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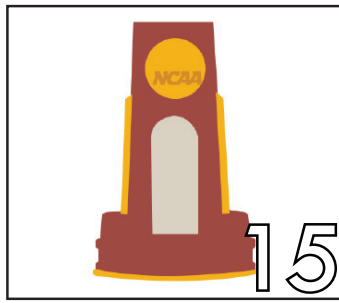
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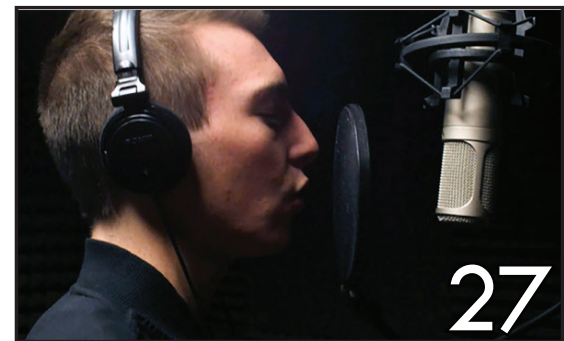
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A then-and-now photo illustration was created by using a picture taken the day after the Dexter Tornado in 2012 that displayed the destruction on Dexter-Pinckney Road and comparing it to the current landscape five years later. - Tyler Woelfel

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# Signs Point to Controversy

Billboards were proposed near Dexter schools to gain additional revenue; board tables discussions

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To kick off the year, Dexter Community Schools created a proposal to increase revenue for all of its constituent schools. The proposal is for two electronic billboards that would project advertisements.

According to [dexterschools.org](http://dexterschools.org), the billboards are predicted to generate over \$40,000 each year (twenty thousand each). The billboards are planned to be placed on the corner of Shield and Baker Road and on Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, east of the current traffic light. To go along with the two billboards, the proposal also included a request for one pedestrian-actuated warning system -- a crosswalk much like the one already on Shield Road, where lights flash to warn passing cars of pedestrians. This would make the trip shorter and safer for students who walk or bike to school. Lastly, the school would get free advertising at anytime on both of the billboards.

If the billboards do become a reality, according to [dexterschools.org](http://dexterschools.org), every advertisement has to follow Board Policy 9700, which states that there cannot be any advertisements that promote alcohol, drugs, sex, religion, political opinion, violence, or R-rated material.

The reason for the proposal of these signs is that they would help the school district immensely with funding for certain academic necessities that run out near the end of the school year, such as lined paper. In addition, planners have been fading out due to lack of funding, leaving students without the commodity that has been consistently provided at the high school in previous years. Some teachers at the high school have discussed the positive outlook on the billboard project's ability to provide revenue for the school.

"Wherever the revenue ends up, it will hopefully loosen up money from the general fund for other student-driven initiatives," DHS math teacher Paige Lumpiesz said.



Photo courtesy of WeLoveDexter

However, as always, there is opposition to this proposal too. People feel like the light pollution could be annoying, the billboards could be distracting, and some don't see why the school system can't just pursue a grant.

Some opposition may be unwarranted, however, because according to the proposal, the billboards have no light effect on any nearby houses due to their low-light nature. The proposal continues by saying neighboring houses with porch lights on will have more of an effect than the billboards. The argument that they may present a distraction is viable. The distraction to drivers is a possible danger because there are constantly new drivers going to and from the high school, and they could grab the attention of experienced drivers too much as well.

As of early March, discussions between concerned citizens and the school board in regards to the new billboards have been pushed back until later in the year.

## 5G Network Coming Soon to Ann Arbor



Verizon is going to be introducing a 5G (fifth-generation) mobile network. 5G is expected to be 10 to 100 times faster than the current 4G networks.

Network testing will be occurring in 11 cities later this year.

Ann Arbor will be one of the 11 cities they will be testing in. With Ann Arbor only ten miles away, some Dexter students may be able to participate in the trial.

"That's really cool that Ann Arbor is getting it and it's so close to us," junior Nick Barnes said.

The other 10 locations are Atlanta, Georgia; Bernardsville, New Jersey; Brockton, Massachusetts; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Houston, Texas; Miami, Florida; Sacramento, California; Seattle, Washington; and Washington, D.C.

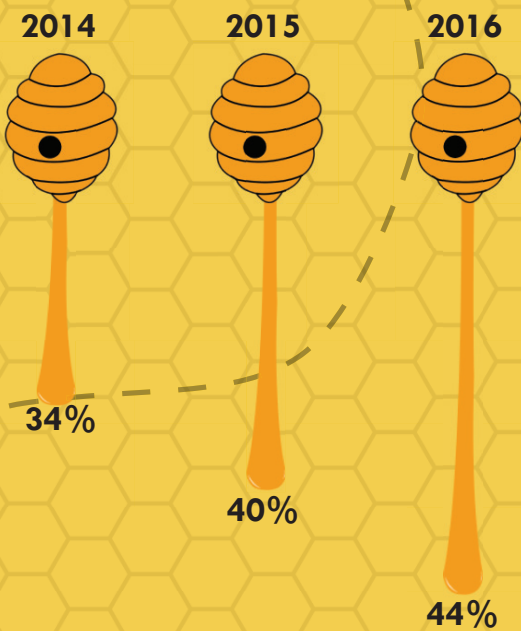
Other companies like Nokia and AT&T are also starting to test these 5G networks with their customers, but have not released specific details yet. -Lisa Zuiderveen

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# OUR VIEW: Students Should Attend Prom Despite Rising Ticket Prices

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Since 2010, Dexter High School teacher Al Snider has been the administrator behind student council. One of the major responsibilities held by student council is the organization of prom. Historically, prom was held at the high school, but as the number of students attending the dance rose, so did the safety hazard.

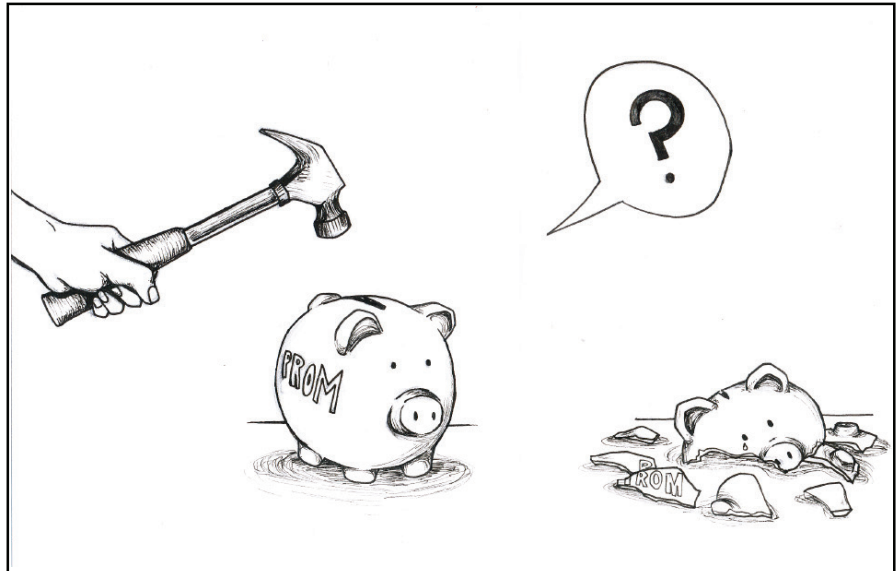
The last time prom was held at the high school was 2013. It was then declared by the fire marshal to be a fire hazard to pack that many people into the school with all of the decorations. The next year prom was moved to The Big House, The University of Michigan's football stadium, to accommodate for the larger crowd. The other most notable change has been the rise in ticket prices.

This year, the price to attend prom will cost \$45 compared to last year's \$35. Even just a \$10 jump in price may have some students debating their attendance, especially considering the number of students who would be purchasing two tickets.

Even with the rise in price, prom is a twice-in-a-lifetime experience and should be taken advantage of. It's not every night that you get to dress up in your finest attire and attend a party at the biggest stadium in North America. For \$45, you could have a night that you may remember for the rest of your life.

As many may be angered by the increase in price, you should know it is well justified. The price of tickets has a direct correlation with the price of business. Essentially what you are paying for is the extras that go into an event like this; caricature artists and disk jockeys cost more in 2017.

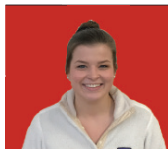
Some sources also say the price jump is also a result of overspending for last year's dance. The hit taken from the depleted budget is being made up for in the form of fundraising. Events like Dine to Donate at Aubree's and Knight's Steakhouse are



donating between 15 and 20 percent of their proceeds toward prom funding. Other efforts like selling candy bars and pretzel sticks, along with T-shirts, are being made by students. These types of efforts are unprecedented in funding prom.

## Prom is a twice-in-a-lifetime experience and should be taken advantage of.

For the juniors attending this year, it should be noted that this is your final year at The Big House. Next year, student council plans to hold prom at a venue in Howell; a combination of a dinner with a dance immediately following. Prom will alternate between locations so that each student will experience both The Big House and the Howell venue once in their junior and senior years.



"It won't affect my decision because I already bought a dress."

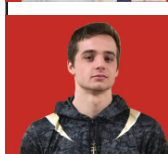
-Senior Meg Bellottie

**Q: Will your plans for prom change after the \$10 increase in ticket price?**



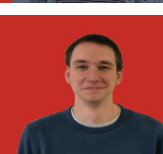
"I would go to a less expensive restaurant for dinner."

-Junior Alyssa Gilson



"That's \$10 more I won't be spending on prom."

-Senior Adam Burton



"I'll still go, but it'll suck more."

-Junior Joe Brooks

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## BLACK LIVES ARE (STILL) RELEVANT

**THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT HASN'T GONE AWAY.  
NOTHING WILL STOP IT ANY TIME SOON.  
YOU STILL NEED TO FIGHT.**

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There is a war waged on people of color in this country. Statistically, over 250 black people were killed by police in 2016, and while blacks only make up 13 percent of the US population, almost half of the incarcerated population is black. Institutionalized racism was brought to light during the 2016 Presidential Election, and our current president brings to light the power of racism as a joining force against humankind. African Americans were granted full freedom legally in 1890 under the 13th Amendment, then further protected from legal barriers by President Johnson in 1965. The fight for freedom has been a long one, and it's no where close to over.

It's hard to talk about race in a place as white as Dexter. It's hard to talk about race being a white person with a lot of privilege (if you're still confused about privilege, send me an email) who hasn't really had a chance to experience racism firsthand. It's hard for me to sit here and say black lives are tough when I don't live one. Sometimes, the hardest things to say are what need to be said the most.

Living in a community like Dexter, we are guarded. Sure, we can read the news and stay caught up on current events, whether nationwide or worldwide, but we don't experience a lot that others do. Those in a big city have more chances to see violence, racism, and discrimination; the list goes on as the population increases. Yet, at the same time we are almost more exposed to racism than those in big cities. Cities are accepting, filled with people of all genders and races and religions. Here in Dexter, we are divided into the accepting of all, and the accepting of some (with conditions for why you can't accept certain groups). This division can be felt more strongly due to the size of the school. We split into groups with similar beliefs to us, and a smaller population means these groups seem smaller and smaller.

I have seen blatant racism countless times at DHS. I have seen it in students, in media, in parents. From slurs yelled out in anger, to discrimination from social groups because of the shade of someone's skin. I have seen racism in Ann Arbor, in East Lansing, in Detroit, and probably every city I have ever been in. Maybe this is because of

the groups I'm in, surrounded by white people and very underexposed to different cultures. Maybe it's because I've spent my life working to acknowledge and fight racism, in turn making me more cognizant of the racism, using the privilege I hold to benefit others. Whatever the reason, the fact is it's still there.

We have a system set up against people of color. Plea bargains are often offered to those who are faced with criminal charges, leading to 97 percent never reaching a trial. Innocent men and women fill penitentiaries simply because they cannot afford \$40,000 bail, and may be faced with a longer sentence after going through the court process. It is easier for someone to spend three years in jail (where the government would rather have them) than anywhere else. Many people don't know that companies like Victoria's Secret, JCPenney, and Microsoft use prison labor to manufacture goods. Inmates can be paid to do work for less than a dollar, while prisons and the government make an \$11 million profit on them. "Non-profit" companies, such as the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), lobby politicians to make laws (like the Federal Crime Bill in 1994 that doubled mass incarceration) that make it extremely challenging for the African American population to escape prison. These companies go on to profit off of the prisons.

Black lives are constantly viewed as worth less than white lives. It has been 398 years since the first African was brought to the US in slavery. It has been 155 years since the Emancipation Proclamation. It has been 147 years since the right to vote was granted, but only 52 years since their right to vote was protected by law (which still isn't guaranteed through voter registration laws). The black population has been fighting constantly, and have never caught a break in their battle for equality.

So next time you go to purchase something from a department store, do a little research and see just who your money is going to. Check yourself before you join in on your friends banter about African American culture, or partake in a peaceful protest against injustice in your community.


Black lives still matter. Just because the mainstream media isn't telling you that anymore doesn't mean it isn't relevant. This fight is far from over, and it's time we all use our privilege to aid in the resistance.





# How to: Politics

A complete guide explaining how to navigate yourself through politics at DHS

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Politics have been a sensitive topic of conversation at DHS recently. There are people whose new trigger word is Trump, and other people that will take the excitement of him winning the election to their grave. It seems as if people are having trouble sharing their opinion without offending others or just taking it to unnecessary extremes. If we can all follow these three simple steps, our school will become a much more enjoyable place to be, and we could bring social media back to better times

## Step One: Sharing your Opinion

Guys, we get it, Hillary lost, our country is doomed and the world is more likely than not going to burst into flames. Seriously though... it's been two months. It's time to get over it and accept, despite your hashtags, Donald Trump is your president. People want to hear you cry about that just as much as you want to hear people celebrating about Trump

Congratulations, Donald Trump has won the election and is now the most powerful man in the world. We are all very aware of this. So, just like the Hillary supporters, feel free to stop celebrating anytime now. How would you feel if Hillary had won and her supporters were still talking about

## Step Two: Social Media

The best way to go about politics on social media is to just keep the two completely separate. I'm sorry to break it to you, but seeing someone tweet things such as "#Not-MyPresident" annoys the majority of your followers just as much as when you see someone retweeting Cloyd Rivers.

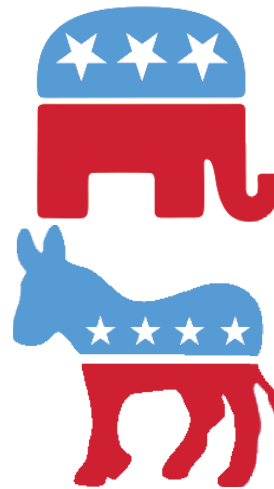
Now I'm not totally against the Cloyd Rivers account. Some of it is positive things about veterans that nobody minds reading. It's seeing my timeline full of Cloyd Rivers that angers me. Don't play dumb. We all know the difference between good tweets and ones meant to piss someone off.

## Step Three: Accepting other Opinions

### Remember the Golden Rule?

One of the first things we were taught way back in kindergarten? Well, if not, it stated: "Treat others how you wish to be treated." I'm sorry to say it, but the liberals seem to be the ones that are the least accepting of political opinions. I know they're always preaching about how we all should be accepting of race, religion, etc. yet continue to ridicule conservatives for what they believe in. I may be wrong, but that seems pretty hypocritical to me.

Conservatives, don't think you're off the hook with the whole Golden Rule idea. I see how you try to play victim for the liberals judging you based on your opinion, yet you do the same thing. In the end, we are all the same, judgemental people with views that slightly differ from one another. So how about instead of criticizing each other we look at ourselves first.



We all just need to take a deep breath and chill on the politics, both on social media and just in general. I don't think I'm alone in saying that I would like nothing more than to have a politics-free social media and school environment. Let's all just be more accepting of each other's beliefs and maybe take a second to see them for more than just their face value. If you think you're right and anybody that doesn't think exactly like you is wrong, please, for the well-being of everyone around you, keep it to yourself.





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# The Warm Weather Problem

Winter temperatures reach record highs in Michigan, but residents should fear its implications of severe climate change

First things first: I hate winter. Truly, I do. In the dead of winter in Michigan, when the sun is a mere distant memory, and the cold is so deep, so complete, that it burrows into your fingertips, toes, and ears, threatening to numb them forever, I find solace in daydreaming about the beach, about green grass and leaves on trees and leaving the house without 20 layers on.

## We don't quite know what to do with ourselves in a world transforming like never before.

When the first hints of spring come after long months of ferocious cold, it's like the world is finally waking up. It's exhilarating and makes me remember that there are parts of Michigan weather that aren't torturous. However, the winter of early 2017 was different. It was slightly anticlimactic, as though the world had tensed up for a hard blow that just never came.

In the fall, I had been dreading winter, as always, but then November rolled around and the weather barely shifted. In fact, the last two days of November 2016 reached nearly 60 degrees, which, for someone native to Michigan, barely warrants a light jacket. December and January got a bit cooler - we even got a few snow days - but the winter never reached the frigid magnitude of my memory. There was even a day in December that was over 50 degrees, which is practically unheard of. Now, in February and March, when winter traditionally begins fade away very, very slowly, spring seems to already have sprung. The high in February of 2017 was 45.2 degrees; the normal high is only 35.

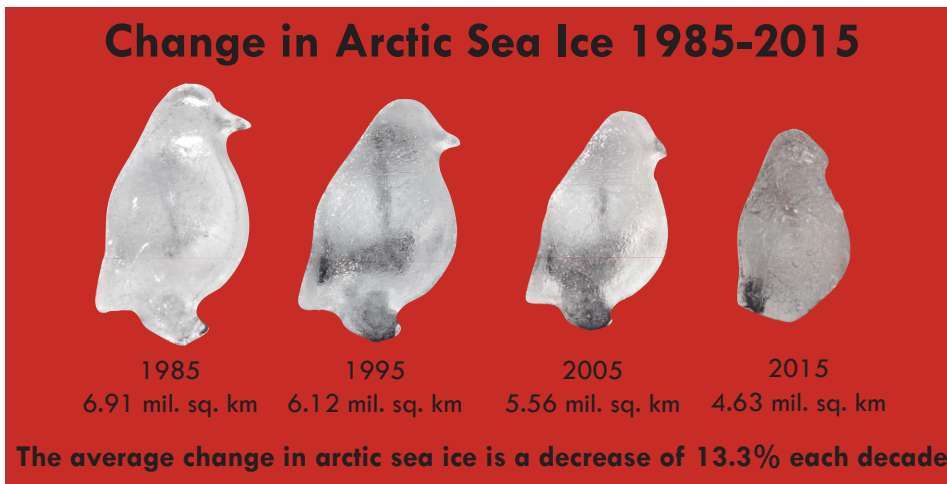
All of this culminates in the fact that creeping shift of global

climate change is starting to feel less sluggish. We can feel it, in the air and on our skin, and it feels real. But it's also easy to be conflicted because, living in Michigan, where we're accustomed to lengthy, brutal winters, this feels like a reprieve. The thought of warmer winters in coming years is welcome, even celebrated. Being able to go outside during the winter months and not want to immediately die is kind of great.

But the greater implications are far from positive. As the global climate increases, our polar ice caps melt, sea levels rise, and droughts, heat waves, hurricanes, and other natural disasters increase in frequency and intensity. In the past, these consequences seemed like a worrisome-but-distant threat, but now they hit a little too close to home. Ecosystems worldwide are shifting, unsure how to react to an unprecedented wave of heat, and humans are not excluded. We don't quite know what to do with ourselves in a world transforming like never before.

A couple of weeks ago, a weekend in mid-February hit 68 degrees (the average normal temperature in February is 27 degrees) and scores of people fled outdoors to enjoy the warmth. Instagram pictures and Snapchat stories were filled with views from picnics and park benches, showing people gleefully donning sunglasses and short sleeves. It was wonderful and terrifying.

I love warm weather, but I don't love the unnatural reality that's been causing it lately. I don't think we need to actively feel guilty about liking this early spring, but it's imperative that we're aware of the changing world around us. Though gentler weather is unbelievably nice, we must understand the underlying consequences of climate change.



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## Generation Z: Lazy & Entitled?

Two seniors attempt to prove the stereotypes of the “Millennial” generation are not as representative as people think



Many stereotypes of Generation Z, kids born from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, are thrown around: they're addicted to phones, lazy, narcissistic, and materialistic. Some think these kids believe they are entitled to things like free college or a new car when turning 16. Although these stereotypes are heard over and over, they are not necessarily accurate, nor do they describe all of the people in this generation.

Senior Bree Santo could be described as a typical Gen-Z. Although she has a job, she does not have any expenses she has to pay except for when her car is damaged.

On top of this, she gets a generous allowance each month as well. “I think it's okay to receive an allowance if your parents can afford it,” Santo said. She also believes an allowance helps kids understand the value of the dollar so that they can learn to budget. She noted that most of her allowance does go towards gas because she lives far from the school.

After high school, she will be attending Arizona State University. She does not have to help pay for her out-of-state tuition. “After college, I would like to travel the world,” she said. When asked who would fund the worldly travels, she giggled, “My parents.” She has already visited 27 countries. She drives a gently-used car that her parents bought with low mileage.

Although she mostly fits the description of a stereotypical Gen-Z, Santo does have a seasonal job at A&W, where she works three days a week. She has worked there since she was fifteen. “I think having a job is important even though I get a large allowance because you have to learn how to earn your own money.” Santo also helps give back to the community with over 150 service hours since junior year.

“I don't think we are entitled to anything, but if your parents work hard, then there is no problem with them paying for your stuff.” With her outlook on money, a part-time job, and many community service hours, Santo does

not fit the lazy or entitled stereotypes. She just seems to be very lucky and privileged.

Senior R.J. Lawson on the other hand has to pay for just about everything out of his pocket: “I pay for my phone, gym membership, gas, and car insurance.” He also got a \$3,500 car loan from his grandpa that he paid back quickly.

His first job was at Coney Island when he was 14. Since then, he has worked at Taco Bell, Fox Hills Country Club, and he is currently employed at Aubrees. He currently works 25 to 30 hours each week. When baseball starts, he will work one day a week. He says he does not mind working and paying for his own expenses: “It makes me feel independent, and I will be ready when I graduate.” He thinks all kids should work and pay for their stuff.

To the parents who do not make their kid get a job when they are around driving age he said, “Stop spoiling your kid before they get in the habit of asking for money. If kids are spoiled then they won't know how to manage money or find a job.”

Lawson certainly does not lack experience managing money, nor does he fit any Gen-Z stereotypes. After high school he plans to go to Washtenaw Community College, get a degree in children's education, and get a realtor license.

Whether you are more privileged like Santo or you have to work for almost everything like Lawson, it can be seen that not all Gen-Z's are entitled and lazy. Although at first Santo sounds like she fits the typical stereotypes, she does not have the sense of entitlement you might expect. With a job and allowance, she will have plenty of experience managing money.

There is no doubt that Lawson will be prepared to take

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**“I don't think we are entitled to anything, but if your parents work hard, then there is no problem with them paying for your stuff.”**

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**-Bree Santo**

on the real world after high school with all of his experience earning and managing his money. Not all Gen-Z's at Dexter High School fit the stereotypes associated with their generation. So before assuming someone is entitled or lazy because they are from one generation, give them a chance, and maybe they won't fit the stereotypes.



# Athletes in the Crowd

A look ahead at some key spring athletes in their respective sports who you should keep an eye for the upcoming season

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Chris Quillen will be leading the golf team as a senior captain this upcoming season. Quillen said the team has a more positive outlook than last year's team due to a larger turnout and more talent. Quillen hopes to improve from last year and place higher in the SEC. Quillen has been a part of the team since his sophomore year and hopes to bring his experience to the team. Don't be surprised with quality performances from Quillen and the men's golf team this spring.

**Senior Chris Quillen**



Maddie Wright has been pole vaulting since eighth grade and is going to be one of the star pole vaulters for the Dreads this season. Wright is looking to qualify for regionals and states as she did last year as a sophomore. Wright said the pole vaulting team is a very supportive team, all pushing each other to perform well in season and hopefully qualify for postseason events. Wright said she was inspired by former Dexter pole vaulter Katie Tewksbury and has learned a lot from being around Katie over the years -- she pushed her to be a better pole vaulter.

**Junior Maddie Wright**



Nick Palson has been a part of the varsity lacrosse team for the past two years. As a senior, Palson hopes to win the conference and make a run in the playoffs. Palson is looking to be an all-conference player this season. Major goals this year include sweeping the series against Chelsea and Tecumseh. Palson will be continuing to play lacrosse after his high school career at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.




**Senior Nick Palson**



Emily Zeitunian is a veteran varsity player, beginning her fourth year on the varsity soccer team. Zeitunian said it "would be nice" to earn all-state honors as she did last year; however, she is more interested in her impact on the team as a whole. Zeitunian said the team will face a "very tough" schedule this year, but she is looking forward to the challenge. Zeitunian will be a co-captain this year for the Dreads and will continue to play soccer after high school as she has committed to play for Michigan Tech. University.

**Senior Emily Zeitunian**



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 Photographer  Andy Dolen

## Back-to-Back Champs

Dexter Men's Swim and Dive finished first place at the D2 MHSAA Swim Championships on March 11 in a meet that went down to the wire

Led by Coach Michael McHugh, Dexter Men's Swim and Dive has been known for their tough in-season workouts and their unmatched team performances in the state meet. After the victory, Senior Co-captain Kevin Kimmel showed a sense of accomplishment.

"All of our work truly paid off," he said.

During the preliminary rounds on March 10, every single Dreadnaught swimmer qualified for a spot in the finals competition on Sunday, meaning all 11 swimmers would be part of the push for the title. Going into the final day, the Dreads had swimmers seeded in the top 10 in nine out of the 12 events, giving them a good opportunity to put themselves in an excellent position to score well in the finals. Dexter's main competition throughout the weekend was an Ann Arbor Huron team that had the better of them in the regular season dual meets, however Huron only had seven swimmers score at the state meet compared to Dexter's 11.

The Finals started off with an exciting, and close, medley relay. The top-seeded Dreads attempted to keep their place to earn a top spot on the podium with much-needed points. The relay team of Junior Alex Shehab, Junior Sam Krahn, Sophomore Nik Eberly, and Senior Alex Janosi found themselves in a close race against U of D Jesuit that ended up coming down to the finish. Co-captain Janosi closed off the race with a strong finish, keeping the Dreads' top spot and earning big points to start the meet.

Dexter maintained this momentum into the second event in the 200 freestyle event. Sophomore Casey Dolen, Senior Will Blodgett, and Junior Drew Golin helped Dexter take first, second, and third in the consolation heat. Eberly earned the number two spot on the podium in the top heat of the event in a fantastic race, just barely being out-touched by one-tenth of a second to the first place finisher from Portage Central.

Shehab took fourth place in the consolation heat of the 200 Individual Medley, scoring solid points for the Dreads, while Janosi found himself in yet another close race in the finals heat where he earned a fourth-place finish.

Senior Co-captain Kevin Kimmel and Junior Stephen Sterlitz scored more points for the Dreads in the 50 free with fifth and seventh place

finishes, respectively, in the consolation heat.

At the end of the 50 free, a break in the meet occurred for the diving portion. Dexter did not have any divers qualify for states. The total scores of the meet at this point had Dexter and Huron tied with 105 points a piece. The pressure became even higher for both teams, and every point would be precious.

The first event after diving was the 100 butterfly. Again, Dexter swimmers swam lights-out and earned multiple top-10 finishes. In the final heat of the event, Eberly finished second, and Sterlitz finished sixth in a tight race within the middle of the pack.



In the next event, the 100 free, Dexter had one lone Swimmer in Senior Will Blodgett. Blodgett went on to drop half a second off his placement time to finish two places higher than his seed from prelims, gaining more valuable points for the team.

The following event, the 500 free, has been a strong event for Dexter teams in past state meets due to the large numbers of swimmers they have qualify for the event. This continued to be true this weekend. Dolen finished second in the consolation heat while Senior Sam Latshaw finished fifth. Janosi, Senior Mitch Houghtaling, and Golin finished fifth through seventh in the final heat. All swimmers racked up big points in this event, putting even more pressure on the River Rats.

The next event was the 200 free relay. Relays offer more points, close to double, than individual events. Thus, the stakes are higher. The Dreads

again took advantage, taking third place with the team of Blodgett, Sterlitz, Kimmel and Dolen.

In the following event, the 100 back, Latshaw gained three spots from his prelim seed, dropping half a second and finishing fourth in the consolation finals, increasing the lead for the Dreads. Shehab finished fourth in the final heat in a race where second through fourth place was separated by just eight hundredths of a second.

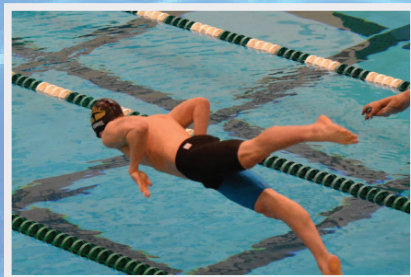
In the 100 breaststroke, Krahn finished second in the consolation heat, gaining two spots on his prelim seed and dropping even more time.

Dexter now led Huron by less than 30 points, needing only to not disqualify in the last event, the 400 free relay, to secure the Division 2 State Championship. Dexter was seeded second before the race, with Huron being the first seed. Dexter's relay included Eberly, Blodgett, Dolen, and Janosi. With safe starts from all the Dexter swimmers, who were all attempting to avoid false starts and disqualification, they were still able to make it a close race with first-ranked Huron.

Dexter remained close with Huron, going into the third swimmer in Dolen. Dolen caught the third swimmer from Huron, giving Dexter a small lead going into the last leg. Janosi had to battle it out with the final leg from Huron in Ji Ho Hyun, who finished second overall in the individual 100 freestyle.

Dexter was barely out-touched at the finish, but it didn't matter. With the second place finish, Dexter locked up the title for the second year in a row, unprecedented by the Dexter swim program. Every swimmer on the Dreadnaught state team scored points at the meet, also an unprecedented feat in Dexter swim history.

The team celebrated their win by piling the entire team on the podium and later jumping in the pool along with Coach McHugh and Coach Bergman, and gathering around for one last chant. Coach McHugh won MHSAA D2 Swim Coach of The Year for leading his team to their second consecutive state championship. "It's really nice to do all that work and all that training during winter break and before school to see us have such a great team victory at states" Senior Alex Janosi said, looking back on the memorable season and high school career.



\*Photo Courtesy to Doni Houghtaling

Senior Kevin Kimmel launches off the blocks during the start of the 50 free.



Coach Michael McHugh poses with the trophy after earning the 2017 Division 2 Swim coach of the year




Sophomore Casey Dolen greets former Dread swimmers and teammates after coming out of the locker rooms after the finish of the meet.

# March Madness's Sweet 16

Teams to watch out for in this year's edition of March Madness

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Madness is in the air. The sights and sounds of seasons being crushed, top seeds being overly confident in their ability to "win it all", and lower seed hopefuls quickly ruining said hope is going to become all too familiar.

Before jumping into this year's bracket, it's important to first remember those whom have fallen in last years season of March Madness and learn from their mistakes. In memoriam of No. 2 Michigan State, who lost in the first round to No. 15 Middle Tennessee; No. 4 California, who lost first round to No. 13 Hawaii; and No. 3 West Virginia, who lost to No. 14 Stephen F. Austin. Bracketeers everywhere will never underestimate the power of an upset because of your mistakes. Thank you.

"There will be more upsets this year than there has ever been before," senior Brandon Wright said. "This year, there are no teams that are significantly better than others like there has been in the past with Duke or Kentucky."

Jumping into this year's bracket, here are some of the overly confident high seeds and hopeful low seeds to look out for.

Within the South region of the bracket, arguably the three top teams in the nation, No. 1 North Carolina; No. 2 Kentucky; and No. 3 UCLA, all have to fight for national championship glory within one region. Having the most top heavy region shows as the top four seeds in the region all advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. The only interesting upset came from No. 12 Middle Tennessee in the first round. Other than that, expect either North Carolina, Kentucky, or UCLA to be representing the South region on April 1st in the Final Four.

In terms of the south region, Sophomore Logan Eggleston thinks UCLA will come out on top: "UCLA is going all the way."

On to the Midwest, the team to look out for is Michigan in

the Sweet Sixteen. They are red hot coming out of their conference championship victory and have something to prove as underdogs. In terms of the Midwest No. 1 seed, Kansas, expect them to continue their trend of choking under the pressure of March Madness: they lose to Purdue in the Sweet 16.

"Michigan is hot right now, but not talented enough overall to win the whole thing," junior Janie Harshe, a Michigan fan, said.

In the West lies more uncertainty. Teams like No. 12 Princeton and No. 14 Florida Gulf Coast had the potential to pull off their respective upsets against No. 5 Notre Dame and No. 3 Florida State, but fell short. Now, after the round of 64, the only upset to take place in the West was No. 11 Xavier over No. 6 Maryland. No. 1 Gonzaga, after coming off a 32-1 season, has the potential to not make the Final Four even after their tremendous season as the stout, No.4 West Virginia and No. 2 Arizona stands in their way.

After the defending champ, Villanova, was knocked out of the tournament by No. 8 Wisconsin, and No. 2 Duke was knocked out by No. 7 South Carolina, the East bracket is left wide open for the remaining teams participating in the Sweet Sixteen. Expect No. 4 Florida to seize the opportunity and make it to the Final Four.

Before the tournament began, the Squall staff predicted Duke to be the winner of the biggest tournament of the year. In a revised pick, the Squall is now taking Kansas to cut down the nets. Personally, we believe UCLA will take home the trophy, but we also picked Michigan State to win it all last year, so take the advice with a grain of salt, because in reality, you have a better chance of winning the Powerball or getting struck by lightning than picking a perfect bracket, even from here on out.

## WHO WILL WIN THE 2017 MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT?

### NICK'S PICK



### ALEX'S PICK



### SQUALL'S PICK



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# MARCH 2017 MADNESS

BY THE NUMBERS

## TEAMS WITH AN 8+ YEAR STREAK



**KANSAS - 28**



**DUKE - 22**



**MSU - 20**



**GONZAGA - 19**



**WISCONSIN - 19**

**\$477** AVERAGE COST OF A SINGLE TICKET

**1** YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF A PERFECT BRACKET  
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DHS STUDENTS PREDICT UCLA WILL BE THE 2017 CHAMPS

**Ucla**  
**BRUINS**

ABOUT **11** MILLION WATCH THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

100 students surveyed





# FIVE YEARS AFTER DEVASTATION



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# Memories from Members of DHS

Five years after the Dexter Tornado, two students, a teacher, and an administrator reflect on the how the day has changed their lives

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## “Half our house was gone”

Having formerly lived in Florida, sophomore Kara Young and her family are used to ominous weather conditions.

“We had hurricane after hurricane near our house,” she said.

So, when a storm started rolling into Dexter on March 15, she didn’t think much of it. The family was actually getting ready to go to church for weekly “Thursday night dinners.”

However, as the weather worsened, they chose to stay in their Huron Farms home. Receiving dangerous alerts, they headed to the basement without much thought. As they huddled in the corner of their basement, they began to understand the severity of the situation. “The first time we realized something was happening was when the window right next to us blew out and glass shattered everywhere, Young said. “There was water pouring down into the basement through the upstairs floor.”

As the storm settled, policemen, firefighters, and neighbors came to check on the family. “A fireman came down and told us that he would come get us when it was safe to come out of the house,” Young said.

When he returned, the family was taken upstairs to face the damage of the tornado for the first time. “Finally they were bringing us up,” Young said, “and then we realized that half of our house was gone.”

Kara’s brother, Kieran, is a senior at DHS. “I remember going upstairs and finding most of my stuff in the bathroom,” he said. “The fridge was open and the laundry I had been doing was shoved inside.”

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**“The first time we realized something was happening was when the window right next to us blew out and glass shattered everywhere.”**

**- Kara Young**

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The following hours, days, and weeks, were chaotic for the Young family. “I remember walking out of my house and seeing CNN, Fox News, Channel 7, and people everywhere,” Young said.

Missing an exterior wall, the family was unable to

live in their house until it was fixed. “We went to our neighbors house to figure out where we were going that night,” Young said. They lived with their grandparent for several months before moving back to Huron Farms.

## “Should we cover this?”

For Dexter High School teacher and yearbook advisor, Barry Mergler, the events of the Dexter tornado left a lasting impression. Five years later, he still remembers the night vividly. At the time, Mergler played guitar in the DHS faculty band, Uncommon Assessment, which also included former teachers Matt Martello and Rodney Satterthwaite. They were rehearsing the evening the tornado struck.

“I remember we were rehearsing down in the video lab,” Mergler said. “When we walked outside, you could smell rain like I’ve never smelled it before. I remember Martello saying, “Well, somebody’s gonna get some nasty weather.”

Mergler, who lives in Pinckney, was driving his then four-year-old son home from daycare when he received a troubling text from his wife; “She was down in the basement and she was like, “Where are you? There’s tornado warnings for the Dexter-Pinckney area.”

At this point in the storm, the rain made it too difficult for Mergler to see, and he ended up pulling over in the open parking lot near St. Mary’s Church. “I thought, I’m gonna get away from any trees... and just wait it out,” he said.

The storm eventually passed, and Mergler returned home. He didn’t know what had happened until he got a text message from student Elle Presley, the yearbook editor in 2012.

“[The text read] ‘Should we cover this?’” Mergler said. “I said, ‘Cover what?’”

Mergler was stunned to learn that an EF-3 tornado had hit Dexter and damaged over 100 homes and businesses. Still, he was grateful to learn that everyone was safe: “It is a miracle that nobody got hurt or worse,” he said.

Mergler credits the following Saturday, March 17th, 2012, as being a “very memorable day” for him personally.

“I was at home, there wasn’t any school, and I was following [the tornado] on MLive and social media,” he

said. "The way the whole community was coming together...they had pictures of kids walking around, helping people pick up stuff. I remember sitting there thinking, I've never been this close to this solid of a community. In my life. Ever."

Mergler felt inspired to write a song, which he titled "Welcome Friends." The song was then recorded with Martello and Satterthwaite, and an accompanying music video was made.

The trio decided to hold a fundraiser at Foggy Bottom. All the money raised went directly to an account for Dexter families who were affected by the tornado. At the event, the song was performed live for the first time.

"[Writing the song] was one of those moments where I didn't have to think about it," Mergler said. "It came from watching something unfold that I've never experienced before."



A then-and-now photo of the Wright's home after the tornado, sending a tree into the kitchen and living room, and today.

## "Oh my God; the sky's green!"

Junior Maddie Wright was in sixth grade when the tornado uprooted her life. Literally. She lives in Horseshoe Bend, one of the neighborhoods most affected by the storm.

"It happened so fast," Wright said. "Ten minutes earlier, my little brother was outside playing and then he ran inside and said, 'Oh my God; the sky's green!'"

Wright and her family rushed downstairs to the basement, where they hid under clothes and their pool table.

"My dad usually stays upstairs when we go down-

stairs [for a storm]," Wright said. "I remember him coming downstairs because it was starting to come toward us. It sounded like a freight train coming by because it was so loud."

The Wright family could only wait in fear as the tornado, which had winds of over 120 mph by that point, wreaked havoc above. Their only way of knowing what was going on outside was through the tiny windows in their basement. Wright remembers seeing plants flying in all different directions.

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**"My dad went upstairs, and the whole backside of our living room was collapsed."**

**-Maddie Wright**

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After the storm passed, they stayed in their basement while police officers came through the neighborhood to assess the damage.

"My dad went upstairs, and the whole backside of our living room was collapsed," Wright said. "Insulation was blown out through the house. When we went up, [there had been] a transformation outside. We had forty foot pine trees on either side of our house that were down over our driveway and in the road. There was a trailer full of snowmobiles that was completely flipped upside down."

According to Wright, she and her family stayed at a friend's house a few weeks until they found new housing. Meanwhile, cleanup of Horseshoe Bend and other affected neighborhoods was well underway.

"I remember my dad said he came back to our house one day and there were like 50 people in our yard with chainsaws cleaning up," Wright said. "It was like the whole community came to pitch in. It was pretty amazing how it ended up."



A photograph of a post-tornado home in 2012 is shown over where the current, refurbished home is today.



## “Our radios weren’t working”

Five years ago, DHS principal Kit Moran sat in his office on a Thursday afternoon and watched as the sky turned from blue to gray to green. “We were having weird weather,” Moran said. “It was unusually warm.”

The school day had ended and most students had returned to their homes for the evening. “It was scary dark north of here, and we were just watching the weather” Moran said. “As it got windy we were expecting bad thunderstorms and there was this little area in the back of my head that was thinking about a tornado.”

He was not entirely unfamiliar with severe weather. Before moving to Dexter, Moran was an English teacher at Lincoln High School. “One spring, I was teaching my kids and I looked out my window and I saw a tornado.”

As memories of this experience flooded to mind on March 15, 2012, he took action to ensure the safety of the students and staff in the community. “We started getting alerts,” he said. “It was after school, so we had sports going on. We made a few announcements and were trying to get the word out.”

The students who were still in the building were moved to the locker rooms. “As the storm came, I was still trying to get everyone in a safe place,” Moran said. “I was in the commons and the roof sounded like it was starting to come off, so I ran to a tiny storage room off of the cafeteria.”

As the hail stopped and the wind settled, Moran thought the worst had passed, but was waiting for clearance from the National Weather Service. “The cell service had crashed,” he said. “Texts were working but would take forever to send one word, and we were trying to communicate with other buildings in the district, but our radios weren’t working.”

As the weather cleared, emergency vehicles began to show up at the high school. “The parking lot filled up with cop cars and ambulances and firetrucks from Fowlerville and all these other places” Moran said. “At that time we didn’t really

know there had been a tornado. This was the first we were learning of it.”

That night there was conversation about whether school should be cancelled the next day. “Originally we were like ‘Yeah, we have to cancel school,’” Moran said. “But then there was the importance of maintaining normalcy for kids to make the situation less traumatic.” Eventually, the administration decided that there would be no classes on Friday, but the buildings would remain open to the community.

Moran believes that one of the biggest impacts of the tornado on the school district was in regards to safety procedures: “After the tornado we completely changed our drills,” he said. “It was no longer a drill that we did just because we had to; we were preparing for something that could really happen.”

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**-Kit Moran**

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Originally, students were instructed to move to the halls during a tornado drill and sit against the lockers with their heads between their legs. “We experimented that fall after the tornado,” Moran said. “We ran the numbers and decided that we could get everyone into locker rooms or the dark rooms on the first floor.”

Moran has never taken lightly to severe weather, but the tornado heightened his sense of awareness. “After going through that and seeing the devastation it’s something that I take very seriously. I’m nervous now that it’s been five years, and people are starting to take it less seriously again.”



The 120-year-old Cider Mill before and after the tornado.



A 2012 photo from inside the Wright's home shows the tornado's damage.



A 2012 photo shows an uprooted tree in front of the Dexter Cider Mill.



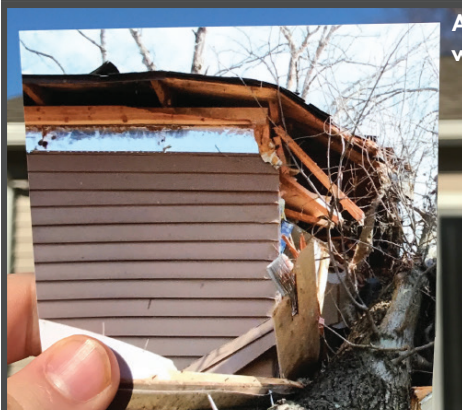
A photo shows the Huron Farms subdivision during the day after recovery.



A then-and-now photo shows a Huron Farms house with damaged windows and doors from 130-plus MPH winds on top of the updated home today.



A photo from 2012 shows how the tornado ripped the roof and sides of a Huron Farms house.



A then-and-now photo of where a tree crushed part of the Wright's home.



A photo from 2012 shows part of the clean up in the Huron Farms subdivision.



# Pizza, Nosebleeds, Chaos

Then seventh graders, two editors remember how a 5:15 greenish sky disrupted the calm, forever impacting their lives

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 Tyler Woelfel  Photographer  
 Hunter Edwards  Designer



**R**emembering back, as a seventh grader all the days seem like a blur. As a seventh grader the experiences of the whole year feel like one memory. This is with the exception of March 15th and the few days that followed it.

The day started as an average Michigan day: 70 degrees and sunny... in March. All morning, the weather was celebrated with T-shirts and shorts. It was a fantastic surprise considering the prior days were 40 degrees at the most.

Now, like I said, most of my memories blur as just being an average day and so was the beginning of this day. In fact, I even remember walking home with friends.

It was about 3:30 pm and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The day slowly progressed with my friends, and I was likely playing basketball or football outside.

Around 4:30 the clouds quickly started to roll in and the sky got darker and darker. My parents had ordered Jets pizza for dinner.

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**“The sky was a green tint, the thunder was loud, the lightning lit up the sky with every strike, and my dad and I were eating Jet’s on the porch.”**

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We planned to eat on our patio in our backyard. By the time my dad went to get the pizza, 10 minutes later, the Severe Weather Warning Alert blared through the television. Immediately following, the tornado siren from the village started echoing.

At about 5:15, the sky was a green tint, the thunder was loud, the lightning lit up the sky with every strike, and my dad and I were eating Jet's on the porch. However, this did not last long due to a mix of the uncomfortably high wind speeds, and my mom freaking out about us being outside. So, we rushed to the basement with our candles, flash lights, and pizza due to the power outage.

By 6:00, it was over. The shock set in almost instantly. The roads were flooded. Trees were uprooted. Clothes, rugs, and furniture lay throughout the neighborhood. My family and I sat on our porch for hours unsure what to do.

I had always looked up to my parents when I didn't know what to do, but at this moment it seemed like nobody knew how to act. It seemed surreal, not only that night but the days that followed as well.

**C**alm. The sky, the temperature, the people. All was calm. The birds chirped welcomingly till it became a normality to the ear. The pleasantly curious warm air tiptoed through the trees and reached as the breeze caressed human skin. Kids walked and played as the seductive nature lured kids to embrace the day.

I took my time on the walk home that day. Fully indulging in the surprising beauty of the day. Even the sight of my colleague, Caden Koenig, leaking blood from his nasal cavity wasn't enough to take away from the grace of the day. Besides the spontaneous nose bleed and the warm winter day (yes, March 15th is still considered winter), the day was normal.

After my arrival home, things settled down as I waited for my father to return home to take me to baseball practice. That's when the peace of the day began to change. Seemingly out of nowhere, an overcast of distasteful clouds took to the sky. The welcomingly chirp of the birds was halted. Kids went back inside as a brigade of dark clouds approached from the distance.

Being a curious kid, I was constantly checking the sky behind my deck. As per usual, when a storm was in sight, I made constant, annoying suggestions claiming there was a tornado. As cliché as it sounds, I was actually right for once.

The wall of wind was in the distance, but since I knew the approximate travel of the storm, I felt the urgency to tell my brother and father. While my brother and I decided the best idea was to run into the basement, my father thought the best idea was to inspect the tornado from up close. After realizing that the cone of wind was indeed a tornado and in our neighborhood, he finally came to the conclusion that maybe he should be in the basement.

We looked out the windows in the basement and all we saw was the gray of the storm. We heard the wind rushing against the house and the hail bombarding the siding. Eventually a tree fell and blocked our view of everything, even the ominous gray color.

The sun came out. It seemed calm again, but after the shock dissipated, it was clear that nothing was calm. My friends and I decided to walk the neighborhood. Police, people, and the remnants of destroyed houses were a common sight around every block.

The calm scene that was set earlier was gone. The new scene had rolled in: chaos.



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# How Businesses Helped Out

Shortly after the tornado struck Dexter, local businesses stepped up as the community tried to recover from the devastation

In the aftermath of the tornado five years ago, businesses in Dexter and surrounding cities assisted in the relief effort. When affected families were in need, they took it upon themselves to generate money, food, and shelter.

A minute's walk away from the path of destruction through the Huron Farms subdivision stands the local Busch's Fresh Food Market. The Dexter branch of the southeast Michigan chain set up tables of food with artificially low prices to make basic necessities more affordable. The grocery store also asked regular customers to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar so that the remainder could be donated.

Equally close to where the tornado hit, the Dexter LaFontaine automotive dealership became a big player in the recovery.

Despite having nearly all of its cars sustain hail damage, Tony Duncan of LaFontaine insisted that the dealership got "very lucky. When [the two initial tornadoes] combined, that's when it hit hard. We were up on a higher plane; it followed the valley."

LaFontaine, like other businesses in the community and across the country, believed it had an obligation to use its relative fortune to assist however it could.

"We were doing relief work for a good two-week period. Our biggest thing was helping people who didn't have a place to go or to eat," Duncan said.

LaFontaine also helped a family that lost both of its cars find short-term replacements before coming to a permanent agreement later, and the dealership gave discounts on automobile purchases to customers who donated to relief funds.

The Ace Hardware in downtown Dexter, a place where many supplies were bought to rebuild damaged buildings, offered a variety of discounts and gave away many supplies for free.

Wings n' Things, Chelsea State Bank, the radio station 102.9 W4 Country, and countless others all found ways to help make Dexter's quick recovery a reality. Despite the tragedy of the tornado, it was a great demonstration of the selflessness of the Dexter community.

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# The Day After

On March 16, 2012, the Dexter community quickly came together to overcome a natural disaster that affected many

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The peace that preceded the tornado was followed by shock. Dexter's bubble finally popped. A community that once stood in silence came together. Adversity was a rare thing for the 4,127 citizens of Dexter to face, as nothing serious has ever happened in the small, peaceful town.

Before the sun rose that day, the streets of each neighborhood were packed with insurance companies, disaster relief companies, and newscasters getting prepared to deliver a story about a village in southeast Michigan. News about the tornado reached all over the nation reaching even to Hawaii.

Dexter exemplified a close knit community. Local businesses and restaurants donated food and other goods to the devastated areas. Busch's played a key role in helping families by donating cases of water and having a cook-out that night. To add to this, Mill Creek Middle School and Creekside Intermediate both combined with The Red Cross, and opened up their doors for people who needed a place to stay that night

Gloves, long pants, boots, protective eyewear, tools. All were used to collectively gear up the people of Dexter. Adults and kids alike came from all over the district to

help the unfortunate families in Huron Farms, Horseshoe Bend, and numerous other businesses and households. Kids ventured out into the neighborhood to help clean up the possessions of others like drywall, insulation, siding, furniture, roofing shingles, and, sadly, more. Despite the chaos of the tornado, citizens of Dexter were at their friendliest. People walked around with food and water for the affected and for the workers. Businesses, like Busch's by Huron Farms, opened their pantry to help feed families that lost their ability to fulfill the task of preparing something as basic as food.

The winds that the tornado produced equated to those consistent with an EF3 tornado; easily ripping through the seemingly insignificant village. Over one hundred houses were hit and thirteen were completely totaled. In total, the damage took a

In all, while the people may have had different opinions, goals, and lifestyles, in the end the community came together and put aside their differences. This is because we're all human and deserve love during times of grief. By coming together during the tornado the people of Dexter shows why we live by one phrase: Dreadstong.

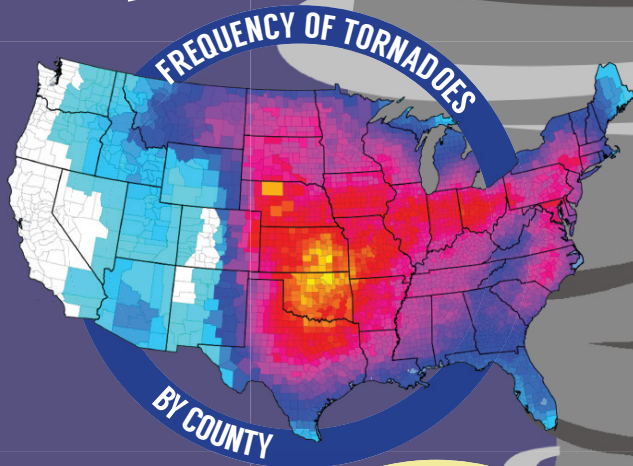


A photo of the Dexter laundromat the day after the tornado.

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# TORNADO!



Designer Nick Greca

## 5 DEADLIEST US TORNADOES DEATHS

1	TRI-STATE (MO, IL, IN)	695
2	NATCHEZ, LA	317
3	ST. LOUIS, MO	255
4	TUPELO, MS	216
5	GAINESVILLE, GA	203



## FUJITA SCALE

FUJITA SCALE	WINDS	DAMAGE
F0	65-85 MPH WINDS	LIGHT
F1	86-110 MPH WINDS	MODERATE
F2	111-135 MPH WINDS	CONSIDERABLE
F3	136-165 MPH WINDS	SEVERE
F4	166-200 MPH WINDS	DEVASTATING
F5	200+ MPH WINDS	INCREDIBLE

## DEXTER TORNADO AT A GLANCE



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# RISE OF THE REAL

Senior McKenna Sgroi focuses on individuality with unique lyrics to pursue his life-long dream of rapping



Photo courtesy of McKenna Sgroi

Sitting next to McKenna Sgroi in class, you'd assume he's like every other student at DHS. When he leaves school and stands in front of the microphone, the real McKenna shines through as he raps to his own music.

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**“Making music is a therapy for me, it was the only thing able to shine a little light on a dark situation in my life.”**

**-McKenna Sgroi**

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The senior dedicates most of his time working towards his long-term goal of becoming an artist and producing music. Recently having released his first studio-produced single “Rise of The Real,” Sgroi is already eagerly working on his next song with an underground artist from Ann Arbor, Eon Zero.

“Making music is a therapy for me,” Sgroi said. “It was the only thing able to shine a little light on a dark situation in my life. Music is what got me through it, and that’s why it means so much to me.”

His love for music dates back to his early childhood. From Eminem to Chris Webby to Dr. Dre, Sgroi grew up with a developing passion for music. At age thirteen, he got into rapping himself. His motive behind making his own music was to create a unique sound that shows who he is as an artist. After a few months of rapping and freestyling by himself, Sgroi took the second step towards making his music more official.

“Two years ago, my cousin said he knew about a studio I could visit, so I went with him and have been going back two-to-three times a month since,” Sgroi said.

Since Sgroi writes his own songs, his inspiration for his music

and lyrics can come from anything, including his moods or the music itself. While writing, he makes sure the lyrics are different because he doesn’t want to sound like every other rapper. With the goal of individuality in mind, Sgroi lets the beat of the music help guide his songs.

“Anything can spark ideas for lyrics,” Sgroi said. “I’m always thinking about them, and if I’m in class and think of something, I’ll write it on my hand, paper, or in my notes so I won’t forget them.”

Throughout his journey in the music world, Sgroi met one of his favorite artists, Chris Webby, and talked to him about his passion for music on two different occasions. Meeting one of his idols and talking to him about music only strengthened his passion.

“He was surprised that I rapped at first, but he really just told me not to give up and that even if it’s not good now, it will be,” Sgroi said.

From showing friends his lyrics, to letting them get sneak peeks on upcoming music, Sgroi makes sure his friends know what’s going on and leans on them for support.

“For where he is in life, his music is really good,” said Kyle Rook, Sgroi’s close friend. “His lyrics have a really good flow, and he puts a lot of time and thought into them.”

Sgroi plans on continuing to go to the studio in the future and to keep progressing with his lyrics and releasing new music. With long term goals of making money off his music and turning musical production into a profession, Sgroi’s determination and perseverance are helping guide him into the music world and achieve his lifelong dreams.



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# RACHEL AND JOE'S 5x5



Ashley Love (Freshman)	David Kreske (Sophomore)	Trevor Lotz (Junior)	Sophie Kurcz (Senior)	Mrs. Bauer (DHS Staff)
<b>How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?</b>				
I dress up in lots of green!	I don't?	Alone in my mom's basement.	Uh, by wearing green.	I don't.
<b>If you could rename St. Patrick's Day, what would you give it?</b>				
Lucky Day.	The day people fake being Irish.	Drunken's Day.	Kiss me I'm Irish Day.	A glorious green day.
<b>Do you think leprechauns are real?</b>				
Umm, YES.	No.	Yes, I personally know one, Andy Sharp.	No.	Absolutely.
<b>March Madness Champion?</b>				
You can choose for me.	Florida State.	MSU, obviously.	I have no idea.	I don't pay attention to basketball.
<b>Best spring break destination?</b>				
Bora Bora, because its tropical and beautiful.	My bed, because I'm looking forward to sleeping.	Maui, so I can hang tight with Mr. Baese.	Florida, because it's my senior spring break, and thats where everyone goes.	Arizona, because the weather is perfect.

## The Squall's Best St. Patty's Day Jokes

-  **Q:** Why shouldn't you iron a 4 leaf clover?  
**A:** You might press your luck.
-  **Q:** Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?  
**A:** They are always a little bit short.
-  **Q:** Where can you always find gold?  
**A:** In the dictionary.
-  **Q:** What is a fake stone in Ireland?  
**A:** A sham rock.

-  **Q:** What type of bow cannot be tied?  
**A:** A rainbow!



-  **Rachel:** Knock Knock!  
**Joe:** Who's there?  
**Rachel:** Irish!  
**Joe:** Irish who?  
**Rachel:** Irish you a Happy St. Patty's Day!

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# Spring Break Horoscopes

Predicting spring break with the characteristics of your zodiac sign



**Aries** are spontaneous and love to take risks. You may find yourself packing your bags on Friday night and hitting the road on Saturday morning. While spontaneous trips are often the most fun, it is important that you find yourself in good company. You tend to be impatient and short-tempered and hours in the car with the wrong people is a recipe for disaster. Remember that it doesn't matter where you're going - it's who you have beside you.



**Taurus** are a grounded sign that prefer familiarity and routine, so this spring break, you'll mostly likely enjoy spending time at home. But you don't have to take a lavish holiday to have a great time! In fact, there's plenty of fun things you can do without leaving the comfort of your house: binge-watching a show on Netflix, spending quality time with your family, studying the Communist Manifesto, or doing arts and crafts projects. Get creative!



**Gemini** are indecisive and struggle to make plans; we'll help you out. As a social sign, you love crowds. Set your sights on the biggest party destinations. This break you'll meet a lot of new people and return to Dexter with many new friends. Buy a new bathing suit, pack your sunscreen, and make this break one to... remember.



Spring break is the perfect opportunity to channel your imaginative mind into a creative project. You've been putting your artistic pursuits on the back burner this month, and it's about time you roll up your sleeves! Whether it's dusting off that guitar you haven't played since last summer or painting an impressionist portrait of the family pet, work on improving your talents. Do it now, for soon it may be too late...



You're a natural leader and you don't like following the crowds. This break avoid Panama City and Daytona Beach and lead the way to an exciting new destination. Take the road less traveled and discover a place that nobody has thought to explore. Since Leos like to be the center of attention, it may seem like a good idea to update your Snapchat story every 10 minutes. It's not.



You've been studying hard all semester, and now it's time to relax. Whether you indulge in a luxurious spa getaway or just pamper yourself at home, you favor a calm spring break to a wild adventure. But beware: amidst all the rest and relaxation, a new challenge will arise this month that will put your reserved and cynical nature to the test. I mean, we can't tell you what it is or anything, but just take our word for it.



**Libras** love the outdoors. Pull out your Eno, grab a good book, and spend your days in the shade of your favorite tree. When the weather doesn't permit peaceful hammocking, head to Quality 16 to catch that movie you've been waiting to see, or make some popcorn and cozy up on the couch with your siblings.



**Scorpios** are a notoriously passionate sign, and your spring break is going to be all about the romance. The relationship between you and your significant other may have been tested last month, but this month, you'll be stronger than ever. For the single Scorpios, keep your eyes peeled for a handsome stranger while you're at the beach. Spoiler alert: their name starts with X.



As a **Sagittarius** you have been looking forward to spring break since school started this fall. You can't wait to pack your bags and leave Dexter behind. Sagittariuses love travelling, and you have big plans for the coming weeks. Whether you're heading to the beach to catch some rays or the mountains to catch hypothermia, this break is sure to be the best one yet!



**Capricorns** are a smart and studious sign, but unfortunately that means bad news for spring break. In the days before break, one of your teachers is going to assign a massive project that will ruin your plans of a relaxing week off. But don't worry, all your hard work will pay off in the end when you're rewarded with an A. Feel free to show this horoscope to your teacher as evidence.



**Aquarians** are a humanitarian sign and tend to love others. This spring break is full of opportunity to lend a hand to those in need. Volunteer at an animal shelter, carry groceries for your elderly neighbor, or clean out your closet and donate your clothes to Purple Heart. However, don't become so involved in helping others that you forget to take care of yourself.



This spring break has you feeling like a fish out of water. You've been lonely and ignored by your friends this month, which may make spring break a difficult time for you. But your compassionate and adaptable personality means new friendships are on the horizon. You won't be feeling like a lone wolf for long.

# Senior Wrestlers Tak

Will Feldkamp claims second while Kyle Burton finishes eighth to lead the Dreadnaughts at the state finals in Auburn Hills

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Four Dexter wrestlers, all seniors, had great seasons that culminated in the Michigan state finals.

Adam Burton wrestled in the 160-lb weight class as he appeared in his first state finals. For his first time wrestling at states, he did well but was unable to place.

Wrestling in the 152-lb weight class, his brother Kyle Burton did great, earning a spot on the podium for eighth place in Division 2.

Ryan Clements, wrestling at 119 pounds, earned his hundredth win this year, capping off a great high school career. Clements did well at the Palace, but he was unable to place.

The fourth wrestler to make it to Auburn Hills was William Feldkamp. Feldkamp is in the 189-lb weight class and was the only wrestler to repeat a regional title to bring him back to the state finals.

This year, Feldkamp was trying to cap off an amazing career at Dexter High School by winning the state championship. He had some extra pressure when wrestling that weekend; The Feldkamp family's wrestling history is arguably the best in Dexter. They have always dominated, and the latest Feldkamp definitely lived up to that tradition throughout his four years in high school.

He got off to a hot start at states by pinning two opponents in a row. Heading into the semifinal match, he said he was very nervous. The match went down to the wire after he was able to force an overtime period. He stuck it out and was able to win the match, giving him a chance at a state title.

In the finals, he faced last year's state champion, Warren Lincoln's Jelani Embree. After a hard-fought match, Feldkamp fell just short, 7-2, finishing second in the state.

All four seniors finished off their final season as a Dreadnaught with an accomplishment most people can't say they have, and for that reason, this year was incredibly successful for the wrestling team as a whole and the individuals involved as well.



Will Feldkamp holds down his opponent late in his semifinal match.



Will Feldkamp stands next to Jelani Embree on the podium after finishing second place in the 189-lb weight class.



Adam Burton makes a move to earn some points in a match.

# Take Over The Palace



Ryan Clements avoids a take down in a match.



Will Feldkamp dominates his opponent en route to a spot in the finals.



Will Feldkamp prepares to take on Jelani Embree in the state finals match. Embree won 7-2 to win title.



Mid flip, Adam Burton is reversing a move, eventually regaining position in his match.



## THE ANCHOR



The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club's Hockettes Junior team skates in its short program at the U.S. Synchronized Skating National Championships on February 23, 2017, in Rockford, Illinois. Three Dexter students - senior Emma Wuorehimo, junior Liza Pritchard, and junior Holly Spierling - are a part of this team. The Hockettes Junior team finished fifth out of 11 teams in the competition.

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