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MEGHAN CAN COMPETE



Photos By: Jennifer McGill

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter junior
Meghan McGill has
a busy schedule both

academically and ath-
letically. This Dread-
naught student works
hard.

"I do track in the

spring and race both
the 100 and 300 hur-
dles, however I like
the 300 hurdles the
most," Meghan said.
"Sometimes I do the
4x4."

This coming fall
she will be joining
cross country because
Meghan trained with
the team over the
winter (starting in late
January) and enjoyed
it. They start summer
training in about two
weeks.

She also loves mu-
sic.

"I do marching
band in the fall and
really enjoy both the
playing and march-
ing," she said. "The
people in the band
make it a really great
experience."

A big moment for
her was being accept-
ed into the National
Honor Society (NHS)
and being given the
opportunity to be the
chair of Blood Drives,
now Social Media/
Recruitment (because

of Covid), committee.

She enjoyed re-
ceiving academic,
band, and track letters.
The band letter was
from freshman year
and the track letters
were from freshman
and sophomore year
(at her old school).

A big experience
for her was biking
across the Colorado
National Monument
over spring break. It
was a total of about 33
miles and around 15
of those were straight
up the mountain.

"It was very tiring
but the views were
worth it," she added.

Some of her big
moments in school
include:

"Receiving Col-
lege Board's AP Schol-
ar award. Meaning
that I scored at least a
3 or higher on at least
3 exams. I worked
really hard to pass
AP Human Geogra-
phy (Freshman year),
AP Bio (Sophomore
year), and AP World
History (Sophomore
year)."

Band is a big class
for her.

"My favorite class
this year is definitely
band. It's very engag-
ing and I have devot-
ed a lot of time to it,"
she added. "Also, you
get out what you put
in. There is a notice-
able difference when
I practice vs. not prac-
ticing. And it's nice
seeing almost con-
stant improvement.
Band is almost like a
team too because ev-

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Dexter Prepares For Big Birthday Party

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I learned that Dex-
ter is starting to plan
for a big birthday par-
ty for the city during
the last Forum meet-
ing. Sanam Arab of
the ACH announced
that planning for the
Bi-Centennial in 2024
is under way. Sanam
mentioned that ideas
from the community
are welcome, so I want-
ed to speak with her to
find out how commu-
nity members can help
celebrate Dexter.

Sanam started the
conversation by pro-
viding a little back-
ground and explaining
how things are happen-
ing. She stated because
the ACH has a rela-
tionship with the City
Council, they stepped
forward to help coordi-
nate the event. The
ACH is not dictating
activities. It is simply
helping provide orga-
nizational structure
and marketing for the
event. The idea is that
organizations will vol-
unteer, jump in and

help plan a celebra-
tion. The ACH presented
the Dexter City Council
with a proposal, which
the Council accept-
ed, and on May 6th
the newly established
bi-centennial planning
committee held its first
meeting. The idea is
that in 2024, regularly
scheduled events, will
have a bi-centenni-
al theme. For exam-
ple, the hope is that
the 2024 Dexter Daze
will be bi-centennial
themed. The commit-
tee is now searching

for a week in 2024 to
dedicate specifically to
the event. This will be
a week when different
groups will host events.
The organizations cur-
rently involved are; the
ACH, The Historical
Society, The Chamber,
and the Rotary club.
The committee has
also invited; the library,
Dexter daze, and the
Lions Club. If you are
a part of an organiza-
tion that would be in-
terested in contribut-
ing to the celebration
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Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

August 16-20

For More Information visit paintdexter.org

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

COLE HAS GOT SOME REAL TALENT



Photos By: Shari Lindskov

By Dave Merchant
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The Dexter Dreads have some smart students and talented athletes and band members.

Dread Junior Cole Scheller qualifies for all three. He is on the track and field team and he is also on the Robotics team.

Cole keeps busy and really enjoys after school activities.

“(I helped) Build up a team dedicated to solving computer-vision problems on the DHS Robotics team (The Dreadbots),” Cole Scheller said.

Cole is team captain of the robotics team and has been squad leader with the Dreadnaught March-

ing Band for 2 years.

“I loved playing a solo at the playoff football game this past season,” he said. “It was my first time ever playing a solo, so while scary it was a great experience that gave me a huge boost in confidence.”

His favorite class is AP Calculus and his favorite teachers have been Mrs. Jones (DHS), Mrs. Dever (Mill Creek) and Mr. Brown (Creekside).

The University he would love to go to is Purdue for Aerospace Engineering.

Cole’s mother is Rebecca, and his dad is Chris. His sister is Bailey and his two brothers are Alex and Devin.

Hobbies include

anything STEM specifically programming and making gadgets with Arduino and Woodworking & Crafting (favorite thing is to make pens).

His advice for younger students is read the syllabus. Get to know the teachers.

He says Dual-Enrollment is a great idea for anyone, get some college credit out of the way.

“Challenge yourself, take classes that interest you and push you,” he said. “Most of all, don’t blow off your freshman year. Pulling yourself out of the hole that creates is a pain and isn’t worth the little free time not doing homework saves you.”



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please contact Dexter-200years@gmail.com. If you are a community member with an idea that would be great for the celebration, use the same email to submit your idea. Sanam explained that orga-

nizations will be on the committee but the community is invited to contribute ideas. “It’s Dexter’s birthday so it’s everyone’s party.” Currently the committee only meets once per month. But as the event draws clos-

er, the meetings and responsibilities will escalate. This sounds like an incredible birthday party for everyone. Be sure to share your ideas with or if you have a group, join the committee. Email Dexter-200years@gmail.com.

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Bald Eagle Rejoins Ann Arbor Family, after Rescue from Fishing Wire



By: Wendy Welch

Dangling upside down, entangled in a mass of fishing line which tied him to a branch hanging over Huron River, about 4 feet from shore and 1 foot from water, a Bald Eagle needed rescuing. Fortunately, a Good Samaritan called the Humane Society of Huron Valley's (HSHV) wildlife rescue line Saturday.

"He was still tangled up, and many of his feathers had been broken," says Michael Shivak, HSHV Rescue Field Agent. "Thankfully, with our veterinarians' help, we were able to remove the rest of the fishing line from the bird who, luckily, didn't suffer a major break in either of his wings."

The eagle was transferred to Howell Nature Center (HNC) wildlife rehabilitation center, where he was treated for his injuries.

The bird, affectionately known as "Fred" has lived in Ann Arbor with his mate "Marge" since 2015. They've raised 10 eaglets since then:

"Downey" and "Fleece" (2016), "Belle" (2017), "Orville" and "Wilbur" (2018), "Pearl" (2019), "Pappy" and "Winkle" (2020), and most recently "Flora" and "Neon" (2021),

according to area fans who have a live web cam of the family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-qLcsefE1i4>

After testing his ability to fly, HNC together with HSHV released Fred (see the video), about a mile from his nest.

To everyone's joy and relief, he's since been spotted back with his family. "We see way too many wild animals injured and killed by improperly disposed of fishing gear ev-

ery year," says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's CEO. "It's sad and, honestly, quite frustrating. This majestic Bald Eagle and beloved wild neighbor, with his lifelong mate and two young eaglets, serves as a very important reminder that littering is not just illegal, but also inhumane. Enjoying nature also means respecting nature. If you fish, please do so responsibly. Consult with the DNR about how to properly dispose of fishing gear, and encourage friends and family to do the same."

If you see a sick or injured wild animal in Washtenaw County please call HSHV's 24/7/365 Animal Rescue Line at 734.661-3512. And find out more about helping our wild neighbors and HSHV's wildlife services at <https://www.hshv.org/get-help/wildlife/>.

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OneBigConnection.org Launches during National Mental Health Month



From: **Matt Pegouskie**

To foster and build community connections, optimism, resilience, and engagement, 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) and its partners are pleased to launch OneBigConnection.org (OBC) during National Mental Health Awareness Month, this May. OneBigConnection.org is a new virtual platform tool that anyone in our service area can use.

One Big Connection will go live with a soft launch on May 26th. New information and features will be made available in the coming weeks and months as we receive user and partner feedback.

The purpose of OneBigConnection.org, is to create an online community where residents can share information and quickly find local resources. It is also a place to come together in Action Teams that address important issues for our community members, like isolation and youth mental health.

“This site, funded with Wellness Coalition money, belongs to the community,” says 5HF CEO Amy Heydlauff. “The rich resources you will find at OneBigConnection.org highlight the good people in our five towns, caring for each other. We hope that OBC will be a positive step to help individuals make healthy connections, find interesting and vital resources they trust, and reduce the discomfort surrounding mental health conversations.”

This free platform is a project sponsored by One Big Thing, a collaborative initiative launched in 2019 with Michigan Medicine/Family Medicine, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, and the 5HF Community Wellness Coalitions,

to promote positive mental health practices and decrease mental health crisis situations in our communities. According to Lori Kintz, 5HF’s Coalition Coordinator and OneBigConnection editor, “The platform is a work in progress. Every week new information and resources will be added until the site is so robust it becomes a regular part of our online routine.”

We are planning a free 30-minute demo of the site in June. Watch for updates on our FaceBook page.

The site includes:

- **Action Teams** that are places to come together, post information and solve local challenges.

- **Facts and Figures** will house current local and regional statistics and peer-reviewed articles to keep us informed. The information can

also be used by area non-profits in grant applications or strategic planning.

- **A Resource Directory** will allow local non-profit service providers to post their information on a variety of topics addressing vital conditions like mental health and outreach services, reliable transportation, health and safety services, and social supports. If you are a local provider or organization who wishes to be added to our directory, go to <https://www.onebigconnection.org/submit> for instructions on how to register.

- **Events** will be a place where community organizations can promote upcoming events open to the community.

- **Community Pulse** will feature articles, commentary by local experts, and publications of inter-

est.

- **Polls and Surveys** is an opt-in text messaging service that will provide occasional updates about events and opportunities in the 5HF service area. Participants will receive quick, one-question surveys

to monitor our community points of view. Here is an example of a poll:

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

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Inaugural Step to the Beat 5K presented by American 1

From: Jayme Bicknell

American 1 Credit Union is partnering with the Jackson YMCA to raise funds and awareness for the American Heart Association through a virtual 5K fundraiser June 14-30.

"We are very excited to further our partnership with the Jackson YMCA," said Janis McCleery, Community Partnerships Specialist and 5K Event Co-Chair for American 1. "Heart Disease is far too common in our community, and I'm confident that our partnership will bring more awareness to this cause."

According to their website, the American Heart Association, founded in 1924, hopes that scientific research could lead to better treatment, prevention, and ul-

timately a cure for heart disease, America's number one killer.

"The American Heart Association is working to reach more women and minorities when it comes to heart health. With tens of thousands of diverse members, we are a natural partner for the American Heart Association on this important mission. We also hope that by inspiring physical wellness, we will inspire financial wellness," said Michelle Pittenger, Partner Event Specialist and 5K Event Co-Chair for American 1.

To register to run, or purchase a Heart Hero Tribute, visit jacksonymca.org. Registration is \$30 and includes a t-shirt and medal, and is part of the 2021 Henry Ford Allegiance

Health's 5K Run/Walk Series. To become a sponsor, email partners@alcu.org or visit american1cu.org/5K.

All proceeds of the Inaugural Step to the Beat Virtual 5K will go to the American Heart Association in the communities served by American 1 Credit Union.

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



MEGHAN CAN COMPETE



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 everyone works together every day and it's fun to play the different pieces we put together."

She said teachers have been amazing however her two favorite teachers this year are her band director, Dr. Moore, and her AP United States History (APUSH) teacher, Ms. Chea. "Dr. Moore is very fair in the grades he gives, especially considering it's not a class where there is a clear correct answer. Also, he tells us about his outside hobbies which I enjoy because it's nice to hear about what teachers do outside of school."

"Ms. Chea explains different events in an interesting way

and is always willing to write letters of recommendation or help out in any way possible," she said. "I personally do not like history but she makes it much more interesting and enjoyable."

College will definitely be next. "I hope to attend a Michigan school because of in-state tuition benefits," she said. "Preferably either Michigan State or the University of Michigan. Both are fairly close to Dexter so I could easily visit my family over holidays and breaks."

Her parents are Jennifer and Douglas. Siblings include fraternal twin sister Amanda and her brother Matthew. She moved from Colorado last summer so

she likes to ski and rock climb.

"I also like to bike. I started to bike regularly last summer," she said. "I primarily bike along the B2B and in the Metropark, however I have biked with my dad to Ann Arbor and back (40 miles). Sometimes I mountain bike with my dad and brother at the DTE trails."

Her advice for younger students is strong. "Make time for friends, even if it is only through a sport/club," she stressed. "It is very important not to spend all your time on school, you need breaks. Your grades will probably improve if you spend time doing other things because you won't be so stressed."

DEXTER TRACK & FIELD

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SALINE HIGH SCHOOL MAY 21ST, 2021

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Boys Score:

1. Saline 130.3
2. DEXTER 79
3. Bedford 72
4. Woodhaven 68
5. AA Huron 62
6. AA Skyline 61
7. AA Pioneer 40
8. Jackson 29
9. Carlson 26
10. Lincoln 25.5
11. Belleville 24
12. Southgate 15
13. Monroe 13
- T14. Taylor 6
- T14. Ypsilanti 6

Top Dexter Performers:

- #=State Championship Qualifying Mark
- 100m. 2. Cole Cabana (10) 10.82#
 200m. 2. Cole Cabana (10) 21.86 (PR)#
 400m. 4. Wilson Kasischke (12) 51.38 (PR)
 800m. 3. Nathan Garipey (12) 1:58.59
 3200m. 2. Conor Kolka (12) 9:30.30 (PR)#
 4x200m. 8. Dexter 1:37.17 (Nathan Biggs, Jonny Adamczyk, Quentin Hurdle, Devon Durliat)
 4x400m. 1. Dexter 3:24.76# (School Record) (Wilson Kasischke, Micah Davis, Cole Cabana, Nathan Garipey)
 4x800m. 5. Dexter 8:46.25 (Brandon Anderson, John Harm, Owen Ackerman, Adam Hauser)
 Shot Put 5. James Livingston (11) 42-8.75
 High Jump 3. Micah Davis (10) 5-11
 T4. Samuel Fitzpatrick (11) 5-8 (PR)
 Pole Vault 2. Noah Schultz (12) 15-3 (PR)#
 3. Cole Sheldon (11) 14-9#

Girls Score:

1. AA Huron 133
- T2. Saline 114
- T2. AA Pioneer 114
4. DEXTER 88
5. Lincoln 56
6. Woodhaven 37
7. Monroe 36
8. Bedford 31.5
9. AA Skyline 25.5
10. Jackson 9
11. Carlson 7
12. Ypsilanti 7

13. Southgate 4
- N/S Taylor
- N/S Belleville

Top Performers:

- GIRLS: # = State Championship Qualifying Mark
- 200m. 6. Gracie Burns (11) 26.62
 400m. 3. Gracie Burns (11) 1:00.67 (PR)
 800m. 8. Ashley Mitchell (11) 2:22.57 (PR)
 4x100m. 6. Dexter 54.53 (Maggie Jordan, Mikala Sposito, Gracy Beck, Ella Gasiorek)
 4x400m. 4. Dexter 4:11.44 (Gwen Tatara, Hanna Berenson, Ashley Mitchell, Gracie Burns)
 4x800m. 5. Dexter 10:42.23 (Megan O'Day, Abigail Fox, Allison Berkholz, Kate Varitek)
 Shot Put 2. Jamie Giese (11) 36-1#
 Discus 3. Katie Krueger (11) 100-2
 4. Abby Marek (12) 97-1
 High Jump 3. Haley Craig (12) 4-10
 5. Abigail Van Noord (12) 4-10
 Pole Vault 1. Josianne Mettes (12) 12-7#
 2. Sophia Mettes (11) 12-3#
 3. Makenzie Stock (12) 11-3 (PR)#
 4. Abigail Van Noord (12) 10-3 (PR)#
 5. Ella Gasiorek (11) 9-3
 6. Izabella Behnke (11) 9-3 (PR)
 T7. Mikala Sposito 8-9

Meet Recap:

An outstanding day for the Dreadnaughts Track and Field team at the Regional Championships at Saline High School on May 21st. The Boys finished an impressive 2nd. Place finish with 79 points to Saline, while on the Girls side, the Ladies finished in 4th with 88.

The Boys had outstanding finishes,

State Qualifiers, and set one new school record. The track events were led by Cole Cabana, taking two 2nd place finishes in both the 100m and 200m sprints. Qualifying for the State Championships in both. Not having finished the day, he was part of the 4x400m. Relay team that set a new school record of 3:24.76. The 4 members of that relay were Wilson Kasischke, Micah Davis, Cabana, and Nathan Garipey. That record has stood since 1991, and that time is currently the 5th fastest in Division 1. Dexter also had Conor Kolka finish 2nd in the 3200m run, setting a new personal best of 9:30.30, and qualifying for the state championship as well. The rest of the State Qualifiers for Dexter were Pole Vaulters Noah Schultz finishing 2nd at 15-3, and Cole Sheldon in 3rd at 14-9. Other top finishers were Nathan Garipey taking 3rd in the 800m, Wilson Kasischke 4th place finish in the 400, Micah Davis also taking 3rd in the High Jump, along with teammate Samuel Fitzpatrick tied for 4th. James Livingston finished 5th in the boys shot put. Dexter placed 2 other relays teams taking 5th in the 4x800 with Brandon Anderson, John Harm, Owen Ackerman, and Adam Hauser. The 4x200 took 8th with Nathan Biggs, Jonny Adamczyk, Quentin Hurdle, and Devon Durliat.

The Girls were by a dominating performance in the Pole Vault. The Dreadnaughts took the first 7 spots, scoring 38 points in that event alone.

Led by Josie Mettes taking 1st at 12-7, followed by So-

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BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

**DEXTER
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SCHOOLS**



The May 10th Board of Education meeting was held both in person in the Bates Boardroom and streamed online via Zoom to allow the opportunity for all community members to participate during the pandemic.

COVID Data Update

Dr. Timmis presented the latest information from both the COVID-19 Data Review and DCS Dashboard. Citing previous weeks' case numbers, Timmis shared student and staff positive case numbers have increased slightly, but appear to be leveling out. Student quarantine numbers have been high, with 5 classrooms quarantining in recent weeks, but those numbers are beginning to decrease as well.

Moving to Washtenaw County data, the infection rate is also in significant decline, standing at 0.7% as of May 7th. In mid-April, the county was seeing around 2300 positive cases over a two-week period; most recently, positive cases are less than 900, giving the county a 3% positivity rate. According to Washtenaw County data, as of May 7th there are 117 positive cases per million with a 3% positivity rate. Using CDC guidelines, our area is in the lower to moderate range for risk, but still high in terms of community spread.

Reconfirmation of Learning Plan Timmis updated Trustees on the Reconfirmation of Learning Plan, review of which is required each month by The State Aid Act. Dexter's plan is to continue with current instruction methods: pre-kindergarten is in person every day, elementary students (Y5-6) who choose Homeroom are in person every day and those choosing Home-based are fully virtual. Mill Creek and DHS Homeroom students are in person 4 days/week, with a full virtual option for Home-based students. Dexter also continues to increase in-person services for special education students (per IEPs), ELL students and other special populations. Attendance data shows a 97% participation rate over a two-week period.

Overall, this plan has worked very well, Timmis shared, with the District only having

to quarantine classes as required. Administration is meeting with the Washtenaw County Health Department on both May 11th and May 14th for guidance updates. Timmis closed his remarks by sharing the Board should have a 2021-2022 school calendar to ratify at the May 24th meeting.

Board President Update

Board President Dr. Julie Schumaker noted that the District is planning to provide a full, in-person school model for students next fall as Dr. Timmis has outlined in his Superintendent Updates. With the widespread availability of the vaccine and continued vigilance by our community, the Board is hopeful the next school year will look like a normal school year for our students. She shared Dr. Timmis's April 14th Superintendent Update:

"We plan to provide a full, in-person school model for the vast majority of our students in the fall. In addition, and consistent with the offerings we've provided to families for many years, we will have a full remote option available. Sign up for a remote option can be made closer to the start of school. Every year, we have many families who work through our virtual options for their students. This year, we know of many students who are thriving in the remote option and may choose to continue in the future. We plan to continue this option for interested families. However, at this time, we want families to know that we will continue to offer this option, but to please plan to register and fill out the normal enrollment information sent by buildings to help us plan appropriately."

In response to community questions regarding emergency powers granted to Dr. Timmis for the 2020-21 school year, Dr. Schumaker informed attendees this was done in the fall in order to allow him to comply with Executive Orders, MDHHS orders or Washtenaw County Health Department orders to quickly respond to COVID guidance in a timely manner.

Student Representative Update

Aidan Naughton shared that the high school is pretty calm right now. Students have adjusted to the

four days/week schedule, and things seem relatively back to normal.

First Public Participation Opportunity

A community member asked about the plan for fall instruction, whether fully virtual classes (i.e., all students virtual rather than both in-person and virtual) will be taught by DCS teachers, and which COVID metrics will be used.

Dr. Timmis responded that the district follows the guidance of the Health and Human Services Department (MDHHS). Currently, the MDHHS metric for quarantining is if an individual is within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 minutes or longer in a 24-hour period, and vaccinated individuals don't necessarily have to quarantine. Timmis explained that next year in-person and virtual students will have teachers solely dedicated to their instruction method.

Consent Items

Trustees approved leave requests for the 2021-2022 school year from Anandkumar Patel, Jessica Elkin and Rebecca Lange.

DHS Course Proposals

Proposals for seven new DHS classes (descriptions in Board packet, pgs. 13-47) were first presented at the April 26th meeting. Board members unanimously approved the following courses for Fall 2021: Positive Psychology, Science and Practice of Strength and Conditioning, Spanish Films and Literature, Bearing Witness, Nutrition & Food Science 2, Science Makerspace and Musical Theater Workshop.

Administrator Salary Levels

Trustees also unanimously approved administrator salary levels for 2021-2022 school year, a routine Board agenda item each May for the upcoming school year.

Reconfirmation of Learning Plan

The Reconfirmation of Learning Plan was unanimously approved by the Board. WISD Budget

Dr. Timmis walked Trustees through a presentation (Board packet, pgs. 55-92) on the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) budget process. Every local school board must adopt a resolution of support or indicate specific recommendations for changes before June 1, 2021. This item was presented for discussion tonight, with a vote to be taken at the

May 24th meeting.

WISD Biennial Election

The biennial election for WISD to elect one board member for a six-year term will be held virtually on June 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Dexter Trustees must elect a representative to attend this meeting in order to cast the Dexter BOE's vote. WISD Board candidate names are not yet available yet, but Trustees will be notified of candidates' names before Dexter's May 24th meeting. Voting on both the Dexter representative and the WISD candidate will take place at the May 24th BOE meeting.

Schools of Choice Discussion

Dr. Timmis shared that the District has received over 200 applications for Schools of Choice (SOC) for the 2021-2022 school year. Approximately 5% of all students across the state (2-3% nationally) will not be returning to school in the fall in favor of homeschooling, family road-tripping, etc. In determining the number of applications to be accepted, the District surveyed current and past families regarding their next year's plans, reviewed current students applying for SOC, and looked at existing classroom numbers and staffing.

Dexter lost about 250 students this year and, combined with the data collected, this would allow the District to accept around 170 SOC students. Anticipating that ap-

proximately 60% of accepted SOC students actually enroll (based on historical figures), accepting this number will maintain current class sizes.

Timmis underscored the fact that Dexter will not accept this many SOC applicants every year, but that this is a unique year and families are looking for changes. Between 30 and 50 students who applied are already here and some are siblings of current students. Responding to questions about how SOC applications were selected, Timmis shared that siblings of current SOC students were prioritized, then remaining applications were selected via a lottery system. A Trustee asked about class sizes. Dr. Timmis noted that class sizes are at or below neighboring school districts' numbers.

In conclusion, Timmis reiterated that this fall will be volatile for determining student count. Life-changing events (divorce, moving, parent job loss, etc.) cause families to change their schooling options, but in limited numbers. COVID-19 is a life-changing event for every family, which has increased the number of schooling changes worldwide.

Second Public Participation Opportunity

A community member asked about a recent email from Athletic Director Mike Bavineau stating fully vaccinated students are no longer required

to test weekly for COVID-19 in order to participate in athletics and expressed concern that students will be treated differently based on their vaccination status. Dr. Timmis clarified that athletic guidance regarding vaccinated students comes from MHSAA, not the District.

Board Comments

With no committee updates to report, Trustee Mara Greatorex shared how wonderful it was to hear the high school bands perform last week in their first live concert since February 2020. Greatorex also stated the band is seeing a loss of students due to the pandemic, as it is difficult to learn music virtually. She asked the community to remember the enemy is not teachers, not the Board, not each other; COVID-19 is the enemy we are all fighting.

Closed Session

Shortly after 8pm, the Board moved into closed session to perform the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation. They returned to open session at approximately 9:25pm, canceled the back-up virtual meeting, and adjourned for the evening.

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

Upcoming Board Calendar

- Monday, June 14 - 7:00pm - Board Meeting - Bates School

May Events

Mother's Day Gift Card Special* (CHE/DEX)

May 1-9

Purchase a gift card and receive a gift bag with an assortment of chocolates!

MOVE 150 (CHE/DEX/STK)

May 10-16

Move 150 minutes during this week and be entered to win a prize! Stop by the Fitness Desk for more information about Move 150.

Bring a Buddy Week! (CHE/DEX/STK)

May 16-22

Members can bring in unlimited buddies! (Youth & Child Policies still apply)

Senior Health & Fitness Day (CHE/DEX/STK)

Wednesday, May 26

Seniors work out for FREE all day!

Thrive as you Age! (CHE)

Wednesday, May 26 | 12pm-1pm | In-person and Virtual!

Learn how you can live a longer, healthier life through optimizing the human aging process. Critical factors for aging well and increasing quality of life will be discussed. Lead by Kaitlyn Schneider, Medical Integration Coordinator.

*Open to the community.

†Space is limited for in-person.

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).



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Junior Girl Scout Troop visits Camp Linden



Photos by: Kari Stroschein



From: Kari Stroschein

A Fifth Grade Junior Girl Scout Troop from Dexter went to Camp Linden. They enjoyed the climbing wall, a picnic lunch, learning about gun safety and shooting BB guns and learning knife safety and skills (while carving soap) and knot tying.



Dexter Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40500 went to Park Lyndon



Photos By: Alicia Jensen



Dexter Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40500 went to Park Lyndon, made hiking sticks and then went for a hike to Lake Genevieve.



REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SALINE HIGH SCHOOL MAY 21ST, 2021

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phia Mettes at 12-3. Makenzie Stock took 3rd at 11-3, and Abbie Van Noord to 4th at 10-3. All 4 girls qualified for the State Championship with their marks. The next placers were Ella Gasiorek, and Izabella Behnke going 5th, and 6th respectively, and Mikala Sposito was 7th.

The next State Qualifier in the field

events was junior Jamie Giese, taking 2nd place in the Shot Put with a heave of 36-1. The high jump saw 2 placers with Haley Craig taking 3rd at 4-10, and Van Noord took the 5th spot there at 4-10 as well. Gracie Burns placed in 2 races, taking 3rd in the 400m, and a 6th in the 200m. Ashley Mitchell with 8th in the 800m run, as well as being on the 4x400m relay

team that was 4th. Her other relay teammates were Gwen Tatara, Hannah Berenson, and Gracie Burns. 2 other relay teams placed; the 4x100m with Maggie Jordan, Mikala Sposito, Gracyn Beck, and Ella Gasiorek were 6th, and the 4x800 with Megan O'Day, Abigail Fox, Allison Berkholz, and Kate Varitek were 5th.

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 Dexter Area Girl Scouts are Forming New Troops!

Girl Scout Round-Up for Fall Troops

Girls & Parents
Meet @ Hudson Mills Group Camp
 Hudson Mills Group Camp is on Huron River Drive, North of North Territorial Road, Behind Boullion Sales
Saturday, June 19, 2021 4-5 pm
 Please bring a lawn chair, water bottle and a mask.

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City Council Does Not Agree to Replacement for Vacant Seat

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The Dexter City Council opened with the approval of three sets of minutes. Jamie Griffin made some suggestions for changes. The minutes were approved with the suggestions from Jamie.

Pre-arranged participation was next on the agenda. Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director Washtenaw County Regarding the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority's (WRRMA) Quality Improvement Grant Program. WRRMA is focused on improving recycling in the county. WRRMA was awarded over a \$200,000 grant to focus on decontamination on recycling. Contamination is at about 30% in Washtenaw County. Contamination can disrupt supply chains. The project aims to decrease contamination by 40%. The program has been done about 100 times in the United States and has been proven to get results. Every resident that will be a part of the program will get a mailer. Residents will receive personalized feedback to find out if there's contamination in their bin. There will be four rounds of recycling examined. If you have repeated contamination, your bin will not be collected and residents will be told why. In Kent County during this program, more people started recycling, likely because residents are provided with the proper tools and education. Dexter is working to get the waste wizard search put on the City website. It is a tool that can be used to figure out what can be put in the bins.

Jim McCargar Regarding Text Amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance Addressing SelfStorage Units; Jim started by explaining why he is an interested party on the issue. He has lived in his current house thirty years. He is against self-storage. He believes that the self storage question is now mute. He showed the area and made the case that it is residential. He cited the masterplan and he asked the council to think about land use in the area and the people living there.

Up next the agenda was approved.

Zach will abstain from the consent agenda because his employer is receiving money. It was time for non-arranged participation. Todd Austin thanked the DPW for the hard work at the community agenda. He supports taking the year off and making the space functional. He is excited to see the city moving forward with city hall. He is troubled by the way the fire station has been put off. He does not want to see discussion of temporary fixes at this time. He would like to see a bond proposal being put forward to address the issue.

Chief Smith spoke next about L6. His letter was a suggestion for a temporary solution. It was not a request for the DAFD to be able to do this. Interior remodeling was not the request. Remodeling is not feasible to do. This was just a possible short term solution to a long term problem.

Frank Grohonert spoke to advocate for self storage in the I-1 district. The planning commission determined that self-storage is compatible. He doesn't believe that should be put off because one buyer has dropped off. Self-storage use is another way to market the building.

The Mayor spoke about how the Council has been together for about six months and has a lot on their plate. He is hoping the fire station can be more on the agenda. He asks for the community's patience on the fire station.

The Mayor moved forward to try to fill the Council member's seat. He has done his best to follow the rules and had a good discussion on the meeting on the 12th. Julie Knight resigned March 31st. They received five applicants. Tonight he'd like to bring forward the nomination. The Mayor nominated Joe Semifero. There needs to be four yes votes to affirm. Joe was not affirmed. So the Mayor put forward another name. He nominated Rich Bellis next. Rich was not affirmed..

The mayor moved on to the next item, which was communications. There were no comments.

Dan Schlaff gave his report. Phone calls were made to True Green and Poison Ivy Control to get

more answers to handle the community garden issue. Jamie asked about cleaning the Cottage Inn dumpster if the city is responsible. It is. Jamie was wondering if there is surveillance at wastewater as there is currently an issue with big rocks being thrown at wastewater. Zach wanted to know about the poison ivy recovery. One of the employees is still trying to recover from it.

Michelle was available to answer questions about her report. Jamie had a question about ADA compliance for outdoor dining areas. She wanted to know if there was always a step down. Michelle said the parklets are required to have ramps. Shawn Paul and Justin did an incredible job on the park tour. The information provided was very helpful and Michelle has received a number of thank you notes for them.

Jamie asked about the Sheriff's report. She wanted to know if traffic accidents are tracked so we know where things are most dangerous so it can be incorporated in the streets discussions. The answer is yes. Zach thought the number of traffic stops were going to increase and they have not. He noted that we are subsidizing coverage outside of the city. The Mayor had a resident ask about getting more data about the number of stops on Ann Arbor street as she's concerned about the speed on the street. The Mayor is going to follow up and get more data. Chief Smith noted that during some of the time that the community was under heavy Covid restrictions and nobody was driving so the numbers can't really be compared.

The City manager's report was next and Marie shared good news. Dexter received monies established off of personal property tax reform. The money is not budgeted because there is no guarantee they will be coming. But the funds were more than anticipated. The May payment was twice the amount of the first. The money was divided between streets and the general fund. They received quotes to do work for a more immediate solution for the community garden. The quotes are not cheap, over

\$17,000. The gardeners are comfortable with putting it off a year. Unfortunately poison ivy is not an easy issue to deal with. Paul asked if there was a guarantee if it would not be back next year. There is no guarantee. The field part is an easy fix but the garden part is the challenge. They are making a lot of calls to find the best solution. Paul does not feel like there is a viable option for the rotary garden this year. Justin included a draft of an updated parks use permit and wanted City Council's feedback. Jamie mentioned putting together a survey regarding potential locations for ping pong tables.

The mayor moved on to his report. Dan and Eric and Justin met with St. James Church on Broad street. They have a long sewer lead. They had trouble with it and made several repairs on it. They are requesting the city reimburse the money used to repair it because they believe it's the city's fault. There is a lot of subjectivity on possible causes. The City submitted to the insurance company and the insurance company stated that it's too subjective. The Mayor thinks the best thing the city can offer is to extend the sanitary line when they redo Broad street so they can eliminate the troublesome lead and have better infrastructure. It has not been offered and won't be offered until the council helps make a decision. Jamie asked if it is something special that other residents would not receive normally. No, it's not special treatment. The concern is that it's really old and will likely have more problems. The Mill Creek Park tour included 18 representatives for Northville to tour the park and trails. The troll was being fixed as they walked by. The Mayor said the troll looks great. He thanked everyone for helping with the tour. He moved on to the city manager search committee. He wants to know how the Council wants to do this. He will set a special meeting. He still hopes that someone can be appointed by June. The Mayor feels Justin meets the qualifications, is doing a great job and interviewed the best. He thinks Justin has proven himself very

well. He would like input from the City Council. Jamie wanted to know if the council could go into closed session. The mayor does not think so. If there's overwhelming support for one person there could be a motion on the next agenda. Justin offered to be absent for a special meeting. The Mayor asked if there's a desire for another meeting or support for Justin? Several people expressed support for Justin. Several noted that they are still weighing the options.

Councilmember reports were next. Jamie included information in the packet for everyone to have in future discussion.

The consent agenda was approved.

It was time for new business.

Bond Authorizing Resolution Issuance of 2021 Capital Improvement Bonds for the Purchase of 3515 Broad Street; Justin spoke on the next step in the process. The resolution authorizes city staff to issue the paperwork to issue the bonds for no more than 2.5 million. They will get bids from banks and take the lowest bids from banks. This is not accepting the purchase price today. The June 14th meeting would be the time to accept the price. A price reduction request was issued. The seller countered with an 80k price reduction. Tom Colis spoke and noted that the resolution doesn't reference that exact site. But the resolution is specific to a project, not site but purpose. The process would need to be restarted. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the decision. Wa stated that she feels like the community is being held hostage by playing politics over the firestation. Every deadlock seems to return to the frustration over the fire station. The motion carried.

Bond Issuance and Underwriting Costs in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,500; The motion was carried without debate or discussion.

Adoption of the City of Dexter 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Plan Resolution; Mike Auerbach spoke and detailed the plan. The motion carried.

Self-Storage Facility Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments;

Jamie made the motion to approve number one as presented. The motion led to a lot of debate prior to the vote. The discussion went on for over 35 minutes until the vote was finally called. The motion failed.

L-5 Discussion of Conflict of Interest Ordinance; the ordinance was drafted to reflect what the council raised. Jamie wants to do something more than this. She would like to expand the definition of private gain and explicit exclusions to be more. No vote took place. Jamie is going to submit information for future discussion.

L-6 Dexter Area Fire Department Request Regarding Fire Station Temporary Facilities; Zach spoke and was very angry regarding the staff report. Jamie was not certain of the action being requested. Jamie thinks the fire department should always be on the agenda until it's handled. There is a risk for a MIOSHA inspection. The Chief spoke about how the 2013 MIOSHA inspection went. 2013 the difference is that Dexter had no other fire stations. The Chief is afraid MIOSHA will not allow firefighters to sleep there anymore. Putting a temporary facility would provide some relief but should just be temporary. A new fire station has to be done.

They moved on to council comments.

Paul Cousins' comment was good night.

Zach's was Good luck to the women's soccer team in districts. Zach also clarified his preference for the position on City Council.

Isabella said Happy Birthday Alex.

Non-arranged participation; Joe Semifero spoke. He believes that Justin should be supported for the City Manager. He stated he understands the fire station was a concern with him as a candidate. Joe stated that the people need to be heard from and they need to be communicated with. Joe thinks the council should go through the rules and mentioned that three were broken this evening alone. Joe is disappointed that he was not appointed to council.

Paul moved to adjourn and it passed.



TOP 10 CLASS OF 2021



Class Color: Green

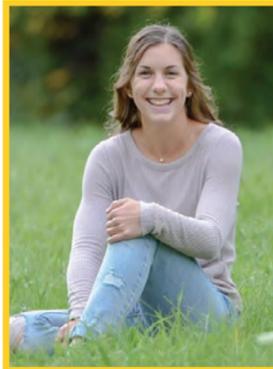
Class Flower: White Rose

Class Song: We're All in This Together from
High School Musical

Class Motto: It is what it is.



Student: Delaney Arnedt
Parents: Caroline and Todd Arnedt
Activities: Delaney has been a 4-year member of the DHS Volleyball Team with two of those years being a captain and starter. She is a member of the National Honor Society, played with the Legends Club Volleyball Organization for four years and is a volunteer at Alpha House and Food Gatherers.
Post-Secondary Plans: Delaney will attend the University of Michigan School of Nursing.



Student: Rachel Gesell
Parents: Debbie and Ralph Gesell
Activities: Rachel has been a member of the DHS Field Hockey team for four years. She played basketball for two years and is a member of the National Honor Society.
Post-Secondary Plans: Rachel will attend Wittenberg University where she will study exercise science and play field hockey.



Student: Elizabeth Higgins
Parents: Barb and Jeff Higgins
Activities: Elizabeth has participated in Varsity and club swim, Band and National Honor Society.
Post-Secondary Plans: Elizabeth will attend Purdue University in the fall where she will study biomedical engineering.



Student: Alicia Hill
Parents: Brian and Melissa Hill
Activities: Alicia participated in DHS Women's Tennis, Band, National Honors Society, Interact Club, Ocean Bowl, and the Women in Science Club.
Post-Secondary Plans: Alicia will attend Michigan State University Honors College where she will study biology.



Student: Wilson Kasischke
Parents: Doug and Denise Kasischke
Activities: Wilson has been involved in Track & Field, Cross Country, Marching Band and Model UN.
Post-Secondary Plans: Wilson will be attending Washington and Lee University.



Student: Robert Lynch
Parents: William and Nancy Lynch
Activities: Robert has participated in Chamber Orchestra and Debate.
Post-Secondary Plans: Robert will attend the University of Michigan School of Literature, Science and the Arts where he is planning to study psychology.



Student: Sam Melvin
Parents: Lisa Melvin and the late Greg Melvin
Activities: Sam has participated in Track & Field, Cross Country, Model UN, Science Bowl and Band.
Post-Secondary Plans: Sam will attend the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in environmental engineering.



Student: Carter Miller
Parents: Stephen and Kathy Miller
Activities: Carter is a member of the Dreadbots (robotics) and participates in Powerlifting and Track & Field.
Post-Secondary Plans: Carter will attend the University of Michigan College of Engineering.



Student: Gwenevere Tatara
Parents: Ben and Leah Tatara
Activities: Gwenevere is a member of the DHS Women's Varsity Swim & Dive, DHS Women's Varsity Track & Field, Interact Club, National Honor Society and the Dexter Community Aquatic Club.
Post-Secondary Plans: Gwenevere will attend the University of Michigan and major in Political Science.



Student: Abigail Van Noord
Parents: Jon and Annabel Van Noord
Activities: Abigail has participated in Track and Field (Captain), Dreadbots FIRST Robotics Team (Captain), Band/Marching Band (Drum Major) and the SNAP Club.
Post-Secondary Plans: Abigail will be attending the University of Michigan where she will study mechanical engineering.