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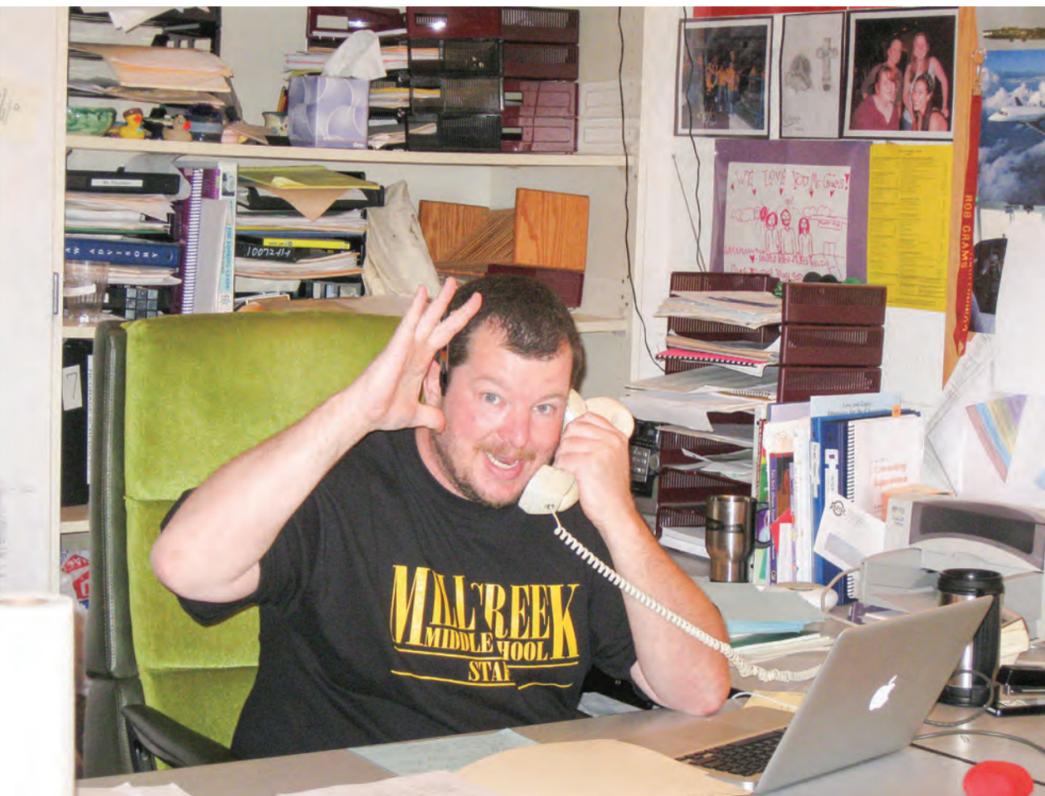


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Dexter Schools Mourn the loss of Beloved Counselor Rob Grams



Beloved Counselor at Mill Creek Middle School, Robert Grams.

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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"There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in your own way."- Christopher Morely

Rob's brother Marc, let me know that Rob had a plaque with that quote in his house. He also explained to me that the underlying theme of his brother's life was that he always did what he believed was right whether it made him popular or

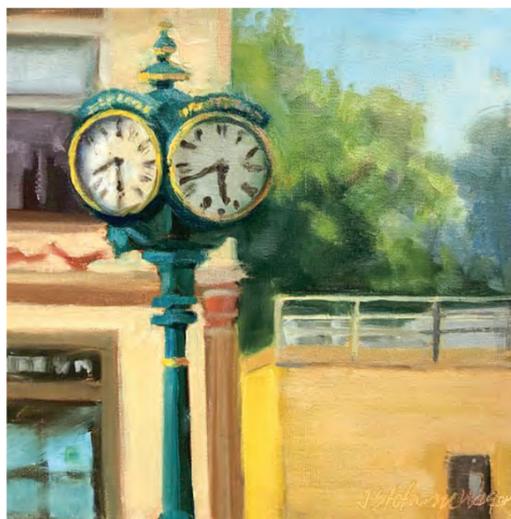
unpopular. Judging from the reaction of his coworkers and the community, it made him adored. He was the embodiment of the quote he kept in his house.

I learned through interviews that Rob enjoyed aviation, motorcycles, and was able to play several instruments. His brother shed some light on his life outside of school. Rob was a part of the FAAC Team and he vol-

unteered for air shows. He was a captain in the Civil Air Patrol, which is a volunteer organization that, according to civilairpatrol.com is, "at total force partner and auxiliary of the U.S. AirForce," and is there to "search for the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe." He was also a volunteer with Wings of Mercy, which provides transporta-

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Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival 2020



Photos By Jill Stefani Wagner

By Charla Hamilton
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This year's Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival was held August 17 through August 21. Pictured are some of the paintings available for purchase this year. The paintings were posted for online sale the week of August 24th. The online sale took place through the Arts Alliance's Creative Washtenaw Marketplace platform.

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Important Announcement from Dexter Creamery!



Last Day of 2020 Season November 15

Photo Courtesy of Dexter Creamery

2020 has been full of firsts and has had an unprecedented number of unique challenges. As summer starts winding down and we look toward Fall and Winter Dexter Creamery has been evaluating our options for the remainder of the year. During the Winter months Dexter Creamery becomes a destination for gingerbread house building, birthday parties, youth group events, friend and family meetups and so many more social activities. We do not feel like we can safely host these events in our small dining room this year.

Since COVID hit we have had to make substantial adjustments to the way we do business. We transitioned from self-service to full, added online ordering and

delivery, increased our cleaning regimen, and have rigorous monitoring of the health of our staff. As many of you are aware we still have not reopened our dining room, this is because we do not feel like we can protect you our customers and our employees safely with having unmasked visitors eating while people are in line less than six feet from them.

With all of that being said the Jones' family also welcomed the birth of a new baby boy Elliot in the middle of this madness back in June. We are all ready for a break and do not see a clear path through the Winter months to provide the same services we have traditionally provided the community.

We will be closing for the Winter on November 15 and re-

opening sometime in February or March. We realize this is still several months away but did not want to catch anyone by surprise and wanted to give our employees ample time as well to make plans.

As school begins, we will also gradually be scaling our hours back so we can focus on the education of our children and allow our employees to do the same.

Thank you all for your tremendous support through 2020! We hope we have helped bring some brightness to your year and we hope to bring even more for the remaining three months of our 2020 season.

Sincerely,
Chris and Janine Jones

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Dear Tracy,
I am about to put my home on the market and live in the Ann Arbor area. How long does this process take and what is involved? Approximately when should I plan on moving?

Donna C.

Dear Donna,
According the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors MLS, since July 1st, the average time on market for a

residential property is 32 days. What does that mean? If you put your home on the market today, you could receive an acceptable offer in about a month. There are many variables that can affect the timing. Is your home beautifully updated? If so, it could sell faster. If you have a higher priced luxury home, it might take 2 - 4+ months to find a buyer, according to the average statistics in the Washtenaw County

market.

Once you have an accepted offer, plan on closing in about 5 - 6 weeks.

Here are some of the items that will happen and approximate time to complete:

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tion to distant medical
facilities for patients
who cannot afford to

fly. If that isn't amaz-
ing enough, I learned
his impact on the dis-
trict was profound.

Teacher David
Sinopoli stated (he),
"Truly was a gem and
a gift for our build-

ing- students and staff.
A force of power for
all students no mat-
ter their background
or identity. He got
students and created
a sense of openness
and transparency." I
learned through mul-
tiple people that Rob
was a great listener and
knew the perfect way
to provide input.

Mill Creek prin-
cipal Jami Bronson
added that he was a
great listener, thinker
and had the admira-
tion and respect of the
staff. He guided staff.
He truly saw ways to
help every child and
helped the staff do the
same. David Sinopoli
reiterated the fact by
explaining that he did
more than advocate for
students. He showed
teachers how teaching
affects students, thus
impacting the entire
building. He also had
a way of understanding
a student's strengths
and helping them
evolve into leaders. His
presence did not just
impact students, he
mentored and did the
same for teachers and
administration as well.

Some of the things
Rob worked to culti-
vate within the school:
Rob led and helped
start a crisis team. In

the event of a commu-
nity, school, or nation-
al crisis, Rob helped
lead staff to help chil-
dren cope. David stat-
ed sadly, we need him
to help cope with los-
ing him.

Rob was also active
in creating a safe space
for the LGBTQ commu-
nity, staff, and stu-
dents. He made sure
people addressed oth-
ers with the pronouns
with which people felt
most comfortable.

Rob fought to re-
duce the stigma of
mental illness by cre-
ating, in conjunction
with the University of
Michigan, a peer to
peer depression group.

At one point, Rob
had over one hundred
children participat-
ing in an anti-bullying
group. His work didn't
just help students over-
come challenges, he
taught students to lead
and help others.

At one point Rob
was asked how he
wants to be remem-
bered as an educator.
He answered, "kind,
warm, nurturing, in-
spirational, motivat-
ing, healing." He ad-
ded, " helping people
achieve their full po-
tential."

Judging from the
response from the

community, when
his passing was an-
nounced. That is ex-
actly what he did in
life. A few of the many
comments of sadness
and grief encapsulated
the profound impact
his life had. "My fam-
ily is better because
of him. He will be re-
membered." "When I
think of Rob, I think of
the thousands of kids
he helped and the tools
he gave to families in
difficult times. He will
be missed."

To the families
wanting to honor Rob's
memory, Rob's brother
Marc suggested a do-
nation in Rob's name
to the charity you think
he would support and
appreciate. He sug-
gested anything that
would support local
kids in the community,
be it a music program
or a local program that
provides services to
youth.

In honor of Rob's
commitment to the
mental health of the
community: If you are
a teen or youth strug-
gling right now, con-
tact the Ozone House
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Dexter Cider Mill Opening for Season



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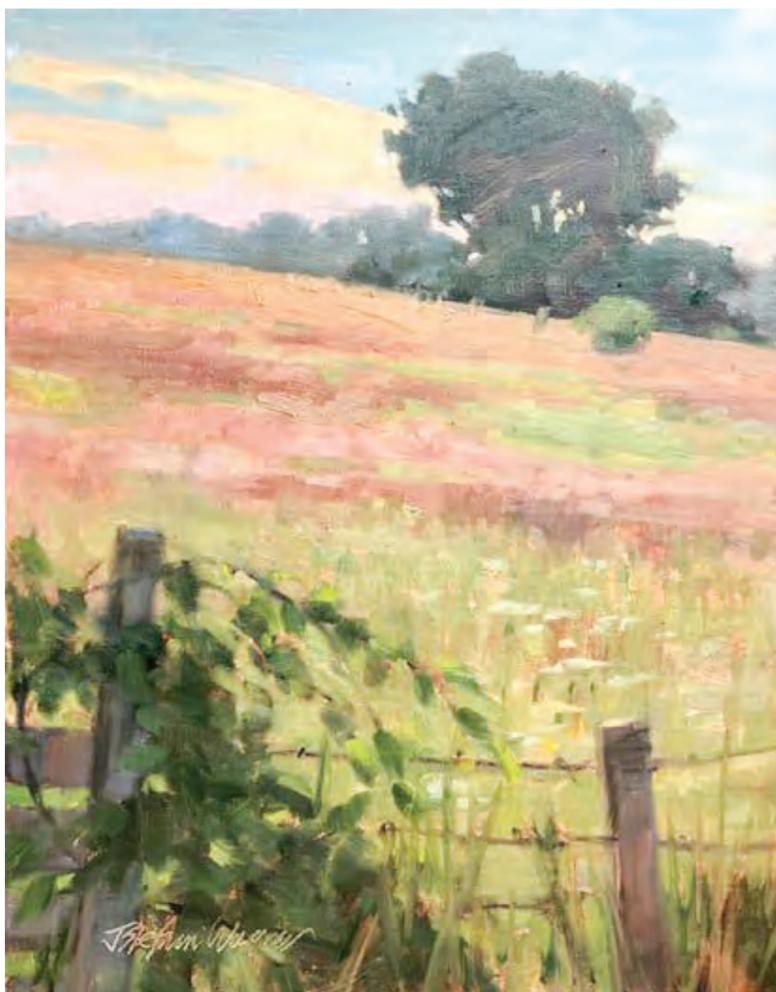
From Shop Dexter
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5pm. For updates you can follow them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/dextercidermill/>.



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Savings in Dexter

Featured Listing of the Week

Chelsea Schools
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Girls Varsity Cross Country

9/15/20 5:00pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/19/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/25/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents



Boys Varsity Cross Country

9/15/20 4:30pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/19/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/25/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

8/31/20 5:30pm (H) vs Pioneer HS
9/2/20 5:30pm (H) vs Saline HS



Girls Varsity Golf

8/31/20 3:00pm (H) vs Multiple Opponents
9/2/20 3:00pm (A) vs Tecumseh HS
9/9/20 3:00pm (A) vs Multiple Opponents



Girls Varsity Swimming

9/10/20 6:00pm (H) vs Jackson HS
9/17/20 6:00pm (A) vs Adrian HS
9/24/20 6:00pm (A) vs Tecumseh HS



Boys Varsity Tennis

9/3/20 4:00pm (H) vs Adrian HS
9/10/20 4:00pm (H) vs Tecumseh HS



Girls Varsity Volleyball

8/29/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/4/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents

ON THE SIDELINE: EVERYDAY NONSENSE, MIDDLE AGE AND GOOSE LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL



By Don Richter
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When one reaches a certain age, one tends to think one has seen it all, heard it all and knows it all. And no, I'm not talking about adolescent teenager or recent college graduate age -- I was once both, so I'm guilty.

I'm talking about middle age. The age where I currently find myself.

You know the age. It's when you're always tired. It's when everyone but you is a terrible driver. It's when you



The giant slide at Goose Lake Music Festival was a popular attraction. It's said part of the slide still remains to this day at Goose Lake.

struggle to bend over and tie your shoes. And it's when you are fed up with the nonsense of everyday life.

When you're young and just starting out as an adult, the everyday nonsense is new. By the time you're in your 40s and 50s, it's just the same old "you know what," but a different day.

The pizza guy on

the other end of the telephone conversation? Hangs up without saying thank you or goodbye. Different day, different year, same old everyday nonsense. Every year I laughably think I'll get a "thank you for calling, sir, we appreciate your business, your pizza should be there in 45 minutes or so, goodbye, "click"." Nope. Never. Same old

nonsense.

My cable TV bill going up in price inexplicably every few months or so. Service fees? Maintenance fees? Huh? What? Sixteen dollars for that "service?" Really? Different year, same old everyday nonsense.

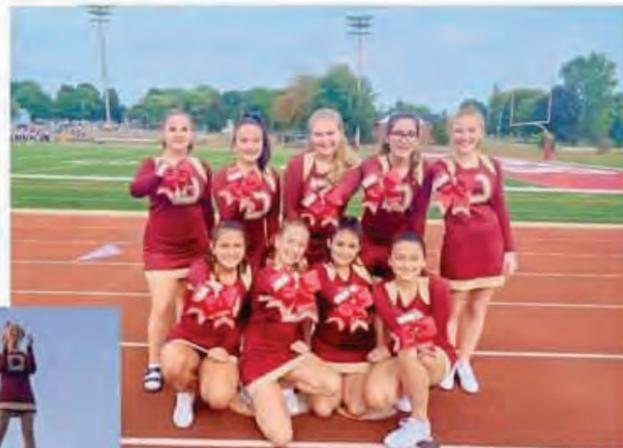
My vehicle reaching 100,000 miles? Commence crack in the oil pan. "That'll be \$500, Mr. Richter." Unexpected broken water pump? Come on down -- the price is right. "Two-hundred bucks to tow it back to my town?" Wait, what? Why does my vehicle need a drink of water? "Do you have a rich uncle, Mr. Richter?" Four new tires? "That'll be \$400, sucker, err, I mean, sir." Different year, different vehicle, same old everyday

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Middle School Sideline Cheer

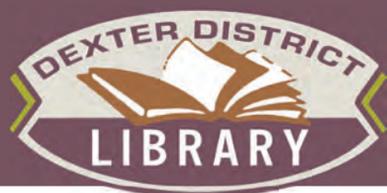
Practices begin August 17, Mon-Thu, 6:00-8:30p, Location: Al Ritt Field
Beginning Sept 8, Mon-Thu, 3:15-5:30, Location: TBA
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Dexter District Library 2020 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Kids Mystery Craft Bag Curbside Giveaway

We are currently giving out free craft bags for kids to any adult. All you need to do is call the Library from the parking lot and tell us how many craft bags you would like. The limit is three per family. There's a variety of crafts at a variety of age levels in each bag. We will hand them out until supplies run out.

Curbside Service Hours Expanded (7/13/2020)

We are happy to announce that curbside pickup hours have been expanded and are

now:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Library Closure FAQ (updated 6/15/2020)

• We are happy to report the Library continues to be on track to resume services, beginning Monday, June 15. We are completing our staff safety training and are getting caught up with the backlog caused by the rapid COVID-19 shutdown in March. The Library's outside materials return boxes are open on an ongoing basis. There is no rush to return materials. Returns will be placed in quarantine for over 72 hours and we will continue to waive all overdue fines. Return boxes will be open continuously. If you have returned materials and the items still appear on your account, please wait four to five days before contacting us. The materials will be checked in after quarantine is complete. We look forward to resuming our curbside pickup of materials on Monday, June 15. Pickup will be available between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19. Materials on hold from before the shutdown will be available for pickup through June 23. New requests will be processed on an ongoing basis. We will have some catching up to do in this area as well. Currently, there are around 700 items we will need to locate and pull for patrons.

As we move forward, using the Library's catalog to request items will be the most efficient way to get exactly what you want. The Library also has a curbside request form, located at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/curbside>. This form will allow you to request both specific and general items, which will be pulled and processed by staff. When items are ready for pick up, patrons will be notified by either text message or e-mail. The curbside form will be available on our web site beginning Monday, June 15 at 11:00 am.

During our curbside hours, we ask that individuals call the Library when you arrive in our parking lot. At that time, a staff member will get your account information, retrieve your items from our hold shelf and check them out to your card. The Library will have our small, blue tent shelter set up at the edge of the parking lot. Staff will bring your items to a drop off table. We ask everyone to observe appropriate social distancing measures during the transfer. Once you pick up your items from the table, you can be on your way.

Full access to all shared catalog member library holdings will continue to expand on a rolling basis. Because we have 50 libraries in the shared catalog, many will be restoring their services on various schedules. Each library will have the discretion of when to restore interlibrary loan service to the rest of the membership. When placing a hold for an item Dexter does not own, but shows as available at another library, you may get the message that the hold cannot be placed. This just means any copies reside at libraries which have not fully restored interlibrary loan. Please make a note of the title and try again after a week or so.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future. Be well.

• In a surprise announcement, Governor Whitmer relaxed many of the business restrictions that had been in place since the start of the pandemic in Michigan. The staff of the Library appreciate your patience during this difficult time and we look forward to resuming service. The majority of staff have not been allowed in the library since mid-March. We will take some time to prepare our staff to resume providing services and clear the backlogged work. Staff training for distancing in the work environment, cleaning, new workflow patterns and handling materials is required by State Executive Order. Beginning Monday, June 8 our parking lot drop boxes will be unlocked to accept returned materials. Returned materials will be quarantined for a period of three days. No fines will be assessed while we continue to quarantine materials. Our curbside service will resume Monday, June 15. For the week of June 15, the Library will provide curbside service between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We will close on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 and assess how the week went. Adjustments to service hours will follow. As with everything related to the pandemic, dates may be subject to change based on State-level directives. We will continue to monitor public health conditions and make adjustments, including reopening the building for access, as conditions improve. Our Pandemic Response Plan can be found on our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/about/library-policies/>. We have missed seeing all our patrons and hope you have remained healthy and well during this time. We look forward to serving you soon.

• Just ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, Governor Whitmer issued a new Executive Order (EO 2020-96) which extended statewide 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' orders through June 12. In issuing this order ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, the Governor did relax some restrictions on areas in northern Michigan and for certain types of businesses. However, the order continues prohibitions on providing all but critical, government in-person services (Section VII.) This even applies to areas of the State which have seen relaxation of commerce. Unfortunately, the order precludes the Library from providing any direct, in-person services. According to the State's MI Safe Start Plan, Michigan has been divided into eight regions, which will be monitored for COVID-19 progression. Washtenaw County falls into Region 1, along with the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Saint Clair and Wayne counties. Due to the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in Wayne County, it is expected that our region will see restrictions on movement and service continue to be tighter than other regions of the State. The Library continues to prepare a reopening plan to ensure that when restrictions are lifted, we will be able to resume lending materials in a manner that is safe for both our staff and the general public.

• On May 7, 2020, Governor Whitmer extended the statewide "Stay Home" order by issuing Executive Order 2020-77. This order continues closure of public libraries through May 28 and provides more consistency with previous Executive Orders (see below.) With the current order, the Library is not allowed to bring staff back into the Library to prepare to restore services. As we move forward through this crisis, we continue to monitor our options. The Library's drop boxes remain closed and we still cannot accept donations of materials. We continue to work with the staff at our library cooperative (The Library Network) to adjust due dates for items previously borrowed as well as extend borrower card expiration dates. Rest assured, no fines will accrue for the duration of this crisis. The Library will follow the State's MI Safe Start Plan and restore some form of in-person services when possible. We continue to expand our digital services and have increased borrowing limits for our hoopla and Kanopy services. If you do not have a Dexter District Library borrower's card, our online application process is quick, easy and can get you started borrowing materials while sheltering. On behalf of the staff and Board, we hope you and your family remain healthy and well.

• On April 24, Governor Whitmer extended the 'Stay Home' order with Executive Order 2020-59, which allowed some restoration of business activities. While there was a curbside service caveat for some businesses, the order was reviewed by the Library's attorney along with the Library of Michigan legal staff. Their interpretation of the order was that Section 6, outlining limitations on governmental activities, precluded resumption of any in-person service by public libraries to the general public. This requires our current posture of being closed to the public and relying on digital services to continue through May 15. We continue to prepare for the time when we can resume services. While we do not know for certain what form that will take, the Library is developing several scenarios to adapt to environmental conditions and provide a safe experience for the public as well as safe working conditions for our staff. Please continue to monitor our website for new information as it becomes available.

• If you returned any Library items between Friday, 3/13/2020 and early Wednesday AM, 3/18/2020 – those items have been placed in a quarantine and will continue to show on your account until they've been checked back in.

These same items may be showing as overdue, lost or as fines on your account. You will not be fined for any items returned during this period. All of the fines will be erased when the items get checked in.

• Our outdoor return boxes are now locked. Please keep all materials at home for the time being. No overdue fines will be assessed during this period.

• All library cards that had recently expired or were going to expire soon have had expiration dates extended.

• Don't have a library card? Click here to apply for one.

• Online registration is only available to residents of the Dexter School District. If you reside outside our service area, please check with your home library about getting a card.

• The Wi-Fi signal at the Library is available 24/7. Most devices get a strong signal in our parking lot and (when the weather is nice) for the benches along Alpine Street as well as the terrace area in Mill Creek Park North.

Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Neighborhood Groundbreaking Ceremony for New DeerRidge Villas Project

The DeerRidge Villas will add sixteen (16) new condo-style homes to Silver Maples' vibrant community in Chelsea



From Christina Kim

There was a buzz in the air around Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Neighborhood on the morning of Thursday, August 13 as a small group gathered to commemorate the groundbreaking of the new DeerRidge Villas.

The DeerRidge Villas, a project nearly a decade in the making, will add 16 villas to Silver Maples Retirement

Neighborhood. Leading up to Thursday's groundbreaking was a land swap between Silver Maples and St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital, allowing the villas to be built on land contiguous to Silver Maples' campus.

Due to social distancing guidelines, attendees at the groundbreaking were kept to a minimum. Featured guests include the Silver Maples Resident Council, Board of Directors, Leadership Team, and one of Silver Maples "Original Residents" who joined the neighborhood in its first year.

Following a solo violin rendition of America the Beautiful by recent CHS grad Thomas Kennings, Silver Maples Executive Director & CEO Julie Deppner welcomed the attendees and gave a bit of background on the DeerRidge expansion. "This project had been the vision of our board for a very long time. They knew... the

baby boomer generation was inching closer to retirement, and Chelsea, Michigan, specifically Silver Maples had become a prime destination."

Will Johnson, former CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital and one of Silver Maples' "Founding Fathers" shared a brief overview of the inspiration for Silver Maples and the path from initial idea to the 1996 groundbreaking ceremony.

Board Chair Sally DeVol took the audience through the more recent steps toward the DeerRidge expansion.

The board knew that there was market research (and a waitlist) indicating demand for more villa-style housing; they even had the land. The challenge, of course, was that this land was non-contiguous. "Five years ago, Julie came on board and at that time the board thought 'what a great opportunity to make our dream a reality.' Julie got to work and through dialogue and collaboration with a couple of our partners in getting this done -- Silver Maples along with St. Joe's Mercy Chelsea Hospital, St. Mary's Church, and IHA... we are standing here today ready to embark on this beautiful project. We have all of them to thank."

Additionally, Andy Shmina of AZ Shmina

Construction Company and Jan Culberson of A3C Collaborative Architecture talked through the next steps of the project. Though Covid-19 meant planning took a different form, through Zoom meetings and emails, designs were finalized and the project is still set to be complete by summer 2021.

The short program closed with ceremonial shoveling done by the board, leadership team, and resident council. "There is such a high demand for independent senior living in our area and our new DeerRidge Villas will complement the current living options at Silver Maples of Chelsea," says Deppner. "We are excited to bring in new residents who are active, vibrant and independent. The project is a wonderful addition to Silver Maples and the entire Chelsea community!" Visit the Silver Maples Facebook page to see additional photos from the event.

August 24th City Council Meeting

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The August 24th City Council meeting featured a brief agenda and some familiar topics. The focus of this meeting was the work the City Manager and Community Development manager are doing to address the needs of businesses during a pandemic. The sale of the 7651 Dan Hoey Rd. property to Avalon Housing was also discussed.

The meeting opened with the approval of minutes, no pre-arranged participation, and the approval of the agenda. There were no public hearings scheduled. So the floor was

opened to non-arranged participation.

Jamie Griffen, treasurer of Dexter citizens for Responsible Government, was first to speak. She wanted to directly address an item listed under new business. Resolution Regarding Submitted Petitions Seeking Repeal or Referendum of Ordinance #2020-04, Land Sale Ordinance-7651 Dan Hoey Road. Jamie pointed out that the Dexter Charter provides no time frame for a referendum before an ordinance becomes effective. She stated that between the vote and the close of the land sale, there were seven days to protest via referendum.

Ryan Henyard spoke

next. He stated that the proposed resolution and ballot language are deceitful. He feels it's vindictive and ties the hand of city leadership for future land sale. He did not like Jamie's patronizing tone, and noted that when he tries to



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identify who is pushing this, it's the same two people, not the community.

Mike Penn and his neighbor spoke next, requesting that allies be vacated between broad and fourth to create a better use of the land

and form a contiguous piece of property.

Wendy Carty Saxton of Avalon Housing spoke next regarding the discussion on the agenda. She stated that the property sale was closed and the deed signed. A

seller can't change its mind and take property back. Banks have liens on the property.

Todd Austin spoke and agreed with Ryan Henyard. He stated the council has been transparent with the process

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MHSAA COUNCIL AUTHORIZES COMPETITION IN VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, SWIMMING & DIVING WHERE ALLOWED; ALSO ADDS OFFSEASON CONTACT DAYS FOR FOOTBALL AND ALL SPRING SPORTS

From: Geoff Kimmerly/John Johnson

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association today approved the start of competition in girls volleyball, boys soccer and girls swimming & diving in regions of Michigan authorized for that activity by Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders, with competition in those sports pending in regions where those activities are not yet allowed as part of preventing spread of COVID-19.

Schools in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula – designated as Regions 6 and 8, respectively, by executive order – are allowed to begin competition Aug. 21, as originally scheduled. Schools in all other Regions (1-5, and 7) may continue outdoor practice, pending further executive orders allowing for the opening of indoor facilities and physical distancing while competing in those areas.

Teams began outdoor practice in volleyball, soccer, swimming & diving, cross coun-

try, golf and tennis on Aug. 12. Lower Peninsula girls golf and boys tennis, and Upper Peninsula girls tennis began competition Aug. 19, with cross country competition beginning Aug. 21. Football practice began Aug. 10, and on Aug. 14 the Representative Council voted to postpone the Fall 2020 football season to Spring 2021, also due to COVID-19 concerns.

MHSAA staff was authorized by executive order to create all guidance for a return of school sports, and over the last eight weeks has worked to fulfill

this mandate while complying with all of Governor Whitmer's executive orders. The Council was prepared today to approve competition in volleyball, soccer and swimming & diving for all schools in all regions, but was unable to do so because of questions remaining on which activities are still not allowed.

"Our Council has made clear it is ready to offer students these opportunities, pending approval from Governor Whitmer that we may do so," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "We have been told that within a week, future guidance will address athletic issues that exist in current executive orders. We are awaiting that guidance."

"The MHSAA and Representative Council are committed to following all current and future Executive Orders and safety precautions. However, we need more answers before we can give all of our member schools the go-ahead to play each other again, and the majority of our

schools are in regions that are not yet allowed to take part in volleyball, soccer and swim."

For attendance purposes, schools in Regions 6 and 8 may have for indoor volleyball a total of 250 people or 25 percent of a facility's capacity, whichever is smallest. Indoor pools in Regions 6 and 8 are limited to 25 percent of established bather capacity for that pool. Outdoor competition in Regions 6 and 8 may have 500 people or 25 percent of capacity, whichever is smallest. For all three sports, the total numbers of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials and school and game personnel, media and fans.

The Council also approved out-of-season coaching adjustments allowing football and spring sports coaches more contact with their athletes in advance of the 2021 season.

To provide additional offseason activity for sports that have had their full seasons canceled or moved, the Council approved 16 contact days for

football and all spring sports to be used for voluntary practices among students from the same school only. Football may schedule their contact days from Aug. 24 through Oct 31. Spring sports – baseball, softball, girls soccer, track & field, girls and boys lacrosse, boys golf, Upper Peninsula girls golf, and Lower Peninsula girls tennis and Upper Peninsula boys tennis – may schedule their 16 contact days for voluntary practices from Sept. 8-Oct. 31, if the school permits and all safety protocols are followed.

Football and all spring sports then may conduct skill work with coaches and up to four players at a time beginning Nov. 1 until the first day of official practice this upcoming spring. Coaches also may work with an unlimited number of players on general conditioning during that time.

A calendar for the inclusion of football into Spring 2021 will be released later this fall, upon Council approval at a later meeting.



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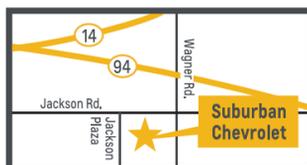
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ON THE SIDELINE: EVERYDAY NONSENSE, MIDDLE AGE AND GOOSE LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Traffic grinds to a halt outside the Goose Lake Music Festival.

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The moron pulling out in front of me on the road going 35 miles per hour, while everyone else is traveling 50-55 mph? You guessed it. Different day, different year, same old everyday nonsense.

I thought I had experienced most everything. I thought, by my age now -- middle age -- I knew most of everything I needed to know. I'm a history buff and read everything and anything I can get my hands on regarding the subject. My family and friends make fun of me because I read history books "for fun."

Doesn't everyone? Anyhow, consider my middle-aged amazement when recently I found out one of the state of Michigan's (and the nation's) most legendary musical moments occurred approximately 20 minutes away from my town.

I know -- I fell off my chair, too.

Why had I never heard of the Goose Lake International Music Festival?

The what, you ask?

The Goose Lake (yes, there is really a lake with that name) International Music Festival.

About 12 miles east of downtown Jackson, Michigan, just south of I-94 off of Race Road exit, sits Goose Lake. Now part of a quiet, subdued Greenwood Acres campground, currently filled with permanent residents and families, Goose Lake in 1970 from August 7 through 9, was

opened in Michigan, let alone so near to where I live.

Newspaper articles from the period said the three-day music celebration would be remembered for its massive crowd, great music, skinny dipping and the open sale of multiple drugs, including marijuana and LSD. The newspaper stories of that day also said Goose Lake was transformed into a "nest of peace and love in 1970."

There are old photos of the event online. One of the pictures that intrigues me the most is a long, giant slide that was set up inside the Goose Lake festival. It's said the slide was one of the most popular places to be during the event. Apparently, remnants of the giant slide still survive in the current campground today, along with multiple tall towers which held large speakers and still stand after all these decades.

Because of complaints and concerns from locals and county administrators and law enforcement, the Goose Lake International Music Festival lasted one year and was shut down the following summer.

Dang -- that's an "everyday nonsense" I would've liked to experience.

Some say, though, on a quiet summer night, if you listen hard enough, you can still hear the music...

the epicenter of the rock n roll world.

Hailed as Michigan's "Woodstock," over 200,000 people attended the three-day music extravaganza. A year earlier in the summer of 1969, the actual Woodstock saw 400,000 people pack farmland in upstate New York. Filled to the park's brim with mainly young people of the 1960s counter-culture and rock n roll fans from all over the state of Michigan and throughout the country, the Goose Lake festival brought together some of the era's most popular musical performers and bands.

Some of the legendary acts to play Goose Lake included Jethro Tull, Joe Cocker, Chicago, The Small Faces with Rod Stewart, Mountain, The James Gang with Joe Walsh and Michigan-based performers Bob Seger, The Stooges, Brownsville Station, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels and the MC5.

Incredible.

I never knew an event such as this hap-



Part of the massive crowd and stage area at Goose Lake Music Festival. The three-day event outside of Jackson attracted over 200,000 fans August 7 through 9 in 1970. The large speaker towers in the foreground still stand today.

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which has been going on for two years. He reminded people that there is an established electoral process and that is the remedy for decisions the public does not like.

The mayor stepped in to clarify the issue. He explained that ordinances become effective upon publication. He explained that two things circulated. One is on the ballot in November regarding the sale of property by council.

No further public comment took place and the meeting moved forward to reports. Public services are moving forward with road work moving along. A new hire was added to the team and had his first day. In general, everything looks good from Dan Schlaff's perspective. The Community Development Manager is working on ideas to support downtown businesses after the emergency ordinance is over at the end of October. She is in the initial information gathering stages. Jim stated he does not like the options on main sidewalks and is concerned about handicapped and senior friendly parking spaces being taken. He wants to be certain those groups will be accom-

modated. Michelle Aniol let the Council know that a short term rental ordinance will be up for public hearing with the planning commission in September. She encouraged the Council to begin researching and getting the information because it will likely come before the Council.

Courtney Nicholls informed the Council that the Dexter Lions will not be hosting Apple Daze this year, but would still like to have the scarecrows decorate the park. They will not be decorated in the park. The Council seemed open to the idea as long as people weren't gathering in the park to decorate the scarecrows.

She stated that the Plein Air festival took place last week. Artists will be selling their work virtually. For information on how to purchase art, checkout the Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival Facebook page or <http://paintdexter.org>. Paintings will go on sale at the end of this week or the start of next. Courtney would like everyone that has questions about the election to ask them, she is happy to answer and help alleviate fears.

The meeting moved forward to consideration and discussion of new business. Some

language and additions were added. Zach Michels suggested that the Council add two points. The sale of property is administrative in nature and that administrative ordinances are not eligible for repeal by referendum. After discussing with the legal council, he agreed and the amendments were added. The motion then passed unanimously.

Council comments came next, where we learned from councilman Cousins, that his birthday is Sept. 1 but he did not elaborate which birthday. Then he announced that on September 3 he and his wife are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Happy birthday and congratulations!

Zach Michels stated that the Charter does not have a time limit for referendums and suggested adding one for the future and for clarity. He also stated that it will be between 4-5 years before Dexter has a new city office and suggested looking into the space available in Dexter Crossing for the interim.

During no arranged participation, Brett Griffen spoke and challenged the idea that the sale of property is administrative. He stated that all ordinances are legislative and have the option for referendum.

The meeting then adjourned.

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