

Lowell city council makes several decisions at latest meeting

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Aug. 6. The council addressed several issues during the 27 minute meeting, including paying for the Hudson St. construction and approving an agreement for substance abuse testing for city workers.

The council voted to pay off the entire bill for the recent Hudson St. resurfacing after the total came in under the estimate.

"This project cost was approximately \$88,000 less than the estimated cost," said city manager Michael Burns. "This means the total cost to the city is \$107,204.17. Since this cost is approximately \$43,000 less than projected, the city should consider paying the bill in full rather than delaying the payment over two fiscal cycles."

The council voted to approve a preventative maintenance agreement with Progressive Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration, a Lowell business. For \$3,260 a year,

the company will provide routine service, inspection and cleaning of heating and cooling equipment located at city hall and the Englehardt Library.

"This is an annual agreement and the cost does not include repairs to the system," Burns said.

The council voted to spend \$420 annually to have First Advantage Enterprise Screen Corporation perform drug testing on the six city employees who hold commercial driver's licenses.

"These requirements are applicable to employees who are required to possess a CDL as a prerequisite for employment," Burns said. "Additional testing beyond routine random selection will be in accordance with the price schedule of the agreement."

The results of a Michigan Department of Transportation speed study in Lowell were discussed. Based on the results, MDOT has decided to raise the speed limit on M-21 through part of downtown.

"MDOT wanted to raise the downtown speed limit to 30 miles an hour. I argued with that," said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. "You're going to see an increase in speed from 25 to 35 between Hudson and Amity St. That will go to 35 and it will continue to 35 to the area near McDonald's where it will go back to 45. So you won't see much of a change there. The biggest change is going to be between James and Grove St., that's going to go from 45 to 50, then it'll drop to 40 and then back down to 25 for our corridor."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, Aug. 20. That meeting will include a public hearing on whether or not the entire city of Lowell should be designated a "brownfield redevelopment zone." According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, a brownfield zone refers to "real property, the

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There are going to be some speed limit increases coming to Lowell, but police chief Steve Bukala convinced MDOT not to raise it to 30 MPH through the Main St. business district.

Kent County Youth Fair in full swing

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The annual Kent County Youth Fair is going on right now at the Hudson St. fairgrounds. The busiest day of fair for non-competitors will be the final day, Meijer Kids' Day, on Saturday, Aug. 11. In addition to all of the regular fair attractions, like rides, games, food and music, there are plans for disc golf, a photo booth, a tea party, a tractor square dance and lots more that day.

"On Saturday we have a lot of stuff going on," said KCYF sponsorship and entertainment coordinator Bruce Doll. "We've got disc golfing out in the football field. Great Lakes Disc is going to come in and do some contests like 'closest to the bucket' and things like that. Then they're going to have a small course set up so you can go around and disc golf out there. From noon until 5 pm we'll have DJ the Clown; he's going to be all over the grounds doing stuff. West Michigan Bluegrass will be here on Saturday, strolling. They'll probably

set up over in a corner, then they'll move to another spot and so on. One of the biggest new things that we're doing on Saturday afternoon is the tractor square dance. We have a group coming in from Indiana, Lily Pearl's Square Dancing Tractors. They're funny. They actually go out into the crowd and pick people to be part of the show. It's a comedy thing, but they actually do square dance with the tractors. Half of them get dressed up as girls. It's going to be very amusing. I don't know how they do it, but it's a great family act. The money that they get paid they donate to a charity in their hometown. I thought that was really neat. The 'pedal pull' on Saturday involves little tractors pedaled by kids. They hook up a weighed sled like the horse pull and they see how far they can go. On Saturday night we'll have Chalkboard Bullies; they're another kind of a rocking country band."

The princess tea party on Saturday sounds especially

interesting and not strictly for girls either.

"It's so adorable, it really is. It's very cute," Doll said. "The young ladies come in and they're all dressed up in their little princess outfits or their Sunday best. There are refreshments, some cake and little things like that. There are some activities to do. This year we have a special surprise for them. We actually have knights in shining armor that are going to come in. These are the guys that actually fight metal-on-metal; they use metal swords when they fight. They'll be able to get pictures with the knights. It's going to be awesome. The knights are really excited about doing it. Afterwards, and we still have to figure out where we're going to do this, we're going to rope off a little 20 by 20 foot area and they're going to give a short demonstration. These guys actually hit each other's armor. They have to replace pieces because they get ruined."

For a complete schedule of events for the whole week of fair, find a copy of the Aug. 5 Buyer's Guide and

News or visit kcyf.org. Read the Lowell Ledger next week for complete coverage of this year's Kent County Youth Fair.



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expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.”

The council will also hold a “Coffee with Council” event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building on the Riverwalk from 8 until 10 am on Saturday, Sept. 1.



Lowell city council [L-R Canfield, Chambers, mayor DeVore, city manager Burns, Salzwedel and Phillips] voted to pay off the Hudson St. resurfacing project early after its total price turned out to be beneath the projected cost.

FROM to bring affordable housing to community

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The house at 512 Main St. was demolished on Tuesday, July 31. That property, plus the house next door, is the future site of Flat River Outreach Ministries’ upcoming three-story affordable housing project.

“Pitsch construction crews removed a home owned by Flat River Outreach Ministries at 512 Main St. to make way for FROM’s new vision for affordable housing,” said Amanda Haberlein, FROM’s marketing and communications director. “The house, which had been uninhabited since before FROM purchased the property in 2016, was not a viable option for renovation and needed to be removed for safety reasons.”

FROM purchased two houses next door to each other. Tentative plans for

the new building include multiple dwellings, more parking spots, community rooms and main floor retail and dining establishments.

“We have a concept for how to address affordable housing in Lowell, but we are putting the finishing touches on what the program will look like,” said FROM executive director Dawn Broene. “We plan to present the concept publicly in 2019 once the details have been finalized.”

Their plan with this new project is to help people using the “housing first” method.

“Having a roof over your head is the first step,” said FROM board member Jodie Seese when the project was originally announced at FROM’s 20th anniversary banquet on June 20. “Once that’s in place, you have the stability to work on things like getting a job, getting

a better job, getting more hours, working on education [or] working on development of your career. From there, you can probably address some barriers like child care or transportation.”

FROM plans to launch a capital campaign later this year to raise the money necessary to complete this ambitious, philanthropic project.

“This is our dream, this is our hope,” Seese said. “We invite you to stay tuned.”



The house at 512 Main (across the street from Ball’s Softee Creme) was recently demolished. FROM plans to build three stories of affordable housing on the site.

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The Thirsty Perch Blues Band rocked Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Music lovers flocked to the downtown Lowell Riverwalk last Thursday evening for the ninth edition of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series to enjoy the musical styling of Grand Rapids based outfit The Thirsty Perch Blues Band.

A day full of threatening rain clouds made way for a beautiful evening of rocking out to the blues. Concert-goers who enjoyed the setting sun over the Flat River during the free summer show.

The Thirsty Perch Blues Band prides themselves on a proprietary sound that electrifies blues with

a rock edge. Their six member band consists of Chris Collins, who leads vocally and lays it down on the guitar; Chuck Luscombe on the harmonica and back-up vocals, George Ferguson on percussion, Andy Ogrodzinski on the lead guitar and back-up vocals, Clif Metcalf on the keys and Chris Carr, who also contributes to vocals and plays the bass. They have released a total of four albums since 2009 quickly spinning out new tracks and LPs for eager fans. Their first release, "Meet the Thirsty Perch Blues Band," picked up a regional WYCE Jammie Award for best blues album of the year.

Sharing the stage with headlining blues performers, like Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Eric Lindell and Joanne Shaw Taylor, the band made a name for themselves along the way with their original sets. Their music, also including the live album "Live at Grand Rapids Harley Davidson," "City Lights" and "Live For Today," is available for purchase at <http://www.cdbaby.com>

The Riverwalk will forgo a show this week to make room for the entertainment provided by the Kent County Youth Fair. The Sizzlin' concert series will resume on August 16 with New Orleans Blues Artist of the Year Luke Winslow-King. A quadruple threat on the music scene, as a guitarist, singer, composer and lyricist, Winslow-King blends nearly every genre of blues into a unique fusion of sound. Show time is as always 7 pm.

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Property Location: 12709 Cascade Road SE. PP# 41-20-22-400-007. This property is zoned A-1, Prime Agricultural Preservation.

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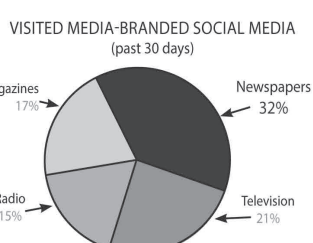
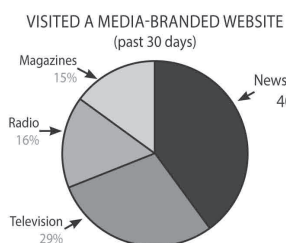
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Dave Stegehuis

Drive through a suburban neighborhood on a weekend and notice the garages full of everything but automobiles. Check your closets and basements for clutter. Humans must share some DNA with squirrels, because we tend to gather and store a lot of stuff. Our current economic system produces a great variety of products which are available to consumers with discretionary income. Many people who engage

in outdoor activities fall into this category.

Back in the day, folks outfitted their activities with a limited number of choices. Today someone wanting to get out on the water with non-powered watercraft have a number of options including canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, and windsurf boards. There are many manufacturers of these craft plus a load of accessories to complete the package. Hunters and

shooting sports people used to have but a few choices of standard firearms. Firearm manufacturers in recent times have incorporated a wide variety of calibers, materials, styles, and operational functions into the modern firearm. Most are designed to accept an array of accessories.

These are just two examples of opportunities to collect more stuff. This situation is good for the economy when you consider that most other consumer products offer the same range of buying opportunities. Keep in

mind, however, that all this stuff has to set somewhere when not in hand and after you pass on; the kids will have to find a place to go with it.

This may be fun and interesting for those who can afford it, but if you are a minimalist for whatever reason, remember that a Winchester 94 with iron sights will still kill a deer, and an aluminum canoe will reliably take one to some neat places. You can still have a good time without giving up the garage.

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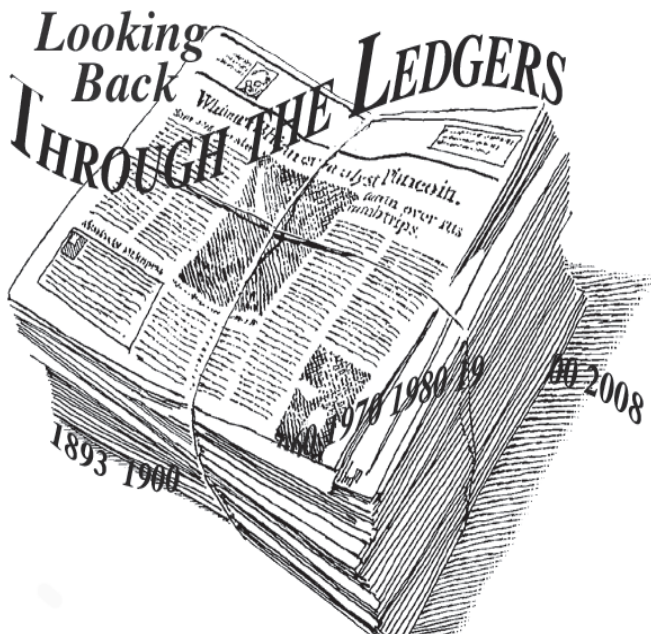
The start of school is a special time of the year. Students engage in new activities with renewed enthusiasm, back to school shopping is completed and the kids are ready to make new friends and see old acquaintances.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to spend time together as a family, get reenergized and is ready for another awesome school year. As families become busier than ever and students are continually engaged in extra-curricular activities, I find that students and families that spend time together often find themselves more prepared for the upcoming school year.

The district's focus and pace is very different during the summer. Our focus changes from day to day classroom activities to projects and summer support for students. Some of the activities we have been focused on this summer include:

- Completing the roof installation at the high school
 - Resurfacing the asphalt of the main driveway at the high school
 - Installation of a new ADA compliant sidewalk at the softball/baseball fields which will allow easier access for all that need additional assistance
 - Replaced flooring in six classrooms and the office at Cherry Creek Elementary
 - Fresh coat of paint and new flooring in the Cherry Creek Elementary office
 - Deep cleaning at all of our buildings
 - Additional playground equipment at Bushnell Elementary with help from the Lowell Area Community Fund and parent fund raising efforts
- While our eyes move to improving the physical/structure of the buildings and grounds, the student programs continue to be our primary focus. We provide a variety of opportunities for students including:
- Summer programs and activities for students at the Wittenbach/Wege Center
 - Continued Arrow Readers on the Move, our mobile reading program
 - Started the Summer Lit Camp for students needing extra support in reading to support the goal of all students reading at grade level by the end of third grade
 - Athletic camps

We hope that your children enjoyed the programs as much as our staff enjoys working with your children. As the school year begins, I wish everyone great opportunities and continued success



125 years ago Lowell Journal August 9, 1893

Any close observer could see, Monday evening, that something was in the wind. There was a sort of suppressed air as it were and Art Burnett was the only blind one. The Council met that evening and Art was busy. His wife and friends were busy too and as closing time came they became expectant. They had gathered for the purpose of celebrating his birthday but had said nothing of it to Art. When the store was closed Willie Clark who had been doing picket duty saved the occasion by promptly informing those assembled that "he's coming" and lamps were put out and developments were awaited. They soon came, with Art grumbling a little because the family had gone to bed so early. He struck a match and, transformation, forty other matches were lighted at the same time, he almost fainted, but recovering joined in the laugh. There were forty present, croquet, cards and conversation were the amusements. At a late hour refreshments were served and Mrs Burnett presented Art with a fine dressing gown and was herself surprised when B. C. Smith on behalf of those present, presented both with a fine easy chair. Adjournment at 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Last Friday N. B. Blain drove over to J. M. Mathewson's and as he stepped out of out of the buggy his horse be came frightened at a dog and ran away. In starting it crowded Mr. Blain between the buggy and the fence giving him some severe bruises which kept him in bed Saturday. The buggy was wrecked.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 8, 1918

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The eleventh annual reunion of the Snow school was held at the schoolhouse July 25. After a picnic dinner at the Grange hall, we went to the schoolhouse and listened to a short program. By that time everyone was ready for ice cream and cake, and the past schoolmates enjoyed a good time together. Thirty-four pupils and three teachers were present. Among those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morse of Lansing, Mrs. Tom Leece of Elmdale and Mrs. Brown and daughter of Cadillac. The same officers were re-elected for another year. All reported a fine time and are looking forward to the next reunion to be held next year, the last Thursday in July. —Sec.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 12, 1943

Charles Peckham, 15, reported to Deputy Frank Stephens that he was hit over the head Sunday night when he went into the hay mow in his father's barn. Charles said he heard a noise and when he climbed into the hay mow, he was struck over the head by what he thought was a fork handle and that he fell out of the barn onto the ground below. His fall was witnessed by his brother Walter, who stood outside the barn. No one was seen coming out of the barn and Charles was unable to give the officer any description of the person who attacked him. It is feared he may have suffered a concussion.

Richmond's Cafe, which has operated on a 24-hour basis for several years, has been obliged to change its hours because of the shortage of help. Its new schedule is from 6:30 a. m. to 1:30 a. m. every day except Monday upon which day the hours will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. The three Richmond children, Barbara, Shirley and Tommy, have been giving splendid help in the restaurant during school vacation.

Walt Wingeier, who was injured last Thursday morning just south of Main St. on Broadway, is back on his job again at the Freeport elevator. Mr. Wingeier was hit by a car driven by Philo Blakeslee just after he had stepped from his truck, suffering a wound in the forehead in which five stitches had to be taken, also sustaining facial and arm bruises. He was hit just as Blakeslee had turned the corner.

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- laparoscopic cholecystectomy

Bile is fluid made by the liver and released into the small intestine to help digestion. In some people, stones may form in the gallbladder. In the U.S., more than six million men and 14 million women have had gallstone disease, with higher rates in Native Americans and Hispanic Americans. A small portion of people with gallstones may experience occasional abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, often after meals.

Gallstones do not need to be treated if they are not causing problems. People who are being bothered by the stones are treated with surgical removal of the gallbladder, known as cholecystectomy. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy is

performed through four small incisions with use of a camera to visualize the inside of the abdomen and long tools to remove the gallbladder. Surgery is done under anesthesia and patients are asleep throughout the entire procedure.

Most patients go home on the day of or the day after surgery. Mild to moderate pain is common for a few days and can be managed with pain medications. Dressings on the incisions can typically be removed the day after surgery, at which time patients can resume regular showering. A few people may experience diarrhea after cholecystectomy, which goes away after a few weeks or months in most people.

college news

Isabel Hart, of Ada, was one of the nearly 7,500 students who received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison's spring commencement ceremonies on May 12, 2018.

Educated in the proud tradition of the Wisconsin Idea - the commitment to public service, Chancellor Rebecca Blank urged graduates to focus on the question, "What am I doing for others?" "If you keep asking that question, you

will keep finding ways to use your knowledge and skills to make the real world a little better."

During his remarks, David Muir, anchor of ABC World News Tonight, emphasized two themes: our shared humanity and the need to overcome fear.

Hart graduated with Distinction from the College of Letters and Science and received her Bachelor of Science in neurobiology and psychology.



At Your Local Library

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

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Access Social Security's educator tool kit

With so many students gone for the summer, teachers may now have time to prepare a different kind of lesson plan. Help students prepare a better future for themselves with practical knowledge about financial planning. There's no better time to let young people know that the younger they start saving, the easier it will be to reach their goals.

Let us introduce you to the Social Security Educator Toolkit. This is a rich resource for teachers and advocates. Our Information for Educators page contains a toolkit with information and resources to educate and engage students on Social Security. It includes:

- Two lesson plans with objectives;
- Infographics and handouts for each lesson plan;
- Links to Social Security webpages;
- Talking points; and

Quiz questions and answers.

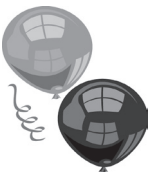
It's important for students to understand why Social Security was created and why it is essential to their lives today and in the future. This knowledge and understanding will provide students a strong base on which to build their financial future.

You can access the webpage and toolkit at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/educators.html.

Young workers can also see how Social Security directly relates to them at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/students.

Getting young people excited about saving can be a somewhat abstract subject. Let them know their dreams can be achieved with thoughtful planning and a bit of discipline. Social Security is securing today and tomorrow with your help and the help of today's educated youth.

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MDOT modernizes Mi Drive site for motorists

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has launched its newly designed Mi Drive construction and traffic information website. With motorists in mind, the streamlined Mi Drive website makes it even easier to view traffic cameras and speeds, locate incidents and search construction projects - helping motorists know before they go.

Inside the new Mi Drive website, motorists will be able to turn on layers of the map that show speeds, construction, cameras, incidents, snowplow/maintenance vehicles, and truck parking locations and information on state highways. Motorists also can favorite their most-used cameras for easy viewing. New traffic lists make it simple for motorists to search

and sort construction, camera and truck parking information, as well as having the option to go to that information directly on the map. Resource links allow motorists to sign up to receive MDOT traffic alerts via e-mail or text, report potholes on state trunklines and locate carpool lots, rest areas and roadside parks.

As with the previous version of Mi Drive, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail buttons are available so that motorists can easily share information they are viewing on social media sites, personal websites or with other motorists. For those crossing into Canada, the bridge and tunnel icons provide a direct link to each site where up-to-date border wait times and toll information can be found.

“MDOT’s Mi Drive site continues to do a great job of providing the information that commuters want and need as they make daily travel decisions,” said state transportation director Kirk T. Steudle. “We’ve modernized the site and improved performance but our goal is still the same - to keep Michigan’s motorists safe, informed and mobile. We want to remind everyone to check their route before leaving because the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers is a top priority for all of us.”

Motorists can access Mi Drive on their computers, laptops, smartphones or other mobile devices by going to www.michigan.gov/drive. Shortcutting Mi Drive on a smartphone provides quick access to the site and eliminates the need for an app.

As always, MDOT encourages motorists to check Mi Drive before they leave for home or work. Safety is always a top priority as MDOT continues the Toward Zero Deaths statewide safety campaign.

Originally introduced in 2007, the Mi Drive site has been revamped several times and has proved to be popular with motorists. There were on average 1.5 million individual page views of the Mi Drive site in 2018. It is maintained by MDOT, the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB), and MDOT’s Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program. The latest improvements to the site were funded with \$175,000 from MDOT’s general Information Technology fund and \$135,000 from ITS funds.

Gov. Snyder declares August Breastfeeding Awareness Month

To help promote early breastfeeding success and positive outcomes, August has been declared Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan by Gov. Rick Snyder.

In support of this effort, the Michigan Breastfeeding Network has announced a statewide initiative to provide continuity of care for mothers and babies. Supporters of this effort include hospitals, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) agencies, community stakeholders, coalitions, physicians and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Goals of this collaboration include higher breastfeeding initiation and duration rates, healthier babies and closer families. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2016 Breastfeeding Report Card, 80.8 percent of Michigan mothers have ever breastfed. However, that number drops to 51.6 percent at six months of age and 31.8 percent at 12 months.

“Breastfeeding is the foundation of lifelong good health for babies and mothers,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “In addition, it is a low-cost way to feed infants and contributes to poverty reduction.”

As part of the proclamation, Governor Snyder stated that Michigan is committed to reducing infant mortality and increasing the health of mothers and babies. Sustained breastfeeding support, education and consistent, accurate information will help to meet these goals.

Take steps to prevent hepatitis as part of World Hepatitis Day

July 28 marked World Hepatitis Day and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding residents about actions they can take to help prevent contracting viral hepatitis.

Hepatitis is the inflammation of the liver caused by a virus. The most common types of viral hepatitis are hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. According to the World Health Organization, viral hepatitis caused 1.34 million deaths in 2015, a number comparable to deaths caused by tuberculosis and HIV combined.

The hepatitis A virus (HAV) is found in the feces (stool) of people with hepatitis A. HAV can spread through contaminated food or water and through close contact with a person who has the virus. Hepatitis A outbreaks are increasing nationally. State and local agencies are currently responding to an outbreak in Michigan. As of July 25, 865 cases have been reported in the state, with 27 deaths.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable disease and

MDHHS encourages HAV vaccination for at-risk individuals, including those with a history of injection and non-injection drug use, homelessness or transient housing, incarceration and men who have sex with men. In addition, routine Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations would continue to apply for those at risk of hepatitis A infection. The hepatitis A vaccine is safe and effective and is available at local pharmacies, through healthcare providers and at local health departments.

Practicing good hand washing methods; not sharing personal items, such as towels, toothbrushes and eating utensils; and avoiding sex with infected partners are also ways to prevent getting infected.

“Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not effective against the hepatitis A virus,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Washing your hands well with soap and warm water can help stop the spread of this disease.”

Hepatitis B (HBV)

is transmitted from person to person through contaminated blood or body fluids. HBV can spread, from infected mothers to their infants at birth, through unprotected sex or through contact with blood or body fluids of a person who has the virus. Getting the HBV vaccination is the most effective way to prevent hepatitis B.

Hepatitis C (HCV) is a blood-borne pathogen; however, unlike hepatitis A and B, there is no vaccine available for HCV. HCV is transmitted from person to person through the contaminated blood of an individual who is infected. The primary risk factor for HCV

transmission is sharing needles, syringes or drug preparation equipment.

People can live with hepatitis B and C for decades without experiencing any symptoms or feeling sick. The only way to know if you are infected is with a blood test. Early detection, linkage to care and treatment can help slow disease progression. HCV treatments cure more than 90 percent of people living with HCV.

For more information about hepatitis, visit Michigan.gov/hepatitis or Cdc.gov/hepatitis. For more information on the hepatitis A outbreak in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/hepAoutbreak

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Building a bigger, better Lowell!

If you've been even slightly observant around the Lowell area recently, you would have had a hard time not noticing all of the new or rehabilitated buildings around town. Check out the "FROM housing" story on page two of this week's Lowell Ledger for yet another recent example.

Lowell has truly become "the next place to be" and competition for homes and businesses is intense. Here is a quick update about some highly visible projects.



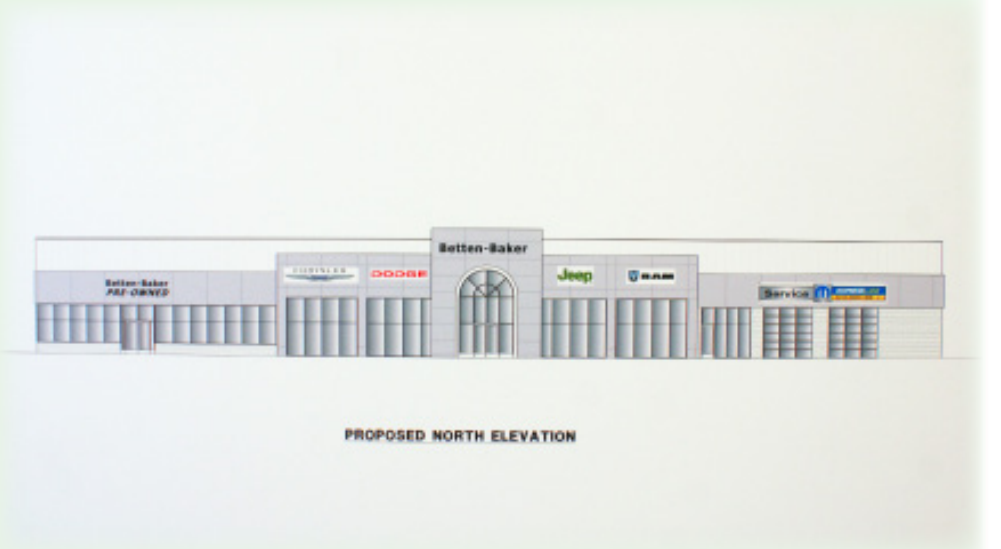
The new Impact Church at 11930 E. Fulton is quickly beginning to look like a building. Delays on the project were caused by bureaucracy and the recent massive increase in steel tariffs. Here is the construction progress as of Monday, Aug. 6.



This little green building along the river behind the Lowell Light & Power building is going to be torn down by Consumers Energy. It is currently the terminus of the high pressure natural gas pipeline that crosses the Flat River. Later this summer that pipeline is going to be extended farther into town.



This is what Betten Baker Chrysler Dodge Jeep, 930 W. Main, looked like on the morning of Thursday, July 26...



...And this is what it's intended to look like when construction is completed.

John Ball Zoo's Rock, Roar and Pour is August 16th

The John Ball Zoo isn't just for kids anymore! Rock, Roar, and Pour is a 21 and over evening event that gives adults the opportunity to experience the Zoo in a unique and entertaining way - at night, with adult beverages, and without any kids.

The Zoo's second of three Rock, Roar and Pour events are coming up on August 16th. Along with animal encounters, music by Jesse Ray and the Carolina Catfish will be filling the Zoo's central plaza. They were recently voted #1 Original Band by Revue West Michigan.

There will be beer, wine, and cider for purchase, savory foods from the grill as well as delicious concession options. You are encouraged to get your tickets online before the day of the event and receive a complimentary drink ticket. Tickets for the August 16th Rock, Roar, and Pour event are \$26 and can be purchased online at www.jbzoo.org/trp.

John Ball Zoo is located on Fulton Ave., one mile west of downtown Grand Rapids. John Ball Zoo inspires people to be active participants in the conservation of wildlife and our natural environment. For more information visit www.jbzoo.org or (616) 336-4301.



Fallasburg Arts Festival to celebrate 50th anniversary

by Gary Eldridge
LowellArts board chair

On the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16, just three miles north of the city of Lowell, the Fallasburg Arts Festival will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in Fallasburg Park.

The festival was born in 1968 as the Fallasburg Fall Festival. It was a fundraiser hosted by the West Central Michigan Historical Society, now known as the Fallasburg Historical Society. At that time it was a craft selling event serving refreshments of doughnuts and cider. The participants wore turn of the century (that's the 20th century) attire. Visitors were encouraged to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the Flat River at Fallasburg Park. Fast-forward to 1978 when the West Central Michigan Historical Society invited the newly-formed Lowell Area Arts Council, now LowellArts, to help with the festival's continued growth. Soon the festival would become a juried show with artists from across the Midwest vying for coveted booth locations. At the same

gifts from nearly every participating artist, allowing for nearly 100 happy winners at the conclusion of the festival. You need not be present to win.

Music was also an original feature of the festival, but in 1999 the organizers moved to find sponsors that would provide for even more local talent on the festival stage. This year, over 30 musicians with ties to the Lowell community will perform during the two day event.

Many things have changed in the past 50 years, but many have remained. Today, LowellArts is the sole coordinator of the Fallasburg Arts Festival, which now hosts an average of 10,000 visitors a day, rain or shine. The festival has always prided itself on the quality of the original artwork, jewelry, weaving, metalwork, basketry and so much more that is available for sale. No commercial products or mass-produced goods are allowed past the jurying process. In addition, the long-held tradition of



In 1980 the festival had a parade through downtown Lowell. That was also the year that future Pink Arrow Pride organizers Perry and Teresa Beachum won the quilt raffle.

Fallasburg pavilion. After all, it's a tradition.

For more information about this and other



Black and white images are from the 1978 Fallasburg Arts Festival, which has been held annually in Fallasburg Park since 1968.

time, the event was maturing into a true community event with local nonprofit organizations using it as their fundraiser, selling every kind of food from "Rotary dogs" and apple dumplings to walking tacos and corn on the cob. This was also the year that the tradition of the quilt raffle would be introduced with a special Fallasburg quilt being designed and raffled off. Today the raffle includes

demonstrating age-old skills, such as weaving, iron forging, carving, chair caning and more, is on display in the Fallasburg Park pavilion. Admission and parking are still free. The setting, just above the Flat River, is as beautiful as ever. Shoppers still search out treasures and one-of-a-kind gifts. And yes, Fallasburg Historical Society members can still be found selling doughnuts and cider on the south end of the

events at Fallasburg Park, Fallasburg Village and the Fallasburg Historical Society, visit fallasburg.org or call 616-682-0785. For more information about LowellArts, visit lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545.





Two more measles cases identified in Michigan due to international travel; health officials urge protection through vaccination

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed two additional cases of measles in Michigan for 2018; both related to international travel. These individuals were residents of Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Neither of these cases are related to the two previous Michigan cases in 2018. However, all four cases were the result of exposure outside of the country. This emphasizes the higher risk of measles during international travel and the importance of being protected by vaccination.

One of the ill individuals arrived on July 18 at 11:59 pm at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) at the international area of the North terminal and did not

advise officials of being ill, but was considered contagious at the time. Health officials are in the process of contacting potentially exposed passengers from the flight. Limited exposure to others at DTW may have occurred as the individual exited international baggage claim. The second individual was not contagious during their flight or while at DTW.

Anyone who may have been exposed at DTW should watch for symptoms consistent with measles for 21 days after the possible exposure. If symptoms appear, contact your health care provider promptly. Please direct any questions to your health care provider or your local health department.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable respiratory infection that can result in hospitalization, pneumonia, encephalitis and death. The illness begins with a high fever, red eyes,



cough, runny nose and is followed by a red, raised body rash starting on the head and face that then spreads to the rest of the body. Measles patients often experience eye pain and sensitivity to light. Cases can be contagious a few days before the rash appears, which increases the possibility of unknowingly exposing others.

“Measles is easily spread and these cases emphasize the importance of being up-to-date on all vaccinations for everyone’s protection,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “The bottom line is immunizations are the best way to protect our families and communities from the harmful, sometimes deadly consequences of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles.”

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. Adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should get at least one dose of the vaccine. The first of two routine childhood measles vaccine doses is given at 12 months of age. A second vaccine dose is given before the start of kindergarten.

For international travel, infants as young as six months should be vaccinated against measles. Measles vaccine or other acceptable documentation of immunity to measles, is recommended for all persons travelling internationally.

Measles is a rare disease in the United States as a result of inclusion of the measles vaccine in routine childhood immunization since the 1960s. However, measles continues to be common in other countries.

This year several countries in Europe are reporting significant measles outbreaks, including France, Italy, Germany, England, Romania and Ukraine, among others. Recent outbreaks have also been reported in Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil.

From 2001 – 2012, the average number of measles cases reported nationally per year was about 60 but this has increased in recent years. In 2017, there were 118 cases in the U.S., including

two cases in Michigan; the majority of people who got measles were not vaccinated.

In an effort to help parents protect their children from serious vaccine-preventable diseases, MDHHS has partnered with the Franny Strong Foundation in launching the I Vaccinate campaign. I Vaccinate provides vaccination facts for parents so they can make informed decisions about vaccinations. For more information, visit IVaccinate.org


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The Thirsty Perch Blues Band rocked the Riverwalk last Thursday

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Music lovers flocked to the downtown Lowell Riverwalk last Thursday evening for the ninth edition of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series to enjoy the musical styling of Grand Rapids based outfit The Thirsty Perch Blues Band.

A day full of threatening rain clouds made way for a beautiful evening of rocking out to the blues. Concert-goers who enjoyed the setting sun over the Flat River during the free summer show.

The Thirsty Perch Blues Band prides themselves on

a proprietary sound that electrifies blues with a rock edge. Their six member band consists of Chris Collins, who leads vocally and lays it down on the guitar; Chuck Luscombe on the harmonica and back-up vocals, George Ferguson on percussion, Andy Ogrodzinski on the lead guitar and back-up vocals, Clif Metcalf on the keys and Chris Carr, who also contributes to vocals and plays the bass. They have released a total of four albums since 2009 quickly spinning out new tracks and LPs for eager fans. Their first release,

"Meet the Thirsty Perch Blues Band," picked up a regional WYCE Jammie Award for best blues album of the year.

Sharing the stage with headlining blues performers, like Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Eric Lindell and Joanne Shaw Taylor, the band made a name for themselves along the way with their original sets. Their music, also including the live album "Live at Grand Rapids Harley Davidson," "City Lights" and "Live For Today," is available for purchase at <http://www.cdbaby.com>

The Riverwalk will forgo a show this week to make room for the entertainment provided by the Kent County Youth Fair. The Sizzlin' concert series will resume on August 16 with New Orleans Blues Artist of the Year Luke Winslow-King. A quadruple threat on the music scene, as a guitarist, singer, composer and lyricist, Winslow-King blends nearly every genre of blues into a unique fusion of sound. Show time is as always 7 pm.

Annual tea party



Dot Lacic's annual tea party and birthday celebration was held July 7, 2018. Great food and live music accompanied the event. Among the 63 guests were her grandson from Arizona, granddaughter and great-granddaughter from California and great great-grandsons from Mount Pleasant. Pictured above are: Adeline Brower, Dot Lacic and Tammy Scott.

Lock in propane prices ahead of the heating season, get an early fill

Michigan's propane customers are advised to lock in fuel prices now, well ahead of the heating season, says the Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE).

"While U.S. propane stocks are slightly higher than last year's levels at this time, they are 27 percent below levels seen in 2016," said Anne Armstrong Cusack, MAE executive director. "It is wise to sign contracts soon – instead of waiting until the winter when demand is higher. Acting now can result in significant savings."

More than eight percent of Michigan households

use propane as their primary heating fuel and the state leads the nation in total residential propane consumption.

To assist propane customers with their decisions, MAE's propane consumer tips sheet has useful advice on selecting a propane provider, such as:

- The advantages of budget plans, pre-pay plans and fixed-price plans compared to market prices;
- Be aware of fees and other charges in addition to the cost of propane;
- The customer's safety and maintenance

responsibilities when owning a propane tank compared to renting or leasing a propane tank.

While propane prices are not regulated, MAE does monitor supplies and makes

available weekly, statewide average residential prices on its website during the heating season, beginning Oct. 1. Additional information on propane is available at www.michigan.gov/energy



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider the following variance request from the Township Zoning Ordinance:

Variance Request: Michael Hillman and Karen McFadden are requesting a variance from Section 4.15(a)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance which states that accessory buildings shall not be erected in any required front yard. The required front yard for this property is 50 feet from the Alden Nash Avenue right of way line. The applicants wish to construct a detached accessory building 37 feet from the Alden Nash Avenue right of way line and are therefore requesting a variance of 13 feet.

Property Location: 3985 Alden Nash Avenue SE which is the northwest corner of Alden Nash Avenue and 40th Street PP# 41-20-21-200-016. This property is zoned A-2, Rural Agricultural.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
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Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the appeal. The application materials are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

Tim Clements, Chair
Lowell Charter Township
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Edwin "Harold" Allchin, formerly of Lowell, passed away at home in Punta Gorda, FL on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Harold was born on March 12, 1929. He was predeceased by his wife, Alice, of fifty-eight years; mother, Marion; step-father, Albert Green of Belding; and father, Clair Allchin of Winter Haven, FL. He will be greatly missed by his family, sons, George (Pat) Allchin of Lowell and Greg (Judy) Allchin of Byron Center; his half-brothers, Keith (Patricia Walker) Allchin of Framingham, MA and Jim (Catherine) Allchin of Seattle, WA. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Tammy (Randy) Root, Lisa (Brian) Marzolino also of Byron Center, Daniel (Sarah) Allchin of Lowell and Bryan (Trisha) Allchin of Lowell; five very special great-grandchildren, Madyson, Jack, Claire, Hayli and Harlow; and a special friend, Emma Beideman of St. Petersburg, FL. Harold retired from Lescoa after 33 years in 1988 and moved to Punta Gorda, FL shortly there- after. Harold and Alice spent many years traveling together on their sailboat and across the country with their travel trailer. He was a Mason at the Masonic Temple of Grand Rapids and a member of Eastern Star of Lowell. Visitation with the family will be held at 1:30 pm, prior to the memorial service, at the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, on August 18, 2018, with Pastor Gary Zinger officiating at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the organization of your choice or to your local animal shelter.



Looking Back, continued

50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 8, 1968

Area residents breathed more calmly today following the first serious tornado threat of the season. The weather bureau issued a rare tornado "watch" Monday night when a capricious storm triggered funnel clouds in Cascade and Ada Townships. There were a number of reported sightings, but no verification that a tornado had actually touched down. High winds accompanying the storm caused an estimated \$10,000 in property damage, most of it at 4011 Buttrick Road SE where the twister reportedly knocked over two loaded camper trailers, blew off part of the house and toppled a garage owned by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Loper.

Long-range plans to renovate City Hall... or the alternate possibility of constructing a new municipal building... was under consideration by Lowell's city council today. The council instructed City Manager Bernard C. Olson at Monday night's meeting to work out a comprehensive plan that would include remodeling of much of the lower floor of the 58-year-old structure. Deferred, as a result, were proposed projects to lower the ceiling of the council chambers and panel the offices. Councilmen Carlen Anderson and Harold Jefferies expressed opinions that piecemeal renovation probably would be more expensive in the long run. Anderson noted that, pending estimates of a full-scale renovation, some thought should be given to a new city hall complex. Council also approved a special assessment roll for installation of curb and gutters on Laurie Gail Drive. Approximately 65 percent of home owners are in favor of the project. Turned down, however, was a special assessment roll for installation of a sewer in Kent Street. The original petitioners failed to appear for the special hearing. The city fathers adopted a new cemetery ordinance designed to establish specific regulations for operation of the city-owned facility. The effective date of the ordinance is August 19. Council approved several resolutions calling for installation of water and sewer mains to the property line of the Root-Lowell factory and office complex on north Foreman. Construction on the new facility has been started and is scheduled for completion on December 9. Root-Lowell also received approval to a request to rent a portion of the exhibition building at the 4-H Fairgrounds from August 26 to December 9. In other action, the council: Received recommendations from the Michigan Public Service Commission relative to installation of safety devices at the C&O crossing on Main Street and removal of utility poles blocking the view of crossing signal lights; Waived bidding for 1968 sealcoating of city streets at a cost of approximately \$9,700; Approved appointment by Mayor Arnold Wittenbach of Roger Roberts to a three-year term on the Board of Review and of Jack Fahrni to the balance of the late Elmer Schaefer's term on the same panel; Approved the city manager's recommendation to purchase a used heavy duty trailer for \$2,034.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 11, 1993

For 59 years it's been a family tradition. Grandparents, parents and children, who have spent the youthful years of their lives participating in 4-H, gathered for the tradition-rich opening ceremonies Monday night. The head, heart, hands and health of the Kent County 4-H were all nourished by the early, successful work of the first annual 4-H Fund Raising Committee. Rob Woodrick, Vice President of D&W and a member of the first annual 4-H Fund Raising Committee in Kent County, presented Ron Wenger, President of the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association with a check for \$8,000 Monday night during the opening ceremonies. "The money will all be put back into the Fair so it can continue to grow and get better," Wenger said. Sandy Smith, a 4-H Youth Agent, in charge of fund-raising activities, said the fund-raiser will be a year-long event. "To this point we've raised \$30,000, but our goal is \$154,000, so we have a long way to go," she said. "We wanted to distribute the money to help show people how far we've come." The funds were distributed throughout the four areas of 4-H. The 4-H Fair represented the hands. The 4-H Extension Learning Center represented the head, volunteers represented the heart, with funds going toward volunteer training and recognition, and help was represented by campaign expenses and program development. "Need will determine where the funds are distributed to," Smith said. The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair's opening ceremonies were highlighted by the coronation of its 1993 Youth Fair Queen and Court. Renee Nugent was crowned the 1993 Fair Queen. Members of her court were Rebecca Oliver, Lori Van Otteren and Jennifer Brown. A touching tribute to the late Congressman, Paul Henry, was presented by Kent County Extension Director Dr. Bill Harrison. "It was once said that a super man carries himself by lifting others to great heights," He explained. "Paul Henry did that." Herb Phelps, Vice President Michigan Fairs and Exhibits Association, also remembered the work and dedication of the late Jim Phillips, a familiar and helpful face with the 4-H Fair for a number of years.

The Showboat awareness of roughly 150 Lowell residents was heightened at Sunday's Family Fun Fest. The afternoon was filled with children's' games, music, food, face painting and a dunk tank. "Considering our original first Family Fun Fest date was cancelled due to inclement weather and that this is our first one, I was happy with the turnout," Fun Fest co-chairman Sheila Dubbink said. Both Dubbink and co-chairman Louise Weeks said the charge of the Fun Fest wasn't to raise money. "It was really put together to increase community involvement and awareness of the Showboat," Weeks said. "We didn't really set any expectations going in." The Family Fun Fest started at 1 p.m. and ran until 5 p.m. Those in attendance got a sneak preview of the local rock group called Eruption. The group will be performing at the Showboat Band Jam on Aug. 28 at the amphitheater. "I think this is an event we would like to continue and expand upon," Dubbink said. The Fun Fest is just the beginning of a list of activities and events the Showboat will be involved with over the coming months, including the Band Jam, an October walk-a-thon, a November Las Vegas Night, and a spring golf outing.

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LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - every Thursday noon to 5 pm downtown Lowell in the Veteran's Memorial Parking lot across from the Riverwalk Plaza. Cinnamin Piggott, Market Master, 616-916-9193/www.discoverlowell.org

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Percussion bell kit for middle school band, 8x10 brown area rug, cedar chest, interior doors, wedding decorations, antique tea cups, lots of home decor, pictures, dishes, vases, shoes, purses, boy clothes 10/12, toys, Hot Wheels, PS2 games, books, Little Tikes wagon, old metal Radio Flyer wagon, silverware for 12 plus chest, Adirondack chairs, grills, etc. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 10 & 11, 9-5, 3391 Lincoln Lake Ave, near 4 Mile.

HUGE DOWNSIZING SALE - 13762 Grindle Drive. Aug. 9, 10 & 11, 8-6 pm. Furniture, electronics, brand name items. A lot of name-your-price items.

ESTATE SALE - Entire household contents, furniture, 3 bedroom sets, kitchen contents, collectibles, antiques, yard equipment, and much more. 240 Valley Vista Dr., Lowell, 2 blocks off m-21. Aug. 9, 10 & 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 9, 10 & 11, 9 to 6 p.m. 1950 Parnell Ave. NE. Furniture, household, power & hand tools, dust collector, table & miter saw, baby items & much more.

MOVING SALE - Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 2 bikes, truck driver's oven, exercise machine, several families. 1740 Faith Dr., Lowell.

HUGE BARN/ESTATE SALE - tractor, tools, furniture. Some antiques, collectibles, old books, photographs & linens, lots of Christmas decorations & fall/Halloween decorations. Fifth wheel hitch and tailgate. More \$1 items than a dollar tree. Many items too numerous to mention. Two miles east of Lowell on M21/Fulton on the north. Corner of Gordon St & Fulton. Fri., Aug. 3 & 10, 9-6; Sat., Aug. 4 & 11, 10-5 & Sun., Aug. 5 & 12, noon-5.

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Community Calendar

August

AND ONGOING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & **ARE NOT GUARANTEED**. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not accept ANY Garage or sales (including fundraisers) as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway.

MOVIE MATINEE - Aug. 9, 16 & 23, 10 am - noon. Free popcorn & water. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

DOT MANDALA PAINTING WORKSHOP - Wed., Aug. 15, 6 pm. **Pre-registration required.** Create & take home a dot mandala painted rock or artist board. Learn how to paint in color tints & patterns. You will apply dots using special tools & learn to layer paint dots for a 3D effect. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

CODING CLUB - Aug. 9, 10 am - noon. For ages 9-14 yrs. old. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

50th ANNUAL FALLSBURG ARTS FESTIVAL - featuring over 100 unique, fine art & fine crafts booths, food booths & a children's craft area. Timeless craft demonstrations, live music. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15 & 16, 10 am - 5 pm. Free admission, 1124 Fallasburg Park Dr NE, Lowell. www.lowellartsmi.org

CODING CLUB - Aug. 16, 10 am - noon. For ages 9-14 yrs. old. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

BOWNETOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - will be holding their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell at 6:30 pm.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the month from, 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

TECH HELP - Thursdays by appointment from 1-3 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor, Lowell.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available. www.afclowell.org

CUBSCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 2 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

TECH HELP - Wednesdays by appointment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELL ARTS GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday **5:30-7:30 p.m.** & Thursday **2-4:30 p.m.** to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

MOTHERS WHO HAVE OR HAVE HAD - sons/daughters serving in the military. We are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more info call Sally 616-761-2042.

LOWELL AREA PRAYER & HEALING ROOMS - located in the FROM building, 11535 Fulton Street, most Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Christian Scripture based. No cost or fees, no appointment necessary, confidentiality respected.

FREE WILL astrology

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Aries

(March 21-April 19)

Palestinian American writer Susan Abulhawa writes that in the Arab world, to say a mere “thank you” is regarded as spiritless and ungenerous. The point of communicating gratitude is to light up with lively and expressive emotions that respond in kind to the kindness bestowed. For instance, a recipient may exclaim, “May Allah bless the hands that give me this blessing” or “Beauty is in the eyes that find me beautiful.” In accordance with current astrological omens, I propose that you experiment with this approach. Be specific in your praise. Be exact in your appreciation. Acknowledge the unique mood and meaning of each rich exchange.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you need this advice from mythologist Joseph Campbell: “Your sacred space is where you can find

yourself again and again.” He says it’s “a rescue land . . . some field of action where there is a spring of ambrosia -- a joy that comes from inside, not something external that puts joy into you -- a place that lets you experience your own will and your own intention and your own wish.” Do you have such a place, Taurus? If not, now is a great time to find one. If you do, now is a great time to go there for a spell and renew the hell out of yourself.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)



When he was 20 years old, future U.S. President Thomas Jefferson had an awkward encounter with a young woman who piqued his interest. He was embarrassed by the gracelessness he displayed. For two days afterward, he endured a terrible headache. We might speculate that it was a psychosomatic reaction. I bring this up because I’m wondering if your emotions are also trying to send coded messages to you via your body. Are you aware of unusual symptoms or

mysterious sensations? See if you can trace them back to their source in your soul.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)



There’s a zone in your psyche where selfishness overlaps generosity, where the line between being emotionally manipulative and gracefully magnanimous almost disappears. With both hope and trepidation for the people in your life, I advise you to hang out in that grey area for now. Yes, it’s a risk. You could end up finessing people mostly for your own good and making them think it’s mostly for their own good. But the more likely outcome is that you will employ ethical abracadabra to bring out the best in others, even as you get what you want, too.

Leo

(July 23-August 22)



You probably gaze at the sky enough to realize when there’s a full moon. But you may not monitor the heavenly cycles closely enough to tune in to the new moon, that phase each month when the lunar orb is invisible. We astrologers regard it as a ripe time to formulate fresh intentions. We understand it to be a propitious moment to plant metaphorical seeds for the desires you want to fulfill in the coming four weeks. When this phenomenon happens during the astrological month of Leo,

the potency is intensified for you. Your next appointment with this holiday is August 10th and 11th.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)



In her poem “Dogfish,” Virgo poet Mary Oliver writes, “I wanted the past to go away, I wanted to leave it.” Why? Because she wanted her life “to open like a hinge, like a wing.” I’m happy to tell you, Virgo, that you now have more power than usual to make your past go away. I’m also pleased to speculate that as you perform this service for yourself, you’ll be skillful enough to preserve the parts of your past that inspire you, even as you shrink and neutralize memories that drain you. In response to this good work, I bet your life will open like a hinge, like a wing -- no later than your birthday and most likely before that.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)



Libran fashion writer Diana Vreeland (1903 - 1989) championed the beauty of the strong nose. She didn’t approve of women wanting to look like “piglets and kittens.” If she were alive today, she’d be pleased that nose jobs in the U.S. have declined 43 percent since 2000. According to journalist Madeleine Schwartz writing in *Garage* magazine, historians of rhinoplasty say there has been a revival of appreciation for the distinctive character revealed in an unaltered nose. I propose, Libra, that in accordance with

current astrological omens, we extrapolate some even bigger inspiration from that marvelous fact. The coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to celebrate and honor and express pride in your idiosyncratic natural magnificence.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)



“Maybe happiness is this: not feeling like you should be elsewhere, doing something else, being someone else.” This definition, articulated by author Isaac Asimov, will be an excellent fit for you between now and September 20. I suspect you’ll be unusually likely to feel at peace with yourself and at home in the world. I don’t mean to imply that every event will make you cheerful and calm. What I’m saying is that you will have an extraordinary capacity to make clear decisions based on accurate appraisals of what’s best for you. (P.S.: Here’s another tip from author Albert Camus: “If there is a sin against life, it consists perhaps not so much in despairing of life as in hoping for another life and in eluding the implacable grandeur of this life.”)

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



I’ve compiled a list of new blessings you need and deserve during the next 14 months. To the best of my ability, I will assist you to procure them. Here they are: a practical freedom song and a mature love song; an exciting plaything and a renaissance of innocence; an evocative new symbol that helps mobilize your evolving desires; escape from the influence of a pest you no longer want to answer to; insights about how to close the gap between the richest and poorest parts of yourself; and the cutting of a knot that has hindered you for years.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)



“It has become clear to me that I must either find a willing nurturer to cuddle and nuzzle and whisper sweet truths with me for six hours or else seek sumptuous solace through the aid of eight shots of whiskey.” My Capricorn friend Tammuz confided that message to me. I wouldn’t be surprised if you were feeling

a comparable tug. According to my assessment of the Capricorn zeitgeist, you acutely need the revelations that would become available to you through altered states of emotional intelligence. A lavish whoosh of alcohol might do the trick, but a more reliable and effective method would be through immersions in intricate, affectionate intimacy.

Aquarius

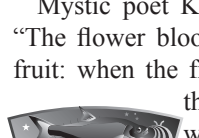
(January 20-February 18)



Not even five percent of the world’s population lives in a complete democracy. Congratulations to Norway, Canada, Australia, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Denmark, New Zealand, Switzerland, and Sweden. Sadly, three countries where my column is published -- the U.S., Italy and France -- are categorized as “flawed democracies.” Yet they’re far better than the authoritarian regimes in China and Russia. (Source: *The Economist*.) I offer this public service announcement as a prelude to your homework assignment. According to my astrological analysis, you will personally benefit from working to bring more democracy into your personal sphere. How can you ensure that people you care about feel equal to you and have confidence that you will listen to and consider their needs and believe they have a strong say in shaping your shared experiences?

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)



Mystic poet Kabir wrote, “The flower blooms for the fruit: when the fruit comes, the flower withers.” He was invoking a metaphor to describe his spiritual practice and reward. The hard inner work he did to identify himself with God was the blooming flower that eventually made way for the fruit. The fruit was his conscious, deeply felt union with God. I see this scenario as applicable to your life, Pisces. Should you feel sadness about the flower’s withering? It’s fine to do so. But the important thing is that you now have the fruit. Celebrate it! Enjoy it!

NEWS OF THE weird

Lucky!

Kyle McAleer, 20, a Chicago Cubs fan from Iowa, adopted a goofy “rally cap” idea from former Cubs player Starlin Castro a few years ago -- a plastic bucket. But no one’s laughing now: As McAleer and his family watched a game from seats under Wrigley Field’s manual scoreboard on July 24, a six- to eight-inch metal pin fell out of the board and onto McAleer’s head, where he had only moments earlier secured the bucket. Although he suffered a cut requiring five staples, McAleer is crediting the bucket for saving his life: “It might have fractured my skull. It definitely could have been fatal. I am extremely lucky,” he told the Associated Press. Cubs spokesman Julian Green said the incident has been ruled an accident, not a structural issue and the team has sent McAleer some swag, including a jersey.

Florida. Need We Say More?

During a July 23 debate among mayoral candidates in Key West, Florida, Sloan Bashinsky, a perennial contender, took a minute to answer a call from God. “Hello? What? God?” Bashinsky said, speaking into his cellphone. According to FLKeys News, it wasn’t the first time he’s heard from a higher power: “I have said every time I ran, I ran because God told me to run,” Bashinsky explained. “I think anyone who wants this job is insane.” Bashinsky has a law degree from Vanderbilt University and was once among the island’s homeless. He joins six other candidates on the ticket.

Suspicious Confirmed

Among the gazillion other products and services available from Amazon is the behemoth’s facial recognition software, Rekognition, marketed as providing extremely accurate

facial analysis. But when the American Civil Liberties Union gave it a go, the results were startling. Using Rekognition, the ACLU scanned photos of every current member of the U.S. House and Senate and came up with 28 matches to a mug shot database of people who had been arrested for crimes. The ACLU announced its findings July 26 and admitted it used Amazon’s default settings, to which Amazon responded, “While 80 percent confidence is an acceptable threshold for photos of hot dogs, chairs, animals or other social media use cases, Amazon would advise customers to set the threshold at 95 percent or higher for law enforcement.” The ACLU told NPR that the legislators who were falsely matched were men, women, Republicans and Democrats of all ages. However, the software did misidentify people of color at a higher rate.

Just Say No

Brody Tyler Young, 25, was arrested in a Nashville, Tennessee McDonald’s on July 23 after spending “all day” locked in the women’s restroom, dancing naked, doing jumping jacks and hitting the wall. According to WFFA TV, when officers managed to enter the restroom, they found Young locked in a stall smelling of “chemical fumes, as if he had been huffing.” Young was taken into custody and charged with public intoxication and public indecency.



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- 6. Café alternative
- 9. Alpine lift
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- 14. Owned
- 15. Reflecting light
- 16. _____ estate deal
- 17. He was the greatest?
- 18. Main artery in the body
- 19. *"The War of the Worlds" invader
- 21. *Typical temporal setting
- 23. Shape with an ax
- 24. Combustible heap
- 25. Fleur-de-_____
- 28. *Scully's first name in "The X Files"
- 30. Huey, Dewey or Louie to Donald Duck
- 35. Crematorium jars
- 37. Ponies at a party
- 39. #30 Across' sister
- 40. _____ of arms
- 41. Mideast V.I.P.
- 43. Military no-show
- 44. *"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" spin-off
- 46. Hippocrates' promise, e.g.
- 47. *David Bowie in "The Man Who _____ to Earth"
- 48. *The Dagobah _____ in "The Empire Strikes Back"
- 50. Lack of guile
- 52. Bad-mouth
- 53. Form of arthritis
- 55. National Institute of Health
- 57. *"Foundation" series author
- 60. *Stanislaw Lem's famous novel
- 64. Single-cell protozoan
- 65. Famous Dolly, e.g.
- 67. Absurd
- 68. West African country

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69. "Eureka!"
70. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful _____"
71. They're marching one by one
72. Auction set
73. Young sows
- DOWN**
1. Memory _____

- mattress
2. Certain something
3. _____-friendly
4. Poet's "below"
5. Like U.S. and U.S.S.R. in WWII
6. Conjunction in comparatives
7. *Heuristically programmed algorithmic computer, for short
8. Enlighten
9. Biblical pronoun
10. Ethiopian currency
11. Initial stake, as in poker
12. Swedish shag rug
15. Shiny cotton
20. Not asleep
22. One of #35 Across
24. "Miss America" contest, e.g.
25. *"Star Wars" creator
26. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
27. Hose woes
29. *Captain of Nautilus

31. "La Vie en rose" singer
32. #23 Across, past tense
33. Cause for food recall
34. *One of the "fathers of science fiction"
36. Proofreader's mark
38. "_____ good example"
42. It's black or white and lives in Africa
45. Office errand boy
49. Barn sound
51. Bureaucratic task
54. Relating to uvea
56. Capital of Vietnam
57. So be it
58. Dispatched
59. Avian wader
60. Center of authority
61. Iron horse track
62. Research facil.
63. Visually perceives
64. Bar association
66. *"Doctor _____"

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