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Dexter Board of Education Appoints Daniel Alabré and Melanie Szawara to Fill Board Vacancies



The Dexter Community Schools Board of Education has appointed Daniel Alabré and Melanie Szawara as a new Board of Education trustees. Mr. Alabré

and Ms. Szawara will be filling the seats vacated by Daryl Kipke and Julie Schumaker's recent resignations and will serve the remainder of their terms, which expire December 31, 2021. Both trustees were sworn in at the 7pm regular meeting on July 26th along with Junior Student Representative Griffin Patel, who is joining Senior

Student Representative Aidan Naughton on the board.

Prior to this appointment, Daniel Alabré served on the BOE's Finance Committee as a volunteer Community Member and the DEI Committee. He is married and has three children, two of whom are in the Dexter Community Schools and the third who recently graduated. He spent 28 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Colonel. Daniel served in many command and staff posi-

tions throughout his career as an Infantry Officer and with the Defense Intelligence Agency where he was assigned as an attaché in several American embassies including Mexico City.

After retiring from the Army in late 2012, he remained in Mexico working in the private sector, until returning to the United States and choosing Dexter as the family's home in 2015. He currently works as Director for Pinkerton Consulting

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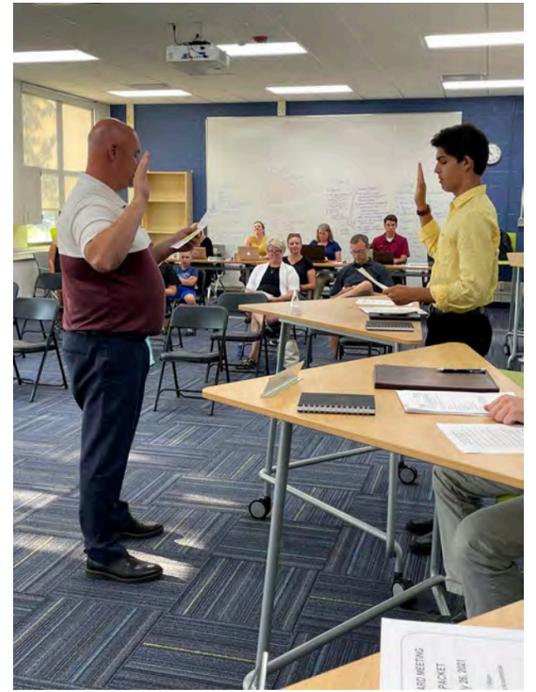
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continued from page 1 & Investigations. He volunteers for many of the sports and activities his children are involved in and is a member of the American Legion local Post 557.

A Dexter High

School Alumna from a four-generation Dexter family, Melanie Szawara is a family law attorney who recently opened her own firm in Dexter, MKS Law, PLLC, specializing in family law. Melanie has

two young children who attend Dexter Schools. She is involved in the Dexter Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and serves on the boards of the Dexter Community Fund and Dexter Wrestling

Club. Melanie had this to say about her appointment:

"I feel fortunate to have this opportunity to serve my hometown. My goals are to work hard, listen to the community, and focus on making the best decisions for the students. I look forward to continuing Dexter's legacy of offering the best education available for the children in our community."

Board of Education President Mara Greatorex commented, "I am continually reminded what a great district we live in. We had such

a soundly qualified pool of candidates that applied to fill the open trustee positions. I believe the board chose the best of the best from the group: two candidates who have shown their dedication to the district. This was Melanie Szawara's third interview for an open position, and she also ran last November receiving thousands of votes from the community. Her experience as a family law attorney, as a mother of two children in elementary school, and her DHS alumni status will be great assets to the board. Daniel

Alabré has also been very active in the district. In addition to this being his second time interviewing for an open trustee position, he has also served on district committees as a community member.

Daniel has also served on school boards internationally and has several MASB courses under his belt. He comes in with quite a bit of experience to share with the board. I am very pleased with the new members and look forward to serving on the board with them."



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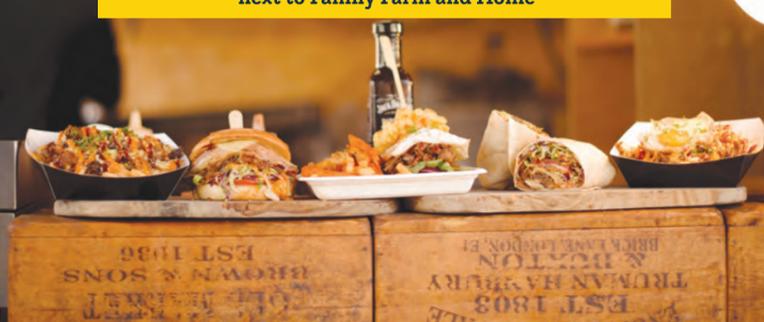
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The Joy of Nosework



Doug finding odor in a jumble of boxes.

By: Laura Perkins

This month, I wanted to share a little about my favorite dog training hobby - nosework. Nosework, also called scent work, is a competitive event that was created based on the kind of work bomb and drug detection dogs do. They use their noses to find the target odor, they use their bodies to tell their handler "it's here!"; and their handler then provides oodles of reinforcement with play, praise and treats.

As we continue to learn more about dogs and what they can sense, we have learned just how amazing they are at using their noses. Dogs can be trained to detect can-

cer, upcoming seizures, low blood sugar, and most recently Covid-19. And, they appear to really love doing it!

However, most people do not have access to the kinds of target odors that working dogs search for. So, in order to make this activity that dogs love more accessible, nosework was born. In the sport of competitive nosework, we use essential oils on a q-tip as the target odor. Before your dog can search for this odor they have to be taught that this is what they are looking for. Once they have been trained on the target odor, the handler can teach the dog to do a particular behavior that indicates

that the dog has found the odor. Sometimes this is a behavior that is deliberately taught, and sometimes it is something that just evolves in the training process. Dan does a little nose bob where the odor is strongest and then whips his head around and stares at me. Doug holds his nose on the spot where the odor is strongest and then he gets very still and his tail relaxes. Other dogs I have watched and worked with do a sit, a gentle paw movement or some version of the nose touching behavior.

In the very beginning stages, we often just hide treats for the dogs to find. This is a great way to get started quickly and

easily at home, because it doesn't take much training. To get started this way, have a family member gently hold your dog's collar. Place a treat on the ground where they can see it and say "find it!" Then let your dog go to get the treat.

Gradually place the treat further away from where your dog is waiting. Each time say, "find it!" and then let your dog go. When they get to the treat, give lots of praise and, if desired, you can even give a second treat. From there, you can have your dog wait behind a bedroom or bathroom door (as long as they are happy with this) and hide the treat while they aren't

watching. Open the door and say "find it" and let them search for the treat. You can gradually make the hiding spots more challenging and even try it in your backyard. Be sure that the treat is always easily accessible to your dog so that when she gets to it, she can eat it easily. One more note - never hide a treat where you don't want your dog to go! For example, don't hide a treat on your kitchen counter or in your

watching. Open the door and say "find it" and let them search for the treat. You can gradually make the hiding spots more challenging and even try it in your backyard. Be sure that the treat is always easily accessible to your dog so that when she gets to it, she can eat it easily. One more note - never hide a treat where you don't want your dog to go! For example, don't hide a treat on your kitchen counter or in your

couch cushions.

Nosework is a lot of fun and a great way to provide your dog with some enrichment. When I first began nosework, I stumbled upon an extra benefit that I hadn't expected. I began to better understand what Dan might be perceiving in his environment or on our walks. I noticed that sometimes he would track where people, dogs, or squirrels had been. I learned about what spots might be most desirable for him to sniff (bushes and corners). I recognized when he was holding his head up high in the air, catching a scent on the breeze. These observations have helped me to appreciate his abilities and our practice in nosework is what helped me to see them.

I encourage you to give the treat hiding game a try. And then watch your dog on your next walk and see how many of those scenting behaviors you observe!

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Chelsea Community Foundation Announces Grants to Chelsea Nonprofits and a New Grant Cycle - Applications Due August 16



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From: D&B Strategic Marketing

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) grants two Chelsea nonprofits financial support. The recipients are:

- Chelsea Education Foundation - in support of donor development software and establishing a Chelsea School District alumni database - \$6,600

- St. Louis Center for Exceptional Children and Adults - in support of emergency well drilling to provide safe and potable water for an assisted living facility and adult residence hall - \$20,000.

CCF's Advisory Committee grant approval criteria are influenced by each application's sustainable impact on the Chelsea Community and the level of community engagement and collaboration. "These criteria are important because CCF's mission is to make a lasting impact that leverages and promotes nonprofits in Chelsea," shared Anne Mann, Advisory Committee President.

Christina Ferris, Development Director, St. Louis Center, provided the following context, "CCF's financial support is critically essential, and outside of the typical grants they approve. St. Louis Center is located on 180 acres, east of Chelsea, and home to 84 residents. When the primary well,

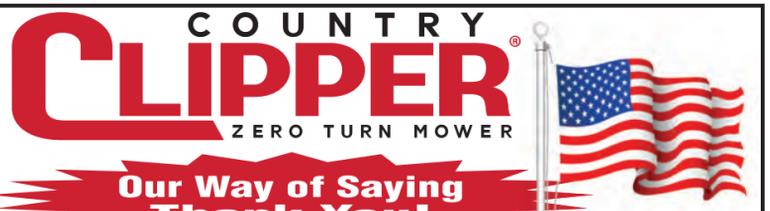
which provides potable water to the main building and the Center's assisted living facility, failed, drilling a replacement well became a top priority. With the support of CCF, we were able to do that. Our residents are a vulnerable population and they rely on us each day for their care. We are so grateful to CCF for helping us continue to provide a safe and secure home for our residents, some of whom have lived at the Center for more than 40 years. Thank you CCF!"

Lynn Fox, President Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF), shared her appreciation with the following statement. "During these past 18 months, we have not been able to host our annual fundraisers, so our revenue is down, which makes this grant even more significant. We have recognized the need for better and more frequent communication with our existing and future donors, letting them know what we are doing and how we are implementing our grant and scholarship programs with their generosity. The most important reason for obtaining donor software is to enable us to do so efficiently. Additionally, we need to manage our fundraising events. We researched four software vendors and landed on one that is dedicated solely to nonprofits. We appre-

ciate the fact that CCF saw the value to the community that CEF provides and that by enhancing our ability to communicate, manage and implement, we will be better able to realize and grow our mission."

To learn more about applying for grants, contact Gregory Yankee, gyankee@cfsem.org., or go to the website www.chelseafoundation.org. for grant guidelines and apply directly. The submission deadline is August 16, with responses in December. Qualifying nonprofits are encouraged to apply!

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



SAMANTHA SUTTON ROWS OFF TO U-M AFTER AMAZING SOFTBALL CAREER AT DEXTER



By Terry Jacoby

Opposing softball teams didn't like to see Dexter's Samantha Sutton – whether toeing the rubber in

the circle or holding a stick in the batter's box. She was what best can be described as a game-changer and she helped changed

many games by delivering them into the win column for her hometown team.

The Dreadnaughts won 27 games (only

nine losses) this past season and were one of the best teams in the state – they came within three outs of sweeping two of the

top teams in the state before falling 2-1 to Hartland in the District final.

Sutton was one of three Dreadnaughts (along with Kylee Niswonger and Livvy Mellifont) to be named to the All-SEC First Team. She also was named to the All-State Team and for good reason. In the circle, the senior posted an amazing 1.75 earned-run average and simply dominated opposing batters. At the plate, she batted .570 and showed impressive power with 12 home runs.

Sutton, who played the outfield when she wasn't pitching, was proud of her team's accomplishments in 2021.

"We had an incredible season," she

said. "We had a very successful season, and while we didn't make it out of Districts, we beat No. 1 Howell and led No. 3 Hartland until the seventh inning. I personally had a good year on the mound, but I couldn't have been successful without my field behind me. Their solid defense is what ultimately won games. It was a group effort; we all worked together to win."

And their great success followed a year of great disappointment after the pandemic cancelled what appeared to be a promising season in 2020 for Dexter.

"It was very difficult not playing last year," Sutton says. "Much like this year, we were looking forward to having a great season, and having it canceled due to Covid was devastating."

Sutton, 18, pitched and played the outfield as a freshman and sophomore for the Dreadnaughts. "We weren't nearly as successful as this year," she says. "I believe that having seven seniors this year is what made us so solid in the field and at the plate."

Samantha, the daughter of Jason and Wendy Sutton, first started playing softball when her parents signed her up for little league at a young age. She liked it right away and her interest in softball only increased the more she played.

"Softball is very different from other sports; it requires a lot of mental toughness, as it's a game of failure," she says. "While I've always been good at the physical game, learning to master the mental game has given me a lot of confidence, and it made me love softball even more than before."

Despite her love of the game and her high level of play, she is giving up the sport for another sport in college. Sutton will attend the University of Michigan in the fall and join the Wolverines rowing team. She plans on studying biology.

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Dexter HS Trap Team Hits Impressive Marks During Another Successful Season

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By Terry Jacoby

It was an amazing season for many Dexter High School teams, clubs and organizations this past year and one that really stood out in the bullseye of success was the 2021 Dexter Trap Team (DTT). Let's head to the range and take aim at a few of their incredible accomplishments.

First, some background. The team, coached by Bill Hoffman with assistant coach Jim Kralik, is part of the USA High School Clay Target League based in Minnesota with teams participating in 40 of the 50 states. They compete in the Spring 2021 League, Michigan State Championship and National Championship and meet on Monday evenings for practice and

league competitions. "We continue to see increased interest locally in what has become the fastest growing, and safest, high school sport in the nation," says Hoffman. "We have a very active group of family members who help out. The Ann Arbor Moose Sportsman's League, Moose Lodge No. 1253, continues to host the team, providing the trap fields, safety officers and assistant coaching staff."

The Washtenaw County Pheasants Forever Chapter #151, DTT and the Ann Arbor Moose Sportsman's League teamed up this spring for the planting of an ongoing wildflower prairie habitat project on the Sportsman's grounds.

2021 Spring League
DTT fielded 35

shooters during the 2021 Spring League. Conferences are based on team sizes; DTT competed in Conference 8 with the top 25 scores posting against our competition each week. Other teams in Dexter's conference were Vicksburg, Quincy, Columbia Central, Chippewa Hills, Olivet, Hillsdale Academy, and Bellevue.

Despite some wet, cold and overcast shooting conditions, Dexter won its conference. Lady Dread shooters occupied six of the Conference Top 10 Female Shooter positions.

Six of the DTT members were seniors this past spring: Faith Anderson, Bella Emrick, Mike Fawcett, Brendan Mekas, Riley Moorman, and Evy Squire.

2021 Michigan

State Championship
The State Championship was held on June 19, 2021 at the Michigan Trapshooting Association grounds in Mason. The event featured 703 shooters from 47 schools who competed in both team and individual formats.

Dexter placed 10th overall with the following individual highlights:

Kera Root: Top 20 Novice-Female
Will Durbin: Top 15 JV-Male and JV-Overall
Lexa Seelinger: #8 JV-Female
Mike Fawcett: Top 10 Varsity-Male and Varsity-Overall
Kylee Garcia: #1 Varsity-Female (95/100) and Top 20 Varsity-Overall
Whitley Fowler: Top

25 Varsity-Female
2021 National Championship
The National Championship was held from July 9-11 at the Michigan Trapshooting Association grounds in Mason and featured 1,684 individual shooters and 160 teams from 17 states competing over the course of three days.

DTT fielded a team composed of Lorenzo Biundo, Devon Emrick, Mike Fawcett, Kylee Garcia, and Alex Hoffman.

The Team qualifier was held on Friday, July 9 with DTT shooting a score of 93-93-93-93-89 (461) for 37th place.

Top 80 team scores made the cut for Sunday's Team Final.

The Individual Qualifier was held on Saturday, July 10 with DTT fielding 15 individual shooters. The cut for the individual finals was the top 406 scores with Alex Hoffman the lone DTT shooter making the mark.

On Sunday, July 11, DTT shot 96-93-92-91-89 for another 461, combined with the Friday score for a 962 total and 30th place in the nation. In individual competition, Alex Hoffman shot a 187/200 but did not break the Top 10.

Team members are currently shooting at some local events but practice will be picking up soon for the 2021 Fall League which starts in September.



Six members of the Dexter Trap Team were seniors. Pictured (L-R) Riley Moorman, Evy Squire, Bella Emrick, Faith Anderson and Mike Fawcett. Senior Brendan Mekas also was on the team.



Senior Brendan Mekas takes aim.



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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.

*Open to the community.

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Dexter Area Historical Society Updates 2021



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.

GORDON HALL DAYS, SEPTEMBER 11th and 12th



We are making plans for Gordon Hall Days and are hoping for good weather so we can have all of the proposed events. Our plans include activities for all ages.

Demonstrations of blacksmithing, bee keeping, various crafts, handmade socks, chair canning, a demonstration of a canon and more will occur at small tents around the grounds.

You will also find musical groups performing at various times with the Dulcimers group playing on Saturday. We hope to have some live animals including llamas, sheep and other possible animals from the 4-H club.

Additionally you will find the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club in the back tent both days, the Car show along the drive-

way on Saturday from 11 to 4, some Farmer's market vendors on Sunday from 10-4, tours of the newly restored Milk House both days, historical posters around the grounds, a farm display, a Museum booth, the Doletzky tractor and the Tally-Ho out on the green. As we get closer to the date, we will have more exact times and places for the various

activities.

Nothing can happen without the help of many volunteers! Members, their children or grandchildren, and friends from the community are all needed to make Gordon Hall Days a success. The Rotary Club and the Lions Club have already agreed again to help us, but we need many more persons willing to help. We are seek-

ing volunteers from High schoolers to Senior Citizens to help in many different areas. If you are interested in helping, we ask that you call 734-426-2519 or email us at DexMuseum@aol.com and we will get back to you. Please leave your name and contact information and using the chart below, indicate the days and times you would be available.

If you are interested in being a tour guide inside Gordon Hall, please let us know if you have any physical limitations as there are 3 floors and if necessary we can assign you to the main floor. For those interested in being Gordon Hall tour guides, use Nancy's email, NancyVanB@aol.com and she will get back to you.

Michigan Philharmonic brings back live music for historic 76th season

"Take2 Celebration" kicks off with October birthday bash

Michigan's premier regional orchestra is returning this fall with a historic season of live performances that begin in October and run through the spring of 2022.

For the Michigan Philharmonic this year will be a "Take2 Celebration," a series of concerts dedicated to the community and honoring its 76th birthday season that includes world premieres, exciting concerts designed for unique instruments like mandolins and steelpans, a holiday performance, concerts at Schoolcraft College and the subtle sounds

of an internationally renowned jazz guitarist.

The Michigan Phil's "Take2" season starts with a birthday bash on Oct. 2 at Salem High School in Canton and featuring a brilliant young pianist Anastasia Rizihov (performing Rachmaninoff) as well as a piece by University of Michigan faculty composer, Kristin Kuster. Then on Nov. 12 the orchestra offers a unique "M & Ms" performance centered around the siblings Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn that also includes a world premiere piece for vi-

ola and chamber orchestra from composer Andre Myers (with soloist Brett Deubner). The concert will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

What would December be in the community without the Michigan Phil's annual "Holiday Pops with the Phil" concert? Two performances will be offered on Dec. 9 at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth and highlighting the Philharmonic's principal oboist Chris Wheeler.

The season continues in 2022 with an unusual Jan. 23 perfor-

mance featuring a local mandolin artist and composer Brad Phillips who will present the orchestra's second world premiere, a special piece for mandolin and strings. This concert will be performed in the St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.

In February it's time for "All that Jazz: The Roaring Twenties and Beyond" on Feb. 12 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center. This highly anticipated show features the talented jazz guitarist and composer Mimi Fox who will perform two of her own pieces as well as many popular jazz pieces from com-

posers like Gershwin, Berlin and Johnson.

A month later watch for the Caribbean-inspired "A Night in Tropics" on March 11 at First Methodist Church in Plymouth and featuring a never before spotlighted steelpan soloist Josanne Francis. This is also a "side-by-side" concert with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO).

In April, the celebration continues with the Michigan Phil's "Ode to Joy." The April 9 evening will be held at Salem High and feature Ludwig Beethoven's Symphony No. 9

with outstanding soloists Sara Emerson McGarvey, soprano; Kathryn Calzone, mezzo; Joseph Guyton, tenor; Jonathan Lasch, bass as well as three local choirs from Schoolcraft College, Plymouth Oratorio Society and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' high school program. The evening will also showcase a new work, a homage to Beethoven, by guest composer Michael Gilbertson.

The Michigan Phil will wrap up its 76th season on May 21 with "The Great American Songbook" **continued on page 9**

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continued from page 8 at Schoolcraft College. This evening features the smooth sounds of versatile vocalist Suede performing some great American standards from Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Henry Mancini, Julie Styne and Stephen Sondheim.

Founded in 1945 as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, today the Michigan Philharmonic is one of the most highly-respected regional orchestras showcasing classical and pop music in southeast Michigan communities throughout the year.

The Philharmonic's current Music Director and Conductor, Nan Washburn, is embarking on her 23rd season. As the seventh conductor in the orchestra's history, Washburn's leadership tenure has seen the Philharmonic transform into a fully regional orchestra with a stable of more than 55 professional musicians, the majority of whom are a part of the American Federation of Musicians.

In 2020-21, the orchestra had planned a special 75-year anniversary celebration but was forced to postpone all of its regular live performances due to the pandemic.

Throughout its 76 years the “Michigan Phil” has worked tirelessly on behalf of the community. Besides presenting a full season of concerts and programs, the Philharmonic partners with several school districts, the Wayne County Community College District, the Huron Clinton Metroparks, Brighton Center for the Performing Arts and the Detroit River Conservancy – Parks Division for performances throughout southeast Michigan. The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra provides young musicians numerous opportunities to hone their skills

and take part in an array of programs and performances.

With offices located in PARC (the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex) and widely supported by community organizations, businesses and longstanding patrons, the Philharmonic maintains strong ties to its birthplace 76 years ago.

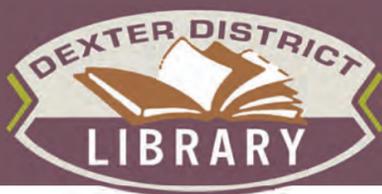
Later this summer the Philharmonic will also be performing a special chamber concert at the historic Eleanor and Edsel Ford House on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 21 and a fundraising concert at Plymouth's historic Wilcox House on

Saturday, Aug. 28.

About the Michigan Philharmonic: Getting ready to celebrate its 76th season this fall, the Michigan Philharmonic – (or “Michigan Phil”) – is one of the most innovative and dynamic professional orchestras in Southeast Michigan. Nan Washburn, Music Director & Conductor since 1999, has won 19 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music from the League of American Orchestras. In 2019 the Michigan Philharmonic was awarded Second Place in the American Prize for Professional Orchestras. The or-

chestra performs in an ever-expanding roster of Michigan communities; including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Brighton, Downtown Detroit, and many others. The Michigan Phil is committed to reaching out to a broad and diverse array of audiences and providing enjoyable cultural and social experiences, while encouraging anyone who loves live music events to “Spend the night with Michigan Phil.”

For tickets and more information, please visit www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112.



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

Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up

Friday, August 6 at 11:00 am

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

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

End of Summer Craft Grab Bags

Tuesday, August 24 – Tuesday, August 31

For kids of all ages

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

No registration required

While supplies last

Schedule of Events

2021

AUGUST 13 & 14

Monument Park Downtown Dexter

Friday & Saturday in the Park

- Art, Business & Food Booths 10am-8pm
- Social Tent 11am-11pm
- Interactive Inflatable Area & Putt Putt 11am-6pm

Friday at the Gazebo

- 11am Kevin S. Devin Childrens Entertainer
- 2pm School of Rock
- 6pm KayLyn Pace Country Music Artist

Friday in the Park

- 2:30pm Something Exciting to come!

Gazebo Sponsor Kelli Carlene Skin+Care

Inflatable Sponsor Pearl Planning

Top Hat Sponsor Stieper & Brust Orthodontics

Saturday at the Gazebo

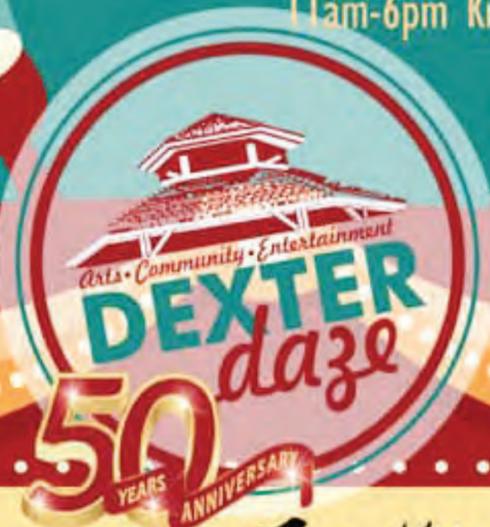
- 10am Parade
- 12pm Colors the Clown
- 2:30pm Music Band to come!
- 7pm Cellar Cats Classic Rock & Pop

Saturday in the Park

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

Promoting Sponsors

- Dairy Queen
- Dexter Creamery
- Dexter Family Eye Center
- Dexter Township
- Silver Maples



Band Sponsors

- Cedars of Dexter
- Dan Waitz Associates
- Main Street Optometry

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Dexter Daze 2021

Dexter Daze is right around the corner!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aubree's of Dexter - Silver Sponsor for the

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

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

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

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

Dexter Township - Bronze Sponsor for Eric the Juggler.

Silver Maples - Bronze Sponsor for Kevin Devine.

Dairy Queen - Bronze Sponsor for School of Rock.

Dexter Creamery - Bronze Sponsor for the Dexter Daze Parade.

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

We'd also like to thank our Supporting Sponsors:

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

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

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

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

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

Dexter Daze Committee