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## Great weather in Lowell for Girls Night Out

by Sierra Hieshetter  
contributing reporter

It was a clear crisp night last Thursday, Oct. 17, when the ladies of Lowell took to the streets to celebrate the annual Girls Night Out. The theme this year was Queens and Unicorns, and many businesses and patrons took the theme in stride. All varieties of royalty could be seen walking the streets of Lowell, as well as several magical unicorns.

Many local businesses had special deals running just for the ladies. Chimera Design Fine Jewelry had 50 percent off select items and 20 percent off the rest of the store.

"It's our first 50 percent off sale in 17 years," said store owner Julie Claire DeVoe. "It seemed like a good time to start!"

The Englehardt Branch of the Kent District Library made their Girls Night Out debut this year with cheese tastings provided by The Cheese Lady, kombucha samples provided by Sacred Springs Kombucha, and DIY gift bags made from recycled paper.



Patrons enjoying the evening at Flat River Cottage.

### Look for more Girls Night Out photos on page 8!

"We think this is an incredible event," said library manager Sandy Graham. "We want the library to be part of every significant event that goes on in Lowell."

The staff of The Station Salon embraced the theme fully, each staff member decked out with a tiara and magic wand. Owner Nancy Ann DeBoer even donned an inflatable unicorn costume

for the evening. Ashley Dunn of Creative Party Bug added a spooky seasonal twist to her queen costume, and she provided a make your own unicorn cookie spread.

Lowell was full of smiles

and ladies enjoying the night ready-made for them.

"We love getting all dressed up and getting discounts," said Springrove Variety patron Vicky, out for the evening with her friends. "It is the perfect girls night."

## Lowell city council Oct. 21 meeting report

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell city council had their latest regular meeting at city hall on Monday, Oct. 21. The meeting lasted one hour and was attended by 11 local residents.

The council voted down a proposal from the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority that would allow them to hire a consultant to perform a comprehensive audit that would, in theory, find ways to maximize efficiency and improve services. Councilors voted Cliff Yankovich, Jim Salzwedel and Mike DeVore voted against it, councilors Marty Chambers and Greg Canfield voted in favor. To go into effect, the proposal must be approved by two of the three members of the fire authority. The proposal has already been approved by the Vergennes Township board, so it will still go into effect if the Lowell Township board passes it. Their next meeting is at Lowell Township hall at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 18.

"This [proposal] has been going through the department's guidelines and protocols," DeVore said. "It's



Lowell city council in discussion at their Monday, Oct. 21 meeting.

just so far beyond the scope of what the fire authority is supposed to do."

The council discussed the former Ware Rd. dump. The council voted to approve \$28,399.83 to have Pearson Drilling drill wells at the site, as well as \$30,300 to BLDI Engineering for inspection services.

"With the assistance of BLDI Engineering, the city of Lowell has filed our work plan with the Michigan Department of Great Lakes, Environment and Energy, otherwise known as EGLE, to address the issues at the former Ware Rd. landfill," said city manager Michael Burns, who participated in the meeting via speakerphone

instead of in person. "As part of the project, we will be drilling nine monitoring wells on the site approximately 60 feet below ground to determine whether or not the contaminants have dissipated or migrated from what was found over 30 years ago."

The Ware Rd. dump was 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 council voted to spend \$4,328.20 a year for five years, a total of \$21,641, to have Michigan Caterpillar perform preventative maintenance services on four backup electric generators located at city hall, the Shepard Dr. pump station and the wastewater treatment plant. According to public works director Daniel Czarnecki, the maintenance work will include thermographic imagery of the switchgear connections and a report on the findings.

"This technology is used to check for overheating, things that are getting warm, making sure our connections

are correct," Czarnecki said. "It's a good safety feature and something that has never been done before in our systems."

Lowell city council's next regular meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 4, and the council will meet with the public during "Coffee with the Council" at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building from 8 am until 10 am on Saturday, Nov. 2.

To watch various city council, board and commission meetings from the recent past, visit the "City of Lowell" or "Lowell Light and Power" channels on YouTube.

# Lowell Twp board approves fire authority consultant

by Cindy M. Cranmer  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Charter Township board decided it is moving forward with hiring a fire authority consultant among other items at its meeting Monday.

The board had a lengthy discussion in September on whether to pay for a fire authority consultant. McGrath Consulting Group submitted a proposal to explore and assess the future staffing of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority and discuss the three municipalities covered. Those three municipalities are the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, and Vergennes Township.

Trustee Carlton Blough explained the additional consideration of hiring a second consultant, Lew

Bender, who will be brought on to help the fire department staff and others involved in the three municipalities understand the role of the outside consultant and what they will do for the township and municipalities. Bender will help with working to resolve any concerns brought up about hiring an outside consultant to look at fire department staffing rather than just reviewing the internal recommendations.

The consultant will help the township evaluate things they may not have considered when looking at hiring such as benefits and how to set up any full-time employees. Lowell Area Fire Chief Ron Van Overbeck put together a recommendation and proposal for full-time staffing.

Some things involved in hiring people full time for fire services include the retirement program and buying into it with multipliers, health insurance, the amount of overtime employees would have, shift differentials, and other benefits.

"We should go forward doing both these things," Blough said. "It's a start in the right direction."

A millage can be collected for fire services without a vote. Blough explained he was not suggesting anything under Public Act 33, but knowing options is always beneficial. "I am not necessarily saying to do this, but to know our options."

"I don't like the idea of assessing without a vote from the public," Township

supervisor Jerry Hale said.

Hale explained to those present there would be a request for one mill for public safety since there are more than 800 calls per year.

"If people want as good of services as there are now, they will vote on the millage," Hale said.

The cost for both consultants is \$23,250 with the township paying a third or \$7,750. The motion to hire both consultants was made by Trustee William Thompson and supported by Trustee Steve VanderZiel. The motion carried with all board trustees voting that Lowell Charter Township hire both consultants at a cost that will not exceed the \$7,750.

Township board members stated that other area

municipalities have been happy with the results provided by McGrath Consulting Group, Inc. Vergennes Township has approved their third of the billing but was waiting on Lowell Township and the city of Lowell to determine what would happen.

In other business, The Lowell Charter Township board also passed resolutions pertaining to the operation and maintenance of streetlights in the residential developments of Eastgate, Stoney Bluff, and Whispering Heights.

The board approved the sanitary sewer and water main specifications as presented in a lengthy written report. Hale explained this gives the township their own water main, sanitary

sewer and excavation and fill specifications not using those prepared by others. "The engineers told us it was good to have our own specifications," Burt explained. The motion was made by Thompson and supported by Anderson.

Also approved was a budget amendment for \$7,950 for the gypsy moth proposal. The money will come out of the contingency fund. The proposal to complete the study was passed last month, but it had to be determined where the money was coming from. This approved the transfer of the money to cover the gypsy moth proposal.

The next meeting of the Lowell Charter Township board will take place at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2019.

# Lowell Twp fill ordinance committee meets Monday

by Cindy M. Cranmer  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Charter Township Board reassured residents Monday that a new committee will be addressing concerns about fill operations and developing an ordinance to govern properties throughout the township when it comes to fill.

The Township Board considered the possible adoption of a fill ordinance in September. After residents and business owners issued their opinions in a packed township meeting room, it was decided that the ordinance was not in the best interest of any of the

parties. The Township Board decided to form a committee to figure out a solution to residents' concerns.

These concerns are primarily related to a business operated by John Timpson, a long-time area business owner. The fourth-generation owned and operated business offers several services on the property including specializing in hauling oversized loads and transporting specialized products, operating a fully operational sand pit, and completing sand and topsoil deliveries. However, the

proposed ordinance covers the entire township and cannot be written exclusively to address operations at the Timpson property.

"This ordinance the way it is written now stinks," Trustee Carlton Blough had said. "There are so many things people won't be able to do with this ordinance."

Nearby residents expressed they do not want to impact businesses or hinder progress, but there has to be something done to balance residential concerns. They stated noise is coming from all parts of the property not just the parts where special use is allowed.

While special use permits resolve a high percentage of things already, the committee will look at the concerns of both businesses and residents. Additionally, the committee will consider that the ordinance will need to more than cover one property.

Nine individuals will meet next Monday, Oct. 28, to discuss community input on the ordinance. The

committee is comprised of three Board or Planning Commission members, three Lowell Township residents, and three area residents who have professional expertise in excavating. The meeting is open to the public, but there will not be public comment time since it is a working committee to develop solutions.

The ordinance's purpose was to try and meet several needs by regulating filling and stockpiling activities. This would lessen impacts to existing drainage patterns and land topography, monitor the amount and type of fill being hauled into the township including preventing hazardous conditions and stopping nuisances from activities, and preventing conflict.

Opposition to the current wording has come from those working in excavating and other related businesses, those who use Timpson's property to dump fill from projects, several area residents, and the Board itself.

"We need to remember this is for the entire township," said Trustee Steve VanderZiel.

Carol Venneman, a Segwun Avenue resident, was back at the October meeting stating the sand pit and fill ordinance are two different issues with one falling under the special use ordinances. Therefore, some noise issues and problems nearby neighbors are having can be resolved sooner without waiting for the committee to meet and develop an ordinance.

She questioned whether operations were allowed under the current zoning and the special use permits. "It appears to me to be light industrial," Venneman said.

"We see it as a filling operation and we have no rules to control that," Hale said. The committee will attempt to come up with some possible answers when it comes to issues controlled by a fill ordinance.

"We don't have an ordinance for any of that

right now. We are working on it," Hale said.

Board trustees confirmed that fill operations could happen anywhere in the township at the moment and the controls would be related to other ordinances such as location in wetlands or flood plains.

Mary Beth Reed, a Missy's Way resident, stated the problems seem to be growing. "The noise the last three weeks has been horrendous," Reed said. "It almost seems like it is worse than it has ever been. Something has to be done."

She also expressed concern that the examples the township was giving seemed to have an end in sight, but operations at the property near her home did not.

Trustees reassured the residents that the committee would be considering options related to fill operations. "That group has been put together and will be meeting next Monday," VanderZiel said.

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# Maple Ridge Manor assisted living under construction

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

A Lowell area family officially broke ground on their new project, Maple Ridge Manor Premier Assisted Living. The earth at the corner of Foreman and Alden Nash started moving in August, the complex is scheduled to open in June of 2020.

It's a muddy construction site right now, but when it's complete the facility will contain 54 apartments for seniors plus a great many features and amenities including a movie theater, a beauty salon, a library, a prayer room and more.

"It is 54 apartments for seniors, for assisted living and memory care, composed of one bedroom, deluxe and studio apartments," said Rachel Bartlett, general manager and acting administrator of the facility. Bartlett is a licensed LPN, a

"We're really happy with the location," said contractor, construction manager and part-owner Howard Barriger. "We looked around at different communities [and] we looked at a lot of places here in Lowell. Our spot is out in the country a little, so it's going to have a homier feel. Four of our five kids and us live here in Lowell now, and have for the past few years. I have five kids and they're all going to have ownership in Maple Ridge Manor."

"A lot of people in town are asking questions like, 'What is it?' or 'What is going on here?'" Bartlett said. "Now we want people to know what is coming up so they can call me and start getting information. We are already starting to take names. My number is on the sign, our website is



The Lowell family behind Maple Ridge Manor Premier Assisted Living: Howard Barriger, Scott Barriger, Bella Barriger, Elena Barriger, Jean Barriger, Aaron Fritzsche and Rachel Bartlett.



licensed nursing home administrator, a certified assisted living director and a certified dementia practitioner. "We'll have community rooms, activity centers, a chapel, a movie theater, a beauty shop, just about anything you can imagine we'll have it here in-house."

up and running and we're going to have a Facebook page. If somebody wants more information, all they have to do is give me a call."

The large facility will require a large workforce from the Lowell area.

"We plan to hire about

30 to 35 people," Bartlett said "We'll have a nurse, a health and wellness director, an administrator, an activities director, med techs, caregivers, a head cook, cooks, a housekeeper, a variety of everything."

For more information about Maple Ridge Manor Premier Assisted Living,

call 989-903-5405 or visit [mapleridgemanor.com](http://mapleridgemanor.com).

"We are just trying to make this as nice of an experience as we can,"

Barriger said "We will have a lot of amenities here and a lot of things going on. Our parents have taken care of us all our lives. Now it's

our turn to take care of them, and I want to give them a quality experience. We're excited about it."

"It's moving along pretty quickly and we're very excited," Bartlett said.

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Special Land Use request for outdoor storage at 2485 W Main St & 236 Alden Nash Ave** West Main LLC has for a special land use permit to use 2485 W Main Street and 236 Alden Nash Avenue, situated at the northeast corner of Main Street Alden Nash Avenue, for outdoor storage. Outdoor storage yards are permitted in the Industrial district if a special land use is approved by the Planning Commission.

Copies of documentation on the special land use request 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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City Clerk

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## Luminate Home Care opening on Main St.



by Tim McAllister lead reporter

This week Luminate Home Care opened an office at 98 E. Main St. in downtown Lowell.

Owner Lisa Neeb started the company five years ago in Lake Odessa. Neeb is a nurse and the former manager of a large home care office in Cascade. She started her own company after her mother required home care and Neeb had difficulty arranging various aspects of it.

“My mom had a stroke, so I cared for her for 20 years,” Neeb said. “That kind of tossed me into being an advocate and a caregiver overnight. It was challenging to navigate the system, trying to find good home care, so I started down the path. I worked in skilled nursing as a liaison and I learned about all the insurance and everything. It’s important to have people that you trust and people that have a heart for that kind of work [and] it was a challenge to find.”

Among the services they offer, Luminate Home Care lists dressing, showers, hygiene, assistance with

mobility issues, light housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, laundry, companionship and more.

“We offer many services and we’re always open to anything else that people might need,” Neeb said. “For instance, one person got great pleasure from their bird feeders, so we went out every day and took care of their bird feeders, cleaned out their bird baths. We have a client who likes to go to the movies and out to eat once a week. We have handyman services for those little things used to be able to do like unclogging a sink or changing a furnace filter. Small things like that are sometimes hard to get someone to come over and do, we have a handyman who does that. [We offer] transportation to doctors appointments, church, or maybe a birthday party. We just want to help them maintain how their life was before they needed help. We’re not opposed to anything that will help the person maintain what they are used to in their home and what gives them pleasure.”

Everybody’s needs are different, so Neeb spends time with potential clients to figure out what is required to maintain their quality of life.

“We do free in-home assessments where we go over what their goals and expectations are of us and then we create a personalized service plan for them,” Neeb said. “What I do is just listen to what the person and their family are looking for. We discuss how often, what days, what times, then we match them with a caregiver based on [what is required and] who is available. That process takes about 45 minutes, then we can begin services.”

The company is currently hiring and has many open positions.

“We have a wait list for clients, so we are hiring both full time and part time, all shifts, and we are always taking applications for caregivers,” Neeb said. “That is our biggest need right now. We will hire local people from Lowell. We’re going to do from Lowell to Belding, we’re in the Alto area and Saranac and we have clients in Lowell. You’re going to have a [local] connection with who I send to your house, that is important.”

For more information about Luminate Home Care, visit [luminatomecare.com](http://luminatomecare.com), call 616-755-0938 or send a message to [luminatomecare@gmail.com](mailto:luminatomecare@gmail.com).

“There are a lot of payment options that we can go over,” Neeb said. “For example, we take long term care insurance, if you have a home care rider, we take that, we are part of the Medicaid waiver program [and] we take VA benefits.”

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## Lowell cookie drive Nov. 9

The Lowell cookie and gift drive for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home has occurred each autumn for the past 13 years.

The event is happening again as usual, but it will be a little bit different this year.

Because there are only 200 residents at the veterans home, 600 is the highest number of cookies they will accept (three per person). Not only that, but the cookie drive also included gifts such as undergarments, puzzles and so forth. Now they will only accept three-bladed disposable razors, toothbrushes (but not toothpaste), non-alcoholic mouthwash, bodywash for men or women and ‘k-cup’ beverage pods for Keurig



brand coffee makers.

In addition to store-bought items and baked goods, people have been knitting various items for months with the expectation that they would be donating these things to the cookie and gift drive.

“No matter what they bring, I will get it to veterans, just not at the veterans

home,” said organizer Jan Thompson. “They do not have extra room anymore to store things anymore.”

Donations of the specific items listed above and no more than 600 cookies will be accepted at the American Legion/VFW veterans center, 3116 Alden Nash SE, from 10 am until noon on Saturday, Nov. 9.

# viewpoint

## to the editor

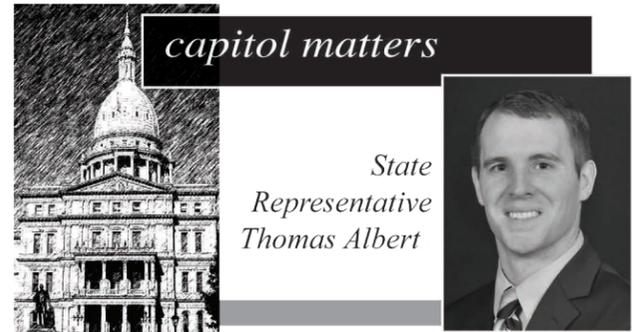
Letter to the Editor,  
There are some in Lowell that are using Lowell's deteriorating streets to gain a city income tax. I wrote in the past that I believe that a proposed city income tax is just an

open door to spending and I still believe that. I see no ordinance saying otherwise. I believe the people pushing a city income tax believe that the property owners will pass a city income tax because if they vote for a

city income tax they will be able to vote for a five mill property tax reduction. The question is will the property owners vote yes because they (think) they're getting a good deal or will they vote no because a city income tax is just another slap in the face to the working poor. Taxes like a city income tax and low wages are just some things holding back the working poor from advancing. It will be

interesting in how the vote comes out in the November election. Taxation is not Lowell's answer to its problems. The problem is the way the city is being managed. New taxation will just create more costly problems.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard  
Lowell Township



### Governor Whitmer: Governor or Authoritarian Ruler

Up to this point during my time in office I have often said that state government operates much better than the federal level. Unfortunately, the Governors recent actions with the state budget have changed my perspective. From my vantage point the area surrounding the Lansing capitol building is starting to look more and more like a swamp. This is a far cry from the "bridge building" she promised.

Recently Governor Whitmer's independently transferred \$600 million within the state budget. This action has effectively eliminated any trust between the legislative and the executive branches. The legislature has had the power of the purse since our foundation. Undercutting this fundamental check and balance has many legislators concerned about the budget process going forward.

These budget transfers were achieved by employing the hardly

used State Administrative Board, a panel comprised of a number of the governor's appointed department directors. Although this maneuver is technically legal, it is a fundamental tenet of government that authority to craft the state budget rests with the legislature. Governor Whitmer has radically changed the budget process to a system in which the legislature will essentially approve buckets of money that future governors can spend however they choose. This should alarm both Democrats and Republicans.

On multiple occasions Governor Whitmer has expressed, through her actions and veto memos, that she would rather see this power wielded by the executive. While she is completely within her rights to line item veto portions of the state budget, her explanation for doing so repeatedly argues that the legislature does not have the

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### 125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 27, 1894

Three confidence men tried to work Geo. H. Flowers, a Detroit drummer, and Ruben Reynolds, a Grand Rapids man. Their game failed because Flowers and Reynolds tumbled to the scheme. Then the confidence men began work on Father O'Connell, pastor of St. Andrews church, in this city. Flowers and Reynolds watched the trio until they had succeeded in flimflaming the good priest, and then they took a hand and endeavored to force the confident men to restore what that had obtained from the clergyman. An altercation ensued, but the debate was cut short when Flowers struck one of the crooks and knocked him down.

The farmers out near Ada are in a somewhat skittish frame of mind now-a-days on account of a recent happening. One morning early the first of the week a farmer discovered the hide of his favorite cow hanging on a field fence, but the remainder of the animal, her most essential parts, had been carried away. The same slick thief who had killed the cow and despoiled her of her integument, after loading his wagon with the meat drove to the barn and completed his load by adding all the sacks of potatoes his wagon would hold.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 23, 1919

Wilbur Peterson, returned soldier held here on burglary charge, was foiled in his attempt to break jail when Mrs. Mark Hopbough, deputy sheriff, discovered him after he had a good sized hole dug in the wall. Peterson was working with a bar he secured in some unknown manner.

Gene Kruger, of Grand Rapids, was like many other hunters this fall. He didn't know when the rabbit season opened. But unlike the others, he didn't inquire, and Monday he was arrested by County Game Warden Charles F. Merrifield when the officer found Kruger hunting in Ada township. Kruger paid a fine of \$15 and costs of \$4.25 in Justice grant's court.

Howard Winters, 40, employed by the Consumers' Power company, was seriously burned about the foot while at work on the company's wires.

### 75 years The Lowell Ledger October 26, 1944

Some youngsters, not with malicious intent, but rather through thoughtlessness of the consequences that might result, have been setting grass fires along the curbs on some residential streets. Fun is OK boys, so long as it is the kind of fun that does no harm.

Ernest L. Anthony, dean of agriculture at Michigan State college, believes that after the war farmers will take greater advantage of modern farming and scientific practices will be more businesslike, and will turn more and more to mechanization. The postwar will see no return to hand labor and increased use of horse-drawn farm equipment, in his opinion.

After weeks of anxious waiting for news of their son, Stf. Sgt. Kenneth L. Ayres, who had been reported missing in action, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayres were greatly relieved Monday morning of this week to receive a telegram through the International Red Cross stating that Kenneth is a prisoner of the German government, and that more detailed information would follow when available.

### 50 years The Lowell Ledger October 23, 1969

A number of minor items occupied the Lowell City Council in an abbreviated semi-monthly meeting Monday night. Much of the time was spent on considering a request by Lowell YMCA executive director Terry Bambrick for an additional appropriation of \$400 to help defray costs of operating the King Memorial swimming pool.

Now there's a "kitchen computer." It can make hundreds of menu-recipe selections and can also be programmed as an "appliance" to handle such chores as budgeting, checkbook balancing and children's homework. It's the featured gift for affluent homemakers in this year's Neiman-Marcus Christmas catalog. Edward S. Marcus, board chairman of the high-fashion specialty stores, released information about the catalog at a recent news briefing.

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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 serve as testimonials for or criticisms of businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- 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.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced.

# HEALTH

With Drs.  
Wayne A. Christenson III,  
Tracy Lixie & John G. Meier



## Capitol matters, continued

power of the purse. This is an excessive overreach of the executive branch and it is too important to ignore.

These recent maneuvers are part of Governor Whitmer's misguided effort to pressure legislators into supporting a 45-cent gas tax. In addition to budget transfers the governor also vetoed a record 147-line items in the budget. She vetoed funding for education, roads, law

enforcement, veterans, rural hospitals, foster care, autism services and many other important budget priorities. Her decision to use critical funding for Michigan's most vulnerable residents as budget "pawns" has been widely criticized.

Currently, the legislature is considering the options we have to restore funding to some of the vital programs. One such option is appropriating funds

via supplemental budget bills. These bills would address specific areas like charter school funding and secondary road patrol and are currently introduced in the House. Another option is to pursue a veto override, which requires two thirds vote of both the house and senate.

I am already on record supporting the \$1.6 billion critical funding that Governor Whitmer cut or

transferred. That being said, it is of the utmost importance that short-term considerations do not overshadow the long-term impact on the balance of power. I cannot support actions that align Michigan closer to an authoritarian model of government than what our Constitution currently upholds.

### - cholecystitis

Cholecystitis is inflammation of the gallbladder. The gallbladder is an organ on the underside of the liver that stores digestive fluids that breakdown fats.

Symptoms include severe right upper quadrant pain after eating, pain to the right shoulder blade, nausea, and vomiting after eating. Symptoms are more severe after a high fat meal.

The most frequent cause is a blockage of the gallbladder by gallstones.

Infections can also cause scarring of the bile duct.

Serious complications can occur. The gallbladder can become infected. This can cause the gallbladder to die. A tear can also occur.

Diagnosis is made with blood tests, imaging studies such as ultrasound or a HIDA scan.

Treatment includes antibiotics. If an abscess has developed, a drain is often placed. Ultimately, the gallbladder is removed surgically.

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## Looking Back, continued

A 19-year-old Lowell woman was slightly injured in one of three minor accidents reported by Lowell police during the past week. Diane Sisson of 622 N. Monroe was a passenger in a car driven by Ronald L. Krick, also 19, of 6722 Knapp NE, Ada, when it reportedly ran into the rear end of an automobile driven by James R. Jeluso, 21, of Grand Rapids.

### 25 years The Lowell Ledger October 26, 1994

Since 1978 Latin America has been home to Bill and Teresa Renkema and their family. They have lived in Argentina, Honduras, and most recently, Puerto Rico. But after moving about the continent, they are ready to call Lowell home.

Al Johnson fired back a round of "yes" responses to the general line of questioning about his two-and-a-half year fight to stamp out bad check writers. The debriefing of Johnson goes something like this: You mean no cost to the merchants? You mean a reduced involvement of Lowell Police officers? You mean a reduced number of bad checks in Lowell? You mean, no cost to the taxpayers?

How good does performing arts center coordinator Richard Graham have it? "Let me see, when 4:30 comes around everyday, I have to remind myself to go home," Graham said.

## happy birthday



**OCTOBER 23**  
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George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson, Judy Purdy.

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Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.

**OCTOBER 29**  
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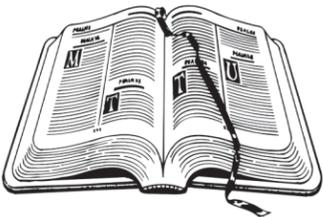
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# McDonald's to undergo extensive remodel

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

The McDonald's restaurant in downtown Lowell will be undergoing a seven week long reconstruction project soon. The restaurant will only be closed for four or five days during the remodel, and the

drive-through should only be closed minimally.

"For the past three years I have been planning for this project," said owner/operator Ken Berg. "We look to give our lobby and exterior of the building a complete makeover, replacing the [PlayPlace]

with a new one and putting on a large addition of the lobby, grill area and storage area."

Construction of the Lowell McDonald's originally began in April, 1984 and it opened for business that summer.

"This restaurant means



Paintings of what the new interior, exterior and PlayPlace will look like after seven weeks of construction.



a lot to me," Berg said. "My dad [Larry Berg] opened this restaurant in 1984 and it's important to for me to reflect back on the great times our restaurant has had here in Lowell. Lowell has always welcomed and supported our family and restaurant."

It was most recently remodeled in 2006 when the fast food chain began selling McCafé coffee drinks.

"Lowell is a thriving community because of its people," Berg said. "I have seen our community support each other, love each other and truly be a great place

to raise a family. Over the years, I have seen this town grow and now it's our turn to do the same. I'm excited to share with you what the future will look like. I hope the community will enjoy our new McDonald's. Thank you for your support!"

# Personal Choice Cabinetry owner Larry Abel dies

Larridan "Larry" M. Abel Sr., owner of Personal Choice Cabinetry, 2264 W. Main, died on Sunday, Oct. 13.

"[We] basically want the community to know that Larry was a very caring person who touched the hearts of many people

both in his personal life and through the business," his son Larry Abel Jr. and his granddaughter Tara Houghton said in a joint statement. "We have done cabinets for so many wonderful people in Lowell [and] we just want our customers to know he passed away and that he appreciated being able to work with all of them."



Abel was born at the Luz Maternity Home in Lowell on Monday, March 4, 1940. His parents were Carl Abel and Waneta (VanTimmeren) Abel. His wife was Mary (Dustin) Abel. Abel and his family started Personal

Choice Cabinetry in Oct. 1996. The company designs and custom-builds kitchen cabinets, bathroom cabinets, countertops, desks, bathroom vanities, bed frames, nightstands, dressers and much more.



Larry with his wife Mary.

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## CITY OF LOWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OAKWOOD CEMETERY SEXTON POSITION

October 18, 2019

The City of Lowell Public Works Department is seeking candidates to fill the Oakwood Cemetery Sexton position. The person who fills this position will be responsible to coordinate, oversee, and participate in the daily operation and maintenance of the city's Oakwood Cemetery facilities and designated public landscaped areas including the downtown, perform ground maintenance of all city facilities, including snow removal operations, perform light building maintenance at all city facilities, perform all maintenance activities of city parking lots.

Please send cover letter/resume/job application to:

City of Lowell  
ATTN: Human Resources: Sexton Position  
301 E. Main St  
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Resumes and applications will be accepted until position is filled. First review of applications will be October 31, 2019.

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# More photos from Girls Night Out, fall 2019 edition



A special unicorn greeted customers at Fans in the Stands.



Ashley Dunn of Creative Party Bug in her spooky queen costume.



Ladies enjoying their evening outside of Springrove Variety.



A selection of girl power books was on display at the library.



Nancy Ann DeBoer of The Station Salon in her inflatable unicorn costume.



## CITY OF LOWELL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE IMAGECAST TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Imagecast Tabulating Equipment for the November 5, 2019 General Election will be conducted on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider an amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

The proposed amendment would rezone the following properties to from the C-3 General Commercial District to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District:

Parcel No.	Street Address	Current Zoning District	Proposed Zoning District
41-20-02-340-005	623 W Main St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business
41-20-02-340-006	617 W Main St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business
41-20-02-340-007	611 W Main St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business
41-20-02-340-008	601 W Main St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business
41-20-02-340-004	124 Amity St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business
41-20-02-340-003	608 Chatham St	C-3 General Business	C-1 Neighborhood Business

The proposed amendment would also permit single-family dwellings and two-family dwellings as a use by right in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District.

Information regarding this request and the Zoning Ordinance are available for public viewing at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. Written comments will be received until the time of the hearing.



Susan Ullery  
City Clerk

# More photos from Girls Night Out, fall 2019 edition



Lavender and Lace had a 15 percent off special.



A sign welcoming ladies to the Engelhardt Library.



Springrove Variety had a 25 percent off special.

## September police and fire department statistics

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Police Department made 29 arrests during the month of September. The arrests included three for drunk driving, four other alcohol-related arrests, 13 for outstanding warrants, two for driving with a suspended license and seven that are described in the police department's statistics as "other arrests." That adds up to a total of 173 arrests made by Lowell Police during the first nine months of the year.

LPD also responded to plenty of misdemeanors

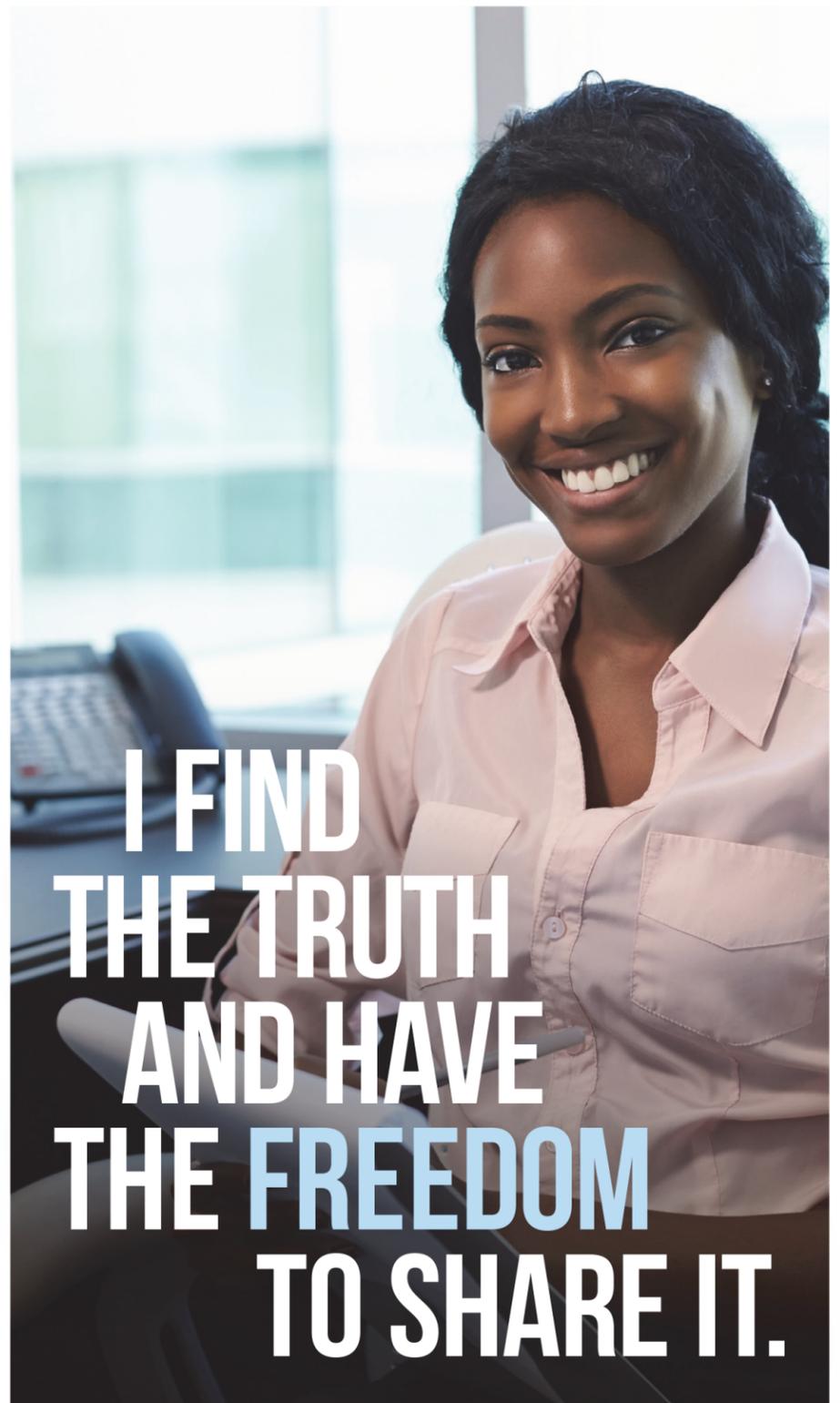
during September. There were eight larceny calls, one breaking and entering complaint, four dog/animal complaints, two malicious destructions, seven disorderly conduct calls and nine assaults. Lowell police issued 38 citations and notified eight residents about ordinance violations. Out of 128 traffic stops in September, they let 94 drivers go with a warning.

Lowell police were called to assist other law enforcement agencies 20 times and called other agencies for assistance

eight times in September. They were also called for assistance by citizens and motorists 33 times.

Lowell police were dispatched to 10 accidents during September, one with injuries.

The Lowell Fire Department responded to 91 incidents during September; 46 in the city of Lowell, 23 in Lowell Township, 20 in Vergennes Township, one in Cascade Township and one in Grattan Township.



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# SPORTS

## Football falls on the road

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows varsity football team suffered a narrow loss last Friday at Forest Hills Central, falling to the Rangers 14-7. It was a second straight week where the Arrows were unable to overcome a quick start by the opposition.

FHC got the scoring started with a 70-yard opening drive for a touchdown in the first quarter, followed by a rushing touchdown in the second quarter. Those 14 points would be the only points the Rangers would score all evening.

Lowell would respond before the end of the first half. The LHS offense drove it down to the FHC 15-yard

line and facing a fourth and one, Lowell would convert to keep the drive going. With only five seconds left in the first half and no timeouts, Doak Dean scrambled to the right and found Andy Anchutz for a passing touchdown to make it 14-7 FHC heading into halftime.

The defense would take over in the second half, with neither team able to score a single point. The Red Arrow offense was able to move the ball at times, however, they were facing a stingy FHC defense. Cade Solomonson came up with a tough 25-yard catch on the opening possession of the second half, and on third down a deep pass was just over the outstretched fingers of Anschutz.

Following the punt, Lowell's defense forced one of two FHC second half turnovers that helped keep an FHC offense averaging 26 points per game at bay. Brett Spanbauer and Sam Lixie came up with interceptions during the second half. Following Lixie's interception with 11:54 to play, Lowell would move the ball to the FHC 28 yard line. Facing fourth and inches, the FHC defense was able to come up with a stop.

Lowell would get one more chance to tie the game, after forcing a Ranger punt. Dean led a methodical drive that started on Lowell's 19-yard line. The drive included a fourth and six conversion with 2:12 left. A Grant Pratt

run gave Lowell a first and 10 at the Ranger 12, but it would be the last first down of the game for the Red Arrows. Facing fourth and

The Red Arrows drop to 4-4 and must win at Northview this Friday to have a chance at a postseason berth. To get into the

the Arrows against teams that have qualified for the playoffs. Lowell's four losses have come against teams with a combined 27-5



Cade Solomonson comes up with a catch against Forest Hills Central.



Brett Spanbauer running the ball during Friday's loss.

**Catch the Arrows in action this Friday at Northview.**

one at the three-yard line, Lowell would be stopped on a designed run which ended the game, with a 14-7 final in favor of Forest Hills Central. Justin Wade hit his only extra point of the night for LHS.

MHSAA football playoffs as a team with nine games, teams must have either six or more wins or be among a select few 5-4 teams with the highest amount of playoff points. The loss continued a string of narrow defeats for

record. Despite the loss, Lowell leads the historical series (dating back to 1900) against FHC by a 22-14 record.

## Boys cross-country finishes second in conference finals

The Lowell boys cross-country team completed the regular season on a strong note, finishing second behind Cedar Springs at the OK White Cross-Country Conference Finals at Riverside Park.

Scoring for the Red Arrows, as well as placing in the top ten were Caleb Swart, third, with a time of 16:43; Ben Kinnucan, fifth in 17:00 and Cole Weston,

seventh in 17:03. Wrapping up the score were Keegan Cater, 21st in 17:34 and Lucas Cossar, 24th in 17:46. Sawyer and Jackson Fowler completed the varsity lineup placing 26th and 29th with times of 17:49 and 17:50.

As a result of their placing Swart, Kinnucan and Weston earned All-Conference Honors along with Cossar taking All-Conference Honorable Mention.

The Arrows will take the next week to prepare for regionals at Benzie Central High School on Sat., Oct. 26.



**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
**Synopsis of Minutes**  
**October 7, 2019**

Motions Approved:

1. To approve the purchase of an automated chest compression system for the Fire Department.
2. To approve the signing of the ETNA acknowledgement for the purchase of grinder pumps for Cowan Lake.

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- VOLLEYBALL

# SPORTS

## Volleyball clinches second straight conference title

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

Another strong week for the varsity volleyball team ended in a rare defeat, this time at the hands of number one ranked Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Red Arrows played on Saturday in the Beast of the East Tournament. A tournament that included some of the state's best teams.

Lowell started off in pool play beating their three teams in three sets. The Arrows defeated Troy (25-20, 25-22), Anchor Bay (25-18, 25-22), and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (25-18, 25-15) all in straight sets by a score of 2-0.

LHS would face a tough draw, with defending Division 1 state champion Lake Orion in round 16, and a matchup with the state's number one-ranked team Farmington Hills Mercy to look ahead to in the finals. Lowell beat Lake Orion (25-17, 25-18) in the round of sixteen, Bloomfield Hills Marian (25-19, 26-24), (25-18, 25-22) and Grand Rapids Christian (25-18, 25-22) to advance to the championship match. There, they fell to Mercy by a score of 28-30, 17-25. It was an impressive performance despite the loss in the finals. Lowell won six games in what was considered the

toughest tournament in the state, and a great tune-up with postseason play nearing.

Their wins included the fifth-ranked team in Division 2 (Notre Dame Prep), honorable mention in Division 1 (Lake Orion), sixth-ranked team in Division 1 (Bloomfield Hills Marian), and the number one ranked team in Division 2 (Grand Rapids Christian)

During the tournament, setter Sophie Powell broke the school record for assists in a single season, previously held by Jordan Timmer who set the record in 2011. Timmer would go on to play volleyball at Central Michigan University and George Washington University.

LHS also outlasted a tough challenge by Forest Hills Central on senior night last week. The Arrows took the first set with a score of 25-12, but nothing came easily after that. FHC responded with a 25-23 set two win. LHS got a big kill from Jenna Reitsma to close out set three 25-23, and would secure the game with a 25-23 win in set four. Lowell's record now stands at 47-3. The win over Forest Hills Central secured a share of Lowell's second straight OK White Conference championship.



Sophie Powell with her dad David Powell after setting the single season assist record. (Photo courtesy of Lowell Volleyball).

LHS played Ottawa Hills this Tuesday, and will head to FHN next Tuesday (10/29) to close out the regular season. The team will look to start a lengthy postseason run the

following week. The Red Arrows received a bye in the first round and will play the winner of Rockford and Northview on November 6. Districts are hosted by Cedar Springs this year.

**The ladies travel to Forest Hills Northern on Tuesday, Oct. 29 to take on the Huskies. District play for the Arrows begins on Nov. 6 at Cedar Springs**

## Arrows finish third at OK White Championships

The Red Arrows showed up to Riverside Park with some of their best races of the season and used them to take third place at the OK White Championships behind FHN and FHC. Lowell ended up with an overall third place conference finish.

Leading the team was Audrey Conrad who

medaled with a seventh place finish in 20:19. With her finish she earned OK White All-Conference honors. Annika Sandman continued her climb as she took 23rd in 21:52 and Lauren Swain and Canaan McKinney placed 32nd and 37th with times of 22:31 and 22:38 respectively. Completing the scoring for Lowell was Theresa Judd

who placed 42nd with a time of 22:52. The varsity was rounded out by Alexis Haines, 44th place in 22:54 and Keira Sandman, 57th placed in 23:28.

The team's next competition is the MHSAA Regional Meet at Benzie Central High School on Sat., Oct. 26th.

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# obituaries

## ABEL

**Larridan Abel**

**3/4/1940 - 10/13/2019**

Early Sunday morning, Larry Abel passed away in his home in Ada. He was surrounded by his children and lifelong friends. Larry had many different occupations throughout his life, but in 1991, he started his custom cabinetry business, Personal Choice Cabinetry, Inc. In 2012, he retired and passed the business on to his eldest son. For Larry, owning a successful business was simply a means to an end. His true focus was his worship of his God, Jehovah, and his ministry to share Scriptural truths with everyone he could.



Even up to the day he died, he was encouraging others and telling them about the hope that the Bible offers for a wonderful future for all humans. He is preceded in death by his father, Carl Abel, and his mother, Waneta Abel. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Mary Abel; his sons, Larry (Jakki) Abel, David (Kelli) Abel; his daughters, Karen (Jorge) Calduch and Donna (Joel) Bacon; his five grandchildren, Brandi (Mike) Rosam, Tara (Gavin) Houghton, Michael Calduch, Lisa Calduch, and Jade Bacon; his five great-grandchildren, Isla, Treysen, Merrick, Asher, and Iris; his sister, Madylin Norton. A memorial was held on Saturday, October 19 at the Kingdom Hall Of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1250 Spaulding Ave. SE, Cascade, MI 49546.

## WITTENBACH

Elizabeth Ann Wittenbach, age 89 of Lowell, went to be with the Lord, Saturday, October 19, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Wittenbach; parents, Lloyd and Lottie Yeiter; parents-in-law, Rudolph and Wilhemina; siblings, Marion Lambson, Phyllis (Alton) Mick, Don Yeiter, and Elaine (Vern) Warnes. Elizabeth is survived by her children, Craig (Mary) Wittenbach, Sue (Kevin) Horsley; grandchildren, Ryan (Jennifer) Wittenbach, Kaily (Steve) VanLaan, Katy (Roy) Juarez, Krystal Horlsey, Kalaiya Horlsey; twelve great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Betty Yeiter. Her greatest love was being with family. Funeral and committal services will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. Visitation will be held at 10:00 am with funeral service following at 11:00 am. Pastor John Prominski of Restore Church of Ionia, officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pediatric Congenital Heart Association-Michigan, P.O. Box 223, Alto, MI 49302.



# Medicare, a simple explanation

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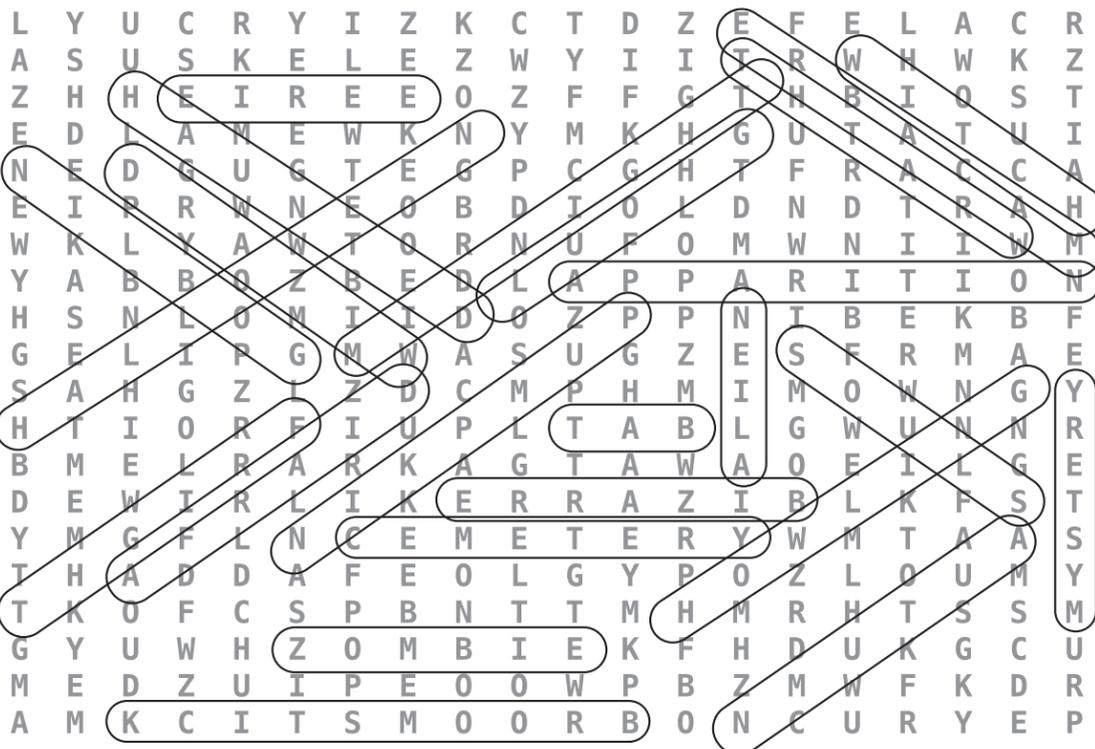
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We would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, phone calls and donations in memory of our sister and aunt. Also a big thank you to Metron of Belding and especially the CNA's, nurses and Dr's on South 1, Heartland Hospice and Lake Funeral Home for their care and concern.

The family of Linda Craig's

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STEAK DINNER - Fri., Oct. 25, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday Breakfast, Oct. 27, 8-11 a.m. Public welcome. Alto American Legion Post 528, 6056 Linfield, Alto. 868-6490.

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**HOME IMPROVEMENT MONTH** - Home repair services of Kent County will lead Fix-It School classes for the month of October. Oct. 30 - credit basics. For adults. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. Wednesdays, 6 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**FAMILY STORY TIME** - Now - Nov. 7. Read & sing together. Enjoy stories, music, movement & rhymes that develop early literacy skills and encourage everyone in the family to share their love of reading. For children ages 6 & younger with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. Thursdays at 10 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**MAHJONG AT THE LIBRARY** - Now - Nov. 29. Join us on Friday afternoons for American Mahjong; a game of skill, strategy & calculation. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own mahjong set or borrow ours. Forteens & adults. Fridays at 1 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**TEEN ZONE** - Now - Nov. 18, Mondays at 3:30 pm. Teen-only fun for you & your friends at the library. Stop by for activities that may include board games, food & more. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**FAMILY YOGA** - Now - Nov. 30.

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. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the program. For ages 3 and up. Saturdays at 11 am. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**MINECRAFT CLUB** - Nov. 4. 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. If you are able, bring a laptop with Wi-Fi capabilities & Minecraft installed & join us! For ages 6 & older. Mondays at 4:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**SENSORY TODDLER TIME** - Now - Nov. 12. Nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement & stories while helping to develop their language, motor & social skills. For children ages 3 & younger with a caregiver. Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**TECH SAVVY SENIORS** - Nov. 13 at 6:30 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 & confidence to access information & services online. For adults. No registration required. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**TEEN & ADULT FEAR FACTOR FOOD PROGRAM** - Oct. 10, 4-6 pm. Teen Wednesday group will participate in this Thursday program instead of a Wednesday event this month. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

**GROSS SENSORY CHALLENGE** - Oct. 24, 3-5 pm. All ages welcome to attend. This will put you and your kiddos in a Halloween mood! Guess what's in each mystery container. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac.

616-642-9146.

**COOKBOOK CLUB** - Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm. "Mill Street Tuesday Nights" by Christopher Kimball. Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks & sample delectable examples, potluck style. Stop by the branch for more details. For ages 14 & up. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**FALL FEST** - Oct. 31, 10 am. Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games & process art. **Please bring your own mini pumpkin.** For children ages 6 & under with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

**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.

**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.

**WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER** - 11715 Vergennes, Lowell. Trails are open dusk to dawn, 365 days a year.

**STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION?** - Lowell Serenity Club is available for all in need of relief and hope. LSC offers 12 step meetings, 365 days a year. Meetings daily 8-9 pm, Mon. - Fri. 12-1 pm, Tues. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. 10-11 am. 101 E. Main St., Lowell, 616-550-6688.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - A monthly support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

**FREE MOVIE NIGHT** - Second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Free movie & popcorn at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

**FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER RIVER VALLEY RAIL-TRAIL** - Meets second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pere Marquette depot, 100 Depot St., Belding. Meetings are broadcast on Google hangouts. FMRVRT.org/Facebook: FMRVRT

**TECH SESSIONS** - 2 - 4 pm by appointment on Thursdays. One-on-one assistance with basic computer, tablets, smart phones, downloadable library material, etc. Please call to schedule an appointment, Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.



# Lowell High School announces October Students of the Month

Lowell High School has announced that Lilly Cooper, 12th grade, and Faith Stepek, 11th grade, are the Lowell High School October Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated



Lilly Cooper

by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character, and work ethic. There are 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Cooper and Stepek. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Cooper was nominated by Tammi Dent and she writes, "Lilly has been a student of mine for two years now and in AP Spanish this year and the one word I would use to describe her



Faith Stepek

is remarkable! As a Spanish 4 student, she mentioned that she was going to be in Puebla, Mexico working over the summer and I was so excited for her because I knew she was going to

be like a sponge and soak everything up while she was there. Well, let me just say, she came back to school in August ready to rock! She had an exceptional amount of confidence and an amazing amount of enthusiasm for AP Spanish. She began our trimester with a spectacular 10 minute speech – completely in Spanish, no hesitating, no pausing no errors – about her work in Puebla, and I think she could've easily spoke for another half hour all in Spanish. Everyday she comes to class with a great attitude, ready to switch over to Spanish once she enters the room, and she

motivates others around her to participate in Spanish as well. Lilly plans on continuing to study Spanish at Calvin College next year and I am sure they will also recognize how remarkable and talented Lilly Cooper is."

Danielle Ayala nominated Stepek and she writes, "I have been impressed by Faith's perseverance to do well. She has dedicated time to stay after school almost every day for extra practice and further guidance. This decision to stay after was not forced upon her but instead she has taken her own initiative. Faith is demonstrating a

great example of hard-working student and is not discouraged by any of the challenges she faces in the classroom. She instead keeps working to improve. I'm proud to recommend Faith for student of the month."



## Daffodils planted at Grand River Riverfront Park



On Saturday, October 19, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club (LSGC) joined 19 Girl Scouts in planting daffodil bulbs at the Grand River Riverfront Park. Last year, the LSGC and the scouts planted 200 daffodil bulbs along the nature trail. On Saturday, these plantings continued along the walkway in order to further enhance the beauty of the trail this spring.

Club members, scouts and parents started the project after cider and donuts. Following a brief welcome, work groups were formed and planting instructions given. Daffodils are the flower of choice because they are deer resistant. Within one hour, club members and scouts planted 350 bulbs.

As a thank you, each scout received daffodil bulbs to take home and to plant. The purpose is to reinforce fall bulb planting and to enjoy the blooms at home and at the park in the spring. The participating Scout Troops were 3986, 4129, 4296, 4574, 4694, 4748, and 4886. As a result of participating in this project, some scouts will receive patches or hours credited toward their service hours to the community.

The daffodil project was made possible through monies provided by the Michigan Garden Clubs and District IV as a "Grow and Share" grant.



### At Your Local Library

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

#### Cookbook Club

Join us for an informal discussion about cookbooks and sample delectable examples, potluck style. Stop by the branch for more details. "Milk Street Tuesday Nights" by Christopher Kimball. For ages 14 and up. Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm.

#### Fall Fest

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and process art. Bring your

own mini pumpkin. For children ages 6 and younger with caregiver. Siblings are welcome to attend as well. Thursday, Oct. 31 at 10 am.

#### Movies with Mary - 80's Movies You May Have Missed

Join our movie maven to watch and discuss classic films from her vast collection. "Eight Men Out" (1988) - Baseball players throw the 1919 World Series in exchange for cash from a

professional gambler. After they go through with the plan, they are put on trial for their actions. Rated PG. Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 pm.

#### 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. Monday, Nov. 4 at 4:30 pm.

#### Night Owls Adult Book Discussion

"The Mountain Story" by Lori Lansens. All adults welcome. No registration required. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm.

## Tree planted at park



The Lowell Showboat Garden Club donated a Norway Spruce to the Grand River Riverfront Park for Arbor Day 2019. The tree was purchased from Terra Verde Landscaping who had the tree planted before the park's dedication. Lowell Showboat Garden Club members pictured, left to right: Cathy Cochell, Gwen Hughes, Carol McGregor, Jan Boerema and Mona Banta (not pictured was David Drain).

# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

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Level: Intermediate

### 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!

Puzzle solutions on page 12

## Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in New York on October 24, 1983. I started out with one group, but then became a member of a Disney-based girl group who had a movie and hit single. I became a TV series co-host in 2013.

Answer: *Adrienne Bailon*

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# FRIGHTFEST WORD SEARCH

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

### FRIGHTFEST WORD SEARCH

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 HOWLING  
 MACABRE  
 MIDNIGHT  
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## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

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Answer: *Treats*

### CLUES ACROSS

- Type of relic
7. Type of medical program (abbr.)
10. Outer defense of a castle
12. 1,000 calories (abbr.)
13. A way of using
14. Abounding with surf
15. Expressed violently
16. Shared a boundary with
17. Swedish krona
18. Thick piece of something
19. Wreaths
21. Animated program network (abbr.)
22. Regains possession of
27. Spielberg sci-fi film
28. 2-time Super Bowl winner
33. Ice hockey position (abbr.)
34. Circulatory system parts
36. Supervises flying
37. District in Peru
38. Impudence
39. \_\_\_ willikers!

40. One point east of southeast
41. Papas' partners
44. Youngsters
45. Type of tree
48. A hazy or indistinct appearance
49. Poems with distinct pattern
50. Marketing term that denotes price
51. Fast drivers

### CLUES DOWN

- Grenade
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Small, immature herring
- \_\_\_-fi (slang)
- 007's creator
- Liquefied natural gas
- Cleanse thoroughly
- Handle of a knife
- Perform diligently
- Drink pourer
- Extreme greed
- Southern Russia river
- Type of cracker
- Single Lens Reflex
18. Barely sufficient
20. Slick
23. Reference books
24. Federally recognized native peoples
25. Manganese
26. Senior officer
29. Atomic #18 (abbr.)
30. Tax collector
31. World wonder \_\_\_ Falls
32. Origins
35. Car mechanics group
36. MMA fighter Urijah
38. Gland secretion
40. Gelatinous water creature
41. Good friend
42. Arab ruler
43. Capital of Belgian province Hainaut
44. English broadcaster
45. Soviet Socialist Republic
46. Affirmative
47. Trigonometric function (abbr.)

# Playbytes by Playwrights festival begins Nov. 1



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by Gerald Browning  
contributing reporter

On Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9, the Lowell Arts Theater will be featuring Playbytes by Playwrights, a festival comprised of eight plays, each of them roughly ten minutes in length.

The theme of the plays is 'Lost or Found.' The plays have been written by playwrights who are competing for a \$500 grand prize. A 'people's choice' award will be voted on by

attendees, that winner will receive a non-cash award.

Co-directors Mary Beth Quillin and Ken Parrish divided the eight plays among themselves and are quite excited for the public

to see such plays come to life.

"We solicited scripts from playwrights from all over the country and the world. This time around we received 69 submissions," Parrish said.

Parrish has been the co-director of many of the Playbytes by Playwrights festivals. This time around he will be responsible for "Persephone," "Threatened Panda Fights Back," "The Ledge" and "A Better Place."

"We are now on our fourth [festival] and I have been a codirector for all four," Parrish said.

Parrish mentioned that the 13 actors come from all over West Michigan to take over the 20 roles in the short, one act plays.

"[S]everal of the actors are in more than one [play]," Parrish said. "We have five or six that are in one only and others that are in two and we have two or three that are doing three. This speaks to the range and the rigor that the actors, and just how dedicated the actors are to their craft."

Quillin is directing the

plays "Florida," "The Education of Jenna," "Untethered" and "Family By Numbers."

"I think audience members will enjoy the format of eight very short plays, each one complete in its own right, but each conveying a different idea of 'Lost or Found' and in some cases, Lost AND Found," Quillin said. "The pieces convey the theme very well without any special emphasis on my part or the actors' parts. All of them are very well-written."

Quillin went through the process of selecting the plays and the importance of the scripts.

"We each ranked them on several of these criteria," Quillin said. "[We paid] special attention to those that had really believable dialogue and weren't a rehash of some other story, but [were] an original take on our theme. With a theme like 'Lost or Found,' many of the plays were very sad, and we wanted a good balance of comedy/tragedy in order to present a balanced and enjoyable

evening of theater, so that also figured into the decision-making process."

"There are comedies, some dramadies, and a couple of very serious pieces," Quillin said. "In a word, something for everyone!"

Parrish added that the 10 minute short format gives the audience a theatrical quality that may not necessarily run a standard length of a play. This could be quite enticing to those who would like to appreciate the theater but may not feel comfortable with sitting in the chair for a particularly lengthy time period.

With eight plays, one can attend the theater and experience a diverse range of emotions and experiences that connect with the theme of Lost or Found. Once again LowellArts brings culture and the human experience to Lowell.



## CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At their regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM, the Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 19-06, an amendment to "Appendix A, Zoning" of the City's code of ordinances to address adult use marihuana establishments, and Ordinance No. 19-07, adding a new Chapter 28, "Adult Use Marihuana Establishments" to the City's code of Ordinances. The following provides a summary of the ordinances and their regulatory effect:

1. Ordinance No. 19-06 amends the city of Lowell zoning ordinance to permit adult use marihuana facilities licensed by the state of Michigan pursuant to the Michigan Taxation and Regulation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA) as a special land use in the following zoning districts:

- C-3 General Business
- LI Light Industrial
- I Industrial
- RE River's Edge

In addition, this amendment establishes regulations pertaining specifically to recreational marihuana establishments, including licensing and application requirements, site plan requirements, and general provisions related security, separation distances, odor control, violations, and other matters.

2. Ordinance No. 19-07 authorizes the establishment of recreational marihuana establishments in the City of Lowell, provided that special land use approval is also given by the City planning commission. The ordinance provides a means to regulate and control the commercial production and distribution of marihuana as permitted by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MTRMA). The ordinance contains definitions, specifies a process for obtaining and maintaining a license, and provides for fees to defray and recover the costs to the City of the administrative and enforcement costs associated with marihuana establishments. The ordinance also provides general standards for the application, establishment, operation, and maintenance of marihuana establishments in the City consistent with the MTRMA and other applicable laws.

Copies of the ordinances described above are available for inspection at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours of the City.

Ordinance No. 19-06 and Ordinance No. 19-07 are effective 10 days after this publication.



Susan Ullery  
Lowell City Clerk

