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The Eve and Annie Boutique



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Dexter residents may have noticed a new boutique downtown. My daughter and I stopped in last Saturday to find out more. I immediately noticed my favorite style of purse of summer on the front table. Macrame purses with round wooden handles were displayed right on the front table. Eve and Annie had a bohemian vibe without being teenagers at a music festival. Soft sundresses and rompers for grown women.

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Curiosity May Save the Oaks

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A few years ago Jason Eyster noticed the leaves of oak trees in the area turning yellow rather than the healthy summer green. He noticed that the trees with the yellow leaves were dying and wanted to know why. He contacted

several organizations to find an answer. He quickly realized most did not care or have an answer. A collaborative citizen science group was born from this curiosity. He sought others who might have an interest; residents from both Chelsea and Dexter began investi-

gating and researching the issue.

The group identified 52 trees in the area that seemed to be suffering from the same issues. The group contacted MSU. MSU sent people over; the DNR and plant pathology, and collected tissue and soil samples. The

hypothesis was the oaks were suffering from a disease called iron chlorosis, a form of malnutrition in trees. But according to the samples, there was plenty of iron in the soil. The group was perplexed. Why would this problem start happening and why now? The group consists of a variety of people with a variety of backgrounds; chemists, photographers, school children, and physicians. Someone in the group brought up the question of acid rain. Could it be an issue of acid rain? Acid rain killed half the Black Forest in the 1990s. But when the group

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Dexter City Council Meeting

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The meeting began with a Swearing in Ceremony. Sanam Arab was sworn in as a City Council member by Justin Breyer.

Approval of minutes; both sets of minutes were approved. Alex requested a minor change which was approved.

Prearranged participation; Jennifer Olmstead of Ann Arbor Spark wanted to say thank you for the support of regional economic development. She detailed

the work Spark has done in Dexter. If any company in Dexter is hiring in the stem field, the company could get a matching grant from spark. They have Summer and Fall interns. Spark has provided support to many local businesses during Covid and will continue to serve businesses in the community. Paul Cousins wanted to know the formula for the number Dexter provides. She explained that Dexter does not match what other communities

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Dexter City Council Meeting

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are doing but Spark is happy to have Dexter participate. Zach asked if there is anything the city can do to help market the former Encore space or the space in the Broad St. space? She is aware of the space and will provide companies the information if it fits the needs.

The agenda was approved.

Communications letter from Paul McCann regarding the city's appointee to library board. The meeting list was included. The mayor requested recommendations for the library board.

Reports:

Dan Schlaff discussed public services; This weekend he was approached between the 4th and 5th by residents who noticed that cars are parking in a way that encroaches and residents pulling out have to be in traffic to get out. He wants to push the cars back 10-15ft so people can be safer pulling out. Dan noted that contractors are very busy and he's struggling to get bids for the main issue on Hudson St. He will continue to work to get the right number of bids on the project. He received a call from a resident with sewer lead issues. He is hoping to chat with her tomorrow so he can help her with the issue. The mayor noted that the weeds were growing beside the new section of path. He stated the weeds are creating a tunnel effect and he wondered if it could be mowed. It no longer has the open fee as it used to have. Dan is going to look into it. He does not believe a mower would work due to the ground in the area. Jamie stated that she thinks the flowers are beautiful but she understands that safety could be a concern. Justin noted DPW is looking into equipment that might work to address the issue. The Council will be able to get a full tour of the wastewater plant.

Michelle Aniol spoke next; The mayor noted that the scio master plan meeting has been confirmed for the 20th at noon. If Council have comments after looking over the master plan, please email Michelle. DDA blue pallets in front of the Beer Grotto presented some sort of safety risk. Michelle stated barricades are not required to be a specific color. Michelle will provide alternatives if people are still concerned. She will keep everyone up to date on decisions

DAFD board is making some revisions regarding bi-laws. The revisions surround the member at large positions. Jamie made some suggestions and the mayor provided additional documents that may help further her understanding. DAFD is not meeting in July so this will likely be on the agenda in August.

The sheriff report was clarified for Zach by Justin. Zach is concerned by subsidizing other areas. Justin suggested it might be a good issue to discuss during contract negotiations.

Justin Breyer City Manager report was next; Justin will be attending a conference next week. Posted for another graduate management intern. Someone from OHM is helping with a variety of projects. Scio Township treasurer stated that a new contract might need to be entered into with the senior center. Scio township is in the same spot and they will need to do the same. Phase 2 was done on the Broad St. property on Friday. American Rescue Plan application is due July 27th and has already been filed. Jamie wanted clarification regarding the senior center. Jamie wanted to know if all the subcommittees have logos and if there is a cohesive design style. Jamie thought it would be good to have a dedicated conversation about the sale of city property, the amendment.

Mayor's Report; The Mayor did not have a lot to report. He noted there will be a walk through with the owner on Friday at 3pm.

City Council Reports:

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business:

1. Consideration of Setting a Public Hearing Regarding a Conflict of Interest Ordinance; Jamie made a motion to set a public hearing for August 9th. Sanam thinks selecting a version would be better for the public. Zach is comfortable having general comments from the public on the topic of conflict of interest. Paul noted that Jamie has done a lot of work for the council. Jamie wanted to point out the idea of establishing a board of ethics. The mayor would like to hear public comment on establishing a board of ethics. The motion did not pass so it will be a discussion item at the next meeting to select a version to bring forward to the public hearing. Sanam really liked the idea of a board of ethics. She noted that complaints should go to the board of ethics, but the body would make the decisions. Sanam would be fine with a majority appointing a board of ethics rather than 6 out of 7. She thinks 28 days is too long and should be limited to two weeks. The board of ethics would be community members. Donna is concerned with vetting of members.

2. Discussion of Fire Facilities General Discussion; The Mayor is hoping to get everyone started from the same perspective or point. May not all have the same opinion but might be due to different information. Everyone should have the same in-

formation to formulate a decision. Jamie noted there has been so much work on this in the past. Jamie wants to know what the key decision points were in the past. Chief Smith has offered to walk council members through the facility. Jamie feels historical context and information from Chief Smith are important. Sanam stated she was provided a walk through from Chief Smith. Sanam thinks the pocket from Jim Smith was useful to her as well. Sanam believes it is good to start at the same level of information when the discussion starts. Donna noted that Jim Smith wants a fire department and his research is likely biased. Sanam thinks a timeline would be most helpful rather than opinions. The Mayor wants to know how far back people want to go. Donna asked what is the benefit of going back? Zach noted that if any of this were easy, it would have been done much easier. Zach noted this type of building is extremely complex. Zach would like to have a discussion for the guiding principles for the fire station. He mentioned the council should have guiding principal decisions. Zach thinks the council should have training to make decisions. Then the council should direct staff to collect information. Jamie offered some suggestions as a way to provide public input. The Mayor asked if Zach's idea of guiding principles should be the meat and potatoes of the next discussion. Zach offered an intro to fire station design and noted the complexity of it. Chief Smith mentioned a presentation he is making in Dexter Township. He's happy to put it on for city council as well. He had zero input on Dexter Township but had a lot more input on Webster township. In 2015 the Chief was asked to be a part of the facility board. The public meeting that happened because the facilities board determined there was a need and there was a desire for public input. The facilities committee was disbanded because the committee made recommendations. It's such a big topic the mayor doesn't feel it belongs in committee.

3. Consideration of: Authorization to Request Consultation Assistance from MIOSHA; This is about whether or not this building is unsafe. The Chief stated you must agree to fix anything that they find. The Chief thinks this is a little scary. The Chief is concerned that these issues cannot be fixed in the current space. Obviously everyone wants our first responders to be as safe as possible, but there is a timing issue and the solution may take some time. Jamie and Zach both want first

responders in a safe environment. I'm sure members of the community do too. These are the people who rush to save you, your kids, and even your pets in tragic situations. As a person who is grateful to all first responders, I think it's the minimum they deserve. We do not know if it is unsafe or not. Donna noted if it's scary, what is the back up plan? MIOSHA was called to look at the bunk room upstairs. The item was resolved back then and was all they looked at in 2013. There are some obvious things that are a safety hazard. Wa would be more comfortable with the chief putting together a list as the first step to try to address the problems. Zach would be happy to postpone until the next meeting if staff would look into the MIOSHA rules on timing. He would like the Chief to bring back information. Zach believes that MIOSHA is an independent outside source to weigh in on issues and needs. The Chief was concerned about conflict. The mayor asked why firefighters would sleep there if it was unsafe. Firefighters by nature make sacrifices for the people they serve. They run into burning buildings and that's unsafe. The firefighters are begging for help and they deserve it. Zach made the motion to postpone with staff to bring back information. Zach wants the chief to bring back options on how fire service will be provided if it's shut down. The chief has to tell the fireboard first. The date will be August 23. The council asked the chief to create a list of issues of concern. The Mayor wants to address the issues that can make things safer for the firefighters. The motion passed.

4. Consideration of Authorization for NFPA 1500 Inspection; Zach stated this is the standard on how to design a facility for safely operating a fire department. Zach wants to add this to the information on making policy decisions. NFPA is an independent source to provide more knowledge. There are people internally certified to do it. Zach just offered a more independent source to help avoid skepticism. NFPA 1500 is the OSHA for the fire service. The Chief has done this report in 2016 and submitted it to the DAFD board. It's not hard prescriptive code, it's a judgement. The chief suggested that another chief could validate what the chief provides. The Mayor suggested the most recent one the chief has created be provided to the council. The Chief did the work this year. This is a standard. Zach wanted to know how long a consultation visit would take. The Chief stated the end of August would be the earliest. Zach amended to have the Chief provide his most recent study. And for the Chief to let council know the process for a second set of eyes if needed in the future. The motion carried.

5. Discussion of: Seek-

ing the Support of an External Facilitator; Jamie was encouraged by this evening's conversation. As an observer, I am impressed by how well these conversations progressed and how much people listened and how thoughtfully the ideas were handled.

New Business:

1. Consideration of City Manager Contract; The Mayor discussed an employment agreement with Justin. Took previous agreements and modified the language here and there. Starting salary of \$85,000. It is a three year contract. A stipend of \$3,000 per year to maintain the election certification he provides for the city. Jamie asked questions regarding details of the contract. Jamie spoke regarding how valuable she believes public input is. She reached out to residents to get feedback on Ms. Arab's position as a reference prior to being placed on the council. Jamie noted the public did express concerns about Ms. Arab voting on this particular issue. One of the people from the MML stated that in a small town this is inevitable and this isn't a financial gain for Ms. Arab so it's not an issue of council conflict of interest. Wa stated she is not concerned that this is a conflict of interest, someone from the MML clearly stated that it is not. Ms. Arab wanted to reply. She stated she has over 10 years of hiring background and has served in many search committees. She has a record without issue and she takes this a little personal that this is even a question. Ms. Arab was approached months prior to Julie leaving the council. Sanam asked if we create a conflict of interest ordinance that is so restrictive because people on the council participate, volunteer and are active parts of the community. Sanam will not vote if the council does not want her to vote. But Sanam noted that she will vote with a clear conscience without conflict. Zach spoke on issues that he believes needs addressing in the contract. Jamie noted having a conflict of interest or perceived conflict does not require or imply nefarious motives. The motion to postpone and clean up the contract carried.

2. Bid Award to T&M Asphalt Paving Inc. for Dexter Crossing Road Work for an Amount not to Exceed \$454,100; Patrick Droze from OHM explained the aggregate was there. If more is needed it will be supplied at that rate, which was a concern for Zach. The bid came in at about \$80,000 under the engineers estimate. The motion carried.

3. Contract with MDOT for 3rd and Broad St.; Reconstruction Bids back today and came back over the engineers estimate. Overages are split with Mdot. Mdot takes 80% and the city takes 20%. Zach asked if the council has approved this design? Zach is concerned about some design elements,

which he explained to the council. Patrick from OHM addressed what he could of Zach's concerns. The next step would be getting it back to MDOT. The project is a way out. Patrick noted that due to use of Federal dollars and a small part of work needs to be done this year. Toward the end of the summer there should be a construction meeting and some sort of work. All that would be done is some brush taken out at 3rd and Broad. The motion carried.

4. Return to In-Person Meetings; The motion all boards and committees return to in person in September. The goal is to provide the public with continued Zoom access. Jamie wanted clarification on Council members' participation via Zoom. People can participate virtually through the end of the year. Does a council member need to have a medical condition to be on Zoom? This will be clarified. The motion passed.

5. 3515 Broad Street User Group; This group would get together to develop the final design to bring back to the city council. Zach thinks people who use the spaces should help with design. They know what they need and what they use more than architects. The Mayor invited other members of council to join the meetings, they are welcome. The motion carried.

Council Comments: Sanam stated she is happy to be here and working with everyone. Jamie is striving to earn the trust of the council and members of the community. Donna Fisher noted that Marie always gets the work done ahead of time. Paul hopes that they can come together and make this part of democracy work. Zach explained his vote on the street. He is excited about how the voting on the fire department and facilities went. Zach noted that the public trust in government is diminished. Wa has no comments. Alex welcomed Aaron to the council. Aaron thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a part of the meeting.

Non Arranged participation: Ryan Henyard spoke. He wants to make certain that conflict of interest prevents people from wanting to be a part of community work. Ryan noted that conflict of interest can be easily weaponized. He believes community activity is important and he is worried that people won't be able to participate. Ryan noted things that are happening in Chelsea right now, membership in an organization is causing people to attempt to recall members of the government. Being a community means we can be in conflict with each other but we can work together. People can come together and work around differences. Make disagreement on the merits of the arguments.

The meeting adjourned.

The Eve and Annie Boutique



Monday. I was happy to figure out that the owner was the woman working Saturday. Jenny Ryle opened her first Eve and Annie Boutique in Tecumseh. I wanted to know why Jenny chose Dexter for the location of her second store. Jenny explained that she selected Dexter for, "it's gorgeous downtown and great community spirit." I thought with Jenny's sunny disposition, she's going to really contribute to the community. People will want to stop into the boutique just to chat and say hello to her. Jenny noted that each week there will be new items in the store, so stopping in to browse is not a bad idea. I asked Jenny how the opening went. Jenny stated that Dexter had given her a warm welcome. And it's been going really well. I was not surprised. I was one of four or five customers, all shopping at the same time on Saturday. Jenny apologized to one of the shoppers for being low on merchandise because of how busy she'd already been. She didn't look low to me but I wasn't trying to find my own size.

continued from page 1 Fashionable without being uncomfortable or looking ridiculous. The materials of the clothing were soft and if you, like me, were home all last year and are not accustomed to wearing real clothes, these clothes felt like pajamas but were actual clothes.

The woman working in the store on Saturday was very friendly and welcoming to everyone. If she noticed someone looking at an item she'd point them to a different color option or similar style. I really liked the aesthetic of the store and the clothing it sells. I dislike the implication that dressing age appropriately means frumpy. I also dislike the idea that being stylish means being uncomfortable. This store has style, and comfort, without frump. It's feminine and pretty.

I was able to chat with the owner on

Jenny gave me insight into the name of the store. "Eve was



my Nana on my dad's side and Annie was my Grandma on my mom's side." The store name is an homage to women who were strong influences in Jenny's life. I've attributed qualities to them based on the store; confident, fashionable, and artistic. I bet Eve and Annie were women I'd want to be friends with. The Eve and Annie Boutique is open Tuesday-Thursday 11-5pm, Friday 11-7pm, Saturday 10-5pm, and Sunday 12-4pm. Follow The Eve and Annie Boutique on Facebook for store updates at <https://www.facebook.com/theeveandannieboutique/>. Stop in and say hello to Jenny as you discover the soft, stylish options and browse the unique accessories. I promise, you'll leave with a smile, maybe because Jenny is so friendly, or maybe because you found a great item for yourself.

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2nd Quarter Report

Here's the 2nd Quarter Report Dexter Real Estate recap;
Number of new listings-145
Average list price - 491,445
Number of homes sold - 96
Average sale price - 510,453
Sold homes averaged four bedrooms, three baths, and 2340 square feet

Happy summer Dexter friends! I hope you're enjoying the warmer temperatures and all that our community has to offer. As I know you're aware, the real estate market has been as scorching hot as our temperatures. All I can say is everything you've heard about it is true; high demand, low inventory, bidding wars, escalation clauses, multiple offers, appraisal gaps, waiving inspections ... and on and on.

Here's a summary of the 2nd quarter listing and sales activity in

the Dexter market;

Of the 145 homes listed last quarter, there are only 31 that aren't under contract (offers accepted) or sold. I also counted, and of the 103 homes sold, 45 sold for over list price. Amounts over list range from a few thousand, to over 100,000 in excess of list! Obviously that's the exception to the rule, but suffice it to say, if you're looking to buy, be prepared to

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Curiosity May Save the Oaks

► continued from page 1 found the research and trends in acid rain, it found acid rain has improved greatly in Michigan. Acid rain isn't killing the oaks. In fact the group discovered that acid rain had likely been helping the oaks. The soil in this area is very alkaline. According to Meagan Shinn of Horticulture Magazine, "On alkaline soils certain nutrients, particularly iron, are locked up." Ironically, acid rain neutralizes the soil making the iron more readily available to plants. Due to improvements in acid rain, plants in Michigan are having a difficult time obtaining nutrients. People in agriculture may already be aware. The group spoke to a company that provides fertilizer to farmers. The company explained that farmers of certain crops are having to supplement iron when in years prior the need was not there.

But, iron chlorosis is still a theory. Always curious, the group sent samples

from four trees. Three were yellow and the fourth was green. If the theory was correct the trees suffering from iron chlorosis, yellow leaves being a symptom prior to the death of the tree, would have low iron levels. But, the tree with the green leaves had less iron than all the yellow trees. The group, with a wealth of knowledge and backgrounds, including Professor emeritus George Hochmuth, Plant Nutrition and soil Fertility, The University of Florida, was invited to speak but opted to continue to work with the group because nobody else is really studying the subject at this point. The knowledge gleaned could be potentially groundbreaking, not just for Washtenaw County Oaks, but possibly in different parts of the country and world. The expert from Florida suggested the group test whether or not the issue is iron chlorosis or if it might be manganese chlorosis. The group plans on testing by utilizing a

foliar spray method that a backyard gardener might use on tomato leaves. However, foliar sprays only work on the leaves sprayed. So, as a true solution for oaks it probably is not the answer. But the group can test leaves for iron and manganese and come up with a plan or a protocol to address the issue. What started as simple curiosity and a collaboration between a variety of backgrounds, is turning into a groundbreaking community science group. Residents of both Dexter and Chelsea are working together to search for answers and solutions. Between the overall curiosity, and unwillingness to take not sure or shoulder shrugs as an answer, a group of neighborhood scientists might be coming up with a way to save the beautiful old oaks the area is known for.

<https://www.hortmag.com/gardens/plants-for-alkaline-soil> (link to the article quoted in the story).

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



PROFILE: DEXTER SENIOR NOAH SCHULTZ KEEPS SETTING GOALS - AND CLEARING THEM



Senior pictures by Heidi McClelland

by Terry Jacoby

Noah Schultz was a runner-up at the MHSAA Track and Field State Finals earlier this month, but the Dexter athlete puts things into perfect perspective when he talks about accomplishments and highlights from his senior season.

"A key high-

light from this past year would be just having a season this year," he says. "To miss last season (because of the COVID shut down) hurt more than many might think, at least for myself. I had gotten sick the winter before our cancelled spring season and had been trying to build

back what I had lost while sick. I was finally starting to get back to the place I had been before I was sick and that's when everything got shut down."

With no shutdown this season, Schultz took off and was a key member of a very successful Dexter track and field team.

"I improved my personal record after missing out on last season and qualified for Nationals this year," he said. "At the beginning of this year I started with a personal record of 14 feet, and by the end of the year, I had improved by a foot and 3 inches, ending with a PR of 15 feet, 3 inches."

That 15-3 vault landed him second at the Regionals at Saline and sent him to the Division 1 State Championships on June 5 at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids. Schultz went 14-9 at States and finished second behind teammate Cole Sheldon (15-03) as the Dreadnaughts landed 1-2 overall.

Schultz, who also was runner up to Sheldon at the SEC league meet, finished first in three events this past season. He was second in seven events and finished no higher than third just once (Larry Steeb meet).

Schultz says he began pole vaulting just before starting high school.

"I began pole vaulting the summer before my freshman year and at my first summer meet cleared a bar of 8 feet," he says. "I continued vaulting through the winter and improving and ended my spring

season of my freshman year with a PR of 12 feet."

He ended his sophomore year with a PR of 14 feet and finished 14th out of 47 competitors at the MHSAA D1 State Meet.

"I got interested in pole vault because my mom (Kathleen Schultz) told me one day she had signed me up to go vault," he says. "And after getting up to a 9 foot bungee on my first day I thought I could be pretty good."

He thought right. And is one of many outstanding pole vaulters under the incredible guidance of longtime coaches Geoff and Janell Gerstner.

"There really is only one answer to why Dexter has been so good in pole vault over the years," Schultz says. "And it's our coaches. Without

them Dexter would not have the success it has had these past many years."

The success also comes down to hard work and dedication. And the Dreadnaughts thrive in that area.

"Each season the training looks a little different," Schultz says. "For example, the spring season we have practice six days a week and in the summer and winter it's more like two or three days."

Schultz also ran cross country in the fall for the Dreadnaughts. Dexter ended up 15th in the Division 1 State Finals with 380 points.

Schultz plans to continue his pole vault career next year at Indiana Tech.

"I want to try and enter the 5 meter club or about 16 feet, 5 inches," he says.

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July Events

July Enrollment Special
July 5-12 (CHE/DEX) July 5-9 (STK)
Join Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers in July for only \$17.76 and no enrollment fee!
Join Stockbridge Wellness Center in July for only \$7.40 and no enrollment fee!

Mileage Competition
June 15-July 15 (CHE/DEX/MAN/STK)
Join us in a mileage competition between the Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Center members and between the Manchester and Stockbridge Wellness Center members. The Wellness Center that completes the most miles by walking, running/jogging, swimming and/or using the elliptical or NuStep® wins! Every member that completes 25 miles will be entered into a drawing.

Remember to Breathe!
Tuesday, July 13 at 11:00 am (CHE)
Join us to learn the multiple benefits of deep breathing, one being stress relief. You will be given breathing exercises that you can practice on your own. For more information or to register, stop by the Member Service Desk or call 734-214-0220.

Back to School Drive*
July 12-31 (CHE/DEX)
Pick up a list of recommended donation items in the lobby and drop off by July 31!

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Fine Arts Fun Learning Preschool



FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING PRESCHOOL is set and ready to begin this fall in Chelsea! Registration is now open and days of operation will match the Chelsea District Schools Calendar with some optional "drop-in" days when Chelsea schools are closed. This preschool is geared for ages 4, 5, and 6 and is limited to 6 children. I'd like to introduce myself to you! I'm Sharon Broyles and would love to help you with your **little one(s)!**

What motivated you to create this? Children have always been very precious to me. I fully enjoy helping children explore their interests in a creative and fun way. After teaching for several years in the public and private school setting including homeschooling children of other families, I decided it was my turn to create a school that I thought was the best of the best. Using my Masters in Education, applying wonderful child centered workshops, and having a variety of materials, the preschool branch of FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING has been launched! Having a cap of 6 full time students, ages 4, 5, and 6, would allow great opportunity to follow closely each child's interests, questions and way of learning. This also allows better conditions to stay on track with common core academic steps. Because of specific learning ma-

terials that are gathered to build, paint, create structures, garden, have science experiments, cook, learn to draw and much more, the classroom is very prepared for the the children as they begin this creative journey. Designing curriculums in the past has allowed me to tailor each step of learning to the child's interest, ability and needs. Children need in-person communication and learning.

Creating this preschool is a way to share my gifts and help parents with life management and the education of their children during and beyond this recent Covid time.

A bit of background: In 2002, side career of music snuck up on me and overlapped my teaching after attending a dulcimer festival in Ewart, MI. I followed the encouragement of others to begin public dulcimer performances and leading workshops at several music festivals in several states. After many years of following this enjoyed ambition, because I truly missed the little ones, in 2010 FINE ARTS FUN LEARNING preschool was developed to teach academics to homeschooled families and this has now lead to limiting my teaching to preschool aged children and continuing with a handful of adult guitar, dulcimer and uke students.

How do you de-

scribe this new learning option? This option will be a hybrid of a homeschool-style setting and a private preschool setting - open to the public for ages 4, 5, and 6. We will start our day with singing, musical instruments and stories and will have continual science observations of the fish pond, frog life, their own gardens and other nature settings to then create conversations, math graphs, books, paintings and more. Occasional cooking and sign language will be explored as well. Playing outdoors to encourage language and kindness on good weather days will be the norm and focus on group and individual tasks in reading and writing, math and sign language will also be a regular part of our journey together. Scheduled visitors such as the librarian, a fireman and others will give opportunity to ask questions directly to the community helpers. This school is designed to help children gain skills through play and creativity and to enable them to enter first grade with confidence, self management, emotional balance, self awareness and have wide range of academic and art skills. I'm sure smiles and laughter will be a part of each lesson. Happiness helps learning! With my style of teaching, though the children may be different ages and working with different learning

styles, they will always have what they need to take their personal next step forward in the learning process. This allows for constant personalized attention and great encouragement toward their specific needed growth areas. This, then, leads to discovering strengths and abilities as well. Gaining personal and group communication skills, learning how to manage disappointments and share kindness as they interact often with others is a highlight of the course. Here, answers to their questions are explored through conversation, drawing, painting, building, drama, and writing with flexibility in the curriculum in order to nurture their curiosities. Along with this approach, the Michigan kindergarten common core will be followed. Before classes begin, I will conduct a professional evaluation at no cost. Throughout the year, an ongoing growth evaluation will be maintained and the end of the year will have a separate follow up evaluation. Parent conferences will be set as needed and a private FaceBook page for parents will be available for communication about highlights of the day. Because I can now follow this professionally

designed curriculum without limitations, I will enjoy enriching the lessons in creative ways to advance the child's learning. Class time is from 9 am - 1 pm throughout the school days which follows the Chelsea School District calendar.

In the summer weeks, watch for children's summer day camps of music, mountain dulcimer (instruments provided), drawing and other art forms.

What is your experience? I have gained a Masters in Education with additional classes in children's music and sign language. and have taught mainly preschool through 1st grade most of my career. A favorite position was as Reading Specialist for lower elementary students. Private and group instrument music instruction through my business has been the main areas of instruction in the last several years.

What can parents expect to see in the end? A comparison of the pre and post evaluations will be discussed as well as suggestions for moving forward.

Students will show significant advancement in reading, language, math, communication, self management skills according to each child's

ability and according to their full or part-time enrollment. They will likely see their child begin to think and explain situations on their own with sound reason and judgement.

What steps are taken to enroll? 1) You are invited to request a detailed information Parent Handbook that would likely answer all of your questions and is available by email (sharonmbroyles@gmail.com) or phone (765-720-7373). Parent's can then request an appointment for an Open House to meet each other, answer questions, and have a tour of the classroom. 3)

Once parents decide this is what they want for their child/children, they are welcomed submit the application and registration forms needed to move forward. 4) Once accepted into the program, a date is set to receive a professional evaluation at no cost before the student begins. 5) A waiting list will be established if needed.

What is the tuition? Tuition seems to be just under what most well known day care and preschools in Ann Arbor and surrounding areas are set at. I would be happy to talk with anyone about details.

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Outdoorsy Ideas for Summer Fun in Washtenaw County

From: Natalie Davies

Pickerel Lake

Pickerel Lake is a great place for kayaking, paddleboarding, and swimming. It is a carry-down boat launch sight with a small sandy area. The beach is not the biggest, but once you get in the water, you have all the room you could need without a lot of water traffic to worry about. Its connections to the Waterloo-Pinkney and Potawatomi trail systems also make it a great place for hikes, runs, and even mountain biking.

Dexter Blueberry Farm

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Berry picking is a great way to get outside and eat local. Filling up a bucket of berries with family or friends is a fun way to connect and get outside. Picking season starts July 17th with a price of just

\$2.50 a pound.

County Farm Park

2230 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

This park is a fun place to visit for all ages. There is a big playground, a community garden, miles of trails with beautiful plants, and much more. If you want a good place to host a small birthday party for a kiddo or a peaceful place to walk your dog downtown, County Farm Park is the place for you.

Silver Lake

If you are looking for a lake day with a picnic on the beach, Silver Lake might be your go-to. There is a good size beach and area with picnic tables, restrooms and a concession stand. There are also multiple loops of hiking, running and biking trails to be explored along with campsites nearby at Bruin Lake that are also associated with Pinkney Recreation Area

for those looking to get away for longer than a day.

Domino Farms

24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr.

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Domino farms is home to many businesses, a petting farm and even a herd of bison. It has indoor and outdoor options and is an interesting and pretty place to have a good time. The petting farm has a \$6 general admission and a discount for seniors, military personnel, first responders and veterans.

Hudson Mills Metropark

If you are into running, canoeing, biking, disk golf or all of the above, Hudson Mills might be for you. It is a fun place to float along the Huron River, gather with family and friends outdoors, or go for a scenic run or walk. Hudson Mills also hosts

a variety of events such as high school cross country meets and drive-in movies, the next one being A Bug's Life on August 13th. Not only does buying a Metropark daily pass for \$10 a vehicle or an annual \$40 pass get you into the park in Dexter, but also any of the 12 other Metroparks across the state.

Dexter Boardwalk and Border to Border Trail

If you are looking for a chill place to walk or ride with friends, I highly recommend the Dexter portion of the Border to Border trail that starts downtown Dexter and runs into Hudson Mills. It has pretty views and consists of a flat paved trail that stretches for miles. Plus, being downtown gives you lots of options for snacks when you finish, like the Dexter Creamery, Dexter Bakery and Aubree's Pizze-

ria.

Green Lake

If you are looking for a place to stay away from home but not too far, renting the yurt or camping at Green Lake Campground might be the move for you. There are additional miles of trails to explore by foot and bike nearby, with both paved and gravel woody options on the Border to Border and Waterloo-Pinkney trails respectively. It is also just minutes away from the DTE Energy Foundation Trail.

Downtown Ann Arbor

From the art fair that will take place from July 15 - 17 to walking around the Arb with a bubble tea in hand and a belly filled with Joe's Pizza, there is a lot to do in downtown Ann Arbor. Pick a unique restaurant or cafe and make a day of checking out U of M campus or catching up with a

friend in one of the many outdoor seating spaces.

Robin Hills Farm

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Though Robin Hills has a few short miles of walking trails, it is more well known for hosting live music performances and food trucks every weekend. It is a large chill space to mingle with friends new and old and can also be rented out for private events.

Rolling Hills Water Park

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

When it comes to swimming and water sliding fun, Rolling Hills makes a great day trip. There are many pools, slides. For Washtenaw county residents, the entry fee is \$6 a vehicle and \$10 for nonresidents. It makes a great place to make a splash!

Around Town: Internship Position And Committee Openings Posted



Job Posting - Internship

The City of Dexter seeks an energetic and self-motivated Management Intern to join and provide support to the City's administrative team. The Management Intern will gain a detailed understanding of a variety of local government functions and operations. The successful candidate will be expected to work up to 24 hours per week. The position may also be used to meet school internship requirements. More information about the position can be found on the City's website at: https://www.dextertermi.gov/bid_detail_T48_R55.php.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and application via email to Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk at jbreyer@dextertermi.gov. The

first review of applications will take place on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 5:00pm. Application forms may be found on the City's website at: https://www.dextertermi.gov/Permits_and_Forms/General_Permits/Employment_Application_2020-02.pdf

Board/Committee Openings

The **Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee** is seeking one new member. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm and is an 11-member group that advises City Council on the development of arts, culture and heritage; promotes and publicizes projects that support arts, culture and heritage; serves as advocates for arts, culture, and heritage and encourages networking and collaborations of the arts, culture, and heritage of the City of Dex-

ter. To apply, please submit a **Committee Application Form** to the City Offices at 8123 Main St., 2nd Floor or by e-mail to jbreyer@dextertermi.gov.

The **Parks & Recreation Commission** is seeking two new members. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is a 9-member commission that is responsible for making recommendations to City Council on the planning and development of City parks. For this board, preference will be given to applicants with education or experience in tree care. To apply, please submit a **Committee Application Form** to the City Offices at 8123 Main St., 2nd Floor or by e-mail to jbreyer@dextertermi.gov.

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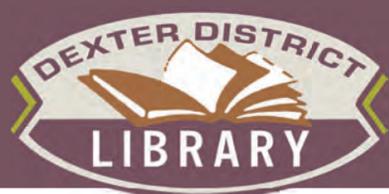
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Dexter District Library 2021 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



Animal Yoga Poses for Kids

Friday, July 16 at 11:00 am

Yoga is such a fun way to explore all the different creatures in the animal kingdom. Kids in grades K to 4 are invited to join Sue from Breathe Yoga to learn the many different poses named after animals as we mindfully move, breathe and make shapes with our bodies. Yoga builds strength in the body and calms the mind, allowing us to find great joy in the moment and feel healthy, happy and connected to ourselves and others. Come and play the yoga way! Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Friday, July 16.

Draw Creative Creatures

Tuesday, July 20

1:00 to 2:00 pm

Grades 5 through 12

Registration is required and begins Monday, June 21.

Zoom details will be emailed to participants prior to the event.

Join Illustrator Corinne Roberts for more drawing tips and techniques as she focuses on a variety of fun, creative creatures.

Recommended supplies: pencil, eraser, paper

Walking Up the Food Chain

Wednesday, July 21 at 11:00

Together, kids in grades K to 4 and Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, will construct a live food chain as the kids meet a raptor, reptile, amphibian, arachnid, and an insect. Along the way we discuss how these animals' lives are connected and learn about the delicate balance that allows them to survive both individually and together as wildlife who share a habitat.

Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 18. Digital supplies and a Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants before Wednesday, July 21.

All Star Readers Book Club

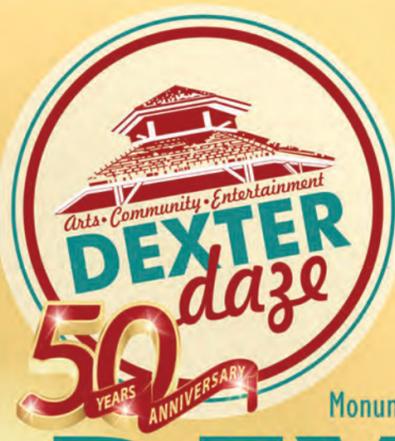
Grades 3 – 4

All Star Readers Book Club will meet two times this summer to discuss books virtually on Zoom. We'll play an icebreaker game, discuss the book, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the library after you register.

Thursday, July 22, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Zoom

Book: A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

Registration begins Thursday, June 24



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Friday & Saturday in the Park

- Art, Business & Food Booths 10am-8pm
- Social Tent 11am-11pm
- Interactive Inflatable Area & Putt Putt 11am-6pm

Friday at the Gazebo

- 11am Kevin S. Devin Childrens Entertainer
- 2pm School of Rock
- 6pm KayLyn Pace Country Music Artist

Friday in the Park

- 2:30pm Something Exciting to come!

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Saturday at the Gazebo

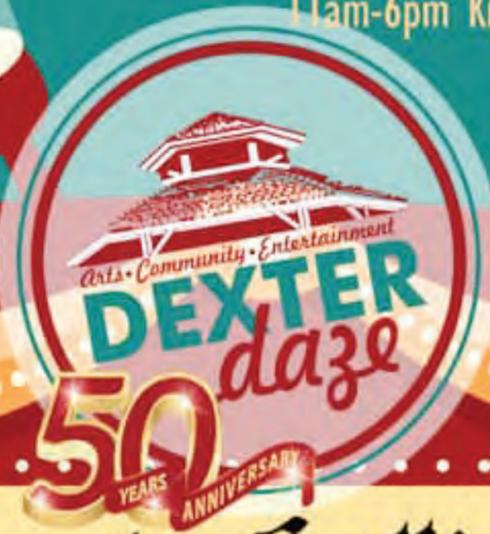
- 10am Parade
- 12pm Colors the Clown
- 2:30pm Music Band to come!
- 7pm Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop

Saturday in the Park

- 2pm Top Hat Performers
- 11am-6pm Kids Train, sponsored by Aubree's

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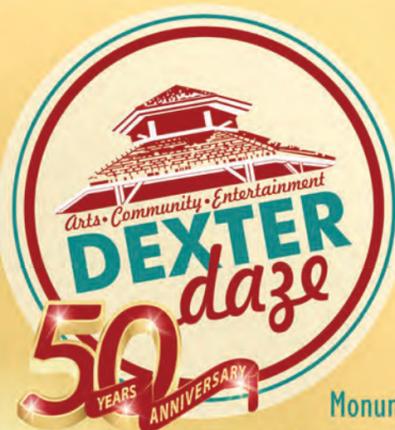
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