

Lowell Light & Power approves big projects

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The board of Lowell Light & Power had their latest regular board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20. The meeting was attended by one local resident.

The board voted to open a new bank account at a new financial institution. According to a Sept. 18 memorandum from LL&P

in liquid cash that we could theoretically move to another financial institution; meaning there is the potential to earn approximately \$19,500 more in interest income in the next 12 months (or up to \$1,625/month) than we would make by keeping our money where it is today.”

“The one thing we want to make sure of is that



The Lowell Light & Power board in discussion during last week's meeting.

“These projects are a go.” - LL&P general manager Steve Donkersloot

general manager Steve Donkersloot, “our financial institutions (Huntington and Fifth Third) have not kept pace with the market in terms of increasing our savings, checking, and money market accounts’ interest rates. We are currently earning between 0.12% and 0.45%, depending on the account, while there are opportunities in the marketplace to earn up to 1.75%. As of August 31st, we have more than \$1.5M

our cash is liquid in case we do need it for a large, unknown expenditure or an opportunity comes up,” Donkersloot said during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, board chair Perry Beachum suggested looking at some type of account with Consumers Credit Union.

The board voted to approve two “engineering service proposals” from Belmont

firm GRP Engineering. According to a GRP memo describing the first project, “The scope of this project is to convert the electrical system to underground in the residential area north of Sibley St. known as the ‘Doc Addition.’ Additionally, the project scope includes converting the primary voltage to 7.2/12.5kV plus removal of overhead conductors along Main St. from Valley Vista to Pleasant Ave.”

According to a Sept. 7 LL&P memorandum from

Donkersloot, “This will reduce our power losses which directly translates into cost savings for LL&P. In addition, we will be going from overhead to underground with the electric infrastructure for this project, which will improve the aesthetics and eliminate the need to tree trim in this area, resulting in increased reliability and further time & cost savings in the future.”

This project is scheduled to begin on Oct. 1, 2018 and the completion date is Dec. 1, 2020. The total cost for

the project is an estimated \$1,567,000.

Next, the board approved a second GRP engineering service proposal. According to a Sept. 7 Donkersloot memorandum, “We will be constructing a new circuit, #204, from the substation underneath the river to Grand River Dr. Then, we will rebuild the single-phase line with three phase along Grand River Dr. from Springside Dr. to Segwun Ave. Finally, we will cut open circuit #207

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Lowell Showboat committee update

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The current Lowell Showboat is going away, but it's still going to be a couple years before anything visible happens.

“The process that we are in, the city is making an SPR

[Site Plan Review] to put the boat [construction] out for bid,” said Lou D’Agostino, chair of the Rebuild the Lowell Showboat committee. “We’re working with the city because the city owns the boat and the city

received the grant for the boat. We’ve gotten all the engineering worked out. It’s just a matter of getting with the boat builders and seeing what they will build it for.”

There is a one in three chance the new boat will be

constructed by a Michigan firm, although not a local company.

“We will give it out to three boat builders and will choose from them,” D’Agostino said. “We have a Michigan builder that we are going to send blueprints to, they’re from up in Onaway. I’m leaning towards that builder because they’re somewhat local, being from the state of Michigan. The other two potential builders are from Kentucky and Tennessee. If everything goes right, and everything hasn’t gone right so far, we plan on getting the boat in the water by spring of 2020.”

The new boat will be stationary like the current one, so unless there’s some terrible disaster, you’ll never see it floating up and down the river.

“It’ll be floating, but it’ll be a stationary boat,” D’Agostino said. “It’s also going to be a banquet facility. It’s never going to go up and down the river again. With all the floods, the boat has never really performed well, as far as going up and down the river. It was just too big

of a boat for the small river and the dam. You just can’t do it as easily now as you could 30 years ago.”

The new boat will arrive in two huge steel pieces, then it will be assembled on site. The committee expects it to last until approximately the year 2070.

“The boat is going to be 100 feet long by 30 feet wide and it’s coming in two pieces,” D’Agostino said. “It’s easier to move down the road. We’re building the boat out of all steel so this might be the last boat. It’s going to last longer. Its life expectancy is at least 50 years, that’s how long it should be before we have to take the boat out of the water and repair it.”

They plan to wait until spring of 2020 to avoid weather-related construction problems.

“There won’t be anything in the water by 2019 for a couple reasons,” D’Agostino said. “The main reason is the water. It doesn’t freeze up too bad, but it freezes up a little bit so we’d rather wait for the spring thaw to put the boat in the water.”



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New insurance agency opens in downtown Lowell

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Goggins Insurance Agency opened a few days ago at 505 W. Main. They plan to have a grand opening event with a ribbon cutting ceremony on an undetermined date in October, but they are ready for action right now.

“We’re just launching a brand new agency from the ground up,” said owner Chris Goggins. “It’s what they call a ‘scratch agency,’ which means I didn’t buy an existing book of business or any policies. It’s going to be all new business. We are exclusively an Allstate agency. We sell all policies - home, auto, life insurance, supplemental health insurance, insurance for toys like RVs, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs, all that fun stuff. It’s very exciting. I feel like opening an office here in Lowell is a great opportunity. It’s a growing area, the customer base is good, new homes are being built in the community and more folks are moving to the area who aren’t originally from Lowell, which is great. I feel very, very fortunate to have this opportunity.”

Their new space used to be the “Once Loved” thrift store, so Goggins was required to do some

remodeling to switch it from a retail store to an insurance office.

“That was a process,” Goggins said. “New carpet, new paint, some nice Herman Miller partition walls, provisioning internet, getting all the phones and computers in here. Structurally, it was pretty intact. We didn’t have to do anything with plumbing or electrical and all that, it was basically cosmetic things, which was nice.”

A resident of Lowell for his entire life, Goggins has worked in road sales and marketing for most of his career. This is his first foray into the insurance business.

“I’ve been a Lowell resident all my life, so I’ve seen it grow from a small town to a big small town,” Goggins said. “I graduated from LHS in 1996. I went to Western Michigan University and then finished up at the University of Phoenix with an e-business degree. They allowed me to get my bachelor’s degree while I was working and married with children. To be able to complete that was good. Then I did on the road business to business sales and marketing, basically working a territory of about five counties. I provided websites, dealt with visibility



The staff of the Goggins Insurance Agency: Kylie Copple, Derek Saunders, Chris Goggins, Ana Badom and Nate Muirhead.

on Google, stuff like that. It was fun, being on the road. I met with a lot of business owners, a lot of ‘mom and pops’ and large businesses too. I had some overnight travel, but not a ton, not like some of those outside sales guys who log 80,000 miles a year.”

He was inspired to join the insurance industry after he lost his wife to cancer when she was only 39 years old.

“A large part of why I chose to work in insurance is because I lost my wife Shannon to cancer a year ago,” Goggins said. “It gave me a new perspective on insurance after going through that life experience and through some other things as well. There are just no guarantees in the world. As a young person, my mortality was the last thing I thought about. We can get lulled into that

because we’re ‘young and invincible.’ I’m living proof that things can happen, and we have to be prepared for them. I know it’s real. I feel like I can help someone to make sure they’re protecting their family and protecting themselves. It’s funny, a lot of people on my team have similar experiences, where they’ve seen what cards life can deal and they know the value of what we can offer to our clients. None of us like to have that conversation, but we all want to protect our families.”

Goggins said it was slightly intimidating taking on the role of the boss and the owner, but for the most part it has been an exciting challenge.

“It can be scary. There are a lot of moving parts, a lot of pieces to it,” Goggins said. “There was some intimidation there, some fear.

When you launch something you always wonder if it’s going to go well and if you’re fully prepared to make that commitment. At the end of the day, I thought this was something I could see dedicating myself to. The excitement of it, having a lot of these moving parts to manage is thrilling. It’s a roller coaster, you’re up and down emotionally. We have a lot of support from Allstate. Corporate employees have come out to do things like staff training and process training. We have access to a lot of their tools online, so that definitely makes it a lot easier. I still had to buy all the computers, put the walls up, put the paint on the walls, lay the carpet and things like that, but they are helping a lot.”

Insurance is a very competitive industry and there are already several other successful agencies in town. Goggins said that Allstate has the edge because of their forward-thinking view of technology and the

discounts they offer. “I would say that Allstate is an early adopter and an innovator of technology,” Goggins said. “We have a ‘Drivewise’ phone app, which tracks how you drive and will reward insureds for driving safely. If they’re not doing hard braking, if they’re not jackrabbit accelerating, things like that. They can get rewarded and lower their rate. That’s pretty neat. We are really, really good with homeowner policies, homeowners and condos, and we have great life insurance. We offer a bundling discount, so if we bundle home and auto together, there are savings there. If we can bundle life insurance with it, there is an additional discount.”

For more information about the Goggins Insurance Agency, call 616-213-3121, email cgoggins@allstate.com or visit their office at 505 W. Main.

“Our goal is to treat people with respect and take good care of them,” Goggins said.

INVITATION TO BID

PURCHASE OF 2560 BOWES ROAD

The City of Lowell, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to purchase the parcel owned by the City located at 2560 Bowes Road until Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the Flat River Conference Room of the Lowell City Office, 301 East Main St., Lowell Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked “Purchase of 2560 Bowes – CITY OF LOWELL.”

Bids are being solicited from those interested in owning the property. The Property is currently zoned Industrial. Minimum purchase price for the property is \$20,000. The City will convey the property by quit claim deed and will not provide either a survey, title insurance or an environmental representation with respect to the property.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Lowell City Offices, 301 East Main Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Bidders can also go to www.ci.lowell.mi.us to receive a copy of the bid.

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9/11 Victims Compensation Fund in danger

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lead reporter

The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks are still causing pain and illness 17 years later. The 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund provides financial assistance to people suffering from illnesses caused by contaminants they encountered at Ground Zero that day. The fund has awarded \$7.3 billion so far to those effected, but is in danger of running out of money while people still suffer. In 2020, the US Congress will take a vote on whether or not to renew the fund.

“If the VCF runs out of money and we don’t get the bill extended, those who get sick after that, they’ll get the free health care under

the World Trade Center health program but they won’t get compensated for their illnesses,” 9/11 first responder John Feal said during a Sept. 7 appearance on Fox News. “This struggle, this fight, this pain and suffering is real.”

“We do periodic assessments of our data,” said the fund’s master Rupa Bhattacharyya in an interview with the New York Daily News. “The assessments create projections that will determine if the fund will be able to help everyone before it expires on Dec. 18, 2020. Looking at the data more recently, I’m starting to get a little concerned.”

“I’m pretty confident that they will run out of money, but I don’t think people

should be concerned right now,” Feal said. “I bet my one kidney that we will get the VCF extended.”

Through Aug. 31, the VCF has reviewed 38,502 compensation claims from 9/11 illness sufferers this year — a nearly 28 percent jump over the 30,081 claims it took in last year over the same period. Of the 38,502, about 20,000 claims already have been approved with payouts that can range up to \$200,000, depending on the illness. The VCF has also seen a 94 percent jump in “deceased claims,” requests for compensation by estates or family members of a 9/11 survivor who has already succumbed to their illness. As of the end of August, 720 families have sought some form of financial compensation this year. In 2017, about 371 families did so in the same time frame. An estimated 90,000 first responders showed up at the World Trade Center in the aftermath of the attack. An additional 400,000 people lived and worked in the immediate area at the time. As of June, 88,484 first responders and survivors have registered with the World Trade Center Health Program. Of those, about 10,000 have developed some sort of cancer. Those numbers could increase dramatically as more cancers develop in the survivors.

“There are diseases with long latency periods,” Bhattacharyya said. “Mesothelioma is one that is talked about often, and you won’t even see it for 15 or 20 years. We won’t see those claims for a while.”

According to asbestos.com, approximately 400 tons of asbestos was used in

the construction of the World Trade Center. All of it was released into the air when the buildings came down.

“The numbers are real,” Feal said. “This is not getting better. It’s getting worse. More people will have cancer. More people will have died, and that pains me.”



9/11 first responder John Feal.

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to the north and the east leaving everything to the south on circuit #204. This will reduce the load on circuit #207 and sectionalize all of the residential load south of the Grand River.”

According to the relevant GRP Engineering memo, “The scope of this project is to construct a new 12.5kV circuit from interchange substation underground across the Grand River plus rebuilding the overhead line to three-phase along Grand River Ave. east to Segwun Ave. This project removes a significant geographic area (all load south of the Grand River) from circuit #207 which also serves King Milling, provides a backup to circuits #205 & #208 along a different corridor, and creates a three-phase 12.5kV circuit to eventually serve the area east of the Flat River.”

The total cost for this project is estimated to be \$472,073. It’s scheduled to begin on Oct. 1, 2018 and end on Aug. 31, 2019.

“By approving GRP’s service proposal, it really is indicating that these projects are a go,” Donkersloot said during the meeting.

The board also listened to data updates from Donkersloot on a variety of topics and projects. Complete recordings of this and past LL&P meetings are available on Lowell Light & Power’s YouTube channel.

The Lowell Light & Power board will have their next meeting at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Oct. 11.

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125 years ago Lowell Journal September 27, 1893

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Some of the best people of Lowell and surrounding country are getting a large portrait and paying \$1 a month at Wilson's.

Thieves broke into the store of Bristol & Chapel, at Ada, and stole a quantity of goods. They were traced a short distance, and the Sheriff's force is making a warm hunt for them.

Ernest Fullington was met with a big loss. His dryer burned to the ground last Saturday night with about three hundred bu. of apples. He had just bought some new tools to work with and all were burned. It is estimated his loss was about \$500 and no insurance and is supposed to be the work of fire bugs.

100 years The Lowell Ledger September 26, 1918

A rousing Liberty Loan meeting will be held at the City hall in Lowell Friday evening, Sept. 27 on the eve of Volunteer days. Let us do our full duty right here in true blue 'old Lowell and let us make this Liberty Loan rally tomorrow evening September 27, a part of the splendid campaign against bestiality and diabolism, and for decency and human liberty.

Gerald Parker, twelve-year-old son of Ray Parker, has just completed a whole threshing outfit, machine separator and water tank, also a flying machine. It is a wonderful piece of work for a boy of his age.

When David W. Griffith was directing scenes just back of the trenches in France, shells fell and exploded within a hundred feet of him three different times, and at each explosion Lillian and Dorothy promptly fainted. The bustling shells are shown in Mr. Griffith's stupendous love drama "Hearts of the World to be played at the Idle Hour theatre.

75 years The Lowell Ledger September 30, 1943

The Lowell Manufacturing Company is employing 75 or more hands on war work, and elsewhere in this issue is making an urgent appeal for more help from persons who can put in four hours daily from 6 - 10 pm.

Lowell school pupils who took part in the community

school garden have had a profitable year. Not only did they grow a lot of good vegetables and receive much healthy exercise, but they won cash prizes as well.

The Ledger received an interesting letter from Paul, Lloyd and Carl Kerekes who are receiving intensive training in the Rocky Mountains. the boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerekes. The letter states that their folks send them the Ledger each week and they read it with the same degree of enthusiasm.

The C. H. Runciman Co. has signed an agreement which is required of all dealers selling beans in Michigan this year. Dealers who do not sign this agreement must sell all of their beans to an elevator or trader who has signed it.

The village of Lowell now has \$100,000 invested in interest-bearing securities. Of this sum \$30,000 is in War Bonds, and \$70,000 from the estate of the late Dr. S. S. Lee.

Born to deputy and Mrs. Frank L. Stephens, on Wednesday, Sept. 22 a 9 1/2 lb. girl, who has been named Linda Ann.

50 years The Lowell Ledger September 26, 1968

The Board of Education passed a motion Monday night to call for a special election on Monday, November 25, in which voters will be asked to approve a seven-mill operating tax for a one-year period.

Mr. Winfred Esstesvold, a member of the Kent County Health Department, will discuss sewage problem with the people of Alto on Saturday, September 28 in a meeting to be held at the Alto School.

A large statue and old logging wagon axle are revealed when the Ada dam is drained down.

Chuck Lippert has his grand opening of Christiansen's Rexal Drug Store.

Trude Schlernitzauer, fresh from winning the national women's pistol competition at Camp Perry in Ohio, wins a three-state competition at the Flat River Range here.

25 years The Lowell Ledger September 29, 1993

Adrian Schuster and Amy Stauffer were named Lowell High School's Homecoming King and Queen.

Construction of the new sewer line to serve the new high school and Eastgate Village has been put on hold once again. Vergennes Township's Planning Commission delayed a decision on the rezoning of 97 acres of land from R1 to R2 until Oct 12. The delay will let the planning commission determine what kind of impact re-zoning might have on the townships future.

Lowell Township has agreed to adopt a Kent County Resolution allowing the sale of liquor for off site use on Sundays, starting Dec. 1.

An old two-inch High Street water main will be replaced with a six-inch ductile iron water main by the City of Lowell Public Works Department in early October.

Fallasburg Fall Festival enjoys record crowd on Saturday.

to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my thoughts on what a great community we have in Lowell and surrounding area.

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I have lots of property along Bailey Dr. - we keep it picked up.

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Sincerely,
Bernadette Pniewski
Lowell

To The Editor,

Recently, I have joined the volunteer staff of our local Lowell Historical Museum. I am currently a docent volunteer and absolutely enjoy the benefits that our museum provides for the community.

Lisa Plank and her team of volunteers and docents work hard to not only hold a booth at Fallasburg, run a food booth at the River Walk concerts, but also hold instructional programs for our local children.

Without organizations like the Lowell Showboat Flower Club, library programs, Women's Club, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Lions and the like, we would be a weak uneventful community. We cannot forget Lowell Arts, with its many points of interest.

I would like to congratulate the museum staff for Saturdays' excellent cemetery tour. Don DeYoung and the volunteers did a terrific presentation. Everyone was knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and dressed for the era of the occupants that they were representing.

The weather was cool and refreshing, far different than the rest of this summer. Many people attended this event. It was a pleasure to have this walk through history and learn more about or wonderful town and its past occupants.

Janet Twesten
Lowell

We love to hear from you!

The Lowell Ledger welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published.

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Please consider partnering with the Franciscan Sisters and volunteering your time on the morning of October 6th by signing up at <https://volunteersignup2018.eventbrite.com> or contacting Carla Siegle at 616-891-8744 or e-mail at CarlaKSiegle@gmail.com.

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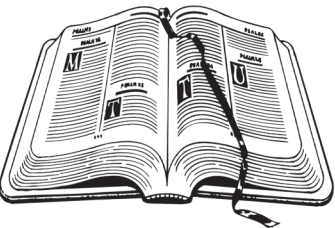
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Michigan unveils online resource for exploring Professional Trades career openings through 2026

Going-PRO.com receives new look, better resources for students and jobseekers

Students and jobseekers will now have a one-stop resource to learn more about the high-demand, high-wage career opportunities in the Professional Trades through the rejuvenated website, Going-PRO.com, Talent and Economic Development Department of Michigan Director Roger Curtis said Tuesday while unveiling the site at Grand Rapids Public Schools Innovation Central High School.

“As students and jobseekers are exploring career opportunities in the Great Lakes State, it’s important they consider the rewarding and good-paying careers in the Professional Trades,” Curtis said. “This new website is designed to drive awareness and consideration among students and jobseekers on these high-demand careers. It’s also about

challenging the dated perceptions of these trades and making sure Michigan’s young people understand these are not the dirty-shop-floor jobs of the past; these are high-tech and rewarding careers leading the way in innovation here in Michigan.”

Professional Trades include careers in healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, construction and automotive sectors. And with 545,000 career openings through 2026 and 47,000 new job openings expected annually, Professional Trades employees will be needed for years to come.

“The goal of Going-PRO.com is to make it easy for Michiganders to learn about careers in the Professional Trades, dive deep into the data, and get connected with

a pathway to some great opportunities,” Lt. Governor Brian Calley said. “Professional Trades let you leverage your talents, work ethic, and know-how to do things that truly matter to you, your neighbors and all of Michigan. It’s a tremendous career path to consider.”

The new site features:

Professional Trades career salaries and job growth data;

‘A Day in the Life’ series, highlighting professionals in their careers explaining what it’s like and how they got there; and

Local schools and training facilities to get started in a Professional Trades career.

“Perhaps the most important aspect of this site is its mobile

friendliness,” Curtis said. “We want to make this a great experience for our young people. So reaching them where they are – on their phones – is a must. It also makes the information portable.”

The updated site will be provided to all Michigan school districts during the 2018-19 school year, with rollouts being planned through October 2018 at schools in Gladwin, Hillsdale, metro-Detroit, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Caro, Cadillac and Alpena.

“While the target audience is primarily middle and high school students, Going-PRO.com can also benefit

people of all ages seeking new opportunities in a high-demand, high-wage field,” Calley added. “This site will become

another resource in connecting Michiganders with great-paying careers and closing our state’s talent gap.”



What is Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)?

N2N grew out of the Rotary Club of Lowell’s partnership with FROM to help winterize homes for families facing hardship. In 2012 the partnership expanded to include the *Lowell Ledger*. In 2018, Impact Church’s Love Week volunteers will also assist as FROM provides winterization-related assistance (insulation, check furnace, cover pipes, weather stripping, plastic on windows, etc.) in partnership with the homeowner.

How Does it Work?

You can submit a wish for your own home, or on behalf of another individual (with their permission) who is in need of weatherization related assistance (installing insulation, checking furnace, covering pipes, installing weather stripping, placing plastic on windows, etc.). FROM’s goal is that the homeowner would be willing to partner with the volunteers.

FROM will contact each household for a pre-qualification phone interview and to determine if the homeowner is willing/able to assist the volunteer team in some way.

Your application does not guarantee that the wish will be fulfilled. FROM will work with the Lowell Rotary Club and Impact Church’s Love Week to fulfill a limited number of wishes. The program is available only to those living in the Lowell School District.

For questions please contact FROM at 897-8260 or email at info@fromlowell.org.

Completed applications must be emailed or dropped off to FROM by October 5.



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How important to you is historical accuracy in films about real events?



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The movie "First Man," opening nationwide Oct. 12, is a biopic of Neil Armstrong, the first human being to set foot on the moon. The movie portrays the events leading up to it and ends at the moon landing. Controversy erupted when it was revealed that the film would not include an image of Armstrong and fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin planting the American flag on the moon's surface.

Public figures such as Florida senator Marco Rubio, actor James Woods and president Donald Trump expressed their outrage.

"This is total lunacy. And a disservice at a time when our people need reminders of what we can achieve when we work together," Rubio tweeted. "The American people paid for that mission, on rockets built by Americans, with American technology [and] carrying American astronauts. It wasn't a [United Nations] mission."

"Omitting the seminal moment in the midst of mankind's greatest achievement seems a purposeful denigration of the 400,000 Americans who accomplished it," Woods tweeted.

Meanwhile, Neil Armstrong's family released a statement defending the movie. Armstrong died on Aug. 25, 2012.

"We do not feel this movie is anti-American in the slightest," the Armstrong family's statement said. "Quite the opposite. But don't take our word for it. We'd encourage everyone to go see this remarkable film and see for themselves."

Finally, Damien Chazelle, the movie's director, released a statement explaining his filmmaking choice.

"I show the American flag standing on the lunar surface, but the flag being physically planted into the surface is one of several moments that I chose not to focus upon," Chazelle's statement said. "To address the question of whether this was a political statement, the answer is no. My goal with this movie was to share with audiences the unseen, unknown aspects of America's mission to the moon."

We asked a few random local residents to tell us how important historical accuracy is to them in films about real events.



Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin planting the US flag on the moon on July 21, 1969.

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Noel Dean, Lowell

"I would say it's pretty important. In 'Valkyrie' the coup never got off the ground, so the last 30 minutes of that was a lie. And then why wasn't half the senate empty in 'Lincoln' if half the South seceded? That room should have been half full."



Roxanne Steed, Lowell

"I would say it's important. When I look at history movies, I like to know the truth."



Nicole Boomers, Lowell

"It's very important. I want it to be the truth, I don't want it to be fake."



Kim Verwys, Lowell

"It's very important. There's enough bull crap going around. I'd like to hear the truth."



Nick Kerstetter, Grand Rapids

"I enjoy history movies, so I would like them to be pretty accurate. It depends. You look at things like 'Pacific' or 'Band of Brothers,' they're pretty specific. My grandpa was in the Battle of the Bulge [during World War II], so the fact that they portrayed that in 'Band of Brothers' was pretty significant. I'd say it's very important from here on out, especially in the state our country is in, to keep historical accuracy as high as possible."



Shannon Lake, Saranac

"I would prefer them to be pretty accurate. Unfortunately, that's the way a lot of us learn, so if it's not accurate, we wouldn't be learning correctly."

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A new confidential, 24-hour sexual assault hotline will provide crisis support and referrals to survivors and their friends and family, Gov. Rick Snyder and First Lady Sue Snyder announced. The hotline, at 1-855-VOICES4, launched today.

“The launch of this hotline is the latest – and one of the most important – steps in Michigan’s efforts to support survivors of sexual assault as they go through the healing process,” Gov. Snyder said. “Sue and I want survivors to know that trained, caring professionals are prepared to listen and assist them along their journey toward healing.”

The hotline will be staffed by professional crisis counselors with specialized training in crisis intervention, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, victim’s rights, health options and Michigan law. Hotline staff can help

connect victims with community-based sexual assault programs that offer additional counseling, advocacy and support. Hotline staff also can connect victims with other Michigan services such as Crime Victims Compensation and the Michigan Victim Information and Notification Everyday (MI-VINE), an electronic victim notification service.

“Too often, survivors of sexual assault feel they have nowhere to turn for help,” Sue Snyder said. “This hotline helps to build a more supportive environment in Michigan where survivors can reach out safely and confidentially for the support they need and deserve.”

The state hotline is a special project of the Division of Victim Services within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Day-to-day operations are conducted

by the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

“The hotline is a resource for victims and survivors whether they were assaulted yesterday or 40 years ago,” said Debi Cain, director of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and acting director of the Michigan Division of Victim Services. “This is a big step forward for Michigan and fills a significant gap. While there are a number of excellent community-based sexual assault programs in the state, there are some areas of Michigan that have no services or very limited services available to victims of sexual assault

and abuse. For them, the hotline will be a free and confidential lifeline.”

The hotline is not intended for reporting sexual assaults to law enforcement. Those who wish to file a police report should call 911 or local law enforcement.

“We are honored to be able to manage this important project,” said Sarah Prout Rennie, Executive Director of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. “The hotline calls are not time limited and a survivor may call as many times as needed. This will be a lifeline for survivors from across the lifespan, and we want to emphasize that wherever you are in your journey we are here to help.”

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Red Arrow

- VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS

LHS volleyball team continues their winning streak

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Red Arrow varsity volleyball team continued their flawless streak with a pair of OK White Conference victories beating Forest Hills Northern (FHN) and Greenville.

Traveling to compete the girls turned out a pair of 3-0 wins to match their conference debut against Cedar Springs where they also tallied a 3-0 victory. They topped FHN 25-14, 25-11 and 25-13 on Tuesday and against Greenville 25-17, 25-15 and 25-15 on Thursday.

"The formula to the great success is hard work by the girls. Every day when they come into practice, they are energetic, determined and ready to face the challenge that is put in front of them," said first year head coach Jordan

Drake of his top notch team, "They have great practices during the week and we have been fortunate enough to have some good results so far during the conference season."

The teams stat leaders so far this season include sophomore Jenna Reitsma who leads in kills with 175, currently holds the teams second best hitting percentage and has logged 20 blocks and 120 digs in her efforts on the court. Senior Carly Hoekstra leads the team in aces with 31 and holds the teams highest serve percentage at 95.4 percent. Hoekstra is also running second in kills with 101 and third in digs with 93.

Other big contributors on the court include junior Ryleigh Blough who leads in blocks with 32, senior Emily Stump who leads her teammates with 145 digs

and has the second highest serve percentage at 94.6%, senior Joslynn Battle who leads in assists with 406 and is currently second in aces with 25 and junior Meghan Meyer who packs a big punch leading in hitting percentage, logging 92 kills to rank third among the Arrow hitters and currently holding second in blocks with 23.

Sophomore Emma Hall has also made her way onto the stat board with a total of 21 aces showing great potential in her varsity debut this season. "Emma Hall has really come into her own for us this year as a defensive specialist for us this year. She is an extremely gritty player who isn't afraid to dive on the floor and not let the ball hit the floor no matter what," said Drake of the stand out varsity rookie.



Sophomore Emma Hall, senior Emily Stump and junior Khloe Hayes on the court for the Red Arrows.

Still pensive of the future despite their early success Drake said their is still a long road ahead starting with a pair of OK White contests this week, "We are just taking the games one at a time. Each game presents their own challenges and we need to make sure that we are ready

to play each time we step on the court from our first serve."

Continuing their trek through the conference the Lady Arrows will compete twice on the road looking to maintain their winning streak against a tough Forest Hills Central team on Tuesday and the conference

underdog Bengals of Ottawa Hills on Thursday with both contests scheduled for 6 pm. The team will wrap their week of competition at the East Grand Rapids Invite Saturday morning with round one of the tournament-style competition scheduled for 8:30 am.

Cross country finishes first at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A pair of first place finishes at the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational and a second and fourth place finish at the second conference jamboree of the season were the results for the boys and girls varsity cross country teams last week.

Wednesday Cedar Springs hosted the OK White jamboree. The boys half of the team improved upon their first conference finish going

from a third to a second place performance, while the girls maintained the fourth place position they earned at the earlier competition. The girls team tallied 84 points in their finish and were led by senior Haley Nieuwkoop who placed first among her teammates and eighth overall with a time of 20:04. Finishing behind Nieuwkoop in the top five for the team were junior Jada Millhisler (21:12), senior Lauren Aud (21:19), junior Audrey

Conrad 21:33 and freshman Lauren Swain (21:51).

Improving on their previous performance the boys tallied just 45 points in their second place finish and were led by junior Caleb Swart who came in third overall with a time of 16:47 and has led each meet for the team this season, "Caleb is a great person and athlete, he is a hard worker who is very coach-able." said boys team head coach Clay VanderWarf of the driven runner, "He is always looking and listening to see how he can improve in his running. He is well respected by his teammates and fellow students in school."

Following just about 40 seconds behind were juniors Ben Kinnucan and Lucas Cossar who finished eighth and ninth respectively with matching times of 17:28. According to VanderWarf the pair have been equally as consistent as their teammate Swart, "Lucas and Ben have been consistently just behind Caleb in races. Lucas has been a consistent number two runner for the team in the past and this is Ben's first year so it has been great to



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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTION

On September 17, 2018, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance which are summarized below:

1. Ordinance No. 07-2018Z to rezone 7.4 acres from C, General Commercial to the Open Space Planned Unit Development (OS-PUD) Zoning District to permit the construction of an 80-unit multi-family development consisting of four buildings each containing 20 dwelling units. The project would be known as Fulton Place and will include a community building and dog park.

The area rezoned is located at 11519 Boulder Drive which is the vacant parcel on the north side of Boulder Drive between Meijer and Stone Ridge Apartments.

2. Ordinance No. 08-2018Z to amend Section 14.07(a) to increase the density for multi-family developments in the OS-PUD zoning district from 8 to 11 dwelling units per acre.

3. Ordinance No. 09-2018Z to amend Table 23-1 to change the minimum required width of a parking stall from 10 feet to 9 feet.

These ordinances shall take effect seven days after publication.

I, Monica Burt, Lowell Charter Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Ordinances were adopted by the Lowell Charter Township Board on September 17, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act being Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended.

A complete copy of these adopted ordinances is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Monica Burt, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Red Arrow

- FOOTBALL

SPORTS

Lowell topped by a 6-0 FHN team

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity football team fell 34-21 to the Forest Hills Northern Huskies last week under the Friday night lights at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

Stalling out on several drives before crossing into the red zone, the Arrows saw the Huskies go up two scores before earning their first touchdown of the game. The Huskies' early momentum was slightly thwarted by the Red Arrow defense who stopped their extra point attempts on both occasions keeping them to just a 12-0 lead. Senior Gavin Coxon got a hand on their first extra point attempt blocking a kick and then the line blocked a two point conversion pass after FHN's second score.

Lowell's score came after some good runs from sophomore Doak Dean who was bumped up to varsity this week, and junior Andy Anschutz converted to a beautiful touchdown pass between sophomore Brett Spanbauer and senior Trevor Petroelje who shined on both sides of the ball during the conference contest. The play action tightened the scoring gap to just five points after a solid extra point kick from senior Saige Saldivar cleared the poles making it just 12-7 FHN in the second quarter.

Solid defense from Lowell kept the Huskies from scoring in their next drive where they made it to fourth and inches before the Red Arrows forced the punt. Unfortunately making it through in their last drive of the half FHN moved up 19-7

at the buzzer.

Opening the second half with possession Lowell struck on their first drive blocking 50 yards worth of FHN defenders as Petroelje sailed down the middle for his second score of the game. Another successful extra point attempt moved the score to 19-14 with Lowell still trailing but in one score striking distance. The high action third quarter continued in a back and forth battle that saw FHN in the endzone twice with a Lowell score from Anschutz sandwiched in the middle for a score of 34-21 moving into the fourth quarter.

While Lowell's defense held firm the duration of the game stopping the Huskies from any more scoring their own offense also stalled out and the score remained the same. The hard-fought



Lowell's Red Arrows face-to-face with the Forest Hills Northern Huskies in OK White action.

The Red Arrows will take on the Bengals of Ottawa Hills this Friday in search of their first win. The game will take place at Houseman Field located at 901 Fountain Street SE in Grand Rapids. Kick off is scheduled for 7 pm.

loss was a credit to the young Arrow team as they held their own against an undefeated FHN team who is averaging 42 points per game.

Lady linksters improving each week on the course

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Picking up their top OK White finish of the season and defeating non-conference rival Portland High School the ladies of the Red Arrow varsity golf team had another successful run on the green last week.

Currently placed in the middle of the conference the team had finished in multiple positions in their league jamborees collecting two thirds, one fourth and one fifth place

finish before entering last weeks duo of OK White competitions. According to first year head coach, Josh Bruwer, regardless of their placements the ladies are competing well among some serious competition, "We play in a great conference. We currently are in third behind Forest Hills Central (FHC) and reigning state champions Forest Hills Northern (FHN). We've been improving each week, our aim all season has been

to play our best golf in October. We want to peak in the final stage of the season when it matters most."

Matching their best finish on Monday at Cedar Chase Golf Course for the fifth jamboree of the season the ladies added another third place finish with a combined card tally of 192. Leading Lowell scorers was senior Kenzi Uhen who shot a 41 on the course. Junior Mary Jo Buechler came in at 48, sophomore

Lexy Kaptcia carded a 50 and senior Tristan Fogerty-Thomas who rounded out scoring with a 53.

Tuesday, at the Watermark Golf Course for the sixth conference jamboree, the team achieved their best league finish of the season with a second place 183 stroke finish. Their top effort was led by second year varsity member Kaptcia whom the team welcomed back to the course just this week, "We had some

good scores that day and we have gained a huge boost from Lexy Kaptcia who has just returned from injury," said Bruwer of the teams performance, "We've talked all season about playing our best golf in last part of the season. The girls have taken that to heart and have worked tirelessly to improve each day."

Also scoring for the team were Uhen, who came in at 43, Buechler who came in at 48, and Fogerty-Thomas who tallied a 50. The trio has been a force this season leading the way at every competition on the schedule including the teams last competition date against Portland at Arrowhead Golf Course on Thursday. Rallying on their home course for a big 181-214 victory the team saw Kaptcia rise to the top again with a career best 41 followed by Buechler at 43, Uhen at 45 and Fogerty-Thomas at 52.

Looking to close the gap between themselves and current second place holder FHC the team will also have to watch for the Redskins of Belding who are nipping at their heels on the leader board, "We're looking to continue to get better and build momentum heading into the conference tournament as well as regionals," said Bruwer.

On tap this week, for the Lady Arrows, is the final two regular season league competitions taking place Monday and Wednesday at the Candlestone and Indian Hill Golf Courses respectively. The team will then host their last home meet of the season on October 1 against non-conference foe West Catholic High School and face all of the OK White for the final time in the conference meet on October 3 at 9 am at the Quail Ridge Golf Course in Ada.

Sports Summaries

BOYS TENNIS

Suffering their first duel defeat of the season last week the Lowell varsity tennis team went one and one on the court competing in OK White action. On the road Monday the team went into the match with a record of six wins and a tie for the season and unfortunately exited with their first loss. The 8-0 shut out came at the hands of the Forest Hills Northern Huskies who boast a successful history in the sport. Reversing the tables on Wednesday in Greenville the Arrows made quick work of the Yellow Jackets with all players winning in straight sets in the 8-0 victory. Facing a busy schedule this week the team will take on two more conference foes early in the week at home before taking to the road to battle Wyoming and Hamilton High Schools Thursday and Friday at 4 pm.

BOYS SOCCER

A tough week on the field tallied two losses for the Red Arrow boys varsity soccer team last week as they faced the Rangers of Forest Hills Central and the Huskies of Forest Hills Northern. Shut down offensively in both contests the Lowell kickers fell 1-0 Tuesday on the road against the Rangers and 3-0 on their home field against the Huskies. Senior goalkeeper Nate VanDeWeert shined despite the losses stopping goal attempts in the double digits in both

games totaling 24 saves in goal. Now holding a record of 4-5-3 overall and 3-2-1 in the OK White the team will next embark on competitions against Northview on Tuesday, Ottawa Hills on Thursday and Forest Hills Northern on Saturday. All three games will take place on the road with start times of 6:45, 5:45 and 3:30 pm respectively.

EQUESTRIAN

Competing in district competition three times over the past two weekends the Lowell equestrian team topped all their opponents to earn the District 5 Division A Championship. Ending the first round of the contest in first place with a points tally of 268 points the Lowell riders went into round two with a large lead over closes competitors Rockford (177) and Cedar Springs (153). The second and third rounds of the meet were equally successful for the team who ended with the title and a score of 803, a lead of more than 230 points over second place finisher Cedar Springs (567) and more than 300 points ahead of third place finisher Rockford (486). Lowell's impressive finish propels them into the Region E Championship which will take place this week September 29-30 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. A top two placement there would move them on to the state championship to be held at the Midland County Fairgrounds October 11-14.

Red Arrow Fall
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www.lowellschools.com

obituaries

ANDREWS

Robert L. Andrews, age 87 of Kentwood, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2018. Bob was born September 30, 1930 in Lowell, MI, to Leonard and Ruby (Priest-Lewis) Andrews. He is survived by his children Tom (Barbara) Andrews of Lowell, and Marta (Kevin) Suttorp of Grand Rapids; grandsons Matthew (Connie), Trevor and Chase Suttorp; and three great-grandchildren. Bob served his country in Korea in 1951 and 1952. He worked for many years at Kelvinator. After retirement, he enjoyed reading, traveling around the country, golfing, and fishing. For the last couple of years, he enjoyed spending time at his second home with his second family at The Florentine Sports Lounge in Kentwood; where he became a regular. Thank you to all those who looked after him. Per Bob's wishes, cremation has taken place and he requested no service. Donations in Bob's memory can be made to the Korean War Veterans



Memorial Wall of Remembrance; mail to Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., 10301 McKinstry Mill Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776-7903. Please visit <http://www.koreanwarvetsememorial.org/the-memorial/> for more information.



FOX

Grace Fox, age 80 of Prairie Village, Kansas, formerly of Lowell, died at home on September 19, 2018. She was born Grietje Vande Kemp, to Hendrik and Petronella Vande Kemp in Voorthuzien, Netherlands, on May 20, 1938, the second child of 10. Growing up in an occupied village, Grace's earliest memory was being afraid of the Nazis. Her father and uncle hid Jews, pilots, and others during the occupation and she always suspected she knew the hiding place—but was never certain. Grace's family emigrated to the United States in 1957. They traveled on the Zuiderkruis (Southern Cross) after the first ship they boarded was damaged in a collision at sea. The family settled in the United States after they were denied entry to Canada based on Grace's father's disability. Grietje became Grace. Grace and her siblings worked to help support the family. Grace met Robert Fox at Grand Rapids Junior College while studying to become a nurse (the career she always wanted, although she recalled with pride that she had the talent to be a seamstress). Grace and Robert married in 1972. They lived in Lowell where they raised four children. Grace was an active member of St. Mary's Church. As a licensed practical nurse and homemaker, she spent her life caring for patients and family. In 2013, after her husband died, she moved to the Kansas City area, where she enjoyed many Sunday breakfasts and trips to the park with her three adoring grandsons (who knew her as "Oma"). She

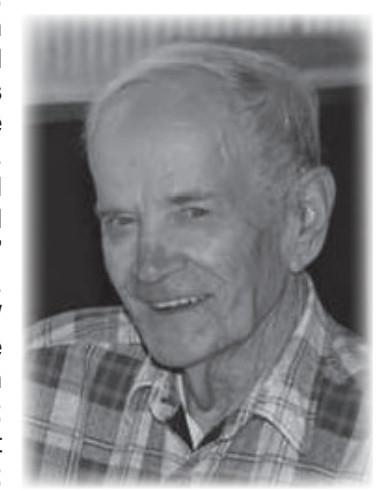


gamely fought against lung cancer until she was ready to depart. Those who know her will recall that she was kind, gentle, hardworking, honest to a fault, and tough as nails. Grace is survived by her children, Julie (Frank) Montane, Bernadette (Jonathan) Swinkunas, Mark Fox, and John (Meghan) Fox; grandsons Lincoln, Graham, and Everett Fox; grandchildren through marriage Mandy Anderson and Gabriel Montane; great-granddaughters through marriage Rosalia and Elina Anderson; and siblings Nellie (Tom) VanEwyk, Antonia Vande Kemp, Hendrika Vande Kemp, Joyce Reynhout, and Peter Vande Kemp. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters Clare Iedema and Elisabeth Jansen; and brothers Rick Vande Kemp and Gerrit Vande Kemp. A Mass of Christian Burial was held September 24 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Lowell. Rev. Aaron Ferris presided. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made in Grace's name to Grand Rapids Right to Life, PO Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0901.



SOUSER

Victor "Don" Souser was born on February 17, 1925 and left on his last patrol Tuesday, August 28, 2018. He was a proud national and state member of the submarine service of WWII and served on the USS Bream. He was past-commander of the Lowell VFW Post 8303, member of American Legion 152 and Lowell Moose 805. He was past-president of the Ada Historical Society. When younger, he loved to hunt and fish, as well as sail his "Pipiqua" on Lake Michigan. He retired from IBEW 876 after 28 years. He is preceded in death by his wife Virginia; sisters Irene Nellist and Mildred Harter; brother Edwin; step-son Wayne A. Will. He is survived by his daughter Dawn (Mike) Larson; step-children Diane (Fred) Ignatovich, Rodney Will, John Will, Robert Will, Delbert (Kim) Will; grandson Mike (Marissa) Larson; granddaughter Karen (Chad) Vankampen; and several great-grandchildren. A celebration of Don's life will be held 12 PM Saturday, September 29, at VFW Flat River Post, 3116 Alden Nash Ave SE, Lowell, MI 49331; with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Military Honors under the auspices of the Navy Honor Guard and Kent County Veterans Honor Guard.



NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18-04 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on September 17, 2018 Ordinance No. 18-04 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

1. Section 14.05X (20) and (23) regarding animals in outdoor recreation facilities, minor amendments, administrative approvals, and similar matters.
2. Section 14.04X (33) regarding alcoholic beverages served at special events at outdoor recreation facilities.
3. Section 14.06 regarding the expiration of special land use approvals; Section 14.07 regarding major and minor changes to an approved special land use; and Section 14.08 regarding the abandonment or cessation of special land uses.
4. Section 18.18 regarding minor and major changes to an approved site plan; and Section 18.20 regarding the expiration of unused site plan approvals.
5. Section 19.08 regarding the expiration of unused variance approvals.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinance No. 18-04 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

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of my beloved wife
BARBARA
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~ Jeff



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GETTING STARTED WRITING YOUR NOVEL WORKSHOP - Sept. 27, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Author Beth Rodgers presenting. This workshop is open to all ages. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

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

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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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

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.

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CIVIL AIR PATROL - Meets the second & fourth Tues. of the month, 6 p.m., Benz Aviation Building at Ionia Airport, teen/adult programs available, Call Shawna, 616-430-1348 or visit online http://mi222.miwg-cap.org

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR FROM - 1st. Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. FROM, 11535 Fulton St. E. Call for more information 897-8260.

SENIOR NEIGHBORS BIBLE STUDY - All are welcome to join this bible study on Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell.

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Aries

(March 21-April 19)



Do you have any skills at living on the edge between the light and the dark? Are you curious about what the world might look like and how people would treat you if you refused to divide everything up into that which helps you and that which doesn't help you? Can you imagine how it would feel if you loved your life just the way it is and not wish it were different from what it is? Please note: people less courageous than you might prefer you to be less courageous. But I hope you'll stay true to the experiment of living on the edge between the light and the dark.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)



Most top-charting pop songs are in a minor key. In light of this fact, I encourage you to avoid listening to pop songs for the next three weeks. In my astrological opinion, it's essential that you surround yourself with stimuli that don't tend to make you sad and blue, that don't influence you to interpret your experience through a melancholic, mournful filter. To accomplish the assignments that life will be sending you, you need to at least temporarily cultivate a mood of crafty optimism.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)



A few years ago, Britain's Museums, Libraries, and Archives Council accorded them "national designated status," an official notice that means they are a national treasure. If I had the power, I would give your undergarments an equivalent acknowledgment. The only evidence I would need to make this bold move would be the intelligence and expressiveness with which you are going to wield your erotic sensibilities in the coming weeks.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)



I've taken a break from socializing, my fellow Cancerian. In fact, I'm on sabbatical from my regular rhythm. My goal for the coming days is to commune with my past and review the story of my life. Rather than fill my brain up with the latest news and celebrity gossip, I am meditating on my own deep dark mysteries. I'm mining for secrets that I might be concealing from myself. In accordance with the astrological omens, I suggest that you follow my lead. You might want to delve into boxes of old mementoes or reread emails from years ago. You could get

in touch with people who are no longer part of your life even though they were once important to you. How else could you get into intimate contact with your eternal self?

Leo

(July 23-August 22)



Here's a quote from A Map of Misreading, a book by renowned literary critic, Harold Bloom: "Where the synecdoche of tessera made a totality, however illusive, the metonymy of kenosis breaks this up into discontinuous fragments." What the cluck did Harold Bloom just say?! I'm not being anti-intellectual when I declare this passage to be pretentious drivel. In the coming days, I urge you Leos to draw inspiration from my response to Bloom. Tell the truth about nonsense. Don't pretend to appreciate jumbled or over-complicated ideas. Expose bunk and bombast. Be kind, if you can, but be firm. You're primed to be a champion of down-to-earth communication.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)



A data research company, Priceonomics, suggests that Monday is the most productive day of the week and that October is the most productive

month of the year. My research suggests that while Capricorns tend to be the most consistently productive of all the signs in the zodiac, Virgos often outstrip them for a six-week period during the end of each September and throughout October. Furthermore, my intuition tells me that you Virgos now have an extraordinary capacity to turn good ideas into practical action. I conclude, therefore, that you are about to embark on a surge of industrious and high-quality work. (P.S.: This October has five Mondays.)

Libra

(September 23-October 22)



Biologists are constantly unearthing new species, although not new in the sense of having just appeared on our planet. In fact, they're animals and plants that have existed for millennia. But they've never before been noticed and identified by science. Among recent additions to our ever-growing knowledge are an orchid in Madagascar that smells like champagne, an electric blue tarantula in the Guyana rain forest, and a Western Australian grass that has a flavor resembling salt and vinegar potato chips. I suspect you'll be making metaphorically comparable discoveries in the coming weeks, Libra: evocative beauty that you've been blind to and interesting phenomena that have been hiding in plain sight.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

There is no such thing as a plant that blooms continuously. Phases of withering and dormancy are just as natural as



phases of growth. I bring this fact to your attention to help you remain poised as you go through your own period of withering followed by dormancy. You should accept life's demand that you slow down and explore the mysteries of fallowness. You should surrender sweetly to stasis and enjoy your time of rest and recharging. That's the best way to prepare for the new cycle of growth that will begin in a few weeks.

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



If you were ever going to win a contest that awarded you a free vacation to an exotic sanctuary, it would probably happen during the next three weeks. If a toy company would ever approach you about developing a line of action figures and kids' books based on your life, it might also be sometime soon. And if you have ever had hopes of converting your adversaries into allies, or getting support and backing for your good original ideas, or finding unexpected inspiration to fix one of your not-so-good habits, those opportunities are now more likely than they have been for some time.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)



An 81-year-old Capricorn named James Harrison has donated his unique blood on 1,173 occasions. Scientists have used it to make medicine that prevents Rhesus disease in unborn babies, thereby healing more than 2.4 million kids and literally saving thousands of lives. I don't expect you to do anything nearly as remarkable. But I do want to let you know that the coming weeks will be a favorable time to lift your generosity and compassion to the next level. Harrison would serve well as your patron saint.

Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)



On a spring morning some years ago, a smoky aroma woke me from a deep sleep. Peering out my bedroom window into the backyard, I saw that my trickster girlfriend Anastasia had built a bonfire. When I stumbled to my closet to get dressed, I found my clothes missing. There were no garments in my dresser, either. In my groggy haze, I realized that my entire wardrobe had become fuel for Anastasia's conflagration. It was too late to intervene, and I was still quite drowsy, so I crawled back in bed to resume snoozing. A while later, I woke to find her standing next to the bed bearing a luxurious breakfast she said she'd cooked over the flames of my burning clothes. After our meal, we stayed in bed all day, indulging in a variety of riotous fun. I'm not predicting that similar events will unfold in your life, Aquarius. But you may experience adventures that are almost equally boisterous, hilarious, and mysterious.

Pisces

(February 19-March 18)



I've got three teachings for you. 1. Was there a time in your past when bad romance wounded your talent for love? Yes, but you now have more power to heal that wound than you've ever had before. 2. Is it possible you're ready to shed a semi-delicious addiction to a chaotic magic? Yes. Clarity is poised to trump melodrama. Joyous decisiveness is primed to vanquish ingrained sadness. 3. Has there ever been a better time than now to resolve and graduate from past events that have bothered and drained you for a long time? No. This is the best time ever.

NEWS OF THE

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Ewwww!

At Kirby High School in Memphis, Tennessee, things are quiet as a mouse ... or a rat. Shelby County Schools Superintendent Dorsey Hopson told the Memphis Commercial Appeal he's looking for a temporary home for Kirby's 800 students after closing the school Sept. 5 due to a rat infestation. The problem started in mid-August, when district personnel uncovered a rat's nest during a renovation project. Eighty rats were trapped at the school and poison was set out. When students returned after Labor Day, poisoned rats began dying within the school's walls and the stench became overwhelming. Calling the situation an "unavoidable act of nature," Hopson said he expects students to return in early November.

Bright Idea

It's one way to get a ride to lunch: Knox County (Kentucky) Sheriff's deputies responded on Aug. 24 to a home in Corbin, where Kenneth Ray Couch, 35, had reportedly stolen a handgun. As they searched for Couch, they learned he had been transported to the hospital in an ambulance after staging a heart attack at nearby Dixon's market. When police arrived at Baptist Health Corbin, WYMT reported, they found Couch in the cafeteria, which had apparently been his goal all along. Couch was arrested and charged with first-degree burglary and falsely reporting an incident.

Least Competent Criminal

Taiheem M. McKay, 23, of Riverhead, New York, made it easy for Suffolk County officials to track him down after suspecting him of breaking into 10 different homes over the course of seven months, stealing cash, jewelry and designer accessories. According to Newsday, the Suffolk County Department of Probation traced McKay to the burglary locations through his GPS ankle monitor, which he was wearing as a result of a February 2017 second-degree reckless endangerment conviction. McKay has additional pending indictments in other burglaries.



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THEME: CIVIL WAR

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- 9. a.k.a. leaf cabbage
- 13. Conversation starter
- 14. "____ the land of the free ..."
- 15. Drunks
- 16. Tree in Latin
- 17. Exec's degree
- 18. Full of emotion, in slang
- 19. *Meeting at Appomattox Court House
- 21. *Major Civil War issue
- 23. Sun in Mexico
- 24. Recover
- 25. *It was split during the Civil War
- 28. ____ book
- 30. Be in the right place
- 35. Botticelli's Venus, e.g.
- 37. Soccer ____, pl.
- 39. Excessive sternness
- 40. Orthodox artwork
- 41. Homeless cat's home
- 43. Presented at customs
- 44. Galactic path
- 46. Desperate
- 47. Like never-losing Steven
- 48. Vital
- 50. Grannies
- 52. "C' ____ la vie!"
- 53. "At ____, soldier"
- 55. Casual attire
- 57. *Spielberg's 2012 movie
- 61. *"American Nightingale"
- 64. Remote in manner
- 65. Between Fla. and Miss.
- 67. IRS' threat
- 69. Middle Eastern rice dish
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Cross country, continued

see him performing so well."

Junior Nigel Mika and senior Calvin Simmet rounded out the teams top five placing thirteenth and fifteenth respectively with times of 17:53 and 17:58. The same top five reigned again for the boys on Saturday when the Red Arrows hosted the Bob Perry Memorial Invitational. Swart placed second overall and first for his team with a time of 17:23 followed by Kinnucan (17:46), Cossar (17:57), Mika (18:01) and Simmet (18:23). The top five Lowell runners all placed within the events top ten.

VanderWarf credits the championship level showing to the continued utilization of pack running on the course, "We have been focusing on the idea of running as a pack for as much of the race as they can. Since Cedar Springs and Forest Hill's Central have been the top two teams we have the runners focus on their placed during the race and staying with those runners. The boys continue to work on that during our practices and it is starting to pay off."

The Saturday victory was especially meaningful to VanderWarf who has fond memories of the events namesake, "Bob was a teacher during my days at Lowell so I knew him well. He was a great official at cross country and track meets. I remember that he was always fair with the runners if someone made a

mistake. He loved the story telling as well. Sometimes you'd have to remind him that we had a race or event to start because he would get into a cross country or track memory and go into great detail. You almost forgot the task at hand because you enjoyed listening to the story. He was a great individual to know."

The ladies team also claimed a first place win tallying just 27 team points. Nieuwkoop led the pack for the duration of the race finishing in 21:05. Her stellar performance was followed by the same top four as the weeks earlier competition Millhisler (21:16), Conrad (21:47), Swain (21:51) and Aud (22:23). VanderWarf said both teams represented Perry well at the event which still echoes with his stories, "Although the number of teams have dropped in participation we still have some of the older coaches from other teams who knew Bob and can always come up with a story of their own of him. You know his memory is kept alive when you hear someone say at the meet, "Remember that time with Bob when..."

The Arrow cross country teams are off this week until Saturday when they travel to the Allendale Invite where they will compete against some of the areas best while also getting a preview of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's regional course for this season.

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 - 72. ____ Mall, in London
 - 73. Cry of horror in comics
 - 74. Ruhr's industrial center
- DOWN**
- 1. Repeated Cuban dance step

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- 3. "Fantastic Four" star
- 4. Land chunks
- 5. Somewhat
- 6. Fleshy fruit
- 7. *Johnny's other nickname
- 8. Clear the chalkboard
- 9. Chicken ____
- 10. Initial stake
- 11. Displeasure on one's face
- 12. Grammy of sports
- 15. Melville's "Pequod," e.g.
- 20. "Is Your Mama a ____?"
- 22. Dr. Frankenstein's workplace
- 24. Bottom of a dress
- 25. *Divided, it cannot stand
- 26. Sugar in Paris
- 27. PDF reader
- 29. *"____ Mountain," Charles Frazier's novel
- 31. Like SNL
- 32. Nose of a missile
- 33. Olfactory organs

- 34. *General and post-Civil War President
- 36. Children's author ____ Blyton
- 38. "Will be" in Doris Day song
- 42. Busybody, in Yiddish
- 45. Start a hole
- 49. Indian restaurant staple
- 51. Colorful Mexican wrap
- 54. Animal catcher
- 56. Lady's pocketbooks
- 57. Nordic native
- 58. Pelvic parts
- 59. Steelers's Chuck
- 60. * ____ Torpedo, used by Confederacy against steam engines
- 61. Lounge, like in the sun
- 62. Words from Wordsworth
- 63. French Riviera city
- 66. *Commander of the Confederate States Army
- 68. Base of the decimal system

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Our poll asked ...

How many games will the Lions win this year?

- 1 - 5 games 54%
- 5 - 10 games 38%
- 10 - 15 games 8%

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Whitmer, Schuette start with \$1.5M; Thanedar Spent \$62.60 a vote

The Republican and Democratic gubernatorial nominees are both starting the General Election campaign with \$1.5 million in cash on hand, according to the post-primary campaign finance filings submitted to the Bureau of Elections Thursday.

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Gretchen Whitmer has outraised Republican Bill Schuette \$8 million to \$6 million for the campaign, although Schuette narrowly outraised Whitmer for this reporting period, \$1.19 to \$1.16 million.

Whitmer raised \$7.1 million in private funds and received \$929,000 in public funds for a total of \$8 million total raised. The UAW was listed as her biggest contributor at \$68,000. Four different

Teamsters political action committees (PACs) have put in a combined \$40,000 into the Whitmer campaign.

Whitmer boasted that 83 percent of her resources came from Michigan donors and 70 percent of the campaign's donations are under \$100. She is claiming that she has received 23,233 donations.

"Michiganders have made it clear that they're ready for a governor who will roll up her sleeves and start solving problems," said Whitmer Press Secretary Nicole Simmons. "Gretchen Whitmer is the only candidate who will roll up her sleeves and get to work solving problems."

Schuette raised \$6,175,889 in private funds and \$354,394 in public funds for a total primary haul of \$6.53 million. He

listed \$110,000 in debt to vendors.

"Our campaign started the General Election in a strong position because our paycheck agenda will help Michigan families get a pay raise," Schuette said.

The other headline from Thursday's post-primary numbers is the \$12.56 million Ann Arbor chemist and entrepreneur Shri Thanedar spent on his race for the 200,645 votes he received. Nearly all of his campaign's money came from the candidate himself.

Overall, he spent \$62.60 per vote, by far the most dollars spent per vote of any candidate on the primary gubernatorial ballot.

Thanedar ended up putting \$10.36 million of his own wealth into the race. At one point, he was in for \$12.7 million,

but paid himself back more than \$2 million. For the last reporting period, which covered July 23 to Aug. 27, Thanedar was the campaign's only contributor.

Outside of his own wealth, he reported received roughly 50 contributions in 2017, but none in 2018. He ended up with \$177,238 in cash on hand.

Thanedar said he had "zero regrets" despite conceding that he did put a substantial part of his net worth into "this passion of mine." He conceded earlier this year that the amount of money he put into the race accounted for about one-third of his net worth.

"When you run for political office, there's always an uncertainty. Nothing is guaranteed. There are surprises all the

time in politics," Thanedar said. "Going into it, I was passionate and I still am, about public service and giving back. I felt as governor, I had the most opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a large number of people."

Republican Dr. Jim Hines sank \$2,610,102 of his own money into the campaign. Combined with the \$208,142 he raised from private donors, he raised \$2.818 million for the campaign. He ended his run with a \$4,016 balance. His campaign spent \$25.27 per vote on his election.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck raised the least of the seven major-party candidates with \$535,786 in private contributions. He's reporting no debt and a final balance of \$34,807.

Among those who donated were the Michigan Vaccine Freedom out of St. Clair Shores, which gave \$1,000. His campaign spent \$3.85 per vote, but he has no debt.

Democratic gubernatorial runner-up Abdul El-Sayed raised \$5.4 million, of which \$909,351 came from public money. He ends with \$77,895 in debts and only \$9,132 in the bank.

The first-time candidate and former Detroit Public Health Department director ended the campaign in debt to two different vendors - Toskr Inc. out of Oakland, Calif., for communication services (\$58,395) and McKenna Media out of Baltimore, MD, for video production (\$19,499).

Notable contributions

include Rep. Abdullah Hammoud's (D-Dearborn) Hammoud For Michigan Fund for \$68,000 and Moveon.org for \$6,800.

The Libertarian nominee, Bill Gelineau reported raising \$54,785, of which \$15,000 came out of own pocket. He enters the General Election with \$3,418 in the bank.

Republican Brian Calley ended up spending nearly everything he brought in. He raised \$3,758,339 and spent \$3,751,985, giving him \$19,030 in cash on hand when the primary was over. Libertarian John Tatar didn't report his post-primary report by 8 p.m. Thursday.

- **Thanedar raised \$12,693,982 and spent \$12,560,567 = \$62.60/vote**

- **Hines raised \$2,817,244 and spent \$2,813,228 = \$25.72/vote**

- **El-Sayed raised \$5,407,605 and spent \$5,395,336 = \$15.77/vote**

- **Calley raised \$3,758,339 and spent \$3,751,985 = \$15.06/vote**

- **Gelineau raised \$54,785 and spent \$51,267 = \$12.71/vote**

- **Whitmer raised \$8,063,323 and spent \$6,524,613 = \$11.09/vote**

- **Schuette raised \$6,530,283 and spent \$4,966,627 = \$9.89/vote**

- **Colbeck raised \$535,786 and spent \$499,669 = \$3.85/vote**



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