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Pentagon Stirs Revived Interest in Dexter Aliens/ Swamp Gas

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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On March 20, 1966 Dexter Township, the Frank Manor Farm, became a site of Michigan's most famous UFO sighting. I wasn't alive when this happened so when I was

told I should look into the alien and swamp gas story in Dexter I was skeptical. I may not be doing investigative hit pieces on politicians, but I also don't write about lizard men living in the sewer.

What I learned

really made me question my skepticism. I learned that one, perhaps slightly, off person didn't witness the object. Several people did, including a dorm full of college students, and multiple sheriffs and police officers. It's easy to

laugh off one witness. But when the witnesses have the same timing and their stories corroborate, it's hard to ignore. It was so big, Walter Cronkite reported on it and then Congressman Gerald Ford called for an investigation. Dr. J Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist from Northwest University and Air Force consultant tried to explain it away as swamp gas. Logically, if it

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Dexter Forum Returns to the Wellness Center

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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In the step by step return to normalcy, I went to the Dexter Wellness Center for the Dexter Forum at 8:30am on Saturday morning. It felt like déjà vu. I walked in about five minutes late and recycling and trash was being discussed again. Citizens in the neighboring townships are still struggling with trash and recycling services. After finding

out the cost of purchasing a dump truck, citizens of Dexter Township have ruled out starting their own trash collection service. The secret to the City's solid crash service might just be that the city council knows where people from the trash company live. Paul Cousins, may or may not show up and intimidate him or her into making sure residents are provided with

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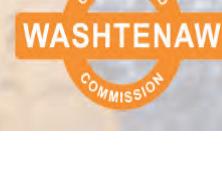


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Crowdfunding Campaign Launched for the 'Border to Border Trail – Chelsea Connection'

\$50,000 goal to win matching grant through MEDC's Public Spaces

Community Places initiative



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From: Mackenzie Wisniewski, Assistant Director, Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative

A new segment of the Border-to Border (B2B) Trail in Washtenaw County will reach downtown Chelsea through a crowdfunding campaign, Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative (HWPI) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the nonprofit Huron announced today. The campaign is being offered through the Michigan-based crowdfunding platform Patronicity.

If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$50,000 by September 15, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by MEDC's Public Spaces Commu-

nity Places program. For project details and to donate, please visit: patronicity.com/b2b-trail

"Creating connectivity between our public trails brings our communities together and provides new recreational opportunities for our residents," said MEDC Senior Vice President of Community Development Michele Wildman. "We are pleased to support and provide resources for this project through our Public Spaces Community Places program."

Huron Waterloo Pathway Initiative, in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation (WCPARC) and the city of Chelsea, is building an extension of the Border-to-Border Trail that will connect you directly into Downtown Chelsea. This one-mile trail segment will provide trail users, businesses, visitors, and residents direct access to downtown to enjoy shop-

"HWPI is pleased to partner with the MEDC on the Border-to-Border Trail Chelsea Connector. When complete, residents and visitors will be able to connect directly into downtown Chelsea from the trail

ping, dining, and recreation along the trail.

This new section of trail will begin at Veterans Park, winding through Timbertown, and continue one mile north on a road separated path on M-52. The trailhead at Timbertown features extensive parking, restrooms, picnic pavilions and a play area. This section of the trail is part of a larger B2B Trail plan that will eventually connect Chelsea to Stockbridge. The trail will not only connect to downtown Chelsea but will traverse Michigan DNR's Pinckney and Waterloo Recreation area. This trail connection will add to the existing 4.8 miles of trail that were constructed in 2018-2020.

Public Spaces Community Places is a collaborative effort of the MEDC, the Michigan Municipal League, and Patronicity, in which local residents can use crowdfunding to be part of the development of strategic projects in their communities and be backed with a matching grant from MEDC. Communities, nonprofits and other business entities can apply at <https://patronicity.com/puremichigan>.

"The Michigan Municipal League is a firm believer in building community wealth in ways that build on existing assets and enhance the human ex-

perience for everyone," said MML CEO and Executive Director Dan Gilmartin. "Expanding the Border-to-Border Trail to downtown Chelsea is community wealth building in action. With the public's support, this project will improve the human experience for all for years to come. That is what community wealth building is about."

The Public Spaces Community Places initiative started in 2014 with MEDC providing matched funding of up to \$50,000 for community improvement projects throughout Michigan. As of June 30, 2021, MEDC has provided more than \$8.6 million in matching grants. Since the launch of the program, 280 projects have been successful in reaching their goal, with \$10.1 million raised from 48,922 individual donors.

About HWPI

HWPI is the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is responsible for private fundraising, commu-

nity engagement, and ongoing support along the B2B Trail. HWPI works to facilitate the development of non-motorized recreational pathways and help connect the Border to Border Trail to Michigan's expanding network of trails to build healthy, active, and connect communities.

For more information about the B2B Trail or HWPI, please visit the B2B Trail website at b2btrail.org

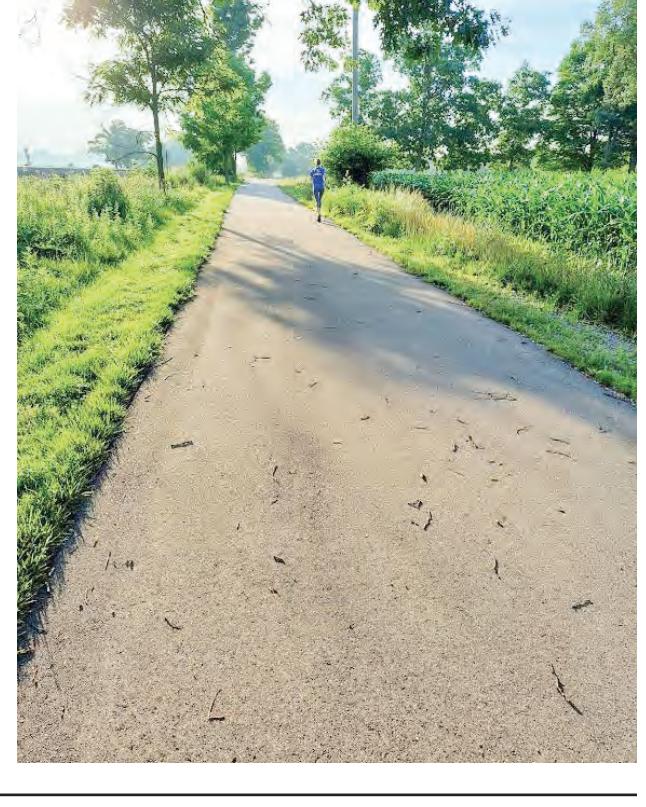
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Dexter Forum Returns to the Wellness Center

► continued from page 1 great service. There will be no investigation into the speculation and rumor mongering because nobody in the city is complaining. Just to be clear, because this is a newspaper, there is no truth to Paul intimidating anyone. Service within city limits has been much better than in townships and residents are grateful.

The next topic on the agenda was redistricting. The redistricting commission is struggling to redraw district bound-

aries because the pandemic greatly delayed census information. The courts decided to continue with the deadline and push to get it done on time.

Lori Kintz from 5 Healthy Towns stopped by to explain a newly launched program, onebigconnection.org. It sounds like it will function like a community bulletin board. Be sure to add your events and utilize the service.

Mara Greatorex, interim school board President, discussed filling the two vacant

seats on the school board. It sounds like the new board members will be sworn in on July 26th, at which time positions will officially be filled for president, VP, treasurer and secretary. Given the lack of experience on the board Mara and Dick Lundy holding the most tenure, and Dick having expressed zero desire to be president, the forum speculated Mara moving from interim to President soon.

The interesting and confusing way school funding works was discussed.

The district runs on no funds for the first three months. But, thankfully Dexter has always done very well at budgeting, even when having to guess as to the final numbers the state will provide. Mara discussed the summer camp currently running at Dexter as an attempt to give kids who have lacked social interaction, during Covid-19, the opportunity to interact, learn and enjoy the summer. She explained that for the older kids there is an opportunity for credit recovery, which is

the nicer way to say summer school, for those that may have struggled with virtual learning during Covid-19. The current plan for Dexter is to return to full time face to face in the Fall as long as things continue on the current trajectory.

We learned from a road commissioner the reason Wayne

County seems to be having such a problem with flooding while Washtenaw is not is because in true Michigan fashion, we have been lackadaisical at caring

for our infrastructure. Washtenaw just doesn't have the pumps that Wayne county does. The one on 23 near Milan failed about 4 years ago and will likely be forgotten until it needs to be replaced. For the time being Washtenaw county is safe because we don't have that type of infrastructure.

Because there are 5 Saturdays in July the next meeting of the forum will take place

August 7 at 8:30am at the Dexter Wellness Center.

Dexter Community Schools Update

Our Dread Strong Summer programming is in full swing and it is great seeing so many kids on our campus every day learning, engaged in activities they enjoy, and just being kids. Every year as July begins to wind down, we begin to share updates on the work DCS staff is completing this summer. Like every summer, we're actively interviewing for open positions. If you (or anyone you know) has an interest in working at DCS, please visit our website for job postings.

Changes for the fall:

New administrative position created: Over the last several years, DCS has created new learning options and we are continuing to expand educational opportunities for all students. While many districts focused on merely surviving the pandemic school year, DCS continued to push forward with reviewing, revising, improving, and creating improved learning opportunities for our kids. Meanwhile, DCS spending on Business and Administration is in the 11th percentile of all school districts in the State of Michigan. In other words, 89% of all school districts in Michigan spend more on Administration than DCS. While we strive to maximize efficiency and spend our funds on the classroom, there is a point where an orga-

nization becomes too lean. In order to support the continued growth of opportunities to our students, DCS is splitting a current administrative position into two separate roles that will be filled by two current administrators.

- Executive Director of Instruction and Strategic Initiatives **Mollie Sharrar is now the DCS Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives.** Mollie's leadership has been instrumental in the incredible educational programming we provide at DCS. In this new role, Mollie will continue leading the innovative work and programming we provide our students.

• Beacon Elementary Principal **Ryan Bruder is now the DCS Executive Director of Instruction.** Ryan's leadership and expertise will be increasingly important as he works at a district-wide level on instruction. The interview process to hire a new Beacon Elementary Principal is beginning this week with a timeline to have the new principal selected by the end of July.

• **Details on other DCS spending rankings** compared to Michigan School Districts are available at the end of this letter for anyone interested.

• **Virtual Options for Fall:** We know that many families are interested in virtual options for the fall. DCS has of-

fered virtual options to families for many years and will continue to do so. In early August, we will formally send out information for interested families. We know that some families are still undecided with their plans regarding the pandemic and we want to give the maximum amount of time to make informed long-term decisions regarding this option to all families who may wish to continue remote learning.

Masks and Covid-19 Precautions for Fall:

The CDC recently released guidelines for schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Yesterday, the American Association of Pediatrics released guidance and today we received one piece of legal guidance.

Like all school districts, DCS is currently in the process of reviewing these guidelines while also working with the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) regarding local cases. As a result of very low local case rates, DCS has been able to run our summer programming (with the exception of child care and transportation) without masks. Our hope is that these low case rates continue into fall. At this time, DCS plans to continue reviewing case rates, WCHD guidance, CDC guidance, and other expert guidance regarding masks this fall. School doesn't

start for 7 more weeks. If we've learned anything throughout this pandemic, we know it is not responsible for an organization to create requirements months ahead of time on data and recommendations that will be two months old at the time of implementation.

In summary, DCS is currently not requiring masks (other than where required by law or licensing). However, with 7 weeks to go before school starts, we are not willing to announce that masks won't be required or strongly recommended in the fall for all, none, or for some of our students and staff if there is a significant change in the case rates. Please be patient as we continue move closer to the school year.

Athletics and Student Activities:

Fall school start up in the coming weeks. All fall high school sports start on August 9th. Any high school students interested in athletics should contact the program coaches for details on practice dates, locations, and times:

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• Golf (Girls) Greg Palkowski gregp@daycroft.org

• Soccer (Boys) Drew Ducker drewducker@gmail.com

• Swim & Dive (Girls) Cory Bergen berenc@dexterschools.org

• Tennis (Boys) Rob Smothers robertsmothers982@gmail.com

• Volleyball Paula Palmer paula.palmer.burns@gmail.com

Middle school sports begin after August 23rd. Information will be made available from Mill Creek Middle School in their back-to-school updates.

Athletic physicals are required prior to participation. The form is available on our website. Physicals must be dated after April 15, 2021. Physicals can either be dropped off at the DHS Athletic Office or scanned and emailed to stollj@dexterschools.org

Information regarding other activities like Marching Band is also available on our website.

While it is still July and we don't start school until September, we know that school is starting to be back on everyone's mind. We're excited for the 2021-22 school year and cannot wait to see all of our students back in our build-

ings every day. Please continue to look for updates in mid-August as we ramp up to start school on September 7th.

Thank you for your continued support, take care, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Tim-

mis, EdD

Superintendent

Here's some other data that I referred to earlier in the letter:

For reference, below is the most recent data regarding DCS spending compared to all other school districts in Michigan (by percentile):

Local Revenue Sources: 75th Percentile

State Revenue Sources: 47th Percentile

Federal Revenue Sources: 30th Percentile

All Revenue Sources: 85th Percentile

Spending:

Basic Programs: 79th Percentile

Added Needs: 57th Percentile

Total Instruction: 75th Percentile

Instructional Salaries: 81st Percentile

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Pentagon Stirs Revived Interest in Dexter Aliens/ Swamp Gas

► continued from page 1 were a natural occurrence, like swamp gas, I would expect multiple swamp gas sightings. It seems to have calmed after several sightings occurred in the area. Logic tells me if it was a natural thing like swap gas, it would continue to happen regularly. The chief of police and many community members felt the air force was white washing them and the issue. Allen Szymanski, a retired Air Force Engineer, self published a book about the Dexter sighting, in April of 2021. The book is titled, "Alien Shades of Grey." Part of his investigation was finding two air force pilots that chased the object after being called from Selfridge Air Force base in Macomb County. They

used military control and on-board radar to locate it. They made a visual sighting and it appeared on radar, so it was not a gas mirage. (<https://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/2021/03/swamp-gas-or-ufo-michigan-author-believes-aliens-flew-over-dexter-hillsdale-in-1966.htm>).

On June 25th, renewed interest in the Dexter swamp gas incident started to become evident on social media. The Office of The Director of National Intelligence released Preliminary Assessment: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. (<https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/Preliminary-Assessment-UAP-20210625.pdf>). It does not state Frank Mannor, and all the police officers who

saw evidence of Aliens. However, it does not deny the existence, which the military and defense department has typically done. It seems something could be gained by whipping up alien frenzy. Another skeptic in the family brought up an equally plausible idea, "the military is testing weapons it wants to keep secret so chalk it up to potentially aliens." Regardless, I don't believe people in Dexter, thrust into the national spotlight, had anything to gain but ridicule by providing eyewitness accounts of what they saw.

I will remain a skeptic, but if we can create and utilize technology the way we have, I can't rule out the possibility that other life can too.

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ON THE SIDELINE: WALKING CANES, LAWNS, GROCERIES AND PIZZA



By Don Richter
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So it's Week 8 of my doctor-imposed, couch-ridden isolation from the rest of the world.

Somebody please help me. I'm losing my mind sitting on my couch and using crutches to get around. My arm pits are scaly, red and chafed. My one good leg is turning into a bad leg since I'm using it so much to hobble around. And the walls and furniture of my house are scuffed, chipped and gouged because of the numerous times I've smashed into them with my crutches. The innards of my house look like I've been engaged in an eight-week nunchuck battle with Bruce Lee.

Eight weeks ago, I jumped off the roof of my shed and fractured my tibia just be-

low the knee, partially tore my calf muscle, twisted my ankle, injured my heel and somehow cracked a rib. Why would I do something like that? I don't know. I'm a guy and forgot I'm not 25 anymore, I guess.

Anyhow, ever since then I've been relegated to my couch per my doctor's orders.

Though after four weeks of doing nothing but resting, icing, compressing and elevating my injured leg, I couldn't take the boredom and isolation anymore and decided, crutches and all, to go back to work in a limited capacity.

I must say, throughout this entire ordeal, people have been amazing. I've received help for many different things from many different people.

From my work colleague driving 45 minutes out of her way on a Tuesday to pick me up at my house and take me to urgent care the day after I injured myself. Then finish part of her job and come back later to pick me up from urgent care

and take me home. She even brought a cane she had from her house to help me walk. And, to top it all off, she stopped at Culver's on the way home so I could get a double butter burger, fries and a chocolate malt. Thank you, Lori.

My neighbor, Ted, has been cutting my lawn for the past eight weeks. I'm a little jealous — my lawn actually looks better since he's been cutting it. I don't know what his secret is, but a part of me kinda wants to remain injured so my lawn can continue looking so nice. I'm kidding — sort of. He's a U-M fan and I'm an MSU guy. Who says Wolverines and Spartans can't get along? Thanks, so much, Ted. I owe you.

To my immediate family, thank you. My goodness, I haven't seen my family this much since we all lived together in the same house when we were younger. Almost every week someone from my family has visited to keep me company and bring groceries or something from fast food

for me to munch on. Heck, my brother-in-law trimmed some of my bushes out front of my house for me last week, while my 6-foot-3, 245-pound nephew, a former Marine, brought me some history books to read (we both love the subject) and, along with my sister (his Mom), weeded part of my flower and shrub beds.

My significant other has been wonderful, as well. Though living an hour and a half away (to be closer to her job) she's making an effort to help out and nurture her "big dummy" of a man who doesn't "have enough sense" to use a ladder to get down off a roof. She loves me so much... Hi honey. Yes, I'll "hurry up and heal." Ludington is still beautiful in August and September — I promise.

And finally, I couldn't close this column without giving a shout out to my peeps at Cottage Inn in Chelsea. I'm sure all of you read my column every week. I hear there are actual bare-knuckle

brawls (and these are just the young ladies who work there) to see who gets to read my column first each week. Anyhow, aside from my humble brag, thank you all so much for going the extra mile for me — your injured customer.

I order Cottage Inn quite often, especially since I've been injured. I initially asked to have my pizza delivered to my front door, which has two bushes next to it. My back door is adjacent to my driveway and the door every pizza delivery person has knocked on in the 14 years I've lived in my house. Because of my injury, and because my couch is closer, I asked to have my pizza delivered to my front door. To my happiness, my pizza was brought to my house and delivered to my front door.

That initial "front door" request was eight weeks ago. Now, ever since, every time I order from Cottage

Inn, the person on the other end of the phone asks, "Do you want your pizza delivered to the back door or the front door with the bushes?" I always chuckle to myself and smile when I hear this question. "Only in a small town," I say to myself. I love it.

Heck, Cottage Inn even went so far as to deliver a sub and a 2-liter of pop to me while I was at work at a property in Chelsea.

It was past their "normal operating hours" but I explained my situation and how it would be difficult for me to get to their business to pick up my order. When the young lady delivered my sub and 2-liter of pop to the place where I was working, I thanked her profusely for going out of her way, especially since it was officially past her working hours. She smiled and laughed and said, "It's okay, I don't mind. I heard you were the "crutches guy" and I remembered you. I hope you feel better."

Only in a small town.

Thank you everyone.

Eight weeks into my injury.

I feel better already...

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Dexter Youth Football League cheer, flag football, and tackle football registration is now open. Visit this link for more information on each program and online registration

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PROFILE: DEXTER SENIOR LUCAS KOONE SETS COURSE ON HELPING OTHERS



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By: Terry Jacoby

In June 2020, Dexter's Lucas Koone tore his ACL and meniscus and figured his high school sports career was over. But fast forward to spring of 2021 and the Dexter senior was teeing up his first shot at Detroit Golf Club as a member of the Dreadnaughts' varsity golf team. What happened in between those two events not only helped Koone continue his athletic

career but also helped tee up his future.

Koone helped Dexter reach the state finals in golf, but this story isn't about accomplishments - it's about the road to accomplishments and where that road can ultimately take you. Koone had plenty of passengers along for this part of the ride and decided to stay in the car and help others who find themselves where he was sitting. He will attend Michigan State

University this fall and study nursing.

"I chose to go into the medical field so I could help others that were put into similar situations as me," he says. "I want to be able to help people the same way I was helped."

After Koone tore his ACL and meniscus, and after a number of doctor visits, Koone decided not to get surgery and try rehab. He wanted to play football his senior year.

"I had physical therapy for about three months and just made it back in time," said Koone, who played wide receiver for the Dreadnaughts.

"It was a very difficult time because all my friends and teammates were practicing and getting ready for the season while I was still in a brace hobbling around. It was a frustrating process but I was very fortunate and was able to play this season."

The Dexter varsity team had another strong season on the gridiron and again reached the state playoffs. Koone was part of a huge turnaround for the Dexter football program, one

that went from multiple winless seasons to multiple trips to the postseason.

"It was amazing to be a part of the success we had as a team these past few years," he says. "From being the laughing stock of the SEC to being at the top of it in just a couple years was awesome to see. It felt good to just prove people wrong. Everyone who contributed to the team put in that effort and hard work in the summertime and the off season.

So to get that playoff win felt absolutely amazing. It was a very surreal experience, and I shared so many memories with my teammates this past year and wouldn't trade it for anything."

After football, Koone faced another athletic decision.

"Although I was able to play football, I had to make yet another decision on whether or not to play basketball," he said. "I ultimately decided that I didn't want to further the injury playing basketball but I still wanted to be involved."

Coach Rushton asked Koone if he would be interested in being a team manager.

"I couldn't say no," he said. "It hurt to not be able to play but I was as close as you could get and looking back on it now I'm super happy with the decision I made. I made so many memories with that team and wouldn't trade it

for anything."

With his high school career down to months left on the calendar, Koone decided to give golf a try.

It was his senior year and the Dreadnaughts had a strong lineup at the first tee. He had never played in a competitive tournament before earning a spot on the varsity golf team this past spring.

"Tournament golf is far different than playing with friends on the weekend," he says. "Every shot counts, all rules apply and there are no gimmies."

Koone slowly moved from competitor to reliable contributor on a team with big goals. He finished 13th at the SEC White Conference Championship and then was part of the team that helped clinch a spot at the state tournament by a single stroke.

He shot a 185 (93-92) at states.

But let's head back to the first tee and talk some golf.

Lucas, 18, the son of Todd and Jennifer Koone, says he always loved playing golf with his buddies and father growing up but never found the time to play competitive golf until his senior year.

"Playing in the state finals was the most nervous I've ever been playing golf. The atmosphere was just different. So many people were there and although they were not watching me, it felt like everyone was watching. It was very cool to be a part of that experience and I'm glad I got to share it with my friends."

matter the day, I was always smiling on the course. How could I be mad playing golf every day?"

His first ever high school golf event was at the challenging Detroit Golf Club.

"I'm not going to lie, I was very nervous throughout the match," he says. "It was nothing like playing for fun with your friends. I really had to think about every shot and where I wanted to put it. My brain was fried from thinking about every shot so closely after those 18 holes. After I got that first tournament out of the way, it was all about relaxing and just playing my game."

Reaching the state finals was a great accomplishment for the senior-dominated Dreadnaughts.

"I'm really proud of how we did as a team this year," he said. "We spent just about every day hitting the range and then playing nine. I'm really glad I could be a part of all the success we had on the course.

"I love to compete and golf was another way I could do that," he says. "I love that you can play it your whole life and you can play it with anyone. I was fortunate to play with some of my closest friends. And no

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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!

*Open to the community.



Ask Tracy

YOUR REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS



Thinking of Purchasing Vacant Land for New Construction?

Dear Tracy,

Now that the price of building materials is coming down, we are seriously considering new construction. A lot with acreage would be ideal as living in a subdivision with rules isn't for us. We found a large lot in Washtenaw County and wonder what are the most important questions to ask before we put in our offer?

Gina B.

Dear Gina,

Prior to purchasing vacant land, it is

important to do your "Due Diligence". This means that you will do research to confirm that you are able to build on and improve the property per your specifications.

First you need to walk the property and drive around the area. Is everything acceptable? Does the land appear to be suitable for building? Is there a level area for a foundation? If you found a parcel that seems to be priced very well, it is especially important to

find out why. If it has low lying wet areas and cattails, that might be an indicator that there will be some challenges for building on this site.

Once you determine that a property will be a good fit for you, it is time to put in an offer with contingencies so you can lock the property up during your due diligence period. If you wait to put in an offer, it could be sold to someone else in the meantime.

Confirm the municipality. For exam-

ple, the property might have a Dexter mailing address but be located in one of the townships such as Scio, Lodi, Webster, or Dexter. Once you have confirmed the municipality, contact the Zoning and Building Departments to discuss your plans and if they will be approved.

Other important items to research:

What are the taxes?

Is there an existing survey?

Are there any easements or encroachments on the property?

Does the lot have access to municipal water and sewer? What are the tap-in fees?

If no municipal water and sewer lines exist, the property will need a well for water and a septic system for onsite waste disposal. If there is an existing Soil Evaluation (also known as Perk Test) you will need to review this. If not, you will need to have a soil evaluation performed prior to completing the purchase.

Have you selected your builder yet? If so, they will work with you during this period

to determine if the vacant land is a good fit.

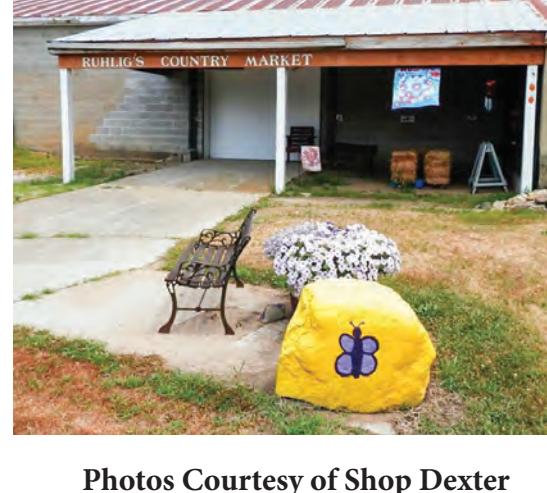
Once you have completed your research and signed off on all the contingencies, it is time to close.

When purchasing vacant property, it is important to work with an experienced realtor who is familiar with vacant land purchases. This will ensure a smooth transaction with no surprises after closing.

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Tracy Rose is an Associate Broker with over 30 years of residential and commercial Real Estate experience. Do you have a question about Real Estate? Send it to Tracy at ask@tracyrose.net.

RUHLIG'S COUNTRY MARKET OPENS ON FRIDAY JULY 23



Photos Courtesy of Shop Dexter

From Shop Dexter

A summer tradition in Dexter for the last 41 years has been to head on out to Ruhlig's Coun-

try Market on Island Lake Rd. for fresh fruits & vegetables and the best sweet corn around. Ruhlig's is a great small fami-

ly farm known for its fresh-picked sweet corn harvested daily in season. They have watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, cu-

cumbers and plenty of other vegetables. Nancy and the crew are hard at work getting ready for this Friday's 10am open-

ing. Start your weekend end off right with some of the best fruits & vegetables around. Hours this year will be: Friday, Saturday &

Sunday 10am - 6pm. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ruhligsmarket/>.

Walberg Introduces Legislation to Expand Health Care Options for Small Businesses

From: Dan Kotman

U.S. Representative Tim Walberg (MI-07) introduced the Association Health Plans Act of 2021 (H.R. 4547), legislation to expand health care options and lower costs for small businesses through association health plans (AHPs). Walberg was joined by Rep. Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (TX-26); Rick Allen (GA-12), Republican Leader of the House Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Rep. Virginia Foxx (NC-05), Republican Leader of the Committee on Education and Labor, in introducing the legislation.

Upon introduction, Rep. Tim Walberg said:

"The high cost of health care remains a struggle for small businesses, many of

whom are still facing pandemic-related hardship. Association health plans are a commonsense solution that empower small employers and their employees when making health coverage decisions. By providing small businesses with greater bargaining power, it allows them to offer more quality options for workers at a better price. Our bill would expand pathways to more affordable health care for families in Michigan and across the country."

Rep. Michael C.

Burgess, M.D. said:

"Americans value the freedom of individualism and want the same when choosing a health insurance plan. Association health plans expand the opportunity for Americans to choose insurance that meets their needs, and for employers to

provide quality insurance to their employees. Having owned my own practice, I understand the value of these plans, which allow employers to partner together to offer quality coverage that can be more affordable. These health plans are a step toward expanding our options and restoring our personal liberty in our health care system. I urge Congress to pass this legislation to make health care flexibility the law of the land."

Rep. Rick Allen said:

"As a small business owner, I understand how much employers want to provide quality health coverage for their employees, and Association Health Plans provide that opportunity for small business owners. I thank Rep. Walberg for introducing this bill

and I look forward to continuing efforts to modernize America's health care for employers of all sizes."

Rep. Virginia

Foxx said:

"As Americans recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and businesses

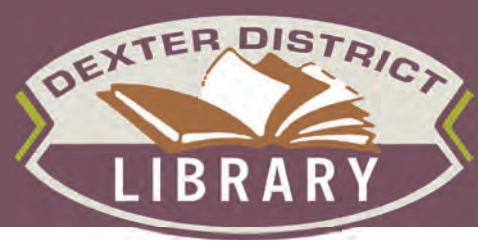
claw their way back from an economic recession, now is the time for Congress to cut regulatory red tape and allow small business owners to band together to offer affordable, comprehensive health coverage through association plans. I am proud to support this commonsense bill which removes barriers to health coverage and allows millions of workers and job creators to have the freedom to choose a health care plan that works for them."

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

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

Dinosaur Tales

Friday, July 30 at 11:00 am

Dinosaurs lived a long, long time ago. Kids in Pre-K to grade 1 are invited to learn about these fascinating prehistoric creatures as we observe and touch real fossils, build our own fossil model, and make a dinosaur tail to wear. You will even design and build your own dinosaur!

Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 25. Supplies will be available for registered participants to pick up beginning Monday, July 26. A Zoom link will be emailed before Friday, July 30.

Jitter Critters

Friday, July 30 at 1:00 pm

No need to get the jitters as you create your own critter! Kids in grades 2 to 5 are invited to use their artistic abilities and engineering skills to design and create their own battery-powered critter equipped with a vibrating motor.

Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 25.

Supplies will be available for registered participants to pick-up beginning Monday, July 26. A Zoom link will be emailed before Friday, July 30.

Basic Watercolor Painting

Wednesday, August 4

12:00 to 1:00 pm

Grades 5 through 12

Registration: Monday, June 21 through Saturday, July 24.

Pick Up: Wednesday, July 28 through Tuesday, August 3.

With detailed instructions, paint a giraffe with artist Linda M. Polo and learn the tips and techniques of basic watercolor.

For those attending the Zoom class, instructions will be emailed on how to pick up supplies.

Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up

Friday, August 6 at 11:00 am

Wrap up this year's Summer Reading Program with Professor Snoopenheimer, a professional snooper-outer of mysteries, as he snoops out "Kooky Kryptids!" What, exactly, is a "kryptid?" Well it's a misspelled "cryptid" which is an animal or creature that is reported, but not proven to exist... like Big Foot. In the show, kids will learn about some "real" cryptids and then meet their kooky kousins, like Big Foot's kousin "Big Ear," a little furry jugger! The show features juggling, comedy, music, mime illusions, cool costumes and lots of kooky fun. But kids will also learn about the great mysteries and adventures that are waiting to be snooped out in a book! Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Friday, August 6.

If you've completed this year's Summer Reading Program, pick up your goody bag of surprises beginning Monday, August 2. The Final Prize Drawing will be held on Wednesday, August 18.

End of Summer Craft Grab Bags

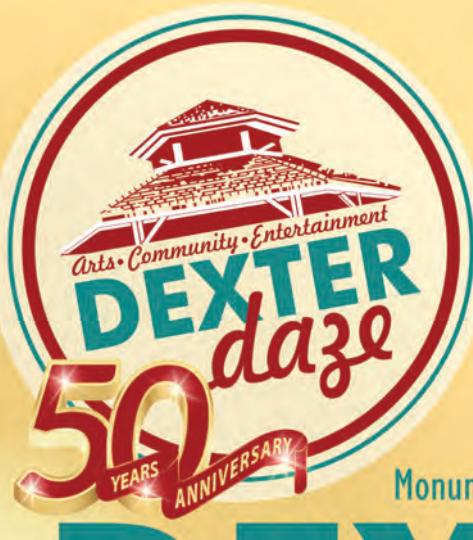
Tuesday, August 24 – Tuesday, August 31

For kids of all ages

Pick up a mystery bag full of a variety of crafts.

No registration required

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Schedule of Events

AUGUST 13 & 14

Monument Park Downtown Dexter

2021

- Friday & Saturday in the Park
- Art, Business & Food Booths 10am-8pm
- Social Tent 11am-11pm
- Interactive Inflatable Area & Putt Putt 11am-6pm

Gazebo Sponsor Kelli Carlene Skin + Care
Inflatable Sponsor Pearl Planning
Top Hat Sponsor Stieper & Brust Orthodontics

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!

Saturday at the Gazebo

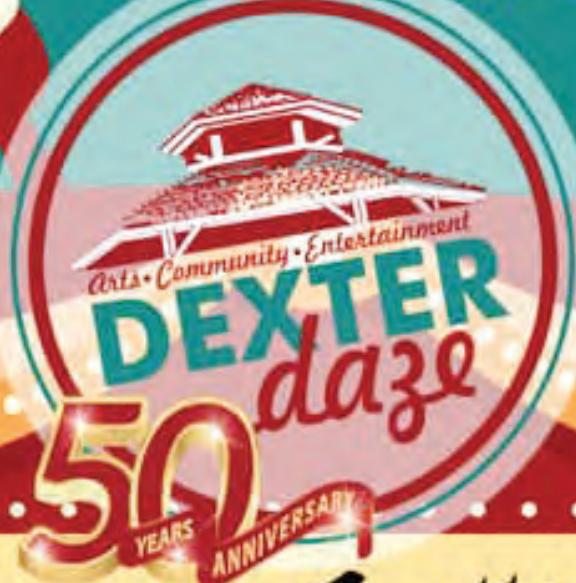
- 10am Parade
- 12pm Colors the Clown
- 2:30pm Music Band to come!
- 7pm Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop

Saturday in the Park

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

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- Dexter Family Eye Center
- Dexter Township
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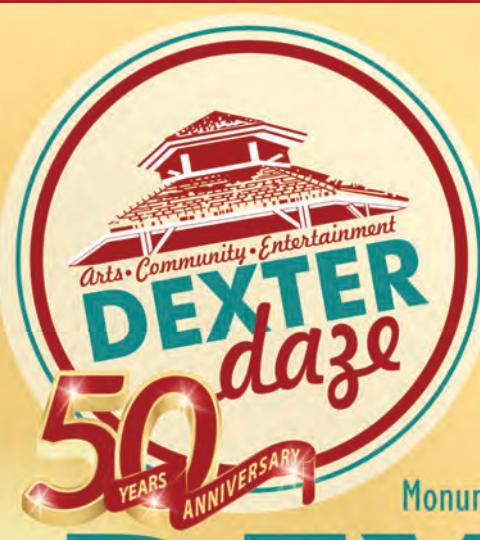


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