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KC Youth Fair '20 pared down to essentials



Fair participants having their animals judged.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Kent County Youth Fair usually brings thousands of people and hundreds of farm animals to downtown Lowell every year, but like everything else in 2020, it looks completely different.

They can't have rides, carnival games, live music or most of the attractions and entertainment they bring to town every year, but there is still a tremendous amount of activity occurring.

This year, the emphasis

is on the exhibits, including cows, pigs, horses, goats, still exhibits, modeling, performing arts and tractor driving.

The rabbit, poultry and still exhibit auction will begin at 7 pm on

Wednesday, Aug. 12. The large animal auction will occur at 9 am on Thursday, Aug. 13. The sale order will be goats, lambs, swine, beef feeders, beef steers, dairy feeders and dairy steers. Both auctions will

be held in the open-air swine pavilion. Exhibitors will go through the ring, but their animals will not. Also, they are asking that only exhibitors and registered buyers attend the auctions, but each auction will also have an online option. Visit the KCYF.org website for more details about that.

Camping for exhibitors and participants will be allowed at the fairgrounds until Aug. 17. The rate is \$100 a week or \$20 per day. Visit KCYF.org for more information about that.

Parking is free, and they have a limited number of "fair food" vendors on site.

In order to attend any of the on-site events at the fair, you must first visit KCYF.org, fill out a liability waiver and bring it with when you go there.

More fair coverage on pages 2, 8 and 9!

Pink Arrow Community Day going ahead on Aug. 21, game still not decided

by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

With the COVID-19 pandemic putting many things into question around the country, one community staple is still going to be held at its normal time this year. On Friday, Aug. 21, the Pink Arrow Community Day will be held in the same location as last year, at Impact Church.

With the Lowell football season up in the air, along with all high school sports, it is unknown if the Pink Arrow football game against Caledonia will take place this year, but Pink Arrow Community Day is going ahead with its annual day of community fun, providing many cool things to see and do.

"With or without a game this year, Pink Arrow Community Day still goes on," said Teresa Beachum, one of the main organizers of Pink Arrow Pride. "We're going to raise money to

support Pink Arrow Pride because we have families that are on cancer journeys in this community that need our financial gifts, and we have Gilda's Club here in Lowell that we want to keep operating, and Pink Arrow does those things!"

The event will be outside on the Impact Church grounds under a pink tent. They will have a balloon twister on the outside and Pink Arrow will provide ice cream cones from the Cabus for the first 300 visitors.

They will also be selling the brand new Pink Arrow XIII t-shirts. This event will be the first opportunity the public has to buy the t-shirts.

With each shirt comes a cloth mask that is washable and reusable.

If one cannot buy the t-shirt at community day, there will be four places to buy the new Pink Arrow XIII shirt. These four locations are Fans in

the Stands, MI Home Store, Heidi's Farm Market and Red Barn Market on Alden Nash by Murray Lake. The t-shirts and accompanying mask cost \$20.

"We encourage people to buy the shirt on the first day of sale because All Weather Seal matches our sales for every shirt we sell," Beachum said.

The most important thing there in addition to buying the shirt is Versiti Blood, formerly known as Michigan Blood. They will be inside the church in a safe, secure, sanitized area asking for blood donations from 10 am to 7 pm. It must be by appointment, so be sure to call Versiti at 866-642-5663 ahead of time.

"[Another] thing that is so important to this community is that this is usually the biggest blood drive we have all year," Beachum said.

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Teresa Beachum (file photo)

Kent County Youth Fair, continued

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR EVENT SCHEDULE

Horses

Monday, Aug. 10-15: Horses show
Saturday, Aug. 15: Horse awards ceremony at noon.
Saturday, Aug. 15: Horses leave at the conclusion of their shows.

Beef

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Beef will arrive in the morning, compete at noon and go home.

Auctions

Wednesday, Aug. 12: Small animals and still exhibits auction will begin at 7 pm.

Thursday, Aug. 13: Large animal auction will begin at 9 am.

Performing Arts

Friday, Aug. 14: Theater, dance, demonstrations and miscellaneous registration begins at 9:30 am. Performances are from 10 am to 1 pm. Instrumental and vocal registration begins at 2:30 pm. Performances are from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Modeling

Friday, Aug. 14: Modeling will be held at 1 pm.

Tractor Driving

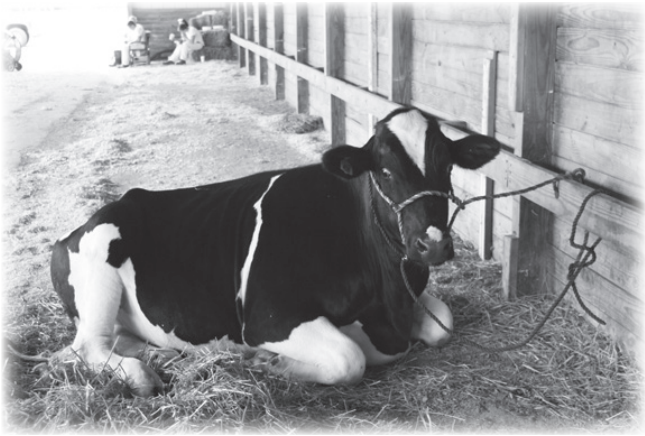
Tractor driving time is to be determined. It will be held to coincide with the swine show so that the exhibitors do not have to make another trip to the grounds.



The emphasis was on agriculture this year.



Camping is allowed for fair participants until Aug. 17.



Ads for the fair sponsors festooned the driveway at the entrance to the fairgrounds.



There were a limited number of fair food vendors on the site.



Still exhibits like pies, crafts, furniture and artwork were on display in the King Building.

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Contaminated “pre-rolls” sold at Meds Café recalled

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Products from a Bay City marijuana processing company that were tainted with human saliva were recalled by the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency on Thursday, Aug. 6.

According to a MRA press release, “on Friday, July 31, the MRA initiated an investigation into the operation of 3843 Euclid LLC’s medical marijuana processor facility and co-located adult-use establishment based on information that an individual at the business

licked a pre-roll marijuana product while making the product. In the interest of the public health and safety, the MRA issued an order which placed all marijuana products in the business’ inventory identified in the statewide monitoring system as a ‘pre-roll’ on an administrative hold during the ongoing investigation and prohibited the sale or transfer of any marijuana products on administrative hold.”

Some of the recalled products were sold by Meds Café in Lowell during July.

The tainted joints were also sold at stores in Bay City, Hazel Park, Detroit, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, Lansing, River Rouge, Ferndale, Quincy, Negaunee and Lapeer. Representatives from Meds Café did not respond to requests for comment, but all retailers who sold the pre-rolls are required to inform the customers who purchased them about the recall.

The MRA is currently investigating 3843 Euclid LLC and has suspended the company’s license for 14 days to facilitate this.



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August 6, 2020

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This recall affects the following marijuana products sold from Meds Café – License AU-R-000200– located at 1965 W. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331:

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Sold between July 14, 2020 and July 21, 2020

Package # 1A4050300006EF6000003007
Hyman Cannabis - Kush Mints Premium Pre Roll
Sold on July 9, 2020

Beach volleyball tournament at Grand River park

by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

The beach volleyball courts that were finished being installed earlier this month have already seen plenty of action.

Over 90 teams of two filled the eight newly minted beach volleyball courts for its first ever tournament Saturday, Aug. 8, with seven of those teams going home as champions. The tournament was put together by the TAG Beach Volleyball Club, who is led by former Team USA player Bill Genovich.

“It was an awesome day,” Genovich said. “We had to limit it to 90 kids because of COVID, but we had kids come from Traverse City, we had kids come from the Detroit area, we had kids from all over the state, so it was awesome.”

With TAG Beach Volleyball Club leading the way, this was the first event that the volleyball courts had seen. The project was put together through the unlikely collaboration of Genovich and Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale.

“It’s our first event that we’ve had here since we’ve built the courts in cooperation with Lowell Township,” Genovich said.

“Jerry was awesome when we were putting these courts in. We got some donations from local businesses, we got a grant and we were able to get this project done in about 30 days. It normally takes a lot longer to do city type projects.”

The total cost of the beach volleyball courts was \$20,000, with a \$10,000 grant paying for four of the eight courts and local businessman Greg Canfield paying for the other four courts.

“Last year, 2019, was our official beginning, when we officially started taking kids,” Genovich said. “I’ve worked with kids for the last 30 years, but last year was the first year we made the club and had kids come in doing camps. We moved to Lowell a couple of years ago. and when we did the first thing I said was, ‘We have enough room to put a beach volleyball court in our backyard.’ So we didn’t put grass in our backyard, we got it dug out, had sand hauled in and put a beach volleyball court in our backyard.”

But hosting beach volleyball camps in a residential neighborhood

proved to be tricky, and soon complaints from neighbors brought Hale into the picture.

“Bill Genovich had a beach volleyball court in his backyard,” Hale said. “We were getting some complaints from the neighbors. I went up to talk with him about it, we got to talking. I said, ‘You can’t really continue what you are doing here, your neighbors are complaining, but I think we can maybe turn a bad thing into a good thing!’ When we built our North Park behind Walgreens, we talked about having volleyball courts over there before pickleball took over the space. So we thought that maybe we could put the volleyball courts in the South Park. The more we talked about it, the more we talked about events and tournaments that could happen there.”

Thus, the project was completed for the public to enjoy, with a large turnout for its first event. Starting at 10 am, the tournament lasted throughout the day, ending at around 4:30 pm, and crowned seven champions.

The U12 Gold Bracket saw Annalise Clark and Sophie Stirdivans win.

Kendall Hopewell and Mila Karara won the U14 Gold bracket while Piper Ridon and Tryn Jackson won the U14 Silver bracket. U16 Gold crowned Bella Austin and Erin Madigan champions along with Ava Beard and Carly Frank in the U16 Silver bracket. The champions of the U18 brackets were Aubrey and Meredith O’Gorman in the U18 Gold and Dani Johnston and Jamie Wellet in the U18 Silver.

This is just the start for Genovich and the TAG Beach Volleyball Club at Grand River Park. First, the club will be pairing

with Lowell High School varsity volleyball team and coach Jordan Drake for a Pink Arrow Community Day clinic. Then, more tournaments are to come.

“Next year we’re hoping to have at least three or four tournaments over the next summer and we will continue with our camps and clinics,” Genovich said. “We have summer campers that come three times a week, every week of the summer. We also have weekly camps that we do three or four days at a time every other week in the summer.”

Genovich said he was excited to potentially get

even more kids on the courts playing more volleyball.

“It would be awesome to get more kids out here,” Genovich said.

“The more kids we get, the more stuff we’ll be able to do on free days. They don’t have to pay the \$75 dollars for a tournament, they can just come out and learn a little bit about beach volleyball.”

With summer starting to dwindle and the lakeshore an hour away, being able to use the beach volleyball courts that are available to the community could help keep many active while potentially turning Lowell into a volleyball powerhouse.

Lowell man charged with criminal sexual contact

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Kent County prosecutor’s office issued charges against John Patrick Moglia, a 55-year-old male from Lowell, for two counts of CSC 4th

on two victims between the ages of 13 and 15 years old.

Moglia is an art teacher at Forest Hills Central Middle School, and the incidents in question occurred with two of his students on school

property.

If any additional victims exist, they should call detective Kailey Gilbert at 616-632-6125.



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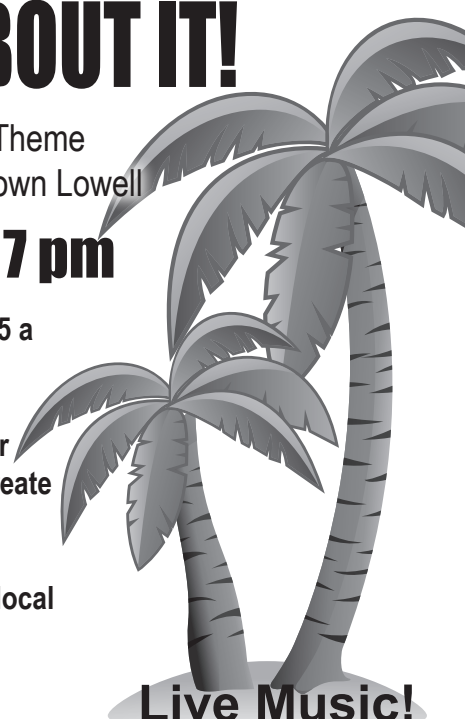
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Pink Arrow, continued

“It’s especially important this year because with the schools shutting down with the usual blood drives they have, with COVID things have been shut down, so Versiti Blood is in great need of blood donations.”

Spectrum Health will also have their mobile mammography mobile onsite at Pink Arrow Community Day. This will take place from 10 am to 5 pm. To schedule, call 877-495-2626.

Lowell Township will be revealing eight brand new beach volleyball courts across the river on the south side of Grand River Riverfront Park. This will be in collaboration with

TAG Beach Volleyball Club and the Lowell High School varsity volleyball team.

“For Pink Arrow community day, we’re doing a free clinic for anybody who wants to come,” said Bill Genovich, creator of the TAG Beach Volleyball Club. “Any kids, adults, anybody who wants to come watch.

Sometimes there’s parents whose kids play volleyball and they don’t even know how to make a platform or pass the ball, so the Lowell varsity team and their coach Jordan Drake will be out here. We’re going to do a free clinic with them for anybody who wants to come out. After that, we

plan on doing a professional exhibition, guys who are currently playing on the pro beach tour will be out here to play a game for everyone.”

While plans for the Pink Arrow Pride football game are still very much up in the air, plans are still being made to honor those who have had cancer affect their lives. Whether there is a game or not, the football players will be wearing Pink Arrow Pride jerseys that carry an honoree’s name on the shoulders, and at some point after Sept. 3, they will be hand delivering the jerseys to the honorees at their residences instead of at the stadium.

Market on Main sidewalk sale a blast downtown



by Brendan A. Sanders
contributing reporter

The Market on Main took place this past weekend on Saturday, Aug. 8 with many small businesses taking advantage of selling products on Lowell’s bustling Main Street.

Businesses big and small, new and old, showed off their products to potential buyers with many going home happy with the results.

Depending on where you started, you could easily find a tent that had something that would pique your interest. Some sold plants and flowers, others sold food and drinks, many sold articles of clothing, both made by either the owner or by a major brand. Many sold their own hand-crafted creations that interested many, some sold metal decorations, one sold fountains and others sold art. After going down Main St., one could turn onto N. Water St. and find more tables and a multitude of antiques that made the road look like it was operating in the 1950s.

Pamela Campbell of Hen & Hive Provisions was a veteran crafter but a newcomer to Lowell.

“So far it’s going quite

well, we’ve been bustling,” Campbell said. “I’ve done pretty well so far. This is my first time in Lowell, but I have done a lot of other craft fairs.”

Campbell said she enjoyed the town and her time spent here.

“I love Lowell, it is pretty diverse and the folks are friendly,” Campbell said. “It’s a nice day. I’m in a nice shady spot.”

Campbell said that raising awareness of her products was the best thing about selling during the Market on Main.

“It helps me get the word out about my brand,” Campbell said.

Paparazzi Independent Consultant owner Kim Thorington was also happy to be selling her products to marketgoers who crossed by her tent.

“I think it is going great, we’ve had people come by all day long and have gotten lots of sales,” Thorington said. “People are very nice and friendly, it’s a nice atmosphere. It’s a lot of fun seeing people go by, a little more laid back.”

The next Market on Main will take place Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, go to discoverlowell.org and find the “Market on Main” link.



viewpoint



**125 years ago
Lowell Ledger
August 16, 1895**

Henry, little son of Charles Alexander and wife of this village has met with a life long misfortune. As a result of the breaking of the bones of his left foot while at play at grandpa Walton's in Bowne, it was decided that the foot be amputated. On Monday the operation was performed severing the foot above the ankle. The poor little fellow is doing as well as could be expected. He and his parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

H. F. Clark is in receipt of a letter from an experienced knitter who wishes to locate here. He has had entire charge of the knitting room of the big knitting works at Colon for three years. Here is an excellent opportunity to add to Lowell's industries. If the man is what he claims to be, the opportunity should not be lost.

The upper Grand river bridge is again open to traffic. The contract was let at a most favorable time for our taxpayers. Since the bids were made iron has advanced greatly, and the contractor says that the township saved several hundreds of dollars by taking advantage of the stringent times.

**100 years ago
The Lowell Ledger
August 19, 1920**

The Business Men's picnic held at Campau lake last week Thursday, was a very pleasant and successful affair. The Middleville band furnished the music.

Mrs. Annette Abbott Adams, appointed by President Wilson as assistant United States attorney general after serving for nearly six years as assistant United States district attorney in San Francisco, is a living contradiction of the theory that a woman who successfully fills a position traditionally held by a man must eschew all feminine interests and become a short-haired imitator of the man who might be holding the job.

Philip C. Sayles, son of Mrs. Oren Sayles, for the last three years advertising solicitor for "Who Is Who in the Grain Trade," has gone into the grain business with E. D. Smith, under the name of the Smith-Sayles Grain Co., at Columbus, Ohio.

**75 years
The Lowell Ledger**

August 16, 1945

As all the world knows by this time, Japan has officially surrendered to the allied nations without reservations and in full accord with the Potsdam ultimatum. Arrangements still must be completed for the signing of formal surrender terms. General Douglas MacArthur has been appointed supreme Allied commander to receive the surrender. The V-J day will be proclaimed.

The Superior Furniture Company has just completed an army cargo sled for an urgent order from the Boston Quartermaster Corp. As one of six factories working in the sled, their plant has been working on the runners only. Shipment is made directly from the Grand Rapids assembly plant to the embarkation for work overseas.

OPA Wednesday announced immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves. Price Administrator Chester Bowles said meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires would stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

**50 years
The Lowell Ledger
August 20, 1970**

If church services were not as well attended as usual Sunday, those who missed or were late for services have a good excuse. A freak lightning bolt shut down transformers at the Lowell Light and Power Company--and they woke up 90 minutes late.

A \$63,000 project to expand the Lowell telephone central office has been started by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Robert I. Thole, local manager for Michigan Bell, said a 16 x 65 foot addition will be erected to the community dial office at 119 North Hudson, Lowell. The one-story addition will be of brick and frame construction to match the existing structure.

The State Savings Bank of Lowell is going ornate. H. J. Englehardt, president and chairman of the board said the bank's main office will erect decorative iron, install a patio and an eight-foot, three-tier fountain, as part of the Chamber of Commerce's plan to give Lowell's Main Street a New Orleans flavor.

**25 years
The Lowell Ledger
August 16, 1995**

If a person comes to your door offering to do some work around your house at an unbelievable price, chances are it is unbelievable. The Kent County Sheriff's Department wants residents in the Lowell, Vergennes, Bowne, Alto, and Saranac regions to be wary of people promising to repair driveways, roofs, or other around the house improvements.

Kirsten and the Lipsticks performed two shows at the Showboat Amphitheater Saturday. The matinee show was for the Keeler Brass employee picnic, the evening show was a fund-raiser for the Showboat. Sharing the stage with Kirsten and the Lipsticks was opening act, magician P.J. Weber.

A close geographical location and a cooperative working relationship was helpful in Lowell School's food service director Carol Harper's ability to negotiate a money-saving contract with Bareman's Dairy.

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ABCs of Lowell History

The Lowell Area Historical Museum introduces a new weekly feature to explore local history. The ABC's of Lowell's History this week is:

S is for Showboat

"Nowhere else can such a story of community spirit and goodwill be found as in the people of Lowell at Showboat time." Grand Rapids Herald July 24, 1955

As Showboat number six is now being built, this week seemed a good opportunity to explore the history of the Showboat in Lowell. While that history has been explored many times in many ways, we wanted to share some memories that help to evoke the feeling of the Showboat from a letter written by Larry Wittenbach, who experienced it during its prime. The Story of the Lowell Showboat, its history and its meaning to the community can best be shown through the memories of the young people who grew up knowing its charm and celebrity personalities. Enjoy this walk down memory lane...

"Like many teens of my generation, the Showboat was an entertaining and exciting part of our life each summer. In the fifties, many of us youngsters sang in the Showboat Chorus or helped cleaning, painting, decorating the boat, or volunteering in many other ways to help the adults prepare for the shows. After a chorus practice we might head over the Chris's Drug store and order a Cherry

Coke at the soda fountain. Often Runci (Carleton Runicman) would stop in and pick up the tab for the whole group. Boy, were we impressed!

of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. I saw Berle coming and struggling with two big heavy leather suitcases one of which I found out later contained musical

about to get out and step onto the Moon?" I sure did not want to miss that so we perched side by side on the foot of the bed watching silently and after a while



A crowd gathered for the Showboat show.

In the late sixties, Bill Doyle asked me to take over the hiring and handling of the professional entertainment and I got to know some really great people like Dinah Shore, Milton Berle, Ray Stevens, the Everly Brothers (Don and Phil), and Jerry Reed among others. For the 1969 show it was comedian Milton Berle known as Uncle Miltie on his weekly television show. I was to pick him up at the airport. It was July 20th and I was waiting for him. I had the car radio on, listening, as most of the nation was, to the landing on the moon

arrangements for his part of the show. I helped him get them into the trunk and we headed to the motel on 28th Street. After introductions, his first question was about the progress of the moon landing so I switched the radio on and we listened until we got to the motel where we got him checked in and made sure the room had a television set. We wrestled those heavy bags up to the room and turned the TV on. I then offered him a good night and headed for the door. Uncle Miltie said, "Wait, don't you want to watch, he is

Neil made that first historic step. An indelible memory for me!
I found out that like Uncle Miltie, all of the entertainers were wonderful, friendly personalities to be around. Dinah Shore was another one. The day before her Showboat appearance I took her and her manager to the stage to do some rehearsing with the band. Afterward, it was getting dark and asked if they were hungry. Was thinking where on a Monday night

ABCs continued, page 12

- impetigo

Impetigo is a contagious superficial skin infection that commonly affects children, but can also affect adults. It is usually caused by the bacteria staphylococcus aureus or streptococcus group A.

Symptoms can vary from red bumps on the skin that can form blisters, burst open, and crust over with a "honey-yellow" crusting. Most common areas for this rash to occur are the face and extremities.

Treatment options can include prescription topical

and oral antibiotics. If you have impetigo or come into contact with someone who does have impetigo:

- Practice good hand hygiene to prevent spreading.
- Do not share towels or clothes.
- Wash towels and bed sheets frequently in hot water.

If you have questions or concerns regarding impetigo, consult your health care provider to discuss possible treatment.

college news

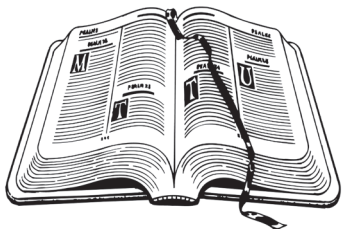
More than 5,300 Baylor University students have been named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the spring 2020 semester. Students honored on the Dean's List are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.7 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded semester hours.

Ian James Kastner, Hankamer School of Business, and Olivia Frances Mohny, College of Arts & Sciences, both of Ada, were local students.

This past spring, Olivia Richmond of Lowell, MI, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Richmond earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Richmond was one of 2,236 students to graduate from Marquette in May. Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 84 different countries. Marquette is ranked in the top 10 nationally for job placement.

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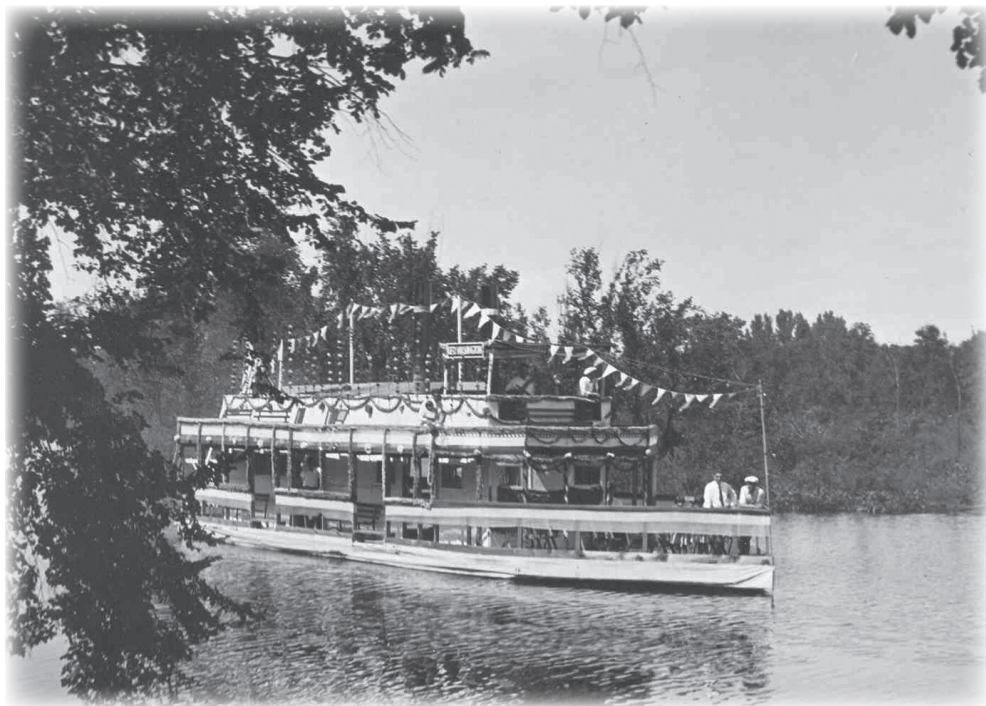
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LOWELL SHOWBOAT

Where we've been, where we're going...



The 1932 Lowell Showboat afloat on the Flat River.

by Mark Mundt

With the arrival of the framework for the new showboat, the Showboat Committee thought it was time to recap how we got here and what the future holds for the new Lowell Showboat (number six)! Even though this is a little long it's a pretty high fly over of what has been happening with replacing the showboat.

About four years ago, a committee of about 15 people began meeting to develop plans to bring a new showboat to Lowell. This committee, spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce, was made up of a broad spectrum of people from the greater Lowell area. It included people from the schools, civic organizations, the city, the press, local non-profits and citizens at large from Vergennes and Lowell Townships as well as the city of Lowell.

Fun fact: For about the last 20 years the showboat has been owned by the city of Lowell and managed by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. This came about when the showboat faced hard financial times due to significant drop in revenue

caused by weather related issues. As a city asset it falls under the responsibilities of the Lowell Parks Committee. Also worth noting; around 2018 the city council did formally adopt "The Lowell Showboat" as the official name of the new showboat.

From the beginning the goal of the committee was to build a showboat that would represent the long, proud history of the Lowell Showboat and last a very long time. Discussions also focused on what the use of the new showboat would be. The group envisioned a wide variety of things the new boat could be used for including; weddings, wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, family reunions, graduation parties, business meetings, fundraising events, etc. and of course the new home for Santa visits. In short, the vision was for a boat that could be used for much more than the previous boat, which for the most part had a very limited amount of uses, which were primarily as the backdrop to the summer concerts and Santa visits.

Fun Fact: The city and the

committee could not find any governmental agency that would have regulatory authority over the boat. Even though it will float on water, it won't have motors so maritime regulations do not apply. Likewise, since it isn't being built on land, local building codes don't apply. Putting that aside, it has always been the desire of the city and the committee to build the boat following current building codes.

Early on, the group was leaning toward building a showboat-like structure over the water on pilings in the river. After several discussions with the State (DEQ/DNR/EGLE), that idea was abandoned. With the group now focused on a floating structure, discussions began on what the showboat should be made of and what it would look like. Showboat number five lasted about 40 years, which was much longer than any of the previous showboats. The committee felt confident that with the right materials the new showboat could easily last 75-100 years. With that in mind the committee decided to recommend the

use of steel for the structure of the new boat.

At the same time the look of the showboat began to take shape. Although none of the previous five showboats

really looked anything alike, the committee was leaning toward a boat that looked very similar to the showboat that was being replaced and final designs began to

emerge.

Also early on, the committee decided for a variety of reasons that there

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

(In accordance with 1956 PA 40, as amended)

Notice is Hereby Given that a Day of Review will be held on **Friday, August 21, 2020**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49504. At that date and place, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands within Kent County comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and will determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drain Commissioner will also review the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes. The Drains are located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description of the lands proposed to be added or deleted, in whole or in part, include the following:

DRAIN NO.	DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
8568	BOWLER	BOWNE TOWNSHIP	17-20

Maps of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions and the list of parcels within the district may be found at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office or on its website www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner/meeting_notices.htm

The Kent County Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the Drainage Districts available to review. Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If Drain assessments are to be collected in installments, they may be paid in full with any interest to date to avoid further interest charges. The entities to be assessed at large are the municipalities listed above, as well as Kent County for benefit to county roads, and the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for those Drainage Districts that include state highways. The lands to be assessed are those generally described as being within the Sections set forth above.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE DAY OF REVIEW

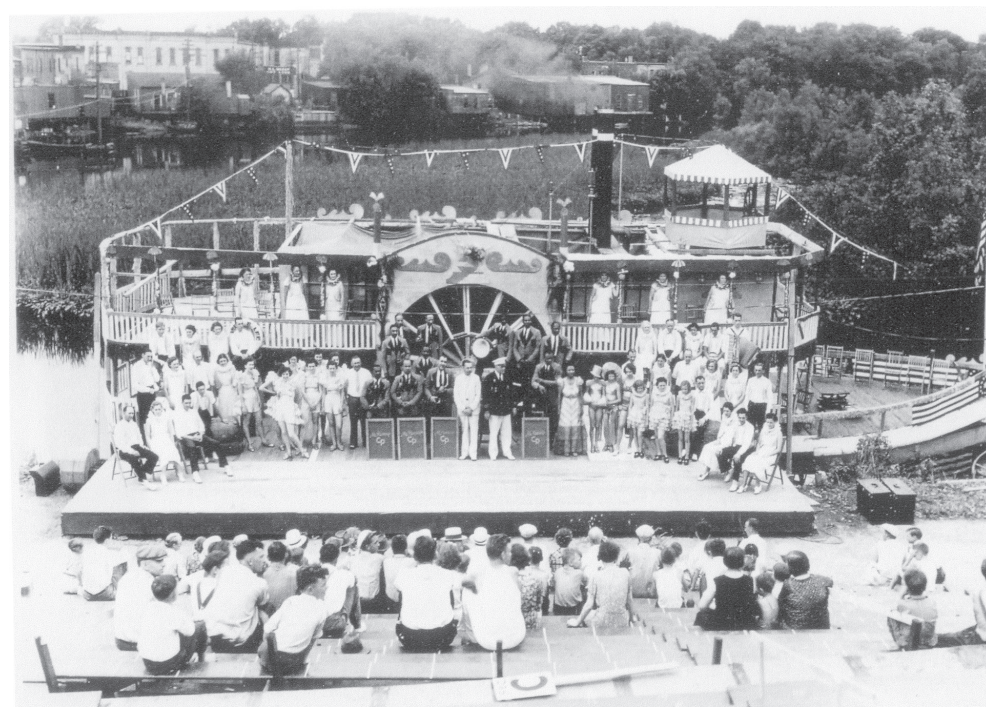
Prior to the Day of Review, you may contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at 616-632-7910 or visit its website to get information about your apportionment and assessment. The Drain Commissioner intends to hold an in-person Day of Review at the location stated above. However due to the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis, we are asked to reduce the in-person meeting and request that any questions be addressed through email or phone. Otherwise, an appointment can be made to meet with the staff on the Day of Review between the hours of 8:30am -4:30pm. Please call to make such appointment.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Kent County Drain Commissioner at (616) 632-7910, or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision to add or delete property to or from a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Kent County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision, and persons aggrieved by the decision with regard to the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes may appeal to the Kent County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

7/22/2020

Kenneth Yonker
Kent County Drain Commissioner



Entertainment in action on the second Lowell Showboat.

KCYF plans to open new fairgrounds by 2023

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Construction hasn't begun out there yet and won't for a while, but Kent County Youth Fair leadership says that when

called "Raising Barns, Building Youth," and there are two phases. Phase one was buying the land, the former Deer Run Golf

just a matter of moving on the capital campaign." The fair board's goal is to open the new fairgrounds in 2022 or

to be phased in. We don't really want to build until we have the money. There is no need to take a loan out, in my opinion."

kind of reverting to a natural state, so we have a great opportunity to preserve a lot of open space," Schut said. "It's

that are in place, we can preserve some of that natural beauty. There are some wetlands out here, and the engineers have



They are keeping the golf course's clubhouse, but it will be used for special events. It's currently set up for a wedding, but it can be rented (even now) for just about any kind of party or gathering.



Part of the remodel of the former clubhouse included the addition of a "bridal suite," a place to get ready before a wedding.



The area behind the clubhouse would be the natural setting for a wedding ceremony, and is only a few feet away from the doors of the banquet facility. For more information or to make a donation, visit kcyf.org/raising-barns.



The eroded pathways through the property are remnants from the old Deer Run Golf Course, some of them will be retained.



It's overtaken by nature right now, but in a couple years this area will be packed with people.

it's finished, the new fairgrounds in Lowell Township is going to be one of the largest, most well-equipped agricultural education facilities in Michigan.

The project and its fundraising campaign are

Course, 13955 Cascade Rd. SE, Lowell Township. "Our goal is to have a sustainable venue that supports the fair," said KCYF director John Schut. "We have the property and we've started the road improvements. Now it's

2023. Schut said the board is determined not to start the second phase - building it - until they're sure they can pay outright without any financing.

"It's not going to be finished overnight," Schut said. "It's going to have

Deer Run was built in 1969 and closed in 2019. The course has not been maintained since then and nature has begun to reclaim it. Weeds, animals and insects are having a field day out there.

"The golf course is

amazing how many different species begin to come in. The engineers especially picked areas for development that wouldn't have a high impact on the trees. There are many old, well-established trees. By keeping the trees

put their plans together to accommodate those. There are some open bodies of water, those will be incorporated into the design. Some of the paths that have been established can be reused."

The inside of the old

KCYF plans to open new fairgrounds by 2023

Deer Run clubhouse is already available to rent as a banquet hall, with a hardwood dance floor, two bars, a full kitchen and other features designed to accommodate weddings, wedding receptions and other parties.

“In what used to be a foyer and a hallway we have created a sort of a bridal suite,” Schut said. “It’s not fully ready yet, but we have had a chance to do some redecorating. If you were doing a wedding here, that area would be for the bridal party, somewhere they could get ready.”

The current fairgrounds sits on 20 acres in downtown Lowell and it floods at least once every year, often significantly, and it can be difficult to find a parking spot. The new fairgrounds will be dryer, seven times the size and more accommodating for people with wheelchairs or strollers. Schut said their ultimate goal is to create a 140 acre fairgrounds and agricultural expo center that will become “a community center” in West Michigan, with amenities including more and larger livestock barns, more than 100 campsites, an agricultural education building, triple the amount of parking and a horse arena that will help pay for itself.

“With the new site, there will be way more space for the fairgrounds,” Schut said. “We’ll have about four acres just for the midway. But the neat thing that it will do for this region is the opportunity to have horse shows and livestock shows with the facilities and venues. That’s a game changer. The horse arena will be about

the size of a football field and it will be a covered, year-round facility. There is nothing like it on this side of the state. When you look at generating revenue, that will keep this place generating revenue. An equine association will spend \$20,000 on a horse show to rent a facility, to have stalls for the animals. Four or five equine associations have already approached us about getting on the books when things become available. It also generates jobs, it brings people to Lowell who are going to need gas or want something to eat. Also, you could have two or more shows going on there at one time. At the fair, we could do multiple events at one time and have a couple shows going on, which may create the opportunity for more programming during the week of fair. It would be less waiting, less stress on the animals, less stress on the kids.”

They plan to have a couple hundred campsites, about 50 will have hook-ups for electricity. At many campgrounds, on a busy weekend you might end up sleeping closer to your neighbors than you ever would at home. It won’t be like that at the new fairgrounds.

“You can camp and it doesn’t feel like you’re downtown,” Schut said. “We’ll have some full service sites and some more rustic sites. You’re off the road, you’re not bothering anyone. We’re also about 15 or 20 minutes from 28th Street where there are some hotels.”

“The opportunities are kind of endless! But we’ll take it a step at a time,” Schut said.



The areas that are staked off and flagged indicate the outlines of where new buildings will be, including barns, a 120 by 280 foot horse arena, a campground and other facilities.



Above: a preliminary design of the grounds.



The fair board plans to retain many of the natural features, such as ponds and the huge, old trees that are all over the property.



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~ Jim Harrison

Voters say yes to 95% of local proposals; school props rejected most often

Voters said yes to 95 percent of the 800+ local tax proposals on ballots across Michigan in the Tuesday, Aug. 4 election, agreeing to \$1.4 billion collectively in revenues.

A Michigan Information and Research Service analysis found that 827 total proposals passed and 35 failed.

Of those 35 failed proposals, 12 were bonding requests, 21 were tied to new or increased money, including restorations of rolled-back millages, and two were for millage renewals.

The only renewals to fail were for Wayland Union School District in Allegan,

Kent and Barry counties, and another to fund the Kaliseum in Kalkaska County.

Otherwise, voters said yes to 443 total millage renewals. Of the 417 new money asks on ballots, 384 were approved, or 92 percent.

Public safety-related proposals like police, fire, EMS and 911 services made up roughly a third of the total. All 310 results tied to public safety measures passed.

Schools saw the most rejections out of the major types of proposals, with 13 failed votes. Six proposals tied to funding the general operations of a jurisdiction

failed and three library proposals went down.

Three road proposals out of a total of 185 results failed: Hopkins Township in Allegan County, Hamilton Township in Van Buren County and North Plains Township in Ionia County.

Out of the top 10 big-money asks, eight were bonding proposals tied to schools, and all of the top 10 requests passed muster with voters except for Benzie County Central Schools and its \$38.6 million request.

The legacy Detroit Public Schools district renewal request on its \$65 million millage to continue paying down the old district's debt was approved,

as well as the \$42.1 million general operations millage for Wayne County.

The rest of the big-money requests passed, including the \$200 million borrowing ask from Oakland County's Bloomfield Hills School District, followed by the \$150 million request from Waterford School District, as well as South Lyon Community Schools (\$98.7 million), Cedar Springs Public Schools (\$68 million), Jenison Public Schools (\$60.7 million), Pinckney Public Schools (\$59 million) and Hartland Consolidated Schools (\$45 million).

Michigan handgun sales up 26% in 2020

Pistol sales in Michigan shot up to 207,020 during the first six months of 2020, an increase of 43,121 handguns, or 26 percent over the number sold in 2019.

The increase in demand took place prior to the protests over the death of George Floyd, but in June, the month after the death, pistol sales were up 57 percent. Gun store owners say if handgun sales seem to be slowing now,

it's because of diminishing supplies.

The following numbers were provided to the Michigan Information and Research Service by the Michigan State Police:

Pistol Sales in Michigan:	2020	2019
January:	34,816	21,362
February:	29,077	26,802
March:	45,990	35,308
April:	29,418	31,182
May:	31,537	26,315

June: 36,182 | 22,930
Total: 207,020 | 163,899

"This is obviously the biggest increase in demand in the history of our industry," said Mike Green, owner of Not Just Guns in Mason. "If gun sales go down now, it will either be due to restricted supplies or because we just can't get enough people in through our doors because of COVID."

Brent Lagenbacher, manager of Moose Creek

Archery Gun and Tackle in Lansing, agreed that demand for guns is currently outdistancing supply.

"We've exponentially noticed the increase in gun sales, and also noticed we can't get guns in at the rate that would meet the demand, which is huge," Lagenbachersaid. "The demand, which has been four to five times normal, didn't start in the spring when the demonstrations began. It was back when talk of the lockdown started and people heard the police say they wouldn't respond to things like robberies of \$1,000 or less. After that happened even people who would never have imagined buying a gun before suddenly wanted one. I remember one woman actually crying when she bought a gun because she had never in her life thought she'd want

to own one. All you need to do is mix the coronavirus with a stimulus check and anyone can be a great gun salesman."

Alex McRae, an associate at Dunham's Sports on Saginaw Highway, told MIRS that in the store where he works, handgun sales are up but not as much as long guns.

However, he asserts that ammunition is the fastest moving product they sell.

"When it comes to handgun ammo, we can't keep it in stock," McRae said. "This is going to be a phenomenal year for gun sales."

Former state senator and current Eaton County sheriff candidate Rick



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Jones told MIRS he is very aware of the increase in the demand for guns.

"I think there were a lot of people in law enforcement who talked about it and word got around that there would be fewer officers responding to calls unless the call was something really serious," Jones said. "As a result, guns are flying off the shelves. But what's really in demand is ammunition. I have a friend who teaches CPL [Concealed Pistol License] classes and so many people are lined up she can't schedule them fast enough."

LOWELL SHOWBOAT, continued



The most recent Lowell Showboat before its demolition in 2019.

would not be any running water on the boat. For this reason, remodeling a portion of the old DPW building to have restroom facilities is also part of this project.

Fun Fact: Even though it may not look like it, the new boat is only about six feet wider, twenty feet longer and four feet taller than the old boat.

Late spring/early summer of 2017 the city received word from Dave Hildenbrand's office that Mr. Hildenbrand had secured \$1,000,000 of state funds to assist with the construction of the new showboat. With this funding secured, the committee sent their design documents to a maritime engineering firm to develop blueprints for the construction of the steel structure of the showboat. This would ensure that the showboat would be built to maritime specifications.

With the design of the boat now well underway the committee was pared down to a smaller group that began to focus on the fit and finish of the new boat. This new committee began working with industry professionals for things like heating and air-conditioning, electrical, construction, finishes and furnishings. The goal was to have a finished showboat that would be an attractive

venue that could be used year-round.

Once the blueprints for the structure were secured, bids were solicited from companies that build steel boats. As you might expect this is a somewhat specialized industry. At the same time the committee began putting together a budget for finishing the boat. Based upon the cost to build the steel structure and the estimate to finish the boat, the committee reached back out to Mr. Hildenbrand for additional help from the state. Mr. Hildenbrand was able to add an additional \$1,300,000 in state funds to our project.

With the additional funding from the state, the city awarded the bid to build the steel structure. As luck would have it, a boat builder located in Onaway, MI submitted a bid and was selected to do that work.

With the construction of the structure now underway, the committee began putting together formal construction documents for the finish work. This work includes; windows, doors, electrical, HVAC, carpet, wall finishes, an elevator, a grand staircase, lighting, etc. Bids for this work were received at the beginning of June.

Although several

fundraising efforts took place early on in the process, the committee halted formal fundraising efforts until final costs were known. Now that those costs are known, the committee has begun to restart the fundraising efforts. A new fundraising committee is currently being organized. Initial fundraising will likely be "naming opportunities" where individuals, groups, families and businesses can put their name on various parts of the boat. For example; the paddle wheel, the pilot house, bow deck, first deck, elevator, etc.

In the meantime, so the boat can be finished and use can begin, the committee has asked the city to borrow the necessary funds to finish the boat. The committee is confident that between "Naming Opportunities", a few other fundraisers over the next couple of years and the revenue generated from rental fees, the loan can

of that will be spent in the greater Grand Rapids area. To date, no local tax dollars have been spent on the boat and the plan is that none will be when this project is completed.

In summary, the Showboat Committee has been working very hard for a very long time to bring a new showboat to our community

that will be another jewel in the crown that makes Lowell the wonderful community that it is. A jewel that will sit alongside of things like the footbridge over the Grand River, our expansive trail system, Pink Arrow Pride, FROM, Gilda's Club, etc., all the things that make Lowell the place people want to call home.



The previous Showboat was demolished in Feb. 2019.

easily be repaired.

Fun Fact: With the exception of about \$100,000 that was spent on maritime blueprints, all of the rest of the money to build the new Lowell Showboat has been/ will be spent within the state of Michigan and most

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION LOWELL TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS

The Lowell Township Water Department is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During May 2020 we did not monitor or test for disinfection byproducts and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. However, this violation does not pose a threat to your supply's water.

We inadvertently missed taking a sample within this required sampling period. We are required to test for disinfection byproducts once a year in the month of May. The test was done July 13, 2020 instead of during the month of May as required. We are making every effort to assure this does not happen again. Samples taken since then show that results met acceptable limits.

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CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

At their regular meeting on August 3, 2020, the Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance #20-04, which approved an amendment of the Riverview Flats Planned Unit Development at 219 High Street (PPN 41-20-02-260-003) for Unity School Investors, LLC. This Ordinance was adopted after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission and conducting a public hearing on August 3, 2020. This amendment is expressly subject to the conditions and regulations of Ordinance #20-04 and applicable provisions of the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance.

Copies of Ordinance #20-04 and the amended PUD plan can be viewed at Lowell City Hall during regular business hours. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.



Susan Ullery
 Lowell City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Nancy C. Krzykwa Trust

Re: Nancy C. Krzykwa, decedent, Date of Birth June 30, 1939

the deceased or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Linda Steffes, Trustee, of 446 Grand Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 5, 2020

John D. Mitus, Attorney (P-31244) 410 Bridge Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

Linda Steffes, Trustee 446 Grand Ave., N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Nancy C. Krzykwa, who lived at 8778 Garbow Dr., S.E., Alto, MI 49302, died April 22, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

obituaries

SIMKINS

Richard "Rick" Cady Simkins, 77, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Rick was born on November 20, 1942, in Grand Rapids, to Richard and Alice (Whitwam) Simkins. He received his business degree in Finance from Michigan State University in 1966. On November 8, 1969, he married Maria Kusterer and together raised two sons, Steven and Bradley. Rick had a great love for his family, travel, and the water. He was an avid water skier and taught a countless number of people how to water ski. He was also a lifelong Spartan, holding season tickets to basketball and football for many years. He was known for his welcoming smile and generous spirit. He loved to host family and friends at their home, always engaging in warm conversations and making every guest feel at home. Rick was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Maria; sons, Steven (Melissa) and Bradley (Catherine), both of Lowell; and six grandchildren, Grace, Caden, Makenzie, Lilah, Kellen, and Zachary. A private funeral service will be held by the family. Interment will be in the Graceland Memorial Park columbarium. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Brody's Be Café (www.brodysbecafe.com) or the West Michigan Adaptive Water Ski Club c/o Kentwood Parks & Recreation (kentwood.us/adaptive).



WENGER

June Wenger, age 95 of Lowell, passed away Friday, August 7, 2020. She is survived by her children, Matt Musial, Mark Musial, John (Jill) Wenger, Betsi Wenger, Janet (Larry Johansen) Wenger; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and



special friends, Gail Roderick, Ann Newell, and Lisa Lamancusa. June was a dog trainer and 4-H leader for many years. She was an active member of the West Michigan Sheltie Club. June had a love for all animals and loved the outdoors and gardening.



...
There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.
 ~ Albert Einstein

ABCs continued

go. Then I saw a light in the kitchen of the Levee Restaurant which was on the corner right near the Showboat. It was closed but when I rapped on the front windows the owner Thelma (née Eickhoff) Roth who was making her famous pies in the back came up front, unlocked the door, seated us, and brought coffee and warm pie from the oven. Dinah was genuinely ecstatic about the pie, asked Thelma to sit down, and they talked for an hour or more about their ma's pies and cooking and Dinah's upbringing down in Tennessee.

I would take each performer around Grand Rapids to radio station studios and WOODTV to go on-air and promote the Showboat. On these occasions Jerry Reed was very entertaining and good at the interviews. Chet Atkins always said that Jerry was perhaps the finest guitar player he had ever played with and they produced more than one album together. While driving around, Jerry mentioned that he had just purchased some land on a

lake outside of Nashville and was building a house there. I told him about our spot on Murray Lake where we had a boat and waterskied. He perked right up and said he planned on getting a boat but did not know how to ski. So I invited him to come with us Saturday afternoon and we would teach him. Found out he was not a great swimmer but we put him in a life jacket and dragged him around the lake until he could ski after a fashion. At one point I feared I might have killed him when he caught an edge on the disc at high speed and was thrown through the air in a huge arc like a rag doll. Thankfully, he came up from under the water laughing and unhurt.

Many more pleasant memories flood my mind as I write to you but I have carried on long enough. I do want to say what a wonderful job your staff and volunteers do at the Museum and hope you can continue. I also do hope the Lowell Showboat can again become a big part of Lowell with the new boat." ~Larry Wittenbach



SOCIAL SECURITY in plain language

Some of the terms and acronyms 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.

We strive to explain your benefits using easy-to-understand, plain language. The Plain Writing Act of 2010 requires federal agencies to communicate clearly in a way "the public can understand and use." This can be particularly challenging when talking about complicated programs like Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare. If there's a technical term or acronym that you don't know, you can easily find the meaning in our online glossary at www.ssa.gov/agency/glossary.

Everyone uses shorter versions of words nowadays. We do too. Social Security's acronyms function as shorthand in conversations about our programs and services. 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 describe

Once you receive benefits, you get a COLA most years. A COLA is a Cost-of-Living Adjustment, and that will usually mean

to begin benefits beyond FRA — say, at age 68 or even 70 — your benefit increases.

If one of those terms



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

a little extra money in your monthly benefit.

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

or acronyms comes up in conversation, you can be the one to supply the definition using our online glossary. Sometimes learning the terminology can deepen your understanding of how Social Security works for you.

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 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 20-207678-DE

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July 31, 2020

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Live the Life You Want

Building strong relationships - passive-aggressive communication

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This fourth article in the relationship series focuses on Passive-Aggressive Communication. This type of communication is a way of expressing feelings of anger/irritation designed to get back at another person often without the other person realizing they are angry.

Passive-Aggressive Communication

This is a destructive way of communicating that can damage relationships. When someone is communicating passively-aggressively you will hear things like: "I'm not mad," when they are, or "Fine. Whatever," when they don't like what you are

saying or asking. Some other characteristics include:

Backhanded compliments and sarcasm.

Compliments such as "You are so brave to just wear anything," is a backhanded way of saying they don't like your outfit. "What a cute starter home," when it is clearly not a starter home, or "I wish I could get a new shoes but sadly all my shoe money goes to paying rent." Then there is sarcasm that typically starts with something similar to: "I don't want to sound mean, but..." "I hope you don't think I'm insensitive, but..." "Not to be judgmental,

but..." and then they say something mean, insensitive or judgmental.

They have difficulty saying "no"

They put on a hostile front to help keep people from asking them to do anything. When they have to complete a task that they don't want to they deliberately procrastinate. They drag their feet, put little effort into the task or may complete it past the deadline. They may also miss or change appointments or back out on activities at the last minute.

Keeping score.

They may, for example, get upset because you didn't attend their last gathering so

they won't go to yours even if they really want to attend.

What Can You Do?

Learn to recognize the signs of this communication style — i.e. those noted above along with sulking, self-isolating, lying, withdrawal, blaming others, having a victim mentality, or refusal to communicate.

When dealing with passive-aggressiveness try to keep your anger in check. Confront the issue by relaying what you see, "You seem to be angry at me for..." fill in the blank with what you see in a factual and non-judgmental way. They will most likely deny their anger so give them time to work through these feelings.

Hold them accountable for their actions, don't buy into and play the game, don't apologize when you did nothing wrong, don't blame or judge. Be as



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specific as possible, and gently remind them about how the issue or problem is affecting you, the family, or their colleagues. If all else fails, keep interactions to a minimum. If you're in a relationship and can't keep interactions to a minimum, you need to determine if it is a relationship you want to continue to be in. You can also seek professional assistance to learn to deal with a passive-aggressive communication.

This article is not intended to provide any type of treatment or diagnosis. If you experience a mental health crisis be sure to call 911.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

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How Can You Prepare for the "New Retirement"?

A generation or so ago, people didn't just retire from work — many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it's different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this "new retirement"? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these

four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

Health

While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence — the ability to use emotions in positive ways — actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer's and other types of dementia more than any physical ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the "Four Pillars" study.

Family

Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships — and they'll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.

Purpose

Nearly 90% of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways — and they're well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.

Finances

Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the "unknowns"

can be scary: Almost 70% of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their healthcare and long-term care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you're getting close to retirement, and you're considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way

of life? You'll want to take a "holistic" approach by asking yourself some key questions: What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that's not really

a retirement at all — but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life.

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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!

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

TRAFFIC MISTAKE WORD SEARCH

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ACCIDENT
ACTIVITY
ANGLE

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COLLISION
DEPLOYMENT

IMPACT
INSURANCE
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MAINTENANCE
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VISIBILITY
WORK ZONE

Guess Who?

I am a model born in England on August 12, 1992. As a fashion model, I have been the face of Burberry, Chanel and Stella McCartney. I also am an actress, appearing in several films and now an Amazon TV series.

Answer: *Cara Delevingne*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

R D A O S

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Answer: *Roads*

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Corrode
- 5. Jean Paul __, author
- 11. Hebrew unit of dry measure
- 12. A type of scientist
- 16. Greek goddess of discord
- 17. For Red Sox MVP
- 18. It checks your speed
- 19. Made dirty
- 24. The First State
- 25. Lodgings
- 26. Spiritual leader
- 27. Bradley Int'l Airport code
- 28. Native American people
- 29. Sharp pain
- 30. Touch
- 31. Slowly disappears
- 33. Indigenous Russian people
- 34. Narrative poem
- 38. Some are bad
- 39. Small quill feathers
- 40. Tattles
- 43. Popular Easter tree
- 44. Beneficiary
- 45. Clothed
- 49. Payroll firm
- 50. Lower Normandy's largest city
- 51. Binary compound of halogen

- 53. The Fighting Irish
- 54. Skilled, paid worker
- 56. Eyelashes
- 58. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 59. Large, stocky lizard
- 60. Made poisonous
- 63. Former US Secretary of State
- 64. Sticky substances
- 65. A type of gin

CLUES DOWN

- 1. To return an echo
- 2. Displace
- 3. Japanese religion
- 4. Predilections
- 5. Partial
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Road open
- 8. Atomic #81
- 9. Accomplished American composer
- 10. Oh, God!
- 13. Potato state
- 14. Most melancholic
- 15. Supportive framework
- 20. Hollywood's Pacino
- 21. A title for women
- 22. Popular Grammys alternative
- 23. Check
- 27. Bolivian river
- 29. South Dakota
- 30. Wonderful
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. Commercial
- 33. More (Spanish)
- 34. Even distribution of weight
- 35. "Arabian Nights" hero
- 36. Compact mass of a substance
- 37. Bachelor of Laws
- 38. Halfback
- 40. Some of it is ground
- 41. They play in the trenches
- 42. Atomic #18
- 44. Chinese Prefecture
- 45. Fabrics
- 46. Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- 47. In slow tempo
- 48. Flood
- 50. Long-necked bird
- 51. Secondary school
- 52. Artificial intelligence
- 54. Structure by the water
- 55. Lather
- 57. What happens there stays there
- 61. A bone
- 62. The Great Lakes State



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