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Mill Creek Students Use Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grants To Make Their Own Impact



Laurence Carolin

By Terry Jacoby
 Cheryl Darnton has long believed that one part of her role as a middle school social studies teacher at Mill Creek is to help students understand some of the difficult issues and challenges in the world. She wants to give her students an opportunity to act on an issue that is monumental and to see that they have the power to do something to help.

“The students at this age are starting to become young adult thinkers, many are paying attention to

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Dexter City Manager Work Session

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The Dexter City Council held a Wednesday work session to discuss the City Manager Search. Jamie Griffin asked about reference checks and if they had been done on the three finalists for the City Manager.

The Mayor has not, he's waiting for more direction from the Council. He does not want to overstep his bounds. Sanam stated that typically, a reference check is done after a candidate is selected to make certain there are no red flags in their background prior to hiring.

Zach wanted to know the point of the meeting. The Mayor mentioned he felt like there was a split on council between candidates. Zach stated an executive search on MML someone put in place 5 months ago for less money than the city is paying OHM to cover. Zach

feels frustrated because he was placed in a bad position as he did not agree with the process. He did help narrow the field to the three current candidates but he was frustrated by the process of the search.

Alex brought up a question regarding the process. He noted that Sanam is listed as a reference for Justin and should she be a part of the discussion. The Mayor stated if need be, Justin could provide a different

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For ages 9 - 12.

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

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The Encore Musical Theatre Company Invites You to BE OUR GUEST for an Evening of Disney in Concert July 8-10 at 7PM

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From: Anne M. Koch, Co-Founder/
Producing Managing
Director, The Encore
Musical Theatre
Company

The Encore Musical Theatre Company presents BE OUR GUEST: Songs From Disney as part of their Back to Broadway summer concert series. The Encore has already presented two outstanding, sold-out weekend concerts in their series of seven this summer, each with a guest star direct from Broadway! The Encore concert series debuts The Maas, the newly remodeled theatre, in their new performance venue, an adaptive reuse of

the historic Copeland Building at 7714 Ann Arbor Street.

Broadway star, Herman Sebek (Miss Saigon, Cats, Shogun, Song and Dance, West Side Story) joins Encore favorites Jojo Engelbert (Fun Home, The Secret Garden) and Gayle E. Martin (Crazy for You, Into the Wild), along with Encore newcomers, Detroit native Arielle Crosby (Motown the Musical, Nat'l tour) and University of Michigan School of Music Theatre and Dance graduate Hugh Entrekina.

Bring your favorite prince or princess and enjoy a special evening designed to leave the whole fam-

ily feeling the magic of Disney. From "Part of Your World" to "Hakuna Matata" to "Let It Go", you're sure to leave humming a familiar tune or two!

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.

Please note the earlier 7PM start time for this family friendly concert. Doors open at 6:30. Get your tickets today before they're gone!

Tickets can be found at: <https://the-encore.ticketleap.com/be-our-guest/>.



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Dexter Board of Education Looking to Fill Vacancies



The Dexter Community Schools Board of Education is looking to fill two vacancies created by the 6/30/2021 resignations of Dr. Julie Schumaker and Dr.

Daryl Kipke. According to State law, the Board must fill the vacancy within the next thirty days. The terms for both seats run through December 31, 2021.

To indicate your interest in being considered for this vacancy, citizens should submit the following application materials via the district web-

site no later than July 16th at 4:00pm:

- online letter of intent (via Google form on District website; no more than one page long, detailing the candidate's experiences and qualifications they would bring to board service);

- notarized affidavit of identity affirming application eligi-

bility (form attached and posted at dexterschools.org/board);

- resume including home address, telephone number, and email address.

Qualified candidates will interview with the Board of Education on Wednesday, July 21st between 5pm and 8pm or Monday, July 26th, between 3pm and

5:30pm (if needed, depending on number of applicants).

The Board will select an appointee immediately following the interviews on July 26th and the appointees will be sworn in and seated to begin their appointments at the 7pm regular board meeting on July 26th.

Anyone who has questions about

board service may email the entire Board of Education at boe@dexterschools.org or contact individual trustees by using the emails listed in the BOE directory. Anyone with questions about the application process should contact Hope Vestergaard at vestergaardh@dexterschools.org or 734-424-4102.

Mill Creek Students Use Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grants To Make Their Own Impact

continued from page 1 current events, and the transition from the protected comfort of childhood to the harsh reality of global issues is a big one," she says.

Starting the Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grants was one way that Darnton's students could engage in an act of hope and action. The grants are the continuing legacy of Laurence Carolin, a local high school student and former student of Darnton's who succumbed to cancer in 2010.

Darnton has incorporated Laurence's mission against extreme poverty into her 7th grade Global Studies classes ever since Laurence's death. Using Laurence's example as inspiration for her class, she explores the struggles other people face around the world and how her students can look for ways to help.

"I love the fact that Laurence's legacy is a model for my students. He was a young person who made a difference, and they can, too," she says. "Before students wrote the grants this spring, I taught them about Laurence's life and legacy."

After the program was shut down last year because of COVID, Darnton and her students picked right back up this year and are back on track with 10 grants of \$100 each. These grants represent the efforts of 34 kids (most working in groups on the same grant proposal) who were selected this spring to be funded.

Two years ago (spring 2019) was the first time the class wrote Laurence Carolin Grants.

"What I saw in my classroom was amazing," Darnton said. "Students were inspired by the idea that they could actually make a difference by supporting a non-prof-

it organization doing important work in the world for people who need it most.

"This year I saw a similar level of inspiration among the students. I admit that the pandemic made it difficult for a few of our remote learners to engage fully to complete their work on time. While each group selected the organization for which they wanted to write their grant, each individual had to complete the application. In order to be considered for funding, the grant had to be turned in by the deadline."

Darnton selected the best-written grant from each group to bring to the committee. The committee consisted of Darnton, Lisa Carolin and Suzanne Murphy.

"Last year students were assigned a country to which they applied their learning of economics and demographics throughout the year," Darnton said. "This year I was teaching from the Summit Learning space. The Summit Learning project was called 'Global Summit.' The kids learned a little bit about the G7 and the role of that group in the world and the students were introduced to some of the global issues that the G7 is supposed to work on, such as climate change, extreme poverty, hunger, water scarcity, equality, overpopulation, etc."

Students worked in self-selected groups, mostly two to five students. This year, Darnton wanted to make a point of leveraging the friendships among kids for group work, in light of the sense of isolation created for many kids, so she asked them to choose their own group mates. And each of the student groups chose a global issue

that they wanted to study.

Their task was three-fold:

First, they had to research the global issue they chose to create a presentation to teach the class. They had to learn about the human impact of the issue, find a location (country or region) where the issue is salient and describe the situation, and they had to explore solutions. Kids found solutions on the United Nations website and on the websites of a variety of non-profit organizations that are working on solving major world problems.

Second, the groups had to present their slideshows to their classmates (half were presented in-person and half were via our live Zoom class). They had to take on the role of teacher and fielded questions and did their best to answer them.

Third, they had to write a Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grant proposal to fund a non-profit organization that is working to provide a sustainable solution to the global issue they studied. The work of the non-profit organization could be focused anywhere in the world. Each grant was for \$100.

"This process gives students an opportunity to act on an issue that is monumental, to see that they have the power to do some-



thing to help," Darnton says. "This leads to the development of their becoming global citizens. There is a saying, 'Think globally, act locally.' In their lifetimes these kids will be required to act locally in many ways to mitigate the effects of climate change and other problems we face in the world. They need to have an understanding of some of the ways global issues affect other people who do not live in affluent areas, are not surrounded by freshwater, and who may not have access to jobs or free education.

"I want them to develop the intellectual understanding of these issues and impacts so they can empathize enough to be willing to act. Our daily decisions about how we use water, electricity, and the cars we buy will become more important as we come together to improve the problems humanity faces."

Anyone who would like to donate to the Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grants can do so. Checks should be made payable to Dexter Communi-

ty Schools and sent to Mill Creek Middle School attn: Laurence Carolin Grants, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd, Dexter, MI 48130. Donations are NOT tax deductible because they are passing the donations on to other charitable organizations and are not using them directly for public school purposes.

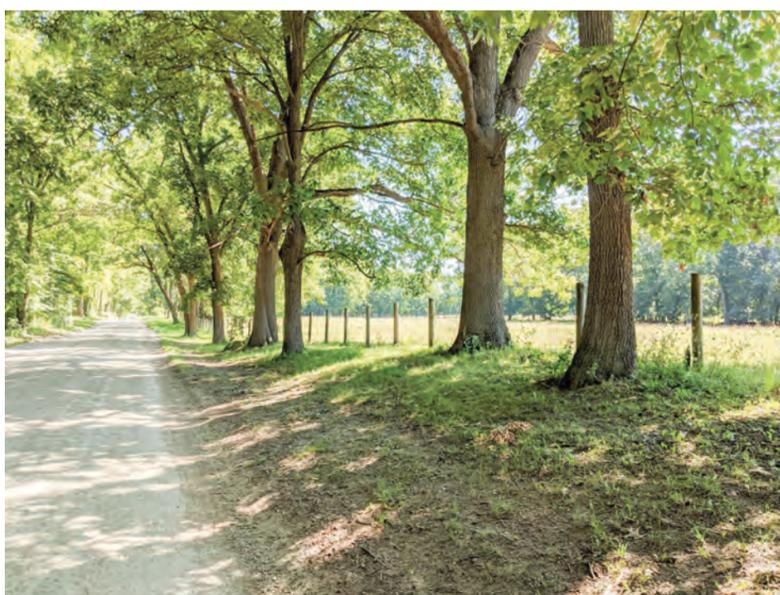
For more on Laurence Carolin, visit <https://welovedexter.com/2019/02/22/2019-laurence-carolin-grants-students-legacy-continues-to-alleviate-extreme-poverty/>.

Laurence Carolin Sustainable Impact Grant Winners

The grants these Diverse Ducks students wrote were selected by the committee to be funded. Congratulations on your grant writing!

Forgotten Harvest Fighting hunger and food waste in Metro Detroit -Zoe, Ainslie, Annamarie, Debbie	350.org Stop fossil fuels, Build 100% renewables -Kennedy M, Claire B., Sydney	Food Shift Reducing waste, Nourishing neighbors, Creating jobs. -Kennedy H, Millie, Addison Z.
Rise Against Hunger Addressing the full scope of hunger & malnutrition -Ben, Cole, Jack V., Dylan, Xander	Action Against Hunger Saving the lives of children and families -Jack G., Mason -Brynn, Addie A. G., Rose	
Pure Water for the World Water filters and sanitation in Haiti -Amelia M., Lydia, Eva	NAACP Defend, Educate, Empower -Melisha, Ella J.	World Food Programme Food assistance: a step toward peace and stability -Clara L., Sophia, Madelyn, Kaylee, Grace
Global Fund for Women Movement for gender justice around the world -Jason H.	The Malala Fund Working for a world where every girl can learn and lead -Selena, Chloe, Kaitlyn -Amelia S., Ella R., Rachael	

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



From: BARRY LONIK, TOWNSHIP LAND PROTECTION CONSULTANT

The Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation easement purchase from Base Lake Farm LLC.

The property is just shy of 204 acres in size with frontage on the south side of Strawberry Lake Rd. and the north side of Walsh Rd. It features 180 acres of prime and locally important agricultural soils with 18 acres of woods and six acres of wetlands. Combined with other protected properties, the property forms a contiguous block totaling 554 acres. The conservation ease-

ment ensures that the land will never be developed but it remains in private ownership and is not open to the public.

Bill Brinkerhoff and Kathy Sample, members of the Base Lake Farm LLC, purchased the 258 acre farm at 7861 Strawberry Lake Rd. in 2015. Bill's family has had a cottage on nearby Base Line Lake for decades; they have long admired the beautiful rolling hills and woods of the farm. The farm was once owned by Carl Rosenfeld and was the source of the beef for his noted Detroit restaurant Carl's Chop House. Bill and Kathy have been restoring the houses and farm buildings and currently rent the

property to a young farmer who is raising grass fed cattle. They conveyed a conservation easement on a wooded section of the property in 2019; this easement protects the agricultural areas of the farm.

With the easement completed, Bill and Kathy will be able to continue and expand their efforts to achieve long term goals for the farm, including:

- Keeping the property undeveloped
- Maintaining the beauty, pastoral views and infinite horizon feature of the farm property
- Demonstrating best farming practices (move away from monoculture, fertilizer, pesticide, GMO

farming and towards more sustainable farming practices)

- Building a financially self-sufficient or income generating farm model

- Creating a more open and welcoming farm for others to explore and learn about farming, and enjoy the beauty of the farm.

Bill and Kathy also started and own Argus Farm Stop in Ann Arbor, an every day farmer's market with two locations that has paid out over \$10 million to local farms and food producers since 2014.

Conservation easements are permanent deed restrictions on the use of a property. Purchasing easements costs less than buying the prop-

erty, and keeps the property on the tax rolls and contributing to the local economy.

In addition to Webster Township's dedicated land preservation millage, funding support was supplied by the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program, the State of Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. The landowners also discounted the sale price from the appraised value.

Webster Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage which voters passed initially in 2005 and renewed twice, all by large margins. The Township has attracted over \$13 million of matching funds from other sources, a rate of over \$5 to \$1 of its own. With this project the Township program has been involved in protecting 2,340 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.

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Dexter City Manager Work Session

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Jamie stated that she has two top candidates. Jamie likes both Elle and Justin as top candidates. Jamie expressed the feeling that the meeting was set up as a, “why not Justin,” meeting. Jamie feels that there is some sort of dysfunction issue happening. Jamie feels there’s a dysfunction with City Council and City Council and staff. Jamie pointed directly to specific issues she’s observed.

Sanam pointed out that emailing questions to Justin is not fair and should not be considered as part of the evaluation. Justin had additional interview time. Not only additional interview time but Justin also answers questions the other candidates cannot answer because they are specific to Dexter questions.

Wa pointed out that if Jamie likes and is concerned with the process so much, she

should not have gone against the process of hiring a candidate. Wa believes that the City is doing pretty well. She pointed out that if Justin weren’t doing a good job things would have fallen apart when Courtney left.

Jamie pointed out that she is just putting herself out there to get the ball rolling and to bring forth an honest discussion. She does not want to be shut down for her honesty and willingness to put herself out there.

The Mayor does not think anyone has been set up. He is trying to discuss next steps to take; reference check, contract discussion. He’s looking for direction from the Council.

Wa apologized for responding negatively and explained that she gets a little overwhelmed by certain things.

Zach suggested that if some feel like something is a set up a better response would be to hear why

rather than to say the person with those feelings are wrong.

The mayor asked if Zach was talking about him. Zach acknowledged that he was. The Mayor said he never said she was wrong and she’s welcome to explain why she felt that way.

Paul states he thinks the process is okay. He is ready to vote now and he does not believe this meeting will change his mind. Paul brought the fire department up and suggested there is a reason there has not been a public meeting. Paul suggested if we want to stop wasting time, vote for Justin. Can Justin do the job, yes. Can someone do a better job? We don’t know.

Sanam wanted to know how much performance feedback has been given to Justin during the past 7 months and if he was given a chance to address any issues with performance?

Donna is disap-

pointed in the direction the Council seems to be drifting. Donna noted that staff works together and gets along and that’s what they’re doing that seems to be successful. She wants to stop looking backwards.

Jamie stated her preference and requested references because she does not feel comfortable picking someone over another without a reference.

Zach noted that there is a 4-3 vote, based on his reading of the room, why keep picking at it? Why not vote?

The Mayor just wants to make certain that he addresses all of the Council’s needs for a vote.

Sanam was hoping to delve into interviews and interviews more. She wanted to make certain that nobody feels like there’s a conflict of interest. She will not provide a reference. She was listed as a reference seven months ago,

prior to the vacancy on City Council.

Wa wanted to state and address the conflict of interest issue. She noted that she’s worked with Justin in the exact same way as Sanam. So, if Sanam has a conflict, due to the nature of a small town, she too could also have a conflict and another City Council candidate would have had the same type of conflict.

Alex spoke up and supported a candidate. He articulated what he thought made the candidate he supported. He also noted his worries with the candidate.

Paul spoke next and stated his priority was the development of a new fire hall. Paul is worried about Justin looking at all the facts and criteria and making that decision. Paul brought up that Paul and Courtney were given a vote at one point and they voted against it. He is concerned that Justin will not stand up to the mayor on the

issue. Paul stated that he’s had a great relationship with Justin and he’s handled everything really well.

The Mayor again asked for direction. Paul suggested that the process move forward. The Mayor stated that we all owe that to a candidate.

Donna suggested Paul Cousins work on the contract because of his negotiations with teachers in the past. Paul does not feel that he would be able to do that due to his situation at home. The Mayor would call Paul and get feedback and help as needed.

Jamie would like to make sure there is public feedback.

Zach acknowledged what can be improved because of his experience as a leader in the Michigan Marching Band. Zach does not want to be a Debbie Downer but he is trained to focus on improving and how to improve.

ON THE SIDELINE: EARWIGS, SPIDERS, DIRTY WINDOWS AND COUCH-SITTIN’



By Don Richter
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Sights and sounds from my couch — Week 6.

Welp, it’s now been six weeks since I jumped off the roof of my shed fracturing my tibia just below the knee, partially tearing my calf muscle, bruising my ankle and heel and somehow cracking a rib.

Under doc’s orders I have been relegated to using crutches to get around and assigned a permanent seat on my couch to recuperate and heal my injured leg. I was off work for four weeks. Last week, I went back to the J.O.B. in a limited capacity. “Limited capacity” being 20 hours out of a normal 40-hour plus work week.

I was recently advised by the medical powers-that-be to continue to remain on my couch and not return to work for the next four weeks, but I just can’t do that. I simply couldn’t imagine another four weeks of sitting on my couch and watching the world go by out my picture window. Especially when said picture window is a filthy mess.

I’ve lived in my house for 14 years and I’m actually a bit embarrassed to say I’ve never once cleaned my picture window. That’s 14 years of Michigan winters, dust, dirt and explosive bird droppings all splattered, coated and spread out in a hideous mess across my front window. Imagine never cleaning your vehicle’s windshield for 14 years and you’re beginning to understand the level of dirt and grime caked all over my home’s picture window.

My jumping off

my shed’s roof doesn’t seem too surprising now does it?

Anyhow, another four weeks of staring out that nuclear-waste-of-a-front-window was more than enough motivation for me to get off the couch and back to work. To heck with my injured leg.

Once I’m healed and back to my usual strong, capable self, I’m going to make it a point to clean my picture window inside and outside.

Probably.

I don’t know, I’m sure I will. We’ll see. It has to be done, right? Seems like a lot of hard work though. I need to take things slow, right? I shouldn’t bite off more than I can chew, right? I’m coming off a serious injury. I don’t want to re-injure myself by overdoing things, right? So, yeah, I’m sure I’ll get it done.

We’ll see...

Probably.

Anyhow, another aspect of being a professional couch-sitter is my ability to survey everything going on in front of, next to, above, below and behind me. My bored, tired eyes catch every nuance and every carpet fiber out of place. When you’ve spent six weeks in the same spot, looking at the same view, you tend to notice EVERYTHING.

Because of my recent sedentary lifestyle, I have a new appreciation for the random insects I observe going about their daily business in my living room.

Ummm, first off, where did all these living organisms come from? How did they get into my house? Is there some gaudy, glittery Vegas-style strip I’m unaware of with some giant lit-up arrow leading all these bugs into my house?

I’ve come to admire the tenacity of my home’s resident earwig. His epic journey across my carpeted living room floor is actually quite



This columnist has spent the past six weeks on a couch recuperating from an injury and watching the world go by.

inspiring. The obstacles I’ve watched this little dude overcome on his quest to reach the other side of my living room is quite dramatic.

Then there’s the spider in the corner of my living room. He resides to the left of where I sit on my couch in a strategic spot near the floor. He’s building a big-

ger “house,” er, web, every day. Like the earwig, I admire his hard-working, can-do attitude. Sadly, he’s picked a bit of a barren location in my living room. There’s not a lot of action going on in that corner. I tried telling him to relocate to my kitchen, I could use some help with the ant problem in there. But

he doesn’t listen. He seems very committed to his corner of preference.

Sights and sounds from my couch — Week 6.

I’m losing my mind.

I’m talking to a spider and learning life lessons from a random earwig.

My view of life is changing as I sit idle

on my couch.

Or is that because of my dirty picture window?

I don’t know.

But can somebody come clean it for me?

Pretty please.

Anybody?

My earwig and spider friend would really appreciate it...



July Events

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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.

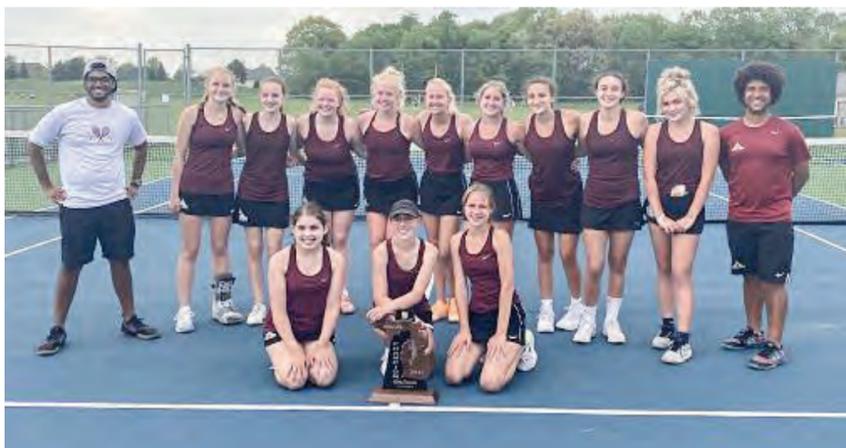
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A LOOK BACK: DEXTER'S SPRING SPORTS TEAMS ENJOYED INCREDIBLE SUCCESS AFTER GETTING SHUT DOWN LAST YEAR



Photos By Terry Jacoby

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Like every school, Dexter had to spend the spring sports season on the sideline last year. But unlike every school, the Dreadnaughts sprang into action this year with amazing success that was nothing short of, well, amazing.

Dexter's spring sports teams represented the school with pride, sportsmanship and plenty of wins, league titles and trips to the state finals. What a brilliant run for the Dreads.

Let's take a walk around the diamond, golf course, tennis court and sprint around the track and even take a dip in the pool and take a look at what these special athletes accomplished in the spring of 2021.

Water Polo

Dexter reached the championship game before losing 11-7 to defending champion and No. 1 ranked Hudsonville in the finals. Dexter knocked off Zeeland 11-6 in a quarterfinal game on Friday and then scored an 8-4 win over Grand Haven in a semifinal game.

Both Sam Sterlitz and Tony Golin were named to the All-State First Team.

Leo Varitek earned Honorable Mention honors. The three all made the All-State First Team Tournament list.

Soccer

Dexter won two District games before falling 2-1 to Skyline in the District final at Skyline. Three players - Aiden McConnell, Acadia Murphy and Brianna Rodriguez - all made the SEC All-Conference First Team. Carley Curry was named to the Second Team.

Track & Field

Dexter competed at the Division 1 State Championships at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids and brought home some impressive honors. The Dexter boys' team finished with 24 points and landed tied for seventh while the girls' team took 10th with 18 points.

In the boys' pole vault, junior Cole Sheldon was the state champion with a vault of 15 feet, 3 inches while senior Noah Schultz placed second with a vault of 14-9.

The girls also landed one-two in the pole vault. Junior Sophia Mettes was the state champion at 12-6, and her sister, senior Josie Mettes, took second at 12-3.

On the track, sophomore Cole Cabana made the finals in both the 100m and 200m. He finished fourth in the 100m with a time of 10.97 seconds and placed eighth in the 200m at 22.61.

Makenzie Stock and Abigail Van Noord (both pole vault), Conor Kolka (3200 meters), Jamie Giese (shot put) and the 4x400m relay team of Wilson Kasischke, Micah Davis, Cabana, and Nathan Gariepy also all competed in the State Finals.

Tennis

The Dreadnaughts scored 30 points to finish first at the Division 2 Regional 11 tournament held at South Lyon High School and earned a trip to the MHSAA State Finals. At Regionals, Dexter took first place in all four singles events and two of the four doubles events. They took second in the other two doubles events as Dexter reached the finals in all eight flights.

At the state finals, Dexter finished 10th out of 21 teams with eight points.

Dexter's Lindsey Wiczorek won two matches at one singles before falling in



a quarterfinal match. Emma Hodder (four singles) also reached the quarterfinals. The team of Sarah Penrose and Chloe Sprague reached the quarterfinals at two doubles.

Golf

Dexter reached the State Finals by taking the third spot at Regionals by just one stroke. The Dreadnaughts shot a team score of 670 to finish 16th overall on the challenging Forest Akers West course in East Lansing at the Lower Peninsula Division 1 State Finals. The Dreadnaughts carded a 331 on Friday and then shot 339

on Saturday.

Senior captain Jack Kolka shot a 163 (82-81) to lead the Dreadnaughts. Kolka finished 62nd in the field.

Baseball

The Dreadnaughts went 25-9-2 on the season and won the SEC White Division. Dexter lost to Howell 10-5 in a District final.

Senior Evan Krolowski, junior Cam Rosen and sophomores Brennan Parachek and Joey Tessmer were named to the All-SEC First Team. Braeden Fuson, Nathan Deleruyelle, Ethan Hochendon-

er and Cole Armedt were named Honorable Mention.

Softball

The Dreadnaughts finished the season with an impressive 27-9 record and knocked off highly ranked Howell in a District semifinal game. Dexter came within three outs of sweeping two of the top teams in the state before falling 2-1 to Hartland in the District final.

Seniors Sam Sutton, Kylee Niswonger and Livvy Mellifont all made All-SEC First Team. Junior Paige Saylor was named Honorable Mention.

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UMRC & Porter Hills Opens Newly Renovated Mackinaw Dining Room at Chelsea Retirement Community

Donors' Gift Names Gracie's Grotto Lounge



Rich and Karen Brown and the drawing behind them is of their Italian greyhound, Gracie Mae, for which Gracie's Grotto was named.



United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) & Porter Hills is delighted to announce the recent opening of the newly renovated Mackinaw Dining Room located at its historic Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC) campus. In addition to infrastructure improvements, this project includes updates to the dining room, a new patio deck with gas fireplace, and lounge space where residents can gather.

A gift from former UMRC Board member, Rich Brown and his wife, Karen, of Plymouth, Michigan, helped make the lounge area

possible, according to Wendy Brightman, President of the UMRC and Porter Hills Foundations. "This new lounge, named 'Gracie's Grotto' to commemorate their beloved Italian greyhound, Gracie, offers a beautiful and comfortable space where residents can mingle before and after their meals, play games, and enjoy snacks, sips, and socializing," said Brightman.

Rich Brown, who served on the UMRC Board from 2004 through 2019, including as board chair in 2018 and as UMRC affiliated with Porter Hills in 2019, said he and Karen were honored to help support this project. "I have great compassion for the residents and team

members of UMRC & Porter Hills," said Brown. "The concept of upgrading the dining room was appealing, especially knowing how important the dining room environment is for residents. It's part of their home, and we see it as something that adds to their comfort and enjoyment."

Regarding the new lounge, Karen Brown added, "A grotto is a warm, secluded area to relax in and to enjoy together. We hope residents will enjoy the conviviality of this space, giving them a special place to get together and socialize."

UMRC & Porter Hills Chief Project Development Officer, Kate Collins, who led the project, said, "UMRC has been serving meals

and nourishing older adults in this same part of the Chelsea Retirement Community building since it opened in 1906. Our plans for this newly renovated space included weaving in old and new, including the use of many historic photos of CRC. Because it is our residents' home, we encouraged their participation in choosing the chairs, silverware, and place settings in the new dining room."

The dining room menu has also been updated, including a signature dessert of Mackinac Island fudge in keeping with the theme of the space. Appetizers are also available in Gracie's Grotto.

"With this project, we are excited to change the whole feel of dining for our residents," said Collins. "Friendships will be created here in Gracie's Grotto. We could not

have had this scope of a project without gifts like the Browns'. These extras bring love and joy to those we serve."

To learn more about Chelsea Retirement Community or UMRC & Porter Hills, visit umrcph.com. Building on a foundation of 165 years of combined service to older adults, United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) & Porter Hills is a faith-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives. Its vision is: A world in which all are empowered to age well. Together, UMRC & Porter Hills represents the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, UMRC & Porter Hills and its affiliates com-

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The UMRC Foundation is the charitable arm for United Methodist Retirement Communities, with headquarters in Chelsea, Michigan. Since its inception in 1998, the UMRC Foundation has provided over \$18,500,000 through its Benevolent Care Fund to help UMRC residents remain in their homes when they outlive their resources. The mission of the UMRC Foundation is to promote the wellness, dignity, and independence of seniors by supporting UMRC residents, staff, and the communities UMRC serves. umrcfoundation.umrcph.com/734.433.1000

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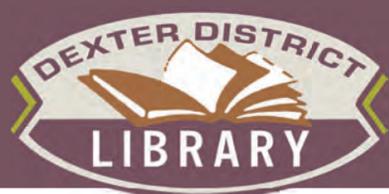
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Dexter District Library 2021 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



Animal Yoga Poses for Kids

Friday, July 16 at 11:00 am

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

Cactus Pet Rocks

Grades 5 through 12

Registration: Monday, June 14 through Monday, July 12

Pick Up: Friday, July 16 through Saturday, July 24

Life is so much better with a pet. Make this fun craft and you'll never be lonely again.

Draw Creative Creatures

Tuesday, July 20

1:00 to 2:00 pm

Grades 5 through 12

Registration is required and begins Monday, June 21.

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

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

Recommended supplies: pencil, eraser, paper

Walking Up the Food Chain

Wednesday, July 21 at 11:00

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

Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend.

Registration deadline is Sunday, July 18. Digital supplies and a Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants before Wednesday, July 21.

All Star Readers Book Club

Grades 3 – 4

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

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

Book: A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

Registration begins Thursday, June 24

Dexter Amenities Woo Ann Arbor Business



By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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A large focus and concern of Community Development manager Michelle Aniol during Covid was helping ensure local businesses could survive and the downtown remained vibrant. She worked very hard to help businesses with outdoor seating and local shops could utilize sidewalks for safer shopping. I observed her concern and hard work during the City Council meetings. I was bracing for the worst. So when I learned about a new business that appeared during the pandemic, I was happy and curious about the decision.

Last week, I spoke with James Morris, Chief Executive Officer, of Health Focus, a new company based in Dexter. I was interested in what drew him to Dexter. James explained that the company spun off from a larger organization and Covid played a big role. Health focus was entirely remote

and Dexter was more competitive than Ann Arbor, per square foot. But Dexter provided his staff and anyone attending a meeting at the office all the amenities of Ann Arbor without the headache. Anyone that has ever worked downtown Ann Arbor knows the headache; parking downtown is an expensive nightmare. Dexter provides a nice selection of restaurants and many within walking distance and parking is much easier. James explained that for himself and other employees, finishing a day in the office isn't just a quick escape home. People can meet with family and enjoy the amenities, the parks and walking trails. It is nice to close out a day with a family ice cream and a trip to the park. James explained that Dexter provides a nice work environment for employees and their families.

Given that Covid has likely created a shift in how we work and where, I asked what he thought Dex-

ter was doing to be appealing to businesses like his, in the tech industry. James explained that he lives in an area, in South Lyon, with no high speed internet. He chuckled as he explained that he is in the tech industry and could only get a cell signal to work remotely. Even though there are issues with outages, having access to high speed internet is like night and day compared to his experience working from home. He added that Dexter feels more personable and he feels like his company will have more of a presence in Dexter and he appreciates the relaxed atmosphere. It has everything Ann Arbor does, but is more of a community, of which he is eager to be a part. He stated that Dexter has done a great job of drawing a mix of businesses downtown and that was a big selling point.

I was curious about Health Focus and what it did. James stated that Health Focus is a computer software company for Dr.'s, PCP's and pediatricians primarily. It aggregates data to report to insurance companies and for state initiatives. It helps large physician organizations, like IHA, measure performance of their Doctors. Intrinsically, during the conversation, I could tell that James is happy to be a part of Dexter and looks forward to participating and taking part in the community. Health Focus is certain to be an asset to Dexter as much as Dexter is an asset to Health Focus.

EVE AND ANNIE BOUTIQUE OPENS NEW STORE DOWNTOWN



Photos Courtesy of Shop Dexter



From: Shop Dexter

More good news for Dexter as a new clothing store has just opened. The Eve and Annie Boutique has opened their 3rd store here in Dexter. Located right next door to Dexter's Pub, store owner Jenny Ryle says that a new outfit can lift your spirit and change your mood in an instant. The Eve and Annie Boutique is a blend of Australian and Michigan lifestyle, celebrating the love of lake life, beaches and entertaining. Offering the latest in fashion, you will be feeling and looking great wearing the hottest trends for the season. Whether it's grilling with friends, relaxing lakeside, brunching with the girls or hosting a party, you will be doing it in style. Shop online or instore. Stop in and check out the new store and welcome them to Dexter. Please like them here on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/theeveandannieboutique/> or visit their website: <https://theeveandannieboutique.com/>.

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