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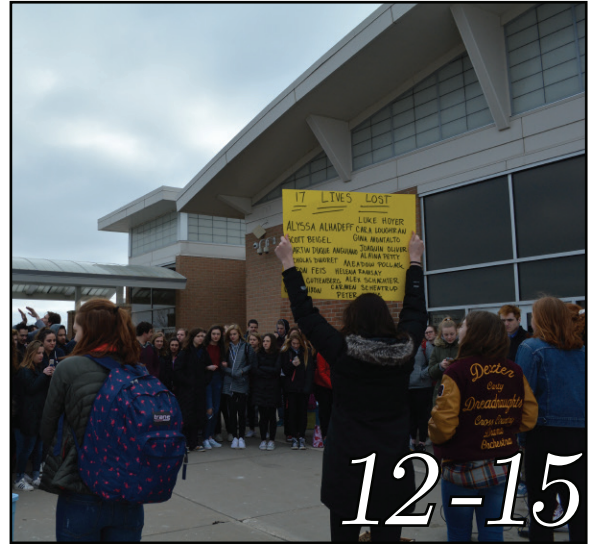
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On the Cover:

At 10 a.m. on March 14, students across the nation walked out of their respective schools for 17 minutes. Dexter students gathered outside the main entrance as members of the Social Justice Club gave speeches calling for changes that included sensible gun control and a desire to make school a safe place.

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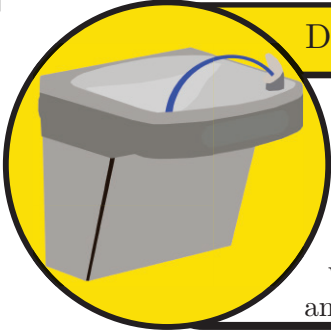
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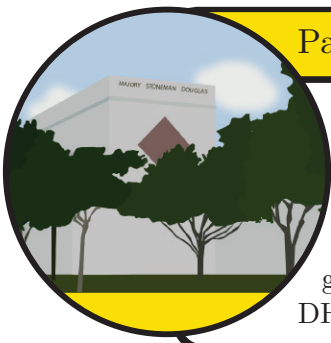
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The biggest local, national, and international news stories that happened over the past few months



DHS to Receive New Drinking Fountains

Dexter High School is going to be receiving new drinking fountains and faucets over the summer as part of the latest bond. Superintendent Timmis announced this over a tweet on February 27, alongside an image of the new drinking fountains. They will be a combination of a drinking fountain and water bottle refiller. This is welcome news, as DHS currently has very few working faucets and drinking fountains, which is a real nuisance for teachers and students alike.



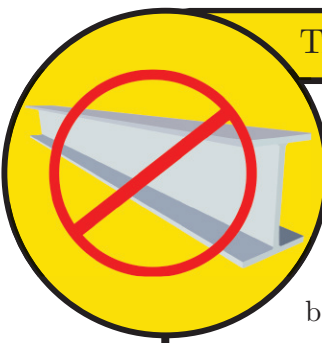
Parkland Florida School Shooting

On February 14, a school shooting in Parkland, Florida shook the nation. The shooter, armed with an AR-15 style semi-automatic assault rifle, killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School before fleeing the scene. This tragedy has reignited the debate over gun control across the country, as survivors of the shooting have come out in support of stronger gun control legislation. This wave of change has also reached Dexter, with DHS now using a Buzz-In system to increase security within the school.



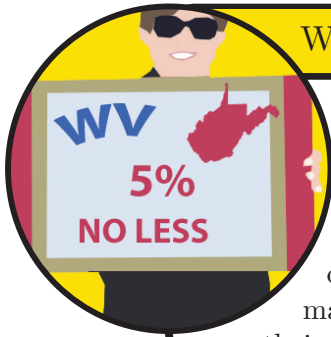
Easing Tensions in North Korea

Ever since North and South Korea competed together at the Winter Olympics, diplomacy with the North seems increasingly viable. On March 6th, a communique from North Korea announced that both countries wish to remove all nuclear weapons from the Korean Peninsula. However, officials from the North have stated that they will only abandon their nuclear weapons program if they feel their security is no longer threatened. This would most likely mean the U.S withdrawing the over 23,000 troops it has stationed in South Korea. The White House has confirmed plans to continue negotiations, and has agreed to meet with a North Korean delegation in May.



Trump Implements Metal Tariff

In March, President Trump unveiled a new step in his plan to bring back American businesses: a tariff on steel and aluminum imports. The proposed tariff would impose a 25% tax on steel imports and a 10% tax on aluminum imports, in an attempt to encourage businesses to use steel and aluminum made in the U.S. However, steel and aluminum from certain countries deemed "real friends" such as Mexico, Canada, and others will be exempt from the new tax. While this tax may sound like a good idea on paper, many economists argue that the higher prices may end up hurting the economy instead of helping it as intended.



West Virginia Teachers go on Strike

Teachers in the state of West Virginia went on strike for 9 days, from February 25 to March 6. The strike was in reaction to low wages among teachers: public school teachers in West Virginia make on average \$45,622, the third lowest pay of any state. Many teachers in West Virginia don't make enough money to support themselves with teaching alone, needing to take other jobs to make ends meet. The strike ended when West Virginia Law-makers caved to their demands and passed a law giving teachers a 5% raise in their wages.



Package Bombs Terrorize Austin, Texas

The city of Austin, Texas was terrorized by a deadly string of package bombings from March 2 to 21. In total, 5 bombs exploded, killing 2 people, and injuring 4 more. The bombs were disguised as FedEx packages, and were delivered to people's houses either by hand or through the postal service. Luckily, law enforcement managed to prevent a sixth bomb from going off, which resulted in the suspect killing himself with one of his own bombs. While his motives are unknown, many suspected early on that the attacks might have been racially motivated, however this may not be the case.



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Wheelchair Basketball

The Social Justice Club hosts an annual wheelchair basketball game that raises money for veterans

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DHS cheerleaders cheer for both teams from the sidelines.

In a world of negativity and animosity, light can be found in many things. Dexter High School has a new extracurricular addition which aims to provide support and acceptance to everyone in the community: The Social Justice Club.

“We aim to make our school and community a more equitable place by learning about, educating on, and acting on social issues,” said Ms. Hansen, a teacher coordinator for the club, “especially those affecting the most disadvantaged groups.”

With aims to make our school more open-minded, the Social Justice Club educates people on social issues, especially those involving disadvantaged groups. To raise awareness for one particular group, they hosted a wheelchair basketball game between Army veterans and Navy veterans.

This event, that wouldn’t have been possible without the leadership of the game’s founder Gerald Hoff, was all about creating a more inclusive environment for veterans.

“This is an event all about veterans,” Hoff said, “It raises awareness about disability issues while emphasizing ability.”

Many veterans are wounded from service, which can isolate them from the rest of the world. These wounds can cause both a physical and emotional divide for veterans; to lessen that divide, we can find ways to support them and their wounds. Wheelchair basketball is a fun twist on regular basketball in that

the players go back and forth on the court via wheelchairs to cater to the disabilities.

This passion has spread from Hoff to many Michigan football players. Former Michigan Quarterback and Placeholder Garrett Moores, who is heavily involved in the games, won the NCAA Holder of the Year award during his fifth and final year. His involvement in the games prompted his decision to continue supporting the charity the former winner chose to support, and continue to support veterans.

Additionally, all profits from the game went to the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital.

“We basically looked up a ton of veteran charities, local and national, and the club decided they wanted to do a local charity,” Hansen said.

On Saturday March 3rd, both Army and Navy veterans suited up for wheelchair basketball.

Although the Army won with a final score of 59-44, the game raised \$1,051 which made this game was a slam dunk for both teams.

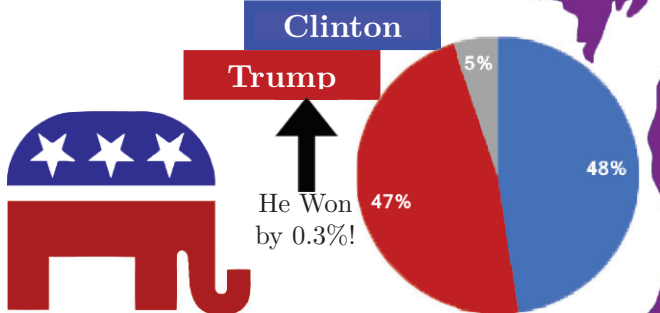


Army veterans encourage their teammates from the sidelines.

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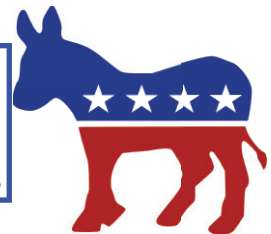
Michigan's Big Choice

2016 Michigan Presidential Results



Michigan's 2018 Gubernatorial election is heating up, and the field is already full of candidates jockeying for governor. The Election is on November 6, so get informed!

Here's a look at the top two front runners of both parties



Bill Schuette

Attainer of the elusive endorsement of Donald Trump himself via twitter, Bill Schuette is a republican who is reaping the benefits of a long history in both Lansing and beyond. Involved in state government since the days of Reagan, Schuette has been a member of the U.S. House of representatives, the state house and the senate, and was most recently elected as the Attorney General of Michigan. Promising to cut the state income tax and work towards the reduction of the states medicaid system, Schuette believes his victory will lead to more jobs, and sees increased economic output if his policies are implemented.



Gretchen Whitmer

One of the first to announce their bid for governor in January of 2017, Gretchen Whitmer is widely regarded as the front-runner in the democratic primary race. The current state representative and former state senate minority leader has been involved in Michigan politics since 2000, and is regarded as a center of stage liberal. Campaigning on the expansion of the medicare and medicaid programs as well as the expansion of women's rights, Whitmer has the support of many in her party, including the former governor Jim Blanchard and over 12 Michigan workers interests groups.



Brian Calley

As an alumni of Michigan State University, Brian Calley is certainly familiar with the city of Lansing. Serving in the Michigan state house from 2006 to 2010, Calley has a good Republican reputation in the capital. Intending to ascend to the senate in 2010, Calley instead flipped gears to join then candidate Rick Snyder as his Lieutenant Governor, and has served in that role ever since. Advertising his role in two of Michigan's prior tax cuts in the early 2010's, Calley takes pride in his traditional conservative voting record, and plans to continue along the same lines as governor.



Dr. Abdul El-Sayed

A physician who has formerly served as the executive director of the Detroit Health Department, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed is an internationally recognized expert of public health. Promising to bring single payer to Michigan and raise the state minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour, El-Sayed is one of the more progressive candidates to join the race for the democratic governorship nomination. For those interested in college, El-Sayed is also campaigning for free tuition for those with families who make less than \$150,000, a sure draw for the young college-bound voters of Michigan.



Our View: Handing teachers guns creates a scenario where nobody wins

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It is a sad reality that what was once shocking and nauseating has now, after multiple occurrences, become accepted as the new normal. Eliciting thoughts and prayers to the point where the very words have become cliché and treated cynically by the public, mass shootings are as frequent and readily forgotten as Nicolas Cage B-movies. After years of inaction, it appears gun manufacturers and groups like the NRA have become the true boogymen of Washington, with congressmen sweating in their ill-fitting suits whenever hearsay of gun control is uttered in close enough proximity.


What does not seem to make lawmakers uncomfortable, however, is the placement of even more firearms in our schools at a time when we could do with far less of them. From Donald Trump all the way down to your friendly neighborhood militiaman, arming teachers with guns has become quite the enticing prospect, fitting quite nicely into the “good guy with a gun beats the bad guy with a gun mentality” purported by the NRA and the gun lobby. Talk of arming teachers is certainly a good PR stunt in times of lagging gun sales, but can it ever be more than that? If the time comes, and arming teachers becomes reality, would it actually keep us safe? Unfortunately, for those of us who would have to deal with the effects, unnecessarily placing more guns in schools and into the hands of teachers doesn’t just lead to headaches and annoyances, but also to unneeded tragedy and recklessness.

The first problem that should be instantly recognizable to anyone who has any experience in public education in the U.S. is that of legal liability. The issue is just what exactly the school is condoning when it hands a teacher a gun, and what the consequences are if policy guidelines are not met. When a gun is handed to a teacher, it comes with a heavily implied expected outcome: you will have to potentially shoot your students.


This differs from our current situation, where instead of teachers being delegated to the role of defenders, they too are the victims. The main problem with the flipping of these roles lies in accountability, as it seems safe to reason that if a teacher fails to eliminate a school shooter, a good degree of weight would be placed on them for the deaths of others. Much like the Florida school resource officer who did not enter the building and promptly resigned afterward, failing would clearly lead to consequences for a teacher. Even more worrying, however, is the legal headache of accidental death. If students are caught in a teacher/shooter crossfire, who is to blame? If teachers mistake a gun-like device such as a walkie-talkie for a firearm and draw their weapons, are they acting out of bounds? Those ethical dilemmas are likely to never be solved, and if we move towards making them a reality, they would have to be dealt with.

Disregarding the liability question, it seems unlikely that given the psychology of school shooters, they would be deterred from shooting up a school due to the presence of armed personnel. What proponents of armed teachers fail to realize is someone shooting back at a school shooter isn’t a problem to them: it’s apart of the game. A school shooter usually shows up fully intending to die, either by his own hand or that of others. In a study of all mass shootings between 1982 and 2018 by Mother Jones, it was revealed that more than half kill themselves at the scene and that 7 in 10 shooters who engage the police don’t survive the encounter. In fact, dying in this fashion has become mainstream, with sayings such as “suicide by cop” entering the popular lexicon. But why would school shooters commit their attacks in light of those heavy statistics? Their psychology. In the mind of a school shooter, one that typically expresses a “pseudocommando” mentality


Q: Would armed teachers make you feel safe?




“Depends on the person, if they are mentally capable of it or not.”
 -Sophomore Vince Burgos



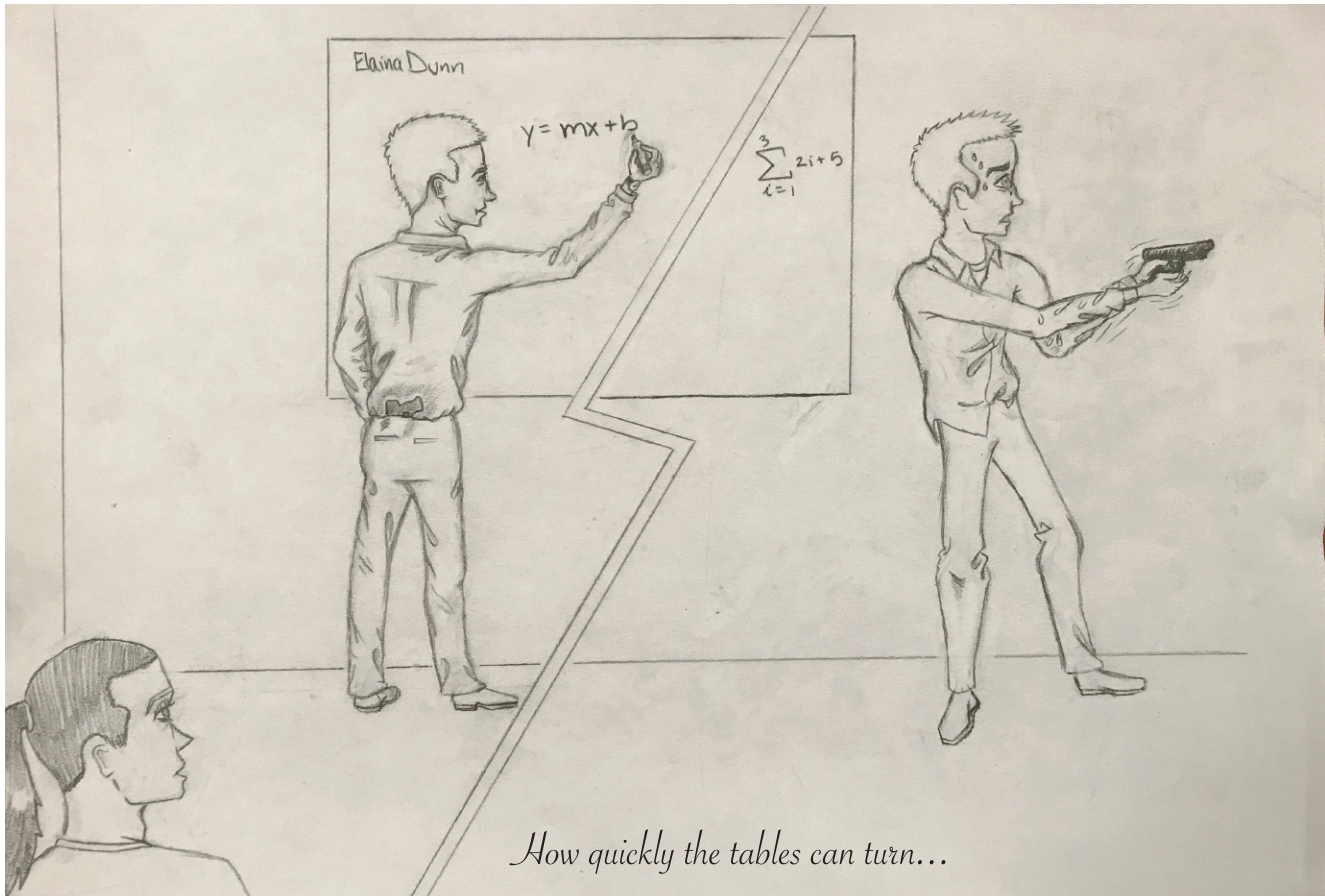
“No, because I think it would lead to unintended consequences.”
 -Sophomore Griffin Bartscht



“Hell yeah, so they can shot somebody.”
 -Junior Josh Mason



“If they were a threat, then no, they shouldn’t have a gun.”
 -Senior Josh Calcut



How quickly the tables can turn...

(an unhealthy obsession with weapons and a “warrior” mindset) fighting armed opposition may even be an appealing part of their fantasy. These are not rational individuals with a will to live, but rather heavily armed, mentally ill people with the end goal of ending it all in a “blaze of glory”.

In the long run, however, it is not going to be the question of what happens when there is a school shooter that will entail the worst effects of this policy, but a question of what happens in the vast majority of days there is not. It is the quality of education that will truly suffer in the United States if we institute a policy of armed teachers, as it all ties back to teacher workload and the quality of their relationships with their students. Teachers, as we all know, have been stretched to the breaking point by decades of budget cuts, increased workloads, and larger class sizes in their schools. No longer is the responsibility of a teacher just to teach, but to be a coach, a social worker, a fundraiser, a parent, and a psychologist all in one single job description. As if there was nothing more that could be done to further burden teachers, now people are seriously considering adding a police badge to the already Everest-sized pile of responsibilities., increasing costs and driving them away from more essential responsibilities: like teaching.



Schools are notoriously overfunded in some areas and notoriously underfunded in others—that’s just the

world we live in—but funneling money into guns and the training for those who wield them diverts money away from crucial institutions: counselors. According to the American School Counselor Association, the ratio of students to counselors in Michigan is 729 to 1: the third worst out of all the states (the recommended ratio is 250 to 1). These are our first line of defense against school shooters, as not only do counselors provide academic help and college advice, but help with mental illness, stress, and bullying, all of which are factors that can lead to a school shooter to pop.

Instead of focusing on measures that wait until the shooter is already too far gone, we should be investing in preventive measures, ones that move towards making sure the potential school shooter has not the means nor motive to kill anyone in the first place. It is a sign of the times that we are more prepared to kill someone than spend the time and effort necessary to bring them back from the brink of despair most shooters find themselves in. We are far too ready to accept flashy solutions, security theater that only makes us feel we are safe, and choose not to confront the root of our problems. Unfortunately, simply feeling safe doesn’t make it so, and unless we want to be having this same conversation the same time next year about the same subject, we need to stop working on distractions like armed teachers and more on solutions based in reality.

From Frigate to Classroom

The story of how Mr. Heuser went from being enlisted in the Navy to an English teacher at Dexter High School

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From Duke University to a frigate in Long Beach, California, Dexter High School English teacher Mr. John Heuser has been on a long journey before becoming known as one of the most well-liked and caring teachers at our school. This journey began in Detroit where he was born and lived until he was 6 years old with his two sisters, one younger and one older.

His family then moved to rural North Carolina until he was in 4th grade. While living there, it was discovered that his mother had a benign brain tumor. Luckily, she was able to make a full recovery and is currently 77 years old.

"I have the fondest memories of North Carolina, Duke University especially," Heuser said. "They provided phenomenal care for my mother when she was in their hospital."

"It was hard to balance school and the Navy, besides a few intramural sports, it was basically my entire life in college."

-Mr. Heuser

Heuser and his family moved to a suburb in Connecticut after his father's job was transferred. He remained there all the way through high school. Although Heuser was able to receive a good education there, he missed the small town feel of North Carolina and always hoped to go back. In high school, his then girlfriend's brother, a Marine corp soldier and Naval ROTC graduate, was a major role model for him. This inspired him to look into ROTC programs and the scholarships that go with them.

"Without [my high school girlfriend's brother], I don't think I ever would have looked into an ROTC program, so I'm thankful to have had him as a role model, the idea of having my college paid for was also appealing to me" Heuser said.

He was able to fulfill his wish and eventually returned to North Carolina to attend Duke University. While there he pursued a double major in Mathematics and Political Science while also being enrolled in their Naval ROTC program.

"It was hard to balance school and the Navy, besides

a few intramural sports, it was basically my entire life in college" Heuser said.

Despite his busy schedule, he was able to meet his future wife while attending Duke. After graduation Heuser was stationed to a Navy ship in Long Beach, California. He served in the Navy for 4 years which was a completely unique experience for him.

"It was very, very different," Heuser said. "Growing up in Connecticut it was a place like Dexter, a pretty privileged area, and Duke being a private school that was very selective, I was always interacting with people who were a lot like me, and the Navy wasn't like that."

He is very thankful for his experiences in the Navy because of the great appreciation he developed for those who serve.

He and his now wife were in California for several years and had their wedding during this time. The Navy then took them to Arlington, Virginia where Heuser worked at a shorestation to finish out his time in service.

Although he learned a lot in the Navy, he knew it was not what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

"I knew I didn't want to make the Navy a career. I loved to read and I loved to write and I loved current events. I figured that journalism would give me a way to learn about lots of new things in different areas and continue to write" he said.

With this new professional path in mind, the Heuser family packed up and moved to Michigan so that he could study for a masters in the journalism program at U of M.

This led to him being hired by the Ann Arbor News where he worked for 14 years, covering local and university sports.

Towards the end of his career, the journalism industry was hurting. The News began to offer buy-outs to employees who had been with the company for a long time. It was time for Heuser to move on.

"Part of it was the journalism industry, but I had always thought



about doing teaching. My mom, grandma, sisters, aunt, and uncles were all teachers. I went for a year at U of M in their masters teaching program” Heuser said.

It wasn’t hard for Heuser to find a job at Dexter because of the connections he had made during his years of sports coverage with the Ann Arbor News.

“I knew Mr. Moran because he was a cross country coach at Lincoln at the time. I knew Coach Swoverland, Coach Bavineau, and Coach Bergen as well.

They were people I felt comfortable with” Heuser said.

Eight years after being hired, Heuser is still at Dexter High School where he currently teaches AP English, World Lit and Comp, and is the supervisor of Interact Club. After a long journey, he has ended up somewhere he feels at home, and his students are very thankful to have such a friendly and caring person teaching them every day.

Q&A: What makes Mr. Heuser a good teacher?



“Mr. Heuser truly cares about all of his students individually from an academic and personal standpoint. He puts extreme effort into his teaching and provides a very positive learning environment.”

-Senior Sarah Zofchak



“Mr. Heuser is a great teacher because of his positive attitude towards the class and gives us work that reinforces what we learn in class.”

-Junior Grisha Griffiths



“Mr. Heuser is a good teacher because he is interested in student’s lives outside of just teaching us which makes it easier to ask questions when someone is confused and he asks detailed questions when we’re studying something to make sure the material is understood.”

-Sophomore Zoë Murphy

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THE WALKOUT AT DHS



Throughout the country, students are raising awareness for school safety and the value of student lives by walking out of school as part of a movement called “#NeverAgain.”

Several hundred Dexter High School students participated in the scheduled national walkout protest from 10:00 a.m. to 10:17 a.m. on March 14.

For many of these students, the protest had an important personal meaning and significance. They see it as a fight for their own lives and rights to education.

“I think that we have a right to survive a day at school, to go to school and feel safe,” senior Annie Spidel said. “[Participating in the walkout] means making a statement, showing the school, and showing our legislators, and showing Moran and the rest of the staff what we want and what we believe.”

Junior Alayna Calleja expressed a similar opinion to Spidel’s in regard to wanting to feel safe every day.

“It’s really important to me to like actually, for once, stand up for myself,” Calleja said. “I’m really tired of trying to look over my shoulder every time I go to a school event, being scared that someone’s gonna kill me every day I go to school. I’m really tired of that feeling, so I just wanna act up for once and stand up for what I believe.

“We just wanna go to school safely for once.

We wanna make a difference in the world.”

For other students, there was an element of mourning and paying respect during the protest, rather than personal safety. The walkout was originally created to honor the 17 victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting on February 14, 2018, and to condemn violence in schools.

“I participated in the first part of it to show my support for the 17 fallen at Parkland High School, but when it started to become more political when they said it wouldn’t be, and it was all about gun reform, I stepped away,” senior Connor Povenski said. “I do believe that there is a gun problem, but it’s also a mental health problem. “I don’t think it should’ve been a protest. It’s more of a memorial service to the 17 that did die.”

While there is undeniably an emotional aspect to it, there is also an almost inseparable political connotation tied into the walkout. For many people who participated, the walkout was an opportunity to express their opinions on gun reform. High school students don’t often get such significant platforms for change that have the potential for impact across the state or across the nation.

“I’m just participating because I don’t really believe in the gun laws,” freshman Joseph Kowalski said. “I think that we shouldn’t have those kinds of guns available to people, even, at that young of an age.”

Gun reform is a heavily debated topic in the United States at the moment, and some students believe that the walkout will help the government move toward taking action and making legislation.



Senior Annie Spidel expressing the need for gun reform.

“I know for a lot of people it was about honoring people that died, in the walkout, and not political,” junior Gabe Brisbois said. “For me it was both ... mental health is a factor, which is an argument that we should be focusing less on gun legislation and more on mental health help, but also, that’s not something that can be changed in a day, whereas changing gun legislation is something that’s a quick fix.

“We are the only country in the whole world that has mass shootings in schools like this. Something just needs to be done about it.”



Senior Alyssa Gilson live streams the walkout speeches on Instagram.

The walkout also featured student speeches from seniors Joe Ramey and Marin Waddington. Students gathered around in a circle around the small group of people leading the speech to listen. The speakers discussed sending letters to Congress and finding ways to end school shootings through new legislation. Unfortunately, many students who were outside of the



Messages written in sidewalk chalk cover school grounds during the 17-minute walkout.

immediate circle around the speakers reported that they couldn’t hear the speakers over the wind and the talking outside.

“This procrastination needs to end. Reform is not a want, it’s a need.”

-Senior Joe Ramey

Behind the speakers, another group of students wrote both political and emotional statements on the sidewalk in front of the high school about gun reform and student safety. Powerful messages such as “how many more?” and “we will be the change long overdue” caught the eye of many students at the walkout. Overall, these message show that the people who walked out seem optimistic that they can affect meaningful change.

Regardless of the specific reason, the thousands of participants nationwide walked out to express an important message: they hope that this never happens again.



Senior Marin Waddington (L) gives a speech at the walkout as she stands next to her sister, Gabi Waddington.

'Truck line' students show their support for Florida shooting victims

Writer  Bailey Welshans

Guns, flags, hateful comments, and more uproar.

Dexter High School had it all the morning of March 14.

At 10 a.m., students walked out of Dexter High School for 17 minutes in remembrance of the students who were killed during the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

However, many feel it turned into much more.

"It turned into an anti-gun protest instead of remembering the people [who died]," junior Cam Revill said.

The DHS truck line, made up of a line of approximately a dozen trucks, was negatively portrayed this morning for putting up various flags off their trucks.

Many parents and students expressed their safety concerns to the administration, thinking the actions of those in the truck line were hateful.

The thought process behind the flags was not intended to be hateful or disrespectful according to truck line students.

"It had nothing to do with hate," senior Devon Fietzer said. "We couldn't be here this morning for the walkout because of consortium. This was our way of remembering the lives lost [in the Florida school shooting]."

That didn't prevent the anger and angry gestures from parents dropping off students in the morning.

"Parents, after they dropped their kids off, were flipping us off as they were leaving the school," said junior Kevin DeVoogd, adding that students were calling them

racists, bigots, and hicks.

"The definition of a hick is a person who lives in the country regarded as being unintelligent or provincial, and I feel disrespected by being called unintelligent just because I have a truck and live in the country," junior Jason Milkey said.

The students involved in the truck line felt the protest became political rather than being focused on raising awareness for school safety.

"We were showing pride for our country and standing up for our beliefs," junior Josh Mason said. "We wanted to represent our gun laws and the lives lost."

A combination of the Confederate flag and the American flag was flown by one of the truck line students; many parents and students saw it as an act of disrespect. The high school's main phone line, Assistant Principal Ken Koenig said, was then bombarded with parent phone calls this morning about the flag.

"I drove out there and asked, as a favor, if they could take [the Confederate flag] down," Koenig said. "I didn't demand they take it down. I said 'I'm completely respecting your first amendment rights. I'm asking as a favor. They climbed up there and took it down.'"

Koenig said the administration is currently dealing with incidents related to the walkout, including spiteful posts on social media directed toward students in the truck line.



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4-H

A look into the largest youth



While DHS isn't widely known for having a lot of students involved in agriculture anymore, its roots continue to run deep. If there is a student who is very interested in animals or crops, they are most likely involved in a program called 4-H. Many believe that 4-H is just for showing animals, but that isn't true

at all. Youth involved in 4-H do activities such as sewing, painting, photography, archery, woodworking, gardening, leadership activities, and so much more. If you have an interest in it, 4-H has a category for it. That is the great thing about 4-H – kids from different backgrounds and with different interests, come together to do what they love.

“Still projects allow learning of life skills in the same way teen leadership, or large animal projects do,” said Sheri Montoye, 4-H program coordinator and still projects superintendent. “Responsibility to plan out and complete your project, leadership in teaching younger youth skills you have learned, and ability to work with adults.”

4-H is the largest youth development program in the United States with more than six million participants. The program encourages positive growth in the aspects of science, arts and crafts, agriculture, leadership, and citizenship. 4-H is a place where youth ages 5-19 come together to do things they love and explore new things they're interested in.

Throughout Washtenaw County, there are about 50 4-H



Sophomore Abby Morris showing her horse, Lilo, during 4-H fair. This is one of her Western classes.



Jason Milkey and Cameron O'Day showing sheep together at the fair. In showmanship, they are judged on how well they present the lamb.

clubs, with roughly 800 members and 200 registered volunteers.

You may be wondering, what does 4-H even stand for? 4-Hers live by a pledge that help them commit to something bigger than themselves and it involves four H's. They stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

Although 4-H has over 6 million participants, at DHS there are only about 25 students involved.

Within those students, every animal project area is covered, and many do other projects as well.

One of the highlights of 4-H is the fair that happens every summer at the end of July. Youth get to exhibit the project(s) they've been working on for the whole year and have the chance to get an award for it.

Junior Jason Milkey has been in 4-H for 10 years, and

Happens

organization in the United States

has shown sheep and goats since the beginning.

"4-H is a place to make friends and do things with people who share similar interests as you," Milkey said. "Just knowing you spent time to make or raise something that hundreds of people will see, and then be judged on it, is really rewarding."

Horses are also a large part of 4-H. There are many students involved at DHS show horses throughout the year, but also during the fair! Sophomore Abby Morris has shown horses since she was five.

"Horses take a lot of work; the bond between you and a horse has to be strong for the horse to trust you and to cooperate well with you," Morris said. According to Morris, horses are one of the harder projects to do because of the amount of work prior to the fair that is put in.

Something big that 4-H gives you is responsibility and discipline. Taking care of an animal or doing a project takes time and you have to be dedicated to that project to do well.

Sophomore Lake VanNatter has been in 4-H for 7 years

"4-H is a place to make friends and do things with people who share similar interests as you."

-Junior Jason Milkey

and shows sheep, but also has rabbits.

She agrees that 4-H has given her a lot of opportunities to gain skills she will use for the rest of her life and she has made a lot of friends throughout the years.

"I've learned a lot of responsibility, because raising an



A young showman, Heidi, a Dexter MCMS student, selling her feeder calf at the auction.

animal for a whole year is a hard thing to do," VanNatter said. "It's given me a chance to meet new people who do the same thing as me."

If you are interested in getting involved in 4-H, talk to one of the youths involved and ask them what their experience is; everyone has a different story!

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The Author Shares Her Story

I have been involved in 4-H since I was five years old. This year will be my 12th year participating. Throughout those years, I've shown cattle, rabbits, chickens, sheep, and have exhibited photography, painting, scrapbooking, and much more.

My favorite thing about 4-H is the fair. It really is rewarding when you get to see your hard work pay off. However, 4-H is so much more than winning ribbons and plaques. I've met a lot of people through this program and am very thankful for the friendships I've made.

Since joining, I've learned skills on how to better my leadership within my community, my school, and my county. I've also learned how to be a positive role model to the younger 4-Hers by helping them with their animal projects. 4-H has opened opportunities for

me to become an even better leader.

I am currently on the 4-H State Youth Leadership Council, and was previously a Washtenaw County Ambassador. Both help spread the word about 4-H and improve the program for participants involved in Michigan. I'm also on many committees to help plan the fair. The summer of 2017, I attended Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. where I, along with 19 others, got to experience 4-H on the national level and learn about politics in our Nation that surround 4-H.

4-H is a great program to be involved in. You don't have to show animals to be involved. You can even show your dog if you want! If you're even questioning whether to join or not, I can tell you that 4-H is definitely worth getting involved in.



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3-PEAT

What a surprise? Dreadnaughts are good in the water (Again)



The team gets ready to partake in the now-annual tradition of jumping in the pool after winning states.

What's better than winning two state championships in a row? Going back-to back-to back.

Just ask the Men's Swim and Dive team.

The Dreadnaughts won the state competition for the third year in a row on March 10, increasing their Division II championship total to five. Dexter finished the meet with a score of 241.5, beating second-place Rochester Adams by 21.5 points

It seems safe to say the program can now be considered a dynasty.

"Winning states my senior year was an incredible experience," senior Sam Krahn said. "All of the work my teammates and I have put into swimming hard this season paid off, and my final high school meet is one I will always remember."

Led by Coach Michael McHugh, the Dreadnaughts underwent his rigorous training methods. Halfway through their season, the team has to partake in "Deep Week", a 14-day program where the team practices for five hours each day, racking up about 120,000 yards in

the pool over the course of the two weeks.

"The best part of the season, aside from winning states, was definitely competing with Casey (Dolen) in practice," junior Nik Eberly said.

Eberly was a part of the state team last year, and this year he was a crucial contributor to winning states. He set the varsity record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 48.87, breaking the previous record he owned. He placed

first in the state in the following events: 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle, and was a part of the 200-yard freestyle relay. Additionally, Eberly was a part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that

"My final high school meet is one I will always remember."

-Senior Sam Krahn

placed second.

"It's pretty cool to be a part of that team," freshman Clayton Kinnard said. "Hopefully, we'll win states next year. It all comes down to the team effort."

The celebration is now over and it's back to the grind. The Dreads are already working toward the four-peat.

National Sports Briefs

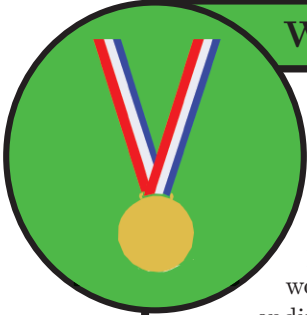
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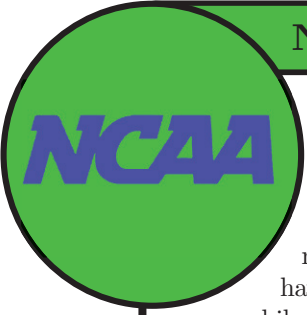
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Winter Olympics Results



As the 23rd Winter Olympic games have come to an end, there are many amazing moments to look back on. The U.S. finished the competition with 23 medals which put them in 4th place behind Canada (29), Germany (31), and Norway (39). In women's snowboarding halfpipe, 17-year-old Chloe Kim took home the gold for the U.S.A. after landing back-to-back 1080s, a first in women's Olympic history. Shaun White pulled off an amazing run in halfpipe to score his third Olympic gold medal. The U.S. women's Hockey team beat longtime rival Canada in an overtime shootout to win gold, ending a 20-year medal drought. The biggest shocker of the Olympics was the first ever gold for the U.S. Men's Curling team after beating top-ranked Sweden. Although this wasn't one of the best Olympic Games for the U.S, it definitely had its fair share of memorable moments.

NCAA Basketball Corruption



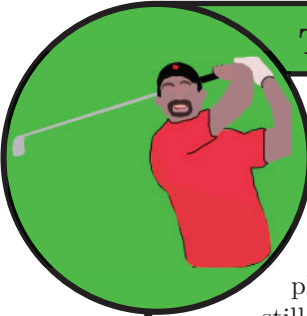
An FBI investigation into many different NCAA basketball players and schools have been put in place as what is being called an "underground recruiting operation." It all started when Yahoo! Sports uncovered documents that showed evidence of cash advancements, paid expenses, and other incentives towards college players and their families. A report from ESPN showed that Arizona head coach Sean Miller was caught discussing a payment of up to \$100,000 to freshmen DeAndre Ayton. While this was only discussion, there have been confirmed reports of players like Dennis Smith who have received up to \$73,000 while playing at NC State. The FBI investigation is still ongoing, but charges have already been made against teams such as Auburn, Arizona, USC, and Oklahoma State.

Kobe Bryant Wins Oscar



At the 90th annual Academy Awards, retired five-time NBA champion for the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe Bryant won an Oscar in the animated short category. Bryant was the executive producer in the animated short "Dear Basketball" which was based on a poem he wrote in 2015 when announcing his retirement. Disney animator Glen Keane also won an Oscar for his role in the film. In disbelief, Bryant gave his acceptance speech, thanking his wife and three daughters pointing to them as his inspiration. It seems that Bryant has taken up his second career as he stated that he is also working on a series of novels.

Tiger Woods is Back



A near 1st place finish in the Valspar Championship may be a start to a new era for Tiger Woods. To many people a Woods comeback was doubtful, to say the least. He has spent the majority of the past two years out of the Golfing world, mostly struggling with his back injuries. On April 19, 2017, Woods had his fourth back surgery, an anterior lumbar interbody fusion. He returned to Golf in January and was excited to get back to work. After a couple weeks of steady play, he looked like one of the best players on the PGA Tour. Keep in mind not every part of his game is perfect, there is still work to be done, but it's important to realize that playing at a competitive level is a massive accomplishment for Woods as not to long ago he was wondering if he'd ever step on the course again. With the Masters starting on April 5, Tiger Woods is definitely a fan favorite.

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Athletes in the Crowd

With the winter season coming to a close, Dexter's spring athletes are prepared and ready to represent their school

Senior Skylar Waddington



Skylar Waddington and her fellow seniors have some big shoes to fill, but are ready to overcome any challenges that may come their way. Waddington has been preparing for her last season as a Dreadnaught by practicing with A2 Lax and going to open gyms to keep her skills sharp. Waddington and her sisters plan to lead the team with confidence. She also has high hopes to inspire her fellow teammates to step up and contribute. Her goals this season involve beating Pioneer, and getting further in the playoffs. A few rivals the Lady Dreads face are Skyline and Huron. "It would feel good to beat them," Waddington said. "We played in the past and lost, and I have friends on the teams."



Junior Allison Wyka



Wyka is geared up and ready to start her third water polo season as a Dreadnaught. She has occupied her time off with training, participating in drop-in practices over summer, swimming in the fall, and practicing with Wolverine Water Polo in the Winter. Wyka is looking to tackle water polo with enthusiasm, aiming to put her skills to the test. Wyka's goals are to make it past the District tournament, a task Dexter was unable to accomplish last year, and to incorporate everyone on the team. Wyka plans to play with an encouraging personality, and rack up points for the Lady Dreads throughout their season. "Beating Saline would feel really good," Wyka said. "They are a solid team that usually dominates the conference."



Freshman Clayton Kinnard



In just his first year, Kinnard has become a huge contributor to the Men's Swim team. Kinnard's participates in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke. His season best times were 1:59.17 and 54.88 respectively. With the state competition now over, Kinnard plans to swim for the Dexter Community Aquatic Club and work on his Breaststroke. Swim was a huge time commitment, and Kinnard has a big void to fill now that the season is over. He plans to occupy his time with television watching, training, and getting better at solving his Rubik's Cube. "I felt pretty happy with the end of my season," Kinnard said. "I didn't do as well in the Backstroke, but I still think I did pretty great."



Freshman Kris Eberly



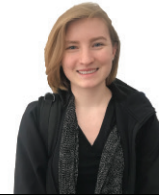
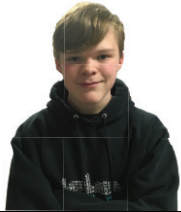
Eberly, the Dexter Ice Hockey team's steel fortress of a goalie, had a spectacular season, with a 90.9% save percentage and a goals against average of 2.5; amazing stats for his debut season. Being the star athlete he is, Eberly needs to keep his skills sharp. He plans to play golf in the Spring and participate in off-season hockey. Additionally, he plans to attend skill camps during the Summer. After Eberly's season ended, he was already looking to next year, focusing on training and practicing to make himself the best defensive threat Dexter has to offer. "I wish we would have beat Chelsea," Eberly said. "Although we did better than last year, I wish we would have made it further."



Photographers - Stephen Sterlitz (Waddington), Stephen Sterlitz (Wyka), Beckie Sterlitz (Kinnard), Jillian Chesney (Eberly)

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Jack Fawcett
(Freshman)

Isabella Sowers
(Sophomore)

Liam Bishop
(Junior)

Kate Pawlowski
(Senior)

Mr. Mergler
(DHS Staff)

What is the best thing about April?

Birthday month.	Warmer weather.	The better weather.	It's closer to summer.	It means spring is almost here!
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What are you doing for spring break?

Staying home.	We go to a horse show in Ohio.	Visiting colleges.	California.	A whole lot of nothing. I'm not going anywhere.
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Where do you wish you could go for spring break?

New York, or Florida.	Hawaii.	The Virgin Islands.	The void.	That's not fair. If I went to Australia, I wouldn't come back.
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What would be the ultimate April Fool's Day prank if there were no limits?

Easter Bunny is actually real	Nair in shampoo bottles.	Firecrackers under the toilet seats.	Complete demolition of the entire government.	Bury the school in snow with Mt. Brighton's snow machines.
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What do April showers bring?

Fun.	May Flowers.	Almost golf weather.	Worms.	Germs.
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Spring Jokes





How excited was the gardener about spring?
So excited he wet his plants.

What goes up when rain comes down?
Umbrellas.

When do monkeys fall from the sky?
During APE-ril showers.

What season is it best to go on a trampoline?
Spring time



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Movie Reviews

February and March provide the best and worst the film industry has to offer

BLACK PANTHER

The 18th film in the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe) provides an amazing story, and the best cast the franchise has seen to date. Black Panther follows T'Challa, the king of the technologically advanced and isolated country of Wakanda, and the events that arise after he takes the throne from his recently deceased father. Chadwick Boseman does a perfect job of bringing T'Challa to the big screen, and Michael B. Jordan gives a near-perfect performance as the film's villain, Erik Killmonger. The worldbuilding is solid, and you feel as though you really know the world of Wakanda by the time the film ends. The ties to other MCU movies are subtle and don't bog down the film whatsoever. The only thing the film suffers from is some below average visual effects throughout, however, this does not take away from the experience as a whole. Black Panther is one of the best superhero movies to come out in recent years and is one of the crown jewels of the MCU.



GAME NIGHT

This new mystery comedy serves as a fun night out, but nothing more than that. Game Night tells the story of a group of adult friends who, during a murder mystery party, get caught up in a real life murder mystery. The film has a fun cast featuring Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams, Kyle Chandler, and Jesse Plemons. There's good chemistry throughout and the actors work well together. While there are no gut busting laughs, the film is consistent with its comedy. Game Night suffers most from its screenplay as there are numerous plot holes in the story as well as many instances of convenience towards the main characters. The ending twist is so out of the box and crazy that the rest of the story doesn't even work and the likelihood of it actually happening would be zero to none. Overall, Game Night is not a breakthrough piece of film, but provides some laughs and is worth watching.



ANNIHILATION

Alex Garland's second feature film pulls no punches in this slow, yet creative look at evolution and self-destruction. Annihilation follows a team of military scientist and their dangerous investigation into a strange natural phenomenon called the Shimmer. This female driven cast featuring Natalie Portman, Tessa Thompson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Oscar Isaac feels fresh and exciting as all the actors dive heavily into their respective roles. While the pacing is slow, it doesn't take away from the constant suspense the film brings or the narrative as a whole. The visuals are amazing with some creative set designs that are mind blowing. The film only falters in that the ending is bit anticlimactic. While the ending does fit thematically with the story, its reveal and ambiguity may seem a bit tame to what it could have been. Annihilation is an intelligent and suspenseful sci-fi drama that will be studied and debated on for years to come.



A WRINKLE IN TIME

This adaptation of Madeline D'Lean's beloved novel of the same name bombs in every way imaginable. A Wrinkle in Time depicts the story of Meg Murray, and her journey through space and time to rescue her father from an imposing dark force. The first of many problems this film has is its hideous acting. Storm Reid tries but fails to carry the movie as the main lead, and Oprah Winfrey, Mindy Kaling, and Reese Witherspoon all look like they are intoxicated the whole time. Most predominantly, Deric McCabe gives perhaps one of the worst child performances ever with his portrayal of Charles Wallace. The story and pacing is choppy, and is honestly quite boring most of the time. Never once does it feel like the characters are in danger completely taking away the intended suspense. The only redeeming quality of the film is its dazzling cinematography. A Wrinkle in Time is yet another failed adaptation proving why a big budgets don't necessarily mean a better film.





THE ANCHOR

Junior Noah Rosenzweig auctions off a gift bag filled with German goodies donated by Mrs. Kathryn Schmid during the annual senior auction on Friday, March 16, during third hour. National Honor Society raised more than \$1,000 during the event.

Photographer  Jillian Chesney

