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Daniel Alabre

Introducing New BOE Member: Daniel Alabre

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I had the opportunity to get to know one of the new appointees to the Dexter Board of Education, Daniel Alabre.

Daniel spent twenty eight years in the army serving in five different countries. Upon retirement, his family was considering a move to the Ann Arbor area. Daniel said that as they

toured neighborhoods and schools, Dexter rose to the top as a place for his family to live and to enroll his children in school. Daniel and his family have lived in Dexter for six years and, "couldn't be happier with our choice of Dexter for our home." His son is a Dexter graduate and is starting college in the Fall. He has two daughters at Dexter
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New Beacon Principal Selected



Brooke Stidham, Beacon Elementary Principal

From: Dexter Community Schools
This fall, Beacon Elementary will have a new Principal. Brooke Stidham was selected
as the next leader of Beacon Elementary out of a candidate pool of over forty qualified applicants. Mrs. Stidham
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From: Justin Breyer

Every summer since 2013, local and visiting artists paint for four days in and around Dexter as part of the Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival. This year's Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival runs from Monday, August 16th to Friday, August 20th and will culminate in an online sale (in lieu of an in-person exhibit). The Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival is sponsored by the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee of Dexter. www.paintdexter.org

Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival staff is creating a list of unique properties

to help participating artists find locations and landscapes to paint during the Festival. Please visit the link below to register your property as a potential subject of a painting by one or more of the participating Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival artists. We are currently only accepting sub-

The following changes will impact Festival Patrons:

We will not be hosting an adult workshop or children's event this year either. We hope to resume those in 2022.

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New Beacon Principal Selected

► continued from page 1 brings with her an outstanding educational leadership background and a passion for kids. Mrs. Stidham has been serving as the Assistant Principal (Lead Administrator for Young 5's - 4th grade) at A2 STEAM in Ann Arbor. Prior to this role, she was the Project-Based Learning Coordinator and an elementary teacher at A2 STEAM. As a former early elementary teacher and experienced administrator, Mrs. Stidham brings a wealth of experience and skills to lead Beacon Elementary in the DCS Vision of Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and Inspire!

Brooke Stidham is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. Her references refer to her as "...a trusted leader among her peers and a credible source for best practices in literacy." Another reference stated that "She is a visionary and results oriented person. She has a natural ability to build relationships with colleagues, students, families, and community members."

Throughout a multi-round interview process that included staff, parents, and administrators, Mrs. Stidham was selected as the top candidate because of her experience leading and teaching at the early childhood level, her expertise in project-based learning, knowledge of early literacy skills, and history of community building with students, families, and staff.

According to DCS Superintendent Dr. Christopher Timmis, "When we started the search process, we were committed to adding an outstanding principal who would be able to hit the ground running and continue the positive work we're doing for ALL DCS students... Brooke Stidham is that leader! Her expertise in project-based learning, early literacy, and fostering creativity and authentic learning experiences for kids will be a benefit to Dexter students... we're fortunate to have Mrs. Stidham joining Dexter Community Schools as the leader of Beacon Elementary School."

Ryan Bruder, Ex-

ecutive Director of Instruction, stated, "Mrs. Stidham brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Beacon and the Dexter Community Schools. Her emphasis on relationships, passion for teaching and learning and thoughtful leadership style will be a perfect fit for the Beacon Community."

Mrs. Stidham, when asked about this opportunity, stated, "I am thrilled to be joining the Dexter Community Schools. I'm excited to meet the staff and students, as I've only heard wonderful things. I was drawn to Dexter for the innovative programming and the focus on supporting the whole child through social-emotional well being."

Having grown up in a small town, and with my husband being a Dexter alumnus, joining the Beacon team feels like coming home."

Mrs. Stidham officially began at Dexter Community Schools on August 4th and is preparing to meet the students, staff, and families in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year.

Introducing New BOE Member: Daniel Alabre

► continued from page 1 high School, a freshman and a junior. Daniel is currently employed as a Director for Pinkerton and his wife works with the Michigan Open initiative, which is focused on combating the Opioid epidemic in the US.

I wanted to know what made Daniel decide to try for a position on the Board of education. He explained that he is the proud product of US public schools and universities and is aware of the importance of accessibility of public education and the opportunity to build a strong foundation for students to launch themselves into the world. Daniel states: "I was very interested in Title IX questions and began attending more BOE meetings, asking questions, and educating myself on issues confronting the district." Daniel added that, "Over the past 18 months, I have served

as the community member of the DCS BOE financial committee, on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee. And have completed CBAs 102, 103, and 104."

I asked Daniel if there was anything he hopes to accomplish on the Board. If there are any changes he'd like to see or issues close to his heart that he hopes to impact. "I plan to focus on all children's education, not just those going to college. And will strive to be as inclusive as possible. As our community continues to navigate this current pandemic, the safety and wellness of our children, teachers, staff and community at large will be foremost on my mind. Awareness of and access to mental health resources is another area of focus for me. As a first generation American who grew up bi-racial in a predominantly white

school district, I believe I can offer a different perspective to the board.

The final question I had for Daniel is what special skills and talents he brings to the Board, through education or job experience. "In the course of my military career, I was honored to serve in various command staff positions, as well as an American Diplomat in five U.S. embassies. I learned the importance of hearing all positions around a topic and making decisions for the greater good. The importance of leadership by example, and making informed and unbiased decisions is what I believe I can bring to the table."

Welcome to the Board of Education Daniel Alabre, Dexter is certainly lucky you've chosen to serve by sharing your wealth of experience with the community.

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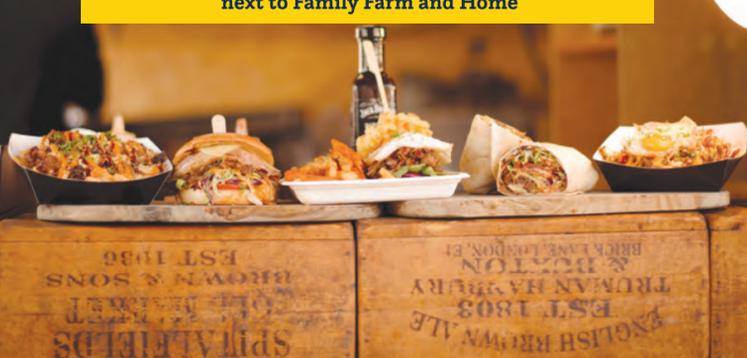
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Dexter City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Approval of meeting minutes. Jamie had a few corrections for the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Prearranged participation:

1. Ella Dunajsky Regarding Broad Street Truck Route. She lives across from the historic train station. Owned the home since 2004. Her kids went to Dexter. Ella has been involved in nonprofits and was president of Loch Alpine Association. She has a long history of being active and involved in the community. Neighbors on Broad have several concerns. Excessive speeds that

seem to be a prevalent part of Broad Street. It's called the drag strip. She has video of 2 gravel haulers rolling through a stop sign on Broad. Truckers do not put on the brakes, the downshift instead. There is only one not easily seen, speed limit sign on Broad. There are small children, residents and families living on Broad. This is a major safety concern. The Border to Border Trail has issues for bike riders in the areas. She would like a formal traffic study to be done. She is one of many and acts as a spokesperson for the neighborhood.

Approval of agenda. The agenda was ap-

proved. Communications; Meeting list is in the packet. Jamie noted that city council times should be updated once action is taken and the work session on the 23rd should be added.

Reports:
Dan Schlaff provided a two week written report. The Mayor wanted to know the status of a large tree down on Mill Creek. Dan explained that there are two trees down. Justin spoke to the Huron River Watershed Council. They will clear out portions in the creek. Gino will remove the one by the outfall. This has never been an issue

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JESS & JUDY Features Broadway's Jessica Grové

The Encore Pays Tribute to Judy Garland

August 12-14 at 7:30PM;
August 15 at 4:00pm

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

The Encore Musical Theatre Company's Back to Broadway concert series continues with Jess & Judy, an exciting evening of songs made famous by legendary singer, Judy Garland. This solo concert will star The Encore's own Broadway baby, Jessica Grové.

"Growing up, Judy Garland was an idol of mine," says Grové. "I used to spend hours up in my room listening to her music and singing along with that incredible, one-of-a-kind voice; I even wore out our VHS tape of Meet Me in St. Louis!" With this concert, she will have an entire evening to regale us with so many of Garland's hits, including The Man That Got Away, Fascinating Rhythm, Get Happy, Come Rain or Come Shine and, of course, Over the Rainbow.

Grové's Broadway credits include A Little Night Music, Thoroughly Modern Millie



(Miss Dorothy), Les Misérables (Eponine) and Stephen Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George. Like Garland, she also played the iconic role of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz — at New York City's Madison Square Garden — at one point touring alongside Judy's friend and sometime co-star, Mickey Rooney.

She is married to fellow Broadway veteran and Encore's co-founder and Artistic Director, Dan Cooney. In 2019, they moved their family full time to Dexter to

focus on The Encore's growth as a regional theatre. "I have never been more fulfilled," says Grové, noting that "we have been welcomed with such open arms by this incredible community."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: A QUICK LOOK AHEAD FOR LOCAL TEAMS IN 2021

By Terry Jacoby

There are some big changes coming in the high school sports scene when the fall season kicks off in just a few weeks. Teams began practicing this week and the return to a full schedule is bringing plenty of optimism and excitement to the gridiron.

One of the big changes locally is Dexter moving from the SEC White to the SEC Red Division in a recent realignment of schools.

The Dreadnaughts will join the three Ann Arbor schools – Huron, Pioneer and Skyline – along with Saline, Monroe, Bedford and Lincoln. The SEC White will feature Adrian, Chelsea, Jackson, Pinckney, Tecumseh and Ypsilanti.

It's never too early to talk football so let's take a look at what is coming just around the corner.

Let's kick things off with the Dreadnaughts, who will be looking to replace one of the best quarterbacks in the state the last few years (Colin Parachek) but have plenty of talent return-

ing. After four seasons of not winning a single game, Dexter has now made the playoffs three straight seasons under coach Phil Jacobs.

While the success has certainly changed the tune of Dexter football, one big item on the to-do list has yet to be checked off. The Dreadnaughts have not defeated rival Chelsea since a 16-5 victory on Oct. 6, 1995. They will get their next shot to end the losing streak on the last week of the regular season when they face the Bulldogs on Oct. 22.

Dexter has a tough schedule in 2021 and it starts off with a challenge. The Dreadnaughts will open with Birmingham Groves. The two teams will meet in the 16th Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic (XPKC) at 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27 at Tom Adams Field on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

The Dreadnaughts will face Skyline in week two before facing Bedford in week three on Sept. 10. The Kicking Mules have made five straight playoff appearances.

Last year's scheduled Bedford-Dexter game was cancelled because of COVID.

Dexter will face Lincoln on Sept. 17. These two teams have had some recent battles for the ages including a 49-43 Dexter win in 2019 and a 48-42 Dexter victory in 2018.

The Dreadnaughts will face Pioneer on Sept. 24, Huron on Oct. 1 and Monroe on Oct. 8. It's a tough finish for Dexter with powerhouse Saline on Oct. 15 and then the rivalry game with Chelsea on Oct. 22.

DEXTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2021	
Aug. 27 – vs. Birmingham Groves (Xenith Prep Kickoff Classic)	Sept. 2 – at Ann Arbor Skyline
Sept. 10 – vs. Temperance Bedford	Sept. 17 – at Ypsilanti Lincoln
Sept. 24 – at Ann Arbor Pioneer	Oct. 1 – at Ann Arbor Huron
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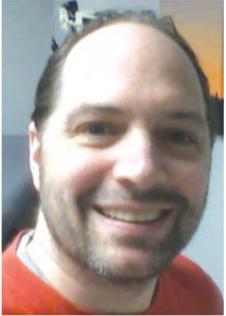
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ON THE SIDELINE: NERF BASKETBALL, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS



By Don Richter
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It's now Week 10 of my leg injury.

I can't believe it's taking my body so long to heal.

My bones used to heal so quickly when I was younger.

I remember when I was 18-years-old and a freshman in college.

I fractured my foot — normally an up-playing one-on-one Nerf basketball in my dorm room against my roommate. I wish I could say I made a sick move on one of the campus outdoor basketball courts in front of some hot codes before fracturing my foot, but, alas, it was only stepping awkwardly on my roommate's foot as I attempted to slam dunk a Nerf ball.

Not cool. It was my first week of college.

I didn't even know my RA's (Resident Assistant, better known as the dorm floor boss

— normally an up-perclassman) name.

Funny thing is, my RA my freshman year later would become a somewhat prominent, high-ranking Ann Arbor police officer. I saw him randomly once years later when I was covering a high school football game at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School back in the day. As I walked by, we met eyes and nodded to each other. I didn't really know him that well in college, he was only my RA that first year, but we both recognized each other's faces somehow. I said,

"Hi, how's it going, man?" He responded, "Good, good. I see your foot has healed."

I just laughed and continued on my way.

How did he remember that incident so long ago?

The day I fractured my foot playing Nerf basketball, that RA (now that high-ranking Ann Arbor police officer), who didn't even know me, drove me downtown to a hospital emergency room, helped me get checked in and stayed with me the entire time as doctors took x-rays and fitted my foot with a cast. It was

late at night by the time we got back to the dorm.

I never forgot his kindness and care. Especially since I was a freshman in college and it was my first week at school. I also knew nobody who had a car and I was a long way from my hometown.

After that night, we never really spoke much, except for polite hellos and head nods as we passed each other in the dorm lobby or cafeteria or down a random hallway.

Once my foot healed, we both

played together on our dorm floor football and basketball teams, but that was the extent of our social interaction. After the school year ended, I never saw him again.

I always remembered his name, though. And every now and again I'd see his name in the Ann Arbor newspaper being quoted regarding some police matter or event. I wondered if it was my RA from freshman year.

Seeing him at the high school football game in his police uniform, looking **continued on page 10**

Dexter City Council Meeting

➤ continued from page 4 in the past 30 years. But in the future it will continue to happen. Dan feels there needs to be a bigger gate and access back there. The particle removal of the invasive species on the path has really improved the visibility. Dan explained that Justin was the one that got it resolved.

Michelle Aniol; Michelle has no verbal updates. But gave the Council the chance to ask questions about her report in the packet. Paul noted that there was no site address on a portion. 7394 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd next to Morningstar. Zach wondered if Millenium Place has a rooftop patio. They do not.

Justin Breyer; Dand and I set up a date for Jamie to do a facilities tour. The Pathways initiative announced a soft opening of their website. Working on additional grant funding under the American Rescue Act. Michelle and Justin will be working on those grants.

Mayor's Report; Will be meeting with Mike Penn. The meeting will hopefully be scheduled for the week of the 18th. Some interest in next steps for 3045 Broad. The DDA agreed to buy the property in 2008. Closed in 2012. Due diligence, discov-

ered contaminated soil, negotiated the purchase price down. The initial goal was to sell. There was zero interest in the property. DDA bought the property across the street. There were a couple attempts to create a vision for the property. There are other people asking questions about the property. Paul noted that we also own the empty gravel parking lot. The Mayor wrapped up by saying he thought the workshop was a good start and productive.

J. Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business- Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of Conflict of Interest Ordinance. The requested action is to select an ordinance with or without edits. Jamie suggested advancing the ordinance on page 63 of the packet. Zach seconded. Zach noted that this feels bigger than some people are comfortable with. Zach likes that it addresses potential grey areas. He also likes the ethics board. Jamie wanted to know if any of the discussion at the Dexter Forum would be relevant to discuss. The selection of the version will go in front of the city attorney prior to bringing it before a public hearing. Donna

would like something that would define the ability to do community service without a conflict. Donna noted that this version is not her favorite, but she will wait to hear from the public. The motion carried.

New Business- Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of Resolution for New On-Premise Club Liquor License for Encore Theatre. Paul Cousins made the motion. Jamie wanted to clarify that it is a motion to recommend. Michelle asked if any conditions would be added. There is not a specific time element during the discussion of rezoning. Donna wanted to know if there should be anything included in this. Just be sure no alcoholic beverages are outside. Donna wondered if there is any advantage to postpone until after Michelle meets with people. For a club license the liquor control has very strict rules. It won't hurt to define the hours. The hours can be defined at several points so it is not urgent. Paul and Donna would like to just deal with it now. Condition one that concessions are open an hour before, after and during intermission. Wa has dealt with this through

the performance network. The after will not be used unless it is an opening night reception. The hour was outlined by the Encore. Zach suggested making it an hour and a half for an opening night. An additional condition of no alcohol outside of the building. The motion passed.

2. Consideration of Urban Wireless Solutions Contract. There are two potential actions. Permit or not permit Mr. Weber to continue to be involved with consulting. Michelle thinks the two apps from Verizon are just the tip of the iceberg. Zach suggested that maybe allow for up to a year and he made the motion. Jamie seconded to continue discussion. Zach is comfortable with some continued research while staff develops competence. The issue is Mr. Weber works with Telecad. Jamie was noting the conflict ordinance and trying to follow it as if it has passed to err on the side of caution. The mayor does not feel that it is a conflict. The mayor noted that disclosure and transparency is important. Mr. Weber has done both. His interaction with Telecad is in other states, not Michigan. Sanam noted that one year with technology is not enough. Sanam would like to extend the one year to two years or revisit the relationship if something changes. Jamie

is not comfortable with a friendly amendment. The original motion was amended to remove the timeline. The motion passed. Mr. Weber will continue to consult for the city.

3. Consideration of 3515 Broad Street Third Amendment to the Purchase Agreement.

Zach made the motion and Cousins seconded. The closing date is set for Wed at 2pm. Phase 2 ASTI provided an update. High TCE and arsenic, 90 and 60 ft away from the building. Arsenic is below testing limits. ASTI was recommending air quality testing. The sellers reduced purchase price to cover more testing and put money in escrow for remediation. The motion passed.

4. Potential City Council Discussion Topics Timeline; Justin explained that a timeline was discussed for a fire station timeline. There are a number of other topics that should be discussed in a timely manner. Justin put together a rough draft of how the topic can be addressed without extra work sessions. Jamie loved this and does not have suggestions. She would like it included in Justin's packet so the Council can continue to have a timeline of topics to address. Jamie would like to make certain that public comment is included in this fiscal year.

5. Discussion of Guidance document for In-Person Meet-

ings. Justin discussed a few options in person. Through December 31 hybrid meetings can be held and members can continue to participate remotely. Justin would like to know what the Council's expectations for CoronaVirus mitigation measures are? Masks, temps at the door? The mask requirement for everyone unless you provide a copy of your vaccine card. Donna agrees that everyone should be in a mask. Everyone feels that changes are still coming. U of M and the City of Ann Arbor are back to being fully masked.

6. Consideration of Traffic Control Order Policy. Jamie requested some clarification on some of the wording and consistency. The motion carried.

Council Comments; Jamie Griffin thanked Ms. Dunajsky for her input. Wa wishes Sanam well with the birth of her child. Sanam was happy she lasted throughout the meeting but will likely miss the August 23rd meeting. Donna agrees with Jamie and feels there needs to be a look at a dramatic change. She does not want to be on the committee again. There is a lot to think about on the topic. Enforcement out there is needed in the short term because this won't change overnight. It's a big issue to untangle.

The meeting adjourned.

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DAHS 50th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, September 10th, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Historical Society with a fundraiser party at Gordon Hall with a little history, dancing

and snacks! Many DAHS Board members past and present will attend along with all of our great supporters. Come and be part of the celebration!

Come early at 6 pm to have a guided tour through Gordon Hall and then join the party.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at our web-

site: DexterHistory.org, call 734-395-4106 or at our booth during Dexter Daze on August 13th & 14th.

Dexter Community Schools Update

Dear DCS Families, Students, and Staff,

We are so excited to see summer activities with our students around our campus, athletics and fall activities ramping up. We are looking forward to having your children in our buildings in person every day starting on Tuesday, September 7th.

Our staff has been working hard over the summer to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. We are reviewing guidance and recommendations from health experts. In the past few weeks, we've received updated guidance from the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics; we received MDHHS guidance yesterday and met with the Washtenaw County Health Department today. It is important for us, as educators, to consult health professionals in order to keep our students, staff, and families safe while meeting our goal of having our students in school, in-person, every day this school year. We will provide a virtual option for those

students requesting to work remotely, as we've done for nearly a decade using a combination of Lincoln Learning and Michigan Virtual. DCS teachers will be, for the most part, in buildings with in-person students and we will not be zooming into classrooms.

Masks will be required on all school buses per federal requirements. Further information regarding mask requirements is included below.

Spacing and physical distancing: Mitigation strategy recommendations from MDHHS, CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the local health department have significantly changed from last school year. All mitigation strategies are related to "indoor" activities and no longer require 6' distancing in all areas. Last spring, we aimed for 3' distancing in our classrooms. As a result, we do not intend to plan for 6' spacing for all students at lunches this school year.

Quarantine Requirements for this

Fall: After meeting with the Washtenaw County Health Department, we feel it is important to share this information pertaining to quarantines this school year. Please note that the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) has the authority to quarantine students and has been following this same system for outbreaks of other infectious diseases like pertussis or chickenpox. Today, the WCHD shared that with athletics and other student activities, the following quarantine practices will be applied:

• **For outdoor sports** - (masks for athletes are not and will not be required to participate). In the case of a "close contact" to a positive COVID-19 case, teammates and opposing teams will not be quarantined as they were last year. Only narrowly defined cases would be quarantined if the students are unvaccinated.

• **For indoor sports** - (masks for athletes are not and will not be required to par-

ticipate). In the case of a "close contact" to a positive COVID-19 case, all unvaccinated teammates will be quarantined for 10 days. Vaccinated teammates will not be quarantined unless symptoms develop.

• **In short - if our students who participate in athletics and other activities (band, drama, etc) are vaccinated, they will not be quarantined or miss parts of the season or activity. The only exception would be in a case where the vaccinated student tested positive for COVID-19 or was symptomatic.**

• Currently, somewhere between 70%-90% of all residents 16 and older in 48130 are vaccinated.

DreadStrong Summer, Full Day and Extension Camp Dexter - students and staff will be strongly recommended to wear masks starting on Monday, August 9th.

Plans Regarding Masks for School starting September 7th: Our team is still evaluating the differ-

ent recommendations from health professionals and will be holding a community input session on Monday, August 16th (in the evening with time TBD) to share our plan options and to gain input from our families. The WCHD is sharing information with us that we are hoping will be finalized for the public sometime early next week that ties recommendations to the level of community spread. For example, The CDC has four levels of community spread (Low, Moderate, Substantial, and High/Extensive). Recommendations for masking are being shared with us based on the level of community spread. Washtenaw County was recently at the Moderate level of Spread until yesterday where we moved to Substantial Spread.

Our timeline for a final plan is as follows:

• **Monday, August 16th** - Community Input Session (evening; time to be announced next week). The session will be held via zoom so all families can participate.

• **Thursday, August 19th** - Final plans for the September 7th school year start will be shared. Parents may request a full virtual option after the mitigation strategy plans are released so they can make an informed decision.

Around August 23rd - Class lists, team placements (Mill Creek), and DHS schedules will be sent via email. We will not be mailing these lists this year due to the tight timeline and delayed postal service.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. We are committed to open and honest communication with our families and thank you for your trust in DCS. Please plan to join us on the evening of Monday, August 16th via Zoom to hear the plan options and to provide input. The time and link to join will be posted on the district calendar as soon as plans are finalized.

Take care and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,
Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent

Dexter Daze Fireworks

Presented by
Dexter American Legion Post 557
8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter

August 13th

Fireworks start at 10:00pm

Medicine Men Band
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Bounce House, Cow Train Ride, Children's Games
1:00pm to 9:00pm

\$5.00 Meal Deal
Hot dog, chips, and a soft drink
August 13 1:00pm to 8:00pm
August 14 11:00am to 5:00pm

AUGUST EVENTS



August Enrollment Special
August 1-31 (CHE/DEX/STK)
Join Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers in August with no enrollment fee and \$50 in FitFunds per membership. Join Stockbridge Wellness Center in August with no enrollment fee and 50% off September dues!

The 50 States Challenge
August 2-September 15 (CHE)
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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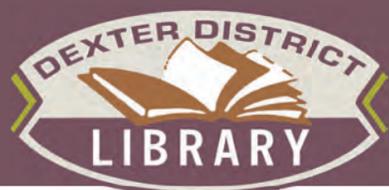
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Dexter District Library 2021 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



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

Schedule of Events
AUGUST 13 & 14
 Monument Park Down Town 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
 12pm Eric the Juggler

Saturday at the Gazebo
 10am Parade
 12pm Colors the Clown
 2:30pm From Grace Quintet
 7pm Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop

Saturday in the Park
 2pm Top Hat Performers
 11am-6pm Kids Train

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Classic Rock & Pop performing on Saturday.
 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

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 KKCreations
 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

ON THE SIDELINE: NERF BASKETBALL, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS

► continued from page 6 all important and in charge, I knew he must have been the guy whose name I recognized in the paper all those years. I figured he must've been my freshman RA. I was surprised

he remembered me. It had been almost 30 years since he drove me to the emergency room that night. I recognized his face, though older, and more than anything, I recognized his voice. It was a very

distinctive, low, baritone-type deep voice. He could've made an excellent, late-night disc jockey. As the football game ended and I was leaving the field, I saw him in the distance. He was standing with

a couple other police officers. I waved. He gave a wave back. I yelled, "Thanks for helping me out that night." He yelled back in that deep, booming voice and gave me a big, toothy smile, his arms stretched out on

either side, "It's what I do." We both laughed. I recently read he retired from the police force after a long and distinguished career. How can that be? It seems like yes-

terday we were both in college and he was driving me in his beat up, rusted out Volkswagen to the emergency room. How time flies. Sometimes I wish it would slow down...