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## Dexter City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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The meeting opened with the Approval Of The Minutes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Pre-arranged Participation was next:

1. Dexter Little League State Championship Proclamation. The Dexter Little League coach accepted the proclamation

for the All-Star Softball Team ages 9-11. This is the first State Championship win for boys or girls of any age division. Each individual player was honored by their coach before the City Council. Congratulations!

2. Constitution Week Proclamation; 1955 the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Con-

gress to celebrate the constitution. The average lifespan of constitutions is 17 years. The World's first enshrining self-governance. Sept 17-23rd is Constitution Week.

Approval of the agenda was next. The agenda was approved.

Non-arranged participation; Joe Semifero spoke under public participation.. He referred to

the work session and things discussed prior to the meeting. He does not believe or agree that the council should be limited on speaking regarding opinions on issues.

Paul Calley spoke regarding some traffic issues in his neighborhood. There is an issue with people speeding in his neighborhood. He noted the num-

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Bill Christen and Dart Driver at Bin Site 2021.

## Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will host a third Foam Recycle Weekend on September 24-26, 2021

From: Shawn Personke

"The turnout and feedback from our community has been very positive," said WWRA volunteer William Christen. "So

many people told us they were so happy that we were collecting foam and that they hoped we'd do it again."

DART Container said that WWRA **continued on page 5**

## Creekside Teacher Jane Montero Named Middle Level Art Educator of the Year

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to this year's Michigan Art Education Association MIDDLE LEVEL

ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR, Jane Montero. Jane has been the fifth and sixth-grade art teacher at Creekside Intermediate School in **continued on page 2**



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Dexter since 2001. She also has served as the Department Chair for Special Areas at her school since 2008. Jane earned a Master's degree in Education from University of Southern California in 1991 and has been teaching since 1989. The first 12 years of Jane's teaching career, she taught in her home state of California; however, the remaining years have been in Michigan. Jane is a 2019 graduate of NAEA's School for Art Leaders and serves as the Elementary Division Chairperson and a region liaison for MAEA.

After the initial Covid-19 school closure, Jane created two-minute short videos on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design for her students to view from home. These videos inspired her to create how-to videos for her

newly created digital design curriculum. She presented at Online Art Teachers K12 (OATK12) first summer professional development in June 2020 and the San Antonio Museum of Art Summer Teacher Institute in August of 2020. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, Jane presented at several virtual State conferences, including MAEA, VAEA, IAEA, WYAEA, and Missouri Art Education Association. She was recently one of two keynote speakers at the second OATK12 summer professional development conference. Jane's involvement in online art education and digital design continue to be her passion and she is excited to share her ideas with art educators across the globe.

Currently, Jane is a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership and Innovation at

Concordia University Wisconsin (online). The title of her dissertation is Developing Empathy Through Design Thinking in Elementary Art Education and will be defended in December. Jane presented her initial research on this topic at last spring's NAEA virtual Research Pre-conference. Pursue your passions and never stop learning are two of Jane's mottos.

The Michigan Art Education Association's art educator award program is designed to focus professional attention on quality art education and exemplary art educators, to increase public awareness of the importance of quality art education, and to set standards for quality art education and show how they can be achieved. For more information, visit <https://www.miarted.org/>.

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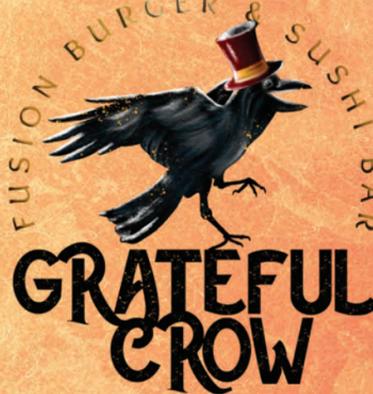
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# Dexter City Council Meeting

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ber of young people speeding through the neighborhood. The council will be following up and trying to figure out some sort of a resolution.

Reports were next:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff. The mayor noted that weeds have been trimmed and the path looks better and safer.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol. She provided information on the 2020 census. Cars parked on the street are a traffic calming measure.

3. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer provided his written report and had no verbal updates. The mayor asked about the Twisted Fish. It does move but not the way it used to. Ms. Jones

was informed that the city will now accept her resignation. She will be missed.

4. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough. The mayor received a call from a director of the road commission. He was asking if the city is interested in applying with the road commission for grant money. The mayor is in favor of partnering. Suds on the River had a nice turn out and was a very nice time.

Consent Agenda:

1. Consideration of: Bills & Payroll in the amount of: \$375,308.77.

2. Consideration of: Proposal from Excavators II, Inc. for Hudson St. Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement from Third to Fourth for an Amount not to Exceed \$12,590.

3. Consideration

of: Closure of Central St. from Main to Fifth for Apple Daze on October 2, 2021

Motion carried on consent agenda.

Old Business was next; Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: City Council Organizational Matters. The motion carried.

New Business; Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Resolution to Approve an Application to the Washtenaw County Connecting Communities Grant Program, Peter Sanderson spoke on the Dexter to Chelsea connector. Dance to Wylie, Working on Wylie to Parker. The Pandemic slowed everything down. Peter is excited to work with the city to connect to the mill Creek Trail.

The motion carried.

2. Discussion of: Succession Planning. Justin is trying to plan for major retirements in the near future, including Dan and Marie. Justin wants to make certain there is continuity in service. The need is to bring on an assistant City Manager as soon as possible. Justin will be working with Dan and providing updates at every meeting.

3. Discussion of: Transportation Improvements Program Call for Projects. 3 projects: Baker Rd, Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd, and Broad St.. Does not require council action. In front of the council in case there are any questions.

4. Consideration of: Setting Public Hearing for Ethics

Ordinance The city attorney discussed the ordinance and things the council will want to discuss and address. The mayor wanted to make certain that this ordinance addresses what the city charter requires. It does. Sanam would like to take another look prior to having the public hearing. Zach noted the point of a public hearing is to get input. Zach is happy to make adjustments after public input. It was determined that this should be postponed to the next meeting.

5. Discussion of: Review of Fire Station Documents. Justin discussed that on Nov 10th there will be a Miosha meeting. Justin wanted to make sure the information provided was what

the council wanted. Sanam stated that it was and she appreciated all the work that went into it.

Council Comments; Ms. Fisher stated that Alex is about 18 inches taller than she thought. It was the first in-person meeting for the council. Jamie noted that a flag was needed in the future. Paul offered opinions on how it is to participate on Zoom. He requested that people coughing turn from the mic. I appreciated that he noted it. He added some lighting issues. And how soft and echoey the comments were. Paul wanted to ask Sanam about her baby. Congratulations and welcome to the world Roland!

The meeting adjourned.

## Fortune and Great Place to Work® Name Silver Maples of Chelsea One of the 2021 Best Workplaces in Aging Services™



Great Place to Work® and Fortune magazine have honored Silver Maples of Chelsea Retirement Neighborhood as one of the 2021 Best Workplaces in Aging Services™. This is Silver Maples' first time being named to this prestigious list, coming in at 17th place under the small to medium senior housing category. Earning a spot on this list means that Silver Maples of Chelsea

is one of the best companies to work for in the country.

The Best Workplaces in Aging Services award is based on analysis of survey responses from more than 220,000 current employees. In that survey, 88% of Silver Maples of Chelsea's employees said Silver Maples is a great place to work. This number is 29% higher than the average U.S. company.

"This recognition

by Fortune magazine is another opportunity to thank our staff for their commitment to excellence," shares Julie Deppner, Executive Director/CEO "Having highly engaged employees has allowed us to continue to provide a positive and safe aging experience for our residents during the COVID pandemic. I am so proud of the work we have done to create a vibrant culture

for both our employees and our residents!" JoAnne Reynolds, Director of Human Resources said, "Creating and sustaining an engaged workforce is something we work on every single day! We value the input our employees give on these surveys and use the results to create work plans and goals to improve our employee experience and workplace culture. This national award is

yet another reason to celebrate and acknowledge what an outstanding, engaged team we have working at Silver Maples!"

The Best Workplaces in Aging Services list is highly competitive. Great Place to Work, the global authority on workplace culture, selected the list using rigorous analytics and confidential employee feedback. Companies were only considered if

they are a Great Place to Work-Certified™ organization.

Great Place to Work is the only company culture award in America that selects winners based on how fairly employees are treated. Companies are assessed on how well they are creating a great employee experience that cuts across race, gender, age, disability status, or any aspect of who employees are or what their role is.

"We are incredibly proud of The Best Workplaces for Aging Services. They fought bravely and saved countless lives during the COVID-19 pandemic," says Dr. Jacquelyn Kung, CEO of Activated Insights, the partner of Great Place to Work in senior care. "Years of research has shown how great workplaces contribute to lower employee turnover and better quality of life for seniors. These honored workplaces showcase the compassion and stories behind the research. Our biggest congratulations and appreciation go to these awardees."

To learn more about the workplace culture at Silver Maples of Chelsea, view our complete Great Place to Work profile.

# Athletic Booster Club Of Dexter Continues To Score Big Points For All DHS Teams



The Athletic Booster Club of Dexter (or ABCD) is a non-profit organization that has been supporting Dexter Community Schools for over 20 years. From field hockey to football to dance, basketball, and swim-

ming, there are 28 athletic programs for girls and boys at Dexter schools, and many teams also need to fundraise to pay for new equipment and uniforms for these programs. ABCD provides additional support beyond the fundraising that individual teams do every year.

During the 2020-2021 school year, ABCD contributed

over \$14,000 to support Dexter athletes by:

- Providing \$7,200 in direct contributions to Dexter teams, with each Dexter team receiving between \$150 and \$300; and
- Donating \$7,000 to the Dexter Athletics' Department to fund the school's Hudl subscription, so that every interested Dexter team can have

access to the Hudl video platform.

Since the year 2000, ABCD has donated over \$600,000 in direct funding and another \$60,000 in brick-and-mortar projects to Dexter Community Schools, and ABCD is also working on new efforts for the coming year, including the new Rising Tide Awards! Please consider supporting ABCD through fundraisers or by joining ABCD.

Here are some of the ways you can support Dexter Athletic Teams:

- Concessions will be back for the 2021-2022 school year! ABCD will again be managing the Al Ritt, Soccer, and High School concessions stands, and volunteers will be masked while serving to attendees. Parents can check with your team's concessions manager for more information to volunteer and earn money for your athlete's team.

- Recognize a Dexter Coach through ABCD's new "Rising Tide" Staff Award. The Rising Tide Award can be given to a coach who has made a difference

in an athlete's life. There are individual donations of \$50, \$75, or \$100 as well as corporate donations, and coaches will be recognized during fall, winter, and spring sport seasons. The Rising Tide Award is now available on ABCD's website – check it out!

- You can support ABCD through Busch's Cash for Education Program. Simply enroll on-line, identify the "Athletic Booster Club of Dexter" as one of your organizations and earn money for ABCD every time you shop. For more information, see [buschs.com/community](http://buschs.com/community).

You can also join ABCD. Every Dexter athletic program can have an ABCD Representative, and there are currently openings for several teams as well as two openings on the ABCD Board. Parents who

are interested in becoming a Representative should talk to their athlete's coach or contact ABCD directly about joining the ABCD Board.

Parents, athletes, and fans make the ABCD a success as well as corporate sponsors. ABCD thanks long-time sponsors — Busch's Fresh Food Market and Classic Pizza — for their continuing support of Dexter Athletics, as well as Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill in Dexter for sponsoring a successful golf fundraiser for ABCD this summer. Through ABCD, these sponsors and parent volunteers help Dexter athletes and the greater Dexter community.

Check out ABCD's website and Facebook page (at "Athletic Booster Club of Dexter") for more information.



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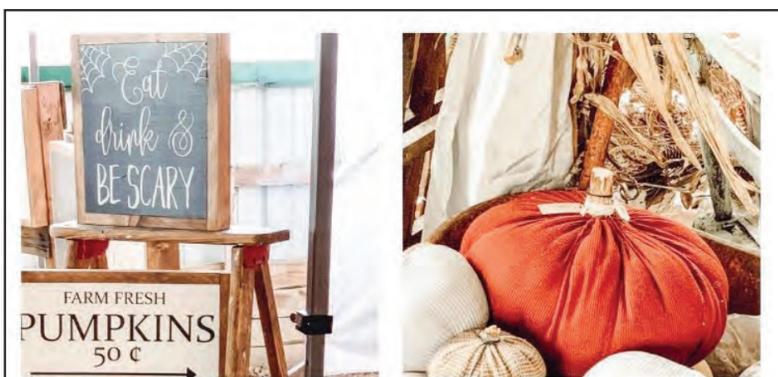
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## Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will host a third Foam Recycle Weekend on September 24-26, 2021



Dart truck at bin site 2021.

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 collected over 1500 pounds of clean, acceptable foam at the summer collection events.

Christen, who had been collecting foam in his garage for the past two years and then delivering to DART Container, has a keen idea on what is and is not considered #6 foam.

"For most of us, it is food containers; egg cartons; cups; packaging that comes with furniture, appliances, computers; and coolers for medicine and Omaha Steaks," said Christen.

"It is not packing peanuts, the thin, flexible foam sheeting that is used for packaging, foam wrapped in plastic or tape used in packaging, the light blue construction foam that carries the brand name 'Styrofoam,' nor the foam that has a layered appearance and does not break or crumble."

Foam can be transported to the collection site in any container. Volunteers will assist in identifying the foam that can be recycled.

Items not accepted are building insulation boards and packing

peanuts. These materials can be taken to Recycle Ann Arbor on Ellsworth.

Hours for the event are Friday, Sept. 24, Noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The foam that DART Container, a manufacturer of food and beverage packaging items, collects through these drives throughout Michigan is sold to other companies that make picture frames, interior molding, pens, rulers and foam packaging out of recycled foam.



# DEXTER ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE: NOSE BLEEDS, LAVA ROCKS, CRUTCHES AND TOM BRADY



By Don Richter  
drichter101@comcast.net

So it's been three and a half months since I fractured my tibia after jumping off the roof of my shed.

I know, who does such a stupid thing? Well, I did. And it's cost me my entire summer. Ever since jumping off the roof of my shed, I've been on crutches and couch-ridden.

These past three and a half months being injured and hobbling around on crutches has

given me a new perspective on life. No, nothing too Walden Pond-ish deep, just mundane, ordinary thoughts and feelings I've realized since fracturing my tibia and spending way too much time recuperating on my couch. I've come to the conclusion during my injury-filled, crutches-using hiatus there are certain things I miss doing. Just random, everyday type things, but nonetheless things I miss doing post injury.

I miss mowing my lawn.

Thankfully my neighbor has been nice enough to mow my lawn for me all summer. He actually does a better job than I do — my lawn has never looked injured and hobbling around on crutches has

work. I know, I'm weird.

I miss getting my hands dirty and working outside, whether it's weeding, edging, planting or digging — I'm itching to get back out there. I had such big plans for this summer. I was going to buy 30 bags of lava rocks and put them down in my beds all around my house, plus I was going to plant multiple shrubs, bushes and flowers. After jumping down off my shed's roof, all those plans were put aside.

I miss doing home improvement projects.

I had an entire list of projects to do around the house this summer. You'd be amazed at how difficult doing anything on crutches can be. I planned to install shutters around all of my

home's windows this summer. Yeah, not happening on crutches unless I want to break my other leg. I had caulking and cement work I needed to do all over my house and driveway area. Nope, not gonna happen balancing on one leg. I was going to paint my lovely shed whose roof I jumped off, as well. No way, ain't getting done on crutches.

I miss working out.

Granted I'm not a freak, but I've always tried to stay somewhat fit and in shape, though the large pizza and two-liter of Pepsi I have delivered every weekend doesn't help my waistline. I'm just sayin... But I used to workout and do some sort of physical activity at least four or five days

a week pre-injury. Now, I do a few stretches and a couch push-up or two and call it a day. Nowadays since my injury, I get exhausted and actually work up quite a lather simply going from my couch to the bathroom and back on my crutches. I'm so out of shape.

Finally, I miss sitting in my recliner. I love that chair. My recliner is my "sports chair." For every big sporting event or game, pre-injury, I would always settle into my recliner for some serious sports-watchin'. Now, I have to sit up straight with my leg elevated on my couch. It's not the same. My couch is so far away from the TV and all the sports action. It's like sitting in the "nose-bleed section."

My recliner is inches from the TV — it's like I'm in the huddle with Tom Brady. But sadly, my recliner is the size of a small SUV and just getting into and out of it is like grappling with a Grizzly bear. With one good leg, I'd tear my achilles or twist my back like a pretzel trying to lift myself out of it.

So sitting on the couch is my only option.

Woe is me.

I miss life without crutches.

I miss being in the huddle with Tom Brady.

Why did I jump off my shed's roof?

My nose is bleeding.

Can someone get me a tissue?

### DEXTER BOYS SOCCER

## PIONEER TOPS DEXTER 3-2 IN SEC RED SHOWDOWN



By Terry Jacoby

One thing is clear, no one is running away with the SEC Red Division title in boys' soccer this season. Defending champion Saline is still the team to beat because they are champions until further notice, but Pioneer and Skyline have the players, the coaches and the determination to knock off the Hornets.

And Huron and Dexter also will make some noise and

shouldn't be taken for granted. There will be no gimmies among these five soccer teams in the loaded SEC Red and expect a lot of one-goal outcomes.

Pioneer is 6-1-1 with the loss coming against a team from Ohio and the tie with rival Skyline. One of the victories was a recent one-goal game at Dexter where the Pioneers hung on for a 3-2 win over the Dreadnaughts.

"We are really



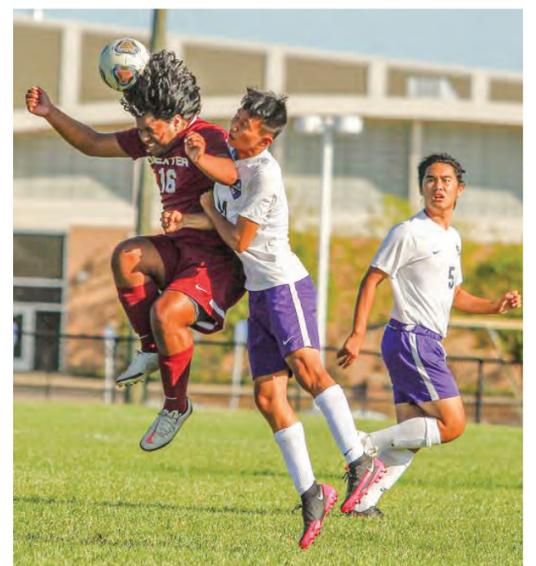
optimistic about our team," said Pioneer Coach Jon Sundermann. "We have a nice mix of players and a good mix of strong seniors and younger players. One positive early sign is we are getting contributions from a number of different players."

In the Dexter game, three different players — Ian Novar,

Tyler Wilkins and Leo Wilenski — scored for the Pioneers.

Dexter Coach Drew Ducker said "it was a good game overall."

"We had a few chances to get a third goal late in the game but couldn't find the back of the net," he said. "Our transition defending, over dribbling in the wrong places and lack of fit-



ness as a team hurt us. However, the boys worked hard and we looked really good at times."

Dexter has had a number of injuries so far this year but are on the mend.

"We hope to get all but one player back next week so we hope that starts our turning point to get back on track," Ducker said.

The Dreadnaughts have lost to all three Ann Arbor schools with a win against Bedford.

All photos are by Terry Jacoby. For more photos visit: <https://welovedexter.com/2021/09/10/soccer-pioneer-tops-dexter-3-2-in-competitive-sec-red-showdown/>.

## DEXTER FOOTBALL

# DREADNAUGHTS COME UP INCHES SHORT IN OT AGAINST BEDFORD



By Charles Post

Despite trailing by double digits midway through the fourth quarter, undefeated Dexter was able to force overtime before

falling 37-36 against unbeaten Bedford on Friday at Al Ritt Stadium. Bedford quarterback Brendan Hammer had a game-high four touch-

downs, while Cal Bavineau and Brennan Parachek led the explosive comeback for Dexter.

A pair of field goals put Bedford up

30-14 with 9:13 left in the game, before Dexter's passing game suddenly woke up.

Bavineau found Cole Cabana in the flat for a 3-yard touchdown reception, followed by a 5-yard touchdown run on a QB draw. Parachek caught both passes to secure two-point conversions in order to tie it 30-30.

Hammer punched in his fourth rushing touchdown to start overtime as the Kicking Mules scored in just two plays. Even after a holding penalty moved Dexter back, Bavineau was able to find Parachek outstretched in the back of the end zone to get within one point. The Dreadnaughts elected to go for the win and came inches short of

improving to 3-0.

"We called a timeout to see their look. If we didn't like it, we would have lined up and kicked the ball," Dexter head coach Phil Jacobs said following the narrow loss. "We've got one of the best players in the league to carry the ball and he was over the goal line. We just watched the replay."

Parachek was dominant and disruptive all night for the

Dreadnaughts. The 6'6 tight end and defensive end finished with two touchdown receptions, two sacks, and a fumble recovery. Jacobs discussed Parachek's performance: "He's the only kid on our team that plays two ways. He's a warrior out there. When it's crunch time, we want the ball in his hands."

On the opening drive of the game, senior quarterback Bavineau was picked off by Luke Davis after he adjusted to the throw at the last second. Bedford preceded to take a 7-0 lead as Hammer scored from five yards out. Dexter responded on the first play of the second quarter after Bavineau floated a beautiful ball to Parachek.

Cabana, a junior running back, was able to get involved on Dexter's next possession as he gashed Bedford's defense for a 22-yard gain and a 3-yard touchdown. The Kicking Mules had just enough time to get into kicking range and connect on a 28-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining in the second quarter. Bedford was up 17-14 at half-time.

Hammer led a 70-yard drive, capped by a TD rush with 7:52 left in the third quarter to extend the lead to 24-14. After a scoreless third quarter for Dexter's offense, it looked like Bedford might run away with the game. Jacobs was able to get his team to fight back in the fourth quarter and overtime.

"I thought towards the end there we got a little momentum. They weren't sending the blitz as much and we took advantage of some soft spots," Jacobs told me. "We had Parachek over the middle a couple times and hit Cabana out of the backfield on some swing routes. We also had a couple big screens down the field."

Bedford remains tied with undefeated Saline atop the SEC Red standings, while Dexter falls to 2-1 and will hope to get back on track at Lincoln next Friday.

"We've got a lot of season left and we just need to avenge this loss. We have until Sunday night to get this one out of our system when we meet with the team," Jacobs explained.

## PROFILE: DEXTER'S TESSMER PLAYING BASEBALL AT A HIGH LEVEL AT A YOUNG AGE



By Terry Jacoby

Joey Tessmer has a simple yet inspiring plan for the next two years at Dexter High School. "I plan on playing basketball throughout high school but baseball I hope to be at the next level," he says. "But I just want to enjoy playing with my high

school friends and not put too much pressure on myself."

Sounds like a plan. Sounds like a very good plan – and one that is working.

Tessmer was one of four Dreadnaughts named to the SEC White Division All-Conference baseball team this

past season after Dexter went 25-9-2 on the season and won the SEC White (The Dreads lost to Howell 10-5 in a District final). Only a sophomore, Tessmer played the outfield and batted a solid .350 for Dexter.

Tessmer also excels on the basketball

court and spent his sophomore season on the JV team. "Basketball this past year really was a struggle because it was a short season and every other week our games were canceled because of COVID contact tracing," he said. "Our team started off with a losing record but we just kept playing hard and our coach didn't give up on us and we finished strong."

But it's on the diamond where he really shines.

"Baseball is for sure my main sport, and I hope to keep working to potentially play at the next level," he says. "I enjoy how baseball is more a relaxed, low key game compared to a faster game like bas-

ketball or football."

Tessmer said the Dreadnaughts were successful in baseball because they didn't back down from anyone and worked hard to improve from the first pitch to the final out. The 2021 Dreads came within one game of the school record for most wins in a season.

"We challenged ourselves by going out and playing top ranked teams in the state, and we often won or competed with them," he says. "As a team there were always guys putting in extra work. Coming early and swinging in the cages or staying after to field grounders or to work on pitching. Everybody simply just wanted to get better."

Tessmer didn't get to play his freshman season because of the pandemic shutdown but takes a positive spin on a difficult situation. "It was very tough and disheartening, but it puts into perspective that you can't take any moment on the field for granted."

Joey, 16, is the son of Steven and Lisa Tessmer. He also hits it out of the park in the classroom (he has a 3.9 GPA).

He started playing t-ball at a very young age and "always loved the challenge that the game offers and hanging with your teammates all day."

"It's just a great atmosphere and community," he says.

# St. Mary Pinckney and American Legion Honor 9/11 Heroes, Victims on 20th Anniversary

St. Mary Celebrates 65th Anniversary of School, Announces Boosted Enrollment for Third Consecutive Year

St. Mary Hosts Country Breakfast for Community Sun. 9/12 - 8:30-11am



Photos Courtesy of St. Mary's Pinckney



**From: Carissa Poroko**

St. Mary Pinckney honored 9/11 victims and heroes today during a Remembrance Ceremony with the American Legion Memorial Post of Pinckney.

American Legion veterans and former local firefighters came in uniform to lower the elementary school's flag to half mast, and teach students about military heroes and the tragic events that took place on 9/11 20 years ago.

St. Mary, which celebrated their own 65th anniversary this week, invited the community to the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

With boosted enrollment for a third consecutive year, the school's growing student body received special military dog tags assembled by parent volunteers to honor 9/11 heroes. Students in grades K-8 learned how to fold an American flag

and other patriotic traditions from the American Legion Past Post Commander, Jim Wallace. Students were also able to ask questions about 9/11 and its significance in American history.

Wallace, a Vietnam vet from 1966-1968, grew up in Dexter and worked for the Pinckney Fire Department, then became an Ann Arbor firefighter in 1978. His granddaughter is a 5th grade student at St. Mary, and Wallace is a parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church on Dexter-Pinckney Road.

St. Mary Elementary is open for enrollment to students in preschool through eighth grade. To book a tour, contact principal Veronica Kinsey at (734) 878-3161.

Beginning this Sunday September 12th, St. Mary will resume hosting their monthly Country Breakfasts, from 8:30-11am. For more information, the menu and breakfast dates, visit [stmarypinckney.org](http://stmarypinckney.org).

*St. Mary Men's Club Proudly Announces...*

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# Fall Virtual Story Times From Dexter District Library



Children ages 2 – 6 can gallop like a giraffe, balance on one foot like a flamingo or sprint across the African savanna like a cheetah. Join Bob-a-loo, a preschool movement program, where children build heart & body strength, & learn how good it feels to eat healthy as we explore the Farmers Market. Each family of a registered child will receive a \$10 gift card to use at the Farmers Market on the day of the event. This is an outside event, held in-person, at the Library. There will be two sessions for this program. Registration is required. Please

only register for one session.

**Elephant & Piggie Craft & Activity Bags**  
**Take & Make Crafts for Kids of All Ages**  
**Monday, September 20 – Sunday, September 26**  
**For kids of all ages**

No registration required

While supplies last Limit 5 per family

**Mad Science – Spy Academy**

Saturday, September 25

Session 1 – 10:00am-11:00am

Session 2 – 11:30am-12:30pm

Look out 007—the Mad Science Spy Academy is in ses-



sion! Become a Mad Science secret spy and take a fascinating journey through the world of detection, forensics and classified information. Learn code language to send secret messages as part of your mission. Children will make their own Secret Code Breaker™ to commu-

nicate stealthily at home, like real spies. This program is for children in grades K through 5. Registration is required. Space is limited. There will be two sessions for this program. Please only register for one session. This program will be held in-person.

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am on Facebook Live**  
**September 29 – November 17**  
**Toddlers and Preschoolers**

Visit the library from your living room! Ms. Krista will be singing familiar songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fun action rhymes every week on Wednes-

day at 10:30 am. Bob-a-loo – Preschool Movement Program

Saturday, September 18

Session 1 – 9:30-10:15

(check-in from 9:15-9:30)

Session 2 – 10:30-11:15

(check-in from 10:15-10:30)



## Fall 2021 Community Programs at Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Centers

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

#### Healthy Eating 101 – (6-week virtual series)

Thurs 9/16 – 10/21 6:30-7:30pm FEE \$60 MEM \$54 **CHE**  
*There's so much information out there about what is healthy and what is not. This class will help cut through all that and get to the basics of what is a healthy diet and what you need to improve your overall health. Discussion will also include foods that will help with inflammation, brain health, and weight loss. Note: This series is hosted virtually, you must have access to Zoom to participate.*

#### Women's Health and Fitness Day

Wed 9/29 Women workout for FREE **CHE/DEX**

#### Equestrian Pilates Workshop

Tues 9/7 11am – 12pm FREE **CHE**  
 Tues 10/19 11am – 12pm FREE **CHE**  
*Be the athlete you expect your horse to be by learning the general Pilates principles to increase body awareness, improve posture, flexibility and balance.*

#### Mindfulness Meditation Workshop

Sun 10/3-10/24 11am – 12:30pm FEE \$60 MEM \$30 **DEX**

#### Matter of Balance – (8-week virtual series)

Tues 10/6-12/1 1:30pm – 3:30pm FREE **CHE**  
*Many older adults experience concerns of falling that could restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. Note: This series is hosted virtually by the National Kidney Foundation, you must have access to Zoom to participate.*

#### Cooking Tips and Tricks – (6-week virtual series)

Thurs 11/4-12/9 6:30-7:30pm FEE \$60 MEM \$54 **CHE**  
*We all know that cooking from scratch is the best way to get healthy, but it can be difficult and time consuming. This course will discuss meal planning, easy ways to cook delicious and satisfying meals, how to please the picky eater, and what exactly is a balanced meal. Discussion will also include the best snacks to fuel your day. Note: This series is hosted virtually, you must have access to Zoom to participate.*

#### Game of Go

Saturdays FREE **DEX**  
*Game of Go lessons and group problem-solving at 10 AM every Saturday, with paired games starting at 11 AM. Beginners and all level of players are welcome.*

### FITNESS CLASSES

#### Equestrian Pilates

Tues 9/14-10/12 11:00 am – 12:00 pm FEE \$65 MEM \$60 **CHE**  
 Tues 10/26-11/23 11:00 am – 12:00 pm FEE \$65 MEM \$60 **CHE**

#### Chair Yoga

Fri 9/10-10/29 10:30am – 11:30am FEE \$72 **CHE**  
 Fri 11/5-12/17\* 10:30am – 11:30am FEE \$54 **CHE**  
 \*No class 11/26

#### Line Dancing

Thurs 9/9-10/28 1:15pm – 2:15pm FEE \$72 **CHE**  
 Thurs 11/4-12/16\* 1:15pm – 2:15pm FEE \$54 **CHE**  
 \*No class 11/25

#### BodyPump™

Sat 9/11-10/30 7:10am-8:10 am FEE \$72 **CHE**  
 Sat 11/6-12/18 7:10am-8:10 am FEE \$63 **CHE**

#### Lunar Flow Yoga

Wed 9/8-10/27 5:30pm – 6:30pm FEE \$72 **CHE**  
 Wed 11/3-12/22\* 5:30pm – 6:30pm FEE \$63 **CHE**  
 \*No Class 11/24

#### Pilate Reformer

Thurs 9/2-9/23 8:30am-9:30am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Thurs 9/30-10/21 8:30am-9:30am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Thurs 10/28-11/18 8:30am-9:30am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Thurs 12/2-12/23 8:30am-9:30am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Sat 9/4-9/25 10:00am – 11:00am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Sat 10/2-10/23 10:00am – 11:00am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**  
 Sat 10/30-11/20 10:00am – 11:00am FEE \$112 MEM \$100 **DEX**

#### Pickleball Intro Class

Wed/Fri 9/15-9/24 9:00am - 10:00am FEE\$40 **DEX**  
 Wed/Fri 10/6-10/15 5:00pm - 6:00pm FEE\$40 **DEX**

#### Pickleball Intermediate Class

Wed/Fri 9/15-9/24 5:00pm – 6:00pm FEE\$40 **DEX**  
 Wed/Fri 10/6-10/15 9:00am - 10:00am FEE\$40 **DEX**  
 Wed/Fri 11/3-11/19 9:00am - 10:00am FEE\$40 **DEX**

### SMALL GROUP PERSONAL TRAINING

#### Strengthening Your Posture

Tues 9/7-9/28 11:00am – 12:00pm FEE \$56 MEM \$52 **CHE**  
 Tues 10/5-10/26 11:00am – 12:00pm FEE \$56 MEM \$52 **CHE**  
 Tues 11/2-11/23 11:00am – 12:00pm FEE \$56 MEM \$52 **CHE**

#### TRX Functional Training

Fri 9/10-9/24 9:00am-10:00am FEE \$45 MEM \$37.50 **DEX**  
 Fri 10/8-10/29 9:00am-10:00am FEE \$60 MEM \$50 **DEX**

**CHE** = Chelsea Wellness Center 734-214-0220 **DEX** = Dexter Wellness Center 734-580-2500

MEM = Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Center Member  
 Senior = 60+

Registration required for all events. Please call to register or for more information.

\*Scholarships Available



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# Smokey Joe's Café Opens Season 13 at The Encore

## The Songs of Leiber and Stoller Take Center Stage in The Maas!

### September 23 – October 10



**Jessica Grové,**  
Interim Director  
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The Encore Musical Theatre kicks

off a new season of mainstage musicals with the Broadway hit SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ. The longest-running revue in Broadway histo-

ry, the show features a Grammy-winning score by hitmakers, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. You'll be dancing in your seat to such instantly recognizable tunes as On Broadway, Fools Fall in Love, Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock, Love Potion #9 and so many more.

Currently in re-

hearsal, The Encore production is being directed by artistic director and Broadway veteran, Dan Cooney (Mamma Mia!, Bonnie & Clyde, 9 to 5, Les Misérables), with choreography by New York City's "Mayor of Broadway," Gerry McIntyre (Anything Goes, Once On This Island, Chicago, Uptown It's Hot, Joseph... Dreamcoat).

The talented cast of nine, with many Encore favorites, includes Jason Briggs (Broadway Rocks!, Ain't Misbehavin'); Jordyn Davis (Peter Pan Nat'l Tour, Legally Blonde); Bryana Hall (Standard Time, Anything

Goes); Dan Johnson (Sweeney Todd, Assassins); Chris Joseph (Simply Sondheim, Standard Time); David Magumba (Moo-town Unplugged); Gayle E. Martin (Be Our Guest, Anything Goes); Tyler J. Messinger (Secret Garden, Fun Home); and Sarah B. Stevens (Fun Home, Sweeney Todd).

Tickets for Smokey Joe's Café are available at <https://the-encore.ticketleap.com/smokey-joes-cafe/> or, for in-person ticket purchases, visit the box office at The Encore Theatre, 7714 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter (734.268.6200). For

Box Office hours, please visit their website at <https://theencoretheatre.org/>.

Smokey Joe's Café will be presented in The Maas performance space at The Encore's new venue in the historic Copeland building. The Encore maintains compliance with all CDC and Michigan State COVID guidelines and, until further notice, continues to operate at a reduced capacity, with general admission seating to facilitate spacing.

This production is generously sponsored by Judith Manocherian LLC and Fred and Diane Schmid.



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## DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**The 50 States Challenge**  
September 1 – September 15 (CHE/STK)  
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.

**Healthy Eating 101\***  
6-week Virtual Workshop (CHE)  
Thursdays, September 16–October 21 • 6:30-7:30pm  
Rebecca Round, RD  
There's so much information out there about what is healthy and what is not. This class will get to the basics of what is a healthy diet and what you need to do to improve your overall health. We'll discuss foods that help with inflammation, brain health, and weight loss. Only \$54 for members and \$60 for non-members. Members can register via member self-service portal or at the Member Service Desk. Non-members must register with Chelsea Wellness Center by calling 734-214-0220.

**Women's Health & Fitness Day**  
Wednesday, September 29 (CHE/DEX/STK)  
Women work out for FREE!  
Appetizers & Art - Members only event  
Bethany Stone from The Painted Owl  
Tuesday, September 28 5:30-7:30pm (DEX)  
Wednesday, September 29 5:30-7:30pm (CHE)  
Join us for appetizers and learn some excellent fitness tips while creating a canvas art piece to take home! Registration is limited and required at the Member Service Desk or call 734-214-0220 (CHE) or 734-580-2500 (DEX).

\*Open to the community.



Dear DCS Families, Staff, and Students,

It has been a great week of school and we're so happy to have our students in school every day this year. Never have we longed for traffic backups on Baker Road more than this year. We know that routines will settle in over the next few weeks and cannot thank you enough for everything you've done to help us make this school year a success.

DCS is Hiring: Like every employer, we are struggling to fill all of our positions to support DCS kids and programming. We are currently looking for substitute teachers, substitute para educators, lifeguards, 3 Bus Drivers, 14 Para Educators, 1 Lunch Monitor, 1 Lead Infant/Toddler Teacher, 2 Infant/Toddler Teachers, 1 Resource Teacher at Jenkins, 2 Custodians, and 3 Cooks/Cashiers. We also need additional aftercare teachers from 3:00 - 6:00 to expand support for families. If you're in-

terested in working at DCS, please email [hr@dexterschools.org](mailto:hr@dexterschools.org).

Back to School Wayfinder: Check out the newest Back to School Wayfinder here: [https://storage.googleapis.com/pt04-2/messages/attachments/19db3a57755759d7a8a5b5d1b345276b/DCS\\_BacktoSchool2021Wayfinder.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/pt04-2/messages/attachments/19db3a57755759d7a8a5b5d1b345276b/DCS_BacktoSchool2021Wayfinder.pdf).

Dread Strong Signs: Dread Strong signs will be available on Baker Road for families to display at home. Please wait until after 7 p.m. to take any signs.

Nursing Help Needed: We are anticipating a need for part-time nursing help to assist with Covid-19 rapid testing. If you are a nurse and have flexibility to work a couple of hours per day for a few days per week, please contact [hr@dexterschools.org](mailto:hr@dexterschools.org).

Thank you for your continued support, have a great weekend, and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,  
**Christopher Timmis,**  
EdD  
Superintendent