

Local results from Nov. 3 election not a surprise

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by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The state of Michigan may have returned to blue in the latest election cycle, but the Lowell area remains as red as ever.

In the city of Lowell, for US President there were 1,144 votes for Trump, 999 votes for Biden, 44 votes for Jo Jorgensen (Liberarian Party), 10 votes for Howie Hawkins (Green Party), five votes for Don Blankenship (US Taxpayers Party) and three for Rocky DeLaFuente (Natural Law Party).

In Lowell Township, there were 2,220 votes for Trump and 1,598 votes for Biden.

In Bowne Township, there were 1,557 votes for Trump and 542 votes for Biden.

In Grattan Township, there were 1,674 votes for Trump and 934 votes for Biden.

In Vergennes Township, there were 1,958 votes for



Voters voting at city hall on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Trump and 1,178 votes for Biden.

In Ada Township, there were 4,872 votes for

Trump and 4,638 votes for Biden.

In Cascade Township, there were 6,711 votes for

Trump and 6,527 votes for Biden.

The city of Lowell had 68.86 percent voter turnout.

Lowell Township had 77.05 percent voter turnout.

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COVID-19 didn't stop "Treasures for Troops" on the radio and in communities

Despite the restrictions that the State of Michigan has imposed in an effort to arrest the pandemic, a team of dedicated people were still able to orchestrate WION's yearly "Treasures for Troops."

WION Radio Ionia is proud to announce that with its partners, WGLM in Greenville/Lakeview, WRWW-LP at Lowell High School, Young Chevrolet Buick GMC, The Muir Village Market,

the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and all our donors, that a whopping 224 boxes are being sent from West and Central Michigan to deployed servicemen and women all over the world.

WION and its partners

had drop-off locations for troop needs in many area businesses, received 270 letters written to troops from Ionia High School students, hundreds of handmade cards from Saranac Community Elementary students, and received thousands of items donated for the boxes to be sent to deployed US military members.

Seven years ago, WION teamed with Blue Star Mothers chapter #188 of Ionia, Kent, and Montcalm Counties to make "Treasures for Troops" happen for the first time and it's a partnership that gets stronger each year. With special thanks this year to the Ionia Moose Lodge, space was made for item storage, and safe sorting and packaging of all the donations at their hall on East Lincoln in Ionia. Masked volunteers worked two days on the sorting, organizing and boxing for this year's Treasures for Troops, culminating in 224 boxes being filled.

Broadcasts were made from the Village Market of Muir, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and our transportation provider and sponsor, Young Chevrolet Buick GMC.

All involved in this project agreed this year's efforts and results were spectacular when factoring in the issues many donors and businesses have faced.

The Saranac Post Office once again is caring for the mailing of boxes with enthusiasm.

From everyone involved in organizing, collecting, donating, advertising, and even writing of cards, letters, and notes, WION Radio says "Thank you" from and all of their partners in the 7th annual "Treasures for Troops."

For more information contact Jim Carlyle, co-owner and manager of WION at 616-527-9466.

You may also contact Blue Star Mothers # 188 of MI, Lakeview, MI on Facebook.



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Election, continued

Vergennes Township had 86.19 percent voter turnout.

Grattan Township had 79.53 percent voter turnout.

Bowne Township had 83.59 percent voter turnout.

Ada Township had 82.73 percent voter turnout.

In the election for US Senator, John James got 1,179 city of Lowell votes and the incumbent Gary Peters received 946.

address the climate crisis and protect our cherished Great Lakes,” Meijer said in a press release.

In Lowell Township, 2,303 voted for Meijer, while 1,555 voted for Scholten.

In Cascade Township, there were 7,505 votes for Meijer and 5,858 for Scholten.

Meijer got 2,019 votes in Vergennes Township and Scholten got 1,138.

Among Bowne Township residents, 1,570



Lowell Township chose James over Peters, 2,347 votes to 1,460.

In Cascade Township, there were 7,637 votes for James and 5,690 for Peters.

James got 5,520 votes in Ada Township, and Peters got 4,075.

In Bowne Township, there were 1,591 votes for James and 508 for Peters.

In Vergennes Township, James got 2,051 votes and Peters had 1,093.

In Grattan Township, James got 1,727 votes and Peters received 878.

For US Congressional Representative, Peter Meijer received 1,188 votes in Lowell and Hillary Scholten got 980.

“I look forward to working to establish a safe and strong COVID recovery, to implementing free market reforms to our healthcare system, and to

voted for Meijer and 532 for Scholten.

In Grattan Township, Meijer got 1,717 votes while Scholten scored exactly 900.

Meijer got 5,454 votes in Ada Township, while Scholten got 4,172 there.



State Rep. Thomas Albert won his election and will retain his seat.

“I will work to the best of my ability to be the voice of our local community in Lansing,” Albert said in a press release. “I will continue to uphold the Constitution and deliver results for the people of the 86th District. I will

always defend individual freedoms, religious liberties, the sanctity of life and the right to self defense.”

In Lowell, Albert got 1,210 votes compared to 917 for his challenger, Sue Hayes.

Albert got 2,087 votes in Vergennes Township, and Hayes got 1,014.

In Cascade Township, Albert got 7,467 votes and Hayes got 5,520.

In Ada Township, Albert got 5,473 votes and Hayes got 3,882.

Albert got 1,794 Grattan Township votes and Hayes got 782.

All four Lowell School Board members will be returning to their seats. Laurie Kuna received the most votes in the city with 1,248, Brian Krajewski got 1,006, Danny Lee Stephens Jr. got 985 and Tom Kaywood got 951.

In Grattan Township, there were 535 votes for Kuna, 478 for Krajewski, 477 for Stephens Jr. and 457 for Kaywood.

Lowell area residents voted in favor of both ballot proposals.

On Prop. One, the yes vote in Lowell was 1,613 and the no vote was 382. On Prop. Two, 1,827 Lowellians voted yes and 197 voted no.

In Bowne Township, Prop. One passed 4,476 to 411 and Prop. Two passed 1,711 to 229.



In Lowell Township, 2,033 voted for Kuna, 1,808 for Krajewski, 1,737 for Kaywood and 1,671 for Stephens Jr.

In Bowne Township, there were 421 votes for Kuna and 394 each for Kaywood, Krajewski and Stephens Jr.

In Cascade Township, 218 voted for Kuna, 207 for Krajewski, 191 for Kaywood and 181 for Stephens Jr.

In Ada Township, there were 579 votes for Kuna, 568 for Krajewski, 554 for Kaywood and 510 for Stephens Jr.

In Vergennes Township, Kuna got 1,654 votes, Krajewski got 1,524, Kaywood got 1,467 and Stephens Jr. got 1,416.

In Cascade Township, 10,257 said yes to Prop. One, while 2,139 said no, and on Prop. Two there were 11,454 yes votes and 1,187 no votes.

In Ada Township, Prop. One got 7,424 yes votes and 1,576 no votes, while Prop. Two got 8,303 yes votes and 852 no votes.

In Vergennes Township, Prop. One got 2,386 yes votes and 532 no votes, and Prop. Two got 2,653 yes votes and 310 no votes.

Prop. One got 1,901 yes and 552 no votes in Grattan Township, and Prop. Two got 2,192 yes votes and 298 no votes.

Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale Stephens Jr. got 1,416.

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Peter Meijer won the election against Hillary Scholten and will replace Justin Amash as our district's representative in the US Congress, a seat previously held by figures such as Paul Henry, Vern Ehlers and Gerald R. Ford.

was reelected with 2,703 votes. Lowell Township clerk Monica Burt was reelected with 2,739 votes, Lowell Township treasurer Ronda Benedict was reelected with 2,717 votes. All four Lowell Township trustees will be returning: Mark Anderson got 2,492 votes, Steve VanderZiel got 2,373 votes, Carlton Blough got 2,472 votes and William Thompson got 2,355 votes.

Vergennes Township supervisor Timothy Wittenbach got 2,390 votes, Vergennes Township clerk Shantell Ford got 2,387 votes, Vergennes Township treasurer Janine Mork got 2,358 votes, Vergennes Township trustee Duane Rasch got 2,230 votes and Vergennes Township trustee Richard Gillett got 2,198 votes. All were running unopposed for these positions.

Grattan Township supervisor Franklin Force received 1,981 votes, Grattan Township clerk Michelle Alberts got 2,019 votes, Grattan Township treasurer Sabrina Freeman



got exactly 2,000 votes, Grattan Township trustee Dennis Heffron got 1,870 votes and Grattan Township trustee Paul Knoerl got 1,797 votes. All of them were running unopposed.

The Grattan [Township] Fire Equipment Millage Renewal and Increase passed 1,474 to 948, and the Grattan Fire Protection Renewal and Increase passed 1,436 to 1,013.

Bowne Township supervisor Randy Wilcox received 1,745 votes, Bowne Township clerk Sandra Kowalczyk received 1,740 votes, Bowne Township treasurer Tammi Wingeier received 1,745 votes, Bowne Township trustee Bob Flynn received 1,660 votes and Bowne Township trustee David Fuss received 1,604 votes.

Michigan voters approve nearly \$1 billion in local proposals

Voters in Michigan on Tuesday approved about 93 percent of the millage proposals put before them, a total of nearly \$983 million. According to data aggregated by the Michigan Information & Research Service, 21 of the 122 new local tax proposals failed, more than a sixth.

As usual, 48 school proposals took up the lion's share of that cash - about \$537 million. However, more than a quarter of that total was from a single proposal, a \$250 million bonding ask in Detroit to fund a blight program in that city. The Detroit city council had already rejected the idea from

mayor Mike Duggan, which was boosted by a dark money group in the weeks leading up to the election.

A total of 67 of the 73 road proposals also passed. Thirty-three of them were new, a growing sign of local governments appealing directly to taxpayers for their infrastructure funding. Four failed, including the largest ask, \$19 million in Grass Lake Township. By contrast, in 2018 there were the same number of road proposals, but twice the amount failed. The County Road Association of Michigan said the election was a success.

"Voters continually demonstrate that road improvement and

maintenance are top priorities for their communities," said Denise Donohue, director of the group. "County road agencies appreciate the support from members of the community who vote to support millages that will improve the local county roads and bridge network."

The largest school proposal of the election season was a \$100 million bonding in Saginaw for a host of capital improvements, including a new high school and elementary school. This sum pales in comparison to the ten digit asks of pre-pandemic elections.

General government funding requests continued to fare relatively poorly.

While a total of \$14 million from 14 requests passed, another 7 that totaled \$10 million were rejected.

A \$6.4 million millage proposal for the Kalamazoo Housing Program was also rejected, a blow to a public agency when many are struggling financially. A similar affordable housing measure in Ann Arbor passed.

In a year where public gatherings aren't advised or regularly available, an \$11 million proposal for the Arenac Event and Cultural Center also failed, but a \$75,455 millage increase for Kalkaska county's "Kaliseum" passed.

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Lowell water system receives national fluoridation award



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that Lowell's is among 71 water systems in the state that have been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The award recognizes communities that maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout 2019. A total of 1,523 water systems in 29 states received the award including Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Belding, Big Rapids, Muskegon, Fenton, Plainfield Township, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Sparta, Hastings, Holland, St.

Joseph, Ionia, Traverse City, Jackson, Wayland, Wyoming and Kalamazoo.

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. It has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing decay. In fact, every dollar invested in fluoridation saves at least \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

"Michigan consistently exceeds the CDC recommendations for community water supplies

by having 90 percent of our population on community water systems accessing fluoridated water and this year, we had a 26 percent increase in the number of award recipients," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "These awards demonstrate the commitment to quality by these community water systems. Water fluoridation has demonstrated its effectiveness in preventing tooth decay throughout one's lifetime and benefits all residents."

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Record turnout of over 5.5 million MI voters



MI Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Turnout for Tuesday's general election broke the record for a Michigan election, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson confirmed Tuesday night, putting the final tally at more than 5.5 million Michigan voters, with some Detroit absentee ballots and Antrim County still to report.

The previous record was the 5.039 million voters who came out in 2008 to elect former Democratic President Barack Obama.

From a percentage standpoint, 70 percent of all

voting age Michiganders voted in the election, the highest percentage since 72.7 percent voted in the Kennedy-Nixon election of 1960.

In addition to that, Benson said two-thirds of voters, or 3.3 million people, voted absentee. This was the first presidential election after the 2018 constitutional amendment that gave voters the right to vote absentee for any reason. The election also occurred in the midst of a pandemic, when many officials were encouraging voting by mail to avoid in-person contact.

Even after Benson's directive to ban open carry of guns at the polls failed in the courts before Election Day, the Secretary of State said in-person voting was "exceptionally smooth."

During her press conference just after 8 pm Tuesday, Benson said the process of tabulating votes was "by and large complete" and that counties were in the final stages of

receiving reports from the last remaining jurisdictions. For example, in Wayne County the number of precincts completed was at 85.65 percent during her press conference.

Asked about the lawsuit President Trump filed to try and stop the counting of votes in Michigan on Wednesday, Benson called it frivolous and described it as "a way of sowing seeds of doubt among the public about the integrity of our elections."

Benson also was asked specifically about the allegation that absentee ballots were counted without the bipartisan teams of election challengers and that challengers weren't allowed to observe the process. She repeated that it was "a frivolous lawsuit without merit" and said the entire absentee ballot process conducted across the state was "efficient, transparent, secure and methodical."

viewpoint



125 years ago Lowell Ledger November 15, 1895

It has been discovered that they crept into the charter provided by the last legislature for fourth-class cities a provision which deprived women living in such cities of the right to vote at school elections. It was not the intention of the members of the municipal charter commission to humble the women, and the commissioners were much surprised when the provision was shown to them. The use of the word "and" where it should have been "or" caused all the trouble.

General Miles' recommendation of a large standing army will hardly meet with popular approval. Uncle Sam's boys are always ready for business, when the old man needs help, and there is no need or excuse for saddling the expense of an idle soldiery upon our tax-payers. It is time the nations of the earth were abandoning the ways of war and pursuing those of peace.

The Great Northern railway has a strike of its employees, members of the American Railway Union, for higher wages. The strike has begun quietly, as did the great strike 18 months ago, but it is slowly spreading and it is predicted that before Thanksgiving the road will be tied up.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger November 18, 1920

Coincident with necessity, the mother, which suppresses motoring on Sunday to save gasoline, comes invention, the child, in the form of a new distilling process which turns kerosene into gasoline.

United States District Attorney Myron H. Walker has issued a statement that the Michigan liquor laws are still in effect, in addition to the Federal Prohibition law, and that they can be enforced, with obligation resting upon sheriffs, prosecutors, police and magistrates. These matters have been made a farce of long enough; and those who have no regard for their oath of office should resign. It is time to "fish or cut bait."

Herbert Hoover has been already stricken off the list of cabinet possibilities because of his endorsement of the Wilson appeal for a democratic congress in 1918 and his attitude favoring a league of nations of democratic complexion.

75 years The Lowell Ledger November 15, 1945

Motorists of this area are among the first in the nation to see the 1946 Pontiac models when the first shipment by the company of new cars since 1942 arrived here and went on display immediately.

Flight Officer Walter J. Roth of Lowell Route 3 was one of a class to receive the new Flight Engineer wings at impressive ceremonies at the Hondo Army Air Field, Texas on November 6.

There is a battle still going on, the battle against tuberculosis. Enemy guns cost the lives of 253,000 Americans in World War II and during the same period nearly 206,000 Americans died from tuberculosis. The guns are silenced now but tuberculosis is still killing.

50 years The Lowell Ledger November 19, 1970

About 20 students appeared before the Lowell Area School Board Monday night in an attempt to modify the Grooming and Dress Code as set up in the student handbooks. The only strong mandate for change seems to be allow girls to wear dress slacks. The students are pushing for somewhat longer hair. The Board recommended the deletion of some things that are extremely difficult to enforce, such as the wearing of short skirts when that is all that can be bought in stores today. Almost everyone feels that some limits are still needed. Some students, and a few parents, feel there should be no limits.

The faculty of the Lowell Area Schools has been enriched this quarter with 10 new "teachers," and they've all come to the school system free. Under an experimental new "cluster" program at Michigan State University, groups of MSU seniors who plan to become teachers get a taste of what it's all about by actually going out into classrooms and working for 13 weeks.

Lowell buried its top school official last week, not far from the former high school building where he had begun his career, as a vocational agriculture teacher 23 years ago. Several hundred mourners gathered bare-headed in the northeast corner of Oakwood Cemetery Wednesday afternoon while the body of Carl J. Hagen, 49, Lowell Area Schools superintendent and former high school principal was laid to rest.

25 years The Lowell Ledger November 15, 1995

Lowell police officer James Hinton was recognized by the national organization Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for the third consecutive year. Hinton was honored by the organization for his work in detecting drunk drivers and making streets safer.

After two years of building a successful volleyball program in Rome, N.Y., Jacki Malokfsky brings her talents to Lowell. Malokfsky was recently named head coach of Lowell's varsity volleyball team following her family's decision to move to the area.

Lowell Charter Township residents concerned about a communications tower being built in their back yard now have nothing to fear. The township's planning commission received a letter from Traverse Bay Land Company stating that they had withdrawn their Special Use Permit application for the tower, which would have been built on 10.5 acres of land near Morse Lake Road.

outdoors

pass it on

Dave Stegehuis

Looking over the limbs of my crossbow, I watched a 4-point buck fade into heavy cover. He was moving slowly from the meadow where he stopped to determine which direction the doe he was following was heading. After he left, I ranged the distance at 15 yards. I have to hunt many hours for that kind of opportunity but find myself making up excuses for not taking the shot more often as I get older. I had read stories and heard from older hunters about this phenomenon for years.

Another reality as one ages is boots seem to get heavier, the weather colder, and the trail to the deer stand longer. The day will come when it will not be practical or even possible to get out hunting. Research shows that the group that once made up the largest number of Michigan hunters is aging out. The problem for game managers is that the deer population is increasing while hunter numbers are decreasing. This makes it difficult to maintain a deer herd within the limits of habitat availability and social boundaries. The problem is that too many deer will lead to starvation and disease as well as added danger on the roads. Also, lost license fees reduce funding for wildlife management.

Recruiting new hunters is an obvious solution to the dilemma, but that's not easy in today's culture. By the time people move

along in life to adulthood their values, habits, and general lifestyle has largely been established. Hunting requires a commitment of time and personal introspection. It is less likely one will make significant changes later in life. The most reliable source of new hunters is our youth. This group is in the process of finding their place in the world. They have the freedom to explore different ideas and activities before making adult commitments.

We should all look for ways to introduce youth to the hunting lifestyle. Those of us who are currently hunting need to involve our children when appropriate. School programs designed to educate students about the environment and natural science, especially activities which provide hands on experience, provide an opportunity to connect with nature. Outdoor focused camps get kids out and about by introducing ways to enjoy natural settings. Michigan has a number of special seasons, licenses, and regulations designed to introduce youth to hunting.

Hunting is a serious commitment and not everyone will be willing to get involved. That's understandable. But just in case there is a budding young hunter in your family, provide the opportunity for them to explore the possibility. It could make an impact on how the youngster lives his or her life.



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college news ABCs of Lowell History

Grand Valley State University announces the names of our most recent graduates who have completed the requirements to receive their degrees this past August.

Students who graduated at the conclusion of the Spring/Summer 2020 semester ending in August include:

Ada: Jonah Anderson, Bachelor of Business Administration; Keara M. Anderson, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; Noah W. Barton, Bachelor of Science; Jill A. Brouwer, Master of Education; Nicholas A. Buursma, Bachelor of Business Administration; Brendon J. Dalm, Bachelor of Science; Lindsay E. Halling, Master of Science; Sonja F. Johnson, Master of Business Administration; Johnathon S. Killeen, Bachelor of Science; Robert M. Killeen, Bachelor of Science; Debra J. Kue, Master of Arts; Zoe

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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.

F is for Foreman Poultry Farms

Ernest C. Foreman (1894-1970) came to Michigan from his native Ontario Canada to manage the poultry farm at the Michigan State Agricultural College in East Lansing in 1915 at the age of 21. By 1918 he had become Professor of Poultry Husbandry and Extension Poultryman at the College. He then took a leave of absence to finish his degree, studying culling methods. He wrote his Senior Thesis on "Culling Hens by Head Type". He also wrote "Modern Culling Methods" in 1920 and "Every Step in Culling and Breeding" in 1922. He soon became known as the culling wizard as noted in the magazine Modern Poultry Breeder.

Foreman chose Lowell as the site for his new hatchery business in 1926 because he had worked with Charles and William Doyle at King Milling Company developing feed formulas. While he started with a small hatchery on East Main Street, he was able to build his big Poultry Farm on the north side of M-21, at the West Gate of Lowell. Today this area encompasses what is now Self Serve Lumber, the Calvary Christian



The Foreman Farm. (Photo with permission from Self Serve Lumber.)

Educational Building and Church and land to the north to Gee Drive. The Ernie and Beatrice Foreman home was on top of the hill on the curve of Gee Drive overlooking this farm. Built in 1953, it was designed so the view could be seen from every room.

Ernest Foreman developed the Head Culling Method, a new type of poultry house, and new feed formulas for laying hens. In 1930 it was stated that Foreman Poultry Farms were breeding a distinctly superior type of layer with more size, larger eggs and higher production than practically all other strains.

Foreman's leghorns and barred rocks won awards and contests in nearly every state, including many first place rankings for his contest birds. He literally won hundreds of trophies, awards and cash prizes. In 1945 leghorns from Foreman Poultry Farms took the world's record in egg production.

Foreman's expertise in the poultry field not only made him well known and respected in the United States, but also throughout Europe. Poultry experts came from around the world to Lowell to learn from him. In 1958 Dr. Alfred Mehner, Director of Federal Research Institute for Small Animal breeding in Celle Germany included Foreman Poultry Farms in his research tour of the United States.

While obviously a busy man in his professional career, Ernest Foreman made time for community affairs. He was president of the Lowell Board of Trade in 1932, when the first showboat came into being, and then followed that by serving as an officer of the Showboat Corporation for 25 years. He served on the City Council, was a founder and first president of the Lowell Rotary Club; a member of the Lowell Masonic Lodge; the Rod and Gun Club and the Loyal Order of Moose. He also donated generously

to Lowell churches and to 4-H Clubs.

Foreman passed away in 1970. In 1971, the Lowell Rotary Club dedicated the Ernest C. Foreman Memorial to him and placed it in front of the Foreman Building on the Lowell Fairgrounds. "The building here ...is another dream that Ernie had of a summer exhibition building for the 4-H and a winter indoor skating rink. He spark plugged the entire project and gave much of his own money and effort to see that it was completed. ...He was dedicated to the interests of the youth and the community. He always gave more and received less credit than the rest of us. If ever anyone deserved the good citizen award it was Ernie Foreman." ~from the remarks of Mayor Harold Jefferies.

One building of the Poultry Farm is still in use by Self Serve Lumber and the foundation of another building can still be seen.

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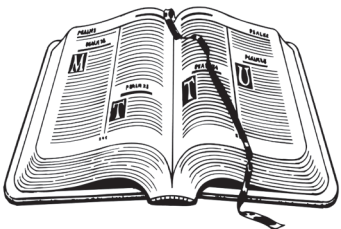
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Food assistance for MI families extended thru Nov.

Approximately 350,000 Michigan families will continue to have access to additional food assistance benefits during the month of November as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced on Friday, Nov. 6.

Michigan previously approved the additional food assistance for March through June. Now, with approval from the US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, it is being extended for the month of November.

“MDHHS remains committed to helping families who continue to struggle to put food on

the table as a result of the pandemic,” said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. “Providing nutritious food is vitally important during these difficult times just as protecting residents from the virus is.”

Eligible clients will see additional food assistance benefits on their Bridge Card by Nov. 30, with payments beginning for some households on Nov. 21. Additional benefits will be loaded onto Bridge Cards as a separate payment from the assistance that is provided earlier in the month.

Nearly 1.5 million people in Michigan receive federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through the state’s Food Assistance Program.

Households eligible for Food Assistance Program benefits will receive additional benefits in November to bring all current SNAP cases to the maximum monthly allowance for that group size. This change only applies to customers not currently receiving the maximum benefit amount. The 350,000 households that receive increased benefits represent more than 50 percent of the more than 682,000 Michigan households that received food assistance in September. The remaining households already receive the maximum benefit.

The federal government is providing additional funding to states for food assistance

One Person	Two Persons	Three Persons	Four Persons	Five Persons	Six Persons	Seven Persons	Eight Persons
\$204	\$374	\$535	\$680	\$807	\$969	\$1,071	\$1,224

This table shows the maximum allowable benefit for SNAP customers based on their respective household size.

under House Resolution 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Eligible families do not need to re-apply to receive the additional benefits. People who receive food assistance can check their benefits balance on their Michigan Bridge Card by going online to www.michigan.gov/MIBridges or calling a consumer service representative toll-free at 888-678-8914. They can ask questions about the additional benefits by calling or emailing their caseworker. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Spanish and Arabic service is available.

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Bill aims to curb financial exploitation of vulnerable

Legislation requiring banks and credit unions to strengthen their efforts to prevent financial exploitation of vulnerable people seems ready to move. According to testimony before the Senate Insurance & Banking Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Attorney General, the Michigan Bankers Association and the Michigan Credit Union League are all on board.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Peter Lucido (R-Shelby Twp.), would

give financial institutions flexibility to delay cash withdrawals if it’s to make sure someone isn’t getting swindled. These institutions would be given immunity from criminal, civil and administrative liability if their related actions were made in good faith.

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Brighton), chair of the committee, told committee members that she plans to have them vote on SB 0464 at the committee’s next hearing.

Scott Teter, division chief of the Attorney General’s Financial Crimes Division, provided the committee with examples of the sort of financial exploitation SB 0464 is aimed at preventing, or at least minimizing. According to Teter, the crimes this bill would deal with usually involve money being taken from accounts multiple times. He said stopping the initial withdrawal of funds is difficult, but SB 0464 would

at least give law enforcement a chance to prevent further exploitation.

“If we knew for a fact that somebody was going to burgle the same house three nights in a row, we would have the opportunity to stop the crime before it was committed the next time,” Teter explained. “We won’t stop the first one but, if it was a repetitive crime, we’d have the opportunity to interfere and stop it. That’s exactly what this bill allows us to do.”

“This is a crime that’s happening in Michigan every single day,” Teter added after giving recent examples of the sort of financial exploitations the bill would impact. “Once the money is gone out of the bank it never, never comes back.”

Patricia Herndon, executive vice president of government affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League, said her group supports SB 0464 because, although measures to

battle financial exploitation already exist at the national level, more needs to be done at the state level.

“In this process we have determined that we need to have better connectivity on the state side for those who are able to investigate this,” Herndon explained. “We think we have appropriate reporting requirements at the national level, but we think reporting at the state level ought to mirror that.”

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obligation to wounded warriors and their families. Social Security is an important resource for military members who return home with injuries.

If you know a wounded veteran, please let them know about our Wounded Warriors webpage. You can find it at www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors webpage answers many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

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LHS science research class experiments on critters



William Forney with the shrimp hatchery he built himself.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Students enrolled in Heather DeJonge's "Science Research" class at Lowell High School are working on multiple experiments with real world applications, meanwhile gaining valuable

laboratory experience that will put them well ahead of their peers once they enter college.

Since it debuted about five years ago, Science Research has become one of the most

popular and worthwhile classes for students planning careers in the sciences.

"I want to become a scientist in the future, so taking this class has really shown me what my future could be," said LHS student Rachel Lezan.

"Science Research has given me a perspective into the science field, and I learned what it would be like to be a scientist," said LHS student Grace Nielsen.

"This class has allowed me to experience things I wouldn't normally participate in," said LHS student Riley Taylor.

"Science Research has been a great resource/class to freely research a topic of choice which happens to be relevant to the present world," said LHS student Logan Rose.

This trimester, students are working on experiments involving COVID-19, environmental science and the effects of diet on animal behavior. One of the ongoing experiments involves the effects of caffeine on a trio of big, fat, white lab rats.

"Grand River Veterinary Hospital [661 Lincoln Lake] has been so supportive of our class," DeJonge said. "When we got the rats,

probably three years ago, I was required to have a partnership with a local vet, and Dr. [Kim] Mast stepped up. They've given medicine to the rats, they've euthanized the rats, they've been so helpful. The Van Andel Institute just gave us another pair of rats. They support us with food, bedding and baby rats when we need them."

The rats are pretty cute except for their evil-looking red eyes, and the students have grown somewhat attached to them. The current batch are named Nacho, Cheese and Chad.

"We have been able to observe the effect of caffeine on the lab rats and how it affects the rats' preference on the food they choose," Taylor said. "I drank Red Bull often, and I no longer drink it after seeing how it negatively affects the rats. They tend to choose the granola snack over the candy when not on caffeine, but after receiving the caffeine they tend to choose the candy."

"The most challenging part was just getting the rats used to us," said LHS student Casper Broene. "When we first got them and tried to pick them up, they were not



Sophie Hruska has been experimenting with vermicompost, using worms to make compost.

happy with us. Now they're way more comfortable with us and it's awesome. We take pictures with them on our shoulders, they just chill out."

"Never in my life did I ever think I would walk

up to a rat and pick it up," said LHS student Caroline Cooper. "After this class, yeah, I can do it! I've gotten over my fear of rodents."

The rat group is studying how caffeine consumption affects what they want to eat.



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LHS science research class experiments on critters

“We’re testing the effects of caffeine on rats and also the discrepancies between the adults and the babies, to see if there’s a difference,” Broene said. “We’re basically doing observations, checking their memory and observing their behavior. I’ve read some scientific research articles that say rats are a good research subject because they’re very similar to humans.”

“We give them candy bars, which we break up into tiny pieces,” Cooper said. “I thought it would be difficult to get them to eat the candy, like we’d have to force it on them, but they took it right away. To administer the caffeine, we have a pipette that we fill with either Red Bull or Mountain Dew, then we put it in their mouths in very small amounts. Then they get super hyper, especially the little rats.”

The findings of their study pointed to an increased appetite for junk food after consuming caffeine.

“Once you give them some of the Red Bull, they prefer to eat junk food after that,” Broene said. “It sounds crazy, but it’s true. We have a maze in the back set up like a ‘choice room.’ In one room we have healthy food for rats and the other one is a candy bar or something, and whenever we give them the caffeine they go straight for the candy bar and nibble on that. If we don’t give them

anything, they’ll choose the healthy stuff and they won’t even look at the junk food.”

“Sometimes we’d put them in the maze and they’d just sit there,” Cooper said. “We had to kind of get them going, they were very stubborn. Once we showed them around the maze a little they got the idea and they started looking for the food. For our final project, we will compare our data to the data from previous experiments. This will show whether or not our data was accurate.”

LHS students Sophie Hruska and Emma Pearson are researching vermicompost, the act of using live worms to create compost. In their study, the students are raising red wigglers, a type of earthworm, in buckets of food waste and other matter to see how the worms respond to variations in their environment.

“Newspaper is their bedding, which they use to neutralize the environment, and there is also food and soil in there,” Hruska said. “It kind of looks gross, but it’s very useful. For our experiment, we have a ‘control bin’ with just food, then there’s one we add eggshells to and one we add coffee grounds to. Coffee is going to increase the acidity of the compost and eggshells are supposed to balance it. We’re seeing if that’s actually true and which



Casper Broene and Caroline Cooper with Nacho and Cheese.

one the worms respond to. Then we test the soil for pH, phosphorous and nitrogen to see if the worms have changed the composition of the soil.”

William Forney and Jackson MacNaughton have been experimenting on zebra danios fish and brine shrimp, the creature known commercially as “Sea Monkeys.”

“I have aquariums at home, so maybe this is just an excuse to have another aquarium to take care of,” Forney said.

For the fish experiment, they are studying the effects of temperature and chemicals on reproduction.

“If there are more males than females, the population will trend downward because there are less eggs so there are fewer fish overall,” Forney said. “What we found was higher temperatures and an increase in chemicals leads to an increase in males

and a decrease in females which, over time, results in an inbred population. So if you have an endangered species that only lives in one lake, you increase the water level of that lake and maybe there’s chemical dumping nearby, you can wipe out that entire species.”

For their brine shrimp experiment, Forney designed and built some equipment from scratch, including a shrimp hatchery made from an old 2-liter soda bottle, hot glue, \$5 worth of bits from Meijer and some equipment he found lying around the lab.

“It does have the look of a mad scientist experiment,” Forney said. “I had a lot of time to work on it during the lockdown. I’ve got power, there are probes, a breadboard, a screen to read the information, and I was working on a USB reader. It wasn’t too complicated.”

Forney has already been

accepted to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, where he plans to earn a degree in robotics engineering.

“It’s a combination of programming and engineering,” Forney said. “It’s not just one or the other, it’s where the two meet. I am really looking forward to that.”

Another group of students are working on a study to determine which of the cleaning solvents used by custodial staff works the best against COVID-19.

“Our protocol now for COVID-19 is that we sanitize in and we sanitize out,” DeJonge said. “The students do their desks, we have hand sanitizer, they wash their hands a lot and they social distance as much as possible. With that, a group of students are working on testing these products. They can’t test for

the coronavirus, but they can test for bacteria to see the effects of our products. They’re testing all of the sanitizing solutions, all the sprays, the cleaning products you see in the halls and the restrooms, everything here in the lab, plus some household items. They have about three trials worth of data, so they’re going to start to compile that and draw some conclusions in the next trimester.”

“Our research topic is studying bacterial growth with common cleaners,” Lezan said. “We did this by making agar plates with the bacteria and cleaners. We record our data to see which cleaner is the best. We are working to find a conclusion based on our data. We will be continuing our experiment next trimester with more in-depth research testing current COVID-19 school cleaning products.”



A peek into the compost bucket reveals the old food, newspapers and dirt used by worms to make compost.

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LHS girls golf

A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Lady linksters capture the conference title

1992

The varsity girls golf team took first place in the OK White Conference title, with five of the players placing in the top ten. They went on to qualify for the State tournament by taking second place in regionals. The team fired a round of 391 and placed sixth overall. Sophomore Erin Nausieda shot 89, placing seventh in state. Receiving the honor of MVP was sophomore Erin

Nausieda, she also captured the All Conference award along with junior Tracy Burrows. The team awarded senior Tanuya Czarnopis with the Dina DeCator Dedication Award. Czarnopis also tied with sophomore Sarah Hall for most improved. Receiving All Conference Honorable Mentions were senior Nancy Wingeier, senior Tanya Czarnopis and sophomore Megan Leach.



Arrows win 2nd league crown

Girls golf will now compete in the fall

2007



In the fall of 2007, the girls golf team switched from spring to fall. The varsity girls golf team had an overall great season. They placed third in the conference and fifth at regionals. Sydney Stuewe and Lauren Heemstra earned All Conference and Crystal Dietz earned Honorable Mention All Conference.

I thought we had a great season with some stellar wins against some good programs - FHC and Kenowa Hills to name two.
~ Coach Bob Stuewe

Girls compete in regional finals, two move on to state finals

2014

In the fall of 2014, the Red Arrows finished fourth in regionals, narrowly missing out on a state tournament berth. The team was joined by exchange student Marta Lopez of Spain who played with the team in exhibition. Danielle Krajewski and Anna Organek qualified for the state tournament as individuals. Alainie Thomas and Dani Krajewski earned All Conference and Anna Organek earned Honorable Mention All Conference.



I am so happy for Dani to return to state. She has been a four-year starter for me. Anna came out of nowhere to earn her place. What a great day for her. It just goes to show that you don't have to hit it far to be successful. She controls her shots and takes advantage of her strong chipping and putting.

~ Coach Kim Stevens

Red Arrow VOLLEYBALL SPORTS

District Champions!

Lowell volleyball moves on to Regionals

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

The Lowell Red Arrows Varsity Volleyball team cruised through their district bracket to win their second consecutive district championship.

Lowell beat Ottawa Hills (3-0) in the quarterfinals and then got a tough test from Forest Hills Northern in a 3-1 semifinal win. In the finals, hosted by East Grand Rapids, Lowell met Forest Hills Central and bested the Rangers 3-0. The set score was 25-21, 25-15, 25-22.

The Lady Arrows moved on to Tuesday's regional semifinal against conference foe No. 4 in

Division 1, Byron Center. A win would advance Lowell to the regional finals which will take place Thursday at Rockford against the host Rams or Grand Haven.

This year's volleyball bracket will see only two of the top four teams advance to the quarterfinals. Lowell enters the postseason ranked No. 2 in the state in Division 1. While No. 2 and No. 4 will face off in regionals on one side of the bracket (Lowell and Byron Center), defending state champion Mercy comes in at No. 1 and faces a potential regional final matchup with No. 3 Bloomfield Hills Marian.



Lowell Volleyball - District Champions! Photo courtesy Lowell Volleyball.

Red Arrow comeback doesn't materialize as season ends

by Justin Scott
contributing reporter

Trailing 27-6 in the district semifinals against Caledonia in the second quarter, things didn't look great for the Red Arrow football team. They turned it around quickly though, closing the gap to 34-32 in the third quarter before Caledonia ultimately pulled away.

It was already a huge accomplishment for the Red Arrows just to be here. Lowell, who went 3-3 in the regular season, was hosting a playoff game as a No. 6

seed. Caledonia entered the game at 3-4, a byproduct of playing in one of the toughest conferences in West Michigan.

Both teams were able to move the ball effectively. The Red Arrows did both running and passing, with 390 yards to Caledonia's 376.

After one quarter of play it was Caledonia up 13-0 over the host Red Arrows. Doak Dean got Lowell on the board with a one-yard

touchdown run. Dean had an efficient night, going 14-19 passing for 211 yards and two touchdowns, as well as four touchdowns on 82 yards rushing.

The next Lowell score would be a big moment in the game. The Red Arrows were down 27-6, and looking for a spark heading into halftime. With five seconds left and no timeouts, Lowell faced a third and goal at the one yard line. Dean would find Brett Spaanbauer on a pass with



Nate Clark breaks a tackle against Caledonia.



Sam Lixie celebrates after a 58-yard touchdown catch.

a second to go in the half to get the Red Arrows within two scores and trailing 27-13 at the half.

Both teams exchanged scores to start the third quarter, then Lowell punched in a touchdown to make it 34-32 Caledonia. A fake extra point to tie the game didn't convert, and

that would be as close as the Red Arrows would get the rest of the game.

Sam Lixie had a huge game for the Red Arrows with 6 catches for 143 yards and a touchdown. He set up Lowell's last touchdown of the game, which was a Dean one-yard touchdown run. Caledonia added a late

touchdown for a final score of 55-38. Carter Blough led the team with 12 total tackles.

Lowell finishes the season at 4-4 overall. Caledonia will face a tough test in defending state champions Mona Shores this week.

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Live the Life You Want

Adult ADHD - ADD

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You may associate attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or attention deficit disorder (ADD) with children and/or young adults. Many believe that those diagnosed with these disorders' eventually grow out of their symptoms. However, the latest research shows that about 60 percent of those diagnosed with ADHD-ADD have symptoms that continue into adulthood. There are disagreements as to the cause of ADHD-ADD, so this article will instead focus on adult symptoms and treatment.

Symptoms of Adult ADHD-ADD

Adult symptoms of ADHD-ADD are slightly different than those seen in children. Adult symptoms

tend to be less about hyperactivity and appear more as restlessness. They may also be more subtle. Adult ADHD-ADD symptoms may include:

- Impulsiveness
- Struggles managing finances
- Struggles managing time
- Struggles managing emotions, having frequent mood swings and/or a quick temper
- Struggles organizing and prioritizing tasks
- Problems focusing on a single task
- Struggles multitasking, quickly switching between activities
- Problems following directions
- Struggles remembering information and/or concentrating

- Excessive activity or restlessness

- Poor planning and/or problems finishing work on time



Melissa Spino
MA LLPC CDMS

- Problems following through and completing tasks

- Trouble coping with stress

- Regularly feel bored and/or low motivation

- Regularly being late, procrastinating, or forgetting meetings, events, etc.

- Trouble concentrating when reading

Those with adult ADHD-ADD may also have co-occurring conditions such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse issues, and relationship problems.

Is it ADHD-ADD or Something Else?

It isn't unusual to have some of the above-listed symptoms at some point. Just because you have concentration issues doesn't mean you have ADHD-ADD. If your symptoms are situational, recent, or you only had them in the past, you

probably don't have ADHD-ADD.

It's important not to self-diagnose because an accurate diagnosis can be difficult since other mental health conditions like anxiety or mood disorders have similar symptoms. So, diagnosis from a professional is critical.

ADHD doesn't mean a person isn't intelligent or capable. Those with ADHD-ADD may have challenges in certain areas but we all have areas of strengths and weaknesses. The key is to root out and play to your strengths.

Treatment Options

If you have mild symptoms you can google lifestyle changes to help you manage ADHD-ADD. If the symptoms of ADHD-ADD are still getting in the

way of your life, despite self-help efforts to manage them, it may be time to seek professional counseling.

While there are prescription medications available to treat ADHD-ADD, it is not always necessary and should be a last resort because while they may improve cognitive symptoms there is a risk for abuse and they can produce secondary side effects. Counseling such as behavioral interventions, individual therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, vocational coaching, educational assistance, and medication are also useful to learn to manage symptoms. It's also important to find a counselor with ADHD-ADD experience.

This article is not meant to treat or diagnose.



Financial Focus

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Protect Your Finances from "Cyberthieves"

You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud – anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won't go away anytime

soon - but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra

security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.

Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"),

for sites that allow them.

Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be

careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending

communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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The Settlor, Doris Marie Canfield, DOB: August 2, 1919, who lived at 120 S. Division, Lowell, MI 49331, died on October 18, 2020. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the DORIS CANFIELD TRUST, dated September 25, 2007, and any amendments thereto, will be forever banned unless presented to Anthony

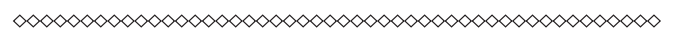
Myers, Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: November 3, 2020

Mary L. Benedict PC
Attorney for Successor Trustee
4519 Cascade Rd SE, Ste 14
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-942-0020

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120 S. Division
Lowell, MI 49331



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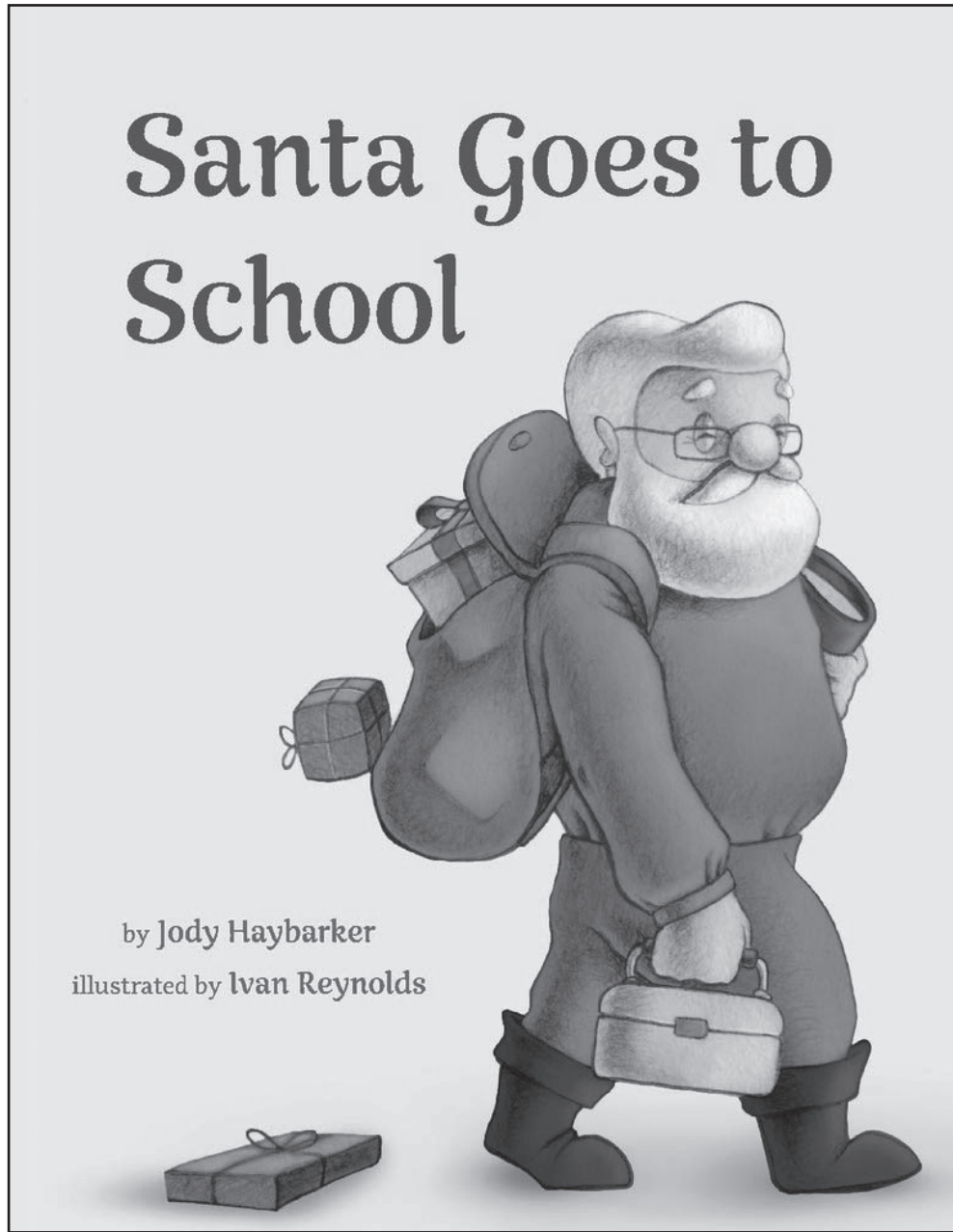
PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Grid of puzzle solutions with words filled in.

Grid of puzzle solutions with numbers filled in.

Large grid of puzzle solutions with words circled and highlighted.

New holiday-themed children's book by local author



Santa Goes to School

by Jody Haybarker
illustrated by Ivan Reynolds

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Jody Haybarker has created a new children's book called "Santa Goes to School," the story of one man's journey to find Santa Claus and the magic of Christmas.

Haybarker and her husband Kraig are very well known in West Michigan for their portrayals of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, particularly during "Santa Visits" on the Lowell Showboat.

"This book is for everyone, there are no spoilers for children," Haybarker said. "Kraig loves the book and is proud of what I wrote. He is my greatest cheerleader and best salesman. [...] One of my favorite pages in the

book reads; 'Is there more than one Santa Claus?' Santa has many helpers during the Christmas season. If you are visiting with a Santa who makes you feel special and loved, then he just may be the real Santa!"

Haybarker was inspired to write the story while listening to presentations by her fellow students at the Charles W. Howard Santa School in Midland, which has been in existence for over 75 years.

"While listening to such a presentation, I was thinking of what I could do as a project," Haybarker said. "A children's book would be my project. Once I had the

idea to write about Kraig's journey to becoming Santa Claus, the words came easily. [...] This story sat in my notebook for many years until last spring. The timing was finally right for us to try to publish the book."

Haybarker said she was also inspired by the awestruck reactions that Kraig has received from children the rest of the year because he looks like Santa Claus all year 'round.

"The start of this journey began with a Christmas Eve service where Kraig and I were greeters," Haybarker said. "A family with two kids came in, the little boy shook Kraig's hand, looked up and



The Haybarkers in character as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Interesting trivia fact: the Mrs. Claus character does not have a first name.

said "Hi, Santa!" like it was a natural thing to have Santa attending his church. This simple encounter and the words of an innocent child inspired this crazy journey to becoming Santa and Mrs. Claus."

The book was illustrated by Ivan Reynolds, a local college student, described by Haybarker as "an incredible artist."

"Ivan is a recent graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Grand Rapids Community College,"

Haybarker said. "He agreed to illustrate the book during his summer break. This was a learning experience for both of us, as neither of us has published a book. Ivan researched what format was needed and went to work."

The book was self-published by Book Baby and is available right now at Bettie's Pages on Main Street or online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Book Baby. They will also be available at Haybarker's house if you visit during the "Home for

the Holidays" event on Nov. 20 and 21.

"The hardest part of this project was waiting for the books to arrive," Haybarker said. "Once I received the books, I posted a picture on Facebook. I expected a few comments but was not expecting the reaction it received. The attention the book has received has been awesome and a bit overwhelming. For my first order I ordered 100 books, I have now placed a second order."

Social Security is important for women

In November, we show gratitude for the many things we are thankful for throughout the year. Family usually tops the list. The strong women in our lives are one of the central figures we appreciate.

More women in the 21st century work, pay Social Security taxes, and earn credit toward monthly retirement income than at any other time in our nation's history. Yet, on average, women face greater economic challenges in retirement than men.

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If you've worked and paid taxes into the Social Security system for at least 10 years, and have earned a minimum of 40 work credits, you may be eligible for your own benefits. Once you reach age

62, you may be eligible for your own Social Security benefit whether you're married or not and whether your spouse collects Social Security or not. If you're eligible and apply for benefits on more than one work record, you generally receive the higher benefit amount.

The sooner you start planning for retirement, the better off you'll be. We have specific information for women at www.ssa.gov/people/women.

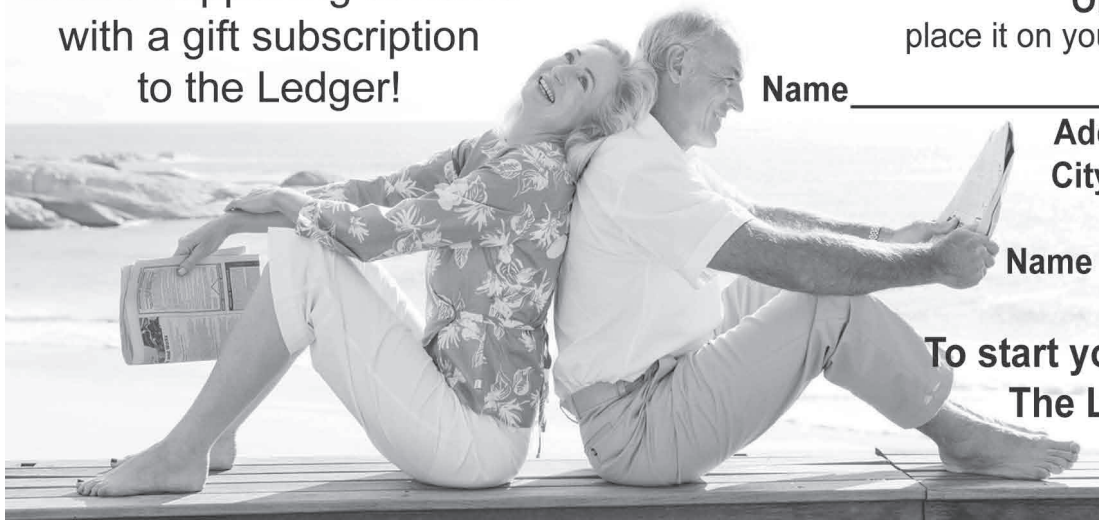
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SUDOKO

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Level: Advanced

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!

PRODUCE AISLE WORD SEARCH

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

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

Puzzle solutions on page 13

- PRODUCE AISLE WORD SEARCH
- CAULIFLOWER
- GARLIC
- SPINACH
- COLLARD GREENS
- GINGER
- SPROUTS
- COOKED
- GREEN BEANS
- SWEET POTATOES
- DELICIOUS
- KALE
- SWISS CHARD
- DIET
- KOHLRABI
- VEGETARIAN
- EGGPLANT
- PEAS
- ZUCCHINI
- FRESH
- RAW

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in England on November 10, 1989. I performed with local youth theaters and graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. I was the voice of a piano-playing gorilla and also starred as a famous singer/songwriter on the big screen.

Answer: Taron Egerton

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vegetables.

E N G T A G L P

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Answer: Eggplant

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CLUES ACROSS

- Dutch word for "language"
- Popular music style
- Body part
- Largely dry valleys
- Brew
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Where rockers play
- Human gene
- One point east of northeast
- Adversary
- Small cask or barrel
- About ear
- Benign tumors
- In a different way
- One charged with a crime
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Long, narrow straps
- Passover
- Ottoman military commander
- One who does not succeed
- Data
- 3D image
- Whale ship captain
- Japanese title
- Made of wood
- Yokel

- Exercise system ___-bo
- Supreme being
- Playing card with three spots
- Hostelry
- Spiritual leader
- Single lens reflex
- Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
- Thomas ___, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

- Shuttered airline
- Swiss river
- Port city in Yemen
- It can be straight
- Tennis player's tool
- Estranged
- Garden archway
- Assists
- Grain crop
- Millisecond
- U.S. Founding Father Adams
- Small, deerlike buffalo
- Easily manageable
- Male parent
- Nearsightedness
- Patriotic women
- Decorate a cake with frosting
- ___ fi (slang)
- A joke rooted in wordplay
- Attack violently
- Keyboard key
- ___ juris: independent
- Corporate executive (abbr.)
- Adult female bird
- Pertains to knowledge
- Pashtoes
- Prefixed title for Italian monks
- To be fired from a gun
- A way to position
- ___ process: produces ammonia
- Follow instructions
- Humanistic discipline
- Throw
- Swiss river
- American hate group
- Actor Idris
- Seizes
- Baseball stat

LOWELL SHOWBOAT VI



“BUY A BRICK” CAMPAIGN

FROM VISION TO REALITY... LOWELL SHOWBOAT VI



Continuing a Community Icon.... The Lowell Showboat has been an historical icon of the Greater Lowell Community since 1931, serving as a catalyst in bringing the residents of our town and surrounding area together. After five showboat structures, we are about to launch Lowell Showboat VI into the waters of the Flat River.

Much nostalgia and happy memories surround the former boats. Many people reminisce about attending shows with popular headliners, singing in the chorus or being one of the end men. Some also remember running the several outboard motors that allowed the boat to travel down the Flat River, around Cattail Bend to the showboat dock each summer. Still others remember using the boat as a unique high school graduation backdrop or sitting at Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, with the boat behind our weekly performers as well as Santa Visits on the Lowell Showboat.

Where We Stand....

We have accumulated \$3.155 million from State and various grants, miscellaneous fundraisers, local businesses and individual community members. We are still in need of additional funding to complete the interior of the boat and adjacent restroom facilities (located in the DPW Building). We began our private Naming Opportunity Campaign a couple of months ago. We are encouraged to announce we have received \$355,000 towards our \$780,000 goal to complete the entire project as designed.

What Will My Gift Accomplish?

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Address: _____

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