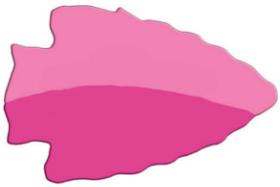


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Lego Showboat on display at 92.3 WRWW

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

A Lowell Showboat constructed from Legos is now on display in the main hallway at Lowell High School across from the WRWW 92.3 FM studio.

The trail to the display case began five years ago when a Lowell fourth grader named Vivi Bledsoe entered and won a contest called "I Want To Build" by submitting a photo of herself in front of the Lowell Showboat. Her grand prize was a gigantic model of the Showboat constructed entirely out of Legos by master model builder David Howard of Chicago. Bledsoe enjoyed her Lego Showboat at home for about a year, then allowed it to be on display inside the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building. Earlier this year, Bledsoe, now a ninth grader at Lowell High School, donated it Lowell Rotary's "Denim and Diamonds" auction to help raise money to rebuild the Showboat. At that auction, Red Barn Consignments & Antiques owner Marty Chambers purchased the Lego Showboat, the demolished Showboat's smokestacks and other Showboat memorabilia.



Lowell mayor Michael DeVore, WRWW station manager Al Eckman and Red Barn Consignments & Antiques owner Marty Chambers.

"It was a silent auction, so I had to keep going back up and back up and back up," Chambers said. "Every five minutes I walked back over to check on [the Lego Showboat] and the smokestacks. It's pretty cool, it's one of a kind. Vivi Bledsoe's mother

came into the store and said, 'You've got my daughter's Lego Showboat!' [At first] I was like, 'What kind of person has Lego build their daughter a Showboat? Who does such things?' That was when I learned the whole history of her entering the contest, winning it and going

to Chicago. In the antiques industry, if you have a provenance trail, that's king. When her mother came in and explained everything, all of this started a provenance trail for the piece and its entire history. I never get to be at the beginning of anything like this, where you can start

the provenance trail. You're usually 200 or 300 years into the provenance trail, never at the very beginning, so I found that very cool."

WRWW station manager Al Eckman also attended the auction and noticed that

Lego Showboat, continued, page 4

Special quilt debuts at museum garden party



Denise Barker created a quilt illustrated with a road map of Lowell from 1952.

Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

The Lowell Area Historical Museum held its annual Summerfest this past Friday night, Aug. 16.

Several members of the community turned out to the event that benefits many of the museum's programs. With many different food choices from six different restaurants and different beverage options, everyone who attended was able to enjoy a great dinner along with live entertainment.

Museum director Lisa Plank was very happy with

the turnout.

"The event has gone very well, we've had higher attendance this year," Plank said. "The weather has been really nice. The addition of the band this year has really been a help. I've seen so many great members of the community tonight. It really helps the museum, we use this event to fund some of our activities so having so many people attend really helps us."

The event was serenaded by music from local bluegrass

band Easy Idle String Band, made up of members Dave Simmonds, Ron Bailey, Jim Foerch, Dave Knight and Bethany Tanis. They played throughout the evening for all the event-goers.

It was also the first chance for local quilter Denise Barker to show off her completed quilt showcasing a road map of Lowell from the 1950s. The quilt featured all of the roads from the Lowell downtown area in 1952. Surrounding it were many houses and buildings

that represented various parts of the Lowell community including King Milling and the surrounding farm area.

"I wanted to create a representation of the Lowell road map on a quilt," Barker said. "I had seen it done previously on a New Orleans road map. I asked the Lowell museum if they had any maps, and they provided me with a replica from 1952. I finished it about a week ago and the museum decided to put it up for everyone to see tonight!"

Event attendees had free access to the entire museum, allowing them to see what the museum has on display now and what will be unveiled in the near future. This includes a new piece on the original builders and owners of the home that the museum is located in, the Graham Family.

It was a successful night for everyone involved and a great night for the future of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



City council discusses dump, retirement, income tax

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Aug. 19. The council announced the retirement of an important city staff member, heard updates about the Lowell income tax and the Ware Dump and approved a special event at the meeting. It lasted about 50 minutes and was attended by 11 local residents.

Rick Carpenter from Eaton Rapids-based firm Innovative Software Services addressed the council about the Lowell income tax. If their \$124,223.75 proposal is accepted by the city, Innovative Software Services would administer the tax. Innovative Software Services administers taxation for many municipal clients in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, including Detroit, Walker, Hamtramck, Bowling Green and Akron.

“Just to learn our software to be used, it takes approximately about a year to two years to get really comfortable with it,” Carpenter said. “It’s a very large application. [...] If you go with us, you don’t have to purchase any computer hardware, it’s actually housed at our facilities and taken care of that way.”

Lowell city manager Michael Burns updated the council about the situation at the Ware Road Dump. Located a few miles southeast of town, it was in use by local businesses and individuals from the late 1950s until 1982. Earlier this year, the site was identified by the State of Michigan as polluted by

three highly toxic chemicals: tetrachloroethylene, dichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride. The land is still owned by the city, so they are financially responsible for cleaning up the site. The city has been working with Grand Rapids firm BLDI Environmental Engineering to investigate the dump and come up with a plan to deal with the contamination.

“We have submitted that work plan to MDOT,” Burns said. “They’re going to use the three wells they have there now. They’re going to add three additional wells on the site. [...] We anticipate the testing probably beginning in about four weeks, with results shortly thereafter. All the staking has been done by Williams & Works. They have clearly-defined property lines and they have locations where they’re going to have the wells.”

Burns announced the retirement on Aug. 31 of Lowell city sexton Don DeJong, a city employee for 24 years. DeJong has written several comprehensive books about important figures in Lowell’s history, some of them are for sale at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

“He will be missed, he did an excellent job for the city,” Burns said. “I think what I want to do is try and utilize that position for other needs in the [department of public works] and look at contracting out the burial and mowing work at the [cemetery] site.”

In other business, the council approved closing Broadway for the Larkin’s



Lowell city council in discussion at their Monday, Aug. 19 meeting.

Restaurant chili cook-off on Oct. 12 and declared Sept. 13 “Pink Arrow Pride Day: Arrow Force XII” in Lowell.

Lowell city council’s next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 3, delayed one day because city hall will be closed on the Labor Day holiday. That meeting’s agenda will include a public hearing about the Unity School condo development. A representative from MDOT will attend a public “committee of the whole” meeting with the council at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 3, to discuss why it’s unlikely there will be a left turn arrow added to the Main and Hudson traffic signal.

The council will meet with the public at a “Coffee with the Council” event at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on the Riverwalk from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Sept. 7.

To watch various city council, board and



Rick Carpenter from Innovative Software Services; his company could administer the Lowell income tax if voters approve it.

commission meetings from the recent past, visit the “City of Lowell” or “Lowell Light and Power” channels on YouTube.

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Historical Events

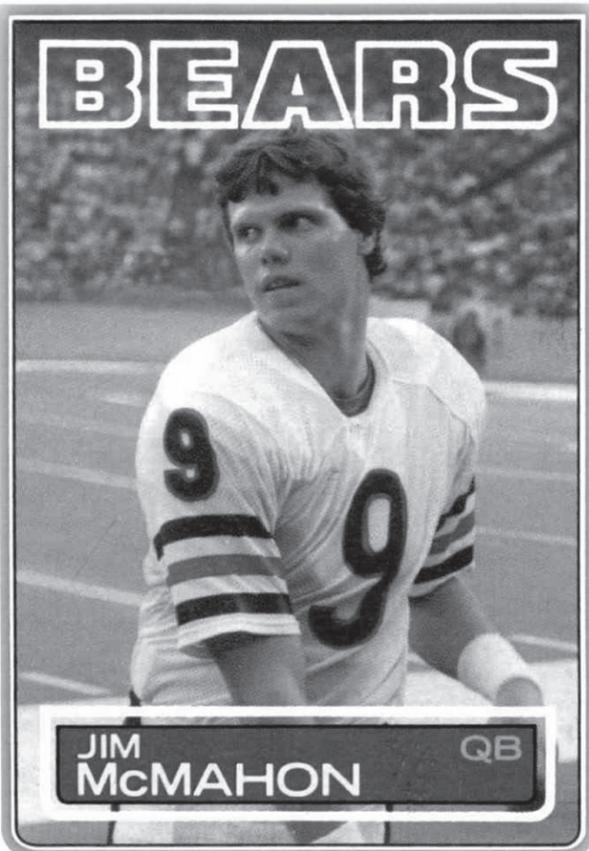
- 1192: Minamoto no Yoritomo becomes Sei-i Taishōgun, the ruler of Japan.
- 1331: Stefan Dušan succeeds his father, King Stefan Uroš III, as King of Serbia.
- 1680: Pueblo Revolt: Pueblo Indians capture Santa Fe from the Spanish.
- 1689: The Battle of Dunkeld in Scotland.
- 1770: James Cook claims eastern Australia for Great Britain and names it New South Wales.
- 1772: King Gustav III of Sweden ends parliamentary rule in that country.
- 1791: Beginning of the Haitian Revolution, led by Dutty Boukman.



Born in Ankara, Turkey on this date in 1952, Joe Strummer of the Clash recorded "Love Kills," the theme song to the movie "Sid & Nancy," in 1986.

- 1942: World War II Battle of the Tenaru: Americans defeat a Japanese attack.
- 1944: Beginning of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, which led to the United Nations.
- 1959: Hawaii is admitted as the 50th US state.
- 1961: Patsy Cline records Willie Nelson's "Crazy."
- 1983: Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino, Jr. is assassinated in Manila.
- 1991: Latvia declares its full independence from the Soviet Union.
- 2000: Tiger Woods wins the 82nd PGA Championship, becoming the first golfer to win three majors in a calendar year since 1953.
- 2016: Closing of the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.
- 2017: There is a solar eclipse across the continental United States.

- 1949: Loretta Devine, actor, singer
- 1952: Joe Strummer, singer, songwriter, The Clash
- 1954: Steve Smith, drummer, Journey
- 1956: Kim Cattrall, actor
- 1957: Frank Pastore, baseball player, radio host
- 1959: Jim McMahon, football player, coach
- 1961: Stephen Hillenburg, "Spongebob Squarepants" creator
- 1963: Mohammed VI, King of Morocco
- 1965: Jim Bullinger, baseball player
- 1967: Carrie-Anne Moss, actor
- 1967: Serj Tankian, singer, songwriter
- 1968: Dina Carroll, singer, songwriter
- 1971: Liam Howlett, keyboard player, The Prodigy
- 1973: Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google
- 1979: Kelis, singer, songwriter
- 1986: Usain Bolt, sprinter
- 1988: Kacey Musgraves, singer, songwriter
- 1989: Hayden Panettiere, actor
- 1990: Bo Burnham, comedian, musician, actor



Born today in 1959, Jim McMahon was the quarterback who led the Chicago Bears to a 46-10 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX on Jan. 26, 1986.

- 1810: Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte is elected Crown Prince of Sweden.
- 1831: Nat Turner leads black slaves and free blacks in a rebellion in Southampton County, VA.
- 1863: Pro-Confederate guerrillas called "Quantrill's Raiders" destroy Lawrence, KS.
- 1888: William Seward Burroughs patents the first successful adding machine.
- 1897: Founding of the Oldsmobile automobile manufacturing company.
- 1911: The Mona Lisa is stolen by Louvre employee Vincenzo Perugia.
- 1914: World War I Battle of Charleroi in France.
- 1918: World War I Second Battle of the Somme.

Birthdays

- 1165: King Philip II of France
- 1829: Otto Goldschmidt, German composer, conductor, pianist, husband of Jenny Lind
- 1904: Count Basie, pianist, composer, bandleader
- 1906: Friz Freleng, animator
- 1924: Jack Buck, sportscaster
- 1930: Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, sister of Queen Elizabeth II
- 1932: Melvin Van Peebles, actor, director, screenwriter
- 1936: Wilt Chamberlain, basketball player, coach
- 1938: Kenny Rogers, singer, songwriter, actor
- 1939: James Burton, lead guitarist, bandleader for Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Johnny Cash, etc.
- 1941: Jackie DeShannon, singer, songwriter
- 1945: Basil Poledouris, composer, conductor for movies and television
- 1947: Carl Giammarese, singer, songwriter, The Buckingham



Born Aug. 21, 1904, William "Count" Basie worked with everyone from Ella Fitzgerald to Frank Sinatra during his 50-plus year career.



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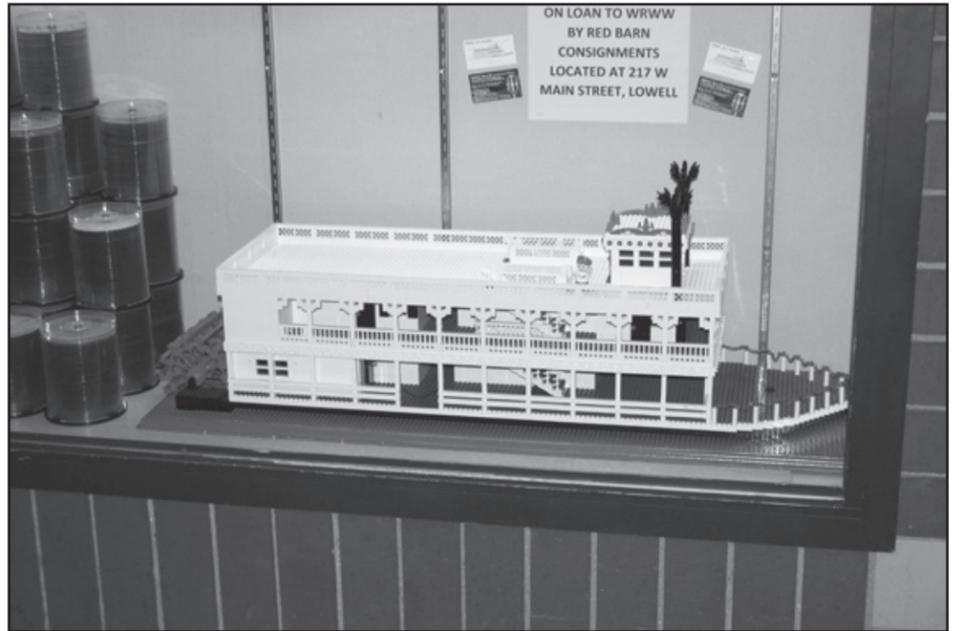
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Lego Showboat, continued



The Lego Showboat in its new home inside of a display case in the main hallway near the WRWW studio at Lowell High School.

Chambers bought the Lego Showboat and had it on display at his store. Since the station's nickname is "the Showboat," Eckman wondered if Chambers would consider allowing them to place it inside of a glass display case across from their studio in the main hallway at Lowell High School.



Captain Ivan on the deck of the Lego Showboat.

"I was at Red Barn Consignments talking to Marty and thinking about maybe getting a piece of the Showboat to put in our studio," Eckman said. "I saw the Lego Showboat and thought, 'It can't get any better than that!' So I inquired, he said, 'Yeah, we'll loan it to you,' and we are just so super pleased."

"When Al approached me, I was like, 'Yeah, let's do it,'" Chambers said. "We wanted [to keep] it in the store until we were done selling the Showboat memorabilia, which is coming to an end at the next concert. There is hardly anything left."

The new display includes Bledsoe's prize-winning photo from five years ago, photos of her in Chicago helping design the Lego Showboat with master model builder David Howard, choosing Lego pieces of the correct color and size and, nine months later, picking

up the finished product. Chambers added one feature to the Lego Showboat for its display at LHS, a tiny Captain Blough.

"You've been in my store, I collect all these tchotchkes and silly little things," Chambers said, "Somewhere along the line I picked up

this little guy. Mike [DeVore, Lowell mayor] and I wrote 'Ivan' on him so Ivan can be in the showcase too. [The Showboat] is a symbol of our downtown, and it'll be here forever, because plastic, as we all know, doesn't biodegrade in landfills."

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viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

My wife [Lucille] said she was going to Ball's Ice Cream. I didn't know if she was in the back yard or down at the ice cream palace. When I went to check on her I see her going down S. Jefferson, so I went back in the house. I thought she was down getting the ice cream. Someone called the police and reported her walking around looking lost. Next thing I know the police and her come in the house. Thanks to officer Scott VanSolkema at 5:32 pm for bringing her home [and] who called my daughters Doris Frye, Barb

Paul and Cindy Klifman due to the fact she was very upset. After everyone came and left, she got upset again and I had to call the police to come. Thanks to officer Wil Smith [at] 10:41 pm, who came out and helped calm her down, and the Rockford Ambulance and family for coming back. Doris and I stayed up with her all night and she didn't want anything do with us because she said I called the police. I didn't.

John Erickson
Lowell

Dear Editor,

Hatred! Have You Had Enough?

Have we heard enough ongoing relentless vitriol, ridicule, intimidation, name calling, bullying, character assnigation, and politics of personal destruction? Are we appalled by the crude language and profanity?

Are we tired of being told, if we do not agree with someone, that we are a racist, sexist, bigot, homophobe, xenophobe, and the latest, a white supremacist? Is freedom of speech only allowed for some? Have these derogatory names become an automatic response by those who won't or can't offer specific solutions or engage in a debate of ideas?

Are we tired of the relentless efforts to remove this duly elected president and demonize and retaliate against those who voted for him? Are we concerned about the credibility of

our Department of Justice, CIA and FBI and if there really was a silent coup to remove this president? Are the words "No one is above the law." applied to both political parties? Would we like the media to transition from hate mongering and name calling to investigative journalism and the news? Are we tired of the attacks against due process, free speech, our flag, the pledge of alliance, and the office of President?

Are we tired of seeing conservative speakers forced from campuses, protestors destroying businesses, and conservative journalists beaten; and the Universities curtailing free speech and the police instructed to stand down? Are we tired of being afraid to voice our views, wear patriot and political t-shirts, or put political stickers on our vehicles for

fear of retaliation? Are we tired of angry and shouting politicians and presidential candidates?

Did we all see the video clip and hear the hateful threats from those protesting in front of Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell's home? Are we tired of hearing about multiple gigantic proposals for change in our country without getting specific details, costs, and implementation timelines, etc.? Don't politicians know we've experienced Pelosi's announcement "we need to pass it in order to learn what's in it" And we've had Whitmer's "fix the damn roads" campaign promise only to learn that the detail she forgot to share was her plan to add a 45 cents tax to each gallon of gas. And why do they write such long laws, not read

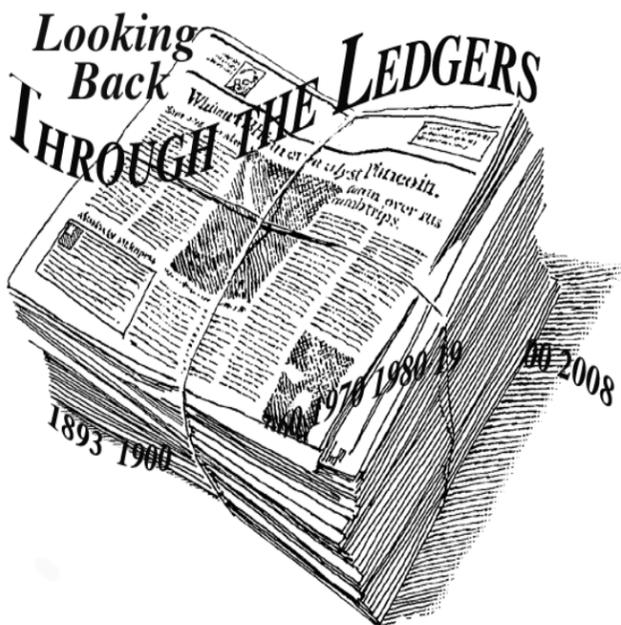
them, and then rush them through?

And, of course, the latest example of hatred is the NBC Universal violent R-rated film, The Hunt, (initially titled Red State, Blue State) in which liberal elites hunt conservative deplorables for fun. They describe this as a "certain-to-be-controversial satire".

We are privileged to live in a country with the greatest self-governing document, the Constitution. Our forefathers pledged their lives, fortune, and sacred honor and multitudes have given the ultimate sacrifice so we might live in freedom. Are we willing to find common ground so what they sacrificed is not in vain?

Is there a desire for an exchange of ideas?

Carol Drenth
Vergennes Township



125 years ago Lowell Ledger August 29, 1894

John Andrews failed to have his peach tree examined at Lowell as reported last week. He wanted to, but has since burned the peaches from one tree affected with yellows.

A curiosity was brought to our office last Saturday by Jas. Calvin, of Fallasburg, in a small striped snake about a foot long which had two heads. The snake was alive, but not very lively as it was just shedding its skin, the heads were joined just back of the neck, each having about an inch of neck, there were four eyes but apparently only one mouth, for when touched it only hissed and darted its tongue from its right head. Mr. Calvin still has the snake and will probably keep it.

Mrs. F. M. Thompson and Miss Winnie Wisner called on Mrs. Uriel Snow last Wednesday and were pained that her health will not permit her to join in any of the pioneer gatherings of the season, among whom she was, long years ago one of the most worthy and faithful of the pioneers of Cascade Twp.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 21, 1919

U. B. Williams, who has been in business in Lowell for about 25 years, has decided to close out his business and to make his home with his late wife's parents, Mr. And Mrs. Cogswell, of East Lansing.

A liberal supply of the surplus army food has been allotted to Lowell and orders are being received at the Lowell Post-office and by the rural carriers. List includes baked beans, corned beef, roast beef, corn, peas, dry beans, flour, pepper, soup, tomatoes and bacon. Orders for less than case lots will be taken in groups.

The outcome of the Ford-Tribune libel suit—a six cent damage verdict for Mr. Ford—will be satisfactory to the public and should also be so to the contestants. Mr. Ford is no anarchist and he doesn't need or want the million. Moreover, if he ever had an itching for public life, he has probably gotten bravely over it. Manufacturing automobiles and tractors is his job, and he is a master hand at it. The Tribune, too, has had its lesson, in the expenses of its defense; and millions of people will better understand the difference between use and abuse of freedom of speech and press.

75 years The Lowell Ledger August 24, 1944

At the meeting of the Common Council on Monday night, the seriousness of the local water situation was discussed, tentative plans being considered for the improvement of the water supply. A weekly sample of the water is to be sent to the State Board of Health for checking of the salt content, and water engineers are to be called in for consultation.

A large barn on the Rudy Wittenbach farm, 5 miles south of Lowell, was totally destroyed by fire about 8:30 last Wednesday evening with most of its contents, including four calves, 40 tons of hay, 550 bushels of oats, 175 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of straw. Most of the tools were saved. The

contents were covered by insurance and the building partially covered.

The C. H. Runciman Company, in Lowell, is getting a new office building, having outgrown their old quarters. And while going down the road by the Runciman plant we couldn't help but notice that the Rutherford Canning Factory was getting quite a lot of tomatoes. Dry weather has curbed production of this crop.

50 years The Lowell Ledger August 21, 1969

Blaine E. Bacon, Lowell's new city manager,

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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.

The requirements are:

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- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "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.
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HEALTH

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- glaucoma

Glaucoma occurs when there is too much pressure in the eye. The increase in pressure is caused by too much fluid in the eyeball, which can eventually damage the optic nerve.

Glaucoma affects more than 70 million people in the world. It is the leading cause of permanent blindness. People who are older than 60 years or have a family history of glaucoma are more likely to develop glaucoma.

Depending on the type of glaucoma (open angle vs angle closure glaucoma), symptoms may include eye

pain and redness, visual changes, loss of vision, or "tunnel vision".

If you are tested for glaucoma and are diagnosed with it, you should see an eye specialist (ophthalmologist) to start treatment. The goal of treatment is to maintain a patient's vision-related quality of life. Although glaucoma cannot be reversed once nerve damage is done, there are treatments that can slow the progression of nerve damage. These include several different types of eye drops or, in severe cases, eye surgery.

anniversaries

Roudabush



Virgil and Carmen Roudabush

Virgil and Carmen Roudabush enjoyed dining out with family to celebrate their 71st anniversary on July 31.

They are parents of two sons, Joel and Brenda and Sam and Bonnie. They have been blessed with

four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Virgil retired from King Milling Co. after 42 years. They have always lived in Lowell except the 13 winters in their home in Lakeland, FL. They have enjoyed eight cruises.

Looking back, continued

stepped into his office at City Hall Monday to become the community's second administrative head since incorporation to city status in 1960. As is the custom of new city managers, Bacon took an inspection tour of the city in company of Tom Ford, DPW foreman and acting city manager for the past several months following the resignation of Bernard C. Olson.

The King Milling Co., in keeping pace with the need for increased office facilities, has completely remodeled its headquarters on Main St.

A claim for \$10,000 has been filed against the City of Lowell by Leslie Brooks Porter Jr., 45, through his attorney, Leon B. Buer, of Grand Rapids. In a letter to city officials, Attorney Buer stated that the claim was instituted on behalf of Porter who alleges that he was beaten by Lowell Police following his arrest on July 18 in the vicinity of 291 Donna Drive.

25 years The Lowell Ledger August 24, 1994

Industrial development could occur on 120 acres of land near I-96 in the near future, and handling the wastewater situation from any facility is a major concern for the Lowell Township Planning Commission.

School is about to start once again, but one familiar face will not be seen in the hallways this year. That face belongs to Art Bieri. Bieri retired from the Lowell School system after 36 years. He said that the idea of retiring is due in part to wanting to spend more time doing this for himself and his family.

The city of Lowell quickened its pursuit of the Bowes Road, Alden Nash/M-21 intersection improvements with a little help from its friend in Lansing. The city of Lowell has been in hot pursuit of a traffic signal at that location for the past 2-4 months. With the new high school scheduled to open on Aug. 30, traffic is expected to increase at that intersection therefore, completing the work has become a pressing matter.

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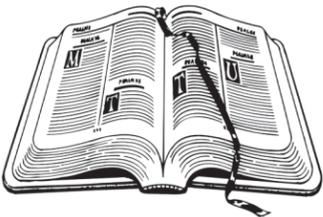
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You should let Social Security know as soon as possible when a person in your family dies. Usually, the funeral director will report the person's death to Social Security. You'll need to give the deceased's Social Security number to the funeral director so they can make the report.

Some of the deceased's family members may be able to receive Social Security benefits if the deceased person worked long enough in jobs covered by Social Security to qualify for benefits. Contact Social Security as soon as possible to make sure the family

gets all the benefits they're entitled to.

Please read the following information carefully to learn what benefits may be available.

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- Younger than age 18;
- 18-19 years old and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12); or
- 18 or older with a disability that began before age 22.

To get benefits, a child must have:

- A parent who's disabled or retired and entitled to Social Security benefits; or
- A parent who died after having worked long enough in a job where they paid Social Security taxes.

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Within a family, a child can receive up to half of the parent's full retirement or

disability benefit. If a child receives Survivors benefits, he or she can get up to 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit.

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Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

July police statistics



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 19 arrests during the month of July, up from 10 arrests in June. The arrests included two for drunk driving, two other alcohol-related arrests, seven for outstanding warrants and eight that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 105 arrests made by Lowell Police during the first seven months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors during July. There were 13 larceny calls, three breaking and entering complaints, two dog/animal complaints, two malicious destructions, eight disorderly conduct calls and six assaults. Lowell police issued 25 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. Out of 98 traffic stops in July, they let 80 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 12 times and called other agencies for assistance 15 times in July. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 34 times.

Lowell police were dispatched to 11 accidents during July, two with injuries.

Air travelers could find themselves grounded when REAL ID goes into effect on Oct. 1, 2020

From coast to coast, state to state and town to town, the alarm bells are ringing in anticipation of the fast-approaching deadline for REAL ID, the post-9/11 federal requirement that sets mandatory higher security

standards for identification. And if you haven't been paying attention, it's time you did.



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If you travel by air, REAL ID will impact you.

Oct. 1, 2020 is the date to remember. That's when REAL ID goes into full effect and it's going to matter if you find yourself in a Homeland Security scenario, such as boarding flights within the United States or entering certain federal facilities such as military bases or nuclear power plants. In these situations, your standard, state-issued driver's license or ID card no longer will be good enough to prove you

are who you say you are. Without a REAL ID, you'll be turned away, which means that cross-country flight you've been planning to visit Aunt Louise in Arizona may turn into a long, scenic road trip.

Becoming REAL ID ready. The good news is that many people already have a REAL ID document, such as a valid U.S. passport or passport card, a DHS Trusted Traveler Card or an Enhanced Driver's License. There's a full list of acceptable REAL ID documents at TSA.gov. The bad news is your standard driver's license or ID card isn't on that list, unless you turn it into a REAL ID-compliant document.

Thankfully, becoming REAL ID-ready isn't complicated. To turn your license or ID card

into a REAL ID, simply visit a Secretary of State branch office or make an appointment at Michigan.gov/SOS. You'll need to bring the required documents to prove your identity, and be aware that if you

ever changed your name, you may need additional documentation. When your new license or ID comes in the mail, it will have the REAL ID star in the top right corner.

The big message is don't delay. As of June 2019, only 37 percent of Michigan licenses and ID cards were REAL ID-compliant, which could mean a last-minute rush at Secretary for State offices when Oct. 1, 2020, deadline nears. Be ready.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/RealID.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. Section 3.02 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance contains regulations for accessory structures and uses; language is proposed as follows:

Define when an accessory structure is part of the principal building; amend the requirements for front yard setbacks of accessory structures in all zoning districts; amend the requirements for side and rear yard setbacks of accessory structures in all zoning districts; add a maximum lot coverage of 35% in the R-3 Urban Residential District; amend the requirements for setbacks for non-farm accessory buildings housing non-house pets.

2. Amend Section 2.34a to include the definition of Farm Building.
3. Amend Section 4.08 Schedule of Regulations to delete certain footnotes.
4. Amend Section 3.45 to include lots of ten acres or less when requesting an exception to the required width to depth ratio;
5. Amend Section 14.01 to add and delete certain special land uses.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments are 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 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

Experimental art exhibit coming to LowellArts



“Still Silent, Still Missing,” mixed media, collage, graphite drawing and found objects by Kimberly Grace Gill.

by Patrick Misner
contributing reporter

LowellArts will be hosting the annual Juried Experimental Art Exhibit beginning on Saturday, Sept. 7 and running through Saturday, Oct. 26. The exhibit is held in coordination with the International Society of Experimental Artists, and this will be their 28th juried exhibition. Many artists submitted material for the exhibition, and Joseph Becherer, former Meijer Gardens curator and current director of the Snite Museum of Art at Notre Dame, will be selecting winners competing for over \$10,000 in awards.

Maxine Masterfield and Gracie Hegeman founded the ISEA in 1991, and it currently has over 500 members in the USA and the rest of the world. Previous exhibitions have taken place all over including places such as

Bethlehem, PA, Sanibel, FL, San Pedro, CA, and many other locations.

Local resident Patti Sevensma is the president of ISEA, and she was instrumental in bringing the exhibit to Lowell this year, with the recent LowellArts relocation and renovation being a motivating factor.

“As a member of LowellArts for many years I was aware of the completion of their wonderful new space for exhibiting art,” Sevensma explained. “I approached them with a proposal for ISEA to have our 28th annual juried exhibition in this new space. The proposal was accepted about two years ago and we will be hanging this exhibition in LowellArts.”

Sevensma is an artist herself working with photography and other

mediums. It was through her own art that she got involved with ISEA and eventually became the president of the organization.

“I became aware of ISEA in 1992 through a friend who had been my high school art teacher,” said Sevensma. “I joined and attended my first symposium in Forth Worth, TX. That was in 1993. There, I met one of the founders of the organization, Maxine Masterfield. As a gift, I sent her a DVD of the images I had taken during the symposium. In return, she hired me to make a promo DVD for the organization to use when applying to other venues. I continued to attend these events, joined the board of directors as the secretary about 10 years ago, and have been president for the last six

years. It is a group of artists that is open to all art forms and artists.”

As previously mentioned, Joseph Becherer will be the juror for this year’s competition. ISEA hoped that his previous work with Meijer Gardens would encourage more 3D artists to apply for the exhibition. They received nearly 300 entries and Becherer narrowed them down to approximately 100 for the final exhibit. Winners from this group

will be announced at an awards reception taking place on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5 pm until 8 pm.

Becherer described the process of judging for this year’s exhibit.

“There were many tough decisions to be made to bring the number of works selected for exhibition into a reasonable range that the exhibition space merited, but I congratulate all those that applied,” Becherer commented. “To those selected as winners,



“Easy Rider,” mixed media by Carla O'Connor.

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know that your work was inspiring to me and I hope it will be to others as well. To all - artists, organizers, audiences - I thank you for your bravery and courage to engage with the visual arts in new and meaningful ways. My hope is that the work, singularly and collectively, nourishes and inspires."

In coordination with the exhibition, there will also be a symposium for artists, with some events taking place at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids and some at LowellArts. Events at the symposium will include painting workshops by various artists, an encaustic demo hosted by Candace Law, a tour of Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, and other events. These symposiums take place each year as part of the juried exhibition and are meant to be educational and enjoyable.

"It is a time of fellowship with like-minded artists from around the USA and abroad," Sevensma said. "Many of us have been attending each year because of the friendships that have formed, the camaraderie and the chance to connect with new art friends."

While the "experimental art" moniker may be intimidating to some, Sevensma sees focusing on experimental art as encouraging artists to develop their processes and styles more thoroughly.

"The resulting art is stimulating, refreshing, and cutting edge," Sevensma explained. "Art can be realistic or abstract; it is the approach to making the art and the aesthetic results that count."

With this in mind, the art is not meant to be intentionally obtuse, and Sevensma hopes the pieces will prove stimulating for the viewers.

"The International Society of Experimental Artists hopes that those who visit our exhibitions will be entertained, engaged, intrigued and excited by the pieces they are viewing," Sevensma said. "If they are able to continue following ISEA on Facebook, all of these pieces are eventually posted, along with a statement from the artist that is part of the requirement for entry [about] why this piece is experimental. It is a very educational part of what ISEA is all about."



Joseph Becherer is the director of the Snite Museum of Art at Notre Dame and was formerly the curator at the Meijer Gardens.

The exhibit will begin on Saturday, Sept. 7, and the awards reception will take place on Thursday, Sept. 19. A full list of events can be found on the LowellArts website at lowellartsmi.org/isea-juried-exhibition. More information on the ISEA in general, as well as the events taking place during September, can be found on their website, iseaartexhibit.org.



"Still from Cities of Inextricable Velocities," digitally enhanced painting by Ryota Matsumoto.



Untitled watercolor by Jerry Bowman.

outdoors

another world out there

Dave Stegehuis

The majority of us live in or around urban centers. The area I live in is becoming unrecognizable from when I moved here fifty years ago. Gravel roads ran through woods, fields, and pastures. Now the roads are paved and carry high volume fast-moving traffic. The fields and woods have been replaced with high density residential development and businesses. It is not just about removing trees but using earth movers to change the topography to accommodate the intended development.

It would seem that we are destroying the earth and we are, but it is possible to do it at a slower rate, and in some cases, we can repair the damage and gain back some that which was lost. Flying over northern Canadian bush country reveals thousands of square miles of trees, rocks, and water. Being on the ground

there can give one the feeling of being alone and vulnerable. There are still places like this in North America and around the world. All is not lost.

We can't stop development because everyone has to be somewhere. But we can at least protect what we have. We can start small in our own backyard. Trees and plants provide food and shelter for birds and animals. Avoid cutting dead trees when possible for the same reason. Weeds and brush provide food and cover for wildlife. Larger private parcels can be managed for forest sustainability and wildlife habitat. The larger the parcel the more critical responsible stewardship becomes. Fortunately, most levels of government in North America and many other countries realize the importance of resource conservation and saving

natural areas for future generations.

If your lawn overlaps the neighbors or the view from your kitchen window is all concrete and glass, the world may seem to be getting smaller. It is, but there is still a lot left in a natural condition. When noise and congestion appear to be a normal part of life, stop and think about a pond on a remote Newfoundland bog where a moose stands in knee deep water grazing on aquatic plants in the dead silence of the evening. Or sit on your deck and watch a constantly chirping wren go about building a nest of small sticks. This fragile creature has survived generations on its own in challenging circumstances.

Just realizing that there are places where life goes on without human presence and wildlife thrives in spite of great adversity gives us comfort in that we can be O.K. too. There is another world out there and we are part of it.



capitol matters

State Representative
Thomas Albert



A plan to improve special education funding

In 1994, Michigan voters approved a new system for funding schools known as Proposal A. What is often overlooked when analyzing this system is that special education funding was left to be addressed at a later date. Now, 25 years later, special education funding improvements continue to be neglected.

Roughly 207,000 Michigan students require some degree of special education. A recent report showed local districts have a combined shortfall of roughly \$700 million in special education funding.

Special education funding differs greatly from that of general education, which is funded on a per pupil basis. This year, schools received a minimum of \$7,871 per student. Much of this general education funding is collected at the state level through sales, income and property taxes along with lottery proceeds and federal funding. After the money is collected the state distributes revenue to individual school districts.

Special education, however, is funded by the state by reimbursing 28.6 percent of costs. Since the state funds under a third of total costs, local districts raise revenue locally through an Intermediate School District (ISD) millage. The federal government does provide funding as well. In recent years, special education revenue statewide is about \$1 billion from the state, \$1 billion raised locally and about \$500 million from the federal government. In total the revenues amount to about \$2.4 billion. Since the local school districts collect data on spending in order to be reimbursed, we have seen that actual special education costs have been about \$3.1 billion in recent years.

It is worth noting that local districts are mandated to provide a special education to any student in need. When a district has a special education funding deficit it must dip into funding that is provided to general education students. Simply put, when a local district does not receive

adequate special education funding all students are negatively impacted.

This month I will be introducing legislation to take a step toward fixing this special education funding shortfall. While researching this issue, I found that the amount of local revenue raised for special education varied greatly. The amount raised locally per pupil ranged from \$172 to \$1,872. My proposal grants all ISDs that raise at least \$690 per pupil through their local millage an additional 1 percent reimbursement from the state. In order to give all school districts enough time to go to the voters for the needed millage rate adjustments, the 1 percent reimbursement increase would not begin until the 2021 fiscal year.

Both Kent and Ionia ISDs already raise more than \$690 and would not need to make any changes to their local millage rates. The purpose of this reform is to identify which districts are the most distressed to try to lift them up to a more acceptable level while ensuring state tax dollars are invested in local districts that are willing to invest in themselves.

We have a constitutional duty to educate each and every child in Michigan to the best of our ability. I look forward to working further with my colleagues to achieve our goal of ensuring Michigan's special education programs are adequately funded.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider an amendment to an existing special exception use permit as summarized below:

Enwork (Anney Group) has applied for a special exception use permit amendment to construct an addition onto their existing building and business at 12900 Christopher Dr, west off Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell. The property is in the Industrial Zoning District. The Planning Commission will accept public comment and review the site plan and the application.

The Planning Commission will also review any other business that may come before them.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 or on the website: www.vergennestwp.org**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org

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"Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson. All adults welcome. No registration required. Wed., Sept. 4 at 6:30 pm.

Movies with Mary –

80's Movies You May Have Missed

Join our movie maven to watch and discuss classic films from her vast collection. Sat. Sept. 7 at 1 pm – "Lost in America" (1985) – a midlife crisis prompts a yuppie couple to quit their jobs and take to the road in a Winnebago. Rated R.

Minecraft Club

Get your Minecraft fix and show off your world-building skills. The library has a limited number of computers and licenses for Minecraft. First come, first served. No registration required. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities and Minecraft installed and join us! For ages 6 and older. Mon., Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Sci-Fi Book Club

"Future Home of the Living God" by Louise Erdrich. All adults welcome. No registration required. Mon., Sept. 9 at 6:30 pm.

Pink Up the Library!

The library is turning pink in support of Pink Arrow Pride! Special crafts, activities and tons of pink-tastic fun will be available all week. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Tues., Sept. 10 to Fri., Sept. 13 during regular open hours.

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion

"Reading with Patrick" by Michelle Kuo. All adults welcome. No registration required. Tues., Sept. 10 at 10:00 am.

Tech Savvy Seniors

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 and gain the skills and confidence to access information and services online. For adults. No registration required. Wed., Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm.

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SPORTS

Third annual LHS soccer alumni game raises over \$1,200

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

A late penalty kick was the difference in a night full of goals and entertaining play at Bob Perry Field on Friday. The third annual LHS soccer alumni game raised over \$1,200 for the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship fund.

The game itself was an entertaining exhibition played between this year's LHS varsity team and a team of LHS alumni that ranged from 2019 to 1988.

The varsity team struck first with two penalty kicks in the first half scored by seniors Evan Groeneweg and Braiden Hamilton. The alumni team was able to respond when Nick Abdo (class of 2008) placed a lofted header into the top corner. Abdo played soccer collegiately at Indiana Tech and Grand Valley, but more recently has played for Grand Rapids FC of the National Premier Soccer League.

The first half ended with two quick goals scored by Nate Ryan (LHS varsity) and Ian Grohman (class

of 2014) assisted by Chris Barlow (class of 2007).

The first eight minutes of the second half saw three total goals with David Kropf (class of 2004) scoring two for the alumni and Ezra Stadt netting one for LHS varsity. The difference in the game ended up being a late penalty scored by Pat Vogel (class of 2003). The win for the alumni brings their record to 1-1-1 in the game after losing in 2018, and drawing in 2017 eventually losing on penalty kicks. Jared Brzezniak (class of 2016) officiated the game with members of the Lowell JV team serving as ball boys.

It wasn't the game result that mattered on Friday night though. A great crowd came to see the match which was a fundraiser for the Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an LHS senior each year who is planning on playing a collegiate sport. From the scholarship's Facebook page: "The Austin Lancaster



Ian Grohman (LHS class of 2014) heads the ball in for a goal in the 2019 LHS soccer alumni game.

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."

Early numbers as of this writing were that the game raised over \$1,200 for the scholarship.

Great start to season for Lowell girls golf

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity girls golf team won the Sparta Invitational to kickstart their season for a second consecutive year this past weekend at Moss Ridge Golf Club. The Red

Arrows were led by Mary Jo Buechler, who earned tournament medalist honors with a 43. Lexy Kapcia (44), Olivia Decator (47) and Addison Bruwer (48) all scored for Lowell as well.

The JV girls golf team also started strong in the Thornapple-Kellogg Ryder Cup event with two teams finishing in the top three.

Second Place - Sedona Bonter, Madi Lilley, Tressa Huizenga, and Emma White

Third Place - Katy Hock, Stephanie Spinella, Sophia Flickenger, and Olivia Torline



The Lowell varsity girls golf team with their championship trophy from the Sparta Invitational (Courtesy of Red Arrow Golf).

Lady harriers kick off season

The Lowell girls cross-country team headed to Portage as they started the 2019 campaign. Lowell showed some growth as they finished in tenth place with 290 points. Audrey Conrad led the Arrows as she captured 19th place which also was a medalist

position. Rounding out the top five for Lowell were Canaan McKinney, Lauren Swain, Theresa Judd, and Clara Eriksson. Next up for the Arrows is the Hesperia Baker's Woods Invite on Aug. 21 and the Benzie Pete Moss Invite on Aug. 24.

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8/29 at 7 pm Detroit Loyola*
- GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**
* Denotes a home game
8/24 at 8:30 am Grand Haven Lakeshore
8/28 at 5 pm Caledonia Mini Invite
- BOYS VARSITY SOCCER**
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
8/23 at 6:45 pm at FHN
8/27 at 6:45 pm Northview*
8/29 at 5:45 pm Ottawa Hills
- GIRLS VARSITY GOLF**
* Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course
8/23 at 12:30 pm TK Invite at Yankee Springs
8/26 at 3:30 pm Lakewood*
- BOYS VARSITY TENNIS**
* Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium
8/26 at 4:15 pm Unity Christian*
8/28 at 4:15 pm Kenowa Hills*
- SWIM & DIVE**
8/27 at 7 pm GR Christian, Tri with Grandville
8/29 at 5 pm East Kentwood Tri

obituaries

BLASHER

Joyce J. Blasher, 89, of Lowell passed away Tuesday morning August 13, 2019 at home under the loving care of her family and Faith Hospice. Joyce was born in Lowell, the daughter of Winton and Eva (Hale) Wilcox. She graduated from Lowell High School with the Class of 1951. For many years Joyce drove a school bus for Lowell Public Schools. She liked to garden, enjoyed horses and tending the many flowers around her home. She loved her family and always enjoyed attending the various sports activities of her grandchildren. Joyce will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was married on February 16, 1952 in Lowell to Ernest J. Blasher and he preceded Joyce on August 7, 1996. She



was also preceded by her parents, two sons, Warren in infancy and Barry Blasher; a daughter, Dawn Fisher; and her brothers. Joyce is loved and survived by her children, Elaine (Richard) Haines of Lowell, Kurt Blasher of Carson City, Chad (Gina) Blasher of Belding; her grandchildren, Skye Fisher, Sam Blasher, Cara (Paul) Ryder, Paul (Jessica) Haines, Benjamin Blasher, Brady Blasher, Kevin Blasher, Kristen Blasher and Kohlton Blasher; her great-grandchildren, Aili, Kiara, Finn, Fiona, Barret, Ryatt, Cameron; and a brother Gordon (Marsha) Wilcox of Lowell. Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Lowell United Methodist Church with Pastor Herb VanderBilt officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral

Home, Belding. Private interment will take place at Bailey Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be given to the Lowell United Methodist Church or the Barn for Equine Learning in Lowell. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. To share a message of condolence, light a candle in memory of Joyce or order flowers; please visit www.jffh.com

GOEBEL

Austin Charles Goebel, age 23, of Lowell passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 11th, 2019. With deepest sorrow our most beloved son, brother, family member, and friend will be missed. Austin cared about people in the purest way. He loved them for who they were and because he wished the best for them, without guile and without asking anything in return. He had so much goodness; he was thoughtful, kind, empathetic, and funny. The world is a lesser place without him. But Austin also struggled the past four years of his life with severe depression, anxiety, and schizoaffective disorder. He had worked very hard to overcome mental illness. It is right to acknowledge, and honor, the progress he had made while recognizing the toll that struggle took on his life. Austin was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 16th, 1996. He graduated from Lowell Senior High School and studied at Grand Rapids Community College. He enjoyed playing the electric guitar, frisbee golf, video games, had interests in naturopathic medicine, science, genetics, and traveling. He enjoyed taking his Grandma McCarty to church on Sundays, and became quite spiritual. He loved being out in nature, all animals, and his family most of all. Austin will be missed everyday by his Mother, and best friend, Michele, and Step-Father Rick Zimmerman; his Father, Richard Goebel (Katie); Sister's Katelyn and Brooke; Step-brothers' Briar, Regan, and Alex; Step-sister Abby; his maternal grandmother Joline McCarty; paternal grandparents Suzanne (Scott) Kocher, and Stephen Goebel; step-grandparents Ron and Margi Zimmerman; his loving Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many, many great friends. We know Austin is now with his Grandpa, Paul Charles McCarty Sr., Grandmothers Hilma Goebel, and Albina Reidzans. He is so loved here on earth, as well as in heaven. We LOVE and MISS you so much my Son XOXO. The funeral service was held Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Impact Church, 11840 Fulton St E, Lowell, MI 49331. Pastor John Bell of Impact Church and Pastor Paul McCarty of Riverside Community Bible Church, Omak, Washington co-officiates. Visitation was held one hour prior at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Austin's memory to the National Alliance on Mental Illness at nami.org, 3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22203. "Perhaps they are not really stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy." —Eskimo legend



HOLSTINE

Donald Edward Holstine, age 66 of Lowell, passed away Monday, August 12, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Florence and Hugh Holstine; and brother, Jim Holstine. Don is survived by his wife, Karen Holstine; children, Randy Paddock, Leslie (Todd) Molag; brothers, Craig (Mary) Holstine, Hugh (Nancy) Holstine, Dan (Karen) Holstine; sisters, Mary Holstine, Barb (Jeff) Walters; grandchildren, Nick (Megan) Fonger, Chelsey (Brad) Molag, Kyle Molag, Travis Molag, Emily Paddock, Noah Paddock; great-grandchildren, Brady Fonger, Kingston Paddock; and many nieces and nephews. Don was an accomplished artist who enjoyed helping at Flat River Outreach Ministries and Lowell Art Council. Private services were held by the family.



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MILLER

Keith W. Miller, age 86 of Lansing area, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully Monday, August 19, 2019. He served in the Army, graduated from MSU, and worked at General Motors for over 30 years as an Electrical Engineer. He liked to tell jokes and always had a smile on his face. He was very loving to his family and friends and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen Miller. Keith is survived by his children, Judy (Brian) Curylo, Gary Miller, Teri Miller; brothers, Alfred Miller, Fred (Rose) Miller; grandchildren, Amanda (Will) McNeice, Sarah Harkness; great-grandchildren, Kylie, Bailey, Levi McNeice; and many nieces and nephews. For funeral information, please go to www.gerstfuneralhomes.com or call 616-897-7101.



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From the family of Andrew Jordan Kiczenski. We wish to thank the many people in the community who showed us love and support during this difficult time. We'd also like to express our gratitude for all those who prayed, seny condolences, provided meals and cards of support. Words can not express how much your support has meant to us.
 Joe, Carrie, Bradley & Cameron Kiczenski

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GARAGE/LIVING ESTATE DOLL COLLECTION SALE - puzzles, toys & movies, women's 5 speed Schwinn. 913 N. Marble, 1 1/2 miles north of Potters. Aug. 22 & 23, 9 to 5.

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Community Calendar August AND ONGOING EVENTS

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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

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 kills 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.afclowell.org

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

LOWELLARTS 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 flatriverwatershed.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.

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

VETERANS COFFEE - Third Thurs. of each month at Keiser's, 3-6 pm.

Creative Party Bug hosting their grand opening this Sunday

Creative Party Bug, at 102 W. Main St. is an event planning company owned by Ashley Dunn. Her store will offer lots of unique party supplies and hostess gifts. She is also having local vendors involved for gifts, art, flowers and more. Every Friday there will be fresh flowers delivered for sale and every Sunday they will be offering a Sunday Funday themed craft night.

Their grand opening will be Sunday, August 25 from 5 to 8 pm.

"This is a great opportunity for me to really be involved with the community and bring business to Lowell," said Dunn. "My building is the perfect place for a small venue so let's have a consultation and discuss what type of party,

budget, theme, and decor. I specialize in tablescapes, centerpieces and holiday decorating."

Dunn has planned many parties for family and friends and feels the time is right to take it to the next level and share her creativity with everyone.

She studied at Kendall College of Art and Design and has always had the

creative bug hit around the holidays.

"I have many different packages available, whether you want a small party or an insane baby shower theme, I can create it for you," Dunn says.

Creative Party Bug can be contacted by stopping by the store or calling 616-881-3733.



Pictured right: Ashley Dunn of Creative Party Bug demonstrating a fall party. Photo courtesy of Shelby Naomi.

Social Security terms in plain language

Some of the terms and acronyms (an abbreviation of the first letters of words in a phrase) people use when they talk about Social Security can be a little confusing. We're here to help you understand all you need to know.

Social Security employees strive to explain benefits using easy-to-understand, plain language. In fact, The Plain Writing Act of 2010 requires federal agencies to communicate clearly in a way "the public can understand and use."

If a technical term or acronym that you don't know slips into the conversation or appears in written material, you can easily find the meaning in our online glossary at www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/glossary.

Social Security's acronyms function as verbal shorthand in your financial planning conversations. If you're nearing retirement, you may want to know what PIA (primary insurance amount), FRA (full retirement age), and DRCs (delayed retirement credits) mean. These terms involve your benefit amount based on when you decide to take it.

If you take your retirement benefit at FRA, you'll receive the full PIA (amount payable for a retired worker who starts benefits at full retirement

even 70 — your benefit increases.

If one of those unknown terms or acronyms comes up in conversation, you can be the one to supply



age). So, FRA is an age and PIA is an amount.

Once you receive benefits, you get a COLA most years. But don't expect a fizzy drink — a COLA is a Cost of Living Adjustment, and that will usually mean a little extra money in your monthly payment.

What about DRCs? Delayed retirement credits are the incremental increases added to the PIA if you delay taking retirement benefits beyond your full retirement age. If you wait to begin benefits beyond FRA — say, at age 68 or

the definition using our online glossary. Sometimes learning the terminology can deepen your understanding of how Social Security works for you. Discover and share more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.



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Where does Michigan rank in population compared to the rest of the states?

A: It is the 9th most populous.

Where did the state of Michigan get its name?

A: It's the French form of the Ojibwa word "mishigamaa," meaning "large water" or "large lake."

The auto industry created jobs in Detroit that attracted people from Europe and across the U.S., and by 1920, Detroit was the what?

A: Fourth largest city in the U.S.

Michigan was admitted into the Union on January 26, 1837, as the what?

A: 26th state

What is the Michigan State tree?

A: White pine.

What percentage of the US Military's armaments were made in Michigan during World War II?

A: 10.9 percent

A: 1668 by Pere Jacques Marquette at Sault Ste. Marie

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Kent

In the matter of Joan Mancey Guardianship File No. 19-205,941-GA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including children, grandchildren, siblings, and any other unknown heirs, whose address(es) is/are unknown and

whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 4, 2019, at 1:30 P.M. at Kent Co. Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: Appointment of a Guardian.

Dated: August 19, 2019

Adult Protective Services, DHHS, Petitioner
 121 Franklin St. NE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49507
 (616) 258-1182

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

STUCK IN TRAFFIC WORD SEARCH

K R M V O L U M E V A D I Y H T A S V E
 C K E Y Y P D V E G O N K G A H W B D A
 E U U I N G W H E V P C Y I B I E D R H
 N K I B R T D E L A Y M L A C T A T T O
 E C E R D R K L N I L G R L E F T E N W
 L G M A U Y A C D O A R A U O H H A E C
 T A A K G L K B W T I C T S W B E W M D
 T E H I S K A U I C W T E E S L R U E E
 O S P N I D N N A I U T A E T E H V V E
 B L U G B S G D G W D S T R D S C S A P
 K A T T A W E E C I C M P U E I G C P S
 A N O I T A T R O P S N A R T L F A A B
 Y N O I T C E S R E T N I P B Y E I F S
 V M A C C I D E N T M K I K L S P C O T
 K R O A D S W E O D P T R A F F I C C L
 K Y B A T O S O K E R U S H H O U R P A
 O R R P V N W B D E T O U R K C S L T N
 A D E I I P O T H O L E O C I P K E I E
 C A P A C I T Y A T T U V E R U S O L C
 N Y A W E S U A C D F H U P D H C S P D

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

Puzzle solutions on page 12

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BARRIER
 BOTTLENECK
 BRAKING
 CAPACITY
 CAUSEWAY
 CLOSURE
 DELAY

DETOUR
 INTERSECTION
 PAVEMENT
 POTHOLE
 ROADS
 RUSH HOUR
 SIGNAL

SPEED
 TAILGATING
 TRAFFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 VOLUME
 WEATHER

Guess Who?

I am an actor, screenwriter and director born in New York on July 6, 1946. I spent the early part of my acting career on the brink of homelessness. However, that all changed when I shot to fame in 1976 playing an Italian boxer from the streets.

Answer: Sylvester Stallone

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

D Y E S L A

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Answer: Delays

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	
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47	48				49			50	51	52	53	54
55					56			57				58
59					60			61				
62					63			64				

CLUES ACROSS

- Social reformer Lucretia
- Engine additive
- Where draft beer comes from
- Skin lesions
- Denoting one or more things
- Beloved dish
- Packaging allowances
- Surrounds the earth
- Expresses pleasure
- "For goodness ___!"
- Liquefied natural gas
- Paul ___, Swiss painter
- Benign tumors
- In an early way
- Covered with wood
- Principle underlying the universe
- Message
- Become dry through heat
- Printing speed measurement
- One who does not succeed
- Type of agent
- Type of waste
- Wings
- Giants' signal caller
- Polio vaccine developer
- Congo native

CLUES DOWN

- Mortal is one type
- Fishing vessel (Naut.)
- Ethnic group of Thailand
- Where golfers begin
- Western Florida city
- Belonging to us
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Influential Israeli diplomat
- Mountain Time
- Int'l political organization (abbr.)
- Olympic champion Lipinski
- March
- Less fresh
- Reduced in size
- Garden archway
- Professional translators group (abbr.)
- Type of pain
- What to do for the cameras
- Midway between south and southeast
- Bangladeshi monetary unit
- Satisfy
- Flop
- Nearsightedness
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Midway between northeast and east
- Swedish castle
- War-ravaged Syrian city
- American model Carol
- Bitterly regret
- Grand ___: superior grade wine
- Of she
- Clergymen
- Ringwald and Shannon are two
- Daze
- Scores perfectly
- More narcissistic
- Fencing sword
- Highest point
- In addition
- Hawaiian feast
- Appropriate under the circumstances
- Hillside
- Metrical foot
- Winemaking region
- Someone

The old Lowell Beer Store is now Showboat Spirits

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Under various ownership, the Lowell Beer Store has operated at 213 E. Main since prohibition ended in 1933. It was recently acquired by Ed Mulder, Diona Oudbier and Joel Oudbier, who have renamed it “Showboat Spirits” and intend to rehabilitate the interior and exterior to what it looked like in the early 20th century.

“I always thought someone should fix this place up, and then we saw it for sale and I thought, ‘Well, maybe we’re the ones to do it!’” Diona Oudbier said. “And apparently we are. There is a lot of potential.”

“We want to work with the historic district to get it back to what it looked like back then when it first opened,” Joel Oudbier said. “Someday this will be completely remodeled. The beer store

has been here since the 1930s, that’s what we found out from the Lowell Area Historical Museum. They had some photos, but they were really rough. We don’t have a really good, clear shot of the original entrance. We found some other pictures of the front, of what it used to look like, but we’re always looking for more. According to public records, the building was built in 1867. We would sure like to bring it all back to original. We want to go down as far as we can, there are multiple layers of flooring under there, to get back to the original floor. We’d like to find the old brick walls and go up to the original ceiling and bring it all back. I’m really excited about making this a unique experience for people, so when they come to Lowell, they say, ‘Hey, they have a great barbecue place,

and then you’ve got to go across the street to Showboat Spirits, they have some really neat, unique stuff.’ I’m hoping for that. We’re going to look at [remodeling] when we slow down a little, probably in January.”

“Eventually we plan to add onto the cooler to make it bigger and add more craft beers to our inventory,” Ed Mulder said. “I can’t wait until we can do that kind of stuff.”

“We have the coldest beer in town,” Joel Oudbier said. “It is kept at 38 degrees. Rishi’s keeps theirs at 41, I think, at least that’s what the door showed at the time I was in there, and Meijer and all them don’t keep their beer that cold, even the gas stations.”

Mulder has not owned a store before, but his regular job involves the liquor

industry. The Oudbiers used to own a store in Tennessee. Joel Oudbier and Mulder have known each other since childhood.

“I am originally from South Dakota,” Diona Oudbier said. “I met Joel when I came out here for college. We moved to Denver for a few years and then back here. I am also a musician and a yoga teacher, but I have also been a bookkeeper as well.”

“I was born on the southwest side of Grand Rapids and lived in Walker; I’ve also lived in Seattle and Nashville,” Ed Mulder said. “I’ve been working in provisioning management for Southwest Airlines for the past 20 years, working with the people who put the food and the drinks on the planes. We also put the alcohol on the planes, the

little bottles. We’ve got some of those here!”

“I grew up in Grandville and lived in West Michigan until after college,” Joel Oudbier said. “Ed and I met in junior high school and continued our friendship, even though we moved to different parts of the country. We’ve always kept in contact. This is our first business venture together. Diona and I owned a country store in Alpine, TN, which is in the middle of nowhere, about 15 years ago. We sold beer, but it wasn’t anything like this. Diona and I spent about 20 years living in Denver and we also lived in the Dominican Republic for a year. We wanted to come back to West Michigan because we love it and missed it. I’ve always been a Michigander and always will be.”

They plan to change up the inventory and are currently doing an audit of the prices of the merchandise in the store.

The new owners plan to participate in all the downtown events the Chamber of Commerce puts on, such as Christmas through Lowell and the Riverwalk Festival. Mulder and the Oudbiers said it’s important to support locally-owned businesses instead of enriching some distant corporation.

“During those times we want to have wine tastings, beer tastings, even a bourbon tasting if we can,” Joel Oudbier said. “For Girls Night Out in October we’ve got a guy from Short’s Brewing coming in and he’s going to be doing hard ciders and some of their more citrus-flavored beers. He’ll probably be here from like 5:30 pm until around 7:30, and then from 8 until about 9:30 we plan to have a guy doing a wine tasting. And we hope to have live music, somebody playing guitar. I am very adamant about trying to put as much money as we can back into

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The new owners of Showboat Spirits, formerly the Lowell Beer Store: Ed Mulder, Diona Oudbier and Joel Oudbier.

“We’re definitely going through the prices, an audit, to keep them fair,” Joel Oudbier said. “There is some stuff in here that the past owner had too high and some things that were a little low. But you can’t legally sell stuff below a certain price. It’s called ‘minimum shelf price.’”

“We’re going to start going through and figuring out what’s not selling, start getting rid of that to make more space,” Diona Oudbier said. “We’re also going to be trying new inventory to see what else sells.”

“We’re going to be adding more craft beer, an interesting selection of wines, and some rare bourbons, whiskies and vodkas that are hard to get,” Joel Oudbier said. “We’ll still have all the same regular beverages and mixers, of course.”

downtown. We’re getting our haircuts down here, going to the hardware store down here, going out to eat down here, going to Springgrove Variety. We want our clients to know that the money that’s being spent here stays here and makes the town stronger. You might get your six pack a few cents cheaper at the BP [British Petroleum] station, I don’t know, but that money goes to Britain, it doesn’t stay here. We want to be the type of store where people come in and the owners are running it.”

Showboat Spirits, 213 E. Main, is open from 9 am until 10 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 am until 11 pm on Friday and Saturday, and noon until 8 pm on Sunday.

“We have a lot of ideas,” Joel Oudbier said. “We want to make this Lowell’s mom and pop party store.”