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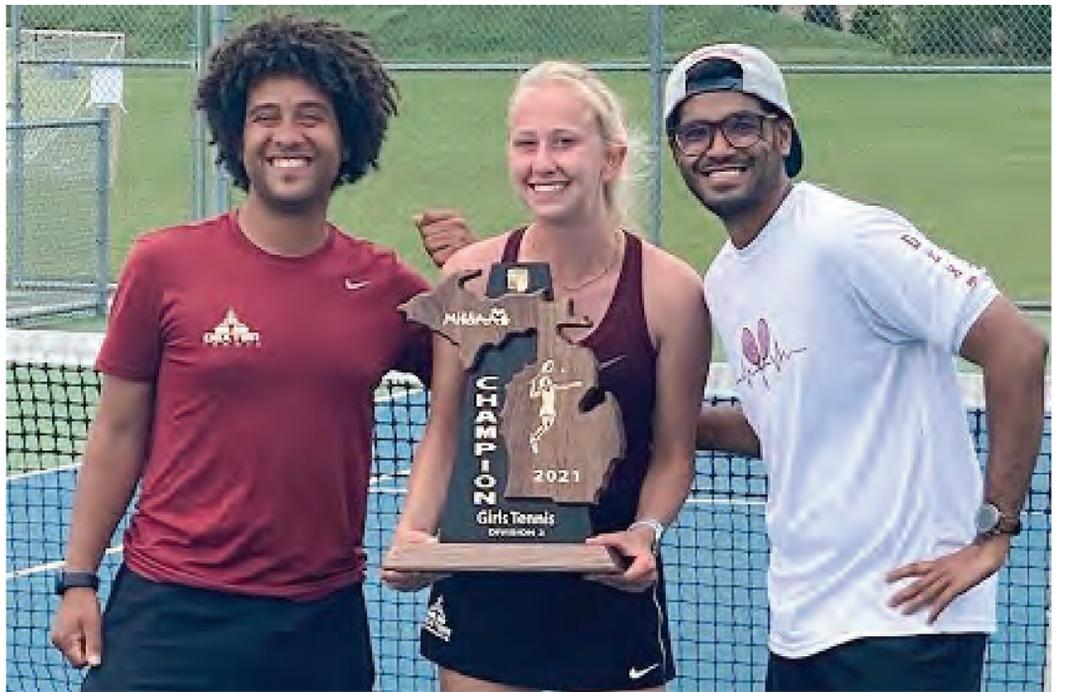
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## Dexter City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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The meeting minutes were approved with minor changes. There was no prearranged participation. The agenda was approved. Zach Michels noted that he has a conflict under consent agenda.

There was a public hearing Consideration of: Amendment to General Code of Ordinances for Small Cell Wireless Infrastructure Regulation. There was no participation. The hearing closed.

Michelle Aniol, stated that Mr. Weber informed Michelle that he has worked with telecad. He has provided transparency to the city and members of the community. Michelle's opinion that continued on page 9

## Fifty-five year old UFO Cover-up Solved



By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Raymond Szymanski recently announced that he will be lecturing at the Dexter District Library on Sept 27th, 2021 at 6:30pm. Mr. Szymanski spent nearly forty years as an Electronics Engineer at Wright-Patterson

Air Force Base, home of the U. S. Air Force's UFO investigation office known as Project Blue Book. He is also the author of the Alien Shades of Greys trilogy, non-fiction books on UFOs and extraterrestrial visitation. His most recent continued on page 8

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## Dexter Daze

August 13 & 14

## Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

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# American 1 donates more than \$5,400 to the American Heart Association with inaugural Step to the Beat 5K

**From: Emily Tierney, Communications Specialist, American 1 Credit Union**

American 1 Credit Union, partnered with Jackson YMCA and Henry Ford Allegiance Health, recently donated \$5,416 for funding and awareness for the American Heart Association through its inaugural Step to the Beat 5K event.

The 5K took place June 14 through June 30, 2021. To maximize event proceeds, American 1 Credit Union covered the costs of the event t-shirts and medals.

“Thank you to our sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make this event possible,” said Martha Fuerstenau, President/CEO of American 1 Credit Union. “I’m grateful so many people took the time to raise awareness for finding a cure for heart disease, while also be-

ing active themselves. Our financial situations have the ability to impact our bodies, both mentally and physically, and it’s our honor to help unite these organizations to impact our community.”

According to the American Heart Association website, the nonprofit organization’s main hope is that scientific research will lead to better treatment, prevention, and ultimately a cure for heart disease – America’s number one killer.

“We’re grateful for community partners like American 1 Credit Union, who push for healthy, whole communities,” said Katie Langston, Director of American Heart Association for Jackson and Washtenaw Counties. “The credit union took our mission to heart and jumped into action. With supporters like

American 1, we’re one step closer to finding a cure for heart disease.”

The virtual 5K was sponsored by Avenue Auto, Lomar Machine & Tool Co., Orbitform, Jackson College, Team 1 Plastics, Central Security Alarm, Inc., Jackson YMCA, Henry Ford Allegiance Health, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Huff Auto Group, Jackson Auto, Miller Shoes, JTV, Brooks Shoes, ProLogo, and Northwest Schools.

Established in 1950, American 1 Credit Union today serves over 59,000 members with 16 branch locations across Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Calhoun, Lenawee, and Wayne counties. American 1 is proud to serve the members of their communities by creating financial wellness through personal everyday banking.

## BROADWAY ROCKS! at The Encore Musical Theatre Company

August 5-7 at 7:30PM

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**BROADWAY ROCKS!**, the fifth in a sell-out, seven-concert series, debuts at The Encore Musical Theatre Company. This tune-filled evening of Broadway songs by rock artists whose music found its way to the Broadway stage will be headlined by Encore returning favorite, **Aaron LaVigne**.

LaVigne’s own Broadway and Off-Broadway credits include Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark, the revival of Rent and The Civil War (with The Encore’s Dan Cooney).

Directly following **BROADWAY ROCKS!**, Aaron returns to the 50th Anniversary Tour of Andrew Lloyd Weber’s Jesus Christ Superstar portraying the icon-

ic role of Jesus. One of the many treats of this Encore concert is LaVigne’s soaring rendition of Gethsemane from the production.

**Tyler Messinger** (Fun Home, The Secret Garden), **Liz Jaffe** (Anything Goes, Spamalot), **Jason Briggs** (The Encore’s upcoming Smokey’s Joe’s Cafe) and **Dawn Purcell** (Some Enchanted Evening, The Secret Garden) will round out the cast.

The Encore’s Back to Broadway series debuts the Maas Theatre in The Encore’s new performance venue, a beautiful, adaptive reuse of the historic Copeland Building at 7714 Ann Arbor Street in downtown Dexter, Michi-

gan. This rollicking night of music features songs from such shows as Rent, Hair, The Who’s Tommy, Jagged Little Pill, Little Shop of Horrors, Boy George’s Taboo, Rock of Ages — and so much more. So slap on a fake tattoo and bring your air guitar!

The Back to Broadway summer concert series at The Encore is generously presented by Jan Lyons, with additional support from Michigan Radio and The Benard L. Maas Foundation. Tickets are available at: <https://the-encore.ticketleap.com/broadway-rocks/>



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# 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:

- Cross Country (Boys) Nate Lamb [lambn@dexterschools.org](mailto:lambn@dexterschools.org)
- Cross Country (Girls) Seana Larson [seana.larson@gmail.com](mailto:seana.larson@gmail.com)
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- Golf (Girls) Greg Palkowski [gregp@daycroft.org](mailto:gregp@daycroft.org)
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- Swim & Dive (Girls) Cory Bergen [bergen@dexterschools.org](mailto:bergen@dexterschools.org)
- Tennis (Boys) Rob Smothers [robertsmothers982@gmail.com](mailto:robertsmothers982@gmail.com)
- Volleyball Paula Palmer [paula.palmer.burns@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Timmis, 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
- Instructional Support: 93rd Percentile
- Business and Administration: 11th Percentile
- Operations and Management: 46th Percentile
- Total Support: 62nd Percentile
- Operational Expenditures: 80th Percentile

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# Farm to Table Event to Benefit 5 Healthy Towns Foundation's Farmers Markets



Chelsea inaugurated the series in August 2016. Alber's Orchard was the country setting for the 2018 event.

## From: Shawn Personke

We've come full circle. The sixth annual 5 Healthy Towns Farm to Table Fabulous Feast will take place on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, at 4 p.m. at the Grass Lake Community Park & Pavilion.

For the past 5 years, the fundraising dinner traveled to each of the five healthy towns. In 2016, Chelsea presented the first dinner, followed by Grass Lake, Manchester, Dexter, and, in 2020, Stockbridge.

Now the circuit begins again.

This year's chair, Sabrina Edgar, manager of the Grass Lake Farmers Market, is joined by community members from the other four towns.

"Hosting the Farm to Table dinner is a great way to showcase your town, celebrate the farmers, and local food."

"One of our goals when we first started organizing the dinner was to build bonds between the communities," Edgar added. "Through the planning committees, I've met some cool people. And on the day of the event, it's great to see all these people from the 5H towns, getting to know each other, visiting about mutual friends, sharing connections, and talking about local food and the importance of our farmers."

With Grass Lake celebrating its 150th anniversary, it's a double bit of fun.

"All of Grass Lake is bubbling about the sesquicentennial and we're glad we could include the dinner as part of the celebration," she said.

Edgar said she also wants people to know that the committee is planning for a Covid-safe event.

"We're providing more tables in the fresh air under the pavilion and tent so that people can eat and socialize with some space," she said.

Chelsea's market manager, Emily Griswold, has been lining up the chefs to prepare the food donated and purchased from each of the five farmers markets. While the menu is still being fine-



Dexter's Farm to Table planning committee

tuned, she is excited to welcome back chefs from Smokehouse 52, Roaming Goat, and Silver Maples, with Common Grill providing the rolls. Additions to this year's chef team include Chef Savur, Chelsea Burger, Kitchen Little, Chelsea Alehouse, and Jolly Pumpkin. Lone Oak Vineyards is providing the wine, and Jolly Pumpkin, the beer.

"Lone Oak has a new dessert wine that we're including as a tasting to accompany the dessert course," said Griswold.

For the past three years, the event has also held an auction. This year's online auction opens August 8 and runs through 3 p.m. on August 29. At that time, the most popular items head to a live auction format. Items are still being collected, but current highlights include a stay near the coast of Italy and a Dinner for 4 Prepared in Your Home by Chef Savur!

Stephen Petty, the new CEO of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, is excited to experience the Fabulous Feast and meet committee members who have been working on the event.

"One of the primary pillars of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation," said Petty, "is to encourage people to eat better, which in turn helps ensure better long-term health outcomes. Our farmers markets play an essential role in the five communities to support greater access to fresh, local foods at afford-

able prices."

He added that the markets also provide a great opportunity for community residents to stay connected locally, offering music and other events that encourage people to come together.

"Our communities love their farmers markets and the Foundation is happy to support the annual Farm to Table event. Congratulations to the 2021 Fabulous Feast to benefit the Chelsea Farmers Market, Dexter Winter Marketplace, Grass Lake Farmers Market, Open Air Market of Stockbridge, and the Acorn/Manchester Farmers Market and Cafe."

WHAT: 5 Healthy Towns Farm to Table Fabulous Feast, a multi-course dinner!

WHEN: Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 4 pm

WHERE: Grass Lake Community Park, 120 Brown St., Grass Lake, Michigan

HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$75. Available online at Eventbrite (link below) or at the Farmers Markets in Chelsea, Stockbridge, Dexter, Grass Lake, and Manchester.

Online: [https://farm-to-table\\_\\_grasslake.eventbrite.com](https://farm-to-table__grasslake.eventbrite.com)

[www.facebook.com/5healthytowns-farmtotable](http://www.facebook.com/5healthytowns-farmtotable)

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# DEXTER ATHLETICS



## DEXTER'S LINDSEY WICZOREK LOOKS BACK ON AN INCREDIBLE SOPHOMORE SEASON



By: Terry Jacoby

Heading into her junior year, Lindsey Wiczorek is really just approaching the net of her high school tennis career. But the 15-year-old has already served up an impressive list of wins, accomplishments and awards.

First, she is first on the Dexter tennis team – as in first singles. Playing one singles as a sophomore for a strong program like Dexter is an impressive feat to begin with. How good was Dexter in 2021?

The Dreadnaughts won all four singles events at Regionals and reached the Division 2 State Finals this past season. They finished 10th out of 21 teams with eight points at States with their No. 1 singles player leading the way.

Wiczorek didn't let her teammates or herself down this past season. She not only earned the right to play one singles but played like a one singles all season long including against the best compe-

tition in the state.

At the state finals, she defeated Wyandotte's Reese Blackledge 6-2, 6-1 in her opening match. She then defeated Okemos' Yasmin Booncharoen-Jelassi in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

Wiczorek faced her biggest challenge in the quarterfinals against No. 2 seed Romika Shokohi of Mattawan. Despite being unseeded and losing the first game 6-1, the Dexter sophomore came right back to take the second game 6-7(2) before falling 6-4 in a competitive third game.

So let's talk about the State Finals ...

"The State Finals was brand new to me, since I didn't get to have a season last year (because of the Covid shutdown)," Wiczorek says. "There were amazing teams from all over Michigan that were all there trying to win. Our team knew that there were going to be tough matches ahead of us. We all just wanted to play our best and leave nothing behind.

Go down swinging."

And they certainly accomplished their goal – and then some. Wiczorek admits to being a little nervous when she first walked out onto the court.

"I remember whenever I was up in the game I told myself, 'they can always come back,' so I wanted to focus on keeping my game going well," she says. "In my second match, I was down 0-3 and had to be the one to make a comeback, eventually winning the set 6-3. My first two matches were battles that I was able to pull wins out of."

Then Wiczorek faced the No. 2 seed, the second-best ranked player in the state at one singles. And she played like the second best player when she won the first set 6-1.

"Facing the No. 2 seed as an unranked player in the bracket, I knew that it was going to be tough," she said. "I went into the first set with a strategy of trying to have her make more errors than me. When I lost the first set 1-6, I decided to go for more aggressive shots even if that meant I might hit more errors. She was a really strong opponent and I did my best against her."

Wiczorek certainly gave her a strong game and proved to be a tough out. Reaching

the quarterfinals as a sophomore and earning Division 2 All-State Honorable Mention (presented by Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association) capped off a tremendous season for the Dexter teenager.

"I am really happy that I made it to the quarterfinals as one of only two sophomores in this group of amazing players," she says. "I was proud of what the team was able to accomplish, and I know we all gave it everything we had to get 10th place at States."

Lindsey, the daughter of Renee and Glen Wiczorek, started playing tennis when her mom signed her up for lessons when she was 10 years old. "I just started out learning the basics of the sport and then started playing more with my dad during the summers and getting individual lessons."

She says she initially liked the "power of hitting the ball" with her serves and returns with her forehand. Her strengths on the court include serve return, forehand cross court and approach shot.

"I need to continue to improve my volleys and need more consistency on my backhand," she says as she fine tunes an already strong all-around game.

Then there is the



other side of the net when it comes to tennis.

"Tennis is a big mental sport," Wiczorek explains. "I still struggle with not letting my emotions get to me. When you are playing singles, you are by yourself out on the court with your opponent's team rooting against you. It's extremely important to stay focused because when you stop thinking things through, your whole game goes down."

Wiczorek says there were several reasons for Dexter's overall success on the court.

"I have really enjoyed being with my teammates, breaking down our matches together, and learning strategies from one another," she says. "We really supported each

other and had close relationships. At Regionals, every single flight went into the final round and we ended up winning six of the eight flights.

"Seven of our 12 players had never played an official high school tennis match before this season. Our coaches, Rob Smothers and Anand Patel, were amazing with the team. They never wasted one practice. I definitely think their coaching and tips kept us focused and helped us pull out wins in some tough matches."

Wiczorek, who plays tennis year-round and takes lessons from "incredible coaches," would like to someday play tennis in college. But she still has a few years – a lot more matches – to figure that out.

### Ask Tracy

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## 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?

Are there any Building and Deed Restrictions?

Is there a driveway permit?

Is the property in the vicinity of a farm or shooting range?

What was the prior use of the property? Does the lot have access to Electricity and Natural Gas?

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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# PROFILE: DEXTER SENIOR LUCAS KOONE SETS COURSE ON HELPING OTHERS



**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 de-

ecided 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.

"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 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."

"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."

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Each state on our map will have an exercise to complete. Exercises may be broken up into smaller manageable portions and/or completed over a few sessions. Color in a state once a state is completed. Max of two states completed per day. Can't double count exercises to use in other states. For more details, visit the Fitness Desk.

**Exercise and Osteoporosis Workshop\***  
Monday, August 23 at 5:30pm (DEX)  
Amaylia Carruthers, Fitness Specialist, ACSM Certified Personal  
Is it safe to exercise with osteoporosis? The answer is yes! In fact, strengthening your muscles can actually help protect your bones and build bone mass. Listen in to learn more about the benefits of exercising with osteoporosis and how to safely implement an exercise routine. Members can register via member self-service portal or at the Member Service Desk. Non-members must register with Dexter Wellness Center by calling 734-580-2500.

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# Bringing Recovery into Hospitals: How our regional healthcare providers are responding to the substance misuse crisis

**From: Mario Nanos**

As Michigan healthcare providers battle an ever-growing overdose epidemic and an increasing number of people visit our emergency rooms or are hospitalized with a substance use issue, the quality of care these patients receive has come into greater focus. Health systems, like society in general, have long been associated with stigma

around substance use disorder (SUD). Across our region, healthcare professionals are working to tackle this stigma so that all patients are treated with the dignity they deserve.

Join Washtenaw Families Against Narcotics on Monday, August 9, at 7 p.m. for a conversation with providers from some of Southeast Michigan's top healthcare systems about much-needed

SUD-treatment reform. Don't miss this opportunity to tune into a free Zoom panel discussion to learn how health systems can use empathetic, evidence-based treatments to help set those in crisis on a path to recovery. Our panelists for the August Washtenaw Family Forum include:

- Sarah Wedepohl – Director of Health Initiatives, Commu-

nity Foundation for Southeast Michigan

- Michael Gratson, MD, and Matthew Orsey – Beaumont Health

- Andrew King, MD – Detroit Medical Center

- Michaelina Bolton, MD, and Ryan Reece, MD – Hurley Medical Center

- Mark Weiner, MD – IHA/Trinity Health

- Emily McCall, LMSW, CAADC –

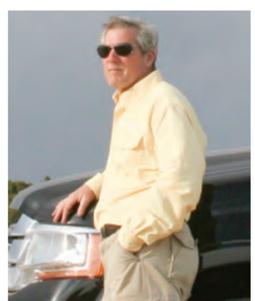
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**About Washtenaw Families Against Narcotics** Washtenaw Families Against Narcotics is one of over 20 active chapters of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) in the state of Michigan. FAN is a community-based program for those seeking recovery, those in recovery, family mem-

bers affected by addiction and community supporters. FAN seeks to change the face of addiction, dispel the stigma of addiction, and educate the community as well as those affected by addiction.

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# Fifty-five year old UFO Cover-up Solved



**Raymond Szymanski**

book, *Swamp Gas My Ass (SGMA)*, focuses on the famous March 1966 Swamp Gas UFO that was widely witnessed in Dexter. Raymond uses official government documents and Air Force personnel files to provide unassailable proof that the UFO witnessed in Dexter was a UFO and not swamp gas.

The Dexter UFO sighting stands out from other sightings, to the skeptic in me, because of the number of reliable witnesses. These are witnesses who would have every reason to not admit to

seeing what they saw. The Washtenaw County Sheriff, the Dexter Chief of Police and multiple other deputies and officers all went on the official record with reports of seeing the UFO, or see evidence of its presence like circular ground-indentations at landing sights.

In his latest book, *SGMA*, Raymond provides first-person testimony from retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, Gary K Carroll, of the legendary 71st Air Defense Command out of Selfridge Air Force Base. That testimony details Colonel Carroll's intercept of the famous Swamp Gas UFO in 1966. Though not located at Selfridge at the time of 9/11, the 71st patrolled our skies in F-15s just minutes after the 9/11 tragedy. They intercepted and escorted airliners to safe landings. During Colonel Carroll's ex-

emplary military career he intercepted North Korean MiGs after the famous shoot-down of a Navy intelligence gathering plane, intercepted Russian Nuclear Bombers over Iceland, and successfully landed a crippled F-106 on one wheel. Mr. Szymanski will use outtakes from the original videotaped interviews with Colonel Carroll in his presentation so the audience can hear parts of the story from the hero who made it. He will also bring the actual flight helmet that Colonel Carroll used during all of his missions and copies of all three of his books for purchase and autographing.

My copy of *Swamp Gas My Ass* has just arrived and I cannot wait to read it. The author's vast experience as a scientist and researcher and his extensive efforts to utilize

science, and verifying witness reports with official Air Force records, appeals to the skeptic in me. During our conversation, Mr. Szymanski explained that Project Blue Book, out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was in reality, not a program to investigate UFOs but a disinformation campaign to calm public curiosity in situations like the Dexter Situation. The job was slightly more challenging with so many strong reputable witnesses in Dexter. The reason I don't buy the swamp gas excuse, is fairly simple; if it was a nat-

urally occurring phenomenon, why doesn't it keep happening? If I witnessed lightning and did not have the scientific understanding to comprehend it, I might think it was aliens or ghosts. But, it would inevitably happen again when the same variables that caused it were present. However, a Swamp Gas incited UFO frenzy has not reoccurred a single time since 1966. Apparently one only gets to use that flimsy excuse once before it is discarded for all time. Though UFOs have been sighted in Dexter since 1966, none

had the caliber of witnesses in the original case and certainly none had the military sending fighter pilots to intercept. If you were a part of this moment in 1966, I encourage you to join the event at the Dexter library. You may have been mocked or laughed at, but you are being vindicated. (<https://dexter.lib.mi.us/>). The closest bookstore to Dexter that sells autographed copies of all three of Ray's books is in Fenton, Michigan. The name of the store is Fentons Open Book and is located on Shitter since 1966, none

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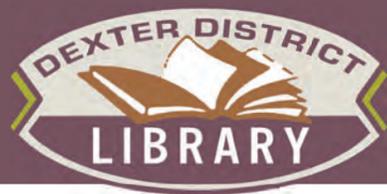
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# Dexter District Library 2021 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

## Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

### 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 juggler! 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 While supplies last.

## 2021 Summer Reading Program Events



# Dexter City Council Meeting

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his responsibility is to the city. He has not worked for anything for telecad in Michigan. The ordinance is not specific to the project. The ordinance has some tweaking to title and purpose and additional definitions were added. The effort is to maintain continuity with the existing poles. The ordinance tightens the discretion of the city and aesthetics. Jamie Griffin provided help with editing. The editing was minor grammatical errors. The changes did not alter the meaning of the code. The ordinance was approved.

There was no non-arranged participation.

Communications: Jamie noted that city council settings are listed at 7pm but they are currently at 6pm.

Letter and NFPA 1500 Report from Dexter Area Fire Department Chief Robert Smith; Jamie thanked Chief Smith for the letter. She wanted to know what are the most concerning issues. She asked the Chief and he responded. Jamie is going to follow up and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Paul asked if we are under contract regarding the fire station. Justin defined the responsibilities and obligations of the city. Jamie would like to see the lease as she has not seen it yet.

Marie Sherry gave her report. She not-

ed that a Veterans exemption was added on the day of the meeting. Marie explained the process of the tax assessments. Marie was going for Michigan Master assessor certification. She withdrew from the program, but after learning a lot and being very frustrated. Marie is a Certified public finance administrator and qualified as an advanced Certified Public Finance Administrator.

Public Services Superintendent; Dan Schlaff he does not have a lot of updates so he opened up for questions. The Twisted Fish is back up but is not spinning due to the vandalism. A new fish sculpture can be purchased from the artist for \$5,000. The City can make a claim against insurance but there is a \$1,000 deductible. Council seems in favor of making a claim. Dan looked into the Border to Border mowing. He is working through any options he can find to bring back to council. The tall yellow flowers are invasive and can be combated.

Community Development Manager; Michelle Aniol, wanted to be certain that council is satisfied that Mr. Weber can be used as a consultant. Jamie would prefer that he does not comment on Telecad. Telecad is not the applicant, just the engineer. Mr. Weber does work with Telecad in other parts

of the country. He has demonstrated to staff that he is trustworthy and that his first priority is to the city, not to Telecad. Michelle offered to add it to the next agenda. Michelle asked if putting stencils down noting that bikes, skateboards, and rollerblades, skates, and scooters are not allowed on sidewalks downtown. The trails are different. This is specific to downtown. This does not include residential areas. Specific to just downtown. There was discussion about the open meetings act. The reasons a person can attend remotely because of military duty, or a medical condition to participate remotely. The city is required to provide a means for a council member to participate remotely. Paul is concerned for his safety in a room not knowing who is vaccinated and who is not vaccinated. The Council can establish its own procedures, masks, 6ft apart can be the expectation during the meetings.

The zoning ordinance update; It's time for another joint meeting with the planning commission, either the 30th of August or in September. Michelle is looking for feedback from the council. The Council thinks it should be completed sooner and not wait to be in person.

City Manager Report; Justin Breyer, A lot of updates were in

other reports. Justin was contacted by the Dexter Daze committee. They are looking to do a motorized train for kids along phase one boardwalk. It was not identified in the permit. Justin wanted to see how the council felt about it. The trails are non motorized. It sounds like the council would prefer a different path be used. They are also looking to do some small putt putt courses. It does not include digging holes in the grass. There would be white fence used to close it, that way kids won't be darting out into open roads. Paul would like to know all the areas considered. 3515 Broad phase 2 results are back. They did not find the items they were initially looking for. but they did find TCE on the border of the western property boundary. Higher levels of arsenic and mercury It will likely require additional sampling. Sub Slab sampling is recommended over the course of six months or a year. ASTI stated the items appear to be low risk. Still required to do additional sampling to verify safety.

Mayor Report; Shawn Keough included his report in the packet and did not have anything to add.

Consent Agenda; The consent agenda carried.

Old Business; Consideration and Discussion of: Consideration of: City Manager Contract. There is a motion on the floor from the last meeting. The motion is still on the floor. The motion was amended to add the pieces from the current

packet. The motion carried 6-1. Congratulations to Justin who is now officially the City Manager.

Discussion of: Conflict of Interest Ordinance. The Council needs to determine a single option to move forward with a public hearing. Jamie prefers the ordinance from the city of Rochester. She wants to extend it into more of an ethics ordinance. WA noted that it was already looked at when she was the chair. She does not want to keep delaying. Zach also likes the one from Rochester. Sanam likes the one that went to the boards and commissions. August 9th a public hearing action item will be on the agenda.

New Business; Consideration and Discussion of: Discussion of: Second Street Water Main and Sidewalk Project Update. OHM came up with a preliminary design. Patrick Droze was at the meeting to give a presentation. It's time to get feedback from the public. 2nd street was identified because the main was old and it was starting to experience breaks. The road was in pretty good shape and wanted to make sure everything was done with the future in mind. Zach does not support this design for a few reasons. He noted the road is wide and encourages people to drive fast. He noted there are not enough crossings for pedestrians. The public will give feedback. Design information is in the meeting packet.

Discussion of: Traffic Control Order Pol-

icy. A draft of a TCO policy was developed in 2019. The mayor wants to rework the wording to state why the city needs a policy. The policy will be back for consideration at the next meeting in August.

Consideration of: Proposal from Partners in Architecture for Architectural/Engineering Services for 3515 Broad Street for an Amount not to Exceed \$60,000. The motion passed.

Council Comments; Eren enjoyed the meeting and is excited for the next year. Alex had no comment. Paul had no comment. Wa wanted to clarify conflict of interest comments. She feels that some conversations have a tone that makes her feel concerned that innocent things will be misconstrued. It's making her feel uncomfortable. Wa does not like the idea that the lack of trust in government is trickling down to local government. She believes in community and being neighbors. She hopes council members will treat each other with compassion. Zach is passionate about the roads because our environment shapes us and will be around for fifty years. His phone does not work. He has no contacts. Jamie stated congrats to Justin. Sanam said congrats to Justin and she looks forward to working with him. Donna stated that the council did not bicker like this before and when council walks into and out of the meeting it needs to remember that.

The meeting adjourned.

# Schedule of Events

# 2021

## AUGUST 13 & 14

### Monument Park Downtown Dexter

#### 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!

Gazebo Sponsor Kelli Carlene Skin+Care

Inflatable Sponsor Pearl Planning

Top Hat Sponsor Stieper & Brust  
Orthodontics

#### 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

#### Promoting Sponsors

Dairy Queen

Dexter Creamery

Dexter Family Eye Center

Dexter Township

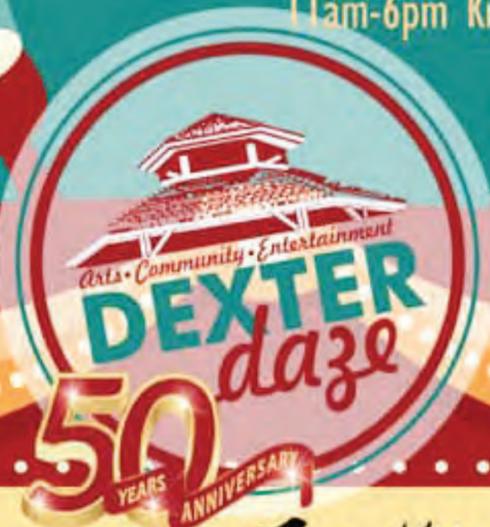
Silver Maples

#### Band Sponsors

Cedars of Dexter

Dan Waitz Associates

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## Dexter Daze 2021

Dexter Daze is right around the corner!

Life is back to normal and we couldn't be happier! Dexter Daze 2021 is ready to go and waiting for all of our friends and neighbors to stop by and visit our vendors and enjoy the music in Monument Park on August 13-14. And don't forget the parade on Saturday, 10 a.m.!

Here's a list of our vendors for this year's event:

Accessories & Jewelry: Apparel:  
Dons and Anna Indian Crafts AJs Custom Cloth Hoola Jewelry Anna + Zoe  
Laura Lorraine's Boutique KKreations  
Make It Pink Tina  
Hackman Creations  
My Garden of Earrings  
Reel Survival Gear  
Artisans:  
Rock Your World  
Crystals Belly Beautiful  
Henna  
L3 Art Dolls

Home Decor:  
LB Personalized Design  
Alchemy Glass My Dad's Butterflies  
Colonel Coconut Ray's

Rags  
Freeze Frame Photography  
Ink & Wash by Andy  
Finished Goods Retailers:

Layered from Zero  
Food Products:  
Live Love Michigan Jose Madrid Salsa  
Mi Town Michigan Harvest Kettle Corn  
One Krafty Lady Paul's Gourmet Jerky  
Piece of Mac  
Rabbott

Creative Food at the Festival:  
River Run Images Dexter Lions  
Temper Metal Fabrication Kona Ice  
The Kroll Compound  
Sawmill and Woodcraft  
Smokehouse 52 BBQ

Community/Clubs:  
Dexter Historical Society  
Dexter Youth Football League & Cheer  
DHS Hockey Team  
SRSLY Dexter

Stay tuned because we may be adding another 2-3 vendors for your shopping pleasure!

And -- how about the entertainment? Here is the schedule for this

year:  
Friday, August 13  
11 a.m. - Kevin Devine Children's Entertainer  
2 p.m. - School of Rock  
6 p.m. - KayLyn Pack Country Music Entertainer  
Saturday, August 14  
10 a.m. - Dexter Daze Parade  
12 noon - Colors the Clown  
2:30 p.m. - From Grace Quintet  
7 p.m. - Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop

Dexter Daze is a wonderful community event and one that wouldn't happen without the support of many people and businesses. The Dexter Daze Committee are all volunteers who spend 10-11 months every year planning to make sure that it is a fun and entertaining festival for you, our visitors. But the Committee aren't the only ones who make Dexter Daze happen year after year.

This year's event was planned in just about 2 months - well under the 10-11 months we usually take. It has taken not

only a lot of hard work, but also for people and businesses to step up and help. We would be NOWHERE without our local businesses who answered our call for financial help. We thank them, from the bottom of our hearts, and request that you support them in any way that you can:

The Beer Grotto - Our Platinum Festival Sponsor - the sponsor for the entire event. THANK YOU!! Just an FYI, with a Platinum sponsorship comes a free booth. The Beer Grotto donated their booth to a deserving group. We think that was awesome!

Pearl Planning - Gold Sponsor for the kid's interactive inflatables. Our kids get free activities thanks to the generosity of this company!

Kelli Carlene Skin & Care - Gold Sponsor for the Main Stage and DJ. This is a new business in Dexter, please be sure to check her out.

Stieper & Brust Orthodontics - Gold Sponsor for the ever popular Top Hat Performers!

Aubree's of Dexter - Silver Sponsor for the

also ever popular Train!  
Cedars of Dexter - Silver Sponsor for country music entertainer KayLyn Pace.

Dan Waitz Associates - Silver Sponsor for the From Grace Quintet, who will be performing on Saturday.

Main Street Optometry - Silver Sponsor for the Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop band. Also performing on Saturday.

Dexter Pediatric Dentistry and Mike Fitzpatrick from Edward Jones Financial - Silver Sponsor for Putt Putt Golf.

Dexter Township - Bronze Sponsor for Eric the Juggler.

Silver Maples - Bronze Sponsor for Kevin Devine.

Dairy Queen - Bronze Sponsor for School of Rock.

Dexter Creamery - Bronze Sponsor for the Dexter Daze Parade.

Dexter Family Eye Center - Bronze Sponsor for Colors the Clown.

We'd also like to thank our Supporting Sponsors:

3Bird, Dancers Edge, DHS Class of 87, Dick Lundy, Hearts &

Flowers, Proven, Thrive Chiropractic, White Tail Farm, Dexter Bakery and the Dexter Marathon.

Last, but definitely not least, we thank all of you who donated as Friends of Dexter. As mentioned above, Dexter Daze couldn't happen without the support of our community. With the limited planning time this year, we had concerns about raising enough money to put on the event, even one that will be (unfortunately) smaller than normal. It does the heart good to see the love that this town has for Dexter Daze.

We are also really excited that the American Legion offered to organize the fireworks this year. Please note that, per the Legion, the fireworks will be held on FRIDAY night this year. Please contact the American Legion to find out the exact start time and be sure you don't miss it!

We can't wait to see everyone at the 50th Anniversary Dexter Daze on August 13-14, 2021!

**Dexter Daze Committee**