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Dexter Board of Education and Dr. Timmis host Community Forum to Discuss School Opening Options



Nughton, student rep for the next two years. Aiden is a Junior at Dexter High School, plays golf, is on student council and is a student rep on the planning commission. Congratulations and welcome Aiden!

Once Superintendent Timmis started his presentation, he was looking for feedback from community members. He wanted to know what was most important for parents. The number one issue was safety for students and staff. He went on to describe some current realities for the 20/21 school year. School will not open as normal. Because schools have started opening and are starting to open in the next few weeks, Dr. Timmis believes the district will have a good gauge on what to expect by September 8. Dexter will not allow the children to be guinea pigs to see how it works. And, the district **continued on page 3**



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St. Mary Pinckney to Open Full Time August 24



St. Mary students try out socially distanced seating and PPE.
Photos By St. Mary Elementary School.
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August 3rd was a special board meeting to discuss the initial drafter plans for reopening the school. The plans are not final. Community feedback and Board feedback will be evaluated to tweak the plan as necessary. The meeting was four hours long so it's impossible for me to report everything that happened or that was said. However, on the

Dexter schools website <https://www.dexter-schools.org/district/board-of-education> there is a pull down menu. Click on Fall 2020 updates to watch the meeting and view the slideshow. This is the best way to keep informed of what is happening with the schools if you have to miss a meeting.

The first order of business, which should be recognized is the swearing in of Aiden

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The WTKA Top-Dog-of-the-Week is Redbull
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is attempting to educate during a pandemic. It is not up for political debate. Everyone is doing their best with the information we have. The District is using the Governor's Return to School Road Map to reopen. Dexter is currently in phase 4 and if we stay in phase four until September 8th, the District will need to follow the phase 4 guidelines on the road map.

There are major challenges to be addressed, and as Dr. Timmis mentioned during the presentation, the district is starting fresh this year. They've been working all summer to come up with a completely new district that is safe and can educate everyone. One major challenge is classroom size and the recommended six foot spacing. Another challenge is navigating hallways and busing. Substitute teachers is another issue and potential need to quarantine throughout the year. The district is using The Path to Zero for Schools recommendation by Harvard Global Health Institute. It provides methods for schools to safely get back into schools face to face. They recommend opening on a hybrid schedule and have a method for prioritizing students by their need to be in a face to face setting. Starting September 8th all students will be remote learning. Except for those students with the highest instructional needs. Those are going to be students that need to work through the protocols to get them safely in the building. Faculty will be contacting parents to make a determination. Following 14 days of data collection and a metrics based decision on data, which is still being determined, Step 2 will be the phasing in of young 5's through 4th grade students at 25% per day for a week, then 50% per day. As the students phase in, remote learning will be continued. Step 3 is all young 5's through 4th grade in school every day. Next, the district will bring in 5th-8th in a hybrid plan. The 5th- 8th grade will be

phased into 100% in school. Once all young 5's through 8th attend daily, the high school would be phased in the same way. This plan allows the district the ability to transition students while teaching them a new way of doing school.

The two options for Fall are the homeroom model or the home-based model. The homeroom model is the option that people wanting face to face instruction will take and is the phased in plan. The homebased model is for those families choosing online education for the year, or part of the year.

The week prior to school starting students will be onboarded and given access to technology. The distribution will be similar to last Spring. Parents will also be onboarded to understand the platform and the technology. Platforms will be streamlined. Open house will run during the week of September 1st but it will likely need to be virtual. When students are phased in, the district will run a shorter day for the students so staff can support the students who are virtual on those days. Students in the face to face setting will attend from 9am- 2pm. All students will wear masks on the bus and in school. There will be built in mask breaks, but the requirement to enter and stay in the facilities will be to wear a mask. There is mathematically not a way to provide a 6' distance at all times in the school. In the event of a positive test within the homeroom option, the school will follow state guidelines and health department guidelines. Instruction will continue on a modified format during quarantine.

The remote learning option, while phasing in will include live instruction. However, students cannot be sitting in a Zoom all day. There will be check-ins, live instruction and independent work times. Students will receive grades for remote learning. Each group that is phasing in together has a section under Dr. Timmis presentation, for specific details about your child, I encourage

you to go watch the video online.

There were 1,300 people registered for the zoom and an hour available for questions from community members. No decisions are set in stone and feedback will be used to adjust plans. Parents had 119 questions. The remote learning will be graded and the students will only need to use 1 platform based on their grade level. There will be live remote instruction. It will be taught by Dexter teachers unless it's a course like Japanese that some students would take online through Dexter but not through Dexter schools. Timing depends on the health of the community. Nobody can predict what is going to happen. But the earliest the high school will be back is likely the end of October or early November barring we don't step back to phase 3. Students can opt to start online and change to in person through the year. High school students would need to change at the semester so as not to lose credit. Parents requested that everyone work together and be responsible. We've all seen the parents who will send a child to school slightly sick and that can result in putting teachers, staff, and family members at risk. It can result in entire classes and their families having to quarantine.

The complexity of bringing students back cannot be denied. I've looked at several district's back to school plans this year and I am very impressed with the hardwork and thoughtfulness that went into developing a plan. This is not the final plan. It will be adjusted based on feedback from the board and parents. It is a challenge to parent in a time with so many uncertainties. But, it is certain that the district is working very hard to provide a safe education for all students within the district. For that, parents can be grateful. Again, for more complete information regarding the plan to reopen, consult the district website under the drop down menu, under Fall 2020 updates.



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for other reasons, including COVID-19 contact tracing, we'll leave a message. We never ask for your sensitive insurance, bank account, or credit card information. Contact tracing calls may come from different phone numbers, depending on which staff member is calling you. Learn more about our contact tracing process and how you can help at www.washtenaw.org/3170/Contact-Tracing. If you're not sure if you're be-

ing scammed or not, you can email us at L-wchdcontact@washtenaw.org and we'll let you know if the call is legitimate. Similar scams have also affected other agencies across the state. To report suspected scam calls, you can make a complaint to the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 877-765-8388 or online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/robocall-complaint.

St. Mary Pinckney to Open Full Time August 24



St. Mary will use outdoor spaces for instruction and lunch.



St. Mary students will social distance in school mass.

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St. Mary in Pinckney is one of the few schools opening full time, five days a week in the fall. School size and classroom size are a big factor in the ability to open safely on a regular full-time schedule. I had the opportunity to discuss the reopening plan with a member of the reopening committee Dr. Fill, DO, FACEP, an Emergency Physician who works on a local, regional and state level to develop EMS protocols and procedures related to Covid, and a Dexter resident has three children who attend the school and he helped determine a safe reopening plan for the school. He was kind enough to chat with me about the plan and why he feels safe sending his

children to school full time in the Fall.

“Executing a plan requiring children wear face coverings and practice physical distancing may prove the most daunting of the challenges posed by reopening. However, reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 through cleaning and disinfecting is another crucial aspect of reopening that required careful planning. St. Mary has done due diligence on both. We feel the in-school environment we have worked to create is safe and sustainable for all students and staff,” he explained.

I wondered if school size was a factor in the decision to reopen full time on August 24. The building is built for 250 students with a current enrollment of 130 plus Pre-K. Dr. Fill agreed that enrollment puts

the school at a great advantage in keeping kids safe and being able to manage a reopening plan. The reopening plan is modeled after the governor’s MI Safe Schools Roadmap.

The following components make up the plan:

Security: Keeping school more quarantined and closed off to visitors as if in shelter-in-place mode.

Face Coverings: Supplying face shields for grades K-5 even though it’s not required for lower grades.

Building changes: Disinfecting processes, closing drinking fountains but making hands free bottle stations available, changing lunchroom processes.

Staggering: Drop-off times, pick-up times, lunchtimes, and recesses, classroom layout and handwashing.

Protocols: Students will wash hands upon arrival and throughout the day. They even wrote a St. Mary Wildcat 20-second hand washing song.

Physical Barriers, social distancing: New location for assemblies, utilizing outdoor spaces and gymnasium.

Distant learning and communications: Distance learning plan in place in the event Michigan goes back to phase 1-3.

I asked Dr. Fill the ages of his children. I have a kindergartener and a seventeen-year-old. My neighbor has a 10-year-old. It seems much easier to get a 10 year old to comply than the littlest ones. He has a range from 2nd to 6th grade. So age is not the reason he feels safer. He did stress that they worked very hard and

the top priority was the safety of all students and staff in the school. He believes St. Mary’s plan is as safe as it can get under the current situation.

“As a parent, I know my children require face to face interaction with their teachers to be fully engaged in learning,” stated Dr. Fill.

St. Mary in Pickney is open to families of all

faiths for enrollment in grades Pre-K through 8. To schedule a tour or learn more contact Veronica Kinsey at (734) 878-5616 or email mrskinsey@stmarypickney.org. The St. Mary website has more information for parents interested in learning more about the school. Visit www.St.MaryPinckney.org.



St. Mary students doing a 6-foot-measuring exercise with “Seymour” the school mascot.

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8/27/20 7:00pm (A) vs Utica Ford II
9/4/20 7:00pm (H) vs Pinckney Community HS
9/11/20 7:00pm (H) vs Bedford Senior HS



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

8/27/20 7:00pm (A) vs Novi HS
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

8/22/20 9:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/3/20 4:00pm (H) vs Adrian HS
9/10/20 4:00pm (H) vs Tecumseh HS



Girls Varsity Volleyball

8/27/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents
8/29/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/4/20 8:00am (A) vs Multiple Opponents

By Dave Merchant
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I have been covering sports since 1991. This season has been literally off the wall crazy. From the playoffs for the MHSAA, and Winter sports being cancelled shortly after they were started, to school and sports being cancelled.

All major League sports cancelled and delayed to months later.

MLB baseball recently came back for a 60 game season. Keep in mind games have been delayed for COVID-19. One team had 19 players and coaches test positive and another had 13.

One of the teams was an opponent of the Detroit Tigers.

The Detroit Lions quarterback Matt Stafford tested positive. He has had three negative tests in a row and now

is considered off the list.

Hockey and basketball are competing in more of a confined and controlled setting that seems to be safer.

The younger athletes were unable to play school sports. This was an excellent way to control the virus. So please focus on the safety and the positive. It is not worth getting sick.

Get ready for the

new wave of the future. Be smart and be safe.

Some schools will be virtual and some will have a modified at school program.

Let's say prayers for our children. Also for our teachers, administrators and coaches who will have our admiration this year. Can't wait to see the first Friday night football game. I love those lights.

Fairies, Trolls and Elves! Oh My!



From Dexter District Library

Date: Saturday, 08/15/2020
Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Category: All Ages

Come and join Professor Snoopenheimer, professional snooper outer of mysterious stuff as he snoops out mytho-

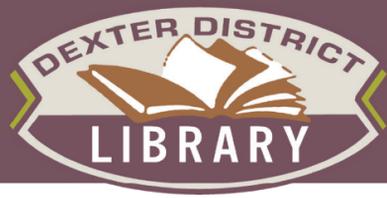
logical fantasy beings. He snoops for Goof Fairy Floyd a very goofy juggler, Eddie Elf who plays music on his elf harp and also Mr Biggenosen a troll much brighter than other trolls and who knowsens a lot because he reads. The show is way fun with a message of helping to make the world a

better place. Come and meet ...Fairies, Trolls and Elves! Oh My!" This presentation will be via Zoom for all ages, registration is required.

August 15 is also the last day of our Summer Reading Challenge. Any teens or kids who have completed half of their badges will receive an

envelope with a variety of rewards. Teens and kids who have finished the Challenge will be entered into a final prize drawing. Keep earning those Beanstack badges before the program ends.

Register online at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/fairies-trolls-and-elves-oh-my/



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 for 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.

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A message from the Dexter Daze Committee:

The 49th Dexter Daze was cancelled due to the refusal of the Dexter City Council to approve our permit request. This was done after a modified plan was submitted and without any opportunity to make further modifications. We had no choice but to cancel the event. We recently found out that the City Council is willing to approve fundraising events within the City and specifically at Monument Park.

We are very excited to report that the Dexter Daze Committee has submitted a new park use permit to the City for their approval. Since we were not approved to hold the 49th Dexter Daze, and since we use each year's event to help cover the normal expenses of the Dexter Daze Festival, i.e. insurance, we are requesting that the City and the City Council approve a very small fundraising event so that we will be able to hold a spectacular 50th Dexter Daze in August, 2021.

Please stay tuned as we await the decision of the City Council. We have modified our request to fit the same parameters of other events that have already been approved, so we are confident that our effort will be successful. The plan is to hold this fundraising event on Saturday, August 15 from 10-4 in Monument Park. We look forward to seeing all friends of Dexter Daze come out as a show of support for this well-loved community event. Thank you so much.



It is with a heavy heart that we announce that the 49th annual Dexter Daze Festival has been cancelled. Both the City of Dexter and Scio Township denied our permits for the event and the fireworks, respectively. On top of these denials, the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity has generated a proposal for outdoor events/festivals that is being submitted to the governor for approval. The extensive restrictions and requirements that are likely to be enforced make it impossible for us to meet by our August 14-15 event dates.

The proposed requirements are both physical and financial in nature and, as a group of volunteers working with a very limited budget (especially this year), we cannot find a way to meet the constraints being imposed. We hope that these requirements are temporary and that next year we will be able to hold our regular festival.

Please note that there are some events that are going to try and meet the requirements so that they can continue their tradition. We encourage each of you to visit the michiganfun.com website to support those communities who may still be able to hold their events.

We appreciate our Patrons, Vendors and especially our Community for the support that you've shown us during this time. We appreciate those who have helped us look for a solution, by talking and working through ideas and questions, by being part of the plan and by being proactive in finding resolution. Dexter Daze is more than a summer party. It has an economic impact on many organized Groups, Vendors, Contractors, Entertainers and even our local Community here in Dexter. We realize the impact our decision may have on each and every one of them with this announcement and we are truly saddened.

Thank you and we hope to see you in 2021.
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Farm to Table Event to Benefit the 5 Local Farmers Markets

The 5th annual Healthy Towns Farm to Table Fabulous Feast is back. Well, not exactly back. Let's say, "Interrupted!"

Like so much of life in 2020, this event - celebrating Eating Better and Eating Local - has been modified to meet the challenge.

"We've moved to a virtual auction," said Suzi Greenway, chair of this year's event and market manager of the Open Air Market of Stockbridge.

"We figured a lot of people just weren't ready to head out to a large event, even if we could provide plenty of outdoor social distancing space."

Traditionally, the fundraiser has been a community dinner for 150, featuring chefs from each of the five towns - Chelsea, Grass Lake, Manchester, Dexter and Stockbridge.

Since the first dinner in 2016, held in downtown Chelsea, chefs from The Common Grill, Food Art, Smokehouse 52, Moveable Feast, Roaming Goat, Fresh Forage, and the Dex-

ter Pub have created fabulous appetizers, entrees, and desserts for community members from all five towns.

"While we're disappointed we had to change up the plan, we're excited to try the auction and see how it goes," Greenway said.

The mission of the event is still the same, she added.

"It's all about celebrating our Markets, our farmers, eating better, and eating local."

Amy Heydlauff, executive director of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation agrees.

And it shows. The Foundation is the primary financial sponsor of the event. "Besides the obvious access to good food, these market managers and the people they work with keep us connected to each other in the healthiest of ways.

Plus they build pride in our communities. To me, that's worth supporting in every way we can."

The event is important to the host community, too, with each town crafting the

fundraiser to be an extension of their community. Stockbridge is the fifth of the 5 towns to host.

For Stockbridge, that means it's a chance to showcase what the Open Air Market means to community.

"We depend on the fresh produce and other food that the Open Air Market brings to our clients," said committee member Jo Mayer, who is also the board chair for Stockbridge Community Outreach.

"Our Market Bucks collaboration — where we give our clients 'Market Bucks' to spend on food and food producing plants at the market — is an important and popular program which helps to fill in the food gap. Last year our clients spent about \$1500 in Market Bucks at the OAM."

Additionally, the 2020 event added a "Name the Bee" contest for kids 15 and under.

"We've got the cutest bee as part of our promotional materials," said Greenway, "and our bee needs a

name!" Entry forms are available at each of the Market's information booth.

Auction items will become available to peruse in early August, but in the meantime, potential bidders and buyers are encouraged to register and get ready for the big "reveal."

"We're getting new items everyday," said Greenway.

The Common Grill has donated Dinner for 8, Chelsea art-

ist Sue Craig has donated a framed print of the iconic Seitz' Tavern, Temperance Paige Photography is providing a family session, and Vintage Barn Boutique is putting together a themed basket, she said.

"But there's going to be the proverbial 'something for everyone' - golfing, food, art, music, pottery, yoga, cookbooks, jewelry, travel, home improvement, spa services! We're really

excited to offer such a variety of items in a variety of values," said Greenway.

The virtual auction will run August 16 to August 30. Proceeds benefit the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation's five farmers markets in Chelsea, Grass Lake, Manchester, Dexter, and Stockbridge. For more information and to register, visit www.32auctions.com/FarmToTableINTERRUPTED.

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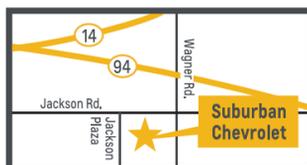
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Washtenaw County Livestock Showcase



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Over the dates of July 28 through July 30 a livestock showcase was held at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. The showcase was open to any youth age 7-19 as of January 1, 2020 and who as of May 1, 2020 was already participating in a youth program in Washtenaw County. The Market Beef and Feeder Calf Show was held Tuesday July 28, the Mar-

ket Lamb and Market Goat Show was held Wednesday July 29, and the Market Hog Show was held Thursday July 30. Sponsors of the showcase and show committee were: Eric McCalla, Kevin Ernst, Steve Harvey, Nancy Thelen, Erica Drake, Jacob Schaible, Denise & Lee Blumenauer, Josh Powers, Dan & Kathy Grau, Amy Ervin, Jacy Wacker, Matt McCalla, and Chad Trinkle.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the 2020 Washtenaw County Livestock

Showcase. You were a great group! Here are the showmanship class winners and Champion and Reserve Animals for each species:

Champion Jr. Feeder Calf Showman - Amaya Buter
Champion Intermediate Feeder Calf Showman - Calli Kruger
Champion Sr. Feeder Calf Showman - Amanda Jedele
Champion Dairy Feeder Calf - Amaya Buter
Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf - Luke Blumenauer

Champion Beef Feeder Calf - Clara Schneider
Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf - Heidi Fuchs
Champion Jr. Beef Showman - Heidi Fuchs
Champion Intermediate Beef Showman - Kierstin Norris
Champion Sr. Beef Showman - Cami Ford
Champion Market Beef - Madison Welshans
Reserve Champion Market Beef - Reid Schneider
Champion Jr. Goat Showman - Olivia Berenson
Champion Sr. Goat Showman - Hannah Berenson
Champion Market Goat - Nick Berenson
Reserve Champion Market Goat - Hannah Berenson
Champion Young Sheep Showman - Cassidy Hieber
Champion Jr. Sheep Showman - Valorie Hieber
Champion Intermediate Showman - Makayla Talbot
Champion Sr. Showman - Jaycie Brown
Champion Market Lamb - Makayla Talbot
Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Cami Ford
Champion Jr. Hog Showman - Caleb Benedict
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