highs and lows, good times and bad.

Unless you lived back in 1918 it is unlikely anyone has seen anything like the pandemic of this year or

Covid-19 before. It makes Christmas and everything else more limited with friends and relatives. People now wear masks and only a few seem to mind. Most people are used to the lifesaving activity.

Everyone knows what social distancing is and how important

it is. Sure we now have two vaccines but it still may be a long time before we see the effects of them. They came around Christmas but is looking like late summer or early fall before everyone will be able to get the shots. At least it is started and will begin

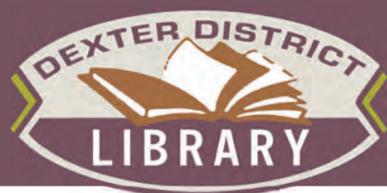
to take place. The fall high school sports will continue the beginning of next year. Championships for football, swimming and diving and volleyball will finish up. That is a positive.

Winter sports can begin in mid-January. Since this whole thing

began at the end of winter sports, maybe just maybe spring and that season will begin and end as scheduled. May everyone who has gotten sick become healthy and everyone who hasn't made it be pleased in Heaven this Christmas season.

I want to extend a very heartfelt and

loving recovery to my mother Karen who is very sick with this virus. Love and goodwill to everyone this Christmas. Despite all the change in 2020 I am sure it is for a reason. Maybe we can't see it but in the long haul that all will be seen.



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



Upcoming Fall Events at Dexter District Library

Saturday, December 19 to Saturday, January 2

Winter Break Activity Bags

Kids of all ages are invited to pick up a bag full of fun crafts and activities to keep them busy during winter break. Bags will be available while supplies last, registration is not required. Limit five bags per family.

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Library is Closed

Monday, December 28 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Let's Make Tamales!

Join "Fresh Food is Fun" virtually to make authentic Mexican tamales from start to finish. Recipe and ingredients list will be emailed to participants prior to the class. Geared for grades 4 through adult but everyone is welcome. A fun evening for the whole family, registration is required. Zoom details will be emailed prior to the program.

Wednesday, December 30 at 11:00 am

Winter Music with "The Music Lady"

Bev Meyer "The Music Lady" returns to the Library to present a family fun hour of music, dancing and sing-alongs. Join us on Zoom as we celebrate the winter months and all the fun experiences we enjoy. Registration is required on our website.

Thursday, December 31

Friday, January 1

Library is Closed

January 1 through 24

Winter Photo Contest for Teens

Local teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit a photo for a chance to win a gift card. Photos will be judged in three categories: Winter, Dexter and Family/-Friends. Entrants are limited to one picture in each category. Complete contest details will be emailed to registered participants. Photographs will be displayed on the DDL Teen Services webpage and in the Library's Teen Zone. Winners will be announced on January 28.

Monday, January 4 through Sunday, January 17

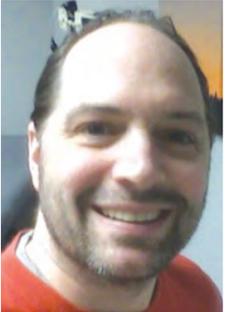
DIY Paint with Tissue Paper

Tweens and teens in grades 6 through 12, get creative with this fun painting project. Everything you need will be included in your bag for pickup, including supplies, instructions and YouTube links for inspiration. Instructions for picking up your craft bag will be emailed to registered participants. Email a picture of your final product to the Teen Librarian at dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us from January 20 through February 6. Pictures will be posted on the Library's Teen Services web page for viewing. Registration is Monday, January 4 through Sunday, January 17. Craft bag pickup is January 20 through 31.



DEXTER ATHLETICS **D**

ON THE SIDELINE: GRANDMA'S FRUIT CAKE, 2020 AND SNOW FOOTBALL NIGHT GAMES



By Don Richter
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Merry Christmas everyone.

It's been a heck of a year, huh?

Soon it'll be 2021 and everything that's happened in 2020 will be far behind us in the rear view mirror. Or will it? I don't know. I guess time will tell, huh?

I heard high school football is back. I guess that's some sort of Christmas present. In a year like 2020, I'll take whatever I can get. "Grandma's fruit cake

-- yes, thank you. And high school football in December -- yes, it's just what I wanted (insert forced, fake smile)."

I saw a photo recently of high school players in northern Michigan practicing football in the snow. That must be fun. Though, I must admit, I always enjoyed playing football in the elements when I was growing up. The more mud on the field, the better it was in my eyes. Some of my fondest memories of youth is being outside in the cold playing "snow football" on the front lawn with three of my neighbors -- all of whom would later become All-League players in high school. We'd combine our three lawns together for a larger "field" and knock each other silly

-- no touch football -- and it didn't matter if you were tackled on the cement driveway, you better get up or you'd be hit even harder next time.

The best "snow football" games with my three neighbors were our "night games." With boots, hats, gloves and bulky coats on, we'd be out there in the frigid night air, playing underneath the dim glare of the lone street light in front of my house, messing up the pristine recent snowfall, knocking over any poor snowman foolish enough to have been built by one of the neighborhood girls or my sisters on our "field." Sorry "Frosty," but we needed to make that game-saving, touchdown-denying tackle and you were in the



Snow football games were always popular for this columnist growing up.

way. I'll always remember the feel of my ice-covered wool hat draped hazily over my eyes as a wet, cold, smelly, snow-covered open-palmed glove punched my face as I was tackled just short of the "end zone." Even today, when the night air is cold enough to freeze my nostrils and sting my eyes and the sound

of crunching snow beneath my feet feels just right, I'm taken back to those carefree days of "snow football night games" on the front lawns of my youth. I miss those days. Heck, I miss 2019. We didn't know we had it so good, huh? It'll get better. It has to, right? "Fruit cake from Grandma, thank you (forced, fake smile) --

I love it." To really hug Grandma again (natural, real smile) -- I would so love it... Merry Christmas everyone. See you later, 2020. Hello, 2021, it's nice to meet you. Would you like some fruit cake...?



Who didn't love Grandma's holiday fruit cake?

Artistica to close on December 26



From Shop Dexter ARTISTICA WILL CLOSE BUSINESS ON DEC.26TH FOR FINAL TIME: Sad news from the women at Artistica. It

is with deep regret we must inform you that Artistica will be closing effective December 26th. It has been a wonderful 13 years. We so appreciate your

patronage and wonderful support of our Michigan arts. Thank you again, Pam, Susan, Anne & Denise

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 107zone Pet-of-the-Week is Theo</p> <p>Meet Theo! This wiggly and friendly boy is looking for a home with someone who can provide him with training, socialization and love. He is still a young boy, and needs a family who can keep up with him and can't wait to adventure with him after work or school! Theo needs mental stimulation as well, and would love an adopter who will give him puzzle toys, continue his training and keep his mind busy. If you are looking for a snuggle and play buddy this winter, come and meet this extremely loving boy today!</p> 	<p>The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Clarence</p> <p>Meet Clarence! This hunk-o-love is 9 years old and ready for his forever home. He is very sweet and gentle, but you'll also see his fun playful streak as soon as you show him a squeaky toy! You'd also think he was a puppy to see how very excited he gets when you walk in the door. Clarence wants a home where he can get a ton of love, stability and consistency. If you have a place in your heart for this angel, come meet him today!</p> 
<p>The W4 Country Pet-of-the-Week is Napoleon</p> <p>Meet Napoleon! This wonderful boy is looking for a home where he can spend his golden years. He can be a little shy at first, but he will melt after you pay him a quiet visit with some gentle chin scratches. Napoleon is an older fellow and would prefer a home without too much hubbub, where he can snooze the day away on comfy beds and sunny cat towers.</p> 	<p>The Lucy Ann Lance Show Pet-of-the-Week is Junior</p> <p>Meet Junior! This good boy is looking for an active owner willing to offer proper training, socialization, and exercise. Junior has a lot of energy, and may be a bit too much for some families, but a lot of energy also means a lot of LOVE. He would do best in a home without under 17 years old -- and no kitties, please! He would prefer to be your only baby and needs someone who is willing to dedicate lots of energy to his physical and mental enrichment. If you are interested in this very special young fella, please fill out an application online or at HSHV!</p> 

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Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative 2020 Legacy Builder Awards



Chelsea, Mich. – Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Legacy Builder Awards. These awards are presented to four different individuals, organizations, or business partners that made a significant impact on the Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail across Washtenaw County. The B2B Trail is a non-motorized pathway that connects cities, parks, and many destinations throughout Washtenaw County.

The Legacy Builder Award winners for 2020 are:

Legacy Builder Organization Award – Awarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for their commitment to the expansion of the Border-to-Border Trail and focus on the development of universal access recreational opportunities for the entire trail community. The Michigan DNR provided tremendous support in the construction of the pedestrian tunnel which allows trail users to safely cross under M-52 in Chelsea. They also made land available for the site of the first dedicated B2B Trailhead at Lyndon Township. The DNR has continued to expand safe access to the B2B by creating connectivity between the Pinckney and Waterloo Recreation areas, two of Michigan's most beautiful recreational assets.

Legacy Builder Community Award – Awarded to Michigan Outdoor Freedom Operations (MIOFO) for facilitating the construction of two barrier-free hunting blinds and wildlife viewing blinds available at the Pinckney Recreation Area. These blinds are reached via the B2B Trailhead in Lyndon Township off North Territorial Road. Inclusivity and providing access for all community members is central to the purpose of the Bor-

der-to-Border Trail. The work by MIOFO has expanded the accessible hunting infrastructure and opportunities for wildlife watching and photography along the B2B Trail and throughout southern Michigan.

Legacy Builder Volunteer Award – Awarded to Rob and Linda Mahan (Team Mahan) for their hard work and dedication to HWPI in 2020. Team Mahan assisted in candidate screening, interviews and hiring, newsletter and website development, technology support and ongoing assistance on projects when needed. The dedication shown by Team Mahan has been extremely valuable to the organization this year, and years past.

Legacy Builder Donor Award – Awarded to Mary Jane and Steve Olsen for their ongoing financial contributions to HWPI. Mary Jane and Steve became HWPI's first recurring donors, making the commitment to donating to the organization on a monthly basis. Over the past three years, these recurring contributions have allowed us to work towards our goals such as: building new miles of trail, improving existing trails, adding trail amenities, allowing access to safe pathways, and contributing to the health and wellness of our local community.

Jeff Hardcastle, HWPI Board Chair shared that "We are thankful for the ongoing support that we have received from our partners across the community. Our progress would not have been possible without their hard work, dedication, contributions, and commitment to HWPI and our efforts to complete the B2B Trail"

For additional information please visit the HWPI website at: huron-waterloo-pathways.org
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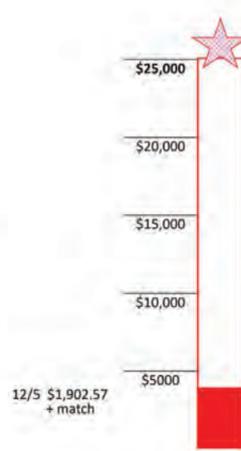
Our mission is to facilitate the development of non-motorized recreational pathways and to help link Michigan's growing network of trails. We are working in partnership with the WCPARC to complete the Border-to-Border Trail and realize our vision of healthy, active and connected communities.

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Holiday Campaign in Support of Gordon Hall

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Progress 12/5/20



From Dexter Area Historical Society DAHS has launched a campaign to raise \$25,000 in

support of further renovation of Gordon Hall. All gifts received through the end of January 2021

will be matched up to \$10,000. When you commit, you will join in partnership with DAHS in fulfilling the vision of restoring Gordon Hall to its original glory and transforming it into Washtenaw County's premier historic home and Dexter's cultural center and community gathering place. You can donate securely online by selecting DONATE on the DAHS website: www.dexterhistory.org.

Help support your hometown paper during these difficult times. As we recover from the Covid shutdowns we are hoping we can count on you to support the Guardian.

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