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Interview with Brian Arnold: Candidate for Dexter Board of Education Trustee



Brian Arnold
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youngest child is in third grade and he plans on being in the district for a while. After living here for four years, he's had time to get to know members of the community. He believes that he has the time to dedicate to the BOE and he has a background that will help him be an asset. I asked him about his background. Brian is an attorney. When he lived in Chicago, he worked for a big law firm as a litigator. This experience required he examines all sides of all issues, which is very useful for someone making decisions that impact the entire district. He is currently an in-house attorney for Henry Ford, a large nonprofit health system. He's worked on patient rights, employee rights, tech, and regulatory issues. They are all potential issues about which a Board member might have to make a decision. His experience and knowledge, though not in edu-

cation, per se, are invaluable to the board. He's also on the board of a local technology start-up and was previously a partner at a large firm in Ann Arbor and has experience working in groups for a greater goal, and can navigate financials, policies, and procedures.

Through chatting with Brian, it became clear his inspiration to be involved in education and help ensure the future success of all children in the Dexter district. Brian lovingly reflected on his grandfather, a PhD, and a lifelong educator. His grandfather's example clearly had a great impact on him. He explains that his grandfather was a teacher with the Flint school district and retired from the Mott Foundation. Brian added that he grew up in the halls of schools and on the campus of Mott Community College. "The importance and love of education has been instilled in me since I

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I had the opportunity to interview Brian Arnold, a candidate for Dexter Board of Education Trustee. We met on the B2B trail for a socially distant interview.

I started by finding out why Brian decided to run. Brian explained that he has been in Dexter for 4 years. He and his wife selected the town primarily on the strength of the schools. His

Interview With Harley Rider, Dexter Supervisor Incumbant

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Harley has been a Washtenaw County resident his whole life and moved to Dexter in 1978. He spent 38 years in law enforcement, as a Washtenaw

County Sheriff, and at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks as Chief Ranger and commander with the Metroparks police department. Harley is a longstanding member of the community

and has been a part of public service for many years.

I started by asking Harley, why he decided to run again. He explained that he enjoys being able to

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Carrie's mission has always been to "provide quality early childhood education for all children", and her actions

go beyond just words. She stands behind them 100%. She expects the best from the early childhood educators she employs. She provides support for their continued education while providing a professional work environment. Above all, she holds all teachers accountable for the care and education provided to the children and supports the notion that every child is different and should be respected and celebrated for those differences.

Over the past 20 years she has proven that she is resilient to

economic changes and perseveres for the good of the kids, and community, no matter what comes her way..... even a pandemic. Carrie is also someone who consistently supports the community by sponsoring many of the local event around town.

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Chelsea Senior Center helps celebrate Al Ruhlig's 100th Birthday



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(Special Thank You to Bill O'Reilly for providing information)

Al Ruhlig turned 100 last Friday and still lives on the farm he purchased 73 years ago in Dexter Township, just across the way from the farm where he was born (then owned by his parents) and the farmhouse he was born in still stands. As always, Al drove to the Senior Center on his own Friday and is still remarkably sharp.

Bill O'Reilly, Executive Director of Chelsea Senior Center, states: "I had a nice long conversation with Al a couple of weeks ago about his service in World War II - quite remarkable. He did not join until 1944, but was in the Navy and his ship was in the Pacific and arrived in Tokyo shortly after V-J Day and the ship even went up to Nagasaki so they were able to see that devastation not too long after the sad events

there. Then slowly back to the States, through the Panama Canal and discharged in Mobile, Alabama in 1946."

His wife Madonna passed away in 2013 - they were married for 65 years - See link below for her obituary:

• <https://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=madonna-ruhlig&pid=164069896>

Bill stated that Al always has interesting stories to tell: "He did tell of the excitement of



being old enough to go down to Western Market in Detroit with his Dad to sell their produce and chickens. I questioned when he said Western Market - I said "do you mean Eastern Market?" and he said "No, Western". I looked it up - quite sad - it was near Corktown / Tiger Stadium in Detroit and they tore it and the neighborhood down to make way for the Fisher Freeway."

Bill also mentioned that in addition to the boxed lunch served at Chelsea Senior Center on Friday there was about 25 people masked and socially distanced who were there to help celebrate, and they also had a drive by arranged out front for folks to drive by and wish Al well from a distance (about 20 cars took advantage of that). Happy 100th Birthday Al!

The Real Estate Corner

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School has started, the days are shorter, and the air is crisp. These are all the indications that it's fall, but the real estate market still looks like it's spring! Low inventory and high demand are the driving forces in what remains to be a seller's market, which of course is perfect if you're a seller, but this market makes for frustrated buyers. We continue seeing multiple offers within days of a home listing, and oftentimes, sale prices exceeding list price.

Very interesting that these num-

August Summary

Here's the 2020 August Dexter Real Estate recap;

	2020
Number of new listings	40
Average list price	478,414
Number of sales	35
Average sale price	398,075

	2019
Number of new listings	40
Average list price	465,987
Number of sales	25
Average sale price	397,680

bers are essentially unchanged, with the exception being the number of sales which is ten higher than last year. We're seeing this across the market as a result of the six weeks of quarantine pushing sales into the late summer/early fall. I foresee this happening into September as well.

are 83 homes available for sale in Dexter. Of the 40 homes listed last month, 18 have accepted offers, with those homes average days on market being 12.88. The temperatures are cooling, but the real estate market remains HOT!

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continued from page 1 was young.” He also explains that he is the proud product of public education and a lifelong learner. He is currently pursuing an MBA from Indiana University.

I wanted to learn more about Brian’s platform. But before determining the most important issues, he would like to understand the viewpoint of community members, students, and educators. He wants to help shape the direction of the school system with full details. He does list what he believes are important promises to constituents; advocating

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He states that those opportunities shape the educational experience for most children. Brian states that some of his fondest memories from his own education were of the community supporting his local teams and his participation.

I wanted to know how his constituents could learn more about him. He has a website for anyone looking to learn more details. You can visit his website at Brianarnold.com.

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9/19/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents
9/25/20 TBA (A) vs Multiple Opponents



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

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Girls Varsity Golf

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Girls Varsity Swimming

9/17/20 6:00pm (A) vs Adrian HS
9/24/20 6:00pm (A) vs Tecumseh HS



Boys Varsity Tennis

9/15/20 4:00pm (H) vs Chelsea HS



Girls Varsity Volleyball

9/15/20 7:00pm (H) vs Lincoln HS

ON THE SIDELINE: FAN-LESS COLLEGE FOOTBALL STILL ENJOYABLE FOR THIS COLUMNIST



By Don Richter
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I watched my first college football game, Covid-style, this past Labor Day weekend.

It was weird.

It was interesting.

It was played in a cavernous, empty stadium.

But, it was football.

And that was good enough for me.

Brigham Young defeated Navy, 55-3, in a dominating performance, but that didn't really matter -- I was just happy to be watching the game I love.

Though the play on the field wasn't exactly sterling, it was still football.

Though there were no fans in the stands, it was still football.

Though the officials and coaches on the sidelines wore masks, it was still football.

And I loved it.

Watching my first college football game of the "Covid season," was an enjoyable experience for me.

I was, as usual, plopped down in my Lazy-Boy, feet up, cold beverage in my hand and snacks on the side. With pads a-popping, passes thrown, blocks made and touchdowns scored, I found it truly didn't matter the game was played in an empty, quiet stadium.

I thought watching the game with nary a fan in the stands would ruin the college football experience for me. In fact, having no fans in the stands had



Brigham Young defeated Navy, 55-3, during a Labor Day weekend college football game. The fan-less contest was a refreshing change for this columnist.

the opposite effect on me. I found myself enjoying the game even more despite the lack of cheers from the grandstands.

As it is with fan-less Major League Baseball games, I found the TV production of the college football game I watched was much better and much more enjoyable for yours truly.

Why?

Because the focus of these fan-less games is more intensely on the action on the field and not filled with random, thoughtless, pointless camera shots of the crowd, coaches,

the sidelines, owners in the box, etc. -- and I like that. No, check that -- I LOVE that new reality.

I seriously couldn't care less if football games are played in front of fans ever again. I thought I would bristle at fan-less football, but, on the contrary, at least after one game, I enjoyed having fewer distractions. I love the sport of football and all the little nuances that go along with the game. With fan-less stadiums, it seems like the camera's focus is centered more on the action on the field, the action off the field,

on the sidelines and/or in the stands.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

I can't tell you how often, in the past, I would yell at my TV to get the camera, "back on the field!" and off the coach blankly staring into space on the sideline or the fan pointing into the camera with the "We're No. 1 finger." All of that off-the-field nonsense has always been annoying to me, quite frankly. It really was refreshing not having to worry about suffering through the seemingly never-ending shots of everything else but the field after each football play.

Plus, a surprising perk of the crowd-less, quiet stadiums was hearing the players on the sidelines cheering their teammates on after each play. I always knew the players on each squad supported their teammates each game, but pre-Covid **continued on page 10**

DEXTER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

DEXTER RUNNERS LOOK STRONG

By Dave Merchant
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Dread Coach Nate Lamb is looking for good thing from his boys' cross country team.

There are 45 runners on the team. The captains are Conor Kolka, Nathan Gariepy and Sam Melvin.

"We have standouts in every class that will bring along their classmates: Our Senior Captains; Ju-

niors - Adam Hauser, Josh Lamb, and Zach Sawin; Sophomores - Owen Ackerman & Rylan Teddy; Freshmen - Sam Gibson and Brandon Anderson," Lamb said.

They run against some good teams this year. "Everyone in the SEC is legit," he said. "Starting with Pinckney was tough given that they are certainly State Title contenders in D2."

Results so far. 1-1,

loss to Pinckney, win against Adrian. "Our goal is to qualify for the State Meet and compete for the win. We are replacing five strong graduates but have a solid core of guys that are eager to step up," he said. "I'm really proud of how the team is working to overcome adversity and we will continue to build toward SEC Championships, Regionals, and the State Final Meet."

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continued from page 1 help citizens of his community and he believes there are still things he can do. He hates to see someone come in who has no concept of what government is about and undo everything he's spent 28 years working on in different elected positions.

I wanted to learn more about Harley's current platform. Harley stated he wants to continue to do the best he can to serve. "We're in very good shape. We've been fiscally responsible for 28 years." He explains that due to being so responsible they've not had to resort to raising

taxes. Harley added that he'd like to get broadband to everyone in the township. I interrupted him and stated that it's especially important now. He agreed and added that the silver lining in this pandemic cloud is that it's shed light on the importance of access for everyone, from high school students to senior citizens. 23% of people in the township don't have access and he wants to work to change that number.

I asked him what he's most proud of accomplishing throughout his years in public office. He is most proud of his behavior

toward the citizens of the township. He states being responsive to citizens and open and transparent. He feels he's been a part of a responsible government, of which he is proud. He said there are a lot of items he can list that he's proud of doing for the last 28 years; 8 as trustee, 14 as the clerk, and 6 as Supervisor. But he's most proud of his behavior and responsibility to the citizens of the community.

Finally, I asked Harley if there's anything else he'd like for his constituents to know about him. He explained that he's a member of the com-

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munity, long term, pointing to his career in law enforcement, that his children went to Dexter schools, and that he's had the same phone number since 1978. He's going to be a part of the

community and that's why he wants to continue to give back to it. Harley is working on getting his website up and would like to launch a Facebook page. So, keep an eye out if you want to

learn more information.

If you are running for office and would like to be featured, email me at anbingham@gmail.com.

DEXTER FIELD HOCKEY

DREADS LOOK FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS

By Dave Merchant dmerchant9701@yahoo.com

The Dexter Dreads field hockey team is looking to repeat on last year's title. The team has 10 seniors on the team.

Coach Keeley Tamer is excited with the team and the season. Four seniors on the team are Abby Tamer, Kylee Niswager, Giuliana Rooke and Faith Anderson.

Earlier this week they played their first match against Forest Hills.

Goalies on the team are juniors Hannah Baldwin and Esther Hashikawa. "One

player from last year is playing at Miami of Ohio and one is at Cornell," Coach Tamer said. "Last year we were State Champions. In 2014 we won Division 2 and were runner ups in 2016 and 2017."

Twenty two girls are on varsity this season. Dexter will host the State Championship this year.

She said her team can defend their title, "We are returning five top scorers," she said. "Our offense is solid and we have a lot of experience. "So many are hopeful all the way thru."

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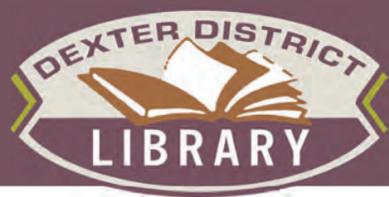
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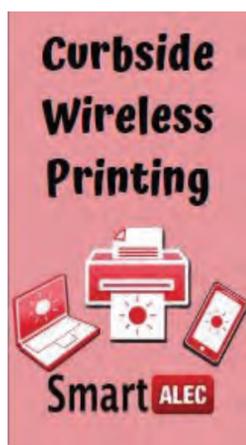


Dexter District Library 2020 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

Returning Services



Parking Lot Laptops



Curbside Printing



Curbside Faxing



Curbside Copying



Video Chat Browsing

Parking Lot Laptops

Dexter District Library now offers same day, first come first served checkouts on laptops intended to be used in the general vicinity of the Library. Checkouts are 2 hours long, rounded up to the nearest half-hour. The laptops come with a car charger and are equipped with the Microsoft Office Suite of applications and can be used to print wirelessly to our printer. See "Curbside Wireless Printing" for more details on that functionality.

You may check the availability of these laptops by clicking here, (<https://catalog.tln.lib.mi.us/?section=resource&resourceid=944318141¤tIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab&config=dext>) or by calling the Library at 734-426-4477. When you are

finished using one of these laptops, please call the Library to initiate a curbside pickup.

Curbside Wireless Printing

The Dexter District Library offers curbside pickup for Wireless Printing. The service is available during curbside hours, except the final 15 minutes prior to closing.

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 - a) New users are automatically shown directions upon logging onto our Public Wi-Fi or may view them here: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/uncategorized/wi-fi-printing-directions/> (<https://dexter.lib.mi.us/uncategorized/wi-fi-printing-directions/>)
2. All patrons are granted up to 15 free pages printed daily.
3. Patrons must call from the Library (734-426-4477) from our parking lot and ask to speak with the Adult Reference Librarian.
4. Patrons are to inform our staff that they have sent wireless print jobs to the printer. Let the staff know if you need color printing or if black & white is sufficient.
5. Patrons will need to supply us their cell phone number, library card number, and library card pin.
6. Staff will call you back when the documents are prepared and you may meet them at the curbside pickup table near the front entrance.

Curbside Faxing

The Dexter District Library offers public curbside faxing service for patrons until 15 minutes prior to closing.

1. The Library will provide outgoing fax service only (no incoming faxes will be received.)
2. Until further notice, faxing will be free of charge to avoid money exchange.
3. Patrons will need to provide the fax number clearly written on the fax.
4. Patrons must call from the Library parking lot and inform staff that they require fax service.
5. Patrons will need to supply a cellphone number so staff can contact them with any questions.
6. Library staff will let the patron know when they are on the way down and that patrons can put the fax on the table at the main entrance.
7. Staff will come out and pick up the fax.
8. Staff will call the patron when the fax is complete.
9. Patrons must wait for staff to send the fax and bring the fax and confirmation sheet back outside.
10. Staff will place the fax and confirmation on the table at the main entrance for patron pickup.

Curbside Copying

The Dexter District Library offers public curbside copy service for patrons until 15 minutes prior to closing.

1. Until further notice, copying will be free of charge with a 15 page per day limit.
2. Patrons must call from the Library parking lot and inform staff that they require copy service.
3. Patrons will need to supply a cellphone number so staff can contact them in the parking lot
4. Library staff will let the patron know when they are on the way down and that patrons can put the materials to be copied on the table at the main entrance
5. Staff will come out and pick up the materials to be copied
6. Staff will call the patron to let them know that the copies are complete and that they are coming down
7. Staff will place the copies and originals on the table at the main entrance for patron pickup.

Video Chat Browsing

Dexter District Library now offers browsing our collection via live video chat. Here's how it works:

1. Call the Library (734-426-4477) and ask to speak to either the youth or adult reference librarian. Which librarian you will ask for depends on which area of the collection you want to browse - adult for adult collection items or youth for children's/young adult items.
2. Tell the Librarian that you're interested in doing a live video chat to browse the collection, and give them your cell phone number.
3. The Librarian will call you back via Facetime (for those of you with Apple phones) or Google Duo (for those of you with Android phones.) It will show up as an unknown caller, please respond.
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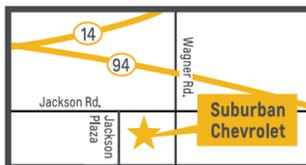


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ON THE SIDELINE: FAN-LESS COLLEGE FOOTBALL STILL ENJOYABLE FOR THIS COLUMNIST

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contests viewers were unable to hear such shouts due to the packed stadiums.

It'll be interesting to see, as the college

football season rolls along, if I continue to enjoy the fan-less stadium experience. My guess is I will continue to like the new Covid-style of college football

broadcasts. For any football purist like myself, it's always been about the game, anyhow. The fan experience, the crazy crowd shots,

the coaches reactions, the broadcasters, the halftime show and the sideline reporter have always been irrelevant to me. I've always thought the aforementioned camera shots

and off-the-field talk were more for the casual football fan, not the true football purists. I watched my first

college football game, Covid-style, this past Labor Day weekend. It was weird. It was interesting. And I loved it...

MHSAA COUNCIL REINSTATES 2020 FOOTBALL SEASON; FULL FALL COMPETITION SCHEDULE AUTHORIZED

From: Geoff Kimmerly or John Johnson

The Fall 2020 football season has been reinstated today by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association after Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 176 lifted restrictions that previously did not allow the sport to be played.

Whitmer's executive order also allows for an immediate start of competition boys soccer; Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving and girls volleyball on Wednesday (Sept. 9) for schools located in Regions 1-5 and 7 based on the MI Safe Start Plan. It also sets spectator limits of two per participant for outdoor and indoor events in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan.

Statewide football, and competition in those regions for volleyball, soccer and swimming & diving, had been restricted as part of EO 160, which ordered gyms and pools to remain closed and required social distancing in competition to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in areas under Phase 4 of the Safe Start plan. Schools in Regions 6 and 8 have been able to play volleyball, soccer and swim because those regions have been under fewer restrictions while in Phase 5 of the reopening process.

The MHSAA's Council had authorized on Aug. 20 the start of competition in volleyball, soccer and swim statewide, pending the authorization of that activity in the specific regions by Whitmer's office. The Council also on Aug 14, postponed the Fall 2020 football season to Spring 2021, but voted today to allow for a shortened season this fall.

Schools are not required to play any of those sports this fall,

and may postpone until the spring. However, the MHSAA will conduct its postseason events in those four sports only for the Fall 2020 season.

"We are thankful for the opportunity for kids to get back on the field in all fall sports, and we appreciate Governor Whitmer providing that opportunity with Executive Order 176," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "We share the Governor's priorities of putting health and safety first, and the COVID-19 guidance and protocols designed by the MHSAA at her request have led to the safe starts in all sports across the state.

"Thirty three other states are currently participating in all fall sports, and the MHSAA and its member schools are committed to doing this as safely as possible. We are ready to again provide those experiences to students and communities that have hoped for a return of some normalcy. Given the challenges of online education in many school districts across the state, providing sports and a daily routine may be more important than ever in motivating students and providing a safe outlet for physical activity, competition and socialization."

Football teams previously had been allowed to practice in helmets only during the traditional first week of practice, which began Aug. 10, and then during Council-approved offseason "contact" days beginning Aug. 24. With the reinstatement of this fall's season, football teams must cease all activity until Tuesday, Sept. 8, then practice two days in helmets and shoulder pads before adding full pads Sept. 10.

They may begin

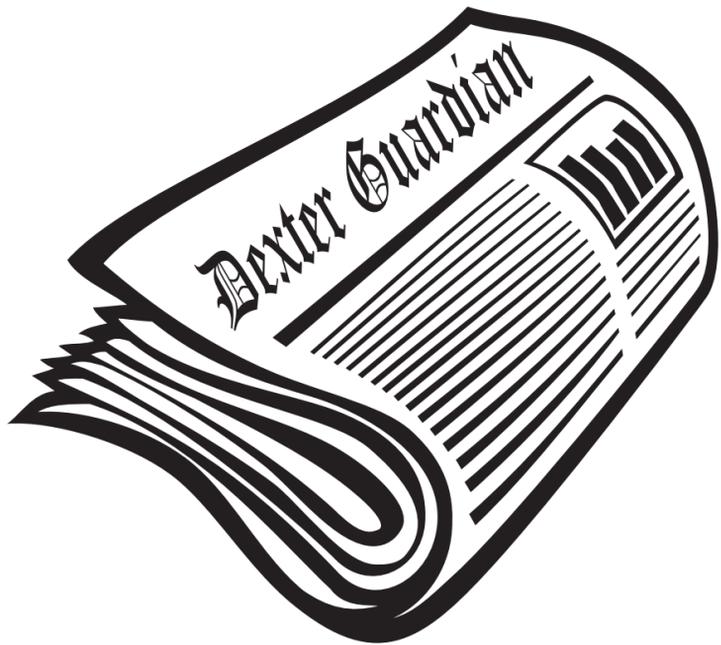
regular-season games Sept. 18, and will play six games beginning with their originally-scheduled Week 4 contests. All foot-

ball teams in 11 and 8-player football will qualify for the playoffs during this fall's shortened season, and then advance through

their usual postseason progression with 8-Player Finals the weekend of Nov. 27-28 and 11-Player Finals the weekend of

Dec. 4-5. All other Fall 2020 tournaments will be conducted as previously scheduled.

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