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Interview with Elise Bruderly Candidate for School Board Trustee



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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In an effort to help readers get to know the candidates in local elections, I was able to chat with Elise Bruderly. She was newly appointed to the vacant seat on the Board and is running for the position.

I started by asking Elise why she was running? She explained that she has twins and when they were about 7-8 years

old she was involved in everything from girl scouts and cub scouts to soccer. She was running around trying to be involved. When she thought about it, her priority was that her kids get a good education. In the Fall of 2014 there was an opening on the school board. She applied for the position. It was a new area for her. Applying became a springboard. She got to know people in the community. And through that, Elise became a founding member of E4DS. For the last three years, she's been the president of the group and has worked with the administration on budgeting and funding. She knows and trusts the people overseeing the schools. Elise believes in the education goals of the district. She has a positive view of the district and will contribute and communicate with the community.

I asked Elise how COVID-19 was impacting her cam-

paign. She explained that it's been really interesting. Her background is of a social worker and her husband is a physician. She's used to meeting people where they are. So Elise would like to host community meetups. Since the community did not have a chance to vote her in, she would like to make herself available in the next few weeks. She will make announcements regarding time, date, and location on her Facebook and Twitter pages: <https://www.facebook.com/elise-foreducation/> and <https://twitter.com/EliseBruderly>. With Twitter, you don't have to have a Twitter account to see her posts.

I asked Elise if there was any other message she'd like to convey to the public and her potential voters. She stated that she values education. She was the product of public education and she's grateful. Serving on the board **continued on page 4**

Jerry Clayton Announces Public Opportunity to Coproduct Public Safety at City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The City Council meeting opened with a special guest during planned participation. Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton was on the zoom to discuss a new opportunity for public participation with the Sheriff's department.

The sheriff explained that he's forming a compliance committee to evaluate the department's

compliance with the 6 pillars of the task force recommendations. He wants regular citizen involvement and leadership. He wants about 40-50 people divided into 6 groups. The goal will be to co-produce public safety. Rather than oversight, he'd like to do it on the front-end before things go wrong. For each of the six groups he'd like to see a community member hold the chair or co-chair

position. Jerry Clayton is asking members of the public to participate in the Police Reform Academy. Topics will include the use of force, hiring, discipline, and more. The PRA will be an information-sharing session with police trainers. The public is encouraged to share opinions and ideas regarding solutions. Finally, Jerry Clayton is asking for **continued on page 4**

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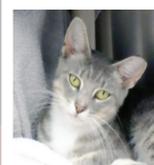
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Jerry Clayton Announces Public Opportunity to Coproduce Public Safety at City Council Meeting

► continued from page 1 public participation on the hiring committee for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's department.

The application deadline for the positions is August 15th. The application can be found at washtenaw.org, "21st Century Policing." Martin Luther King stated, "A riot is the language of the unheard." It seems that Jerry Clayton is hearing the world today and willing to adjust and give the community a voice. This is a great direction to take to improve the relationship between the public and the police. I encourage people from all walks of life to apply and make your voice heard. Some positions will offer stipends that will help cover babysitters and travel expenses.

The mayor asked the sheriff about The Eight Can't-Wait policies brought up at the last council meeting. Jerry Clayton stated that the Washtenaw Sheriff's department already uses the standards and has for two years. He did provide an exception, the no chokeholds. He explained that in situations of life and death for officers, chokeholds are allowed. He stated that two years ago, prior to eight can't wait,

campaign zero was a push toward police reform. And Jerry Clayton looked at the four best policies and used them to rework his policies. After the sheriff completed his presentation, student rep Isabella Malek thanked him and stated that she liked that he is incorporating community members. The feeling that we all need a voice in how we are policed is strong, especially with what we see in the news. This feels like a step in the right direction.

Ryan Henyard spoke during public participation. He has created a teach-out through the University of Michigan and encouraged council members to take it. It's free of charge and if you're interested in learning more, it can be found by searching for Ryan Henyard University of Michigan. The title of the Teachout is "Police Brutality in America." Ryan also took the time to explain the chants of defunding the police and what they actually mean. He wants people to understand that people are talking about defunding and reinvesting. He wants the police to be used in the field for which they are trained and not ask police to be

more. He'd like to become a more preventative society, rather than a reactive. Reinvest in the root causes of crime. He explains that the community would like to provide solutions to community problems. Spend money on mental health training and that sort of thing. Another person who spoke stated that it's about being smart money and how we use deputies.

Next were city reports. The treasurer stated that the assistant to the assessor is doing an excellent job. People can get a utility bill via email.

The public services report was given and we learned that the final paving of Hudson and Grant should be complete by this past Wed. Dan also stated that the sewer issue on Dexter Chelsea has been addressed and is completely sealed and looks good.

Michelle gave updates on several projects, some of which were stalled because of COVID-19. She also stated that Dollar General signed a letter of intent in Dexter Crossing.

We learned from Councilman Cousins that the Watershed council is going ahead with Suds on a River. It will be dif-

ferent than in years past, but it is going to happen in an effort to try to help breweries and restaurants.

Courtney explained that the online meeting order has been extended and will remain in effect for as long as Michigan is in a state of emergency. On election Tuesday, the city offices will only be used for the election to try and keep numbers of people in the building lower.

The needs assessment for the fire department, sheriff, and facility all failed to pass.

The council postponed having the ar-

chitect work on the fire station project until they can agree on a needs assessment. The council also postponed the review and approval of RFQ for construction management firms to be a part of the fire department project until after the council's educational session on the topic.

The council approved the Avalon request to amend the purchase agreement. After speaking with lenders and trying to find the safest option for the city, the council agreed to what will work for the city and the lenders.

The council ap-

proved the third option for the charter amendment language. The third option was approved as legal by the Attorney General. At this point, the language needs to be certified to be on the ballot. Council, whether they agreed with it or not, had to approve the language as a rule of the election process. Approval of the language does not indicate the council's support.

The meeting wrapped with a lot accomplished. And the expectation that future meetings will remain on zoom.

Interview with Elise Bruderly Candidate for School Board Trustee

► continued from page 1 is her way of paying it forward. She wants to continue a robust education and support the teachers. She wants to ensure that the district is re-

sponsive to changing education and thinking about what a kid in 2020 should learn for the workplace. Elise will continue to support by being a positive voice while

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ON THE SIDELINE: BASEBALL, CARDBOARD FANS, PIPED IN SOUND AND JIM LEYLAND



By Don Richter
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"It's just baseball."

That was a phrase Jim Leyland was fond of saying throughout his career as Detroit Tigers manager. Leyland was skipper of the Tigers from 2006 through 2013 leading Detroit to two World Series appearances in 2006 and 2012 (both losses).

I always despised that saying.

I also disliked the way Leyland said the short sentence. Instead of pausing between his words, Leyland would mumble the sentence in one breath and seemingly as one word -- "Its-

justbaseball."

It annoyed me.

It especially irked me because he uttered the one-word-phrase (if that makes any sense?) more often than not after Tiger losses. No matter what happened on the field to bring about the loss, Leyland spewed out his patented line, err, word (?) -- "Its-justbaseball."

The ground ball rolled under the glove of the Tigers shortstop allowing the game-winning run to score?

"Itsjustbaseball," said Leyland afterward in the press briefing.

A multitude of errors by Detroit leading to yet another frustrating loss?

"Itsjustbaseball," Leyland would say to the reporter.

Tiger hitters striking out 15 times in a shutout loss?

"Itsjustbaseball," muttered Leyland,

once again.

Well, it's 2020 and baseball is back.

Or is it?

With the virus continuing to plague the world, baseball in America opened its shortened 60-game season this past week. Four games into the season and already teams have multiple players testing positive for the virus. It'll be interesting to see what Major League Baseball and the powers-that-be decide to do regarding the possible spread of the virus throughout all teams.

That being said, watching some of these early games has been interesting, to say the least.

I know I'm in the minority, but I actually like the empty stands in the stadiums. I absolutely abhor television broadcasts which show shots of fans seemingly after each and

every pitch during a game. And it's not just Tiger broadcasts, but national coverage, as well. If I see one more shot of a guy in a crazy rally-hat sitting in the stands or a concerned woman with her hand over her mouth as she hopes for a much-needed out, I think I'm going to throw the remote through my TV screen. It's such a breath of fresh air to not have to worry about watching such nonsense each game.

With no fans in the stands, the TV cameras are forced to simply focus on the ball field and the action. Imagine that? What a concept. Of course, there are still the annoying, seemingly forever camera shots of the manager

in the dugout looking blankly into space or the player on the bench spitting out sunflower seeds or tobacco juice, but I can handle those, for the most part.

I think it's ridiculous having cardboard cutouts of "fans" in the stands and piped in crowd noise. Just stop...

It's nice hearing the players talk and grunt while they hustle to make plays. That's a big part of the game. Even if you hear the occasional salty word, so be it, that's sports.

It also seems like players are less apt to showboat with no fans in the stands -- and I like that, too. Just play baseball.

To me, this new type of game atmo-

sphere is more pure, more respectful of the sport of baseball. Sometimes, when there are full stadiums, the bright lights of the national broadcasts and all the other bells and whistles of a Major League Baseball contest, the real attraction for a purest like me -- the actual game being played -- more often than not gets lost in all of the other "action" going on outside of the ball field.

I don't mind this "new" baseball format.

Less noise, more focus on baseball.

I'm okay with that, for sure.

"Itsjustbaseball..."

Yes, it is.

And I like it...

The WATERMOO 2020



THE WATERMOO is a 111.88-mile gravel bike race on mostly gravel, some tarmac and a road that is no longer a road with a river crossing in the farmlands of south-eastern Michigan. To successfully complete THE WATERMOO

requires one to work hard and patiently like the water oxen that once roamed the land many years ago. THE WATERMOO will be an honest challenge for most and something riders will be proud of completing. Details and registration at [https://](https://thewatermoo.com/)

thewatermoo.com/. The WATERMOO will take place Saturday August 8 beginning at 7:11 am and lasting until 3pm. The WATERMOO will take place at 2319 Bishop Cir E in Dexter. For tickets visit www.bikereg.com.

Announcement from Dexter Youth Football League regarding youth football this Fall



From dexteryouthfootball.com

Hello Families and Friends,

In preparation for the upcoming football season we would like all of our families and our community to know that we have been preparing to deal with all of the uncertainty in the present time as best as we can. While the MHSAA has said fall sports can proceed as normal, we have been advised to await one more announcement from state leadership regarding the sport of football for this fall.

We expect that announcement by the end of July.

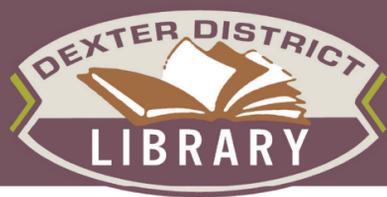
In order for families to be prepared in the event of an open registration we wanted to share the fees associated so families can plan. Registration for 5/6 grade Tackle Football will be \$225, 3/4 grade Tackle Football will be \$180, all Flag Football will be \$125 and Cheerleading will be \$50. All of these prices are the same or lower than the previous year.

In regard to the current global health situation, we can assure you that Dexter Youth Football will follow all applicable guidelines established by our partners at the Michigan High School

Athletic Association, the State of Michigan, the Washtenaw County Board of Health, USA Football as well as Dexter Community Education.

The health and well-being of our participants and their families is paramount to us and we assure you we want nothing but the best possible experience for everyone.

We look forward to another announcement with more news once the state makes their announcement soon. Please visit our website, www.dexteryouthfootball.com for contact information should you have any comments or concerns.



Dexter District Library 2020 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Curbside Service Hours Expanded (7/13/2020)

We are happy to announce that curbside pickup hours have been expanded and are now:

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Library Closure FAQ (updated 6/15/2020)

• We are happy to report the Library continues to be on track to resume services, beginning Monday, June 15. We are completing our staff safety training and are getting caught up with the backlog caused by the rapid COVID-19 shutdown in March. The Library's outside materials return boxes are open on an ongoing basis. There is no rush to return materials. Returns will be placed in quarantine for over 72 hours and we will continue to waive all overdue fines. Return boxes will be open continuously. If you have returned materials and the items still appear on your account, please wait four to five days before contacting us. The materials will be checked in after quarantine is complete. We look forward to resuming our curbside pickup of materials on Monday, June 15. Pickup will be available between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19. Materials on hold from before the shutdown will be available for pickup through June 23. New requests will be processed on an ongoing basis. We will have some catching up to do in this area as well. Currently, there are around 700 items we will need to locate and pull for patrons.

As we move forward, using the Library's catalog to request items will be the most efficient way to get exactly what you want. The Library also has a curbside request form, located at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/curbside>. This form will allow you to request both specific and general items, which will be pulled and processed by staff. When items are ready for pick up, patrons will be notified by either text message or e-mail. The curbside form will be available on our web site beginning Monday, June 15 at 11:00 am.

During our curbside hours, we ask that individuals call the Library when you arrive in our parking lot. At that time, a staff member will get your account information, retrieve your items from our hold shelf and check them out to your card. The Library will have our small, blue tent shelter set up at the edge of the parking lot. Staff will bring your items to a drop off table. We ask everyone to observe appropriate social distancing measures during the transfer. Once you pick up your items from the table, you can be on your way.

Full access to all shared catalog member library holdings will continue to expand on a rolling basis. Because we have 50 libraries in the shared catalog, many will be restoring their services on various schedules. Each library will have the discretion of when to restore interlibrary loan service to the rest of the membership. When placing a hold for an item Dexter does not own, but shows as available at another library, you may get the message that the hold cannot be placed. This just means any copies reside at libraries which have not fully restored interlibrary loan. Please make a note of the title and try again after a week or so.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the near future. Be well.

- In a surprise announcement, Governor Whitmer relaxed many of the business restrictions that had been in place since the start of the pandemic in Michigan. The staff of the Library appreciate your patience during this difficult time and we look forward to resuming service. The majority of staff have not been allowed in the library since mid-March. We will take some time to prepare our staff to resume providing services and clear the backlogged work. Staff training for distancing in the work environment, cleaning, new workflow patterns and handling materials is required by State Executive Order. Beginning Monday, June 8 our parking lot drop boxes will be unlocked to accept returned materials. Returned materials will be quarantined for a period of three days. No fines will be assessed while we continue to quarantine materials. Our curbside service will resume Monday, June 15. For the week of June 15, the Library will provide curbside service between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We will close on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 and assess how the week went. Adjustments to service hours will follow. As with everything related to the pandemic, dates may be subject to change based on State-level directives. We will continue to monitor public health conditions and make adjustments, including reopening the building for access, as conditions improve. Our Pandemic Response Plan can be found on our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/about/library-policies/>. We have missed seeing all our patrons and hope you have remained healthy and well during this time. We look forward to serving you soon.
- Just ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, Governor Whitmer issued a new Executive Order (EO 2020-96) which extended statewide 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' orders through June 12. In issuing this order ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, the Governor did relax some restrictions on areas in northern Michigan and for certain types of businesses. However, the order continues prohibitions on providing all but critical, government in-person services (Section VII.) This even applies to areas of the State which have seen relaxation of commerce. Unfortunately, the order precludes the Library for providing any direct, in-person services. According to the State's MI Safe Start Plan, Michigan has been divided into eight regions, which will be monitored for COVID-19 progression. Washtenaw County falls into Region 1, along with the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Saint Clair and Wayne counties. Due to the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in Wayne County, it is expected that our region will see restrictions on movement and service continue to be tighter than other regions of the State. The Library continues to prepare a reopening plan to ensure that when restrictions are lifted, we will be able to resume lending materials in a manner that is safe for both our staff and the general public.
- On May 7, 2020, Governor Whitmer extended the statewide "Stay Home" order by issuing Executive Order 2020-77. This order continues closure of public libraries through May 28 and provides more consistency with previous Executive Orders (see below.) With the current order, the Library is not allowed to bring staff back into the Library to prepare to restore services. As we move forward through this crisis, we continue to monitor our options. The Library's drop boxes remain closed and we still cannot accept donations of materials. We continue to work with the staff at our library cooperative (The Library Network) to adjust due dates for items previously borrowed as well as extend borrower card expiration dates. Rest assured, no fines will accrue for the duration of this crisis. The Library will follow the State's MI Safe Start Plan and restore some form of in-person services when possible. We continue to expand our digital services and have increased borrowing limits for our hoopla and Kanopy services. If you do not have a Dexter District Library borrower's card, our online application process is quick, easy and can get you started borrowing materials while sheltering. On behalf of the staff and Board, we hope you and your family remain healthy and well.
- On April 24, Governor Whitmer extended the 'Stay Home' order with Executive Order 2020-59, which allowed some restoration of business activities. While there was a curbside service caveat for some businesses, the order was reviewed by the Library's attorney along with the Library of Michigan legal staff. Their interpretation of the order was that Section 6, outlining limitations on governmental activities, precluded resumption of any in-person service by public libraries to the general public. This requires our current posture of being closed to the public and relying on digital services to continue through May 15. We continue to prepare for the time when we can resume services. While we do not know for certain what form that will take, the Library is developing several scenarios to adapt to environmental conditions and provide a safe experience for the public as well as safe working conditions for our staff. Please continue to monitor our website for new information as it becomes available.
- If you returned any Library items between Friday, 3/13/2020 and early Wednesday AM, 3/18/2020 – those items have been placed in a quarantine and will continue to show on your account until they've been checked back in. These same items may be showing as overdue, lost or as fines on your account. You will not be fined for any items returned during this period. All of the fines will be erased when the items get checked in.
- Our outdoor return boxes are now locked. Please keep all materials at home for the time being. No overdue fines will be assessed during this period.
- All library cards that had recently expired or were going to expire soon have had expiration dates extended.
- Don't have a library card? Click here to apply for one.
 - Online registration is only available to residents of the Dexter School District. If you reside outside our service area, please check with your home library about getting a card.
- The Wi-Fi signal at the Library is available 24/7. Most devices get a strong signal in our parking lot and (when the weather is nice) for the benches along Alpine Street as well as the terrace area in Mill Creek Park North.

Dexter Little League Update



DLL Families,
It is with great sadness that we announce that we are cancelling the remainder of our summer season.

We spoke to LL officials this morning regarding the two positive COVID tests involving players in our summer league, and they advised us to consult with our local health department. The advice from the health department was that due to the

risk of obvious community spread, we should cancel.

Your volunteer board has spent hours (and hours and hours) trying to find a way that would make it ok to continue play, but the consensus is that for the safety of the players and families in our league, as well as the Dexter community, we need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID.

I appreciate your grace and understanding with regard to this decision. It was not an easy one for us to make.

Thank you!!

PUBLIC NOTICES

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

The following is a link to attend and participate in the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86252627276>
Call in option: telephone: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656, Webinar ID: 862 5262 7276

APPLICATION 2020-002 -A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M., TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPLICATION AND A SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 555 S. DANCER ROAD AND 10363 JERUSALEM ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130 AND IS PART OF NW 1/4 SETION 26, T2S-R4E, LIMA TOWNSHIP. PARCEL #'S G 07-26-200-006, G 07-26-200-007, AND G 07-26-200-009.

APPLICATION FILED BY: COBBLESTONE FARMS JIM & DARLYN DARATONY 4831 OAK HOLLOW CT DEXTER, MI 48130
A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ON FILE IN THE LIMA TOWNSHIP OFFICE.
WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SET TO: MARLENE CONSIGLIO, CHAIRPERSON P.O. BOX 59 CHELSEA, MI 48118

PUBLIC NOTICES

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Synopsis of Regular Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020

Supervisor Maier opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present and seated six feet apart as recommend by the CDC. Four addition residents were also in attendance, and everyone in the room wore masks. Both the Agenda and the Regular Meeting minutes of June 8, 2020 were approved as presented.

Old Business: The Board approved the Chelsea Area Fire Authority updated Articles of Incorporation by a roll call vote. The consent agenda was approved: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$23,235.21 and PAYROLL: \$9,246.47. Reports were given and a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Elaine Bater, Township Clerk

This record is an un-approved synopsis of the complete meeting minutes which may be read, after approval, at www.twp-lima.org.

"Guiding Good Choices" Virtual Parent Workshops

SRSly is partnering with St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea and the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan to lead free "Guiding Good Choices" parent workshops in Stock-

bridge, Chelsea, Dexter, and Manchester. Due to social distancing, our parent workshops will now be held virtually!

These workshops help parents with communication, bonding,

and setting rules and boundaries. Parents, guardians and/or grandparents are welcome to attend. The program works best with caregivers who have a child between the ages of 9-14, but

is open to anyone. The workshop includes 5 sessions, held for 2 hours once a week.

This program is evidence based, and is proven to reduce substance abuse and other problematic behaviors

among kids whose parent participates. Those who participate in the "Guiding Good Choices" workshop can reduce their kids' chances of drug use by 40%.

To find out more

about the program or upcoming workshops, visit srslycoalition.org or email ggc@srslycoalition.org. A new session begins August 6, Thursdays, 12-2 pm.

A message from the Dexter Daze Committee:

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

We are very excited to report that the Dex-

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

Please stay tuned

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



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

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

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

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

Thank you and we hope to see you in 2021!

Dexter Daze Festival, Inc.



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Find out more about Guiding Good Choices or upcoming workshops:
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St. Mary Pinckney Announces Plan to Reopen Safely, 5-days in School

Smaller Class Sizes Allow for Social Distancing Measures That Now Benefit Students Academically, Socially, Emotionally More Than Ever Before Through In-person Schooling



Photos By: St. Mary Pinckney

From Carissa Poroko

For the first time since the school opened in 1955, St. Mary Pinckney is thankful to have a few empty chairs in their classrooms.

As they prepare to roll-out their re-opening plan and welcome students back into the building August 24th, a major game changer allowing them to come back full time and in person is the fact that their school building has capacity for twice their enrollment.

“Our students have always reaped the benefits of smaller class sizes, from more individual attention, increased participation, and better communication between teachers and students to ample public speaking opportunities in front of the whole school or the intimate, tight-knit community we have built. But now, our smaller class sizes allow us to come back full time and in person, which we cannot place a value on,” said St. Mary Principal Veronica Kinsey, who has been with the school for 34 years.

“We believe the best place for our students is in school, and we have been working around the clock for months to ensure they are going to be safe,” she added. “Unless Governor Whitmer shuts schools down across the state, our plan is for all our students to be in school all day, every day.”

Founded 65 years ago in Pinckney, the K-8 private elementary moved to a new building in 2003 that was built to host 250 students. With a current enrollment of 130 plus pre-k, that extra breathing room goes a long way in today’s pandemic.

“Even with enrollment up 20% and new students in every grade but one, we can space our students six feet apart in every classroom,” Kinsey said. “We also placed school branded social distancing imagery in the hallways so our students can visualize six feet apart with visuals that will also spark their minds and creativity. We even wrote a St. Mary Wildcats 20-second hand washing song,” she added.

St. Mary assembled a task force made up of medical experts who are also parents of students, teachers and administrators to focus on the re-opening. Physicians, nurses and even pharmacists from the parish worked diligently with administrators, teachers and parents throughout the summer.

The following components make up the St. Mary re-opening plan, which was modeled after the governor’s MI Safe Schools Roadmap, and is waiting approval from the Diocese of Lansing:

- Security: keeping school more quarantined and closed off to visitors as if shelter-in-place mode
- Face coverings: going above and beyond to supply grades k-5 with face shields even though it is not required in the classroom for the lower grades
- Building Changes: Disinfecting processes, closing drinking fountains but making hands-free bottle stations available, changing lunchroom processes
- Staggering drop-

off times, pick-up times, lunchtimes and recesses

- Classroom Layout & Handwashing Protocols: students will wash hands upon arrival and throughout the day
- Physical barriers, Social Distancing: new location for assemblies, utilizing wide outdoor spaces and the gymnasium

- Distant Learning & Communications: distance learning plan in place in the event Michigan goes back into Phase 1-3

Drawing from over 120 years of expertise amongst task force members, scientific research and recommendations from the Diocese and State, the school put together the plan to protect students and staff in various Covid scenarios. These strategies range from creating isolation spaces and a new school 20-second handwashing song to requiring parents to perform daily health screenings and send their child to school with their temperature clearly labeled on a post-it note.

“Executing a plan requiring that children wear face coverings and practice physical distancing may prove the most daunting of the challenges posed by re-opening,” said Michael Fill, DO, FACEP, an Emergency Physician with Henry Ford Health System and Dexter resident who helped lead the task force and has three children attending St. Mary. “However reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 through cleaning and disinfection is another crucial aspect of reopening that required careful planning. St. Mary has done due dili-

gence on both. We feel the in-school environment we have worked to create is safe and sustainable for all students and staff.”

All school and parish staff including lunchroom workers will also complete the OSHA Covid-19 Safety Training Course.

“As a parent, I know my children require face-to-face interaction with their teachers to be fully engaged in learning,” continued Dr. Fill, who has children entering the 2nd, 4th, and 6th grades at St. Mary this fall. “For our family, distance learning serves an important purpose, but it does not equal in-person learning. There is no place like school to foster students’ academic, social and emotional growth.”

Dr. Fill donated 75% alcohol wipes for face shields and desks supplying the school with thousands of wipes this fall. He and other task force members at St. Mary developed the re-opening plan incorporating ways to create a safe school environment, such as:

- Developing School-Based Safety Strategies
- Sanitizing Extensively
- Ensuring Clean Hands and Physical Distancing
- Screening for Symptoms
- Using Smaller Class Sizes for Physical Distancing
- Planning for Intermittent Quarantine
- Addressing Individual Students with Diverse Needs
- Creating Isolation Spaces
- Communicating Evidence of Contact or Cases to the Community
- Providing Training and Support for

all School Personnel

- Addressing the Impact of this Pandemic on Mental Health Needs

“Having parents with medical backgrounds partner with teachers and other experts on our task force was very effective because they understand how extremely complex it is to create and manage a successful school in the best of times,” continued Kinsey. “Doctors and nurses were able to look at the safety of our staff and students and make recommendations such as keeping students and staff primarily in their own classrooms to create a ‘homeroom environment’ for each class. It’s a fluid process, but we promise to be transparent as the team charged with implementing the plans to keep our families and staff safe.”

“In the best interest of our students, families and staff we did what it takes to get back to school,” continued Kinsey.

“We want to reopen on time and in person. During this time of social and emotional upheaval, our students have never needed us more.”

St. Mary Pinckney is open to families of all faiths for enrollment in grades pre-K-8 offering excellence in education and rich extra curricular activities including cross country, volleyball, basketball, band, Lego robotics and chess club. Contact Veronica Kinsey at (734) 878-5616 or email mrskinsey@stmariypinckney.org with questions or to schedule a tour.

For more information visit: www.St.MaryPinckney.org, call media contact at 202-369-0699.

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Bryce Bradley: Riding for a Cause

By Dave Merchant
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Chelsea residents are very charitable and hopefully that will continue as a former athlete will be riding for charity.

One of the best Chelsea runners of all time will be raising money but it won't be by running. Bryce Bradley a 2012 graduate of Chelsea High School will be going on the bike ride of a lifetime.

Bryce will be riding from Belle Isle in Detroit to Kirk Park on Lake Michigan. He will be biking between 220 and 230 miles to raise money for the National Alliance on Mental Health. You can visit the Go Fund Me Page here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/vk2qs-ride-for-mental-health>.

"My goal at first was \$500 but we already passed that," he said. "Now we are hoping for \$1,500 (or more)."

His wife Abi will be following along and they will meet up at certain locations. One of the spots he will stop is in Chelsea. He may have some people riding with him.

"I will have to be riding an average of 15 miles an hour," he said. "It should take around 16 hours to complete. I thought this would be a real cool thing to do."

He will be completing this starting at 4 am on Sunday August 2nd.

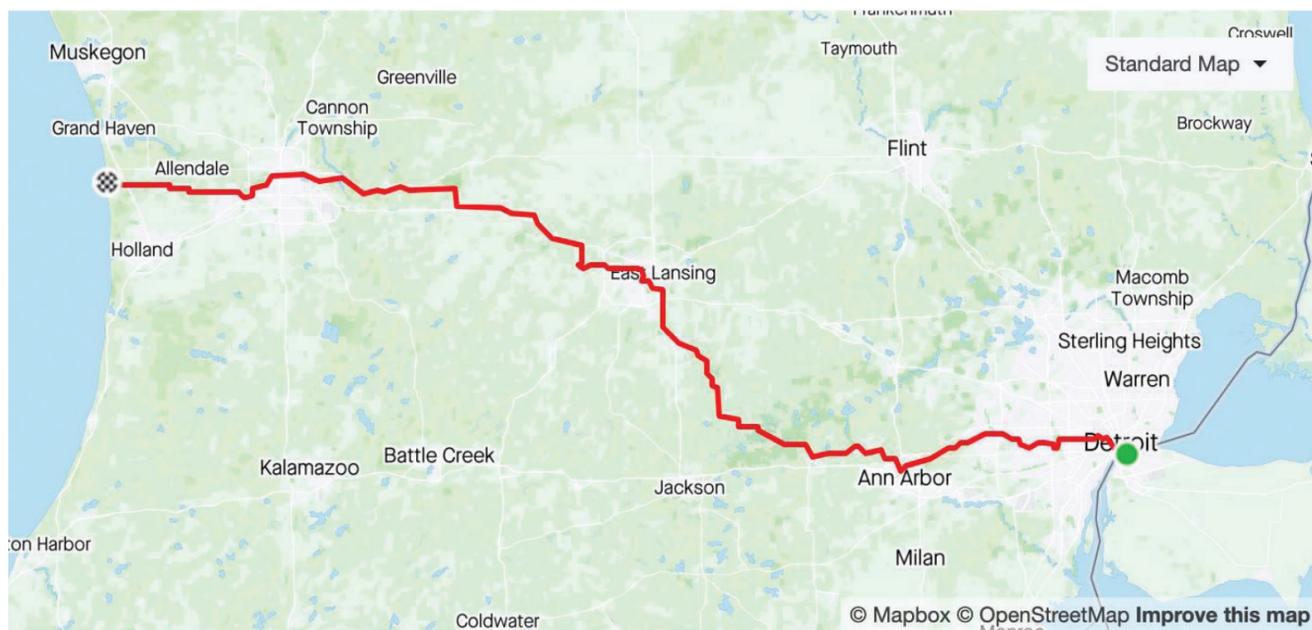
People in Chelsea including former cross country Coach Eric Swager definitely remembers Bryce. "I will say that Bryce is a fine example of how to keep goals in athletics after high school and college. His competitive nature and self-discipline are ingrained in his daily routine. Bryce was a state Champion and Michigan's "Mr. Cross Country" in 2011, and still holds Chelsea's school record. I am not surprised that he is using his athletic talent for the benefit of others," commented Swager.

Bryce was a cross country and track star in high school. He was all-state three times in cross country. In 2011 he won the state title. He was also very successful in track in high school.

When he took his running skills to college and ran at Grand



Photos Courtesy of Bryce Bradley and Steib Shots Photography



Valley State University race. Both are former school records. "I am running semi-professional now," he said. "My sponsors include Hoka One One, Gazelle Sports and on the Gazelle Elite Racing Team.

Let's up that by saying being a great

runner will translate into being a great bicycle rider."

He is very excited about the ride and the cause he will represent. Anyone who would like to make a donation please visit the Go Fund Me page.

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