

Lowell public works director Dan Czarnecki

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Dan Czarnecki, Lowell's new director of public works, has over 34 years experience working in city government, nearly 30 of those in public works. Czarnecki's work experience includes stints in Negaunee, Wyoming, Ionia and Grand Haven, Michigan, as well as Casper, Wyoming and the Muskegon County Road Commission. Since 2011 he has been the public works director of Fenton, Michigan, a town on the east side of the state about three times the population of Lowell.

"My job here in Lowell is basically the same position I held in Fenton," Czarnecki said. "Fenton [is] a community on the east side of Michigan, roughly 20 miles north of Brighton, or 20 miles south of Flint, on the US-23 corridor. I was there eight and a half years. I was in charge of streets, storm sewers, parks, cemetery, water treatment and distribution, sanitary sewer collection, facilities and equipment. I oversaw almost all of the public improvement projects in



Fenton, plus worked with the building department to review private projects. I think Lowell is a gem of a community with a wonderful small town atmosphere. There is a lot the community offers that you don't need to

go to the big city to find." Lowell may be a small town, but every city, regardless of size, has infrastructure to contend with. "My plan for Lowell is to work with the public

works team to continue to provide the best service to the community and its citizens, while looking for ways to make community improvements in a fiscally sound manner," Czarnecki said. "The DPW employees

are hard-working and very knowledgeable. I am amazed at the amount of experience that is found with the DPW work team. There are seven employees in public works
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Pink Arrow Community Day: West End Reveal

by Brendan A. Sanders
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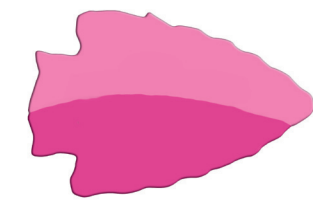
One Lowell's largest events of the year is set to kick off on Friday, Aug. 23 as Pink Arrow Pride Community Day: West End Reveal will start the Pink Arrow festivities.

With a new date and location this year, Pink Arrow Pride Community Day: West End Reveal will be taking place at the newly constructed Impact Church across from Meijer on M-21. There will be various health and wellness vendors inside the lobby of the church. It will also be taking place on a Friday, which is scheduled as a day off for students.

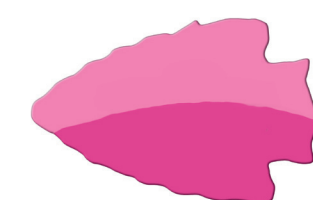
The most exciting aspect of this year's event, though, is the brand new location. One of the many leaders of Pink Arrow Pride, Teresa

Beauchum, explained.

"We've kind of outgrown our last locations," Beauchum said. "We originally started



out at Gilda's Club. Once we got too big for that area, we moved to the Riverwalk area. Both areas were really great to us. This year's location is much more spacious. There was just so much happening on the West End this year.



Impact Church invited us to use their space this year. We thought we should join

forces with Impact and the opening of the park to bring the greater Lowell Area together in one area. It took a lot of working together for everything to come together."

This event will serve as the official opening to the Grand River Riverfront Park North. The multi-year, multi-million-dollar project that has seen a new pedestrian bridge cross the Grand River, connecting the new park to the already existing Grand River Riverfront Park on the south side of the river. This brand new bridge will be open to the public on Friday, Aug. 23.

The park will also be showcasing almost all of its new features off to the community. New pickleball courts are now in and they will be readily available for the community to use. There will also be a demonstration of the sport for anyone

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Community center in the works for Lowell

by Patrick Misner
contributing reporter

The last time a committee seriously considered building a community pool in Lowell was in the late nineties. A group has recently come together to discuss building the Lowell Area Community Center, which could include a pool among other facilities for community-oriented events.

Construct Lowell Area Youth, CLAY for short, is leading this project and looking into various options for providing opportunities for Lowell youth and adults to come together for collaboration and fun. Their website states, "CLAY's mission is to provide and support enrichment programs to build and equip Lowell area youth, particularly those at-risk, with the tools necessary to succeed in life." They believe having an official community center would help achieve these goals more effectively.

Robert Rogers is a CLAY board member and was instrumental in starting the process to begin discussing options for a community center in Lowell. "Construct Lowell Area Youth (CLAY) has several activities and programs in mind for our local youth, but we lack a facility to host them," Rogers explained. "CLAY talked about what facilities could we rent or purchase and then thought about some other needs within the community that could get satisfied in the same building. We talked about a community

meeting to discuss the community center occurred in September of last year. A topic of discussion that has come up during the meetings are the difficulties associated with finding a location for the center. They would like to have one large location encompassing all of the community center's

on the process and gets feedback on the project through a Facebook page. They posted pictures there in May of some of the board members visiting Spring Lake Fitness and Aquatic Center for ideas. They said the center in Spring Lake cost \$17 million to build and \$1 million annually to

services, but they have also been considering the option of having smaller satellite sites. Some of the benefits of the latter option are that they would need smaller parcels of land, and it could possibly serve a greater area. The group keeps the community up to date

maintain. Another idea that has come up at nearly every meeting is the desire for a community pool. In a poll on the group's Facebook page in February, 158 out of 185 people voted for a pool, with a fitness center and splash pad near the top of the list as well.

documents from 1997-1999 when another group was seriously considering building a community pool in Lowell. "They had a great group of people working on that attempt, as well," Roberts commented. "They met frequently, talked about a lot of the same topics and had just about the same questions we have. It appears that the effort ended when they attempted to establish an authority with all three municipalities. They did get past the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Studies, which we're at right now in our process." The needs assessment and the feasibility study Roberts alluded to would evaluate the community and board members' preferences in terms of the demographic and locational practicality of these options. Roberts said that the group

cannot do much more planning until these are both completed. They are currently raising the \$20,000 needed for these two separate analyses that each cost around \$10,000. They are looking for private and business donors for the studies, and donations for the project can be made to CLAY. "Donations to Construct Lowell Area Youth with a specific note indicating that the funds are for the Community Center initiative would be most helpful, and donations are tax deductible," Roberts explained. "Donations can get mailed to PO BOX 65, Lowell, MI 49331. We're also looking to get as many letters of support from organizations and businesses within the community. Those letters could detail how a community center could benefit them specifically. If anyone has some particular skills and would like to volunteer to be part of our group, that would be helpful too! We're looking for someone to maintain a website, perhaps an architect and fundraising skills just to name a few." More information can also be found on the group's Facebook page or website, constructlowell.org.

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B-Side Growlers are next Sizzlin' Summer Concert

by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

B-Side Growlers look to send the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series off with a bang on Thursday, Aug. 22. This will be the second-to-last Sizzlin' Summer Concert of the season.

The B-Side Growlers are a band based out of Grand Rapids whose tagline is "tradition inspired, toe-tappin' fired, vintage acoustic blues, jazz and country." The band, consisting of Mary Lewandoski on vocals, guitar, washboard, and percussion, Matt Porter on upright bass and vocals, and Pete Lewandoski on guitar, banjo, fiddle and vocals have been playing music together since the 1980s. They have a wide range of musical experiences ranging from classic rock covers to classical chorus arrangement. This wide range of musical experiences allows the band to use the various sounds to provide their music with a truly unique style.

"Tradition inspired" music allows them to revive some of those songs and tunes that have been passed down from prior generations, that have both survived and been honed by the passage of time to become part of

our musical DNA. They enjoy relating the rich history and circumstances of this music, and emphasizing some of its recurring themes. Many contemporary artists have done a fine job of emulating traditional music, and some of those songs find their way into their sets as well.

"Toe-tappin' fired" music is naturally upbeat and perfect for creating a festive atmosphere, which is a goal of theirs. Much of the music was originally intended as dance music, so it's only normal for feet to keep time to the beat when they play. Plus, it allows them to have a heck of a good time!

"Vintage acoustic" instruments are used predominantly: a resonator guitar, originally developed for its ability to project, a washboard is homegrown percussion at its best, open back banjo, upright bass is a natural rhythm-keeper, and the fiddle is the dance-maker. It's more than the instruments, it's an overall sound they're going after, something friendly and close they refer to as the "living room" sound. Even when amplified, they incorporate a system that allows them to project this

unified, intimate sound.

"Blues, jazz and country" reflects the breadth of their interests, giving them many more wells from which to draw. Incorporating all these influences also varies their sound, keeping things fresh from song to song, set to set, night to night, and year to year.

Using this style of music, the B-Side Growlers have released an album most recently in 2017, with the release of "Home Brewed," a collection of 10 songs. John Sinkevics from "Local Spins" described the release as, "chock full of rediscovered classics, brought back to life in their own minimalist style with striking harmonies and an engaging flair." "Home Brewed" won the Traditions award at the WYCE Jammies awards celebration, the biggest night for local music in West Michigan.

The Sizzlin' Summer Concerts are winding down, so be sure to attend this one on the Riverwalk on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 7 pm. to 8:30 pm. For more information on B-Side Growlers, visit their website at b-sidegrowlers.com or find them on Facebook.



Mary Lewandoski of the B-Side Growlers performing at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

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willing to learn the game. Children are welcome to play gaga ball. For those who don't know what gaga ball is, it is a ball game set in an octagonal pit. Basically, it is like dodgeball. If the ball hits your feet, you are out. The last person standing wins. There will surely be some friendly competition in the gaga pit. The park's concession stands will also be open for the public. Customers will be able to purchase ice cream, slushies, hot dogs and much more. The Yeiter meeting cabin will be opened up and staff from the Lowell Museum will be there to interact with the public. Many other great activities will be taking place inside and around Impact Church for the community to enjoy.



Teresa Beachum

People who attend will get the chance to purchase the 2019 Pink Arrow Force XII T-Shirts. There will be a pink tent stationed right in front of the church selling the shirts. T-shirts will be \$15 for standard sizes, \$18 for 3XL, and \$20 for long-sleeved shirts. These shirts will serve as a ticket to the Pink Arrow XII festivities on Friday, Sept. 13, including the Pink Arrow soccer game against Forest Hills Central, Pink Arrow volleyball game against Grand Rapids Christian, and to top the night off, the Lowell Pink Arrow football team going up against Greenville. The goal for Pink Arrow Community Day is to sell over 2,000 t-shirts.

A blood drive will be taking place onsite with Versiti Blood promising to donate \$10 to Gilda's Club of Lowell for every person who signs in to donate blood at the drive.

"We ask people come inside and donate blood, this is usually the largest community blood drive the city has all year," Beachum said. "The drive will be run

by Versiti Blood, formally known as Michigan Blood. It will be right inside the church, which will be a much more comfortable environment for those who choose to donate blood. Hospitals need blood."

The Spectrum Health Betty Ford Breast Care Services bus will be providing mammograms between 10 am and 5 pm. Mammograms are the best way to detect early stages of breast cancer.

This year is the first-ever Pink Arrow Hair Drive. People can either come inside and have their hair cut or they can bring their own ponytail of hair that they brought from home. Amazingly, this hair drive was the idea of a first-grader at Murray Lake named Easton Dressander. The Lowell High School radio station WRWW 92.3 FM will be hosting a remote at the event all day. Ice cream will be provided to the first 300 people, with cones being \$2 for those who attend after the first 300 people until supplies run out. Huntington will also have their "mobile popsicle mobile" giving out free popsicles to all that attend. After the event finishes, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce is hosting "an after hours event" on that site the same day.

Besides the community, the largest beneficiaries to the Pink Arrow is Gilda's Club.

"With the success of Pink Arrow, we are able to help Gilda's Club," Beachum said. "Gilda's Club gives age-appropriate support to K-12 and adults who have experienced a cancer or grief journey. Educational and emotional support is all free at Gilda's Club."

Beachum is excited and appreciative of the community's continued support of Pink Arrow Pride and all the events that go along with it.

"This community realizes we have the resources to contribute to the health and wellness of so many people," Beachum said. "This community's generosity has done so much for the lives of many. Sponsors continue to be so generous to us year after year and they have impacted the lives that are here and will be coming here in the future. What happens here will help us give back all year long for Pink Arrow."

Once again, Lowell is looking to put its best foot forward as Pink Arrow Pride arrives for another amazing year. With many activities for all, Pink Arrow Community day will not only be fun, but hopefully very educational for all of those who attend.

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with a combined service of over 150 years! That is something you don't see very often in this line of work. I love this type of work, so it's exciting to have a new venue, new operations. I want to see what I can do to make things better for this community. Because it's a smaller community with fewer things going on, I'll be able to concentrate more on everything that we do, projects and day-to-day operations."

One of Czarnecki's co-workers in Fenton was Michael Burns, Lowell's current city manager, who used to be the assistant city manager there.

"He's a busy guy, I think last week I saw him for

maybe an hour," Czarnecki said. "We worked well together. I wouldn't have come here if I didn't like him! It's a new place with new opportunities, and that's what I like to do. It's been a great transition, and there is a great group of people working down here. The guys have got their hearts and minds in the right place and they're very community-oriented. They're looking out for the community."

Czarnecki has worked all around Michigan, but is originally from Kent County. He said that in his spare time he enjoys doing yard work and spending time with his family.

"I was born in Grand Rapids and grew up in Comstock Park," Czarnecki

said. "I went to Michigan Tech and have a degree in civil engineering. I have been married to my wife Linda for 35 years and we have two grown kids. Linda has some relatives that live on Murray Lake, and when we were dating years and years ago we would spend a lot of time out on that lake. Lowell is hustling and bustling now! Traffic is heavier and there are a lot more people around. There is a lot more going on in town than I anticipated, and in the downtown area there are a lot of shops, a lot of interesting little places. I remember the antique stores years ago, now there's a lot more, and it's nice. Lowell is a community with a lot going for it."

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As a business owner, you can't afford to ignore your competition. You can't afford to miss out on the trends affecting your industry. You can't afford to alienate customers. And here's one more item to add to the list: You can't afford not to create a retirement plan for yourself.

Of course, you might think that, one day, you'll simply sell your business

and live off the proceeds. But selling a business isn't always simple, and there's no guarantee you'll receive enough to pay for a comfortable retirement — which is why you should strongly consider creating a retirement plan now.

Here are some of the most widely used plans:

SEP-IRA: You can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation —

as much as \$56,000 in 2019 — to a SEP-IRA. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. This plan offers you significant flexibility in making contributions for yourself and your employees. Plus, as an employer, you can generally deduct, as business expenses, any contributions you make on behalf of your plan participants.

SIMPLE IRA: In 2019, you can put in up to \$13,000 — or \$16,000 if you're 50 or older — to a SIMPLE IRA. As is the case with the SEP-IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred. You can match your employees' contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of compensation. If you

work for yourself, you can combine employee and employer contributions, so if you use the 3 percent matching rule, and you earn enough to fully match employee contributions, you can put in up to \$26,000 per year (or \$32,000 if you're 50 or older). Alternatively, you could contribute 2 percent of each eligible employee's compensation each year, up to a maximum of \$5,600, regardless of whether the employee contributes. Contributions to your employees are tax deductible.

"Owner-only" 401(k) plan: If you have no employees other than your spouse, you can establish an "owner-only" 401(k) plan, which functions similarly to a 401(k) plan offered by a large employer. Between

salary deferral and profit sharing, you can contribute up to \$56,000, in pre-tax dollars, to your owner-only 401(k), or \$62,000 if you're 50 or older. Like a SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA, a 401(k) provides the potential to accumulate tax-deferred earnings. However, you could choose to open a Roth 401(k), which can be funded with after-tax dollars. With a Roth 401(k), your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.

Which plan is right for you? The answer depends on several factors, such as whether you have any employees and how much money you can contribute each year. But all the

plans mentioned above are generally easy to establish, and the administrative costs are usually minimal. Most important, any one of them can help you build some of the resources you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. To select an appropriate plan, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors.

In any case, don't wait too long. Time goes by quickly, and when you reach that day when you're a "former" business owner, you'll want to be prepared.

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125 years ago Lowell Ledger August 22, 1894

Several tons of bass and pickerel were killed in Kalamazoo river by the Botsford Paper Mill company dumping its refuse chloride of lime into the river above the city. At least a ton of large bass weighing five or six pounds each and large pickerel were gathered up by small boys and fishermen and large quantities have spoiled. Game Warden O'Byrne notified the company to stop and will prosecute them under the state law which prohibits slaughter.

Sheriff McArthur has arrested Martin Blow, a young farmer of Dryden, on the charge of poisoning farm stock. For ten years past fine stock in the vicinity of Blow's home has been a hazardous investment. Sudden and mysterious deaths of horses and cattle were frequent and post-mortem examinations showed the presence of some kind of poison. The heaviest loser has been William H. Blow, father of the young man of considerable prominence among Lapeer county farmers, being at one time president of the Lapeer County Agricultural Society. He was formerly a prosperous man, but is now old, nearly bankrupt, and is likely to lose his farm through the conduct of his son. Young Blow had often been suspected by

the neighbors, but evidence could never be obtained which would fix the crime on him.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 14, 1919

Wayne Springett broke a wrist and received numerous cuts and bruises in a fall from the rear of second story of the Hill block Friday. As he fell into a concrete window trap three feet deep, his escape from more serious injuries was fortunate. The lad was trying to slide down a rope, a-la movie.

Ordinarily cheap milk come about this time of year when there is a good pasturage, but the reverse is the case for Kent county, according to reports by R. G. Carr, county agricultural agent, pasturage having dried up because of the long rainless period, and farmers being compelled to feed cows high priced hay and grain.

The Redpath Chautauqua in Lowell closed Monday evening with a large attendance, when the star number of the five days' series of entertainments, concerts and lectures, "It Pays to Advertise," was presented. This delightful comedy was staged by a company of eight artists and their work is declared by good judges to have been the best in the dramatic line ever seen in Lowell.

75 years The Lowell Ledger August 17, 1944

The State Savings Bank of Lowell is observing its tenth birthday anniversary. The bank opened its doors to the public, August 20, 1934, following the well-remembered "bank holiday," which closed most of the banks and other financial institutions of the country.

The "Forty and Eight" boxcar from the city of Flint drew quite a crowd of interested spectators last Friday morning as it parked in Lowell main street for a while, en route to the state Legion convention in Grand Rapids. It was a neat job and did credit to the "motor city."

"Bo", well-known canine about town, and a credit to the Chow breed, left a few days ago with his

master, Charles Haner, for his future home in Arizona. About a year ago a similar effort resulted in failure as "Bo" eluded his master in Grand Rapids and two or three days found his way back to Lowell, thereby exemplifying his love for the old home town, since which time he has resided at the Don Dickerson home. Should he ever return he will receive a hearty welcome.

50 years The Lowell Ledger August 14, 1969

A new patrolman has assumed duties with the Lowell Police department. He is James Steven Pace,

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- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

anniversaries

Johnson



Dale and Charlotte Johnson

August 14, 2019 will mark the 65th wedding anniversary of Dale L. and Charlotte Johnson of Alto. They were married August 14, 1954 at the Bowne Center UMC. They are the parents of Larry and Susan of Florida, Mark A. and Peggy of Alto, and Wendie

and Michael McLouth of Kentwood. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Dale retired from Farm Bureau Insurance after 40 years of service. They have always lived in Alto

HEALTH

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- shingles vaccination

Shingles, or herpes zoster, is a condition characterized by a painful, sometimes blistering rash over limited part of the body. It can occur in people who have had chickenpox in the past. The chickenpox virus can stay in your system and stay inactive. Sometimes it stays inactive forever, but other times it can become reactivated, resulting in shingles. Most people recover from shingles fully, but some people can develop a lingering, chronic pain condition call post-herpetic neuralgia. This can have a major effect on one's quality of life. This condition is also more common in older people who develop shingles.

Shingles vaccine has been available in the US since 2006. This vaccine is recommended for routine use in people over the age of 60. This vaccine reduces the risk of shingles by about 50 percent and the risk of post-herpetic neuralgia by about 67 percent in adults aged

60 and older. This vaccine is a live virus. Because it is a live virus, it should not be given to people with weakened immune systems (such as a people receiving chemotherapy or other strong immune-suppressing medications).

In October 2017, the CDC issued a recommendation for use of a new shingles vaccine called the recombinant zoster vaccine. This vaccine is recommended for adults age 50 years or older. Based on current data, this recombinant vaccine appears to be more effective than the older vaccine, reducing the risk of both shingles and post-herpetic neuralgia by about 90 percent in adults aged 50 and older. It is not a live vaccine and should be safer than the older vaccine for people with weakened immune systems. The recombinant vaccine involves a series of two shots given two to six months apart.

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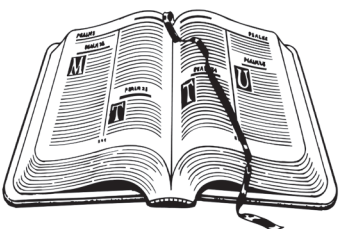
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A few fortunate YMCA members were invited to tour Dorla West's fabulous gardens. Chris and Jim Hodges, Ruth Wood, Bonnie Grooters, Diane LaWarre, Evie Marron, Karen Perkins, Bev Anderson, and Diane Bittrick were all in attendance.

Throughout West's yard are winding paths that lead to whimsical surprises tucked under a tree or amidst one of the hydrangeas. Handmade sculptures dot the greenery where you can also find umbrellas with glass raindrops shading the sun-fearing plants and flowers. Two gazebos beckoned them to sit and enjoy.

A huge catalpa tree dons chandeliers lending shade and beauty to her gardens.

After years of wondering what was behind the white picket fence on the corner we were all delighted to discover the enchanting garden and the talent and imagination of West.



Above: Evie Merron looking at some of the artwork in the garden.



Below: Chris Hodges, Dianne LaWarre and Dorla West looking at the umbrellas.



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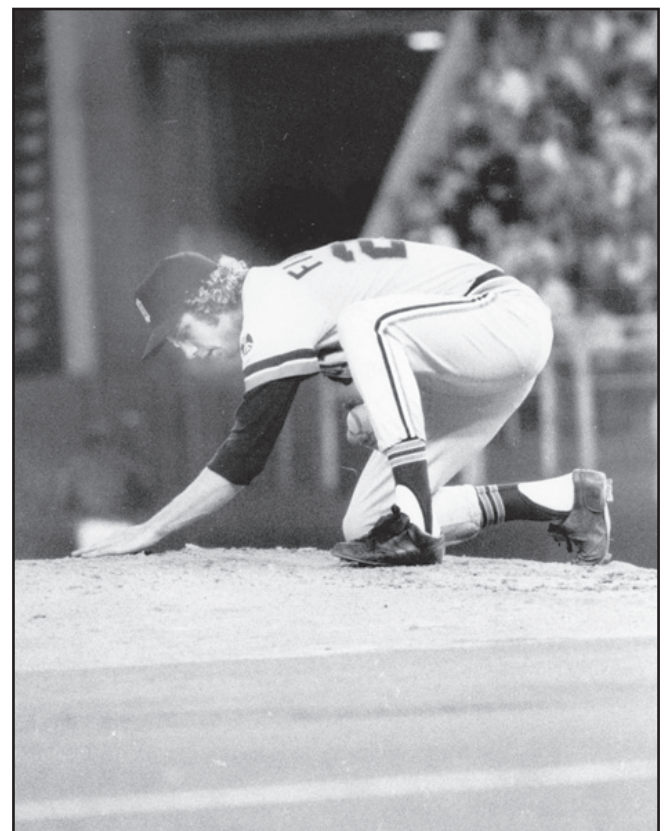
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August 14 is the 226th day of the year. There are 41 more days of summer left, and 139 more days remain in 2019.



Born on Aug. 14, 1954, Detroit Tigers pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych is shown here "manicuring the mound" in 1976.

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From the City of Lowell

Another Kent County Youth Fair is in the books



by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

The Kent County Youth Fair was held last week from Monday, Aug. 5 until Saturday, Aug. 10, with many amazing events taking place throughout the week of festivities.

From the crowning of the new Kent County Youth Fair Court on Monday until the end on Saturday evening, the fair brought many great activities for young and old. The weather was cooperative, with very little rain and pleasant temperatures.

“We had a couple of

great days, we’ve had some fantastic weather,” said Jon Bieneman, president of the Kent County Youth Fair. “I am very happy that we’ve had a great number of visitors come out. We had a ton of families come out for our Reading for Rides Day. The fair kind of builds momentum-wise throughout the week so we’ve had great crowds at the end of the week.”

The most important part of the youth fair is the showing of livestock by youth. Kids from across the county show and sell their livestock. This year saw many different

animals presented to the public, including cows, pigs, sheep, goats, alpacas, chickens, rabbits and horses.

“I grew up showing at the fair as a kid. One of the reasons I got involved was to make sure my kids had the same experiences I did,” Bieneman said as he held his daughter’s sheep. “They work really hard and spend a lot of time, so it’s fun to see them get here and hang out with their friends and have that kind of fair experience.”

There were many rides that fairgoers got the chance to enjoy. The Zipper has

been a crowd favorite for years, and this year was no different. There were other rides that were new to the fair that drew praise from fairgoers.

“I like the new addition of multiple new rides such as the Tornado, as well as the mix between the livestock and the entertainment,” said Tyler Cross, a regular fairgoer.

Along with the rides, many events were held in the free entertainment tent. Concerts by Pickin’ Roots, Kevin Schafer, and Peacemaker gave fans a taste of wonderful music. The

tent also hosted a screening of “Country Music,” an upcoming movie by Ken Burns, along with a talent contest, and the fan-favorite karaoke night.

“Karaoke night was my favorite part of the fair,” Tyler Cross laughed.

The Lowell High School radio station WRWW 92.3 FM broadcast much of the live entertainment over the airwaves.

“We do have students doing on-air shows when there is nothing going on onstage, but not a lot of that,” said WRWW station manager Al Eckman. “We

have been broadcasting the entertainment live every night from 7 until 9 pm.”

Overall, the fair was once again a resounding success for everyone involved. The community was able to enjoy what may have been the last year at the Lowell Fairgrounds, with the fair expecting to move to what is now Deer Run Golf Course, south of town near I-96.

Next year will look to be even better than this year’s iteration of the Kent County Youth Fair.



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This is another installment in the Lowell Ledger's series of feature articles about the many different types of artisans who do business in the Lowell area. Some use the Internet as their storefront, others sell their wares out of a brick and mortar location. All of them are fascinating people and incredibly talented.

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Julianne Jorgensen

Life-time crafter makes personalized wood block signs

by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

Julianne Jorgensen is a crafter in Lowell who specializes in decorating and designing wood blocks. These blocks can be made to say anything that the person wants, preferably they are name pieces or a small phrase.

"I'm most of the time a stay-at-home mom; only recently have I been more full-time," Jorgensen said. "But I've been a crafter practically my whole life, and I do all kinds of things. If I like it, I figure out how to make it."

Jorgensen has

group where you would bring your own crafts, and we called it 'DYOTT' or 'Do Your Own Thing Together.'"

Jorgensen's journey to Lowell was much different than others, living in many places outside the state before ultimately moving to where they are now.

"We lived for 20 years in Cedar Rapids and I got a job here," Jorgensen said. "We were looking for something closer to our parents. His parents live in Muskegon, my parents live St. Clair, and they're both in their late 80s, early 90s, so we

elementary school, and a teacher friend was having a baby. So the baby gift I made her is now what I do. I did my daughters' friend's names and then more baby showers. I would give them a flier and then ask them what colors they wanted, and if there were any meanings to the baby's names, I'd add those in. Sometimes I would put the date of birth or the baby's weight or whatever. I did some family names when they saw the baby names. They were like, oh, could you do a family name? Okay, sure! It's kind of blossomed."

It is a long process getting everything ready for the piece to be ready. Jorgensen described the many steps.

"Okay, so, first I find, you know, the correct spelling of the baby's full name," Jorgensen said. "Then I ask the parents if there's a color theme, if there's a theme like butterflies, or some kind of theme that they want for the

child's room. And then I ask them if there's any special Bible verses or meanings to the names. I take notes! Then I pull scrapbook papers that match the color theme, cut off the blocks, cut out the papers, decorate the papers with stamps and colors, put the letters on the papers, put the extra things like the verses and the meanings and those



mastered many different crafts throughout her lifetime, including work in stained glass, watercolor painting, knitting and acrylic painting. She has spent much of her life working on crafts with other moms.

"I was the craft coordinator for 'mothers of preschool' groups in two different cities," Jorgensen said, "in Denver, CO with a church and in Cedar Rapids, IA. This was where my husband moved, and so we just work together. As a stay-at-home mom with little ones, you can't do much, so I ran the crafts for those groups. I also had a group for a lot of moms who didn't have time to do crafts at home or they had projects that were ongoing but they just can't get to them. We would do a once-a-month

moved here to be closer and help them out."

Julianne's children have been a huge influence on her work. They are a large reason why she is creating the things she is creating today.

"It started when my youngest was probably six or seven," Jorgensen said. "I wanted to make her name to put on her wall, kind of her own personal thing. So I made one with individual cut-out letters, like out of wood and that. It was rather difficult, but it turned out really cool. However, I had to hang each letter, and that was a problem. Then another friend's daughter had a baby, so as a baby gift I made letters for his name. Again, difficult, as I had to cut individual letters out with a band saw. I worked at the

extra things on, putting them on the blocks. If there are 3-D elements like buttons or for the girls, I have little beads and stuff like that. Those are the last things to go on. Then I put the hooks on and I sign the back."

When asked if she had a favorite piece, she did have one specific piece in mind.

"You know, they have their own particular character to them, but there is one," Jorgensen said. "I'm making his brother's name now. The mom and dad are very musical, so they wanted music, but they also wanted kind of an

outdoor thing. I'm also a photographer. So, this young woman I've known since she was in fourth or fifth grade, I took her senior picture and then I took her engagement pictures.

I could not go to her wedding because we had moved to Michigan by then. She wanted green and blue, she wanted music and the outdoorsy theme. I found some paper that looked like wood and I made these posts and what looked like barbed wire. The outdoorsy/woody kind of thing. I had a music stamp, and then, of course, the music notes,

I think this is just fun and I like the originality of the barbed wire and the post with the birds."

Jorgensen has done a lot of work trying to teach others her craft through little classes that contain around eight to 12 people. There, she would give lessons on

how to create her blocks.

"I ran a class at Chick-Fil-A south of M6 in Kalamazoo," Jorgensen said. "I also ran a classroom. I had all the blocks cut for them and the letters they printed so they can come out. We had like 'Merry Christmas' and things like that, and everybody did their own. And then I taught them how to do it. I did that at Chick-Fil-A and I did that at my church. So if somebody had a group of six or eight women who want to meet at a church or in their home, I can get there and do that. That's something that I could set up for a Saturday afternoon. It takes about three hours to do. Some people are more detailed than others. I give plenty of time to get it done."

Jorgensen's work has been very impressive. If you would like to know more about some of her work and her pricing, email her at juliannej101087@gmail.com.



It's back to school next week for LAS

by Sierra Heishetter
Lowell High School Junior

Lowell Area Schools is back in session on August 20th. I am not really sure how to feel about that. This summer has been absolutely incredible. I've had so many great experiences and made so many fantastic memories, but I am also excited for the things a new year can bring.

A new school year is a fresh start. For students, the back-to-school season is a chance to reinvent some part of themselves just like the traditional New Year. As the first day of school approaches, I'd like to share

This year I am continuing with advanced studies and I am so stoked for the knowledge I will gain.

School is a lot of things to a lot of people, but I hope that it is a place of learning for everyone. You don't have to love every subject or excel in every class, but this year I encourage an open mind when attending new classes. You never know what kind of new and fantastic information can sneak itself into your brain when you keep an open mind.

That doesn't mean you can't also have fun however.

School is the best opportunity to find what you are passionate about. Join clubs, sports, and try new things. Have fun. You are only in high school once, and I am going (and encourage everyone) to live that experience to the fullest.

This year is my junior year, which is stressful for a lot of reasons. It is standardized testing year which means a whole lot of SAT and ACT test prep.

This is also the year that the world kind of expects

you to have an answer to the question, "So, where are you going to school?" or "What are you going to major in?" I'm not sure if I have those answers yet, but an appropriate response is expected regardless.

With major tests and future plans added to the daily onslaught of everyday school life, it can be hard to feel in control as the days roll by. A good goal for this year is to prioritize your health and mental state over anything else that life will throw at you.

The grades and assignments and essays will not matter if you do not have the strength to carry yourself through the day.

Sometimes you can't handle it all, and that is ok. I encourage everyone to ask for help when they need it, know your limits, and be loyal to yourself before any other commitments. A person matters more than a grade point average.

Finally, a new school year means a chance to start new friendships and expand on old ones. Schools are interesting places because there are so many examples of the different shades of

humanity crammed into one singular building.

With so many personalities and relationships interacting in one space, it can be hard to recognize anyone except

that thousands of other stories are being lived all around you.

If you are ever in a chapter of a person's life, make sure you are a helpful sidekick to the protagonist,

have better lives if they find what they are passionate about, prioritize their health and mental state, and be conscious of the people affected by their actions.

I hope every student has



a few things I'm hoping to reinvent this school year.

First and foremost, learning. I am so excited for the new subjects I'm taking this year. Last year I took my first AP classes and they were such a fun challenge.

the people immediately around you. It is easy to accidentally hurt someone's feelings without meaning to, without even knowing you did it.

This school year I ask everyone to be more conscious of the people they impact everyday. While living your story, you forget

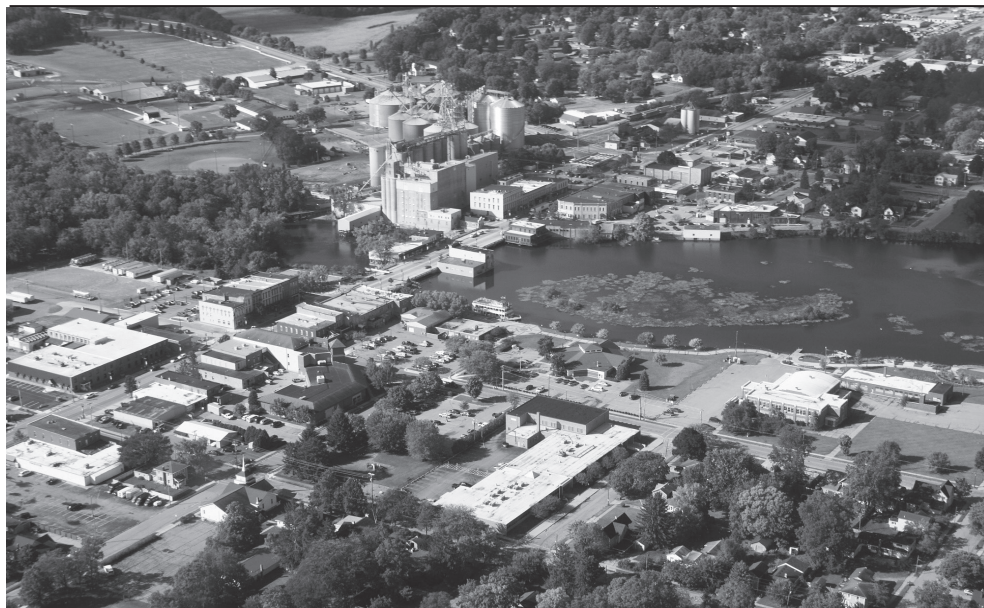
and not the villain of the story.

The new school year is a great opportunity for a new attitude, but you don't need a special occasion to implement these things into your life.

Everyone - students, parents, teachers, and everyone in between - will

a positive back-to-school experience, and if you aren't a student, I hope you can have some new, positive experience soon.

This year will be a fresh start, and I have a feeling it will be one of the best ones yet.



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Lowell bicyclists prepare for annual DALMAC tour

Lowell cyclists are preparing to ride in the 49th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle tour at the end of the month.

Founded in 1971 by former State Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of routes beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 28, or Thursday, Aug. 29, which leave from East Lansing and end on Sunday, Sept. 1, in Mackinaw City. Newer options include a three-day route that departs from Grayling Friday morning or a two-day route that leaves from Cheboygan Saturday morning.

Over 1,200 riders are expected to participate in the 2019 tour.

DALMAC seeks to develop an appreciation of bicycling as both recreation and transportation, to promote a bicycle-friendly environment in Michigan and to demonstrate how bicycles and other vehicles can safely share our state roads. It is a recreational tour open to all capable, interested bicyclists.

Proceeds from the tour have enabled The DALMAC Fund to grant over \$1.3 million to bicycling-related organizations and causes since 1985. Programs benefiting from these grants represent a variety of purposes, from trail projects to public safety to extending bicycling opportunities to those with disabilities.

DALMAC is hosted by the Lansing-based Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA), the largest local bicycling organization in Michigan, with approximately 1,000 members. The year-round efforts of TCBA volunteers make it possible to offer a high-quality tour at a reasonable price and to raise money in support of bicycling programs without asking riders to collect pledges.

Local riders and their routes are: Randall Eckard of Lowell, 4 day west; Ann Nichols of Lowell, 2 day east; and George E. Raimer of Saranac, 5 day west. None have done past DALMACs.



Red Arrow

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SPORTS

Third annual LHS soccer alumni game set for Friday

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell High School boys soccer program will be putting on their third annual alumni game this Friday at Bob Perry Field at 6:00 pm.

Each year, the game raises funds for an important cause close to the LHS soccer community. This year, the game will be raising funds for the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship. From the scholarship's Facebook page: "The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship has been established by family and friends in memory of Austin, a varsity soccer player. This one-year award is given to an LHS varsity letter winning senior athlete

planning to play a collegiate sport. Leadership, extra-curricular activities, and financial need will also be considered." Last year's game raised \$1,466 also benefited the scholarship fund.

Red Arrow fans can get their first look at the 2019 Lowell High School varsity boys soccer team as they face off against a group of Lowell High School alumni soccer players. This year, the roster for alumni team includes: Jake Sweet, 2014; Ian Grohman, 2014; Aaron Snell, 1992; David Kropf, 2004; Liam Kelley, 2014; Landon Smith, 2017; Douglas Kelly, 1988; Katlin Manszewski, 2008; Logan Smith, 2017; Will Athman,

2012; Raul Damian, 2014; Spencer Lyon, 2014; Logan Landman, 2017; Nick Struckmeyer, 2019; Ben Noffke, 2017; Ryan Noffke, 2018; Ben Hanson, 2006; Chris Barlow, 2007; Sean Mandle, 2002; Grant Breuker, 2012; Nick Abdo, 2008; Patrick Vogel, 2003; Robbie Dubisky, 2017; Josh Theisen, 2014 and Denny Briggs, 1997.

It's a great opportunity to see some of the best players from Lowell soccer's past compete once again. Past games have been fun, fast, high-scoring affairs with 12 goals scored in 2017 and 9 goals scored last year.

Lowell JV boys soccer head coach Jake Sweet, who



Chris Barlow (Class of 2007) looking to get past Nick Struckmeyer in last year's game.



Justin Wade tries to gain possession against Liam Kelley (Class of 2014) in last Year's Alumni Game.

helped launch the event in 2017, is looking forward to seeing a great crowd on Friday. "We'd like to make it a bigger event each year. My goal is to incorporate as many alumni as we can to get them involved in the program. I also love being able to connect with all the past players and seeing the enthusiasm from them. We have players from the Class of 2019 to the Class of 1988, it's awesome to see players wanting to play again."

Asked about plans for the future, Coach Sweet told us "Incorporating a women's game has been brought up, and I want to get that going somehow."

Robbie Dubisky (LHS Class of 2017), who played outside midfielder for the Lowell soccer program during high school, will be partaking in the event for the third consecutive year. "I'm looking forward to being back at Bob Perry Field and playing with guys I played with in high school. It definitely brings back memories, and it's a good opportunity for the current varsity players to learn how to play as a team early," Dubisky says regarding participating again this year. "It's amazing we've turned this into both a preseason game for the boys team as well as a fundraiser for the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship."

Entrance for the event is a suggested donation

to the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship fund. Concessions also are a suggested \$5 donation which includes a full meal. The game will kick off at 6:00 pm on Friday, August 16, at Lowell's Bob Perry Field. Warm-ups begin at 5:00 pm.

"It's not just an alumni game, it's a Red Arrow community game. Come out and support a great cause Friday night!" - Coach Sweet

Past results: 2017 - 6-6 Draw, LHS varsity won 4-3 on PKs; 2018 - LHS varsity won 7-2

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NEED EXTRA CASH? - We are taking applications for carriers to deliver the Buyers Guide on Saturdays. Must be dependable! Work less than 1 day a week! Get paid weekly, pickup papers at Buyers Guide office. Apply in person, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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GARAGE SALE - Fri. & Sat., Aug. 16 & 17, 10 am - 4 pm. 2783 Pinckney Rd., Saranac. Two - 2017 ATV Polaris, 4 wheel drive w/ trailer, kept inside, refrigerator, air compressor, tool boxes, few tools, men's clothes & household items.

TWO FAMILY SALE - Wed., Aug. 21-Fri., Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 9590 Anderson Acres, Alto. Man cave items, tools, 18 ft. Tracker, golf clubs, antiques, household, books, toys, and much more. Percentage of proceeds going to charity.

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wanted

VENDORS WANTED - for the Alto Harvest Festival Craft & Vendor Show at the Alto Harvest Festival & Car Show, Sat., Sept. 21, downtown Alto. Outdoor show, 10 x 10 space \$35. Email altocraftshow@gmail.com for registration form and complete details.

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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.

ATTENTION SENIORS - Every Friday evening seniors get together for conversation, food, dancing and music. Cunningham Acre, 4980 W. Pepper Lake Rd. on route M-50, 1 1/4 miles W. of Lake Odessa. For more information contact Betty at 616-374-7512.

MAHJONGG AT THE LIBRARY - Through - Aug. 30, every Friday, 1 pm. American Mahjongg: a game of skill, strategy and calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjongg set or borrow ours. Seating is limited. For adults. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

FAMILY YOGA SATURDAYS - Now - Aug. 24, Every Saturday, 11 am. Family yoga is an all-ages activity with a focus on the benefits of mindfulness. Together we will engage in fun poses, learn how to breathe, be creative with yoga activities/games and relax. For ages 6 and up with a caregiver. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SESSIONS - 3-5 pm by appointment. One-on-one assistance with basic computer skills, tablets, smart phones, downloadable material using the free library platforms, etc. Please inform library staff with detailed information on what assistance is needed when scheduling the appointment at 616-633-1001. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N.

Main, Clarksville.
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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - a Christ-centered, Biblically-based 12 step program for people with hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meets every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Impact, 11840 Fulton St., Lowell. Open to all who are 18 years or older. Fourth Thursday of each month is Chip Night when we celebrate a meal together starting at 6 pm.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP 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 Tuesday of the month from, 5 to 8 pm at Franciscan Life Processing Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, 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.

AMERICAN LEGION #152 MEETING - fourth Monday of the month, 7 pm. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, Lowell.

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

TECH SESSIONS - 9 am - 1 pm by appointment on Wednesdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer skills, tablets, smart phones, downloadable material using the free library platforms, etc. Please inform library staff with detailed information on what assistance is needed when scheduling the appointment. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

CUB SCOUT 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 7:30 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

MINECRAFT - 1st Monday of the month at 4:30 pm. Get your Minecraft fix & show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers & licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

TECH SAVY SENIORS - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1-2 pm. For older people in a digital world, it's easy to become overwhelmed or feel intimidated by all the new technology around us. Join us to discuss current tech topics & gain the skills and confidence to access information & services online. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL - 519 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.atclowell.org

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.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

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 flattriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - is located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30pm and Thursday 2-4:30pm to help moms and families in need with basic supplies like diapers, wipes and other baby items. We are non-denominational and serve families in the Lowell area. Please call Michele with any questions at 616-322-5957.

Kent County Youth Fair, continued



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Lowell City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm., in the City Hall at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The subject of the hearing will be:

Request for Planned Unit Development rezoning at 219 High Street for a residential condominium project called "Riverview Flats."

Unity School Investors, LLC, has submitted an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) to redevelop property at 219 High Street. The proposed PUD would include redevelopment of the existing Unity School building, the existing bus garage, and the construction of new residential buildings on the subject property. The proposed development would occur in three phases and, when complete, would include 44 residential condominiums.

Copies of the proposed PUD, supporting documentation and materials, and the City's Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing during regular business hours at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. Written Comments will be received until the night of the hearing.

If you are planning to attend this hearing and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the City Clerk by calling at (616) 897-8457 as soon as possible.



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Puzzle solutions
on page 12

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WORD SEARCH

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: *Summer*

THEME: FAMOUS DOGS

ACROSS

- One chore, e.g.
- Not bright
- *Dog in yoga
- Impersonator
- *Marvel Comics' ____ Dogs
- *First dog in space
- Bulb holder
- Auto pioneer
- Without illumination
- *Smallest dog breed
- Play-ers
- Those who vote against
- Paul Simon's former partner
- Medium's seance state
- Do like ivy, two words
- *Type of terrier
- L in NFL
- Cleanse
- Priest's Eucharist garb
- Pilgrimage to Mecca
- On the fritz
- Eight furlongs
- Study of bird eggs
- Not lager
- Change into stone
- Scandinavian country
- Web robot

- Plants and animals
- Partner to greet
- *Wartime horrors
- Royal topper
- What Daenerys Targaryen wanted to do
- Like tiny print
- Seizure or sunstroke
- Between ids and super-egos
- Sacred image in Orthodox Church
- Al Capone's nemesis Eliot
- One of the five W's
- Aren't, colloquially

DOWN

- Magnesium silicate
- Moonfish
- Bruce Willis' ex
- Oliver Twist, e.g.
- Indian metropolis
- River in India
- Table hill
- Thin cigar
- Rembrandt's medium
- SNL act
- David Zinzenko's "____ This, Not That!"
- Chin beard
- Filthy dough

- "I give up!"
- 1/100 of a hectare
- *Lady's Bella Notte date
- China grass
- Like tower of Pisa
- *Stephen King's rabid character
- Native American fruit
- Throat lobe
- *"Our Gang" pit bull terrier
- Call to a mate
- Girl
- *Hound of Hades
- ____ Protocol, climate change treaty
- "Oftentimes" in poetry
- Gnostic's intuitions
- Itsy-bitsy bits
- Basket-making fibers
- When it breaks, the cradle will fall
- Traditional Inuit home
- Three blind ones
- Chows down
- *What Charles Schulz did with Snoopy
- ____pedia or ____leaks
- In a little while, to Shakespeare
- Rock opera version of "La Bohème"
- "Wizard of Oz" man

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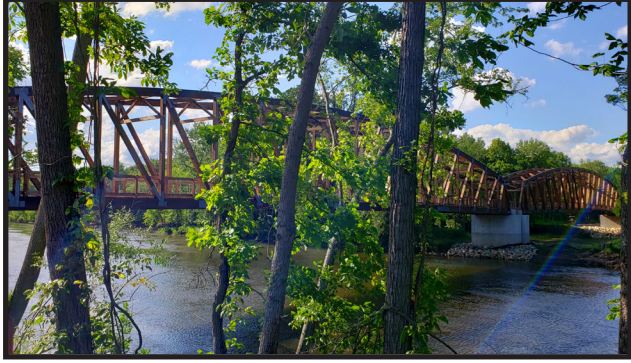
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