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## Lowell Twp planning to construct new wastewater plant

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell Township has signed an agreement to purchase property and is studying the feasibility of building their own wastewater treatment plant on the site. The township currently uses the city of Lowell's facilities.

"We have signed a purchase agreement on some property right across the street from our South Riverfront Park on Grand River Dr.," said Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale. "The project is still in the feasibility stage. We don't have actual site plans yet, our engineers are working on that. We've hired a bond attorney and a financial advisor. So far, the discussion has been that it sounds like it will be feasible to do this."

The new wastewater plant would service a planned industrial site by the Lowell exit on I-96. Eventually the plan is to have all Lowell Township customers hooked up to the new plant.

"This development, initially, will be the only one serviced by this plant but, eventually, when our agreements end with the city, we'll pull the rest of our customers into the plant that we own instead of stuff going through the city of Lowell," Hale said. "The agreement [between the township and the city] has got about six years, maybe a little over six years to go. This plant probably wouldn't come online for three or four years, it just takes that long to do it. And that's the best case scenario, it could take



The township and the city were unable to negotiate an agreement that would allow the new development in the township to continue using the city's wastewater treatment plant.

longer, so we've got to start planning for it now. I don't know the for-sure cost on it yet, we've been working on that. The rate study we've

done shows that it won't affect our customers' rates much at all." The new "mixed use" industrial site will only

happen if there is a new wastewater plant. "There could be a hotel, Township, continued, page 3

## Kent County youth excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase



projects, and that didn't stop when the pandemic hit," said Jake DeDecker, state 4-H leader with MSU Extension. "In fact, many youth took that extra time and poured their efforts into projects and activities. By partnering with the Michigan State Fair, we were able to provide youth with a new and exciting way to showcase what they've worked on while receiving recognition for their accomplishments and obtaining valuable feedback for their personal development."

To participate, youth entered photos and videos of their individual projects through the online FairEntry platform. There were a wide variety of participation options, including traditional classes like showmanship, breeding and market classes for livestock and companion animals, and still exhibits such as crafts, creative writing and baking. Youth were also able to enter projects that are not always showcased in a typical fair, including educational projects and demonstrations in areas such as shooting sports, urban agriculture and leadership, among others. In total, more than 400

youth from 63 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the inaugural event. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event will also have the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Kent County's Eleanora Stoller was the recipient of one such scholarship.

"A major focus within our event has always been giving back to the community and encouraging the educational and personal development of Michigan's youth," said Blair Bowman, Michigan State Fair manager. "We are thrilled that we are able to continue and expand upon that tradition through this new virtual platform."

To view additional placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit [www.michiganstatefairllc.com/](http://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/).

Kent County youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding

4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the Michigan State Fair and Michigan State University Extension. This virtual platform allowed

youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

"Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth work hard all year long on their many

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# Flu shots available at pharmacy chains around town

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Flu shots are now available at all three of the big chain pharmacies in town. You could also get the shot from your primary care physician if you have one.

“It’s first come, first served, so you just walk up to the drop-off counter and fill out some paperwork,” said Justin, a pharmacy technician at Meijer, 11901 E. Fulton, 616-897-4710. “We’ll bill your insurance and we’ll get you on your way. They’ll answer some COVID questions and get their temperature taken before they go in. The cost without insurance is roughly around \$35, but the price would be a little bit more for the senior doses. People should bring an insurance card and their ID if they haven’t already established an account with Meijer.”

“We do not require an appointment,” said Kara,

they need. We have access to MCIR, which is the state of Michigan’s immunization registry. People should bring



their insurance card, and we will bill their insurance. Almost all insurances cover it at 100 percent, it’s rare that anybody has to pay for it, but they’re \$39.99 without insurance. Then we give them the shot right here. We ask them to wait around for

Walgreens, 11980 E. Fulton, 616-897-3160. “You do need to bring your insurance card down with you. With most insurance it’s free, but without insurance this year the cash price for a flu shot is \$40.99. That’s just the regular flu shot, not the high dose flu shot. We also have a high dose flu shot that’s recommended for those 65 and older. That one is \$73, but if you have insurance it’s normally covered at no cost.”

“Basically, you come down and get in line at the pharmacy. You’ll tell us what flu shot you want and we’ll put it in. We’ll have to take your temperature and ask you all the COVID questions. Then we’ll have you take a seat while we print out your paperwork. We



## Everybody should wear a mask this Halloween

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Trick-or-treating will be permitted within the city limits from 5:30 pm until 8 pm on Saturday, Oct. 31. Participants should turn on their porch or exterior lights to signal to children and parents that they’re passing out candy.

“The city would suggest following the safe practices recommended toward this pandemic,” said Lowell city manager Michael Burns.

The CDC recommends avoiding high risk activities like door-to-door trick-or-treating, trunk-or-treating, attending costume parties, going to indoor haunted houses, going on hayrides or tractor rides

The CDC’s Halloween

guidelines also include some information about proper mask use. Their biggest note is that a Halloween costume mask is not an acceptable substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn’t leave any gaps around the face. Also, never wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because costume masks often make it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

If you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not give out candy or participate in any in-person Halloween festivities.

“For those who wish to go trick or treating, we suggest adult supervision, watch for traffic, a flashlight and/or reflective clothing. Glow sticks work well also,” said Lowell police chief Christopher Hurst.

“We want everyone to have a safe and fun evening,” said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker. “Parents, please encourage your kids to walk, not run, watch for cars and use a flashlight or reflective objects on the costumes.”

The CDC’s complete Halloween guidelines are on their website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html).



the pharmacy manager at Rite Aid, 1401 W. Main, 616-897-9221. “We just have a form to fill out, then either myself or the other pharmacist will go over the form to make sure the person is eligible. We can check out other vaccines as well to see if there is anything else

a bit to make sure they don’t have a reaction and then they’re on their way. It’s pretty quick and easy.”

“You can make an appointment online or on the Walgreens app, but an appointment is not necessary,” said Erin, a senior pharmacy technician at

bring it out to you and ring you up. Then the pharmacist will call you into the room and you’ll get your flu shot.”

“More people are wanting to get flu shots this year than last year, probably due to COVID, so wait times can be 15 to 20 minutes. You do have to wear a mask, and we have hand sanitizer available. Our chairs are spaced at least six feet apart, if not more. Some of them are like 20 feet apart. Just one person in the room at a time this year. If you come down as a couple and, in the past, you’ve been able to go in together, this year you can’t.”



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# Budget signed, but with 12 unenforceable provisions

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Wednesday, Sept. 30 a \$62.7 billion state budget for the fiscal year starting Thursday that pays for expanded medical coverage to poorer women with infants and a tuition-free community college tuition program called Michigan Reconnect.

The funding plan scattered \$270 million in savings throughout state government, the most significant being the Detroit Reentry Center closing and Medicaid Health Plans being tasked with shaking down other insurance companies for more reimbursements.

Almost everything the legislature sent the governor in HB 5396 and SB 0927 was acceptable to all of the players.

The legislature wrote provisions into the budget that gave them the authority to move money around within an enacted budget through a resolution if that money showed up through an administrative transfer. This piece of boilerplate came after Whitmer's decision last year to use the State Administrative Board to transfer money around, to which the legislature strongly objected.

Whitmer responded by telling lawmakers to "pass a bill" and send it to her if they want to appropriate money differently during the fiscal year.

That provision and about a

dozen other provisions were ruled unenforceable. A \$100 placeholder to reimburse private schools for state mandates also was nixed.

The Michigan Catholic Conference said the provision was kept in the budget in case the courts rule in favor of the appropriations.

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in support of ensuring every student in the state is educated in a healthy and safe environment, regardless of where they attend school," reads a press release from the Michigan Catholic Conference. "As the policy awaits oral arguments at the state Supreme Court, the legislature had inserted a budget placeholder should the high court agree with the lower court's ruling. While Gov. Whitmer continues to insist on a two-tiered education system in the state, where some students are more important than others, her veto of the placeholder was to be expected. Just and fair, it certainly was not."

Whitmer downplayed the significance of the vetoes, as did Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Stamas (R-Midland), who said former Gov. Rick Snyder had ruled unenforceable similar provisions. Stamas said none of the "unenforceables" were unexpected.

"We know there are areas where the legislature is going to push," Whitmer said. "It happens every

cycle, regardless of who the leaders in the legislature are. It happens every cycle, regardless of who the governor is that some of these things are deemed unenforceable. I think it was pretty typical of what you see in a budget cycle."

House Appropriations Committee Chair Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron) saw the deletion of various reports on weekly prisoner numbers or the electronic monitoring of state employees as a lack of transparency.

"It seems to be a reoccurring theme with this administration," Hernandez said. "We have seen it with COVID-19 orders for months and now with these budget reports that help legislators provide important oversight of departments [...] Just like not allowing state employees to talk freely with legislators, I'm not sure what the governor is afraid of with these reports."

Other specific provisions Whitmer deemed unenforceable or in conflict with the state's three branches of government included:

A ban on contracting or family planning and pregnancy prevention grants to an entity that provides elective abortions.

Blocking state departments from using money for broadband expansion projects.

Using money recovered

from a state audit to go toward reimbursing the Auditor General's office.

Weekly state prisoner population reports and monthly county jail population reports.

Reports on any electronic monitoring of Department of Transportation employees and contractors.

State police requirements on the number of hours troopers should spend on statewide road patrol and how much time should be spent in "distressed cities."

A briefing on any tentative plans the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs may have in settling a lawsuit and the estimated financial impact the settlement would have on the budget.

A mandate within the Department of Health and Human Services budget that penalties against public sector providers with collective bargaining agreements should not be less strict than those against private sector providers for the same offense.

A seven-day shot clock for state officials to approve a physician or psychiatrist's request to charge the psychotropic medication of a ward of the state.

A mandatory meeting between Department of Transportation officials and the rail industry trade association for more information on the availability of any rail infrastructure.

A requirement that the Auditor General use a risk-based approach in developing an audit program for using transportation money.

A report on toll credits used in the Department of Transportation budget.

## Three more cases of COVID-19 in Lowell schools

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

There were three more cases of COVID-19 in Lowell Area Schools last week, another high school student and two additional staff members, bringing the total to five.

"Students or staff who needed to quarantine because of close contact with positive cases have been notified by the Kent County Health Department," said interim Lowell Area Schools superintendent Nate Fowler. "We haven't had any instances of virus transmission at school. We are grateful for students and staff who have been doing a great job with wearing masks and practicing other mitigation strategies."

Two cases of

coronavirus were previously revealed, one in a Lowell High School student and one in a Murray Lake Elementary staff member.

"On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Lowell Middle School and Lowell High School ran a pilot of 100 percent in person learning for our face-to-face program," Fowler said. "As we move toward 100 percent in-person learning for face-to-face students, we continue to monitor cases in our area for the need to adjust our programs if necessary. Our virtual program continues to run well for students who chose that option. We start the full time program for in-person learning on Monday, Oct. 5."

## Township, continued

a couple restaurants, it's a commercial highway development," Hale said. "There will be some office buildings along the highway, but the balance of it is going to be light industrial, which will bring many good jobs to this area."

Hale said the township has been trying to negotiate a new water agreement with the city, but the city's 44.8142 mil property tax rate was non-negotiable.

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"We have been talking with the city for almost three years now about somehow working with them, but we haven't been able to put anything together with the city," Hale said. "At one of their meetings recently, the city council said the only way they will extend services is with a '425 agreement,'

which means that any of the property that would be serviced would have to pay city property tax. That is much, much higher, Lowell Township residents pay 76 hundredths of one mil. The property owners say no, we won't do that."

Hale said that the owner of the property, "an elderly widow," has been dealing with online harassment and nasty phone calls.

"This social media thing is crazy," Hale said. "People are harassing that lady that lives there that's selling her property. She's getting harassing phone calls from the people next door, and they've spread it so wildly on social media she's getting harassed by people all over the country. For selling her property for a wastewater treatment plant, to get her to back off the contract that

she signed. This lady is an elderly widow, and they're just pounding on her."

Other unfounded rumors on social media involved the source of funds for the project and the price tag on the property.

"All the social media stuff is saying 'they're using our tax dollars for this,'" Hale said. "No tax dollars used! This type of plant and these

types of services are paid for by the users, from the water and the wastewater treatment fees, the hook-up fees and all that. It doesn't come from the tax dollars. Another social media rumor is that we paid well over a million dollars for the property. I can tell you that's not true either. We got an appraisal and we're paying her the appraised price."

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## Live the Life You Want It's time to give up guilt

Melissa Spino MA, LLPC, NCC, CDMS  
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Some say guilt is a helpful emotion to keep people from doing bad things or things that are not within social norms. I don't agree. I feel it's our values and beliefs that keep us from doing what people label as "bad" things. Guilt, like shame and worry, is generally not a helpful emotion. I think it's long past the time to throw out guilt.

### Why is Guilt a Problem

There can be many reasons someone operates from guilt. It may be learned from childhood or be a response to specific situations or events.

Operating from guilt may cause individuals to take on and do things for others because they feel they are lacking or something is wrong with them as a person. They feel this drive to please others to feel better about themselves. But this rarely works. To this I say, you are not your past. You can't change the past or how you feel about yourself by feeling guilty or trying to ease this sense of guilt by always doing things for others. I'm not saying don't ever do things for others but if you're doing so because of guilt, this is not helpful and won't make you feel better. When it doesn't make you feel better it leads to more guilt, anger, and resentment. If you're feeling guilty about something that happened in the past ask yourself, "Did I do the best I could at the

time with what I knew?" Remember it's what you knew then, not what you know now. If the answer is yes, then let it go. Move on, because staying in the guilt cycle is just self-abuse that's keeping you locked in the past and you can't find peace or happiness there.

Guilt also doesn't help you change behaviors that you want to stop. All it does it make you feel worse



Melissa Spino MA, LLPC, NCC, CDMS

eat more foods not on your diet keeping the cycle of guilt alive and thriving making you feel worse about yourself. **Stopping the Guilt Cycle**  
To do this work on self-acceptance/self-esteem, self-forgiveness, and focus on changing unwanted behaviors. Set realistic goals and focus on problem solving. Remember that no one can make you feel guilty. You accept the emotion or not. You can change unwanted behaviors or not. Actions are not who you are. You are not a bad person because of a mistake. We are all human and make mistakes. Again, ask yourself, "Did I do the best I could at the time with what I knew?" We don't know the outcome of our actions ahead of time. If you didn't purposely mean to hurt yourself or someone else then give yourself a break. Learn from your mistakes, let the past go, and move on. This helps you avoid repeating the same mistakes. How you feel about your life is based on your perceptions and interpretations. When you learn to control your emotional reactions to upsetting events life becomes more enjoyable and less reactive. If you have trouble doing this on your own, reach out for help. Knowing when you need help is a strength, not a weakness. This article is not intended to diagnose or treat. If you are in crisis, call 911.

## Possible albino skunk spotted in Lowell area

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

A Lowell area resident may have observed a rare albino skunk wandering around last week.

"We live a bit north of town," said Ed Van Timmeren. "Spotted this under my bird feeder this morning. Sure looks like an albino skunk. Found that interesting."

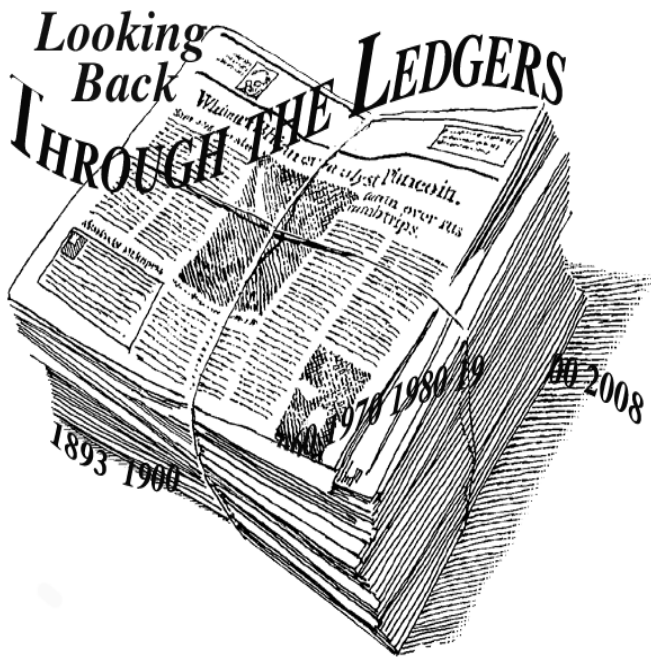
Albino skunks are incapable of producing melanin so they're white, and they have red eyes. Regular skunks look regular and have black or brown eyes.

There is a possibility this was a hog-nosed skunk, but those are generally only found in the hot climates of Central America, South America and the American southwest (Texas, Arizona, New Mexico).



"Heard back from the DNR, they thought it might be a striped skunk," Van Timmeren said. "Who knows?"

# viewpoint



## 125 years ago Lowell Ledger October 11, 1895

At 12 o'clock Tuesday night, fire was discovered in Fitzgibbon & Co.'s saw mill and oar factory, which is located near the Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad track, and before the flames could be gotten under control the oar factory was entirely consumed. The fire also spread to the office of the Saranac Advertiser, whose building adjoined our factory, and this was also totally destroyed. Scarcely anything was saved from either of the buildings. The losses as far as could be learned that night are as follows: Fitzgibbon & Co., \$5,000; the amount of the insurance carried, cannot be learned; Advertiser, \$1,000. The origin of the fire is not known. The Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee train for the east, which leaves Grand Rapids at 10:30 p.m. was delayed here, not being able to pass the fire.

J.M. Zimmerman was inspecting some timber in a patch of woods near Alto the other day, and report says that he had considerable difficulty in finding his way out afterwards, completing the same circle several times and arriving at the same starting point. Raymor says that Geo. Coppens was hunting recently in the same woods and did not succeed in getting out until long after dark. And the fun of it was that George had traversed that same piece of woods hundreds of times when a boy.

Frank W. Clark, well known in Ionia county for his firm belief in free silver, had quite an experience at Lake Odessa Wednesday morning, which came near costing him his life. He was in the new vault of the Lake Odessa Savings bank, which is now being finished, figuring on how much silver it would contain, when some one pushed the vault door shut, making him a prisoner. It was some time before the door could be opened but after hard work Clark was liberated. The prisoner was as limp as a rag and speechless and an hour longer would have found him a corpse. It is rumored that he is now a gold bug.

## 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger October 14, 1920

Everything is ready for the Lowell Community fair, which opens today, Thursday, and continues until Friday night, according to full page announcement made in last week's paper. The committee announces the engagement of the Belding band of fifteen pieces for both days of the fair, also of acrobats, who will give

exhibitions both days in front of the Post office.

Four liquor law violators appeared for sentence before United States District Judge C. W. Sessions in federal court late Tuesday and were ordered to pay fines of \$200 and costs or serve 90 days in jail.

A fire discovered by neighbors of M.E. Kuhn in his home on Monroe street at 9:30, a.m., Tuesday, destroyed and damaged much of the household goods and wearing apparel and did much damage to the house, which is owned by O.C. Austin. The fire seems to have started in a closet located under a stairway leading to the chamber and much of the loss is on clothing, bedding, etc.

## 75 years The Lowell Ledger October 11, 1945

Flight Officer Dick Lampkin writes from Kunming China that he "guesstimates" he will be home for Christmas.

Ever since lifting of the 35 mile per hour speed limit, many car and truck operators have been driving at excessive rates of speed, thereby endangering the lives of others. This is especially true of Main st., Vergennes rd., and Riverside dr., and accidents are occurring daily. Someone is bound to be killed or maimed for life unless drivers show more caution. A state law fixes speed limits at 25 miles per hour within corporation limits, although under certain conditions even 15 miles would be unlawful speed. In other words the driver must have his car under control at all times.

For sinking 3,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 9,000 tons while serving as commander of a submarine, Capt. John Addison Scott received the navy's bronze star medal from Rear Admiral James Fife.

## 50 years The Lowell Ledger October 15, 1970

A pending influx of new residents in housing developments nearing completion once again will place a burden on the Lowell Area School District. The official count for state aid purposes taken September 25 was set at 2,724, but Superintendent Carl Hagen said that between 100 and 150 new students will have enrolled by the time the 1970-71 term ends in June.

Students of Lowell High School are participating in a letter-writing campaign to wounded servicemen in Vietnam. Michael Clark, a teacher at the high school and organizer of the campaign, stated "that a college friend now in Vietnam" brought the need of such letters to his attention.

The much discussed, but long-delayed project to renovate Lowell's sewage and storm drain system has moved a step closer to reality. Acting upon a resolution passed at the most recent meeting of the City Council, city officials have notified the Kent County Board of Commissioners that they are prepared to enter into an agreement to reconstruct approximately eight miles of combination storm drain and sewers.

## 25 years The Lowell Ledger October 11, 1995

Lowell mayor, James Maatman, was asked by former city manager and friend Ray Quada to help him out in a pinch. Quada, the emcee for the annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year

## to the editor

Dear Editor,

Economic hardship, unemployment, deaths, shortages, uncertainty, epidemics, and desperately hoping for a vaccine.

Lowell was there once before, from 1930 to 1945. But Lowellites pulled together, helped each other, and made it through to better times.

My earliest memory of Lowell was in Summer 1945, as a three-year-old boy standing in line with my mother outside Munroe's Food Market, just west of City Hall. Housewives waited to buy meat, sugar, coffee, and other scarce items that were rationed during World War II.

Families got government issued coupons or tokens to allow purchase of limited amounts of gasoline, tires, shoes, meat, sugar, and clothing items.

People biked or walked to stores, church, school, and ball games. Teachers

and city workers were paid in written scrip, spendable only at local stores. Families had large vegetable gardens in their backyards. The Showboat was started for community morale and public projects.

After the war we feared nuclear attack and the polio virus, which randomly struck down children and adults. Kids could not gather in large playgroups or at public pools.

In 1954 Lowell second-graders joined a nationwide experimental trial of the new Salk polio vaccine. It worked! A long American nightmare was finally over.

Let the spirit and example of past generations sustain the wonderful Lowell community through today's crises, as well.

Be strong...

Bob Thaler  
LHS Class of 1960  
Bay City



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

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- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- 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.
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# HEALTH

## M METRO HEALTH

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# ABCs of Lowell History

The ABC's of Lowell History was introduced this year as a way to share some of the many fascinating stories from Lowell's past. It was initiated in part by the pandemic shutdown which led the Museum to seek alternative ways to share local history with the community. The series will continue with a second round of the alphabet.

### A is for Apple

Apple trees are not native to North America. Apples were brought by the colonists in the 1600s and orchards were soon begun. From then on, the pioneers carried tiny trees with them wherever they settled.

Apple trees have long dotted the Lowell area landscapes. The first apple trees in Lowell were brought from New York in 1836 by Sylvester Hodges. He is credited with being the first settler in Vergennes Township. He brought apple trees with him and transplanted them here and so began Lowell's orchard industry.

The area north and south of Lowell proved to be beneficial for apple orchards. South of town Noah Husted and his business, Grand



Harvesting in orchard. Photo courtesy of collection of Marj Harding.

River Nurseries began in 1862 and he cultivated 130 acres with apple and peach trees. In 1873, Husted was boasting of the 'Wagener' apple arguing it was the "best and most profitable variety grown. It has a world-wide reputation, and the demand is constantly increasing." Husted's Grand River Nurseries supplied the country with Wagener trees, shipping to sites along the railroad. At his death, Husted was known for his square dealing and strong, intellectual personality.

Also south of town, on what is today known as Timpson drive near Alto, the Timpson Orchards were planted in the 1800's by Edwin Timpson. He was born in Bowne Township in 1858 and planted 123 acres of apples. He was considered an authority on apples in his lifetime. The fourth generation of the Timpson family is now running the business which has expanded and changed, today known as Timpson Transport.

In 1915, J. F. Emery, who owned the largest apple orchard in this vicinity built a cold storage building to enable him to keep his crop until late fall or mid-winter. Emery Drive is named after him. He owned the orchard between Emery and Segwun preceding the Timpson northern extension to that area.

North of Lowell, the Kropf and Rasch family names define apple growing. Christian Kropf was born in Schwazeneegg, Canton in Bern, Switzerland in 1870, coming to the United States in 1888 with his widowed mother and siblings. He with his son Carl began growing

apples. At one time Kropf Orchards had 2500 acres of apples. His descendants still own apple orchards and market apples in innovative ways including Red Barn Market, Painted Turtle Hard Cider and Christian Kropf Fundraising.

Rasch Orchards started as a dairy farm by Carl Rasch. He moved from the Sparta/Conklin area to Vergennes in 1950 and started his dairy farm. He added apples and other fruits and now the Rasch name is well known locally for fruit growing.

Today we can be very thankful to Sylvester Hodges and all the apple growers through the years. In the spring we see the beautiful apple blossoms; we hear the fans running on frosty nights as the growers still have to work so hard to preserve their fruit. All summer they wage a constant fight against apple pests. But in the fall we enjoy the result of all their labors. How fitting that the Lowell Area Historical Museum is known for serving apple dumplings each fall at the Fallasburg Fall Festival!

### - trigger finger

Stenosingtenosynovitis, also known as trigger finger, is a condition in which one of the fingers gets "stuck" in a bent position. Trigger finger occurs when the tendon sheath becomes inflamed and irritated. An inflamed tendon sheath doesn't allow the tendon to move freely and the finger's mobility is compromised. The finger may bend or straighten with a snap — like a trigger. Trigger finger is more common in women and in any person with diabetes. People who perform repetitive gripping actions are also at higher risk of developing trigger finger.

Signs of trigger finger include:

- Finger stiffness, particularly in the morning
- A popping or clicking sensation as the finger is moved

- Tenderness, or even a small lump, in the palm at the base of the affected finger

- Finger catching or locking in a bent position, which suddenly pops straight

- Finger locked in a bent position. Sometimes the finger "pops" straight and sometimes the finger is unable to be straightened.

If you have any stiffness, catching, numbness or pain in a finger joint, or if you can't straighten or bend a finger, your primary care provider can help to evaluate the symptoms and determine your best treatment options. Treatments range from rest and anti-inflammatories to splints, stretches, injections, and even surgery. Typically, with appropriate treatment, trigger finger symptoms will resolve in about four to six weeks.

**Happy 90th Birthday Donna Bieri Oct. 11**

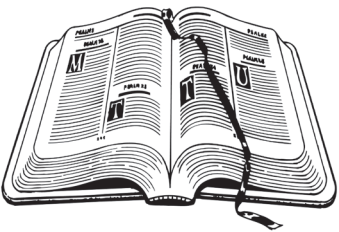
## business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Ryan Hesché received Realtor of the Month in Sept.

This award recognizes Hesché for his outstanding success and achievements.



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**OCTOBER 12**  
Neille Stephens, Becky Batt.

**OCTOBER 13**  
Adam Thaler, Joe VanLaan, Patrick Doyle, Kurtis Clouser, Jr.

# \$1,000 fine for false crime report based on race under bill

Social workers and law enforcement would work closer together and police would be better trained on how to deal with people with mental illness under a legislative package rolled out Thursday by Senate Democrats.

The seven-bill package also creates ways to weed out “bad apple” cops while scaling back on the high-intensity police stops triggered by 911 calls that are based on a person’s race.

SB 1162, SB 1163, SB 1164, SB 1165, SB 1166, SB 1167 and SB 1168 are introduced by Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), Sen. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit), Sen. Marshall Bullock II (D-Detroit) and Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint).

Chang’s SB 1162 would create an Office of Social Work and Police

Partnerships within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to oversee an advisory council and grant program for law enforcement agencies to hire social workers, licensed practical counselors or psychologists to respond to mental health crises.

The program would connect residents to mental health programs, substance abuse counseling, housing and other services. The office would also ensure cross-training between law enforcement officers and social workers, according to Thursday’s announcement.

“It’s clear after the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, among so many others before them, that we must reimagine public safety and make meaningful reforms to how our communities are policed,” Chang said.

Geiss’ SB 1167 and SB 1168 would classify the

false reporting of a crime or suspected crime to 911, based solely on the alleged perpetrator’s race or ethnicity, as a crime.

“In recent months, we have seen countless people weaponize their white privilege and needlessly escalate conflicts by calling the police on innocent Black and Brown people who have not committed any crime,” Geiss said.

She told MIRS Thursday evening she knows she’s going to get pushback on that comment, but she also noted that many in the white community are often more likely to call the police than Black residents.

“I think there are times in white America where there is this belief that, ‘we pay [police] salaries because we pay our taxes, therefore they do work for us,’” Geiss said.

And while whites may not think they have a privilege, it is inherent in the way the

country has been set up, she said.

“Even if someone doesn’t acknowledge that they have privilege over another group of people, it doesn’t mean that privilege doesn’t exist,” Geiss said.

The penalty for a first offense violation would be a fine of not more than \$1,000 and “50 hours of community service with a group or nonprofit whose mission is to advance equity and justice for historically marginalized, disenfranchised and oppressed peoples.

“Ethnic intimidation against our over-policed communities of color only serves to perpetuate the unjust systems of racism, oppression and discrimination, and it needs to stop,” Geiss said.

Santana’s SB 1163 would direct the DHHS Mental Health Diversion Council to make recommendations on best practices and

training for police when responding to situations involving persons with mental illnesses.

“Persons with mental illnesses sometimes have special needs when it comes to being stopped by police,” Santana said. “My bill will provide police with training on this issue so they are better equipped with the knowledge of how to deal with and deescalate these potential situations, and so that we can also ensure no one walks away from a minor altercation injured or in handcuffs unnecessarily.”

Bullock’s SB 1164 and SB 1165 would permit victims of police sexual misconduct to submit a complaint form to DHHS or at medical facilities that provide sexual assault testing kits. The form would then be forwarded to the proper investigatory agency in which the alleged assault took place.

“Police departments should not be investigating their own officers in cases of police sexual misconduct,” Bullock said. “By bringing DHHS or local medical facilities into the mix, we can make sure that complaints brought forward are properly investigated so that our local police departments can remove the bad apples from their forces if they need to do so.”

Ananich’s SB 1166 would protect individuals who file a police misconduct complaint by prohibiting a person from knowingly disclosing the complaint or information provided in the complaint.

“Anyone who bravely volunteers to blow the whistle on bad behavior by public servants, including police, should be protected,” Ananich said. “Victims and witnesses should feel safe to report these kinds of incidents.”

## Mich. has highest C-19 death rate in Midwest

The New York Times’ deaths-per-100,000-people stats show Michigan with 71 deaths per 100,000 people. As of Thursday, Oct. 1, Michigan was tied with Illinois for most deaths among the states most commonly included in the Midwest.

The Times has Indiana at 54 deaths per 100,000 people, Ohio at 41, Minnesota at 37 and Wisconsin at 23.

Nationally, Michigan is ranked 10th by The Times for deaths per capita overall. New Jersey is at 182 per 100,000, and it’s followed, in order, by New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Mississippi, Washington, D.C. and Arizona.

Back in late April, Michigan was ranked third among the states in total deaths. Michigan was ranked sixth on this list on May 1.

Lynn Sutfin, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, said there were three things to consider.

First, at the beginning of the outbreak, the state followed federal guidance prioritizing testing for people under investigation, leading to targeted testing among higher risk groups that were more likely to have COVID exposure. Hospitalized people were also targeted for prioritized testing.

Second, an order issued by DHHS in March required mandatory reporting of COVID-19 deaths within 24 hours, which “led to enhanced reporting that may

not be happening in other states,” Sutfin said.

Finally, Sutfin said the state is regularly reviewing death certificate data maintained in vital records reporting systems, and if a record shows COVID-19 contributed to death, that record is compared to lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System. If the death certificate is matched to a COVID-19 case and the record in MDSS doesn’t indicate a death, then that record is updated.

When it comes to deaths per capita in the past seven days, Michigan is at 0.7 per 100,000, below places like Guam at 7.1, North Dakota at 5.8 and Arkansas at 4.6.

Out of Michigan’s 7,102 deaths reported in a state data set as of Thursday, 83

percent of them, or 5,938, came from March to May, including three deaths dated before March tied to COVID-19.

In the Joint Select Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic meeting last week, DHHS Director Robert Gordon said that with respect to comparing Michigan to other Midwestern states, Detroit’s international airport made it a receiving point for international flights. Nesbitt countered by saying Chicago has an airport that is twice as big, yet Illinois’ death rate is slightly lower, he said at the time.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the state reported 891 more cases and 19 more deaths for cumulative statewide totals of 125,578 cases and 6,781 deaths due to COVID-19.

## Lowell Charter Township Public Notice Hydrant Flushing and Waterline Maintenance October 12th – October 23rd

You may notice the Lowell Township Water Department working at fire hydrants and see water running down the street. Normally in the fall, we flush water lines by fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and allowing us to ensure the hydrants are in proper working order. Hydrants that are found to not be in working order are tagged and submitted for repair. As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line and hydrant preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Why does the water system need to be routinely flushed?**

The city’s water distribution system is a complex network of pipes and storage reservoirs where sediment or deposits may naturally accumulate over time. If not removed, these materials may cause water quality deterioration, taste and odor problems, or discoloration of the water. Water may also stagnate in lesser used parts of the distribution system. This can result in degraded water quality.

**Q. What should I do if my water pressure or volume seems low after flushing?**

Check your faucet and washer screens for trapped debris.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Lowell Charter Township Water Dept. at (616)-897-7600 during normal business hours. Mon., Tues. 9am -5pm and Thurs. 9am-1pm

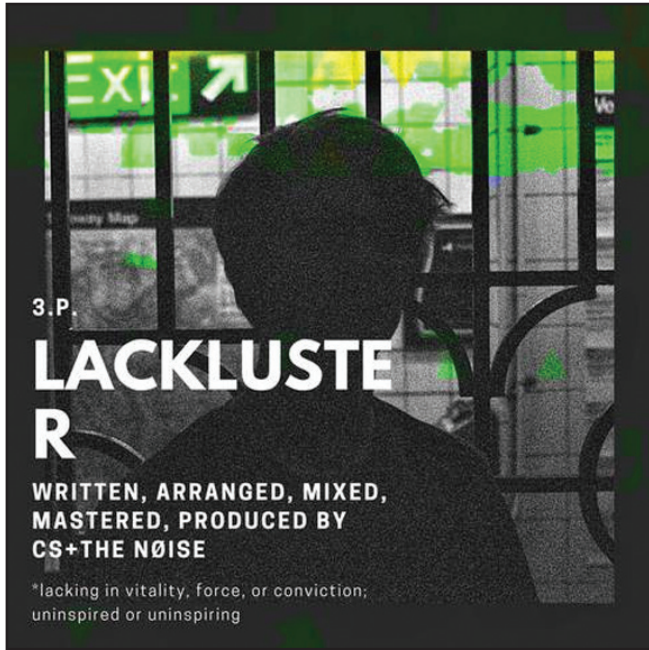
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# Ryne's Reviews: The best albums of the past month

by Ryne Clarke  
the Ryne Experience



## Conrad Shock and the Noise - "Lackluster"

Good music is never far from where you live. This is evident in John Schaak's psych rock band the Noise. The band formed at Aquinas College and delivers their second release, this heavy, riff driven EP that expands on the sound of their 2018 debut. "Lackluster" is a cassette release on Schaak's newly-founded tape label Culture.m4a. The title of the EP is defined on the front cover as "lacking in vitality, force or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring." I couldn't disagree more with this. For fans of Arctic Monkeys, the Strokes and anything catchy. Follow the band at facebook.com/conradshock.

8/10

**Favorite track: "Robot"**

## Other recent recommended releases:

Bill Callahan - "Gold Record"  
Idles - "Ultra Mono"  
Deftones - "Ohms"  
Sufjan Stevens - "The Ascension"  
Fleet Foxes - "Shore"  
Neil Young - "The Times"  
Archie & the One Hits - (self-titled) (archieandtheonehits.bandcamp.com)  
Jamie Brackman - "You Are the Light" (jamiebrackman.bandcamp.com)

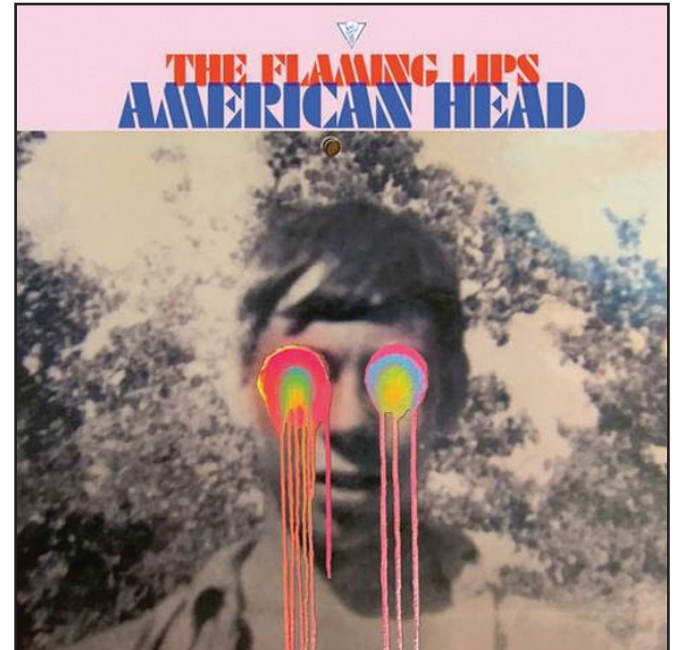


## The Be Colony - "Be II"

Just down in Fort Wayne, IN lives psychedelic/jazz/rock band The Be Colony, a fresh, hip local band that finds energy through 60s and 70s grooves and reinvents them on their own to create a new sound. Creating the massive studio work of "BE II," they follow on the coattails of "BE" with a lush, smooth indulgence of an album. The cover says it all with a burning organ representing the sound of the album in the best way possible. For fans of Pink Floyd, Steely Dan and anything groovy. Follow the band at thebeclony.com

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**Favorite Track: "Free at Last"**

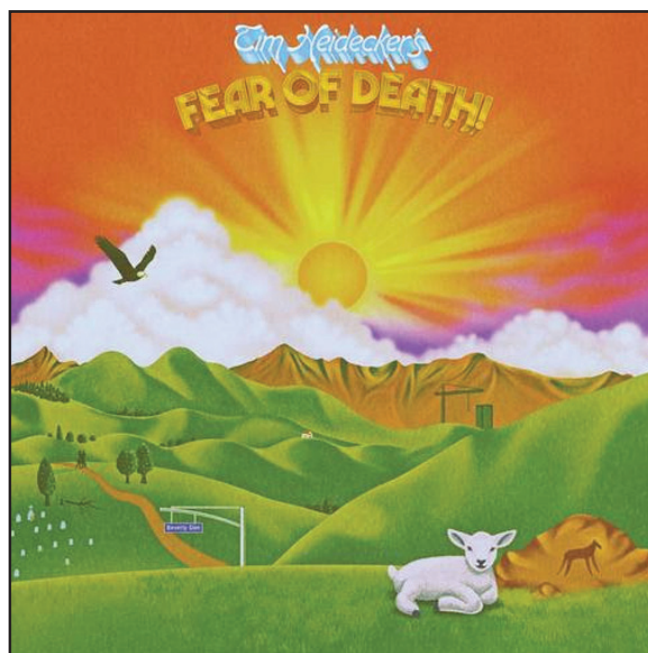


## The Flaming Lips - "American Head"

Back from space, the Flaming Lips deliver some of their most honest and mature work to date. Band leader Wayne Coyne sings retrospectively of his home and American roots in rural Oklahoma; where his brother crashed his bike, drugs dissolved his friends and he was held at gunpoint at his Long John Silver's fry cook job. The soundscape of "American Head" rings with the mid-tempo feel and lush arrangements of some of their iconic works such as "The Soft Bulletin" and "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots," yet again setting the bar for their forthcoming sound in the new decade.

8.5/10

**Favorite Track: "Will You Return/When You Come Down"**



## Tim Heidecker - "Fear of Death"

Tim Heidecker, comedian and star of "The Tim and Eric Show," releases his fourth solo album with the help of Foxygen's Johnathan Rado, The Lemon Twigs and Weyes Blood. A surprisingly catchy, well-arranged album about the serious topics of death and being afraid to die. Light rocking acoustics and powerful vocals dominate the album, with Heidecker further proving that he is a jack of all trades.

7/10

**Favorite Track: "Property"**



## Oh Sees - "Protean Threat"

John Dwyer leads another classic Oh Sees release with the promise of two more to come this year. He is truly one of the hardest working musicians in the world with 20-plus albums, running Castle Face Records and a history of non-stop touring. Heavy psych, garage and kraut rock overtones are present with a vengeance, adding another layer and piece to the Oh Sees' mystified realm.

8/10

**Favorite Track: "Said the Shovel"**

The Ryne Experience's latest EP "Homey" is available on all major digital streaming services, at [theyrneexperience.bandcamp.com](http://theyrneexperience.bandcamp.com) or on cassette tape from [ryneshyne.club](http://ryneshyne.club).

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## PUBLIC NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP

A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 3, 2020 Presidential Primary will be held on

**October 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

In the Historic Township Hall located at  
8240 Alden Nash Avenue SE  
Alto, Michigan 49302

This test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the of the election, counts the votes in the manner presented by law.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## CITY OF LOWELL

### OAKWOOD CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of Oakwood Cemetery in the City of Lowell will be October 19 through October 28, 2020.

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Susan Ullery  
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# \$4.35 million CDC grant to reduce suicide in MI men

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that it has received \$4.35 million in funding to be used over the next five years to address suicide in adult men from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Suicide is a growing public health crisis that took more than 48,000 lives in the United States in 2018, according to the CDC. From 2014–2018, more than 6,700 Michiganders lost their lives to suicide.

Two-thirds of the suicide deaths in Michigan are adult men. Over the next five years, the newly funded MDHHS program Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men will work

to reduce the number of deaths and attempts among men ages 25 and older by at least 10 percent. This will be accomplished through carefully planned, implemented and evaluated prevention efforts within communities and healthcare, as well as upstream initiatives – before suicidal behavior even occurs.

“This year has been especially challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic and there are a number of stressors facing Michigan adults,” said Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “This grant will help us provide critical mental health supports to men, and prevent suicide

and the devastating impact suicide has on entire families and communities.”

The CDC’s new Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program is the first to take a complete public health approach based on data and science to address the range of risk factors that contribute to suicide, particularly for vulnerable populations.

“Suicide is caused by multiple factors and prevention must go beyond individual behavior change,” said Dr. Deb Houry, director of CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. “Support and coordination are needed from every sector of society that can directly promote resilience and reduce risk

factors such as isolation, stress, substance use, and relationship, financial and job issues.”

A comprehensive approach to suicide prevention supported by CDC’s funding includes:

Strong leadership that convenes multi-sectoral partnerships.

Prioritization of data to identify vulnerable populations and to better characterize risk and protective factors impacting suicide.

Leveraging existing suicide prevention programs.

Selecting multiple and complementary strategies with the best available evidence to fill gaps.

Effective communication of progress and outcomes.

Rigorous evaluation with built-in quality improvement and sustainability.

CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (the Injury Center) is providing \$7 million per year for five years to nine award recipients from across the country, including Michigan. The Injury Center works to understand how injury and violence impact everyone – regardless of age, race or economic status – and what we can do to prevent them, with a particular focus on preventing suicide, overdose, and adverse childhood experiences.

To learn more about what CDC is doing to prevent suicide, visit CDC’s Suicide Prevention webpage.

If you need help or know someone who does, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) or use the online Lifeline Crisis Chat at [Suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat). Both are free and confidential. You’ll be connected to a skilled, trained counselor in your area.

Additional emotional-support services for those who are feeling emotional distress during the COVID-19 pandemic are available at [Michigan.gov/StayWell](https://www.michigan.gov/StayWell) or by calling the Michigan Stay Well Counseling via the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 and pressing “8” to talk to a counselor 24/7.

# State to prepare for growing aging adult population

The new Michigan State Plan on Aging will help the growing number of older adults be more aware of available services, understand better how to remain socially connected, and have the opportunity to make their own decisions.

The plan, which was released on Thursday, Oct. 1 by the Aging and Adult Services Agency within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, also calls for an increase in the number direct care workers to assist the state’s aging adults.

Michigan’s State Plan on Aging for FY 2021-2023 details how Michigan will move forward with advocacy, policy and program priorities that build on past successes, challenges and experiences.

“MDHHS values our aging adults and wants to assist them in living healthy, independent and fulfilling lives,” said Dr. Alexis Travis, senior deputy director of Aging and Adult Services Agency. “The growth of this population has implications for Michigan’s community-based long-term supports

and services, some of which continually have waiting lists of people whose critical needs simply cannot be met with existing resources. The new state plan charts a course for the next three years to help us better meet the needs of older Michiganders.”

The state’s growing older adult population is, in part, driving the need for policies, programs, funding and advocacy that improve quality of life for those in their later life years. In 2010, Michigan’s population age 60 and older stood at 1.8 million. Today, that number has grown to more than 2.4 million people, or 24 percent of the state’s population. The US Census projects that Michigan will have 2.7 million residents over age 60 by 2030. The 85 and older age group continue to be the fastest-growing population segment in the state.

The new plan builds on the strengths of Michigan’s aging network and aligns with its mission to deliver services in a person-centered, cost-effective way that best meets people’s needs. It was developed under the leadership of

Aging and Adult Services and the Commission on Services to the Aging.

One year ago, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared Michigan an Age-Friendly state in partnership with AARP. Michigan is the first state in the Midwest and fifth in the nation to join the age-friendly movement. The three-year plan plays an important role in advancing Michigan’s commitment to the age-friendly movement.

Michigan offers a robust system of services to help adults choose where they live as they age and receive care from trusted people

within their community. This system—a partnership known as the aging network – offers an array of federal and state-funded programs statewide. Aging and Adult Services is a part of this partnership between the Administration for Community Living at the federal level, 16 regional Area Agencies on Aging and 1,300 local community-based agencies.

The plan was informed through engagement and input from a diverse group of older adults and partners across the aging network. Michigan’s State Plan on Aging for fiscal years 2021-

2023 focuses on four goals:

Expanding the reach of information and awareness of aging network services, ensuring all older adults and caregivers can access culturally and linguistically appropriate information, and have awareness of quality services where and when they need them.

Prioritizing resources to promote social interaction and connectedness, including expanding access to technology and transportation.

Increasing the number of well-trained, qualified and supportive multicultural

direct care workers through collaboration by elevating the workforce, improving retention, promoting its collective value and supporting opportunities to increase wages.

Leveraging programs, services and resources to ensure older adults have the opportunity to make their own decisions and enable them to age in place – which means they have knowledge of their living options and can decide where they want to live as they age.

View the full plan on the MDHHS website, [michigan.gov/mdhhs](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs).

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## SPORTS

## Lowell Equestrian team advances to state finals

Congratulations to the Lowell Equestrian team on winning the regional championship!

Lowell advances to the MIHA State Finals being held October 14, - October 18, at the Midland Country Fairgrounds.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



## Golfers ready for regionals

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Red Arrows finished in seventh place finish in the conference

tournament as wind, rain, and cold conditions made it a challenging day at Thousand Oaks. Forest Hills Northern, three-time

defending state champions, won the conference title.

Lowell golf seniors Addison Bruwer and Lexy Kaptcia both had excellent days despite the conditions, earning all-conference and honorable mention all-conference honors respectively. Bruwer's career-best 85 at the conference tournament

solidified her all-conference status.

Last Monday, the team defeated Grand Rapids Christian 189-193 at Arrowhead. The victory was the program's first-ever win against the Eagles, improving their record to 1-7 all-time. Kaptcia and Bruwer led the way with a 43 and 44. Emma Hollern's

49 was a career-best and Amiya Schaefer rounded out the scoring with a 50. Rylee Jannenga, in her first varsity match, shot a 53.

In the Mona Shores tri, Lowell defeated the Sailors but fell to Forest Hills Northern. The Red Arrows will meet up with Northern again in regionals on Monday at

Muskegon Country Club. The top three teams will advance to the state finals. Other teams competing include Cedar Springs, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, Kenowa Hills, Northview, Greenville, Lowell, Muskegon Mona Shores, and Reeths-Puffer.



**Addison Bruwer earned All-Conference Honors with an 85 at challenging Thousand Oaks.**

## JV harriers place second last week

The Lowell boys cross-country JV team took on FHC, Greenville, and the weather to place second at the Tri Meet at Lowell High School last week. FHC took top honors with 22 points, followed by Lowell, 33 points, and Greenville, 85 points. Scoring for the Red Arrows were Alex Weber, third, 20.01, Caeden Kaufman, sixth, 20.14, Antonio Casares, seventh, 20.23, Dannion Simmet, eighth at 20.34, and Evan Klein, ninth at 20.39.

## Tennis defeats Northview and Greenville

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

In a week of subpar weather conditions, the Lowell tennis team was able to pick up a win at Northview and had a non-conference match vs. Lakewood canceled.

The Red Arrows

picked up a 6-2 win over the Wildcats on a cloudy fall day at NHS. The win was Lowell's first against Northview since 2006-2007.

The previous week all eight Lowell flights

defeated Greenville. Will de Voest won 6-1, 6-0 against Greenville's Josh Januzelli. Both No. 2 singles Ty Knottnerus and No. 3 singles Winton Garrelts won their matches 6-1, 6-3. Patrick de Voest rounded out singles

action at No. 4 singles with a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

No. 1 Doubles Terrick Stewart/Noah LaMore won 6-2, 6-0 over Nolan Spencer/Hunter Swidwa in the matchup of the two top doubles teams. Max Del Rosario/Tyler Spinella didn't lose a game in their 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 Doubles.

No. 3 Doubles Mason Thomas/Josiah Kissenger and No. 4 Doubles David Kaczanowski/Sam VandenHout won their matches by default.

LHS finishes up conference tournament action and competes at Forest Hills Northern on Thursday at the Division 2 Region 16 MHSAA tennis tournament.



**Tyler Spinella preparing to return against Northview.**



Red Arrow

FOOTBALL

# SPORTS

## Arrows cruise past Greenville

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

There wasn't much pretty about Friday night. It was a dreary cold, rainy fall night at a fairly empty Legacy Field in Greenville. One thing that was pretty though, was the Red Arrows proficiency on offense. Scoring six touchdowns in the first half in their six offensive possessions, Lowell quickly jumped on the hosts and ran away with a 56-7 win and a 3-0 record on the season.

It was the Red Arrows

who struck early and often, and did so on their first possession of the game when Nate Clark powered it in from seven yards out. Clark would end the night with four touchdowns including Lowell's second of the night when he would score on a 78 yard touchdown run which included shaking off several Yellowjacket tacklers. Connor Lixie stopped Greenville's fourth down attempt to set up the drive.

Nate Clark found the endzone for a third time in the first quarter and with Justin Wade's extra point, the Arrows led 21-0 after one quarter of play. Wade, a dual-sport soccer and football player, made all eight of his extra points during the game.

It didn't take long in the second quarter for Lowell to pad their lead, which they did on a Brett Spanbauer touchdown catch from quarterback Doak Dean. Sam Lixie and Nate Clark scored the other two touchdowns for Lowell in the first half. Greenville got on the board just before halftime to make it a 42-7 game.

In the second half Lowell got touchdowns from Nate Cleaver and Cam Pawloski to finish up the 56-7 win.

Lowell's victory means that next week's game against Byron Center could decide the OK White this year. A win in the game would likely assure that team at least a share of the conference title. Both teams come into the game with 3-0 records and it will be the first meeting between the two teams since 2015.

The game at home next week will have another new element. More fans are being allowed in the stands. Governor Gretchen



Ethan Krieger looking to make a tackle in Greenville Friday night.



Nate Cleaver breaking up a pass.

Whitmer's latest executive order and the MHSAA detailed the new policy. In the first three weeks of the season, fans were limited to only two specified attendees per student-athlete. Now, those attendees and a few more fans (up to 1,000 in total, 500 per team will be allowed to attend). Face coverings are still mandatory for attendance. For indoor sporting events, 500 spectators will be the capacity. This is good news for sports like volleyball, swimming, and winter sports such as wrestling and basketball.

At the time of this

article's writing, specifics regarding attendees have not been clarified, though parents and family members of student-athletes are likely to be prioritized.

With the win, Lowell

improves to 50-26-2 all-time against Greenville in the sport of football. Both the JV and freshman football teams won their respective games on Thursday as well.

**The Red Arrows host Byron Center on Friday, Oct. 9 at 7 pm. Tune in to WRWW to hear the game.**

## Volleyball sweeps through home quad

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity volleyball team improved to 17-3 on the season by winning all three of their matches at Saturday's home volleyball quad. With the wins, LHS is on a seven-match winning streak following a loss in a matchup against Byron Center.

The Red Arrows went 3-0 on Saturday defeating Montague, Caledonia and Ann Arbor Skyline all in straight sets. The set scores were as follows: Lowell defeated Montague 3-0; 25-17, 25-10, 25-20 Lowell defeated Caledonia 3-0; 25-11, 25-20, 25-12 Lowell

defeated Skyline 3-0; 25-17, 25-22, 25-16

Last week Lowell fell to No.4-ranked Byron Center in a thrilling contest by a set score of 3-2. The match was a rematch from last year's regional semifinal won by Lowell, and both being ranked in the top five in the state, the two teams could possibly meet again in the postseason.

Wins over Greenville, Hudsonville, Grandville, and Jenison were sandwiched between the Byron Center match and the Lowell quad.

The Red Arrows faced off with Forest Hills

Northern on Tuesday, then host East Grand Rapids for senior parents night on Thursday. Both matches will remain under the two spectators per student-athlete rule. The match against East Grand Rapids will be streamed through WRWW and MHSAA.tv.

**The Red Arrows host EGR for senior parents night this Thursday.**

## Arrows find fast times at Allendale

Lowell girls cross-country ran to second place in their section of the Allendale Invite on the way to an overall 18th-place finish out of the 41-team field. Section 5 of the eastern regional saw Woodhaven take first on the way to an overall second-place finish and then the Arrows came in one point ahead of West MI Aviation, Belding, with Ionia and neighboring Saranac following them. The overall meet winners were Hart, Woodhaven and Rockford rounding out the top three.

Annika Sandman continued her strong

campaign taking the 16th-place medal and just missing her personal best time running 19:24. Katrina Sandman finished 61st with a personal record time of 20:55, Keira Sandman finished 87th with a personal record 21:26, Lauren Swain finished 161st with a time of 22:30, Canaan Mckinney finished 215th with a time of 23:23, Theresa Judd finished 218th with a time of 23:24, and Kaylee Byrne

finished in 220th with a time of 23:26

Three personal records closed out the meet for the Arrows as Grace Richmond ran a 24:01, Jess Spaulding at 24:20, and Ariadna Sernandez at 29:24.

The Arrows race at the OK White Jamboree No. 3 at Byron Center on Wednesday.



# obituaries

## ABEL

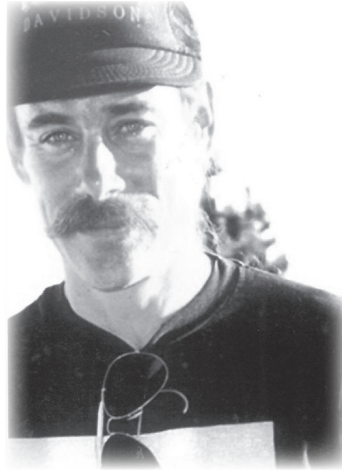
Elaine Abel, age 85 of Grand Rapids, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 1, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold & Helen Gerloski; husband, Roger Abel; Sister-in-law, Carolyn (Jim) Vandyke; son, Scott Abel; sister, Marcia (Tom) Deboer; significant other, John Mulhall; Elaine is survived by her children, Rick (Deb) Abel, Terry (Barb) Abel, Dave (LeeAnn) Abel, Debbie (Val) Grossenbacher, Laurie (Joe) Baker; 15 grandchildren; Justin, Brandon, Brian, Morgan, Chris, Rachael, Tom, Michelle, Dan, Jeffrey, Daniel, David, Brad, Lindsey, Andrea; 9 great-grandchildren; Landon, Hayleigh, Weston, Carter, Zoe, Madison, Jaxson, Harlynn, Easton; brother, Jerry (Ann) Gerloski; sister, Mary Kay (Dan) Daymon; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and special friends, Donovans, Normans, Kisors, Mulhalls, and "The Girls". Elaine graduated from Catholic Central High School, where she was homecoming queen. She was a beautiful selfless soul, with a heart of gold and a smile that would light up a room, who loved her family dearly. Visitation was held Sunday, October 4, 2020, 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, 3980 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Mass of Christian Burial was held 11:00 AM Monday, October 5, 2020 at St. Robert of Newminster, 6477 Ada Dr SE, Ada, MI 49301. Family greeted visitors one-hour prior. Rev. Colin Mulhall presiding. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in Elaine's name.



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## ESTES

Roger Allen Estes, aged 62 of Belding, passed away after a longtime battle with ALS on October 2, 2020. He was born July 16, 1958 in Grand Rapids, the son of Terry and Margy (Renwick) Estes. Roger grew up on a farm south of Lowell. He attended Alto Elementary and Lowell High School. Roger worked in the construction field and had many jobs over the years. He enjoyed riding up north on his Harley and hunting and fishing with the guys. Roger was fun and outgoing and was always willing to lend someone a hand. Surviving are his mother, Margy Raimer of Saranac; significant other, Liz Balcer of Belding, and her daughters, Angie and Autumn; siblings, Mark Estes, Steven Estes, Terri Sue (Andy) Fonger and Joe Estes; step-siblings, Rhonda (Bill) Palmer, Renee (Ron) Goff, Scott Raimer, Michael Raimer and Mark (Cathy) Raimer; aunts, Karen Franchi, Leann Kenney, Helen (Harvey) Noon and Lynne Estes; and several cousins. Roger was preceded in death by his father, Terry Estes; stepfather, John Raimer; and uncle, Brian Estes. Private services will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Easton Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com)



How did Michigan acquire the Upper Peninsula?

Michigan acquired the U.P. after a dispute with Ohio. Michigan and Ohio both wanted a 468 square mile strip of land along their borders near Toledo. The two states mustered militias, but no battle was ever fought. Eventually, Congress devised a compromise that gave the disputed land to Ohio. To make up for the lost property, Congress gave Michigan the Upper Peninsula, which was originally part of a U.S. territory. At first, it seemed like a bad deal for Michigan until copper and iron were discovered in the U.P. Some of the animosity between Michigan and Ohio seems to continue today, but now the states duke it out in university stadiums. The rivalry between the U of M and Ohio State is like no other.

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



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For one year Christy Droogsma served as a recreational supervising assistant to five program directors with the city of East Grand Rapids. Droogsma recently started her new role as program director with the Lowell YMCA, replacing a position left vacant by Kendall Klingelsmith, who left Lowell for a director's position with the Greenville YMCA.



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# Meet WRWW broadcasters Toby Robinson and Peter Kooi

by Justin Scott  
contributing reporter

With more fans than ever relying on streaming and audio, WRWW is a popular resource for Lowell sports fans, especially this year. Station manager Al Eckman and the WRWW team have had a busy fall.

Some of the station's most listened to broadcasts include varsity football games both home and away. This year, LHS students Toby Robinson and Peter Kooi are taking on the challenge of broadcasting these football games. Behind the scenes

Toby and I prepare for the game the entire week which entails finding stats, rankings, other schools in the area and so much more and that is all pregame prep as the professionals would say. When we arrive at the press box, whether it is home or away, me and Toby set up the gear occasionally and then get right to it laying our material out in front of us and then we turn our eyes to the field. You can tell a lot about a team by how they warm up," LHS senior Peter Kooi noted.

make sure that you have enough notes and stats to get you through the game. Most of the notes are just filler, but anything helps. If you don't have enough information about a team, then it makes you look like a bad sportscaster. It's also tough because you have to dedicate a lot of your time into getting information. I usually try to start taking notes and getting information a week prior to a game or match."

After all the note-taking, studying, and

strangers to radio broadcasting, having been involved throughout their high school years. They've broadcasted in all three sports seasons including football, basketball, and baseball. During the weekdays the two also host a radio segment on WRWW called "Let's Talk Football" with Wyatt Ebmeyer. Kooi is on the student board of directors and hosts a personal radio show dedicated to music.

It's called "Era" with the catchline being,

92.3 FM in the Lowell area. During the pandemic, many football fans have not been able to attend football games, giving Robinson and Kooi an even bigger audience than they are used to. The bigger stage doesn't phase the two however, thanks to the experience the two have developed during their time at LHS.

Both have called games not just for Lowell, but have been given the opportunity to call games for WRWW from Ford Field and even the MHSAA boys basketball state finals.

"The most unique sporting moment I've had the opportunity to commentate would be the Division 1 Michigan basketball state finals between U-D Jesuit and Ypsilanti Lincoln. Peter and I called the game live from the Breslin Center in Lansing. It was amazing because it was one of my very first times broadcasting basketball and Peter and I had the opportunity to watch Emoni Bates, the top recruit of the 2022 class. He's committed to Michigan State. But my favorite part about the game was the very end. The game was tied 62-62 with 12 seconds left. Ypsilanti held the ball for a bit then passed it to Bates who missed then the ball bounced to one of Bates' teammates who made the game winner. The final score was 64-62. The whole place went crazy. There was screaming, crying, and cheering. It was a lot to take in, but I loved it," Robinson said.

With the absence of the student section at games due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kooi and Robinson are

two of the only students who have been fortunate enough to watch the game in person. It's hard work, but both enjoy being able to inform and entertain LHS sports fans.

"I got interested in WRWW the moment I walked into school my freshman year. I was brand new to the school area and saw that there was a radio program. I have always been a big entertainer, so when I saw this opportunity to entertain an entire community, I jumped on it," said Kooi.

During the game both take to the airwaves calling the action of our current 3-0 Lowell Red Arrows football team. Football, a fast paced game, means having to take out binoculars to find out who recorded the latest tackle. Kooi and Robinson have to mentally keep track of how many yards each run and pass was. Also remembering which numbers go to which names, or consistently backtrack to the roster for help. All of this while creating consistent dialogue to keep the airwaves packed with the happenings of the game. It's a challenge, but one these two young sportscasters are eager to take on.

"No matter what happens, no matter rain or shine, no matter the time, WRWW will always be there for amazing entertainment and all the coverage of your favorite Lowell sports," Kooi concluded.



LHS senior sportscasters Toby Robinson (left) and Peter Kooi (right).

of a football broadcast, a lot of hard work goes in. The life of a sportscaster starts days, even weeks before the opening kickoff.

"A lot goes into a Lowell Football broadcast.

LHS senior Toby Robinson agreed that the pre-game is actually the toughest part about broadcasting. "There's so much that goes into a broadcast. You want to

preparation it's finally game day. Now is the time that Robinson, the play-by-play man and Kooi on color commentary to finally shine.

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# FUN PAGE

## SUDOKO

		1			4		5	
						9		
		2	5		1			7
9								
	3	7		1				
		4			5			2
6		3						
			6			2		
1			8	9	7			

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!

# PRECIOUS PUP WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

### PRECIOUS PUP WORD SEARCH

AKITA  
 BREED  
 COLLIE  
 DALMATIAN  
 DESIGNER

DOBERMAN  
 GOLDEN HOUND  
 HUSKY  
 LABRADOR  
 LEASH  
 MALTESE  
 MIXED

POODLE  
 PUG  
 RETRIEVER  
 SETTER  
 SHARPEI  
 SHEPHERD  
 SHETLAND TERRIER

VETERINARIAN  
 WAG  
 YORKIE

## Guess Who?

I am a singer born on October 8, 1985 in Hawaii. I moved to Los Angeles after college to be a musician. Songs from my debut album became worldwide hits. My voice has been compared to Michael Jackson's.

Answer: Bruno Mars

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dogs.

L C R O A L

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Answer: Collar

1	2	3				4	5	6	
7						8			9
10			11			12			
13					14	15			16
17				18		19			20
21				22	23			24	
				25			26		
		27	28				29		
		30				31			
		32				33			
34	35	36	37	38					
39	40			41			42		
43			44				45		
46			47				48		
49							50		
	51						52		

### CLUES ACROSS

- They look out for kids
- Play
- Water (French)
- Prayer leader
- Small constellation
- \_\_ Carta: influential royal charter
- Pressure unit
- Extrasensory perception
- A symbol of "Aloha"
- Portion of the small intestine
- Psychedelic amphetamine
- Very long period of time
- British overseas territory
- Cereal grain
- Car mechanics group
- Wish harm upon
- At a specific prior time
- Peyton's younger brother
- UK firefighters' union
- Carroll O'Connor's screen partner
- Popular show honoring musicians
- Basics
- Honk
- Trent Reznor's band
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Long-legged wading bird

- Specialized biological grouping
- A coin goes in it
- Of the wind
- One-time measure of length
- A very large body of water
- River in NE Scotland

### CLUES DOWN

- Boston hoopster
- A type of bribe
- SE England county
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- "Hotel California" rockers
- Italian province
- Mischievous child
- Popular street name
- Boxing promoter Bob
- Snakelike fish
- Break into pieces
- The Bay State
- Time zone
- Port city in Yemen
- In name only
- 007's creator
- No (Scottish)
- Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- Don't know when yet
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Make a ringing metallic sound
- Helps little firms
- Pound
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Put on the back burner
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Cuddle
- Poker stake
- Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- Pouch
- Not around

# Showboat Automotive Supply closing by end of Oct.



Showboat Automotive Supply

by Tim McAllister  
lead reporter

Lowell's Main Street is losing yet another longtime business. Showboat Automotive Supply, 1450 W. Main, will close permanently at the end of the month after 47 years.

Company president Kirk Collins announced the imminent closure on the store's Facebook page last week.

"It is with some regret and after careful

consideration that I am closing Showboat Automotive Supply this year," Collins wrote in the Facebook post. "I have made lot of friends and strong connections in this community during the last 44 years, which only made my decision that much harder. However, the world is ever-changing, and the auto parts industry is not immune



to those changes. I truly want to thank you, all of our loyal customers, and there are many of you, for supporting this business through the years."

"I want to retire," Collins said in a phone interview last week. "I'm just going to get a lot of stuff done that I haven't had time to do."

Showboat Automotive Supply was started by Hugh Cosgrove and Dave Maxsimowski in 1973. Collins, a lifelong Lowell resident, began his employment there in 1976 and purchased the company in 2000.

Another store employee, Wayne Osmolinski, has worked there since 1989.

"I'll miss the people and getting to interact with all the people," Collins said. "I'll miss helping the kids out with donations and stuff like that. I'll miss the customers. A lot of the people I see in here all the time, I probably won't see them as much now that I'm retired."

Watch the company's Facebook page for details about a going-out-of-business sale.

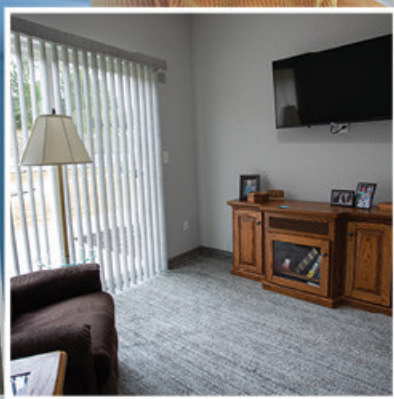


Kirk Collins

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020, General Election will be conducted Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Monica Burt, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township